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briefs

Downtown aims to lure summer traffic

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — While snow softly fell outside on the first Monday of spring, the Prestonsburg City Council met to plan summer activities. The council, headed by Mayor Jerry Fannin, spent the majority of the meeting listening to a presentation by Prestonsburg tourism director Fred James.

James outlined a plan to bring tourists back to the downtown area. Starting in June, downtown businesses will stay open till 8 p.m. on the first Friday of each month between June and September.

The plan has gotten unanimous support from downtown businesses. They have already committed funds to advertise the venture.

Councilman Hansel Cooley applauded the measure and added that, "I think we need to create an atmosphere of this is a place where good times are happening."

The main focus of tourism fell on the annual Fourth of July weekend festivities.

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Unpaid lunch policy draws fire

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MIDDLE CREEK — A first reading of a new food services policy conducted at Monday evening's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education brought concerns to the mind of board member Glenna Slone.

Slone expressed concern in regard to a portion of the policy's rough draft that stated that once a student had charged the maximum number of meals (five) to his or

"What this policy is saying is that kids would be served a meal of milk, bread and something like peanut butter."

— Glenna Slone

her account, they would then be served only an "alternative meal" consisting only of three of the required five food items being served that day for as long as their account should remain unpaid.

For example, one meat/meat alternate item, one bread/grain item and one milk serving. Prior to the serving of alternative meals, the parent or guardian of the student will be notified by mail of the unpaid meal charges.

Slone said that she felt that such a policy would serve to "punish kids with food."

"What this policy is saying," she said, "is that kids would be served a meal of milk, bread and

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AMS students pan 'no hugging' rule

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MIDDLE CREEK — Floyd County Board of Education chair Carol Stumbo banged her gavel on the table in an effort to bring board member Mickey McGuire "under control" dur-

ing Monday evening's meeting of the school board, held at Clark Elementary School.

Following an address to the board by two sixth-grade Adams Middle School students, Jonna Craft and

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photo by Tom Doty

Middle school and high school students from all over the region met at Big Sandy Community and Technical College to compete in this year's "Science Olympiad" competition. See story on page A8.

Stonecrest pins hopes on prominent golf tournament

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With an opportunity to host the 2005 Men's State Amateur Tournament, members of the Prestonsburg Golf Course Advisory committee are pulling out all the stops.

They met Monday at the Stonecrest Pro Shop to hash out the

pros and cons of an invitation given them by the Kentucky Golf Association to host the prestigious event, which could put Stonecrest on the map with golfers across the state.

"There's nothing but pluses across the board for this tournament," Jason Crum, Stonecrest's Head Pro, said, noting the economic benefits the tournament would bring

to the community.

The committee invited Prestonsburg Tourism Director Fred James to the meeting, seeking support from the Prestonsburg Conventions and Visitors Bureau, which may have to help the committee foot \$3,000 to \$5,000 up front to the KGA, which, Crum said,

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Rape trial ends with guilty plea

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An accused rapist who found favor with a hung jury last year during a three-day trial decided not to take his chances this year when he copped a plea yesterday during the second day of his trial.

The trial against John Brian Smith, of Decoy in Knott County, charged with first-degree unlawful imprisonment and first-degree rape, began for the second time Monday morn-

ing with a three-hour jury selection process that ended just before noon.

Last year, Smith was tried for the same charges, and following a 10-hour deliberation, the jury came back with a hung verdict, 10-to-2 in Smith's favor.

Yesterday, as the Commonwealth was preparing to bring the victim to the stand for three hours of testimony, Smith withdrew his not guilty plea in the case and pleaded guilty to the unlaw-

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Floyd pair arrested in Pike drug bust

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A raid on the Daniel Boone Motel in Pikeville netted three suspects and assorted drugs and paraphernalia for the

Pike County Sheriff's Department.

The bust came down when Trooper Martin Combs, acting on a tip, joined up with several

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VA Clinic salutes vets with 'Wall of Honor'

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Walking into the Veterans Affairs Primary Care Center is like taking a step back in time.

The first thing that your eyes are drawn to are photographs, old and new, of soldiers who have proudly served our country. Old pictures of stern-faced gentlemen ready for battle, and then there are those of

smiling faces in the battlefields making the best of their situation.

It is easy to forget for a moment that this is a medical facility to now treat and help these people who have their photos hanging on the wall.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Primary Care Clinic's goal is to meet the primary care needs for veterans in Floyd

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The VA Clinic in Prestonsburg is putting together a "Wall of Honor" to pay tribute to the clientele. The wall includes photographs of veterans from their time of service.

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Odds & Ends

LINCOLN, Neb. — Spring has sprung in the Legislature. More precisely, the spring of Sen. John Synowiecki's chair has sprung.

Synowiecki was reclining in his chair during a debate Friday when a spring underneath his seat snapped loose with a loud "Boing!" and shot down the aisle.

Synowiecki burst out laughing, as did those around him, making it difficult for Sen. Arnie Stuthman to keep his concentration as he talked about the

importance of rural firefighting.

"I think I better stop now, there's a spring laying in front of me," Stuthman said.

Not missing a beat, the next speaker picked up on the loose spring theme.

"If I was still on a volunteer fire department I would have run over there," said Sen. Pat Engel, who sits several rows and across the aisle from Synowiecki.

Synowiecki was forced to use another seat since his chair, without the spring, was set in a permanently reclined position.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — It may have taken 15 days in the freezing cold, but Perry Solmonson is finally done with the Iditarod.

Solmonson, of Whittier,

became the last musher in the 2004 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, crossing the finish line in Nome nearly a week after winner Mitch Seavey.

Solmonson finished the 1,100-mile race Monday afternoon. It took him 15 days, 2 hours, 50 minutes and 36 seconds to go from Anchorage to Nome. In two previous tries in 2002 and 2003, Solmonson scratched.

For the past seven years, Solmonson has trained and bred sled dogs with the goal of finishing the Iditarod.

Seventy-seven mushers finished the 2004 Iditarod, which began with 87 entries on March 6. Ten mushers scratched, including four-time winner Doug Swingley, whose corneas were frostbitten going down the

Dalzell Gorge.

Seavey crossed the finish line last Tuesday in 9 days, 12 hours, 20 minutes and 22 seconds.

LINCOLN, Neb. — Some day, your red Cornhusker sweater might literally be made of just that.

A University of Nebraska textile scientist has developed a process to convert cornhusks into textile fibers, which can be made into yarn and woven into fabric.

Researcher Yiqi Yang already has one prototype sweater made from the cornhusk fibers — in Nebraska red, of course.

"My interest is corn byproducts, and I'm interested in using my application to help farmers," Yang said. "It is a natural match to use husks, a material that has limited value, to make clothing and to increase corn's value for our farmers, our state and the world."

Yang's method uses basic chemistry to extract cellulose

fibers and purify them. While still under development, the technique is inexpensive and efficient.

The United States produces about 20 million tons of cornhusks a year. Yang, a scientist with the College of Education and Human Sciences, estimates that at least 2 million tons of fibers could be extracted from those husks each year.

About three pounds of husks are needed to make enough fiber for an average T-shirt.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 24, the 84th day of 2004. There are 282 days left in the year. The Jewish festival of Purim begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

On this date:

In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York.

In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32

German soldiers.

In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

In 1989, the nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

In 1993, Ezer Weizman was elected Israel's seventh president.

Ten years ago:

President Clinton held a news conference in which he acknowledged he had significantly overstated the loss in his Whitewater land investment and

promised to release late 1970s tax returns to answer questions on the land deal.

Five years ago:

NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days. The National Transportation Safety Board concluded that Boeing 737 rudder problems caused two fatal airline crashes and nearly triggered a third.

One year ago:

Iraqi state television showed two men said to have been the U.S. crew of an Apache helicopter forced down during heavy fighting in central Iraq. (Chief Warrant Officer David Williams and Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Young Junior spent three weeks in captivity before they were released along with five other POWs.)

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Tournament

is afraid of losing money by moving the tournament from a central Kentucky location, where it's usually held, to the eastern part of the state.

According to Crum, the tournament was held at the London Country Club last year, where they reported a loss in revenue from a reduction in registration fees from applicants. Crum said they believe they'd face the same problem in 2005 if they moved it to Stonecrest.

The KGA expects to lose 100 applicants, he said, and has asked Stonecrest, upon acceptance of the invitation, to make up or find sponsors for \$3,600 to \$5,000 they may lose in revenue

if the KGA does see a reduction in the number of registrants. Members at the meeting seemed to have no problem bending to the request.

Stonecrest will be hosting its own invitational tournament next month, members said, and they don't want to overextend the welcome by asking too much from their sponsors. With the distinction of this event, however, Stonecrest could obtain sponsors from across the state, they said.

The Men's State Amateur Tournament hasn't been held in Eastern Kentucky since it was hosted in Paintsville during the 1960s, members said, and, if

hosted by Prestonsburg, it will expand tourism and revenue for the area.

More than 150 people will compete in the event, scheduled tentatively for mid-June, and would bring with them more than \$100,000 in tourism dollars, Crum said, not to mention the expanse of future business that advertising alone would bring to Stonecrest.

If Stonecrest hosts the event, KGA officials said it would also open the door to the opportunity for Stonecrest to host one of four other tournaments — the Kentucky Mid Amateur, the Kentucky Two Man, the Kentucky Senior Amateur or the Kentucky Open — all of which are "totally dependent" on revenues made during the Men's State Amateur Tournament, Crum said.

Another benefit to hosting the tournament would include the extensive advertisement Stonecrest — and essentially, Prestonsburg — would receive. Those who donate courses to house the event are featured on the front cover of the annual Kentucky Golf Calendar, which is distributed to all KGA members and golf courses across the state.

"You couldn't buy this kind of advertising," Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Omerod said shortly before the meeting adjourned, a remark made several times by various members during the meeting.

Another benefit would include the amount of revenue made for the city and Stonecrest from guest accommodations, with guests likely staying three or four nights in Prestonsburg or surrounding areas. Those participating in the tournament would also likely visit up to three weeks early to test the greens before the game, officials said, and would likely bring their families with them.

In addition to obtaining sponsorship for KGA's expected loss in revenue from a lag in registration, Stonecrest would have to close its doors to the public for three days during the tournament and provide accommodations in local motels for four or five KGA staff members, stipulations members agreed are worth adhering to.

James, supporting the event, suggested that the committee "tantalize" the KGA into scheduling the tournament for dates that correspond with the opening of the Jenny Wiley Theatre and headlining shows at the MAC. A downside to that suggestion, however, is that hotels in the area, such as May Lodge, are already booked for that time. James said the committee would need to work fast to locate and book a "host" hotel to accommodate the estimated 200-to-300 people who may come to visit or participate in the event.

"I'm for it, totally for it," James said, shortly before agreeing to call a special meeting with the tourism board to allow Stonecrest to make formal request for assistance.

James said he would help Crum draft a letter to present to the Bureau, which will be budgeting for 2005 within the next 30 days.

The tournament, which is open to golfers of all ages, will be held in Northern Kentucky this year.

Stonecrest must confirm its acceptance of KGA's invitation by April 10.

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Hugs

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Elizabeth Baldrige, in regard to a new rule banning sixth-grade students from hugging one another during the school day, McGuire suggested to his fellow board members that perhaps they should consider implementing a new "dispute resolution process" in which the frustrations of students and parents could be more easily addressed and brought to resolution. The students said that they had spoken with their school principal in regard to the matter before deciding to come to the board with their complaint.

McGuire suggested that one office within the school system could be designated as a means toward solving disputes before such disputes could become the focus of potential lawsuits.

"We need to create an avenue in which people could take their frustrations and address them ... I think we would avoid lawsuits," McGuire said.

McGuire said that he felt that if there were "one phone number, one person, one place to go to or call" that gave people an "opportunity to sit down and have a discussion" and possibly settle frustrations and disputes before using the court system, that it would prove to be beneficial to the school system.

McGuire then broached the subject of a continuing investigation into allegations of abuse that allegedly occurred last year at May Valley Elementary.

Stumbo objected to a public discussion of the case and asked McGuire to not broach the subject further.

"Allegations have been made ... and the truth won't come out,"

McGuire said. "The attitude seems to be, 'We'll just let the board attorney take care of it and we'll find out what really happened in three years.'"

As Stumbo banged her gavel in an attempt to bring order and to silence McGuire, he persisted for a moment longer saying, "I care about what happens to the kids."

In regard to the statement made by the Adams Middle School students, Stumbo suggested to the children that they speak to the members of the school's site-based council. Supt. Paul Fanning also directed the students to speak with Kerry Fannin, director of instruction, who was present at the meeting, about their concerns.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Adams Middle School principal Jack Goodman said that he believed the "no hugging" rule came about when another student almost fell in the hallway as a result of a group of girls hugging and obstructing the pathway.

"It doesn't have anything at all to do with a message of not caring about each other," Goodman said. "It's just that the teachers, I believe, were afraid that someone would get hurt in the hallways."

In a letter handed out to board members Monday, the students said that children at their school were being punished for hugging by being made to write "I will keep my hands, feet and other objects to myself," 25 or more times.

"They are taking away our freedom of expressing ourselves by hugging our friends and then punishing us for doing it," said Craft. "That's not fair."

Editor's note: Features Editor Kathy Prater is the mother of Elizabeth Baldrige.

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I'm Scarlet Stumbo, and I am asking for your vote and support as I seek the office of State Representative.

At this early stage of the campaign, I would like to tell you a little about who I am. I was reared in the Toler Creek area of Harold in Floyd County, and continue to live there. I am the daughter of Lurlie Salisbury Roberts and the late Harmel Roberts of Harold. I was born ninth of their ten children. My nine siblings are as follows: The late Leo Roberts of Toler Creek, Lydia Robinette Steele of Harold, Charles Roberts of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Thelma Spears of Betsy Layne, J.D. Roberts of Grethel, Patricia Layne of Betsy Layne, Jerry Roberts of Toler Creek, Larry Roberts of Prater creek, and Tammy Jarrell of Toler creek. I'm married to Jeff Stumbo and we have one son, Colton. My husband is the son of Christine Sexton Stumbo and the late Bill Kitt Stumbo of McDowell.



My educational background varies. I'm a graduate of Betsy Layne High School. I have a degree in Mining Technology from Pikeville College and am a teacher of post secondary education. Too, I'm a licensed Cosmetologist and I teach Continuing Education Classes for hair dressers. I have always had a desire for learning, and have been an advocate for higher education for our youth.

I am a Christian and a member of the Church of Christ. I feel that I am qualified, capable and able to fulfill the duties that this job demands. I have a great love for the people of eastern Kentucky, especially my friends and neighbors of Floyd County. I have a sincere desire to serve and represent the people of Floyd County as your next State Representative.

Over the next few weeks I look forward to discussing the issues that so greatly affect all of us. I also want to take this time to especially thank all of the people who have called or come by to pledge their support for me in this campaign. Together we can make a difference.

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—Mark Twain

Our View

Drug testing a messy issue

Student drug testing is now an issue before school board members and, like many we imagine, we have mixed feelings.

It is true that Floyd County in recent years has become a hotbed of drug activity and some of that has certainly filtered down into the school system. It is also true that now, more than ever, every reasonable effort to prevent drug abuse by our children should be exhausted, and when that fails every attempt should be made to help drug-abusing children kick the habit.

But the specter of randomly forcing those same children to submit to drug tests is one that leaves us somewhat uncomfortable.

Part of that discomfort, to be certain, is that too much is unknown at this point, when the proposal is really nothing more than speculation. It is too easy now to think of worst-case scenarios when the topic is wide open and no concrete policy has been proposed.

But the real-world effects of drug testing are also a concern, especially those that will last long beyond the school system's interest in a child.

Everyone knows that some students are going to be hardcore drug users who will grow up to burden society with escalating criminal and social costs. By the same token, other students will make better choices and will never come near a drug.

But in the middle, in probably a far greater number than anyone realizes, are otherwise good kids who are going to make mistakes on the road to adulthood. One ill-timed mistake could jeopardize the educations and, by extension, future careers of teens who might otherwise have learned from their mistakes. Are we truly willing to stigmatize these children for the rest of their lives?

Another concern about drug testing is its invasive nature, especially into realms that have nothing to do with school. Certainly, schools have every right to demand that students not use, possess, sell or be under the influence of drugs while at school or school functions.

But let us return to our hypothetical, otherwise good kid, who maybe makes a mistake one Saturday night, and then gets flagged by a drug test in school a short time later. The test makes no distinction about whether the child used, possessed or was under the influence of drugs during school hours, but that child would still be punished as such.

Under that example, which we will admit is quite constructed, a drug-testing policy seems to give far too much intrusive power to schools, granting them de facto parental status. While the information a positive test would provide

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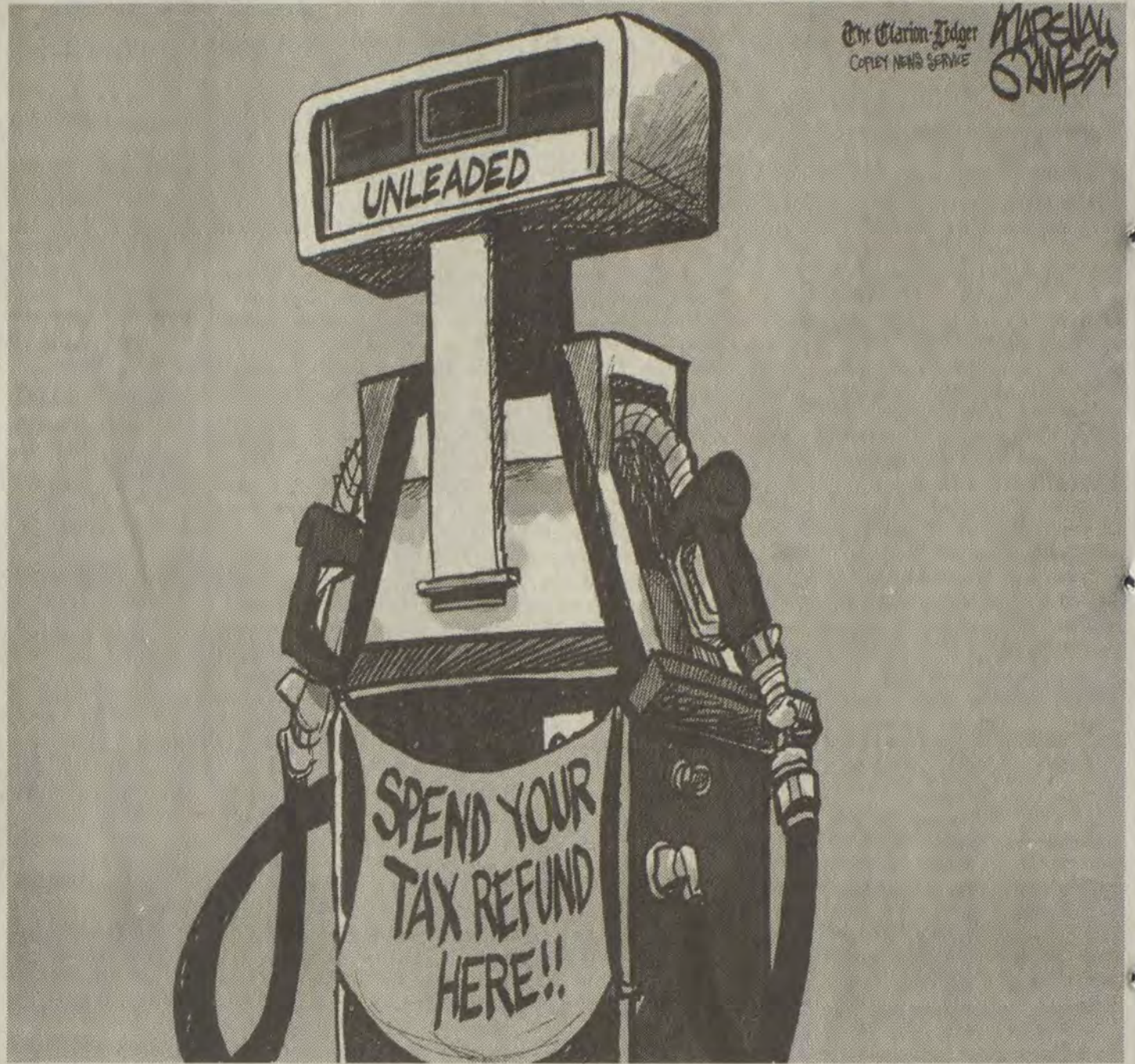
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Letters

Board members should lead by example

After reading an article by Kathy Prater, our board of education is considering a policy to test our little children for drugs. I feel it is appropriate to make a suggestion to board members they can take to the bank.

Why not start at the very top with the board members to be randomly tested? This would prove and show that great leaders lead by example, like, for instance, our president being inoculated with the smallpox vaccine.

Board members, be sure not to get "leading by example" mixed up with leading your partner in the cha-cha or rumba. Also, please try not to dance around this serious issue.

If any parents share the same suggestion, be at the next regular school board meeting for public comment.

Brent "Your Conscience" Allen
Eastern

Against tort reform

I am presenting my thoughts on the dangers of tort reform prompted by the fact that my mother lives in a nursing home.

Tort reform has reared its ugly head in Tennessee, as it has in Kentucky, as it has in the nation's capitol. All of us must stand firm against it. The medical profession and insurance companies would

benefit from it, but victims of medical malpractice would most definitely not benefit.

Malpractice lawsuits are being blamed for the medical crisis, but they are not the problem. Insurance companies that demand outrageous sums of money for coverage are the problem. Surely it is obvious that their slippery business and accounting practices and lost investment income are to blame for their price-gouging of policyholders?

Placing a cap on malpractice lawsuits would have devastating consequences for nursing home residents and their families. A civil suit is nearly always their last recourse to seek justice when abuse, neglect and even homicide occurs in a nursing home.

Tort reform would blunt the effectiveness of civil suits, denying residents and their families even the lesser justice of a meaningful day in civil court. Even more to the point, it would remove the last incentive, which is money, that far too many nursing home owners have to provide at least adequate care.

According to the press, nursing home doctors face some of the highest insurance costs. The reason for that is obvious: failure of care. The solution is obvious: provide quality care.

If a cap is to be placed, it should be placed on insurance premiums, not on malpractice lawsuits.

Instead of trying to impose their will on the legal system with no regard for the well-being of old and disabled people in nursing homes, those self-serving insurance company nabobs should

spend their time setting their financial house in order, and President Bush and legislators should work to bring the unregulated insurance industry to heel.

Jane Marshall
Clarksville, Tenn.

DAV thanks senator

The members of Monroe Vanderpool Memorial DAV Chapter 128 would like to say a special thank you to our state senator, Johnny Ray Turner, and his staff for their support and assistance in purchasing a van for our chapter.

We appreciate all you did to make this happen. Thanks to you, this makes our travel to honor our departing veterans and other presentations easier. We will not forget.

Thomas Ray Mullins
Senior Vice Commander
Garrett

Resident needs visitors

I would like to ask all my friends that grew up in the Wheelwright area in the 1940-1950 era to stop at the Riverview Nursing Home in Prestonsburg and say hello to Bill Mitchell. He is a resident of this institution and he has no close family. His dad, mom and two sisters are dead.

I stopped to see him March 20. I hadn't seen Bill in 50 years and it took him about one minute to recognize me. I can't put into words how pleased he was to see me.

He is in fair health, but he

is lonely. Take a few minutes out of your schedule and stop to see him. You will be glad you did.

Bill has a birthday March 29. He will be 73 years old. Send him a card to Bill Mitchell, C/O Riverview Manor Nursing Home, 79 Sparrow Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

John C. Osborne
Miamitown, Ohio

Letter was 'low'

A vitriolic letter you recently published implies that whoever opposes the invasion and occupation of Iraq is "leftist" and "anti-American," among other things. This is a low tactic. Deriding people for exercising their constitutional right to express themselves in a civilized manner serves no constructive purpose and reflects ignorance.

Easily half the people I've spoken to and whose opinions I've read have very strong objections to our being in Iraq. Often, it's a gut feeling, because the justifications for this initiative, most of which have been revealed as bogus, were pounded into our heads so forcefully that our ability to distinguish between fact and fiction has been difficult.

Even the "humanitarianism" of the campaign is questionable, if we stop to realize that nearly 10,000 innocent Iraqi civilians have been killed and over 20,000 injured in this "war." This fact should not be ignored.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Our lives begin to

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Health Extra

Medicare could go broke by 2019

by MARK SHERMAN and LEIGH STROPE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Medicare will have to begin dipping into its trust fund this year to keep up with expenditures and will go broke by 2019 without changes in a program that is swelling because of rising health costs, trustees reported Tuesday.

Social Security's finances showed little change.

The deteriorating financial picture for the health care program for older and disabled Americans is a result, in part, of the new Medicare prescription drug law that will swell costs by more than \$500 billion over 10 years, according to the annual report by government trustees.

Provisions of the law that President Bush signed into law in December "raise serious doubt about the sustainability of Medicare under current financing arrangements," the trustees said.

Social Security's projected

insolvency date remained 2042.

The 2019 go-broke date for the Medicare trust fund, which is devoted primarily to paying beneficiaries' hospital bills, is seven years sooner than what the trustees projected last year.

The trustees' report is the first official estimates of the long-term costs of the Medicare law. Like last year, the trustees said that projected lower tax receipts devoted to the program and higher expenditures for inpatient hospital care also contributed to the growing financial problem.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy said the rising cost of health care — and not the prescription drug program — are causing Medicare costs to swell. "It's health care costs — over 70 percent," he said. "Not prescription drugs."

Government officials have been predicting for years that the retirement insurance and health care funds for the elderly — both financed through payroll taxes — will be pushed toward insolvency

as more post-World War II baby boomers reach 65.

Provisions of the law that President Bush signed into law in December "raise serious doubt about the sustainability of Medicare under current financing arrangements," the trustees said.

Last year, Medicare's insolvency date was moved up to 2026 from 2030. The projected insolvency date for Social Security, on the other hand, was extended to 2042, one year later than what was forecast in 2002.

The 2003 report also projected that Medicare will have to begin dipping into its trust fund in 2013 to keep up with expenditures — three years sooner than what was predicted in 2002. The trustees said then that Social Security expenditures will start exceeding tax receipts for the program beginning in 2018.

Republicans pressed for the overhaul of Medicare last year to give private insurers a much larger role in the program as a way, Bush and others said, to control long-

term costs.

But the government's own projections are that private managed care plans will cost taxpayers more than traditional Medicare for the foreseeable future.

A big reason for an earlier insolvency date "will be a direct result of increased payments to private health plans," said Terri Shaw, an analyst with the liberal Center for American Progress.

The trustees also are expected to employ a new expanded timeline for their projections — from 75 years to an "infinite horizon." That approach takes into account "not only people who are participating today, but all future generations who will pay taxes and draw benefits," said a report co-authored last fall by Thomas Saving, a trustee who teaches economics at Texas A&M University.

That report suggested shortfalls in Social Security and Medicare would be nearly \$50 trillion.

Several analysts and Democratic congressional aides said the longer timeframe was meant to create a sense of crisis by Republicans who want to reduce the government's role in the programs in favor of private, individual investments.

Small differences in assumptions can produce major swings in projections, they said, pointing to the \$139 billion difference over just 10 years in the estimated cost of the Medicare law between congressional budget analysts and Medicare's actuary.

The trustees' report is based on the estimates by Medicare actuary Richard Foster.

Democratic aides on Capitol Hill provided a mock timeline Monday that showed how the future colonization of Mars could bring with it new, greenish taxpayers who would alter the long-range projections.

Teens aim to 'Kick Butts' March 31

FRANKFORT — In an effort to educate others, hundreds of teens across the state are planning Kick Butts Day activities — events aimed at educating teens about the health risks of tobacco use, and alerting the public to the marketing practices of the tobacco industry.

Although Kick Butts Day — March 31 — will fall during spring break for most Kentucky students, many areas have scheduled their activities before or after the early April school holiday.

Currently, 34 percent of Kentucky high school students smoke; 15 percent of middle school students smoke. Both rates are well in excess of the national averages of 28 percent and 11 percent respectively. To meet the Healthy Kentuckians 2010 goals, current cigarette smoking must be reduced to 28 percent for high school students.

"I'm glad to see our teens involved in helping to spread the word about the harm tobacco can cause," said Dr. Rice Leach, commissioner of the Department for Public Health. "Teens don't realize just how easy it is to become addicted by smoking just a few

cigarettes before they leave high school. If we can encourage them not to start we can save lives and lower health care costs at the same time."

Kick Butts Day is a national teen initiative to encourage teens to take an active role in choosing a healthier lifestyle — one that does not include tobacco use. Tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. In Kentucky, nearly 8,000 die each year as a result of tobacco use. Every day more than 4,000 kids nationwide try their first cigarette; another 2,000 become addicted smokers.

Across the state, teens will participate in a variety of Kick Butts Day activities to increase awareness of the effects of tobacco use. Some of those activities include:

■ Pike County students will receive a visit from "Butthead" who will tell them about all the smart reasons to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

■ Teens in Louisville will be cleaning up cigarette butts tossed out on sidewalks, park paths and roadways.

■ The Students That Oppose People Smoking (STOPS) group

at Clark County High School will place 1200 X's throughout the parking lot and school to represent the 1200 people that die each day due to tobacco related illnesses. John Hardin High School students will place 1200 silhouettes around the commons areas of their high school to acknowledge the human toll of tobacco.

■ In Harrison County, teen tobacco coalition members will visit elementary school students and provide information on the health risks of tobacco use.

■ Teens in Georgetown will take to the streets to clean up the litter caused when motorists toss their cigarette butts out car windows.

■ The Student Advisory Committee from Western Kentucky University will meet with Warren County high school students to discuss the negative effects that tobacco use has on athletic performance.

■ The Marion County High School TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) group will visit the middle and elementary schools to

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Obituaries

Harry Alan Ranier

Harry Alan Ranier, 45, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, at his residence.

Born April 24, 1958, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Peggy Ann Spradlin Ranier and the late Harry Hale Ranier. He was an automobile dealer, the owner of Competitive Classics, a member of Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, Prestonsburg, and the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg.

In addition to his mother, Peggy Ann Spradlin Vital of Coral Gables, Florida, he is survived by two sisters: Toni Kay Edwards of Rockfield and Lea Ranier Warner of Lexington; two brothers: Lorin D. Ranier of Davidson, North Carolina and Rick Morgan of Charleston, West Virginia; his grandmother, Phyllis H. Ranier of Prestonsburg; 10 nieces and nephews; Joshua Alan Colmenares, Alexander Ranier Colmenares, Victoria Bianca Colmenares, Daniel Lee McDonald, Chelsea Ranier McDonald, Gregory Cole McDonald, Stefan Glen Morgan, Eric Lyn Morgan, Harrison Bryce Ranier, and Angelina Maria Colmenares.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 25, at 11 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Mark Walz and Rev. Charles J. Gearheart officiating.

Interment will be in the Ranier Cemetery, at Prestonsburg, under direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Visitation is Wednesday, 5 p.m., until 9 p.m.

Contributions are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 256 South Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Active pallbearers: Bill Woods, Rick Morgan, Chuck Gibson, Greg Shepherd, Lorin Ranier, Josh Colmenares, Chuck Hughes, Shag Branham, Jack Absher, Gene Holland and Roger Combs.

Honorary: Phillip Haywood, David Allen, Johnny Damron, Joe Gearheart, and Onda Hunt.

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

Lucy Lucas Hamilton

Lucy Lucas Hamilton, age 88, of McDowell, formerly of Ligon, the widow of Warren G. Hamilton, passed away, Monday, March 22, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born September 28, 1915, in Music, the daughter of the late Perry Lucas and Cora Estep Lucas. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Free Pentecostal Church at Dwale.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Jones of Ligon, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Sue; and one sister, Opal Akers.

Funeral services for Lucy Hamilton will be conducted Thursday, March 25, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen William Jarrell and Bill Tussey Jr., officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Millard Setser

Millard Setser, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born January 12, 1920, in Edgar, he was the son of the late Marion and Lida Burchett Setser. He was self-employed carpenter; a member of the Freewill Baptist Church; a U.S. Army and WW II veteran and the Big Sandy Chapter 18, D.A.V., at Auxier. He served with the Headquarters Company, 46th Armed Infantry Battalion, and participated in the Normandy invasion, and Northern France and Germany campaigns.

Survivors include one son, Justin Setser of Columbus, Ohio; three daughters: Elaine Sticklin, Erelene Collins and Judy Treadway, all of Prestonsburg; one brother, Henry Lewis Setser of Prestonsburg; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Tom Setser, Herman Setser and Billy Setser; and five sisters: Elsie Roop, Edith Petrie, Ruth George, Ruby Setser, and Josephine Setser.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 24, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Calvin Setser officiating. Military services will be conducted by the Big Sandy D.A.V. Chapter 18, of Auxier.

Burial will be in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Lindsey Gibson, Shawn Allen, Philip Allen, Jeff Allen, Wesley Hyden, Danny Treadway, and Herbert Adams.

Honorary pallbearers: Ballard Shepherd, Dale Vanderpool, Gary Wright, Clyde Bowling, Charles Roop, and Kenneth DeRossett. (Paid obituary)

Betty Jo Sexton

Betty Jo Sexton, age 74, of Lackey, wife of Dennis Sexton, passed away, on Friday, March 19, 2004, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

She was born August 16, 1929, in Garrett, the daughter of the late Arthur and Dora Reed Bayes. She was a former cook at the Golden Years Rest Home in Lackey, and attended the Lackey Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Dennis J. Sexton of Wayland, and Robert Michael Sexton of Lackey; four brothers: Ronald Bayes of Blissfield, Michigan, Danny Bayes of California, (Kentucky), and Jimmy Bayes of Cadiz; two sisters: Aldeine Bayes of Wayland, and Greta Combs of Lexington; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Betty Jo Sexton were conducted Monday, March 22, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Johnny Collins officiating.

Burial was in the Lackey Cemetery, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Robert Sexton, Jason Sexton, Brandon Caudill, Matthew Varney, Larry Stephens, and Greg Stephens. (Paid obituary)

Verna Mae Conn

Verna Mae Conn, age 82, of Dana, passed away, Friday, March 19, 2004, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born October 8, 1921, in Dana, the daughter of the late Sol and Della Akers Samons. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, at Dana.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Travis Conn; a son, Danny Conn; a daughter, Dianne Conn; a brother, Edgar Samons; a sister, Carlie Gibson; and a grandchild, Denise Hall Wallen.

Surviving are one son, Curtis Dwayne Conn of Dana; four daughters: Christine (Henry) Bonar of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Connie Jean (Ray) Mathena of Springfield, Ohio, Barbara (Tommy) Hall of Martin, and Katherine (Danny) Page of Dana; one brother, Jay Samons of Elyria, Ohio; four sisters: Mavis Marston of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Jean Halfhill of Prestonsburg, Lois Boyd of Leesburg, Virginia, and Denna Sielke of Winchester, Pennsylvania; grandchildren: Luther (Renee) Bonar, Jeff Bonar, Rachel Spencer, Tara (Matt) Atha, Sheila Mathews, Craig (Leslie) Hall, Allison (Brady) Petersen, Monica Shelby (Van Grigsby) and Danny (Deanna) Page Jr.; great-grandchildren: Scot, Justin, Jessica, Liane, Kaiden, Chloe, Crissy, Alina, Tiara, Cheyenne, Lexie, Malreaux, Tasha, Cody, and Madison.

Funeral services for Verna Mae Conn were conducted Sunday, March 21, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Samons-Conn Cemetery, in Dana, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Craig Hall, Danny Page, Matt Atha, Jeff Bonar, Luther Bonar, and Brady Petersen. (Paid obituary)

Bessie Wright Blessner

Bessie Wright Blessner, age 90, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at the Rockcastle Hospital.

She was born in Charleston, West Virginia, on September 21, 1913, the daughter of Robert and Laura Belle Johnson Wright. She was a retired nurse, a member of the Eastern Star, and was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by one son, Claude Huff and wife, Louise, of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Juanita Pennington of Louisa; four grandchildren: Claude William Napier and wife, Jackie; Glenda Sue Simpson, and husband, Kevin, of Louisville; Brian Napier, and wife, Jennifer; and Christie Wallin of Mt. Vernon; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard G. Blessner of Minnesota; one son, Bob R. Napier; one brother, Ralph Wright; and one sister, Alma Crawford.

Funeral services for Mrs. Blessner were conducted Monday, March 22, at 1 p.m., at the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, with Brother Darren Cupp officiating.

Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery, under the direction of Dowell and Martin Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Blessner may be made by visiting her online register book at www.dowellmartin.com. (Paid obituary)

Ronnie Bill Sword

Ronnie Bill Sword, 57, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born March 6, 1947, in Pike County, he was the son of Josephine Canterbury Sword of Gulnare, and the late Alvis Sword. He was a coal truck driver, and a member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, at Harold.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Adkins Sword.

Other survivors include two sons: Lester Newsome of Lexington, and Ronnie Joe Sword of Banner; two daughters: Melinda Robinson of Pikeville, and Marlene Castle of Harold; two brothers: Jeff Sword of Allen, and Greg Sword of Pikeville; seven sisters: Lola Lockhart, Rita Lowe, Irene Clevenger, and Carolyn Waugh, all of Pikeville, Pauline Bentley of Delaware, Ohio, Pam Sword of Buffalo, and Patti McDonald of Shelbiana; four grandchildren, nine nephews, 11 nieces, 21 great-nephews and seven great-nieces.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 24, at noon, at the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, at Harold, with Rev. Arnold Belmont Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Ellis Castle

Ellis Castle, age 69, of Auxier, passed away, Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

He was born January 4, 1935, at Slagle, West Virginia, the son of the late Ellis and Adaline (Ramey) Castle Sr. He was a veteran, having served in the Korean War; was a driller, having worked in the coal mine industry; a member of the New Bethel Assembly of God; a member of East Point Masonic Lodge No. 657; and a member of the D.A.V. Chapter 18 at Auxier.

He was married to Jolene (Gibson) Castle, who survives.

Other survivors include one son, Ellis Castle III (Carla) of Colorado; one daughter, Sharon White (John) of Auxier; one step-brother, Hershel Lilly of Boons Camp; one sister, Betsy Qualls of Oklahoma; one step-sister, Willa Dean Conley of Finley, Ohio; and four grandchildren: Mark Bentley, Joel Castle, Brian White, and John White III.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 23, at 1 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, in Prestonsburg, with Pastor Arthur (Sam) Smith officiating.

Burial was in the Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery, at Paintsville, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Military service was conducted by the Auxier D.A.V. Chapter 18.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Clifford Hall

Clifford Hall, age 74, of Minnie, passed away, Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born June 8, 1929, in Floyd County, the son of the late Eli Hall and Cynthia Blankenship Hall.

Survivors include two sisters: Genevieve Kyanan of Southgate, Michigan, and Geneva Taylor of Monroe, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 26, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation is after 4 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Jimmie Osborne

Jimmie Osborne, 62, of Willard, Ohio, formerly of Dema, died Friday, March 19, 2004, at the Medical Central Health Systems in Mansfield, Ohio.

Born October 10, 1941, in Dry Creek, he was the son of Socie Hall Osborne of Dema, and the late Charles Osborne. He was an inspector for Mayflower Vehicle System in Norwalk, Ohio, a member of Willard Elks, American Legion, VFW, Moose, and former Willard Eagles, Plymouth Owls, and No. 1379 U.A.W.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanetta Slone Osborne.

Other survivors include one son and daughter-in-law: Forrest and Michelle Osborne of Attica, Ohio; one brother, Dannie Ray Osborne of Ironton, Ohio; three sisters: Phyllis Burgette of Willard, Ohio, Nella Faye Martin of Plymouth, Ohio, and Carolyn Sue Prater of Paintsville; and five grandchildren: Forrest J. Osborne of Willard, Ohio, Kyle Osborne of Attica, Ohio, Cody Osborne of Willard, Ohio, and Mikayela Osborne and Brooke Osborne, both of Attica, Ohio.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one son, David Osborne.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 25, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Whit-Martin Cemetery, at Dema, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is Wednesday, March 24, 2 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Joseph "Joe" William Mills

Joseph "Joe" William Mills, 80, of Dale, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 19, 2004, at Northwood Good Samaritan Center, in Jasper, Indiana.



Born February 4, 1924, in Lewisport, he was the son of the late Lum Mills and Mary M. Kelly Mills. He was a former farmer; a member of Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg; a member of Big Sandy Chapter 18 D.A.V. for 20 years, and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia "Pat" Hardin Mills, on December 13, 1994.

Survivors include two daughters: Mary Lou Harris and Patricia Ann Greenwell, both of Dale, Indiana; three sons: Joseph W. Mills Jr., of Chrisney, Indiana, Benjamin Wayne Mills of Santa Claus, Indiana and Mark Anthony Mills of Vincennes, Indiana; one sister, Hallie Hoosier of Muncie, Indiana; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 23, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, in Prestonsburg, with Brother Clifford Austin and Brother Dave Garrett officiating.

Interment was at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Military graveside rites were conducted by the Monroe Vanderpool Memorial Chapter 128, D.A.V., of Garrett.

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

Raymond Hall

Raymond Hall, age 47, of Lackey, passed away, on Friday, March 19, 2004, at Pippa Passes.

He was born on August 20, 1956, at Martin, the son of the late Nathan Gibson and Judy Hall. He was a former coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Lee Hall.

Other survivors include one son, Christopher Allen Hall of Marion, Ohio; three brothers: Wilburn Gibson and Willie Gibson, both of Kendallville, Indiana, and Garland Gibson of Maio, Michigan; one sister, Helen Galati of Marion, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services for Raymond Hall will be conducted Wednesday, March 24, at 11 a.m., in the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill, with Red Morris, Johnny Collins, and Buddy Jones officiating.

Burial will be in the Lackey Cemetery, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Meda "Jo" Josephine Yates would like to extend their appreciation to all the friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them during their time of loss. The family would like to express a personal "thank you" to Dr. Roger Jurich for our mother's care for many years, and to Highlands Regional Medical Center (3rd Floor) for excellent nursing care and heart-felt compassion. Thanks to all of those who sent flowers, food, or just spoke kind words. We would like to send a "special" thank-you to Rev. David Garrett, Rev. Clifford Austin, Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer, Rev. Buddy Jones and the wonderful singers, for such a lovely service. Thanks to the pallbearers, Highland Freewill Baptist Church, and Burke Funeral Home for their kindness and care given to our family. Thanks, again, to everyone for your love and support for our family.

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Trial set for sex abuse case

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A trial date has been set for a man facing a sexual abuse charge, according to documents filed Monday in

circuit court.

During a hearing Friday, Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill set a trial date for Lawrence Beck, also known as Lonnie Beck, 32, charged with first-degree sexual abuse, to be heard in August 9.

Represented by Ned Pillersdorf, Beck was charged in July by KSP detective Stuart Howard with first-degree sexual abuse.

He is currently out of jail awaiting that trial on a \$10,000 partially-secured bond.

Due to the nature of the charges against Beck, the case has been sealed to the public.

Teens

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speaking about the health risks of tobacco use.

Bardstown High School students are creating an "Anti-tobacco" commercial.

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secutive year for the Kick Butts Days activities. Kick Butts Day is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, a Washington D.C.-based youth advocacy group supported by such non-profit agencies as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Medical Association and many others.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Dennis Jackson Sr., wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and professional services. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF DENNIS JACKSON SR.

Card of Thanks

The family of Jeanne Williamson 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 acts of kindness that each one has shown our family. We especially want to thank the speaker, Heiko Giese, for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, for providing dignified and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF JEANNE WILLIAMSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Maggie Snyder would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to Clergymen Robert Shane Powers, Bobby Joe Spencer, and Robert Owens, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services.

THE FAMILY OF MAGGIE SNYDER

Drugs

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deputy sheriffs to check out a couple that had checked into the motel.

Sam Williams, 47, of Harold, and Linda J. Mullins, 41, of Grethel, were arrested at 11:49 p.m. Friday when a search of their room revealed that they allegedly possessed prescription drugs, cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

The bust also led to a third man, Roger Carroll, 48, of Coldwater, Ohio. Carroll was arrested in Ivel several hours

later which took the investigation into the early morning hours of Saturday.

The evidence recovered at both scenes added up to 33 grams of processed cocaine, several prescription pills, almost \$700 in cash and numerous items that were classified as drug paraphernalia.

All three suspects were lodged in the Pike County Detention Center while the investigation continues.

Card of Thanks

The Slone family wishes to take this opportunity to "thank" all our friends and neighbors for their kindness, food, and flowers; and just being there during our time of sorrow, at the time of the passing of our husband and father, William "Buddy" Slone.

And a special thank-you to all the DAV members, Chapter 128, Garrett, as they performed the farewell and full military funeral.

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THE SLONE FAMILY

Card of Thanks

The family of Dianne Meade 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 the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church, 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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Big Sandy-Prestonsburg hosts Science Olympiad

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College was the scene, on Saturday, for the annu-

al "Science Olympiad." The competition is run by an international nonprofit organization and its goal is to stimulate student interest in the sciences while rewarding the fundamen-

tal "Science Olympiad." The format is quite similar to the sports version of the Olympics and offers opportunities for team and individual achievement. The students are

given a year to prepare for the events. The scientific disciplines of chemistry, physics and biology are all incorporated and amount to a scientific decathlon. Dr. Tom Vierheller, a professor of biology at Big Sandy, has organized the regional competition for the last 10 years.

Though its a lot of work, Dr. Vierheller admitted, "Every year I think I won't have the time but I find myself doing it. It's just fun to see kids cheering each other on to win a medal in chemistry."

Paintsville High School, Allen Central, Piarist, Prestonsburg and Allen Central. The top three get to go to the state level and will include the first-place Paintsville, second-place (by a one point margin) Allen Central and the third-place Piarist School.

This year the Division "B" (middle school) teams came from Betsy Layne Elementary, Allen Elementary, Allen Central, South Floyd Middle School, Paintsville Middle School and Mountain Christian Academy. The top five scoring teams, who will move on to the state level in April, were the Betsy Layne Neutrons, Allen Elementary Darwins, two teams from Allen Central, the Omega and Delta, and the Betsy Layne Electrons.

The day included a medal ceremony for the winners and a host of challenging competitions. Some of the events sported clever names like "Designer Genes" and "Naked Egg Drop Disease Detective."

The statewide competition will be held on Saturday, April 24, where local teams will face competition from central and western Kentucky.

On the high school level there were five entrants,

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State Rep. Chuck Meade helps push state forward in first days of service

Frankfort—Unlike most people serving in the General Assembly, Charles "Chuck" Meade had little time to adjust to the legislative process when he was elected February 17 to finish out the term of Greg Stumbo, who became attorney general in January. Representative Meade was sworn in just as the second—and busiest—half of the 2004



JODY RICHARDS

Regular Session was getting underway. He hit the ground running on February 23.

"It has been extremely hectic, but it has also been very rewarding," said Rep. Meade, D-McDowell. "Those I serve with have helped a lot in making the transition, and I want to thank the people at home who have let me know their views."

In little more than a month of service, Rep. Meade has voted on a number of issues important to Floyd County and all of Kentucky. The most important, by far, was the budget the House of Representatives adopted earlier this month, and sent to the Senate for its consideration.

Some of the House budget highlights include:

- Raising per-pupil funding by more than 8 percent for the next two years.
- Restoring cuts to academic programs, cut significantly in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget proposal.
- Approving \$50 million for new water and sewer projects in coal-producing counties.
- Giving teachers and state employees 3 percent and 4.5 percent raises for the next two years.
- Selling \$250 million in bonds to do more state road projects.
- Authorizing more than \$280 million in projects for our public universities.
- Spending more than \$22 million for the next two years to operate the new Little Sandy Correctional Complex in Elliott County.

Outside of the budget, Representative Meade has also compiled a long voting record on many of the other bills that have been approved by the House. Those include:

- Supporting coal miners suffering from black lung, but who have had a difficult time getting their claims awarded.
- Keeping sex offenders from even being able to step on the grounds of a school or day care, without written permission.
- Clearing roadblocks so that more work can be done to tap coal-bed methane, which could be a tremendous new source of revenue for this region. It would also make mining the coal much safer.
- Approving a bill that should make the health-insurance market more competitive.
- Making it a felony to traffic in the main ingredients used to produce methamphetamine.
- Protecting young college students from being preyed upon by credit-card solicitors on campus.

"A lot of decisions remain to be made between now and mid-April, when the legislature adjourns, so the next month will be anything but quiet and slow," Rep. Meade said. "I will continue representing the people of Floyd County as best as I can, taking their concerns into consideration, and fighting hard for the issues that affect their everyday lives. I take this opportunity to serve the public very seriously, and know how important it is for the people at home to have good representation."

Rep. Meade stated, "I hope the people of Floyd County will let me know how they feel, because their views are crucial to the legislative process. I look forward to hearing from them."

To contact Representative Meade, you can leave a message, toll-free, at 1-800-372-7181, or, for the deaf or hard-of-hearing, 1-800-896-0305.

Paid for by State Rep. Chuck Meade.

Letters

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end the day we remain silent about things that matter." I feel the same way. When my government does something I deeply believe to be wrong and very dangerous to the long-term welfare of our people and unfair to another population that has already suffered more than any of us will ever understand, yes, I speak out. Furthermore, every point I make is backed up by non-partisan, objective facts that I believe people have a right to know. Rude sarcasm, emotionalism and mythical scenarios do nothing to promote understanding.

Elaine Shiber
Van Lear

View

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parents would certainly be useful in helping their children avoid similar bad choices, holding those children accountable for actions taken completely outside school seems unjustified.

We fully understand the impetus behind the current discussion on student drug testing. In the world we live in today, there may be no more important task than to help our children avoid the pitfalls of drug abuse.

The rationale behind student drug testing is certainly understandable, but its practice might prove to be too unwieldy. Before we can offer an endorsement of drug testing in schools, we will need to hear solutions to these and other issues that arise. Unfortunately, at this point, we are not sure that those solutions exist.

— The Floyd County Times

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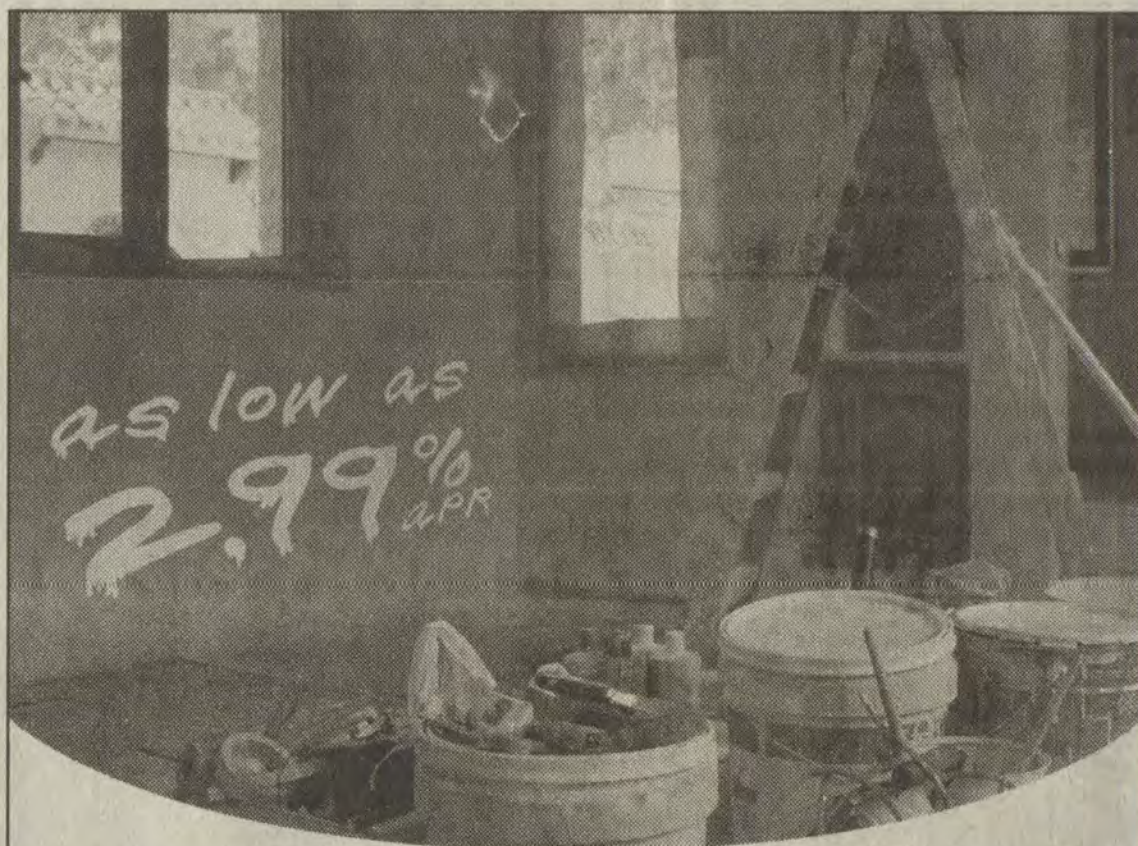
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ful imprisonment charge, punishable by up to five years in jail.

He would have faced 25 years on both charges if he had been found guilty during trial, a fact his attorney, Stephen Owens, said played a tremendous part on him entering a guilty plea to the charge yesterday.

"There were lots of reasons," Owens said when asked why Smith recounted his previous testimony. "He could get 10 to 20 years for rape in the first and he'd have to serve at least 85 percent of that sentence if he was convicted. Some of the evidence didn't develop as well as we thought it might."

During opening statements Monday morning, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner and Owens both battled out their cases in front of the jury, who were dismissed yesterday shortly before Smith formally entered his plea under Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill.

Turner, who told The Floyd County Times he was relying on "pretty much" the same testimony and evidence that was presented in the 2002 trial against Smith, told the jury that the man raped a 17-year-old female Allen Central High School senior on New Year's Eve, 2001, after following her home from the Speedway gas station in Martin.

Turner told the jury that he'd bring in testimony of witnesses who attended a party with the victim that evening, as well as expert testimony from doctors, nurses

and others who witnessed the victim's state of mind and health following the incident as well as red marks on her wrists he believed were caused when she was bound by Smith in her car prior to the rape.

Owens, combatting Turner's allegations, told the jury that Smith was a good and humble man who lived in and worked in the same location in Knott County for several years. Owens promised to bring in testimony from Smith's girlfriend of five years, Knott County Sheriff Ray Bowlin and a Knott County postmistress, who has known the man since he was a child, as character witnesses.

Owens said that Smith, who had no criminal history record, never denied allegations that he had consensual sex with the victim, who is now 20 years old and lives on Spurlock in Martin.

Smith volunteered to talk to authorities about the case twice, before even obtaining a lawyer, a fact Owens said proved that he had nothing to hide.

One of those interviews, he said, was with the commonwealth's attorney's office, which asked him 195 questions prior to his formal arrest on the charges.

Owens said he would also bring in testimony from a resident who lived approximately 200 feet from where the victim's car initially pulled off the road. The victim told police she was screaming during that time, Owens said, and the resident, who was never inter-

viewed by police, would testify that he observed nothing out of the ordinary that night.

Owens also said he'd bring in testimony from a store clerk at the Martin Speedway, who would testify that she did not see Heather Watkins, a witness for the commonwealth and friend of the victim, who claimed to have witnessed a man driving a truck similar to Smith's "glaring and staring" at the victim while she was pumping gas at Speedway on New Year's Eve.

"Mr. Turner says it's some stalking business," Owens said during his opening statement. "One thing he didn't tell you is that Ms. Watkins wasn't even at the store that night."

Owens asked to approach the bench during Turner's opening statement, when he began reading a written statement by Smith, given to police on Jan. 3, 2002, in which Smith said he had, with intentions of driving to Wal-Mart Super Center in Pikeville, ended up "driving around" in the Left Beaver and Spurlock area, where the rape later occurred on an abandoned side road.

Smith said in that statement that he was driving along the road when the car, belonging to the victim, pulled off "abruptly," and he parked behind. Smith claimed the woman was having car trouble and then told police he asked her if she would like him to drive, an offer, he says, she agreed upon.

In that statement, Turner said Smith claimed the two then had consensual sex before returning him to his truck later that morning. He did not know her name, age, school or who she was, Turner said, pointing out that Smith told authorities he knew no one in the Left Beaver area where he was driving.

"Just driving around, that was his statement," Turner told the jury.

Turner, pointing out how Smith's testimony has "evolved" over time, asked the jury to notice Smith's statement, "She asked me if she could put her clothes back on," a statement he claimed Smith made before returning to his truck and telling the woman that he "hoped to see her again."

The victim, who was in tears and comforted by family members following court proceedings yes-

terday, had attended a party at a friend's house in Bucks Branch on that night, witnesses testified Monday.

The commonwealth opened its case with testimony from the victim's grandmother, Gabrielle Watson, of Little Mud, who told the court she talked her granddaughter into going to a New Year's Eve party in Bucks Branch and also testified as to the "nervous and scared" behavior the girl displayed following the rape.

Owens didn't cross-examine Watson, holding her, instead, in the witness room for possible future questioning, the same request he made after passing the opportunity to cross-examine two of three other witnesses for the Commonwealth: Lynn Case, of Bucks Branch, mother and parent chaperone to the New Year's Eve party, Robert Fitzpatrick, 20, and Amanda Vance, 20, both of Garrett.

Case testified that the victim attended the party, but that she wanted to get home shortly after watching the New Year's Eve ball drop to tend to her grandmother, who was ill.

Vance testified that no drinking or drugs were used at the party and that she offered to allow the victim to spend the night, an offer she turned down because she had promised her grandmother she'd make it home after 12 p.m.

Fitzpatrick testified that he attended the party and conversed with the victim, who he said he had a "crush" on and wanted to date.

Testimony in the case wound down Monday with the questioning of Heather Watkins, 20, of Garrett, a high school friend of the victim, who said she witnessed a man "glaring and staring" at the victim as she pumped gas at the Martin Speedway Station shortly after 12:30 a.m.

Watson, who repeatedly answered "I don't know" or "I can't remember" when directed with specific questions during cross-examination by Owens, said she witnessed the man staring at her friend, but didn't feel it was significant enough to warn the girl about it. She also testified that she could only remember what type of truck the man was driving, and that she couldn't describe what he

was wearing or what he looked like.

"I know it was a man, but I can't recall what he looked like," Watson said.

When Watson seemed to confuse descriptions of what she saw that night, Owens asked her to draw a picture of the gas station and the pump islands where the man and the victim were pumping gas.

Doing so, Watson recanted her own testimony that she initially gave, telling the jury that the man must have been putting gas in on the right side of his truck, rather than the left side as she originally testified.

Watson, who said she couldn't remember seeing the man pay for his gas or leave the station, said she left the station before the victim left.

The commonwealth redirected questioning to Watson concerning her testimony prior to Caudill dismissing court for the day Monday.

Neither the commonwealth nor Owens asked Watson specifically if Smith was the man she saw at the station that night.

Jurors reconvened yesterday morning, only to find out that Smith had contacted the commonwealth Monday night to change his plea in the case, with the commonwealth prepared to present testimony from the victim first

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thing yesterday morning.

During an interview following the hearing, Turner said Smith's plea stands as vindication for the victim, who has been dubbed a "liar" for years regarding the rape allegations.

"We had discussions before the trial started and he was unwilling to do what we desired," Turner said. "We did not expect him to change his mind as abruptly as he did, but it's not unusual when someone charged with a crime is facing a significant sentence."

After Caudill relieved the jury of its duties yesterday, Smith entered a non-conditional guilty plea to one count of first-degree unlawful imprisonment and was scheduled for formal sentencing May 7.

Following court proceedings, family members and friends of Smith, who sat in court, voiced their concerns about the case.

"Where's the justice?" asked an angry Racheal Smith, John Smith's aunt, claiming that she

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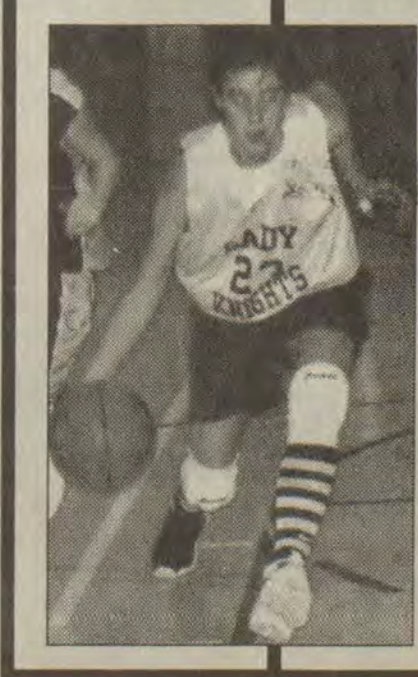
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witnessed a juror talking to the victim's mother shortly after signing in for duty yesterday morning. The alleged conversation took place prior to Smith changing his plea, the woman said.

"I've known him since the day they brought him into this world, and he is a very humble, considerate and hardworking man," Rachael Smith said. "He is not a monster. He did not do this."

Family members at the hearing say they hired a private detective, Joey Stidham, to investigate circumstances surrounding the allegations made by the victim, but that much of the information was-

n't allowed in court, including information relating to the history of the victim, which federal law prohibits in rape cases.

"We knew the jury was stacked against us," said Jessica Slone, of Knott County, a friend of the family. "I've never seen such rudeness or hostility. We knew he was absolutely not going to get a fair shake in Floyd County, no matter what."

Family members, who alleged no photographs were taken of the victim's hands following the rape, and that one of the nurses at the hospital where she was taken was willing to testify that the girl was

not raped, said they would pursue the jury tampering charges in another court.

After speaking with the victim's mother, Turner, dubbing it as a "non-issue," said the juror came in before court yesterday and initiated a conversation with the victim's mother without realizing who she was.

"One of the jurors came and sat behind where the [victim's mother] was," Turner said. "The juror initiated the conversation with the

mother about the weather, asked her how many days she thought the case was going to go ... It means nothing and it had nothing to do with the case."

Turner said the victim's mother realized that the woman was a juror and that she suspected that the juror didn't know who she was at the time they made contact. He dismissed the interaction as a "non-issue," saying that the family could pursue jury tampering allegations through the grand jury if

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In Memory



Happy Birthday
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 March 23-May 18, 2003
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Mommy and Daddy
 and Family

History

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Today's Birthdays:

Animator Joseph Barbera is 93. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 64. Actor R. Lee Erney is 60. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 59. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 56. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 53. Comedian Louie Anderson is 51. Actress Donna Pescow is 50. Actor Robert Carradine is 50. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 44. Rhythm and

blues DJ Rodney "Kool Kollie" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 43. TV personality Star Jones ("The View") is 42. Actress Annabella Sciorra is 40. Rock singer-musician Sharon Corr (The Corrs) is 34. Actress Lara Flynn Boyle is 34. Rapper P.A. Pasemaster Mase (De La Soul) is 34. Actress Alyson Hannigan ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") is 30. Actress Keisha Castle-Hughes ("The Whale Rider") is 14.

Thought for Today:

"Not to be able to grow old is just as ridiculous as to be unable to outgrow childhood."
 — Carl G. Jung, psychiatrist (1875-1961).

Helping out pays off for local youth

Austin Tuttle (center), the son of Stacy (right) and Anthony Tuttle (not pictured), of Martin, received a \$50 cash prize from Melinda Moore (left), Unit Director of Home Interior and Gifts, in Martin, and a certificate for a "job well done" for being a good community helper.



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In Memoriam



Memorial services for Oliver and Maude Barnes Ratliff will be held at Christ United Methodist Church at Allen, Kentucky, March 27, 2004, at 2 p.m.

Oliver was the son of the late Allen and Mary Ann Ratliff of Langley, Kentucky.

He passed away, March 4, 2004, in Mission Commons Retirement Center, in Redlands, California.

Maude Barnes Ratliff was the daughter of Alfonso and Gertrude Ross Barnes of Harveyville, Kansas. She passed away, April 30, 2003, in Mission Commons Retirement Center.

Both were cremated at the Emmerson Bartlett Memorial Chapel in Redlands, California, and the ashes scattered at sea, off the coast of Los Angeles, California.

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Daniel inducted into longtime political club's hall of fame



Johnson County Judge-Executive Roger T. "Tucker" Daniel holds a plaque he received in honor of his induction into the Fifth District Lincoln Club's Hall of Fame. Daniel, who also chairs the Board of Directors of the Hazard-based Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP), received the honor during the longtime political club's 66th annual banquet, held recently in Corbin.

by MICHAEL CORNETT

Roger T. "Tucker" Daniel fully expected to be among

some of Kentucky's most powerful and respected Republican officials when he attended the recent 66th Annual Lincoln Day

Banquet in Corbin.

He didn't expect to be enshrined into the Fifth District Lincoln Club's Hall of Fame, an honor which places him in the esteemed company of many past and present Kentucky political luminaries, including the late Gov. Louie B. Nunn, legendary Sen. John Sherman Cooper, Republican National Committee General Counsel Mike Duncan, and Larry Forgy, who nearly became governor in 1995.

Daniel serves as Johnson County's judge-executive and also chairs the Board of Directors of the Hazard-based Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP). He said his induction into the longtime political club's Hall of Fame took him by surprise. Everybody, including U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers and much of Daniel's family, was in on the secret-except him, Daniel said.

"I thought it was just a banquet," he said with a laugh. "I don't think I realized what was going on until Congressman Rogers started reading my bio."

"It's a humbling experience to think of some of the people on that list, and the contributions they made when they were in public service," Daniel said. "I think what I've done in my five years in office pales in comparison, but it's obviously a tremendous honor that I'm proud to have."

Speaking during the March 6 event to a crowd that included current Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher and U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning, Rogers said Daniel's reputation for promoting honesty and a strong work ethic in local government makes him worthy of being honored among the state's leading Republicans.

During his tenure as judge-executive, Daniel has instituted measures that allowed Johnson County's property tax collections to surge from 84 percent to 97 percent. The change, Daniel

said, continues to bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional revenue to the county's health department, library, schools, and local government. State auditors also recently declared Johnson County to be in the best financial shape in its history, he added. Voters rewarded Daniel's efforts by electing him to a second term in 2002, making him the first Johnson County judge-executive to ever be re-elected.

"It's not rocket science," Daniel said. "It's about taking a common-sense approach to government."

Besides being a great honor tied to his service as judge-executive, Daniel said his inclusion in the Lincoln Club's Hall of Fame provides him the opportunity to remain connected to Gov. Fletcher and the state's Republican leadership in Frankfort and Washington, D.C. As chairman of EKCEP's Board of Directors, that connection can aid EKCEP in its continuing mission to provide its nationally-recognized job training and retraining programs and employer services to the 23 eastern Kentucky counties it serves.

"Having those contacts and being recognized like this certainly makes things easier. If you're on friendly terms with a good number of the folks in leadership and the administration, people take your calls and doors do open easier," he said. "I'm hopeful these contacts will help EKCEP by helping to make sure more of our programs stay funded, make sure our message is heard and make sure proper consideration is given to the things we're trying to do."

EKCEP Executive Director Mable Duke echoed Daniel's sentiments.

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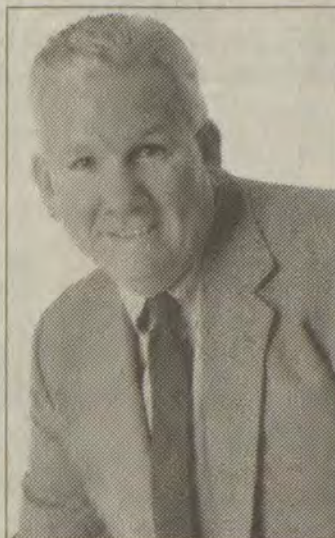
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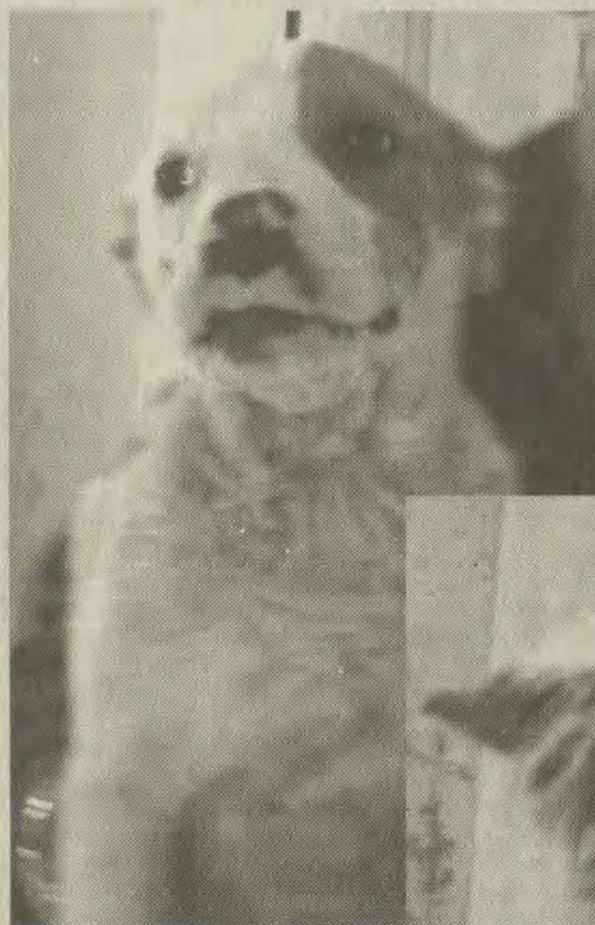
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Lunch

something like peanut butter." Slone said that she did not like the idea of alternative meals because it would single students out and make them feel as though they were being punished for something that would most likely not be their fault. "I don't think this is right," Slone said. "I don't really like this." The board agreed to accept the submitted policy on a "first reading basis" and to look further into exploring other options in regard to outstanding meal balances.

In other business, the board also agreed to adopt a moratorium on teacher sick leave banks following comments by Dani Smith, president of the Floyd County Education Association. Smith informed the board that "a committee made up of teachers" had worked on the project and that the general consensus of the committee was that they could continue to "tighten it, work with it and build the program."

Principal Wayne Combs, of Clark Elementary, at which Monday's meeting was held, answered questions from board member Mickey McGuire in regard to the general condition of the school, which has a leakage problem during heavy rains. When asked, Combs also informed board members that the school could use more arts programs funding.

Whether or not we have teachers or we have art classes, we choose teachers," Combs said. "We try to keep class size down to 20-1 ... We would like to keep it at 18-1, rather than 22-1." Several students from the school presented a program in which they discussed individual science projects, writings and creative outlets to the board members. Kim Gibson, a Prestonsburg High School student, served as student representative to the board and thanked board members for "the opportunity to serve."

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Floral Regulations Effective January 1, 2004 Richmond Memorial Cemetery Mayo Cemetery

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Times Staff Report

BELFRY — Police are on the lookout for two thieves who robbed the Marathon store in Belfry on Saturday.

The robbery occurred at 4 a.m. when the store was deserted except for a female night clerk. The pair escaped on northbound U.S. 119 in a white four-door passenger vehicle, possibly a Ford.

The driver was not observed but a description was taken on the suspect who robbed the store. He is a white male, 20 to 30 years old, with a slender build

and stands about 5 feet, 10 inches. He also has a small inkspot tattoo on his right index knuckle and has eyes that are a bluish-green. He was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with red stripes and blue denim cargo pants.

The car, which also had tinted windows, fled the scene after the thief entered the store and demanded all of the money from the till before escaping with the unidentified driver, who kept the car running outside.

Trooper C. Hicks responded to the call and Detective M. Watson is investigating.

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charge of violating an emergency protective order.

Young testified during that hearing that Roberts posted \$5,000 bail for him on Oct. 14, and then drove him to his home in Tram. About an hour-and-a-half after dropping him off at his residence, Young said that Roberts returned with Ratliff and a woman. He said that Roberts accused him of planning to jump his bail and insisted that he return Young to the jail so that he could retrieve the bail money.

Young alleged that the group left the jail when they were told by jail employees to return during business hours the following day to address the problem.

He also told the court that he escaped when Roberts pulled into an Allen business owned by Judy and Larry Short, who both testified during the preliminary hearing.

As he was running toward the business, Young said Roberts attempted to shoot him, an allegation corroborated by Judy Short, who testified that she witnessed Roberts fire a gun "three or four times" at Young.

Both men are scheduled for pretrial conferences in the case June 17.

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Wall

and surrounding counties.

"We would love for any veterans to come in and be a part of the clinic," clinic manager Dena Patton said. "We currently serve veterans categories 1 through 7."

The clinic offers three full-time physicians, four nurses, and many other special services. They also offer a bus transportation to the Huntington, W.Va., VA Center for patients in need of more specialized services.

Patton explained that the VA Center in Huntington has a huge wall of photos of veterans. Her enthusiasm was enlightening when she began to talk about the

similar "Wall of Honor" the Prestonsburg clinic has now started.

Patton said the clinic is looking for any photos with the rank, company and any other information that may be available on the veteran.

"The Wall of Honor is to serve the veterans, it is our honor to serve them," said Patton.

If you would like for yourself or your family members to be a part of the Wall of Honor, leave your photos at the VA Clinic located at 5230 Route 321, Suite 8, in Prestonsburg.

Tourism

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James brought forth the idea that the day could feature a giant yard sale through downtown. The sale will run on Saturday, July 3, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will be run by local nonprofit organizations.

James asked that the council vote to waive the customary fee for sales to all nonprofit groups that wish to use the opportunity. The vote was called and everyone approved the measure, which will also allow nonprofit groups to vend snacks but there will be no food vendors invited so as to increase traffic to area restaurants.

Councilman C.E. Branham approved of the plan and termed it, "A revitalization effort for the whole downtown area."

Surrounding sites, like Highlands Plaza, will also be encouraged to hold July Fourth activities and will be abetted by plans to enlist buses for the day which can shepherd visitors to all participating sites. The buses will be available to make sure that seniors will be able to tour the downtown area.

Currently, the tourism commission is drafting letters of invitation to nonprofit groups and clubs in the area. A fireworks show has been planned to cap the weekend on Sunday, July 4.

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Daniel

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lished, it's important to have a person from within our own ranks to help speak to those in positions of leadership on behalf of EKCEP," Duke said. "Mr. Daniel's being publicly recognized by some of those key leaders can only help strengthen those connections, and we're certainly proud to have him as our board chairman."

More information on EKCEP and its JobSight network of one-stop workforce centers can be found at www.ekcep.org and www.jobsight.org.



AmeriCorps*NCCC members pose with a local resident in front of the house they are building for a low-income client at Branham's Creek.

Host

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Dr. Vierheller received support from Brenda Miller and the maintenance personnel as well as an assist in the tough area of arbitration from Hassan Saffari and John D. Sammons. The awards ceremony also featured presentations and was represented by Dr. George D. Edwards, Dr. Nancy Johnson and Bobby McCool of the college, Father Johnnie Ross of St. James Episcopal Church and John Rosenberg of the Eastern Kentucky Science Center.

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Americorps teams with LINKS to build homes

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Eddie Patton, of the Low Income Housing Commission of East Kentucky — also known as LINKS — announced this week that 12 workers from AmeriCorps were currently on loan to LINKS to "build homes for two low-income, Floyd County families."

The group, composed of men and women volunteers, is staying for a month at an emergency shelter in Wheelwright while they spend their days working to finish the homes, located in Wayland and the Branham's Creek area.

Funding for the homes comes from two programs, HOME and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which are administered by

the Kentucky Housing Corporation, which is itself supported by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

LINKS handled setting up an application to get the workers to Floyd County and is providing lodging, materials and technical support for the project.


Charles Wilson, of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, has volunteered to orient and look after the workers during their stay.

Much work had to be done to get the houses in shape for the workers to get their tasks done and this was jointly handled by three members of the LINKS program. Augustine Conley, construction supervisor Phil Jones and his assistant, Terry Collins, all lent a hand in getting the foundations ready so the volunteers could get to work.

This effort is a harbinger of more projects to come from the people at LINKS. Currently there are plans to build four more homes in the coming year.

LINKS routinely finds out-of-state aid to help refurbish homes in the five-county Big Sandy region and last year brought over 1,000 volunteers to the area to work on over 100 homes to make them safer, drier and more accessible.

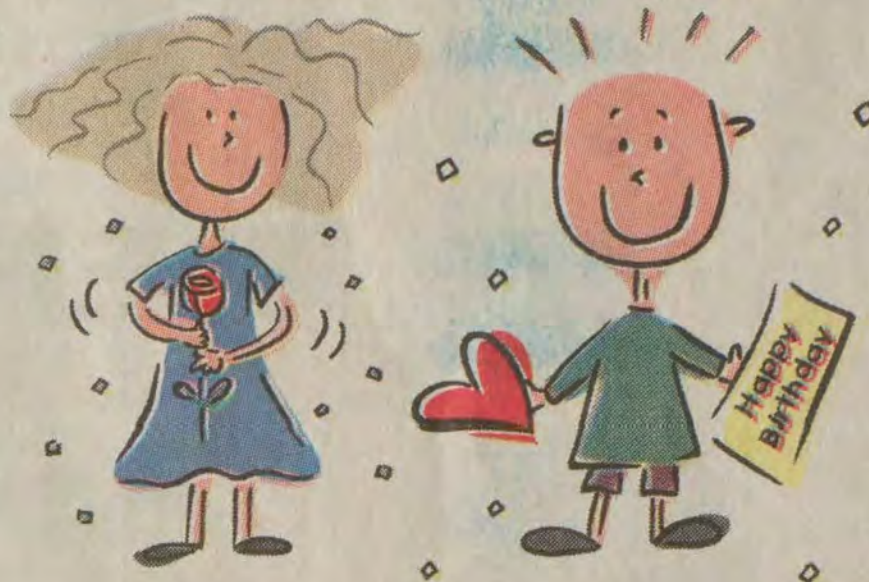
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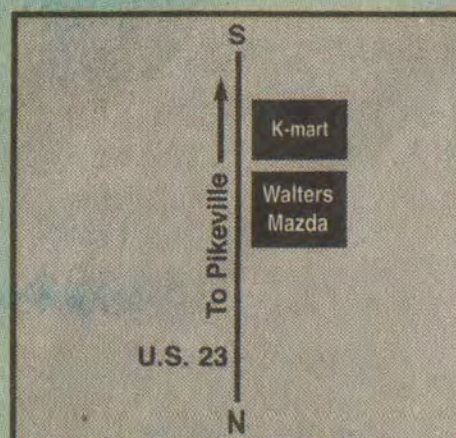
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PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its annual Super Fund Banquet on Saturday, May 21 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. For more information, contact Paul Hagans, 285-0176; Shawn or Joanie Davis, 358-0054, Mark Wallace, 358-4908; or Paul Robinson, 874-2701.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Martin upbeat after first season

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central High girls' basketball coach Mark Martin coached the Lady Rebels to a 17-13 record in his first season at the top of the program. Martin, who replaced Cindy Halbert, an individual who spent

three seasons as the head coach at Allen Central, coached Allen Central to a runner-up finish in the 58th District. Along the way, Martin admits he enjoyed the first-year campaign.

"It's been one of the more enjoyable years," Martin admitted. "This is one of those group of kids that worked hard each day

out and that was a reflection of the leadership of the seniors."

Martin and the Lady Rebels faced a tough road early on with road games filling the first part of the 2003-04 schedule.

"The early part of the schedule we spent a lot of time playing on

(See MARTIN, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Becky Thomas will be the leading returnee back for Allen Central next season. Thomas will enter her senior season with over 1,000 career points.

Eagles' song refocused Valkyries

by CHRIS DUNCAN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The power of music helped Sacred Heart "get over" the end of its 30-game winning streak early in the season.

The Valkyries lost to eventual Ohio state champion Cincinnati Mount Notre Dame 49-29 on Dec. 13. The next day, Coach Donna Moir handed each of her players the lyrics to the 1994 Eagles' song "Get Over It" and made them listen to it.

The Valkyries responded with an intense, focused workout.

"One of the best practices they've ever had," Moir said.

They haven't lost since.

The two-time defending state champions ride a 31-game winning streak into this weekend's Girls Sweet 16 at Diddle Arena. Laurel County is the only other girls team to

(See EAGLES, page five)



photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne junior Derek Case was one of the players who got in pitches Monday evening when the Bobcat baseball team practiced inside.

BOBCAT BASEBALL TEAM PREPS FOR UPCOMING SEASON

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Cold early-spring weather put the Betsy Layne High baseball team inside Monday evening. Coach Duran Newsome had players working out inside the high school gym. Not present was senior Jordan Kidd, a player who is expected to rank as one of the top high school pitchers in Eastern Kentucky. Kidd was at Alice Lloyd College on a visit.

With the infield of the high school field at Allen Park now covered with grass and the surface not yet playable, Betsy Layne has to practice where it can find a place. On cooler days, the Bobcats have headed inside.

"We usually work out for an

hour inside," said Newsome. "After an hour inside, the kids begin to lose focus. You're limited to what you can do inside."

Newsome has put his team outside and practiced it at times on the Bobcat football field.

"We can work on some situation stuff on the football field," said Newsome. "We may begin the season behind some because we haven't had the chance to work as much on the situation stuff."

Betsy Layne won't play too many home games during the upcoming season. The Bobcats will play many games on the road. Included on the schedule is the All "A" tourney at Pikeville High School. Just a four-team

(See TEAM, page five)



Betsy Layne sophomore Adam Roberts tracked down a flyball during indoor drills.

Betsy Layne-Magoffin scrimmage ends in tie

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne hosted Magoffin County Monday evening in a high school girls softball game. The two teams, playing on a cold March day, ended the game deadlocked, 2-2. Betsy Layne High

athletic director Harold Tackett has taken over the Lady Cat girls' softball program. This past fall, Tackett coached the Betsy Layne High volleyball team to a district championship. Betsy Layne held its own Monday against visiting Magoffin County, an athletic team in its own right.

Tackett sees a Lady Cat softball team that holds much promise

"This year's team will be good defensively we need to improve on pitching and hitting," said Tackett. "It should be a fun season with some great kids who are willing to work

(See TIE, page five)

Akers off to state tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne High head girls' basketball coach Cassandra Akers knows a thing or two about the state tournament. Akers guided a team of Lady Cats in two state tourney games last season, scoring an opening round win over Campbell County. Betsy Layne, which has been to three All "A" Classic state tourneys, missed a return to the Girls' Sweet 16 when it fell to eventual 15th Region champ Pike County Central in the regional semis just over two weeks ago. Akers will be in attendance at this week's state tournament. Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens will also be there. Lykens will be present Friday to accept the KABC (Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches) 15th Region Player of the Year award.

One of the games Akers is looking most forward to seeing is the opening round game pitting 14th Region power Perry County Central against Lexington Catholic. The two teams are set to

(See AKERS, page two)

Five players score in win for Highlanders

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND — Over the weekend, the U12 Highlanders girls soccer team continued to have success in the Ashland YMCA indoor soccer league. Five different Highlanders scored goals in a 6-2 victory over an accomplished Boyd County team.

The U12 Highlanders remain undefeated on the season at 4-0-1.

Kaitlyn Minix led the scoring charge with two goals, including the only one in the first half of the match. Teammates Alexis DeRossett, Madyson Nunnery, Clara Osborne, and Kathleen Smith added goals in the second half.

The offensive onslaught was made possible by the constant pressure placed on the Ashland Blue team by Jerralynn Kelsey and Alyson Salyer. The defense, headed by Katy Petry, Tori Parker and Tori Hunt, provided excellent insulation of goal keepers Elizabeth Davis, DeRossett and Smith.

(See SCORE, page five)

Clark helps U of L to win over Indiana St.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team shutout visiting Indiana State 7-0 Sunday at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. The Cards have now won 23 consecutive matches at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center, dating back to the 2003 season.

U of L began the match with a doubles sweep. The team of senior Matt Mayer and sophomore Jeremy Clark, No. 29 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rankings, defeated Ivan d'Argence Arceo 8-6 at the top seed. Clark, a native of Stanville, also plays singles for Louisville. He is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Louisville (12-7) will play No. 49 William & Mary on Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center.



Jeremy Clark

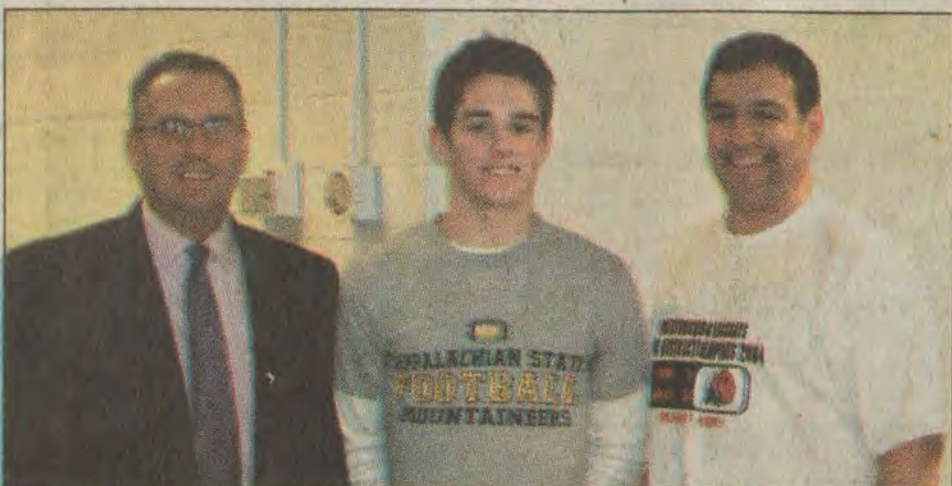


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Inaugural Birchell Duff Award winner Nick Jamerson (middle) is pictured along with his father, Dewey (right), and 15th Region official Todd Duff, son of the late Birchell Duff. Todd Duff will officiate in this week's Girls Sweet 16 state basketball tournament. The trio got together earlier this month during the Boys' 15th Region Tournament.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Hurley takes a look at next season

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK — East Ridge High head coach James Hurley has now played in one state tournament and coached in two others. Hurley, who played in the state tournament in 1995 as a member of the M.C. Napier boys' basketball team, served as an assistant

coach on the Louisville Male staff when it made a trip to the state tourney in 2000.

The East Ridge Warriors, coached by Hurley, bowed out in the first round of this year's state tournament, losing to a respectable Caverna team, led by Cameroon native Boris Siakam.

(See HURLEY, page five)



photo by Jamie Howell

Robbie Spears, pictured during last week's state tournament game against Caverna, leaves a sizable void for Coach James Hurley to try and fill.



Garrett Christian is the reigning Kentucky Christian School State Champion.

Garrett competes in National Tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTON, Tenn. — Garrett Christian School, coached by Jerry Manns, competed in Christian School National Tournament, winning a consolation championship.

In the consolation championship, Garrett, the Kentucky state champ, beat Central Heights Christian School of Georgia, 59-52.

Seth Bailey scored 18 points, Ryan Stone netted 16, and Brian Paige added 14 to lead the Eastern Kentucky school.

Garrett Christian led the school from Georgia at the end of every quarter. The Warriors led 11-9 at the end of the first quarter and 25-14 at halftime. Garrett held a 44-28 advantage at the end of the third period.

In the winning effort, David Franklin scored seven points and Peter Youmans added four.

Nick Etheridge led Central Heights Christian in scoring with 19 points.

Garrett Christian began the tournament with a loss to Riverdale Christian, but rebounded with a 76-64 win over Rock Christian Academy.

Garrett Christian 76, Rock Christian Academy 64

Seth Bailey poured in 26 points and Brian Paige added 23 to pace Garrett Christian in a 76-64 win over Rock Christian Academy. David Franklin scored 12 points and Ryan Stone netted nine. Peter Youmans and

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Martin

the road (13-14) ended up taking second place in the North Laurel tournament," Martin recalled. "After the North Laurel tournament, during Christmas Break, we felt as though we started to do some good things. We were 10-4 after the break. Becky Thomas scored her 1,000 point of her career in the Betsy Layne game."

The month of February saw Allen Central play solid basketball.

"We played well in February, wrapping up the number two seed in the conference," Martin continued. "We had big wins over Belfry on a night in which the school honored the '82 regional championship team. That was a big night and win* for us.

Recognizing the team and having some of those players come back and get to spend some time together meant a lot to the program."

Martin's team closed out the regular-season with an impressive road win over Pike Central.

"We had a lot of momentum going into the district tournament and we were playing pretty good," said Martin.

When the 58th District Tournament arrived, Allen Central had to fight its way through to the District Finals.

"We had to play two physical games in the districts and simply, it took a lot out of the group," Martin said.

In the 15th Region

Akers

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meet for a second straight year.

"Can't miss the Perry Central-Lexington Catholic opening game," said Akers. "It was a great game last year and I'm looking for more of the same this year."

Also in the first round, Pike County Central will take on 16th Region champ East Carter Thursday at 1:30 p.m. on the second day of first-round games.

Akers is confident that 15th Region rep Pike County Central will make a fine showing.

"Pike Central just needs to go down and play their game," said Akers. "It's too late in the year to go changing everything, you just have to continue to do what got you there. My advice to

Coach Tussey, and she doesn't need my advice, because she has been there before, but I would try to take the girls to as many opening round games before they play as possible. I know my girls last year were flipped out by the big screens and it helped them to see the floor and understand the atmosphere before they played. I wish the Lady Hawks the best of luck and hope the 15th continues to have success in the state tournament."

Pike Central is led by the play of freshman standout Haley Ratliff.

Pike Central has made one other appearance in the state tournament. The first appearance came in the late 1990s.

Shane Stone each had two points apiece.

Riverdale Christian Academy 57, Garrett Christian 41

Riverdale Christian Academy, Baton Rouge, La., led 35-33 at the end of the third quarter before pulling away from Garrett.

Two different Riverdale Christian players scored over 20 points in the win.

Brian Paige scored 13 and Ryan Stone tossed in 11 for Garrett. David Franklin added 10 points for the Warriors.

Lofton, Elliott top vote-getters on All-State teams

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Mason County guard Chris Lofton and Jackson County center Sarah Elliott were the top respective vote-getters on the 2004 Associated Press boys' and girls' all-state basketball teams, released Tuesday.

The teams were voted on by 17 media members statewide.

The 6-foot-3 Lofton, who led the Royals to last Saturday's state championship game, made 15 of 17 first-team ballots and 47 voting points overall. Players were awarded three points for each first-team vote, two points for each second-team vote and one point for each third-team vote.

Lofton, the Most Valuable Player of the 2003 Sweet 16, also was named the boys' player of the year.

The 6-6 Elliott earned 16 of 17 first-team votes and one second-team vote for 50 overall points. Elliott, who will play at Kentucky, was the state's third-leading scorer during the regular season, averaging 25 points, and led the state in field-goal percentage (73 percent).

Sacred Heart's Crystal Kelly earned 46 points, but was named the girls' player of the year. Kelly and the Valkyries have won 91 consecutive games against in-state foes heading into this week's Girls' Sweet 16.

Lyon County guard Ty

Rogers, Warren Central forward Lonell DeWalt, Lexington Catholic guard Demetrius Green and Louisville PRP center Terrence Farley rounded out the boys' first team.

The 6-3 Rogers was the state's leading scorer, averaging 32 points per game. Rogers earned 14 first-team votes and 46 points overall, one behind Lofton.

The 6-6 DeWalt, who will play football at Kentucky, helped Warren Central to last week's state championship. DeWalt shot 68 percent from the field during the regular season and had two game-clinching dunks in Saturday's championship victory over Mason County at Rupp Arena.

The 6-3 Green was the Most Valuable Player of the 2002 Sweet 16. He averaged 19 points and seven rebounds for Lexington Catholic, the state's top-ranked team at the end of the regular season.

The Louisville-bound Farley, a 6-10 center, averaged 13.7 points, 9.5 rebounds and six blocks per game last season.

Cawood guard Blake Hubbs, the state's third-leading scorer, averaging more than 27 points per game, topped the boys' second team.

Muhlenberg North center Jade Perry, Sacred Heart guard Carly Ormerod and Christian County forward Arnika Brown rounded out the girls' first team.

The 6-2 Perry, who will play at Maryland, guided her team to four straight regional championships. She averaged 22 points and 10 rebounds during the regular season.

The 5-8 Ormerod, the MVP of the 2002 Sweet 16 as a freshman, averaged 12 points, seven assists and 6.5 steals for the Valkyries.

The 6-2 Brown, who averaged 20 points and eight rebounds per game, was the only sophomore to make either first team.

Louisville Manual's Candyce Bingham, a Xavier signee who averaged 23 points and 8.5 rebounds per game, topped the girls' second team.

Louisville Seneca coach Tony Branch was named the boys' coach of the year. Seneca won 25 games, including its first Louisville Invitational Tournament since 1985.

Sacred Heart's Donna Moir was named the girls' coach of the year.

Tournament, Allen Central ran into a very capable Magoffin County team.

"In the Magoffin County game, they just shot the ball very well not only against us but put up big numbers against Belfry," Martin continued. "We just did not play well that night."

Martin has plenty to look forward to with the 2004-05 season as a talented group of players returns.

Martin realizes what his team will lose to graduation, saying, "losing three starters is going to

take some time to replace Terri (Mullins), Tab (Caudill) and Jessica (Isaac) were a big part of this team and their leadership and what they did on the floor."

Center Becky Thomas will return for her senior season.

"I felt Becky improved offensively throughout the season," said Martin. "She just has to work hard over the summer on some things to have a fun year next season."

In a strong sophomore class,

(See MARTIN, page five)

2004 Kentucky High School All-State Team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GIRLS

The 2004 Kentucky High School boys' All-State basketball team, as selected by 17 members of The Associated Press (with school, height, class, position and number of combined points. First-team votes worth three points, second-team votes worth two points and third-team votes worth one point):

FIRST TEAM

- Chris Lofton, Mason County, 6-3, Sr., G — (47)
- Ty Rogers, Lyon County, 6-3, Sr., G — (46)
- Lonell DeWalt, Warren Central, 6-6, Sr., F — (39)
- Demetrius Green, Lexington Catholic, 6-3, Sr., G — (36)
- Terrence Farley, Louisville PRP, 6-10, Sr., C — (32)

SECOND TEAM

- Blake Hubbs, Cawood, 6-3, Jr., G — (20)
- Tyrone Green, Wayne County, 6-2, Sr., F — (17)
- Tyler Hicks, Scott County, 6-1, Sr., G — (16)
- Aaron Cash, Rockcastle County, 6-0, Jr., G — (15)
- Brandon Cross, Pulaski County, 6-4, Sr., C — (15)

THIRD TEAM

- Demetrius Guins, North Hardin, 6-4, Sr., F — (14)
- Richard Long, Owensboro Apollo, 5-10, Sr., G — (14)
- Jerrold Gibbons, Wayne County, 6-2, Sr., G — (13)
- David Byrd, Barren County, 6-0, Sr., G — (11)
- William Graham, Lexington Catholic, 6-3, Sr., G — (10)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Chris Lofton, Mason County
- COACH OF THE YEAR
- Tony Branch, Louisville Seneca

HONORABLE MENTION

- (with votes, unless only one received):
- Jamie Jackson, Butler County (9); Curtis Pulley, Hopkinsville (9); Darnell Dials, Lexington Lafayette (8); Naatt Maresca, Warren Central (8); Walt Allen, South Laurel (7); Daniel Dillon, North Laurel (7); Chris Taylor, Madisonville-North Hopkins (7); David Vance, Barbourville (7); Brock Whitney, Warren Central (7); Dustin Grutza, Mason County (6); Jarrod Litzinger, Mason County (6); Mario Urrutia, Louisville Fern Creek (6); Steven Gabbard, Jackson County (5); Maurice Ginter, Louisville Fairdale (5); Rodney Mitchell, Clay County (5); Matt Nestheide, Covington Catholic (5); JaJuan Spillman, Louisville PRP (5); Justin Taylor, Lexington Tates Creek (5); Kris Mills, Knox Central (4); Harrison Morton, Lexington Catholic (4); Jonathan True, Lincoln County (4); Jermaine Bentley, Louisville Eastern (3); Jordan Blann, Bowling Green (3); Thomas Britt, Louisville DeSales (3); Tyler Clark, Lewis County (3); Boris Siakim, Caverna (3); Daniel Alcorn, Bullitt East (2); Daniel Ard, Marshall County (2); Daniel Combs, Perry Co. Central (2); Rye Mantooh, Owensboro Apollo (2); Michael Robinson, North Laurel (2); Michael Schwindel, Hancock County (2); Stephen Sizemore, Hazard (2); Jerry Turner, Elizabethtown (2); Aubrey White, Lexington Henry Clay (2); Derek Adams, Muhlenberg North; Ryan Anderson, Warren Central; Josh Artis, Hopkinsville; Brandon Bailey, Christian County; Chaz Bargo, Knox Central; Melvin Beasley, Louisville Iroquois; Decorio Edwards, Christian County; Cody Fannin, Fairview; Matt Fralix, Caldwell County; Greg Fugate, Boyd County; Zach Gillum, Greenup County; Keon Grant, Hopkinsville; Wes Hamilton, Whitesville Trinity; Bo Harris, George Rogers Clark; Reisz Hayden, Owensboro Catholic; Al Holland, Perry County Central; Adam Howard, Ashland; Jay Ivey, Owensboro Catholic; Travis Johnson, Owensboro Apollo; Jeremy Jones, Trigg County; Josh Mack, University Heights; Matthew Martin, George Rogers Clark; Kevin McIlquhan, Cumberland; Eric McKee, Anderson County; Stuart Miller, Middlesboro; Nathan Owen, University Heights; Michael Petrey, Whitley County; Travis Reeves, Lynn Camp; Jordan Samuels, Western Hills; Robert Skaggs, Grayson County; Blake Sparks, Muhlenberg North; Jared Strode, George Rogers Clark; Kenny Ray Turner, Trigg County; Mike Whitlock, Christian County; Orlando Woodard, Russellville; Johnny Worth, Daviess County.

FIRST TEAM

- Sarah Elliott, Jackson County, 6-6, Sr., C — (50)
- Crystal Kelly, Louisville Sacred Heart, 6-2, Sr., C — (46)
- Jade Perry, Muhlenberg North, 6-2, Sr., C — (36)
- Carly Ormerod, Louisville Sacred Heart, 5-8, Jr., G — (30)
- Arnika Brown, Christian County, 6-2, So., F — (28)

SECOND TEAM

- Candyce Bingham, Louisville Manual, 6-1, Sr., G — (20)
- Ashley Hawkins, Henderson County, 5-9, Jr., G — (19)
- Johnna Abney, Rockcastle County, 5-5, Jr., G — (18)
- Cary Bell, Bowling Green, 6-4, Sr., C — (18)
- Paige Guffey, Clinton County, 5-8, Jr., G — (17)

THIRD TEAM

- Corky Stiger, Christian County, 5-9, Sr., G — (15)
- Terran Duncan, Metcalfe County, 6-2, Sr., C — (13)
- Patrika Barlow, Barren County, 5-6, Sr., G — (12)
- Megan Gray, Harrison County, 6-0, Sr., F — (12)
- Amber Guffey, Clinton County, 5-7, Jr., G — (12)
- Julie Leach, Ohio County, 6-0, Jr., F — (12)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- Crystal Kelly, Louisville Sacred Heart

COACH OF THE YEAR

- Donna Moir, Louisville Sacred Heart

HONORABLE MENTION

- (with votes, unless only one received):
- Heather Benton, Leslie County (11); Nicole Chiodi, Newport Central Catholic (11); Courtney Watts, Mercer County (10); Tarah Combs, Pulaski County (9); Olivia Terry, Madison Central (9); Madison Flowers, Somerset (8); Robyn Jennings, Elizabethtown (8); Connie Ferch, Louisville Sacred Heart (7); Tara Rowe, Rockcastle County (7); Sarah Hughes, North Laurel (6); Taran Johnson, South Laurel (6); Kasi Mullins-Galloway, Boyd County (6); Tamara Shelton, Larue County (6); Taylor Kopple, Louisville Sacred Heart (4); Aaron Richmond, Warren Central (4); Katie Willinger, Louisville Mercy (4); Polly Sebastian, Perry Co. Central (3); Paula Carver, Webster County (2); Kala Faulkner, Russell (2); Kera Gibson, Henderson County (2); Latasha Henry, Ashland (2); Jenne Jackson, North Hardin (2); Krystal Jackson, Danville (2); Latoshia Lawrence, Owensboro Apollo (2); Destiny Mattingly, Woodford County (2); Shannon Novosel, Lexington Catholic (2); Anaris Suckles, Lexington Catholic (2); Jayme Thiem, Newport Central Catholic (2); LaQuisa Wharton, Louisville Iroquois (2); Brittany Bingham, Jackson County; Brittany Bird, Grayson County; Natasha Boggs, Cawood; Jamie Bonza, Corbin; Melanie Cornett, Rowan County; Felicia Crenshaw, Trigg County; Jayme Davis, Caldwell County; Tiffany Drake, Muhlenberg South; Lacey Dukes, Daviess County; Allison Fowler, Union County; Jayme Gilbert, Clay County; Stephanie Hall, West Carter; Amber Hamilton, Ohio County; Heather Hammond, Rockcastle County; Jennifer Hammons, Knox Central; Shira Hankins, Butler County; Kayla Haynes, Whitley County; Brenda Howard, Daviess County; Rachel Howard, Owensboro Catholic; Molly Jackson, East Carter; Sheena Lee, Cumberland; Elizabeth Mauzy, Owensboro; Sarah McDaniel, Whitesville Trinity; Brittany Manning, Fort Campbell; Leah Martin, Caldwell County; Amanda Miller, Central Hardin; Monica Mills, Barbourville; Veronica Peercy, Muhlenberg North; Shaleea Petty, Christian County; Emily Queen, Rose Hill Christian; Anitha Smith-Williams, Louisville PRP; Kim Stapleton, East Carter; Jennifer Swann, Boyd County; Lydia Watkins, Christian County.

ATHLETES SUSCEPTIBLE TO ILIOTIBIAL FRICTION SYNDROME

The iliotibial (or IT) band is a large fibrous tissue that runs down the outside of the thigh bone past the knee joint. There it is attached to the outside lower leg bone, the tibia. The IT band keeps the knee stabilized. When the knee flexes, the IT band bends and slides. Runners, walkers, cyclists, and other athletes who put too much stress on their legs can experience pain in the IT band. This is called IT band friction syndrome (ITBFS). The discomfort is due to the band rubbing back and forth across the extended part of the femur, the bone that runs from the knee to the hip joint. This causes swelling and pain in the knee.

Running can also cause a tilt in the pelvis, and the length of one's legs to be uneven. This tightens the hamstring and quadricep muscles and increases the tension on the IT band. If you have ITBFS, try staying in shape by swimming and aqua-running. Another way to resolve the condition is seeing a chiropractor who can use biomechanical techniques to restore balance, improve strength and flexibility, and increase normal pelvic movement.

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A quick look at what happened in the second round of the NCAA tournament

by JIM O'CONNELL
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A look at some of the interesting things that happened Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament:

ONE BIG UPSET

There won't be an upset in this

tournament any bigger than Alabama-Birmingham's 76-75 win over overall No. 1 seed Kentucky. Mo Finley's jumper just inside the 3-point line with 12 seconds left gave the ninth-seeded Blazers the lead and they withstood a possible game-winning 3 by Gerald Fitch and a follow tip by Kelenna

Azubeike. The win moved UAB to the round of 16 for the first time since 1982 and it came 23 years to the day since UAB beat Kentucky in the second round of the tournament. In Kentucky's stretch of consecutive NCAA appearances that started in 1992, this is only the second time the Wildcats failed to win

at least two games (1994 was the other).

ALABAMA UPSETS

Two No. 1 seeds lost in the second round and both went down to teams from Alabama. Stanford lost 70-67 to Alabama on Saturday, and Alabama-Birmingham beat Kentucky 76-75 on Sunday.

COMMODORE COMEBACK

Vanderbilt capped a brilliant comeback with a Princeton-like backdoor play and beat North Carolina State 75-73 to reach the round of 16 for the first time since 1993. The Commodores trailed 69-59 with 2:44 to play but wiped out the deficit with a 13-2 run. The Wolfpack took the lead one last time before Mario Moore found Corey Smith for a backdoor layup on a three-point play with 21 seconds to go.

THREE MUSKETEERS

Xavier went behind the 3-point line to upset Mississippi State 89-74 and reach the third round for the first time since 1990. The Musketeers were 13-for-19 from beyond the arc — including 5-for-7 by Dedrick Finn and 4-for-4 by Lionel Chalmers — and only had 17 2-point field goals. One of Finn's 3s was from well beyond midcourt at the halftime buzzer and it gave Xavier a one-point lead.

STARS

Lionel Chalmers had a career-high 31 points on 11-for-13 shooting in Xavier's 89-74 win over Mississippi State. ... Matt Frieje had 31 points, the most ever scored by a Vanderbilt player in the NCAA tournament, and the Commodores

beat North Carolina State 75-73. ... Deron Williams matched his career high with 31 points on 10-for-13 shooting and had seven assists to lead Illinois to a 92-68 victory over Cincinnati. ... Wayne Simien, who aggravated a nagging groin injury in the first round, had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Kansas in the 78-63 win over Pacific.

IMPERFECT SEEDS

No seed line made it through to the second weekend of the tournament. The only one that had a chance after Saturday's games was the No. 3 seeds, but North Carolina State was beaten 75-73 by Vanderbilt.

WHAT HOMECOURT?

Pittsburgh took care of what

(See NCAA, page four)

Cards' season a wild ride

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE — Louisville's 80-70 loss to Xavier in the first round of the NCAA tournament encapsulated the Cardinals' 2003-04 season.

Louisville clicked early, then collapsed late.

The Cardinals started the season 16-1, climbing as high as No. 4 in the poll, then lost nine of their last 13 to finish 20-10.

"This was a team with a lot of limitations that gave their heart and soul to me all the time," coach Rick Pitino said. "I'm proud of them, and you just go on to next year."

Against the Musketeers on Friday, Louisville was outbounded for the ninth time in 10 games and shot 39.6 percent, its eighth sub-.400 shooting performance since the Jan. 31 loss to Marquette that triggered the downward spiral.

"This team did the best it could," Pitino said. "I guess because we were 16-1, people just got carried away."

This year's team immediately lived up to Pitino's modest expectations by dropping its opener to Iowa. A 30-point win over Western Kentucky a week later signaled what was to come over the next two months.

"We just had a great night," Pitino said afterward.

The great night turned into a great month. The Cardinals gutted out home wins over Seton Hall and Florida, then routed Austin Peay and VMI.

Francisco Garcia, assuming the go-to role Reece Gaines filled in 2002-03, topped 20 points in four straight games while mourning the shooting death of his brother in New York City on Dec. 8.

"I'm going to dedicate everything to him — my life, my season, everything," Garcia said after scoring 21 points in a 73-65 win over Florida on Dec. 13.

Despite winning six in a row, the Cardinals were still underdogs heading into their annual grudge match with Kentucky. But they rode perhaps their best defensive performance of the year to a 65-56 victory in Rupp Arena.

"We had that special moment that happens once in a lifetime," Pitino said afterward.

The Cardinals won their next six games by an average of 28 points, smothering opponents with swarming defense. They were fifth heading into a Jan. 21 showdown with sixth-ranked and unbeaten Cincinnati at Freedom Hall.

However, the season may have turned two days earlier, when point guard Taquan Dean pulled a groin muscle in practice. Dean scored 21 points in a 93-66 Louisville victory over the Bearcats, then acknowledged his injury was severe.

Four days later, Garcia twisted his right ankle in a 65-62 win at Tennessee. By then, Pitino was hurting, too.

Louisville called an emergency news conference the next day where Pitino announced he was taking a

medical leave. He admitted he had been suffering a pain in his side for months and it had become unbearable in Knoxville.

Pitino returned after two days of treatment at the Cleveland Clinic. He never disclosed his illness, but said he was healthy enough to coach Louisville "for another eight or 10 years."

Pitino was back for Louisville's Jan. 31 meeting with Marquette, but it didn't matter. Steve Novak hit eight 3-pointers and scored 30 points in the Eagles' 77-70 victory.

Dean and Garcia didn't make the trip to Memphis three days later and the Cardinals lost again, 62-58. Both stars were back for a 73-55 win over UAB on Feb. 7, but Garcia sprained his other ankle in that game.

The season's low point came in a 71-46 loss at TCU on Feb. 17. Adding injury to insult, leading rebounder Luke Whitehead sprained his ankle in practice the next day.

Pitino maintained a positive outlook through the adversity.

"I'm not disappointed in this team at all," he said. "Losing is disappointing, but I'm not disappointed in the guys at all because they're giving me all they can give me."

The Cardinals coughed up late leads in losses to Cincinnati, DePaul and Marquette. They struggled past East Carolina in the first round of the Conference USA tournament, then lost another close game to the

(See RIDE, page four)

Kentucky has shocking end to surprising season

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Without knowing it, Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith was prophetic last week.

Before the NCAA tournament, Smith said a team's success couldn't be judged solely by what it does in the post-season.

"If you're just going to base it on the three weeks in the tournament, then you're going to be a basket case in this business," Smith said. "You're not going to make it."

Kentucky didn't make it out of

the second round of the NCAA tournament, losing 76-75 to Alabama-Birmingham on Sunday in what will go down as one of the most shocking losses in the Wildcats' storied basketball history. It was the second straight year Kentucky's season ended at the hands of a Conference USA opponent and the Wildcats' earliest exit ever from the NCAA tournament as a No. 1 seed.

As members of the Big Blue Nation tried to console themselves, the general consensus was not just disappointment but pride that the Wildcats had put themselves in such a position.

At the start of the season, Kentucky — coming off a 32-4 season in which it had lost to Marquette in an NCAA regional final — had too many questions to think about finishing 27-5.

Where would the offense come from, since standout Keith Bogans was gone? Did the Wildcats have any capable bench players? How would Kentucky's undersized front line hold up against taller, bigger opponents? Could the Wildcats survive a non-conference schedule during which they would play five marquee opponents — UCLA, Michigan State, Indiana, Louisville and North Carolina — on consecutive Saturdays?

Who would take the clutch shot? That the Wildcats — who didn't have one player selected to the first-team All-Southeastern Conference list — would spend most of the season ranked in the top 10 and enter the NCAA tournament as the No. 1 overall seed seemed unthinkable. But it happened, as Smith found answers to each of those questions.

"I think this team did over-achieve in ways," Smith said.

Gerald Fitch, Cliff Hawkins, Erik Daniels and walk-on Matt Heissenbuttel, the four members of the senior class who spent four seasons at Kentucky — swingman Antwan Barbour was a junior-college transfer — finished with a 105-29 career record and won either an SEC division title or overall title in each of their seasons. Fitch (1,391) and Daniels (1,053) both scored more than 1,000 career points.

But the group never played in a Final Four, a level Kentucky hasn't reached since 1998, when it won its seventh national title in Smith's first season.

"That's a big hole not to reach the Final Four in your career, you know, especially being at Kentucky, a school that is known for national championships," Fitch said.

"But at the same time, you know we had a lot of fun, had a great coach, four years of great teammates. I mean, you can't really ask for nothing better besides a championship."

Kentucky reeled off seven straight wins to open the season, including a 79-74 decision over Michigan State in Detroit, played before 78,129 fans at Ford Field — a world record for attendance at a single basketball game.

Then Louisville came into Rupp Arena and handed Kentucky its first loss, 65-56 on Dec. 27, and the questions began anew. Had Louisville passed Kentucky and become the Bluegrass State's pre-eminent hoops power? Did Louisville coach Rick Pitino have a hex on Kentucky, his former team?

A lackluster 61-53 win over Austin Peay on New Year's Eve didn't do much for Kentucky fans, but then came two big wins. Fitch's 3-pointer in the waning moments — on a shot similar to the one he missed as time ran down against

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UAB stuns top-seeded Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Kentucky band fought its way through a rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home" as fans in various shades of blue shook their heads in disbelief.

Once again, the Wildcats were going home early.

Top-seeded Kentucky tumbled out of the NCAA tournament in the second round Sunday, falling 76-75 to Alabama-Birmingham on Mo Finley's 17-foot jumper with 12.2 seconds left.

"That shot definitely was a blessing from above," said Finley, a senior. "Hopefully, I've got a lot more games left in the tournament, but I don't know if it can get any better than this."

Kentucky's Gerald Fitch missed a 3-pointer with 2.2 seconds left, and

Chuck Hayes' tip rolled off the rim just before the horn.

"I'm still in shock," Hayes said. "It's tough to look at my teammates right now."

The ninth-seeded Blazers (22-9) advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1982 with their second big upset of Kentucky. UAB's win came almost exactly 23 years to the day that the Blazers beat the Wildcats in the second round of the 1981 tournament.

"We knew coming in it was like David vs. Goliath, and we were David," Blazers coach Mike Anderson said. "I'll tell you what: David swung a mighty blow."

For the second straight year, Kentucky (27-5) came up short in its quest for an eighth NCAA title as the tournament's favorite. The Wildcats were the second No. 1 seed to fall in the

second round, following Stanford's loss to Alabama on Saturday.

Finley scored 17 points, and Donell Taylor and Gabe Kennedy had 13 apiece for the Blazers, who advanced to play fourth-seeded Kansas on Friday night in the St. Louis Regional at the Edward Jones Dome. Fitch led Kentucky with 17 points.

Kansas 78, Pacific 63
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Wayne Simien had 18 points and 12 rebounds and Kansas overcame a slow start to beat Pacific.

Kansas (23-8), which has made two straight Final Fours, is in the round of 16 for the fourth consecutive year.

Guillaume Yango had 22 points for Pacific (25-8), which had won 16 straight.

Georgia Tech 57, Boston College

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MILWAUKEE — Jarrett Jack scored four points in the final minute for third-seeded Georgia Tech.

The Yellow Jackets advanced to face 10th-seeded Nevada on Friday night at the Edward Jones Dome.

B.J. Elder led the Yellow Jackets (25-9) with 18 points, and Jack finished with eight points, six rebounds and six assists. Jared Dudley had 13 points for Boston College (24-10).


East Rutherford Regional
Oklahoma St. 70, Memphis 53

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joey Graham scored 20 of his 21 points in the first half to help Oklahoma State take a 41-19 lead.

The second-seeded Cowboys (29-3) will face third-seeded

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**Opening Round game to be played on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern, in Dayton, Ohio

Halbert guides Pikeville back to district prominence

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — After leaving Allen Central High to take a teaching position in the Pikeville Independent Schools System, Cindy Halbert became the head coach of the Pikeville High girls' basketball team. In her first season at the helm of the Lady Panther program, Halbert led Pikeville to a 59th District title. Pikeville, after

beating East Ridge in overtime in the opening round of the 59th District tourney, beat Shelby Valley convincingly, 51-31, in the district finals.

Pikeville finished 14-15 following a loss to rival Belfry in the first round of the 15th Region Tournament. Finishing just below .500, Halbert was still pleased with her team's performance the first time out.

"I was pleased with how we progressed," said Halbert, who

began her coaching career at Belfry, her high school alma mater. "I have a great staff that makes my job much easier and the support system at PHS (Pikeville High School) is first-class. The kids were very open to learning my system and worked pretty hard overall. I saw steady improvement in most of the players individually and as a group."

Halbert-coached teams always keep up a busy playing

schedule in the summer. The Pikeville girls will do much the same.

"I look forward to having a very busy summer with them," Halbert added.

Winning the 59th District

was a first for Pikeville in over a decade.

"We were really pleased to win the district for the first time since 1991," noted Halbert. "That is something we hope to build on in the

future. We have very high hopes for the 2004-2005 season."

Halbert, in her last season at Allen Central, guided the Lady Rebels to a 58th District championship win.

Corey Lidle will start Reds opener

by JOE KAY
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SARASOTA, Florida — The newest member of the Cincinnati Reds' rotation has moved to the front of the line.

Right-hander Corey Lidle will start the Reds' season opener on April 5 against the Chicago Cubs, the first time that the 31-year-old pitcher has received such an honor.

Manager Dave Miley announced his decision Tuesday, picking Lidle over holdovers Jimmy Haynes and Paul Wilson. Lidle, 31, signed a one-year contract for \$2.75 million as a free

agent from Toronto, where he went 12-15 with a 5.75 ERA last season.

Lidle pitched in the playoffs for Oakland in 2001 and 2002 but hasn't received such a prominent place in a team's rotation.

The Cubs plan to start Kerry Wood at the front of a rotation that includes Mark Prior and Greg Maddux. The Reds' rotation is still in flux less than two weeks from the start of the season.

Haynes started the inaugural game at Great American Ball Park last year. Pittsburgh batted around in the second inning of its 10-1 victory, which marked the

beginning of a tough season for Haynes.

He lost his first four starts before going on the disabled list with a bulging disc in his lower back. He started only 18 games last season, going 2-12 with a 6.30 ERA.

Tests detected weakness in his back when he showed up for spring training, so the Reds put him on a strengthening program and held him back.

Wilson was 8-10 with a 4.64 ERA last season, when he developed shoulder tendinitis and had to stop pitching in September. He's expected to be No. 2 in the rotation.

NCAA

many people said was the most unfair matchup of the early rounds, beating Wisconsin 59-55 in Milwaukee. The Panthers, despite being seeded three places higher than the Badgers, had to play a "road" game about an hour from Wisconsin's campus.

BEARCAT BEATING
Cincinnati's 92-68 loss to Illinois was its worst in NCAA tournament play. The Bearcats lost by 15 points twice, to Louisville in 1975 and to Marquette in 1977.

BALD EAGLES
Georgia Tech did a stellar defensive job on Boston College's frontcourt stars in its 57-54 victory. Craig Smith and Uka Agbai came into the game averaging a combined 28 points a game. Smith finished with two points on 1-of-4 shooting and Agbai had eight

points, all in the final 15 minutes.

COWBOY START
Oklahoma State shot 68 percent (17-for-23) and had a 17-6 rebound advantage in taking a 41-19 halftime lead over Memphis. The 70-53 loss was the Tigers' worst of the season.

NEXT ROUND PART 1
The only double-digit seed to reach the round of 16 was No. 10 Nevada, which beat Michigan State and Gonzaga and now faces Georgia Tech.

NEXT ROUND PART 2
The East Rutherford Regional is the only one that went to form with the top four seeds — Saint Joseph's, Oklahoma State, Pittsburgh and Wake Forest — advancing to the third round.

NEXT ROUND PART 3
The St. Louis Regional was the

one furthest from the seedings. No. 3 Georgia Tech is the highest seed remaining along with No. 4 Kansas, No. 9 UAB and No. 10 Nevada.

NEXT ROUND PART 4
Among the interesting matchups in the regional semifinals will be Xavier against Texas in Atlanta. The last time the Musketeers reached the round of 16 was in 1990, and they lost to Texas. ... Top-seeded Saint Joseph's will play Wake Forest, the alma mater of CBS analyst and Hawk critic Billy Packer, in East Rutherford. Packer played on the Wake Forest teams that beat Saint Joseph's in the 1961 and 1962 NCAA tournaments. ... The other six matchups will all be first-time NCAA meetings for the schools.

CONFERENCE CALLS
The Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big 12 and the Big East all have three teams still alive with the Big 12 the most impressive having started with four, while the other two had six each. The Atlantic 10 and Southeastern Conference each have two left, while the Big 10, Western Athletic Conference and Conference USA each have one. ... Last year the Big East had four teams in the round of 16 and the Big 12 had three.

Ride

Bearcats a day later.

The early exit gave the Cardinals a full week before their NCAA opener. Pitino thought the time off might re-energize his team and it looked like it had early in Friday's game.

The Cardinals led 42-31 at halftime and 53-39 five minutes into the second half. But the Musketeers put together a 36-10 run by shutting down Garcia and during the Cardinals to beat them inside.

Louisville couldn't. Big men Kendall Dartz and Otis George combined for eight points, characterizing a season-long weakness.

"It can't get any worse than our inside attack," Pitino said. "I think we've had less than 20 post moves on the season."

Much of the anticipation for next season hinges on the decision of signee Sebastian Telfair, a Brooklyn prep star widely consid-

ered the best point guard in the country. Pitino thinks Telfair will jump straight to the NBA, but Telfair said last week he still plans to join the Cardinals.

Even if Telfair doesn't come, Dean, Garcia and third-leading scorer Larry O'Bannon form a solid nucleus. Inside enforcer Ellis Myles returns after sitting out this season with a knee injury and Brandon Jenkins and Nate Daniels will once again support Dean and Garcia on the perimeter.

The incoming class includes 6-foot-7 guard/forward Donta

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Smith, 6-10 Louisville product Terrence Farley and 6-8 forward Brian Johnson.

"We're going to be a much better basketball team next year, overall, in everything, depth, talent, defense," Pitino said after the Xavier game. "But we're not thinking about next year right now."

"I'm thankful that the guys gave me a hell of a season, something I didn't expect," he said. "I wish it could have been a better postseason, but that's the breaks of the game."

ALC baseball team plays during Spring Break

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Alice Lloyd College baseball team played three series last week during the school's annual Spring Break. On Monday, ALC hosted Bryan College. The Eagles split a doubleheader, winning the first game 8-6 and losing the second game 3-1. Jeff Robbins was the winning pitcher in the first game. He allowed only three hits. Jesse Smith pitched the second game. All three of the runs scored against him were unearned.

On Tuesday, the Eagles traveled to Mid-Continent College for a doubleheader. Alice Lloyd lost the first game 7-5. Dan Howard had a home run in the setback. In the second game, Travis Slusher pitched a three hitter, but the Eagles lost 2-1.

Alice Lloyd hosted King College in a three-game series on Friday and Saturday. Joey Hager pitched well in the first game, giving up only four earned runs in a 6-5 loss. In the second game, Jeff Robbins pitched very well, before losing 3-2. All three runs were unearned. King then won the final game 7-0. The Eagles were scheduled to play at Morehead State University on Sunday but the

game was canceled because of inclement weather.

SOFTBALL — The Lady Eagles softball team traveled to Cocoa Beach, Fla. during Spring Break last week. The ALC ladies played eight games on the trip.

On Monday, Alice Lloyd played Ohio Valley College, losing 12-7. On Tuesday, Alice Lloyd played the University of Minnesota at Crookston, losing 11-0. On Wednesday, the Lady Eagles played Toronto Academy and Ontario Academy, losing 11-5 and 11-7. Alice Lloyd played Minnesota at Crookston again on Thursday, losing 14-1 and also dropped a game to Findlandia University from Michigan, 10-2. The Lady Eagles closed out the trip on Friday, losing two close games to Northland College (Minnesota), 8-6 and Fisher College from Massachusetts, 8-7.

TENNIS — The ALC men's and women's tennis teams will play their first matches of the season on Saturday at home against Pikeville College. The matches will begin at noon. This will be the first time that ALC has fielded a tennis team in several years.

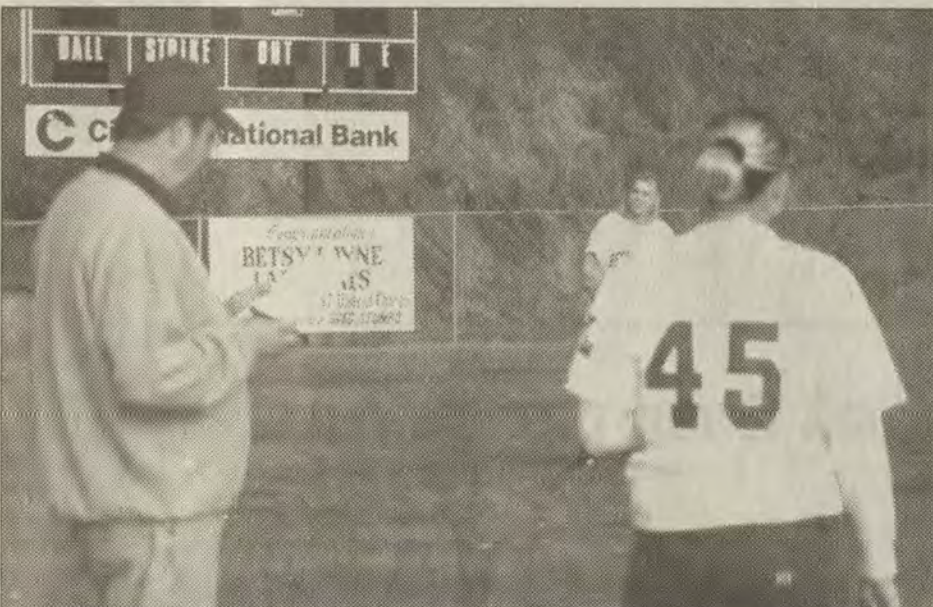


photo by Steve LeMaster

Harold Tackett (left) is set to enter his first season at the top of the Betsy Layne High softball program.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Each team scored two runs in Monday evening's scrimmage between host Betsy Layne and Magoffin County.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne High head football coach Jackie Bush had several players out Monday evening during a spring practice session. The 2004 season will be Bush's second at the helm of the Betsy Layne High grid program.

COLLEGE BOWLING

Pikeville College women's bowling wins Sectional, headed to National

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Life is good for Ron Damron and the Pikeville College women's bowling program.

The school began bowling in 2000-01 with men only and added women the following year, and for the third time in as many seasons as a sport, the Lady Bears have won their Sectional Tournament.

Intercollegiate Bowling Championships has four Sectionals around the country. This year, they were in Lexington, Downingtown, Penn., Kansas City and Tempe. The top four teams from each site qualify for the national tournament coming up in April, this

year in Tulsa, Okla.

Pikeville had won the Sectional each of the last two seasons in Downingtown, a suburb of Philadelphia. This year, however, they were sent to Eastland Bowl on New Circle Road and came out on top again.

The teams bowled 64 games Saturday and Sunday with the four posting the top scores advancing. The Baker System is used, meaning each team uses five bowlers per game, with each rolling two frames in rotation.

"The Baker format truly makes it a team sport," said Damron, the coach of the program who has been with it since the beginning. "It's really a fun, fast-paced way to bowl."

COLLEGE GOLF

Pikeville downs UVa-Wise

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BIG STONE GAP, Va. — The UVA-Wise spring golf season got off to an inauspicious beginning Friday when the host Cavs dropped their opening match 301-347 at

Lonesome Pine Country Club to non-conference foe Pikeville College. The two squads were slated to meet again Monday at StoneCrest, but the match has been postponed until April. No exact date has been set.

Damron subbed liberally all weekend and got several players involved over the 64 games, and the freshness paid off. Pikeville posted a final total of 11,795.

Morehead State University finished second with 11,680. Kansas followed with 11,292.

The real drama came in the battle for the fourth and final spot in the national tournament, with two schools from the Hoosier State doing battle. Ball State and Purdue came right down to the final frame before BSU won by the slimmest of margins, finishing with 11,059 to edge a heartbroken Boilermaker squad by a single pin.

On the men's side, things didn't go as well for Pikeville. The men finished fifth with a total of 12,603, coming up 113 behind Purdue.

"I was very proud of our guys," said Damron. "They fought hard all weekend and rallied down the stretch, but in the end Purdue held on. They had a good season and I'm very proud of them."

Pikeville headed into the final 16 games Sunday afternoon behind by about 120 pins. They got the gap under 80 before the Boilermakers pulled away.

Vincennes University won the men's draw, finishing nearly 300 pins ahead of Kansas.

Morehead State came in third.

Eagles

win three consecutive titles, accomplishing the feat between 1977 and 1979.

"We don't feel any pressure," said Sacred Heart star senior Crystal Kelly, the 2003-04 Associated Press Player of the Year. "It's state and it's big, but we feel like if we play as well as we can play, no one out there can beat us."

The Valkyries have already proven they can beat just about everyone left in their path.

During the regular season, Sacred Heart defeated six teams in this week's tournament —

two of them twice — and hasn't lost to an in-state school since December 2001, a 91-game streak.

Moir worked the phones during the last offseason to line up as many challenging out-of-state opponents as she could find. The Valkyries played teams from 13 states this season and that paid off as the Kentucky portion of the slate unfolded.

"Competition-wise, the strength of our schedule was really good," Moir said. "We really needed that. That kept us

mentally ready to play because every night, we were playing somebody tough. That's really helping us at the end."

Sacred Heart (33-1), the Region Seven champion, opens the tournament Thursday against Region One winner Marshall County (29-2). The Lady Marshals have won 20 in a row, but played in the far western corner of the state most of the season — out of Sacred Heart's view.

"Not too many people know a lot about them," Moir said. "They haven't played much outside of western Kentucky, but any team that wins 30 games has something going right."

The team that took Sacred Heart to the wire in last year's championship game — Lexington Catholic — opens the tournament against Region 14 winner Perry Co. Central (29-3) on Wednesday.

Lexington Catholic (26-7), the Region 11 champion, has no seniors on the roster this year, but has surged to 12 consecutive

wins since a 26-point loss to Sacred Heart on Feb. 3.

The Valkyries also beat Lexington Catholic 53-50 on Dec. 23 and Moir said that game is a more accurate gauge of how closely the teams match up.

"You've got to throw out the blowout," Moir said. "They just had a bad night and we hit about everything we threw up."

Another serious challenger is Region Two champion Christian County (30-3), which was ranked third in the state in the season's final AP poll. The Lady Colonels have nine upperclassmen on their roster and AP first-team All-State sophomore center Arnika Brown.

Christian County opens with Rockcastle County, the state's No. 4 team in the final poll, on Thursday. The Lady Rockets (30-3) defeated Jackson County and first-team all-state center Sarah Elliott in the Region 13 final, but lost star guard Johnna Abney to an injured ankle in the

game. Region Six champion Louisville Butler (24-6) meets Region Eight champion Bullitt East (28-4) in the tournament opener on Wednesday. Ninth Region winner Boone County (28-4) meets 12th Region champion Wayne County (24-7) in the second game of the first day.

Tenth Region Paris (25-8) plays Fifth Region champion Central Hardin (24-7) in Wednesday's other game. Both teams avenged district tourna-

ment losses in their regional championships.

Region Four champion Barren County (25-5) faces Third Region champion Muhlenberg North (25-6) and 16th Region winner East Carter (28-5) meets 15th Region winner Pike County Central (21-10) in Thursday's other openers. Louisville Butler, Marshall County and Lexington Catholic are the only teams in the field other than Sacred Heart that have won previous state championships.

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Score

Minix scored the first goal of the game and the lead was 1-0 at halftime. DeRossett scored the second goal to give the Highlanders a 2-0 lead. The Ashland squad came back with a goal to make it 2-1, but soon thereafter the Highlanders went on a tear of four more goals, interrupted by only one goal by the Ashland squad.

The Highlanders play their final game in Ashland on Saturday. Start time is set for 9:45 a.m.

Hurley

Looking ahead to the 2004-05 high school boys' basketball season, Hurley sees another competitive group of teams in the 15th Region. East Ridge made its first trip to the state tournament earlier this month. The Warriors, in two years of existence, have won back-to-back 59th District titles, beating Shelby Valley in both title games.

"I don't want the pre-season number one, three of four will do me just fine," said Hurley. "I think that South Floyd is a pre-season number two behind (Shelby) Valley. I actually feel that Johnson Central will be the third best team in the region above us and possibly P'burg."

Two local boys are playing on a squad in the U14 division of the Ashland YMCA league. Luke Greene and Christian Smith have been part of a very successful season that started off in a less than stellar fashion. The team's first game (without Greene participating) was a 12-0 drubbing at the hands of the Ashland Orange team. However, since that time, the has gone undefeated and has dominated most of the games. The boys have one remaining game at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday in Ashland.

Information on the annual Warrior Classic is expected to be released near the end of the week.

National power Oak Hill Academy participated in the Warrior Classic this past season.

One of the players Hurley must find a way to replace is senior Robbie Spears, a player who hauled in over 1,000 rebounds and scored over 1,000 points during a prep career.

"We have Jordan Coleman who will be a senior that played a lot of minutes for us has good size and will only get better," added Hurley. East Ridge finished the season 24-8.

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Tie

hard to get better."

Tackett last coached girls' softball at Prestonsburg High School.

He sees a key to his new team's success lying in its ability to learn the fundamentals.

"We need a lot of fundamental work," admitted Tackett. "We will be better as we get more practice time."

Two top returning players for Betsy Layne are Kim Clark and Misty Tackett.

Betsy Layne will open its season at home on April 6 against Paintsville.

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Team

tournament that features host Pikeville, Betsy Layne, Allen Central and Phelps, the Bobcats will be pitted against the home-standing Panthers, a team tabbed by some as the pre-season favorite in the 15th Region.

The 2004 season will be Newsome's second straight at the helm of the Betsy Layne baseball program.

During the upcoming season, Betsy Layne will share its home field with Allen Central. A story on the new-look Allen Park field will appear in Friday's edition.

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Stuns

Pittsburgh on Thursday night at Continental Airlines Arena. Antonio Burks and led Memphis (22-8) with 21 points. Pittsburgh 59, Wisconsin 55

MILWAUKEE — Carl Krauser scored 16 points, and Julius Page added 12 to lead Pittsburgh (31-4).

Devin Harris scored 21 points for the Badgers (25-7), but none after his 3-pointer gave Wisconsin a 40-37 lead.

Atlanta Regional Xavier 89, Mississippi St. 74 ORLANDO, Fla. — Lionel Chalmers scored a career-high 31 points, and Dedrick Finn added 22, helping seventh-seeded Xavier upset second-seeded Mississippi State.

Xavier (25-10), which has won 15 of its last 16, will face third-seeded Texas on Friday night at the Georgia Dome.

Shane Power led Mississippi State (26-4) with 16 points. Illinois 92, Cincinnati 68

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Deron Williams hit his first seven shots, and fifth-seeded Illinois rolled past Cincinnati.

Williams matched his career high with 31 points, going 10-of-13 from the field, and Illinois (26-6) shot a season-high 63.6 percent. The Big Ten regular-season champion will play top-seeded Duke on Friday night at the Georgia Dome.

Dee Brown added 14 points, eight assists and two slight-of-hand plays that helped Illinois take control early. Field Williams led fourth-seeded Cincinnati (26-7) with 16 points.

Phoenix Regional Vanderbilt 75, N. Carolina St. 73

ORLANDO, Fla. — Matt Freije scored 31 points, and Corey Smith's three-point play with 21.2 seconds remaining lifted sixth-seeded Vanderbilt past North Carolina State.

The Commodores (23-9) will play second-seeded Connecticut on Thursday night at America West Arena.

Ilian Evtimov had a career-high 28 points for third-seeded North Carolina State (21-10).

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UK

UAB — clinched a 61-56 win over North Carolina. Ten days later, Kentucky dealt eventual Southeastern Conference champion Mississippi State its first loss, as Daniels scored on a lay-in as time expired to give the Wildcats the 67-66 win.

Then came another low — a 65-57 home loss to Georgia, which snapped Kentucky's 19-game regular-season SEC winning streak. The Wildcats stumbled again at Vanderbilt, but mostly proved they knew how to win close games, recording three one-point wins in their first eight SEC games.

Another loss to Georgia caused Smith, who had expressed his dissatisfaction with what he saw as his team's lack of physical play, to begin scheduling 6 a.m. practices. He also handed over more play-calling responsibility to Hawkins, his senior point guard. Suddenly, the Wildcats began routinely rout-

ing opponents, winning their next 10 games by an average of 16.3 points.

But the Wildcats' trademark defensive intensity waned in the NCAA tournament. Florida A&M, which came in with a losing record, hung with Kentucky for about 27 minutes before the Wildcats won 96-76.

UAB, which also upset Kentucky in the second round of the NCAA tournament in 1981, led most of the way and didn't panic when Kentucky took a six-point lead with 5:06 left. Instead, it was Kentucky that uncharacteristically committed turnovers on three critical possessions, and Fitch and Chuck Hayes missed last-second shots that would have won the game.

Kentucky lost for only the ninth time in its last 68 games.

"It was an unbelievable run," senior center Erik Daniels said. "It just ended too soon."

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Reds demote four players, 36 remain in camp

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — The Cincinnati Reds on Monday optioned Felipe Lopez to Class AAA Louisville and reassigned to their minor league camp pitcher Aaron Myette, catcher Dane Sardinha and outfielder Reggie Taylor.

That leaves 36 players in the big-league camp, including 30 on the roster and six non-roster

players who were invited to camp.

The roster list includes several players who are injured and expected to play little this season, including right-hander D.J. Mattox, who underwent surgery last week on his pitching elbow, and outfielder John Vander Wal, who had surgery to repair a torn knee ligament he suffered at home in January.

Martin

part-time starters Mara Bilter and Yumekia Hunter return along with several others.

"Mara and Yumekia got some opportunities to play this past season and both just really came on strong towards the end and gained some experience," the Lady Rebel coach acknowledged.

Alanna Cline and Brandi Meade are a couple of other underclassmen that could play a big role in next season's success.

"I thought Alanna and Brandi hung tough all season," said Martin "They did not get to play a lot of minutes but both are big

factor's heading into next year."

Replacing Terri Mullins at the guard spot will not be easy.

"Amanda Mills was improving before her injury kept her out of post season," said Martin. "Amanda Thacker, Kim Bilter, and Sarah Johnson could earn playing time with a productive summer."

The Lady Rebel coach definitely enjoyed the past season.

"Looking back, like I said earlier, it was one of the more enjoyable seasons due to the group of kids and the support that they received over the course of the season," Martin concluded.

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Johnson wins Carolina Dodge Dealers 400

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Jimmie Johnson barely beat Bobby Labonte out of the pits on his last stop Sunday, then held off a late challenge to win the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400.

It didn't look like Johnson or anyone else had a chance to beat Labonte as the former Cup champion built a lead of more

than half a straightaway over Kurt Busch with only 20 laps left in the 293-lap event.

Labonte, who won the Southern 500 here in 2000, gave it a good try. He got the nose of his car next to Johnson's rear quarterpanel several times, but couldn't quite catch the leader, finishing 0.132 seconds — about two car lengths — behind.



In recent Ashland YMCA indoor soccer league action, U12 Highlanders midfielder Kaitlyn Minix and forward Alyson Salyer raced to win the ball against the defense of the blue team.



EKYS HIGHLANDERS: Front row (left to right) Madyson Nunnery, Kathleen Smith, Jerraly Kelsey, and Clara Osborne. Back row Kaitlyn Minix, Tori Hunt, Tori Parker, Elizabeth Davis, Alexis DeRossett and Alyson Salyer. Not pictured is team member Katy Petry.

Warren Central 66, Mason County 56

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Warren Central shook off a little history and a rough start to the season with a 21-game winning streak that ended with a state championship.

The Dragons (29-7) hadn't advanced past the quarterfinals in six previous Sweet 16 appearances, but they made believers Saturday of the 22,001 people in attendance — the third-largest crowd ever to watch a state championship game.

After a 4-5 start, Warren Central capped its 21-game win streak with a 66-56 victory over Mason County Saturday night in the Boys Sweet 16 title game at Rupp Arena.

"It's time to give our kids credit for what they did," Warren Central coach Tim Riley said after the Dragons won the school's first state basketball title. "It's time people recognize that."

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POISON OAK

Today's country and hillbilly are two different things

One day last week, I found myself standing in line at the grocery store behind a former neighbor. Knowing he was, at one time, into country music pretty heavy, I asked him if he was "still pickin'." Quite naturally, that led to further discussion of that particular genre, and as he paid for his bag of brown sugar, he commented, "I can't even listen to the stuff they play today."



Clyde Pack

Well, amen to that. Since I didn't just fall off the turnip truck, I'm smart enough to know that as far as music industry executives

are concerned, the bottom line is the bottom line. But with that said, I'll say this: What's happened to country music is a crying shame. Don't get me wrong. I am not pretending to be an expert on country music. But I'm not exactly a novice either, inasmuch as, when I was growing up in Muddy Branch, I was a regular listener to Randy Blake's "Suppertime Frolic" on WJJD, Chicago, during the week, and the "Grand Ole Opry" on Saturday night.

The way I look at it, that in itself qualifies me to state flatly that guys like Carl Smith, Webb Pierce and Stonewall Jackson sang country songs.

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KIM'S KORNER

Examine the Real You!

Have you ever given yourself a "self-examination"?

Not in the physical realm, but the spiritual realm.

What is dearest to your heart?

Think hard, answer with gut wrenching truthfulness.

If you're a mother, you may say your children, maybe it's your spouse, maybe it's that new shiny car in the driveway, maybe it's your pet that's dearest to your heart, and maybe, just maybe, it's YOU!



Kim Frasure

OUCH! What a thing to say!

Our children are into so many things, night after night, then there's work, supper, laundry, and other household chores, that's it's just easier to seek that Calgon soak that promises to "take you away," than to spare ten minutes with the Word of God.

What if your spouse demands so much of your time that there's none left for reading, or for even saying a prayer.

What if that new car becomes your focal point - keeping it spotless and treating it as though it's the most precious thing ever created.

Then there are the pets - their needs before anyone else's, heaven forbid, after all, they too, are God's creatures, right?

And last but certainly not least, what if YOU are your main focus in life?

(See KORNER, page eight)

MAC & JWT

A note from Marty Childers:

Dear Sunday School Teachers & Church Leaders,

We have developed a Sunday School Educational Package good for grades K-7 to coincide with Jenny Wiley Theatre and The Mountain Arts Center's production of "HONK! The Ugly Duckling Musical". We

encourage church groups to take advantage of this wonderful family production and Sunday School Educational Package. If you are bringing a group from your Church and wish to utilize the Educational Package, please mention it when ordering your tickets. We will gladly

forward the package via email to you or your church. For more information on HONK!, read on.

The Mountain Arts Center & Jenny Wiley Theatre Present HONK! The Ugly Duckling Musical Sponsored by Appalachian Wireless In their first-ever spring produc-

tion, Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center will present the hilarious musical, Honk! at the Mountain Arts Center April 13, 15, 16, & 17.

(See NOTE, page eight)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Little Justin Clouse, age 3, flashes a big smile for the camera as he and his buddy, Jerome Greathouse, president, The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, pause for a moment while they decide which Power Wheels model they're going to take home during a recent Dream Factory sponsored Wal-Mart shopping spree held just for Justin.

'Power' dream for special child Dream Factory

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

It was a world filled with interactive toys, mighty Power Wheels play vehicles and lots and lots of fresh shopping carts as tiny little Justin Clouse made his way down the aisles of the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart last Thursday afternoon.

Justin, the son of Gordon and Joyce Clouse, of Thelma, was getting a wish come true as members of the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky met at the store to present him with a Wal-Mart shopping spree dream. Already the type of child who sports a huge smile and laughing eyes for any he meets, Justin's smile just got bigger and bigger with each turn of

the shopping cart as he picked out a wide variety of interactive, talking, singing and dancing toys, as well as several other fun and educational items.

"We spent a little over \$2,000 getting those big smiles from Justin," said Jerome Greathouse, president of the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky. "But you really don't have to work very hard to get a smile from Justin, he smiles like that all the time," he said.

Among some of the other items Justin received from his shopping spree dream were a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificate, clothing, a swing set, a VCR and several VHS videos, a Play Station 2 and several games, a karaoke machine complete with

microphone, an Elmo sofa for his room, and several other interactive play toys such as an electronic toy cash register and a toy cell phone with beeps and rings designed to capture the attention of any pre-schooler. But perhaps the grandest prize of all was a Power Wheels John Deere tractor and pull wagon that Tony Caudill, treasurer of the local dream organization, made a special trip to a neighboring Wal-Mart in Paintsville, to pick up. "He really wanted that tractor," said Greathouse, "and the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart was out of stock, so Tony made a special trip to Paintsville to pick one up for him. We didn't want to leave anything out that was going to make this dream for Justin."

Justin, who has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy and hemiplegia, a condition of paralysis on one side of the body, suffered an infant stroke at the time of his birth. He has two siblings, Tiffany and Brian.

If you know of a child who might be eligible for the granting of a Dream Factory dream, contact Jerome Greathouse, president, at 886-0556, or write to the following address: The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, P.O. Box 47, Auxier, KY 41602. You may also email to: jgreathouse@setel.com.

If you would like to become involved with the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky as a sponsor or volunteer, contact Greathouse at the above phone number or addresses.

CRITTER CORNER

The Journey

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,
DVM

When you bring a pet into your life, you begin a journey - a journey that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet also tests your strength and courage. If you allow it, the journey will teach you many things about life, about yourself, and, most of all, about love. You will come

away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving its mark.

Along the way, you will learn much about savoring life's simple pleasures - jumping leaves, snoozing in the sun, the joys of puddles, and even the satisfaction of a good scratch behind the ears. Your house will become muddier and hairier. You will wear less dark clothing and buy more lint rollers. You

may find dog biscuits in your pocket or purse, and feel the need to explain that an old plastic shopping bag adorns your living room rug because your cat loves the crinkly sound of it.

You will learn the true measure of love - the steadfast, undying kind that says, "It doesn't matter where we are or what we do, or how life treats us as



This is "Jake," an 11-month old golden retriever, that belongs to Kaye and Don Willis, of Prestonsburg. Kaye says that she took this photo at Stonecrest, atop Maggie Mountain, one of Jake's favorite places. "Jake likes to go up there and chase rocks that we throw for him," she writes. Beautiful picture, Kaye!

(See CRITTER, page eight)

School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Apr. 17 - Community Baby Shower, Mt. Arts Center, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. FREE to all Floyd County expectant parents or parents with children up to 1 year of age. Mini-workshops, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags, refreshments. Sponsored by various community agencies.

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

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

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

coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

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

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

• 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

■ March 25 - SBDM Council meeting, 4:30 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

■ March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK.

■ 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

■ March 25 & 26 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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

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

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

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP CALENDAR:

■ 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.

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

■ Mar. 25 - Open House, 5-7 p.m., for parents of new students interested in attending MCA's Preschool thru 8th grades. Call 285-5141 for more information.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ April 5 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school auditorium. All welcome.

■ April 17 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. For additional info., call the FRC at 886-7088.

■ April 25 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," sponsored by the Floyd County FRYSC's, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Door prizes, fun workshops and FREE lunch!

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

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(March 30, and April 1, 1994)

A Floyd County Grand Jury is asking that the state attorney general's office investigate alleged public corruption in Floyd County, and the county's solid waste department. Grand jurors issued their report, Monday, their last day of service, requesting that a special grand jury be impaneled to deal with "the possible criminal violations with the problems concerning solid waste in Floyd County." A spokesman for the attorney general said, later, that the attorney general's office had not been notified of the grand jury's request...State Alcoholic Beverage Control officers cited eight adults and six juveniles on alcohol related charges, Saturday night, during a new sting dubbed Operation Intercept. Six of the underage adults charged with attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages, and two adults were charged with unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly purchasing alcohol for juveniles. Those charged with attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages were: Richard Blackburn, 19, of Louisa, Jason Marcum, 18, of Louisa, Franklin K. Fitzpatrick, 18, of Prestonsburg, Lisa K. Stephens, 20, of Allen; and Brent A. Hamilton, 18, of Hager Hill. Johanna C. Burke, 18, of Hager Hill, was charged with being a minor in possession of alcoholic beverages. Rodney D. Stepp, 22, of Inez, was arrested for unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly purchasing alcoholic beverages for juveniles. Cordell W. Griffith, 21, of David, was charged with two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor. The names of the juveniles were not released...Members of the Mountain Area Drug Task Force and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, arrested a Wheelwright man, Friday, after he allegedly sold crack cocaine to undercover officers. After a three-week investigation, Bobby Hood, 22, was charged Friday, with trafficking in a control substance, crack cocaine and cocaine, after he allegedly sold an undercover officer one "eight-ball" of crack cocaine, and one "eight-ball" of powder cocaine. An eight-ball is approximately three-and-a-half grams of cocaine or crack cocaine...Their search for new sources of revenue is taking Prestonsburg City Council members down a well-traveled path where some city businesses have apparently strayed from the straight and narrow. Council voted, Monday evening, to actively seek collections on past due occupational tax license fees, which could bring in several thousand dollars...The Floyd County Health Department's Home Health Agency has asked the state for permission to expand its service area to

include all of Floyd County. Currently, the Home Health Agency's service area covers the northern end of the county, but stops at Martin. The home health service is available to patients who have been released from the hospital, but need care at home, said Jane Bond, with the Floyd County Health Department...A former Floyd County road department employee, who was terminated from his job, last year, said Monday, that he is not close to settling a federal lawsuit he filed against the county. Fred Mynhier, who was a mechanic at the county garage, said he was dismissed from his job, because he hired an attorney in an attempt to receive the same amount of pay and benefits as the county road employees...Two Floyd County men were arrested, Wednesday, in separate investigations and charged with having inappropriate sexual contact with minors. Martin City Police and the Floyd County sheriff's deputy lieutenant Ricky Thornberry arrested Delbert "Deberg" Thompson, 58, early Wednesday morning, and charged him with two counts of first degree unlawful transaction with a minor. Thompson was also charged with possession of marijuana, cultivating marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. In a separate search, Wednesday, Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and lieutenant Lloyd Powers arrested James "Jim" Hall, 78, of Wilson Creek, and charged him with use of a minor in a sexual performance, possession of marijuana, prescription drugs not in proper container, and possession of drug paraphernalia...Two Floyd County attorneys have been recommended to Governor Brereton Jones for an appointment to fill the vacancy of Division 1 circuit judge. A judicial nominating committee met with Chief Justice Robert Stephens in Prestonsburg, Wednesday, to review the two applications for the post and recommended that Steve Sanders and Paul Burchett be considered for the job...The case of a 22-year-old Wheelwright man charged with trafficking in crack cocaine, and cocaine has been waived to the grand jury. Bobby Hood is facing five felony drug charges after he allegedly sold undercover officers of the Mountain Area Drug Task Force crack cocaine and cocaine, on several occasions...When Pastor Mark Tackett and layman Reed Volk of Pleasant Home Baptist Church on Lancer/Water Gap Road near Prestonsburg, went on a three-week foreign mission trip to Romania on February 20, they took with them \$30,000 worth of medicine and medical supplies donated by area medical personnel in Floyd, Martin, and Pike counties. The pair was on a mission of mercy, dispensing medicine and the Gospel to a people in need of both...A community-wide effort to spruce up Prestonsburg kicks off today, April 1, and will continue through

the month. The spring clean-up, a joint project between city government and the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, will offer some special services for participants and will serve as the starting point for a program that sponsors hope will become a year-round campaign...There died: Charlie "Short" Akers, 77, of Dana, Sunday, March 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Thelma Kendrick Goble, 56, of Sullivan, Ohio, formerly of Tram, Wednesday, March 23, at the Southwest General Hospital in Middleburg, Ohio; SMSGT Charles A. Ramey, 58, of Enon, Saturday, March 26, in the USAF Medical Center, Wright Patterson AFB; Vivian H. Bradley, 58, of Wayland, Friday, March 25, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Gracie Whitaker Slone, 68, Sunday, March 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Oral Gibson, 74, of McDowell, Sunday, March 27, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Clifton Hughes, 63, of Honaker, Saturday, March 26, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Goldie Hall Hamilton, 85, of Teaberry, March 27, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ruby Mae Bentley, 53, of Garrett, Friday, March 25, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Littie "Marie" Mitchell, 62, of Shelby, Ohio, Thursday, March 24, at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio; Trilby Allen May, 86, of Maytown, (Langley), Sunday, March 27; Marie Akers Conn, 78, of Dana, Saturday, March 26, at her residence; Eugene Hamilton, 61, of Detroit, Michigan, formerly of Teaberry, Wednesday, March 23, at Wyandotte General Hospital, Wyandotte, Michigan; Fisher Tuttle, 79, of Hollybush, Sunday, March 27, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Joshua Case, 76, of New London, Ohio, Saturday, March 26, at Fisher Titus Medical Center, in Norwalk, Ohio; Lewis Wright Jr., 58, of Allen, Monday, March 28, at his residence; Fayette Castle Robinson, 49, of Shelby Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, Tuesday, March 29, at Mansfield General Hospital, Mansfield, Ohio; Merline Johnson, 60, of Melvin, Wednesday, March 30, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Timmy Dean Hamilton, 29, of Lancaster, March 29, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Christopher Columbus Hamilton, 80, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Beaver, Wednesday, March 30, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 4, 1984)

The Martin Junior Pro girls basketball team was presented the keys to the City of Martin by Martin Mayor Raymond Griffith, after they returned national

champions from weekend play in the National Junior Pro Girls Basketball Championship in Knoxville, Tennessee...Two Mud Creek beer retailers had their licenses suspended, Monday, after a finding by Alcoholic Beverage Control administrator, Denzil Allen, that they had violated liquor laws...Local sportsmen's group turns a 1,500-acre strip job site into a game habitat near Martin...Bill and Dave's TV was burglarized over the weekend for the second time in four months...There died: Richard Wayne Blackburn, 25, of Dwale, Thursday, at his home, from an apparent heart attack; Jeremy Slone, son of Frankie L. and Barbara Nelson Slone of David, was stillborn, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Betty Newman, 91, of Hi Hat, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Fred Ward, 72, of McDowell, Tuesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Joe James Kilburn, 45, of Martin, Saturday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Albert DeRossett, 77, of Bull Creek, last Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ernie Branham, 77, of East Point, last Wednesday, at his home; Helton Slone, 72, of McDowell, Sunday, at his home; Dewey Martin, 75, of McDowell, Friday, March 30, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Raymond Cross, 63, of Harold, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Jackie L. Jarrell, 48, of Dana, March 17, at Dana.

Thirty Years Ago

(April 3, 1974)

A windstorm, approaching tornado proportions, wove a crazy quilt pattern as it dipped into widely scattered areas of the county, late Monday night, causing damage which may exceed \$200,000...The grand jury, of six men and six women, which was empaneled, Monday morning, will have two deaths to investigate, and a decision to make on both, if murder indictments are to be returned...County Judge Henry Stumbo admits that the task of locating landfills that are acceptable to residents of the county, and also to governmental agencies, is a most frustrating experience...The strike, which began Sunday midnight, at the McDowell Regional Hospital and seven other Appalachian Regional Hospitals had, as of Tuesday afternoon, run a steady course...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reynolds, of Huntsville, Ala., a son, Jim III, March 27, in Huntsville...There died: Webster Akers, 88, well-known former resident of the Mud Creek section, last

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Korner

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Your needs, your wants, and to the fiery pits of hell with anyone or anything that thinks differently.

Listen to yourself, when you talk, do you use the word "I" in every sentence you utter?

Or maybe the word "me"? It ain't an easy challenge, by any means.

To look inwardly, toward this "self-examination" especially, is a little bit harder than just having a look in the mirror.

Most times, the inward look is a whole lot harder than the outward approach.

Unless, of course, it's diet time, then those mirror images can be just as bad.

Identify your true hearts desire. Whoa, baby!

The notorious Prayer of Jabez has been something very dear to my heart. Through the proverbial grapevine (if you will) that particular prayer has been considered "selfish" by some. You've got to be kidding me, I say!

For this very reason, I want to begin to take that prayer apart, line by line, for insight into its meaning.

#1. The first line in the Prayer of Jabez asks God to Bless Me. This is probably where the word "selfish" comes in. How could one ask God to Bless themselves, rather than others? Well, if God doesn't Bless you, how are you going to be a blessing to others?

You have to be a blessing, in order to share a blessing.

#2. Enlarge my territory is the second request Jabez made.

Which means to enable you to expand your ability to share or to touch other's using the blessings God bestows upon you. Or, to increase the desires of one's heart. Um!

#3. Asks God that His Hand be with me, and that God would

keep me from evil, so that I may not cause pain. Now that request could in no way be considered "selfish". For all of us wish for God's hand to be with us (don't we?), to keep us from evil, and surely we would not want to cause other's any pain.

We are to abide by the law of Love in God's Word.

Love being the most important of all commands. We are to think of how we treat one another, how we "give" to one another, and how we speak to one another.

Hence: "There is a Miracle in our Mouths!"

And last, #4 of the Prayer of Jabez, says, "So God granted him what he requested."

Such a short, simple prayer yet it says so much, and, most importantly, God granted this prayer request!

The well known phrase, "reap what you sow", or "what goes around comes around" to me is Eastern KY slang for what the Bible is telling us.

With that in mind, here is a challenge. Give yourself self-examination!

What seeds are you sowing? What are you reaping? Blessings or turmoil?

What are you sending out, and is it coming back around hitting you smack dab in the face?

If so, don't throw out your Calgon, just add God's Word with it, every spare minute you have.

After all, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all the desires of your heart will be added to you".

How much better could it get?

Critter

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long as we are together." Respect this always. It is the most precious gift any living soul can give another. You will not find it often among the human race.

And, you will learn humility. The look in my dog's eyes often makes me feel ashamed at having such joy and love appear in my humble presence. My dog sees me not as some flawed human who can be, much too often, cross and stubborn and moody and rude, but only as her wonderful companion. Or maybe she does see those things and dismisses them as mere human foibles, not worth considering, and so chooses to love me

anyway. If you pay attention and learn well, when this journey is done, you will be not just a better person, but the person your pet always knew you to be - the one they were proud to call "beloved friend."

But I must caution you that this journey will not be without pain. Like all paths of true love, the pain is part of the loving. For as surely as the sun sets, one day your dear animal companion will follow a trail you cannot yet go down. And you will have to find the strength and love to let them go.

A pet's time on earth is far too short - especially for those

that love them. We borrow them, really, just for awhile, and during these brief years they are generous enough to give us all their love, every inch of their spirit and heart, until one day there is nothing left.

The cat that only yesterday was a kitten is all too soon old and frail and spending her days sleeping in the sun. The young pup full of boundless energy all too soon wakes up feeling stiff and lame, his muzzle now gone gray.

Deep down, we somehow always knew that this journey would end. We knew that if we gave our hearts, they would be broken. But give

them we must for it is all they ask in return.

When the time comes, and the road curves ahead to a place we cannot see, we give one final gift and let them run on ahead - young and whole once more. "Godspeed, good friend," we say, until our journey comes full circle and our paths cross once again.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Carol was busy this past weekend with the Eastern Kentucky Kennel Club Dog Show, so we've taken the liberty of allowing her a much needed rest by locating this little offering on the www.traveling-dogs.com website.)

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Did we fail to mention that HONK! will really "Quack" you up?

Did we fail to mention that this show is great for Church Sunday School classes and youth groups?

Did we fail to mention that HONK! is the perfect Family Show and that children and adults alike will love the production?

HONK! is a contemporary retelling of Han Christian Andersen's classic story, "The Ugly Duckling." The show won the Olivier Award (the British equivalent to the Tony Award) over Disney's The Lion King and features a Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat-like score that kids and adults alike will enjoy. Written by George Stiles and Anthon Drewe, HONK! is the story of Ugly, whose odd, gawky looks incite prejudice from his family and neighbors. Separated from the farm and pursued by a hungry cat, Ugly must find his way home. Along his rollicking and harrowing journey, he not only discovers his true beauty and glorious destiny, but also finds love and acceptance. Witty and hilarious, but also deeply moving, HONK!'s charm, humor and message of tolerance are perfect for audiences of all ages.

School Matinees are on Tuesday, April 13 and

Thursday, April 15 with performances beginning at 9:30 AM and Noon. The show's running time is 90 minutes.

Teacher's guides are available for participating schools upon request.

School Matinee Tickets are \$6/Student & \$8/Adult

For School Matinee Tickets, call the Mountain Arts Center locally at 886-2623 or toll free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

Public Performances will be held Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 beginning at 7:30 PM.

Public Performance Tickets \$8/Youth (under 21) \$10/Seniors (55+) \$12/Adult

For Public Performance Group Rates, contact the Theatre at 1-877-CALL-JWT or email groups@jwtheatre.com.

For more information go online at www.jwtheatre.com

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Mar. 25 - Health Awareness program, 7th & 8th grades, Floyd County Health Dept.

Apr. 7 - 4-H Project Day, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Apr. 17 - "Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mountain Arts Ctr.

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

Mountain Arts Ctr.

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.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

March 6, 2004

A son, Gavin Chase Clemons, to Victoria Clemons

March 9, 2004

A daughter, Makinley LaShae Cantrell, to Mary and Brent Cantrell

March 9, 2004

A son, Craig Keagan Haney II, to Amy and Craig Keagan Haney

March 9, 2004

A son, Kelsey Leigh Daniels, to Savannah Spears

March 9, 2004

A daughter, Andrea Leigh Terry, to Sarah Lou Terry

March 10, 2004

A daughter, Randa LeRae Fletcher, to Jennifer and Gregory Fletcher

March 10, 2004

A son, Jordon Thomas McCoy, to Rachel and Henry McCoy

March 11, 2004

A son, Zachary Ryan McKenzie, to Melissa and Daniel McKenzie

March 11, 2004

A daughter, Summer Paige Williams, to Jennifer and Anthony David Williams

Oak

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Of course, that was then, and this is now, so what I want to know is who decided to call what they play on the radio now, country? I mean, who decided that just because a guy wears a hat and tight jeans, he's a country singer.

Unlike my friend, I can tolerate some of the stuff being played today, but it's not country. When Elvis and Pat Boone and Fats Domino started making records back in the 1950s, I liked that too. But as far as I know, nobody tried to pretend that what they were doing was hillbilly (which is what folks used to call country, before we all got so high falutin').

Disc jockey Allan Freed is credited for calling the new music of the time "Rock and Roll." So, we had our hillbilly music, and we had our rock and roll music. I enjoyed both, but since they were two entirely different things, we called them different things.

Why doesn't somebody with some influence—somebody who ought to know the difference—

come up with another name for what folks are now calling country?

Lets face it; it's almost to the point that the only time you can hear real, traditional country music is if you listen to the "Grand Ole Opry." Think about it, how long has it been since you've heard Loretta Lynn or Porter Wagoner on the radio? It's even rarer when stations play George Jones.

It just seems to me that since music today has become such a sophisticated billion-dollar business, somebody, somewhere could think of a better name than country for music that isn't.

Or, since nobody wants to come up with a new name for the new music, perhaps we can go back to calling traditional country, hillbilly. It wouldn't bother me a bit, and at least when I heard a radio station advertising itself as a country station, I wouldn't tune in expecting to hear a hillbilly song.

Yesterdays

Thursday, here; Byron Nunnery, 62, well-known Prestonsburg businessman, and former city official, last Wednesday, near Stanton; Mrs. Morine Tuffts, 52, of Wayland, Sunday, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Mrs. Artie Marrs, 75, formerly of Martin, Friday, in Jacksonville, Fla...Mrs. Dessie E. Meadows, 68, of Manton, last Thursday, at Martin; Roy Brandenburg, 69, of Wayland, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Mary Marsillett Hale, 81, of Blue River, Saturday, here; Sophia Burke Fairchild, 84, formerly of this section, March 21, at Huntington, West Virginia.

Forty Years Ago

(April 9, 1964)

Circuit Judge Hollie Conley dismissed the grand jury, Wednesday morning, after the jury had unanimously refused to vote a liquor violation indictment against two Prestonsburg men on evidence produced by an ABC agent...Two Floyd County men are dead, and two others, both from Teaberry, are hospitalized and in critical condition at Ypsilanti, Michigan, as the result of an auto accident near Plymouth, Mich., Saturday. Dead are Harvey Curtis, 28, formerly of Teaberry, and Junior Yates, formerly of McDowell. Ernal Newsom and Billy Ray Booth are hospitalized...Ellis Slone, Jr., 14-year-old Prestonsburg High School freshman, was burned to death, Saturday night, in a fire which destroyed the family home on the Middle Creek road near David...Three hundred eight unemployed fathers of children in school, have been put to work in this county under the pilot program begun in several eastern Kentucky counties, recently...Circuit Judge Hollie Conley urged the grand jury empanelled for the April criminal court session, Monday, to dig for evidence of the widespread liquor traffic in the county, and at the same time declared that use of pinball machines as gambling devices needs investigation...The Republican party will send two delegations from this county, Friday, to the Seventh District convention at Ashland, and conflicting claims of the two factions will be heard, and probably decided there...There died: Woodrow Wilson Stephens, 47, of East Point, Wednesday, en route to Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Mary Ann Sammons, 82, of Risner, Thursday, of last week, at her home; Wash Fraley, 55, of Prestonsburg, March 26, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lorain, Ohio; Lon Stephens, 52, Floyd native, Tuesday, at home at Zebulon, Pike County; Mrs. Anna C. Bush, 72, of Amba, Friday, at the Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(April 6, 1944)

Although cash on hand for the present Red Cross drive is only \$18,000, it is believed the county's goal of \$22,500 has been reached...Reported from the war front: Sgt. Teamus Bowling, 20, of Wayland, bomber navigator, and Pfc. John R. Moore, of Orkney, both missing in the Mediterranean theatre; Norman D. Osborne, of Hite, and Pfc. Ashland Scott, both seriously wounded; Sgt. Claude Smith, of Hippo, a German prisoner...Morehead State College has nominated Gordon Moore, of Prestonsburg, to represent the college in this year's edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities...There died: M.D. Powers, 62, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Louisa Caudill, 49, of Melvin, Monday, at Pikeville; Bee Stewart, of Harold, Sunday, at Pikeville; Alexander H. Craft, 53, here, March 30; Harvey Jarrell, of Martin, Friday, at a Martin hospital; James Irvin Bradley, native of Dock, at New London, Connecticut, March 25.

Seventy Years Ago

(April 6, 1934)

The scheduled fiscal court meeting, at which a county treasurer was to have been named, Tuesday, was blocked by a temporary injunction action...Governor Laffoon, this week, named D. B. Arnett as a member of the Floyd County Board of Education, to represent Educational Division 1, where a vacancy existed, as the result of an election contest...Ten persons were jailed here, Sunday, after Jay Skeans' leg was broken by a bullet in a row at West Prestonsburg...A son of Pearl Akers, of Prater Creek, may have been fatally wounded, last week, when an automatic pistol, dropped from a holster, discharged as it struck the floor...Flames which destroyed four buildings owned by Lee Preston, at Martin, early Saturday, routed 30 persons from a boarding house and other lodging...Mel Sturgill, of Toler Creek, age about 40, was instantly killed, Wednesday afternoon, when a car, in which he was a passenger, collided with a truck at Broad Bottom, Pike County...Married: Miss Flo Francis and Mr. Curt Homes, March 3, at the home, here, of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Francis...There died: Mrs. Lily Shelton, 21, Tuesday, at Drift; Gomer Dinwood Whittaker, 9, of Estill, March 15, at a Martin hospital.

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When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

Position Available Office Clerk must be computer literate fax resume to 606-478-5109

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 261.39 surface acres, and will underlie 476.28 acres of auger, of which 363.28 acres underlie surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 374.39 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burlene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will underlie land owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina

Howell Heirs, Burlene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will use the surface area, steep slope, surface contour and surface auger methods of surface mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-5054, Renewal No. 4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41101, has applied for renewal of an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 499.17 acres located 2.3 miles west of Pikeville in Pike and Floyd County, Kentucky.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.60 miles north-east from KY Highway 1384's junction with CR-1552 road and is along Dog Fork of Hurricane Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 09" and the longitude is 82° 35' 18".

The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clark Elkhorn Coal Company and Bob Billips. The operation will underlie land owned by Bobby Adkins, Harrison and Octavia Adkins, John and Betty Adkins, Mack Arthur and Charlene Adkins, Richard Adkins, Roscoe Adkins, Ernest Baldrige, Bob Billips, Robert C. Billips, Edward and Cleo Burgess, Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, Mrs. Marvin Gettings, James H. Hatchers Heirs, Dawson James, Abraham and Stella Justice, Jim Justice, Phil Dean and Thelma Justice, Mildred S. Martin, Claude McKinney, Gene Ray, Richard L. Ray, Ella Mae Robinson, Elvie Salisbury, Earl Steven, Gladys Wagner and Leland and Icy Wagner.

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, KY 41501-9331. Written comments, objection, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-01323 FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. TAMMY KIDD STEWART, SINGLE; NANCY TACKETT; BANK ONE, N.A.; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 2nd day of February, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$90,353.90, 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 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at Lois Tackett's line at Route 2030, running across the bottom toward the creek 92 feet to iron stake; thence in a northerly direction 68 feet to an iron stake; thence straight down the bottom to iron stake 15 feet; thence right handed toward Little Mud Creek 30 1/2; thence north down Little Mud Creek as the creek flows to an iron pipe 97 feet; thence left toward Route 2030, 36 1/2 feet; thence right handed down the bottom to an iron pipe 30 feet 3 inches; thence across the bottom to Route 2030, 88 1/2 feet to iron stake; thence from said iron stake at Route 2030, 180 feet to the beginning.

There is a 12 foot access road excepted from this conveyance for Sylvia Lois Tackett running from the bridge at Route 2030 to the bridge crossing Little Mud Creek. There is a water well on this property that is shared by Sylvia Lois Tackett, Dexter Spurlock, Tammy & Tracy Stewart for their houses, and this conveyance is subject to the use of the said well by said persons.

Being the same property conveyed to Tammy Stewart by deed from Aaron B. Tackett and Mazie Tackett, dated August 28, 1996, and of record in Deed Book 398, Page 187, in the office of the Floyd County 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 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: HON. MARTIN L. OSBORNE 119 East Court Street 2nd Floor Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 606/886-1615

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-00654 AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC PLAINTIFF VS. MARTHA DOTSON (F/K/A MARTHA CASE); RACEY CASE; COUNTY OF FLOYD; AND COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of January 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$47,570.87, 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 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of Left Beaver Creek, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: One tract of land lying and being in the county of Floyd, State of Kentucky, and being one plat of land 150 feet by 125 feet bounded on one side by Walk Carver, other side by Will Carver, other side by Lula Salisbury, front side by County Road, and being Lot Numbers 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 in the W. L. Stumbo Subdivision to Salisbury, Kentucky.

Being the same property conveyed from Carolyn Sue Newsome, an unmarried person, to Martha Dotson, a widow, by deed dated 1/4/90, and recorded 02/13/90, in book 334, page 5, of the public records of Floyd County, KY. Tax Map Reference: 049-20-02-004.00

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.

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PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: HON. ERIC N. CONLEY P.O. Box 1439 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 606/432-0400

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF UP ON THE ROOF TOP, LLC

Please take notice that the above named company has ceased to do business effective March 6, 2004, and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any and all persons or entities which believing that they may have a claim involving Up On The Roof Top, LLC, shall have one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this notice in which to present a claim in person or by certified mail in writing to: Bennie Michael Lafferty, P.O. Box 214, Banner, KY 41603, agent for service of process, or your claim may be forever barred.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5378, Amendment # 2

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Belfry Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 236, Sidney, Kentucky 41564, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground

coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.3 mile south of Galveston, in Pike and Floyd counties. The amendment will add 14.0 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 0.00 acres making a total area of 629.61 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.02 mile north from Branham Creek Road's junction with Tinker Fork Road, and located in the gap at the head of Tinker Fork and Branham Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell and Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Donald Ray Hamilton, Augustine Bryant, Eyvind Hamilton, William & Nancy Howell, Randall & Wilma Hamilton, Dollie Akers, Elmer Hamilton, Harvey Tackett, Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Donald Ray Hamilton, Augustine Bryant, Eyvind Hamilton, William & Nancy Howell, Randall & Wilma Hamilton, Dollie Akers, Elmer Hamilton, Harvey Tackett, Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The operation will use the underground method of surface mining. The amendment has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-1252 INEZ DEPOSIT BANK PLAINTIFF VS. ROGER HALL AND SABRINA HALL, HIS WIFE; LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of January, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$81,422.49, 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 25th day of March, 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:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on waters of Tolers Creek, containing 1 lot, more or less, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the creek at the mouth of Sturgill Branch and running with branch to Columbia Gas line and east with said line to a stake 101 feet more or less, thence running 100 feet more or less to Tolers Creek, thence running with Tolers Creek to the beginning, with exception of the 12 foot road. It is understood by all parties hereto that a 12 foot road running from county road at Tolers Creek and up the branch to other homes.

And being the same land conveyed to Roger Hall and Sabrina Hall, his wife, by deed dated October 18, 1989, from Paul Conn and Edna Conn, his wife, which is recorded in Deed Book 331, Page 409, 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.

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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
For the Project Titled:
GYMNASIUM AIR-CONDITIONING INSTALLATION ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL Eastern, Kentucky KDE BG 04-119

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the Gymnasium Air-Conditioning Installation, Allen Central High School, until 1:00 p.m., Local Time, March 25, 2004, at the office of Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601. Bids received after this time shall not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder. The provisions of KRS 337 relative to the prevailing wage rates shall be applied as required. Liquidated damages will be assessed per the specifications.

The work consists of adding an air-conditioning system to the gymnasium. The instruction to Bidders, Form of Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

McGraw Hill Construction
Dodge/A.G.C., 2321 Fortune Drive, Suite 112-A, Lexington, Ky.;

McGraw Hill Construction
Dodge/A.G.C., 1717 Alliant Drive, Suite 10, Louisville, KY;

AGC of Kentucky, Inc., 311 Barbourville Street, 2nd Floor, Corbin, KY;

ABC/Reed Construction Data, 1300 New Circle Road, Bldg. B, Suite 112, Lexington, KY;

Reed Construction Data, 1812 Taylor Avenue, Louisville, KY;

Builders Exchange, 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, KY;

JRA Architects, 300 E. Main St., Suite 301, Lexington, KY;

Adams-Frazier-Anderson, Inc., 715 Westland Drive,

Lexington, KY. Bidding Documents, including Drawing and Specifications, may be purchased for the non-refundable amount of \$50.00 per set, payable to Lynn Imaging. Documents may be obtained from the distribution department of Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, Ky., 40507, (859) 255-1021. If documents are to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$10.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging. The successful bidder is responsible for the purchase of any additional sets they may require. The issuing of partial sets is not permitted.

Bids must be submitted on Form of Proposal included in the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the Owner's office. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for receiving the bids, all proposals that are completely filled out and have been properly submitted with the appropriate attachments in accordance with the Contract Documents, will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract. The award of the contract shall be made on the basis of the lowest and best bid in the interest of Floyd County Schools. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities, and shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work, if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

All questions during bidding period shall be submitted via facsimile or mailed to: Mr. Tom Wilson, Adams-Frazier-Anderson, 715 Westland Drive, Lexington, KY, Fax No. (859) 231-5024. All questions shall be submitted no later than four (4) days prior to the established bid date. The list of current plan holders during the bidding period will be made available at the distribution department of Lynn Imaging and posted on their website at www.lynnimaging.com.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
For the Project Titled:
GYMNASIUM AIR-CONDITIONING

INSTALLATION Betsy Layne DOME GYM
Betsy Layne, Kentucky KDE BG 04-120

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the Gymnasium Air-Conditioning Installation, Betsy Layne Dome Gym, until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, March 25, 2004, at the offices of Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601. Bids received after this time shall not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder. The provisions of KRS 337 relative to the prevailing wage rates shall be applied as required. Liquidated damages will be assessed per the specifications.

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Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work, if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

All questions during bidding period shall be submitted via facsimile or mailed to: Mr. Tom Wilson, Adams-Frazier-Anderson, 715 Westland Drive, Lexington, KY, Fax No. (859) 231-5024. All questions shall be submitted no later than four (4) days prior to the established bid date. The list of current plan holders during the bidding period will be made available at the distribution department of Lynn Imaging and posted on their website at www.lynnimaging.com.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 2 C.A. NO. 03-CI-979 WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE WITHOUT RECOURSE PLAINTIFFS VS. SHONDA WRIGHT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA JOEY WRIGHT DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th day of January, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$44,060.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 4th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 179 Doc Allen Branch, Langley, in Floyd County, Kentucky,

and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Sarah May Branch, and being more particularly described as follows:

Starting at a metal stake in the center of Sarah May Branch eight feet more or less upstream (northwest) from a consumers gas meter; thence south across the bottom 140 feet more or less, in line with gas well along the Raymond and Delores Rudy-Joseph and Carl Rudy line to an iron stake at the edge of a small hollow bordering the Willard Arnold property; following the small hollow back downstream bordering the Willard Arnold property; following the small hollow back downstream bordering the Willard and Thelma Hicks property past silver gas meter house 320 feet more or less to an iron stake in the middle of Sarah May Branch; thence (west) upstream 245 feet more or less, to the beginning (first stake) in middle of Sarah May Branch.

But parties of the first part hereby convey to parties of the second part the same right to use natural gas produced on said land as was conveyed to parties of the first part by their predecessors in title.

Being the same property conveyed to Joey W. Wright and Shonda Lynn Wright, husband and wife, by a Deed dated October 31, 2002, of record in Deed Book 480, Page 42, 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 \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes 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-1300 CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. REGINA CONN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF REGINA CONN; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, 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 16th day of February 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$39,611.88, 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 1st day of April 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed from Jenita Boyd and Terry Boyd, her husband, to Regina Conn, widow, by deed dated 08/29/2002, and recorded 09/04/2002, in Deed Book 477, Page 318, of the public records of Floyd County, KY, and known as 103 Water Birch Road, Banner, KY 41603.

Beginning at a point in the county road and Leo Jarrell property line, running approximately 125 feet with Leo Jarrell's property line, to the breaks of the bank, and an iron stake, thence running with the creek in a northerly direction approximately 70 feet to an iron stake, thence running in an easterly direction to the corner of a black building, thence in a southeasterly direction approximately 25 feet to the county road, thence running in a southerly direction with the county road to the point of beginning.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 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 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application No. 836-0296, Major Revision #11

In accordance with KRS 350.070, 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 1.6 mile northeast of Hippo in Floyd County. The major revision will change the post-mining land use designation for a portion of the previously approved area. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage to the permit area, making a total of 1190.04 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile northeast from KY Route 850 junction with Prater Fork County Road, and located 0.3 mile west of Turner Branch. The latitude is 37° 32' 19". The longitude is 82° 52' 18".

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

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owned by John T. & Anna Lea Thornsby, Phyllis & Kenneth Reffett, Elmer Reffett Heirs, Billy Reffett, T.L. Reffett Heirs, Peachie Pitts, and Newberry Pitts Heirs.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To All Residential Customers of East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. Take Advantage of Budget Payment Plan East Kentucky Utilities has a Budget Payment Plan available for its residential customers, whereby a customer may elect to pay a fixed monthly amount in lieu of monthly billing for actual usage. The monthly budget payment will be calculated by each customer's estimated annual usage. This Budget year will start with April billing, and run through March 2005. Any residential customers that are interested in Budget Plan, can call 606-886-2431 - 8:00 am to 4:pm, Monday-Friday, for additional information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all natural gas customers of East Ky. UTILITIES, INC. To Recognize a gas pipeline emergency (a) Natural gas has a distinct smell; any odor of gas smell inside your home—immediately turn off all gas appliances—leave your home and call the gas company; do not re-enter your home until the gas company has made its inspection of all piping inside and outside your home. (b) Any smell of natural gas, or detection of leak in any gas mains, regardless of its location, report it immediately. (c) TO ALL PERSONS, FIRMS, CORPORATIONS, UTILITIES AND CONTRACTORS. Before you commence any excavation, or related activities in the area of Dwale, Allen, Hueysville, Garrett, Estill, Lackey, Minnie, Middle Creek or Wayland, all in Floyd County, call for location of our gas mains and service lines. Telephone 606-886-2431 Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Nights and weekends, 606-285-9324 or 606-886-0744. East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. P.O. Box 408 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

LEGAL NOTICE

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will destroy noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass, giant foxtail, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, multiflora rose, black nightshade, wild cucumber and kudzu. Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Applications and addresses of each district office will be located at state highway garages.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Harold E. Meade. The name of the proposed business is Vito's. The nature of the business will be Dancing and Bands. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application, has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than April 15, 2004, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for April 15, 2004, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

Hon. Keith Bartley
Floyd County
Attorney

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on March 26, 2004, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 09/22/03.

2001 Chev. Cavalier S/N 3762
All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.
First Commonwealth Bank
311 N. Arnold Ave.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on March 26, 2004, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 05/28/03.

1995 Isuzu box truck 1 ton and half
All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and, to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and

transfer fees.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on March 26, 2004, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 10/27/03.

2000 Nissan Altima GXE S/N 9063
All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on March 26, 2004, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 05/08/00.

1998 Chevy Malibu S/N 9906
All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8054, Renewal

In accordance with KAR 350.055, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface and reclamation mining operation, located affecting 11.95 acre located 0.25 mile east of level in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile south from U.S. Route 23's junction with Ivel Road, and located 0.25 mile of Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Central Appalachia Mining, LLC, and J.K. Stratton heirs.
The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments,

objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-343 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AS NOMINEE FOR HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS PLAINTIFF VS. MARVIN WADE GIBSON; AVALON GIBSON; UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT; CITIFINANCIAL, INC.; JIMMY D. SHEPHERD; COUNTY OF FLOYD; UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF MARVIN WADE GIBSON; UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF AVALON GIBSON DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 23rd day of February, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$85,293.61, 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 April, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on water of Right Beaver Creek and a tributary of Little Middle Creek and being a part or lot #1 land conveyed to the first parties by Orville G. Cooley and Leslie Marie Cooley by deed bearing date, February 7, 1973, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 212, Page 73, County Court Clerk's Office, containing 1 acre more or less.

Beginning more particularly described as following on a stake on road of Kathleen Spencer line then up the hill with Kathleen Spencer line to a stake thence a straight line around hill 210 feet to the edge of road, thence back up road 210 feet to the beginning. Containing 1 acre.

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes 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.1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-1215 U.S. BANK, NA PLAINTIFF VS. DEREK V. CLICK, ELLA M. CLICK, N/A ELLA M. CLAY, WILLIE CASE, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMANDA CASE, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY AND SHEILA MEADE CLICK DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 2nd day of March, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$30,714.95, 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 April, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 463 Madison Tyler Road, Hueysville, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land located at Lady Love Branch on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the right side of Lady Love Branch at the mouth of a drain across to lot No. 1 line; thence running straight line to the hill to Lawrence Hale's line to the top of the hill to John B. Huff line; thence down the ridge to Robert Adkins line to the creek; thence down the creek with Robert Adams and MintaThornsbury to the beginning. Subject to all easements, covenants, conditions, reservations, leases and restrictions of record, all legal highways, all rights of way, all zoning, building and other laws, ordinances and regulations, all rights to tenants in possession, and all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable.

Being the same property conveyed to Derek V. Click and Ella M. Click by deed dated June 12, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 448, Page 242, of the Floyd County, Kentucky records.

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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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to application Number 836-5457, Transfer

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Dekalb Recovery, Inc., 0205 CR 62, Box 172, Laotto, Indiana 46763, intends to transfer permit number 836-5436 to MATT/CO, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

The new permit number will be 836-5457. The operation disturbs 5.87 surface acres and underlies 39.56 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 mile southwest from KY 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37° 30' 56" and longitude 82° 48' 32".

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 836-5436, Operator Change #3

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Dekalb Recovery, Inc. 0205 CR 62, Box 172, Laotto, IN 46763, intends to revise permit number 836-5436 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is the permittee, Dekalb Recovery, Inc. The new operator will be Dennis Mining, LLC., P.O. Box 90, Teaberry, KY 41660.

The operation is located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.50 mile southwest from KY 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 30' 56" and longitude 82° 48' 32".

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, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Our Lady of the Way Critical Access Hospital, including Clinics, on April 19, 20 and 21, 2004. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey

results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process.

Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations Organization Liaison
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations One Renaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone, and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

Date Posted: 03/15/04

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093,

notice is hereby given that Reynolds Branch Coal Co., Inc., P.O. Box 51, Langley, KY 41645, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5139, which was last issued on April 1, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 1282.70 acres, located 1.42 mile east of Hi Hat, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

2. The permit area is approximately 1.42 mile east of KY Route 122's junction with Ky Route 979, and is located on Reynolds Branch of Clear Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 17 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 21 seconds.

3. The bond now in effect on Permit Number 836-5139 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$10,300.00. The remainder of the original bond amount of \$36,100.00, is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed, fall 1998. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate vegetative growth for plant species, and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation, according to the revegetation plan.

5. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort KY 40601, by April 16, 2004.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 19, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 16, 2004.

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Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.
- 3 WHERE.**
Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.
- 4 WHY.**
Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

Let one of our "ad-visors" help you with your ad.
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This Week: Pocahontas

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Pocahontas Puzzle

You may have heard the legend of Pocahontas. But is it true? Today's Kid Scoop page explores fact and opinion.

Weekly Writing Corner

The Woman I Most Admire

The woman that I most admire is my teacher. I think she teaches us a lot of things so that we can pass the class and go to the next grade. She is very good at teaching math and writing.

Angelica,
3rd Grade

The woman that I most admire is my mentor because she helps me with my homework and she lets me read to her. When I have problems in school, she helps me and when I have a bad day, she can make me feel better. She takes good care of me. She's the best!

Christine,
6th Grade

A woman I admire is my grandma. She is a human energizer battery. She just keeps going and going. She drives me where I need to go. She feeds me snacks and lets me go through her refrigerator. She cleans out her swimming pool each year so I can use it. She is the best grandma in the world.

Caroline,
7th Grade

I admire my mom for the many things she does for me. She takes me to the beach. She cooks good food and she doesn't make me eat the vegetables that I don't like.

Venessa,
5th Grade

I admire my sister because she keeps secrets, she helps me and she is always there for me. When I grow up, I want to be just like her.

Billy,
4th Grade

The woman I admire the most is my grandmother. I admire her because she has given me a life away from danger. Even though she is a little protective, she is just watching over me.

Ariana,
6th Grade

My grandma is really great because she never stops. She does all sorts of things. She can fix a car. She makes coffee and breakfast and she always has the dinner on the table at 5:30 sharp!

Nicole
7th Grade

Write On!

The Woman I Most Admire

Deadline: April 18, 2004
Published: Week of May 16, 2004
Send your story to:
Leprechaun Gold
P.O. Box 390
Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653
Please include your school and grade.

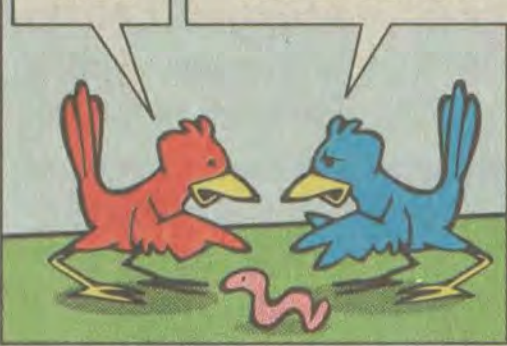
Can you tell fact from opinion?

Sure! It's a **FACT** that I'm really hungry!

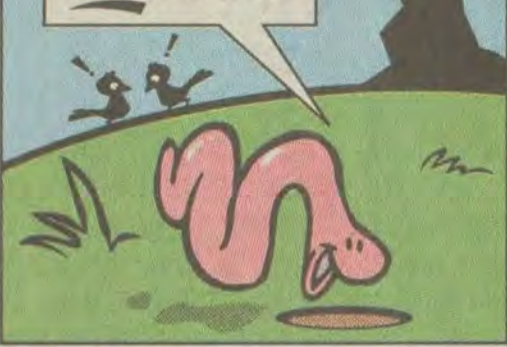


Hey! I saw this worm first!

That's your opinion! The fact is, there is one worm and two of us here.



That's your opinion! The **FACT** is, I'm out of here!



Underline the differences in each version of the Pocahontas story.

The Legend of POCAHONTAS

Pocahontas was the favored daughter of a powerful Indian chief called Powhatan.

When Pocahontas was about 10 or 11 years old, an English company called the Virginia Company of London sailed to North America, arriving in the Chesapeake Bay area, close to where Pocahontas lived.



The Englishmen built a fort there and called it Jamestown, after the king of England.

Some stories say that when the settlers ran out of food, Pocahontas helped them. The most well known story says that when Captain John Smith, a leader of the Jamestown settlement, visited with Powhatan he was asked to lay on two rocks. Once he lay down, Powhatan's men raised clubs as if to kill him. Pocahontas, the legend claims, saved his life by covering him with her own body.

Powhatan Chief Tells Pocahontas Story

"Part of the legend is true and part of it is not," says Chief Roy Crazy Horse, leader of the Powhatan people today.

"Pocahontas was the daughter of a chief named Powhatan. She was about 10 or 11 years of age when the Virginia Company of London started the settlement of Jamestown.

"But," he adds, "the story about Pocahontas saving Captain Smith from being clubbed by Powhatan's men is not true. In fact, right after his visit with Powhatan, Smith wrote that he had been treated in a friendly fashion as an honored guest.

"Captain John Smith wrote the story about Pocahontas saving his life in a report he wrote 17 years after the event was supposed to have happened," says the chief. "In fact, Smith wrote this report seven years after Pocahontas herself died. So there was no way for her to contradict the story."

To read the full Powhatan history of Pocahontas, go to their Web site, www.powhatan.org/pocc.html

Standards Link: Literary Criticism: Evaluate the author's use of credibility of plot to influence readers' perspective. History: Historical Interpretation.

Fact Sniffer



An opinion tells what someone thinks or feels about something. Different people can have different opinions about the same thing.

For example, if two baseball teams play each other, the score tells a fact about the game. Let's say one team gets 5 points and the other gets 3 points. One team might say it was a good game and the other team might say it was a bad game. "Good" and "bad" are opinions about that game.

Standards Link: Comprehension: Distinguish between facts and opinions.

Look at the following statements. Underline the facts and circle the opinions.

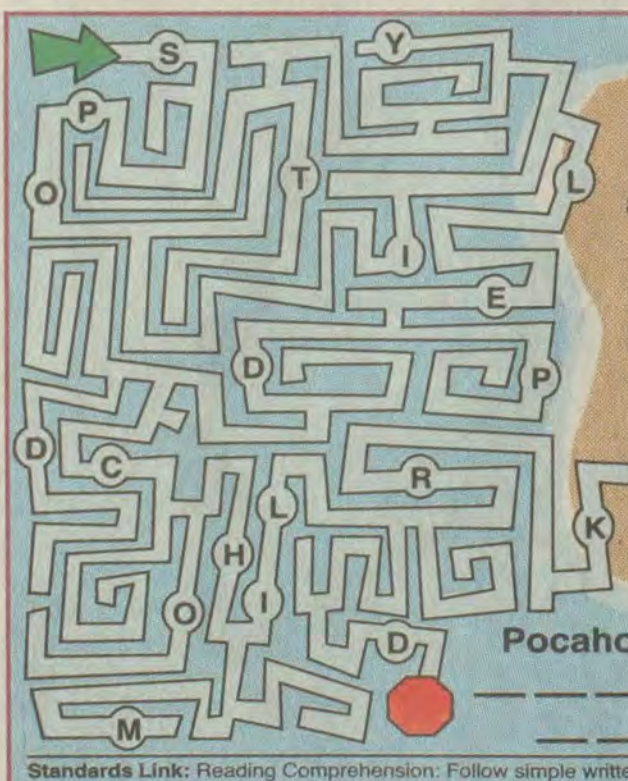
- The mountain is 8,432 feet high.
- The mountain is beautiful.
- I have six cookies.
- The dog is 8 years old.
- Tina is popular.
- Tina has five friends.
- These cookies are good.
- The dog is weird.

Extra! Extra!

Fact and Opinion Detective

Look at an ad in today's newspaper. Underline the facts in red. Underline the opinions in blue.

Standards Link: Comprehension: Distinguish between facts and opinions.



Did you know Pocahontas was a nickname? Her real name was Matoake.

Follow the maze to find out what the nickname Pocahontas means.

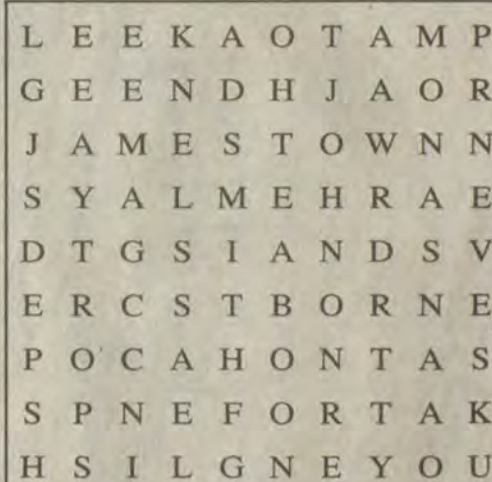
Pocahontas means:

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

POCAHONTAS POWHATAN JAMESTOWN FACTS HORSE SMITH MATOAKE SEVEN STORY FOOD ENGLISH JOHN FORT GAME BORN

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Famous Women

Pretend you are a newspaper reporter covering a story about a famous woman. Write a headline and lead sentence telling about your person. Explain why this person would make an interesting news story.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions about people.



What do historians talk about when they get together?

ANSWER: Old times, of course!

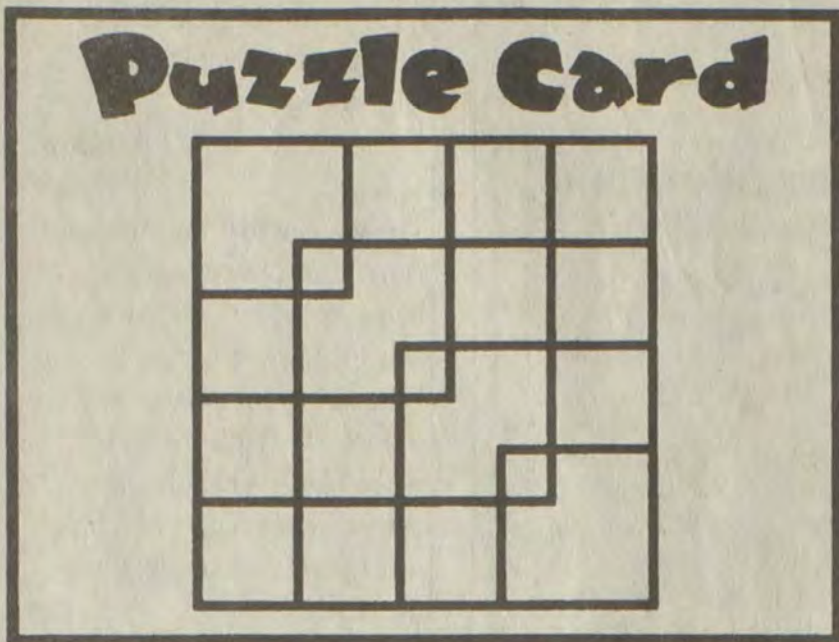
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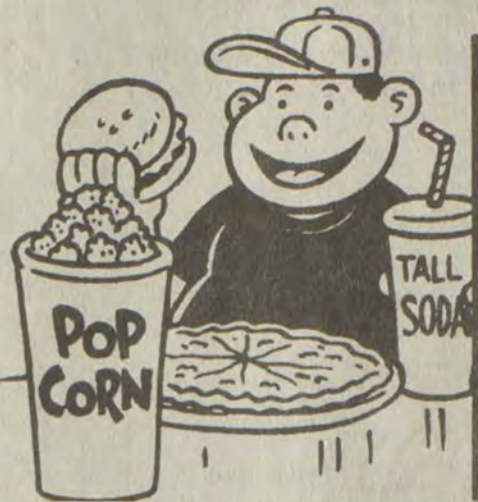
HOW MANY different-size "squares" are in the above drawing?

Answer: 27

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



**JUNK
FUNK
FUND
FOND
FOOD**

SOME SALTY PROBLEMS! In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed JUNK to FOOD in four moves. See if you can change each of the following words in four moves — and in less than five minutes.

1. FORE to HAND
2. POND to LAKE
3. MAIM to WELL
4. RATS to PEST
5. SCOW to BOAT

AN ODD CHALLENGE! Challenge your friends to devise a way for a farmer to put 21 pigs in four pens and still have an odd number of pigs in each pen. Our drawing shows how this is done with the fourth, larger pen surrounding the other three pens. In this way, each pen contains an odd number of pigs.



PAR HERE IS FOUR! At the right is a Word Square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same across and down.

1. Carries the clubs (in place).
2. An eagle's nest.
3. A serious play.
4. A famous march.
5. Causes dough to rise.

1	C	A	D	D	Y
2	A				
3	D				
4	D				
5	Y				

Answers: 1. Caddy. 2. Aerie. 3. Drama. 4. Dimes. 5. Yeast.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers:
1. FORE, FARE, HARE, HARD, HAND.
2. POND, PONE, PANE, LANE, LAKE.
3. MAIM, MAIL, MALL, WALL, WELL.
4. RATS, PATS, PASS, PAST, PEST.
5. SCOW, SCOT, SOOT, BOOT, BOAT.



Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

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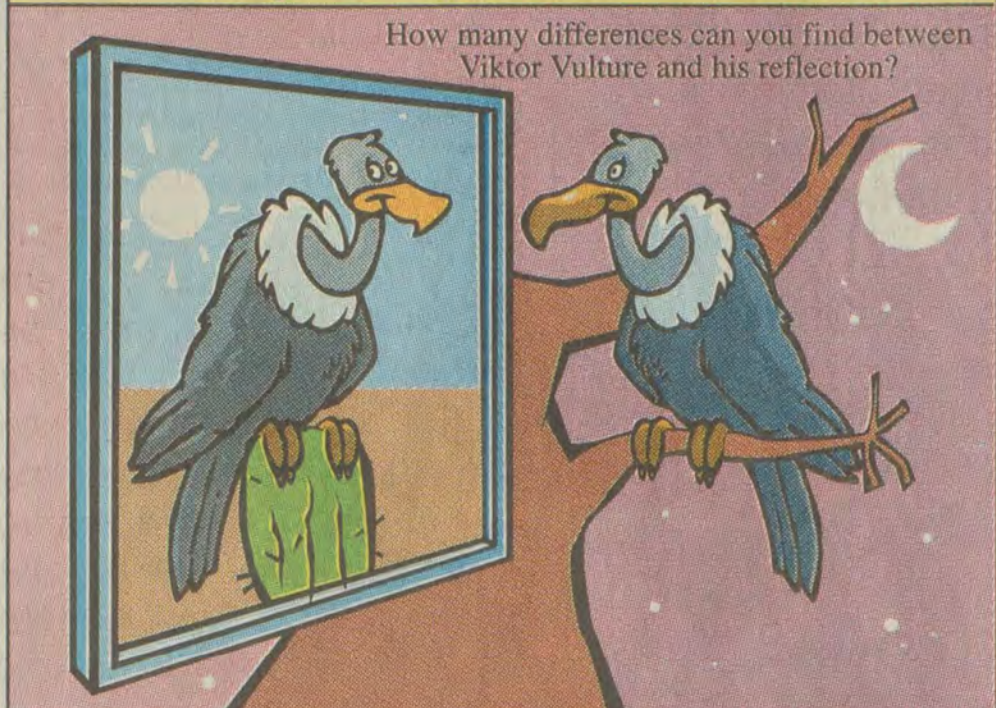
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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.



A vulture is a very big bird. It can have a wingspan of 6 feet!

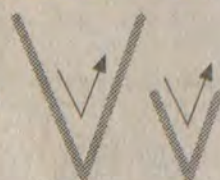


How many differences can you find between Viktor Vulture and his reflection?



My Letters

V is for Vulture
v is for vulture



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter V. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the V sound like the word vulture?

My Numbers

How many vines?



How many vases?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

V is for vulture,
A big bird of prey.
Veronica saw him
And soon ran away!

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



A vulture is _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or include the same sound as the letter V in vulture.	Math Play Point to the number 8 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	How big is a vulture's wingspan? Tape several sheets of newspaper together until you have a BIG sheet that is 6 feet wide—the width of a vulture's wingspan. Have your child lay on the newspaper to get a feel for the size of a vulture in flight.	How are they the same? Point to two pictures in the newspaper that have something in common. For example, find two pictures of people. Ask your child to tell you all the ways the pictures are the same.	What's your angle? Point out to your child that the two lines that make the letter V come together to make an angle. Squares, rectangles and triangles also have angles. With your child, count the angles on the shapes you see in the newspaper. Do circles have angles?	Things That Fly With your child, look through the newspaper and use a blue crayon to circle all of the things that can fly.	Listen for the V Read words in the newspaper to your child. Tell your child to clap his or her hands each time you say a word with a V sound.

Learning Buddies!

My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.
Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Rational Numbers

answers

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

1		2		3
4				
		5	6	
7	8			
9			10	11
		12	13	5
14				
		15		
17				

- ACROSS**
- One-fifth of 6-Down
 - Five times 16-Down
 - Digits of 17-Across rearranged
 - Sum of the digits is 1-Down
 - One-half of 7-Down
 - Four more than 9-Across
 - 4-Across plus 3-Down
 - Digits of 15-Across reversed
 - One-half of 17-Across
 - Three more than 2-Across

- DOWN**
- One-half of 10-Across
 - Seven times 14-Down
 - The first digit is the sum of the other digits

- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 1-Down plus 16-Down
- Consecutive digits rearranged
- Consecutive multiples of three in ascending order
- Same digit repeated
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Eight less than 11-Down

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			7	2	4
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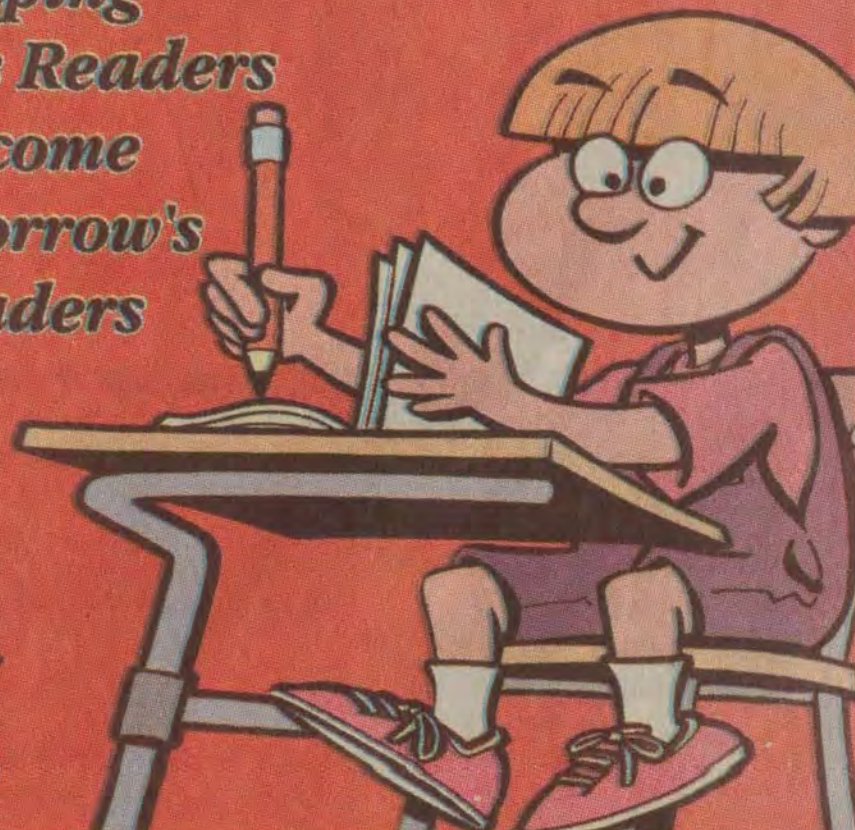
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What's in a name?

The word "calendar" is derived from the Latin word for "account book," which is *calendarium*, itself a derivation of the ancient Roman word *kalendae* or *calendae*, which was the first day of each month — the day on which celebrations and events were proclaimed.

Keeping track

It is not known exactly how long people have been keeping track of the passage of time by counting the days, months and years, but archaeologists have discovered 15,000-year-old cave drawings of what may be moon phases, and ancient African and European calendar sticks believed to be more than 30,000 years old. These bone sticks had notches carved in them that recorded the phases of the moon.

Ancient African calendar stick made of bone

Lunar time

Many ancient civilizations used the moon to mark events. It takes the moon about 29½ days to travel around the Earth. This is called a lunar month. The earliest calendars were based on the 12 cycles of the moon. The Sumerians of Mesopotamia, and the ancient Egyptians, Babylonians, Chinese, Greeks and Romans also used lunar calendars. A lunar year is about 354.36 days. Today, there are many cultures that still use a lunar calendar to plan events.



The marvelous Maya

The most sophisticated and accurate calendar was developed in the Americas by the Maya. Mayan mathematicians and astronomers calculated the solar year to be 365 days with a difference of only seconds from what modern scientists have concluded.

Mayan months

The Mayan calendar had 365 days divided into 18 months of 20 days each, with an extra five-day period called Uayeb at the end. The days of Uayeb were considered to be very unlucky.



Seven days a week

The ancient Babylonians are believed to be the first to divide a week into seven days. They also divided the day into 24 hours, the hour into 60 minutes and the minute into 60 seconds. They named the days for the sun (Shamash), the moon (Sin) and five stars (which were actually planets).

Our days are based on old Roman and Anglo-Saxon translations of some of their gods: Sun (Sunday), Moon (Monday) and Saturn (Saturday) came from the Romans, while the Anglo-Saxons contributed Tiw (Tuesday), Woden (Wednesday), Thor (Thursday) and Frigg (Friday).

Babylonian astronomical symbols



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CALENDARS

Calendars can be thought of as a kind of clock that keeps track of days, weeks, months and years.

Today, there are several different kinds of calendars in use around the world.

Solar time

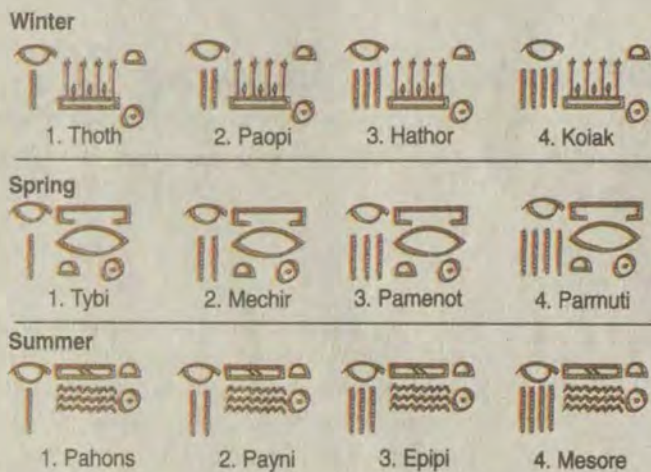
Scholars believe that the ancient Egyptians were the first to use a mainly solar calendar. The lunar calendar was always 10 or 11 days short of a seasonal year. Based on the earliest corresponding date they could find, historians believe the Egyptians began using a solar-based calendar around 4236 B.C. (in terms of the Gregorian calendar). A solar year is about 365 days, the amount of time it takes for the Earth to travel around the sun (although the ancients believed the sun was traveling around the Earth). Their calendar had 365 days divided into 12 months of 30 days each, with an extra five days added onto the end.



The three seasons of the Egyptian year

Egyptian months

The ancient Egyptians named their months after their gods.



The amazing Aztecs

The Aztecs built a mighty empire in the Valley of Mexico during the 1400s that continues to influence Mexican culture today. They built great temples and giant sculptures, and used a highly advanced 365-day solar calendar. The Spanish brought an end to the Aztecs' years of wealth and power in 1521 when they attacked and conquered Tenochtitlan (now Mexico City).

Aztec days

The Aztec calendar had 365 days divided into 18 months of 20 days each, with an extra five days at the end of the year. This calendar worked for 52 years before it no longer matched the seasons. To compensate for this problem, they started a new calendar every 52 years.

Some Aztec day symbols

Can you identify what the images represent? Answers are at the bottom of this column.



ANSWERS: 1. Crocodile 2. Wind 3. House 4. Lizard 5. Snake 6. Skull 7. Deer 8. Rabbit 9. Water 10. Dog 11. Monkey 12. Grass

Year of confusion

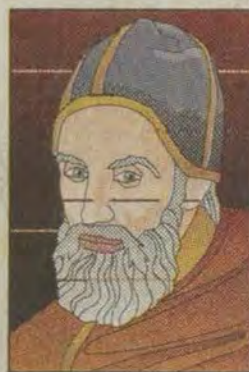
In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar changed the lunar calendar to a solar one. The Julian calendar would have 365¼ days, divided into 12 months beginning in January. An extra day was added to February every three years (later corrected to four years). Caesar added 80 days to the year 46 B.C. to get the seasons to align with the new solar calendar. The year 46 B.C. is known as *annus confusionis* — the year of confusion — because it had 445 days instead of 365.

More changes

The Julian calendar was used in Europe for more than 1,500 years.

In A.D. 525, a Catholic monk calculated what he thought to be the birth of Jesus and created a Christian calendar where the year 1 B.C. ("before Christ") was followed by A.D. 1 (*Anno Domini*, Latin for "In the Year of Our Lord").

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII created the calendar we use most commonly today. It is called the Gregorian calendar. This calendar was designed to correct errors in the Julian calendar. The Gregorian calendar year is very accurate and differs from a solar year by about 26 seconds (one day every 2,500 years.)



Pope Gregory XIII

It took a long time for the Gregorian calendar to be adopted, and many countries continued to use the Julian calendar. It was not used in England and North America until 1752. Japan began to use it in 1873. China adopted it in 1912, Russia in 1918 and Greece in 1924. Many countries use the Gregorian calendar for government and business only.

Year of the monkey

The oldest continuously used calendar in the world is the Chinese calendar (since about 2637 B.C.). Ancient Chinese astronomers divided their calendar into 354 days with 12 months of 29 or 30 days. Each year is named for an animal, with the animal year occurring every 12 years. Last year was the Year of the Ram. The year 2004 is the Year of the Monkey. 2005 will be the Year of the Rooster. The year starts at the second new moon after the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. Thus, the Chinese New Year occurs no earlier than Jan. 21 and no later than Feb. 20.

This traditional lunar/solar calendar is still used to identify the Chinese New Year and other special events, but modern China uses the Gregorian calendar in everyday business life.



SOURCES: *World Book Encyclopedia*, *World Book Inc.*; *Encyclopedia Americana*, *Grolier Inc.*; *The Story of Clocks and Calendars: Marking a Millennium*, Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books; *Calendar Art*, Four Winds Press.

Islamic calendar

The Islamic calendar is the religious calendar of all Muslims. This calendar begins with prophet Muhammad's flight from Mecca to Medina. This flight, called the Hegira, took place in A.D. 622 on the Gregorian calendar. This lunar calendar has 12 months, each beginning at sunset on the day the moon's crescent is sighted.

Months of the Islamic year

1. Muharram	2. Safar	3. Rabi al-Awal
4. Rabi al-Thani	5. Jumad al-Ula	6. Jumad al-Thani
7. Rajab	8. Shaban	9. Ramadan
10. Shawwal	11. Zul-Qaida	12. Zul-Hijja

The Hebrew calendar

The Hebrew calendar is the official calendar of Israel and the religious calendar for all Jewish people. According to Jewish tradition, the world began in 3761 B.C. This year is the Jewish year 5764, which dates back to the beginning of creation. Based on the ancient Babylonian calendar, it is a lunar calendar that usually has 12 months.

Months of the Jewish year

1. Tishri	2. Heshvan	3. Kislev
4. Tevet	5. Shevat	6. Adar
7. Nisan	8. Iyyar	9. Sivan
10. Tammuz	11. Av	12. Elul

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ADAMS middle school



Rachel Tussey

Read Across America

Adams Middle School celebrated Read Across America day on March 2, 2004, commemorating Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday. This activity allowed professionals in our community to read to each grade in the media center. The readers were Pat

Barnette, Beverly Crisman, Missy Allen, Deedra Gearheart, Charlene Goble, and Kim Reynolds. The each read their personal favorite Dr. Seuss book, then websites were discussed with students for further information.



Ashley Johnson and Rachel Webb.



Josh Conn and Chris Daniels



Thanks to Chaz Burgess, Maggie Hall, Megan Hall, and Sean Lindsey for their artwork for Read Across America.



Chris Mullins and Slack Minix

Scale Models Project

In Mrs. West's eighth grade math class students are demonstrating their understanding of scale by constructing scale models of a home for their culminating assessment. A special thanks to the Floyd Tech High School for their assistance in this project.



Brad Stanley assisting Beverly Crisman as she reads.



Cody McCoy, Brandon Hall, Josh Blackburn, and Jake Layne



Eighth Grade listening to Missy Allen read a story.



Science Center

Adams Middle School 6th grade were the first students to visit the new Science Center in the new building at the Big Sandy Community Technical College. The exhibits were provided by the Louisville Science Center, each demonstrating a real-life science installation. The exhibits

included: an assembly line trainer, a bridge building exhibit, simple machines including gears and transferring of energy, an earthquake simulator, and a caged structure building activity. The students really enjoyed the exhibits and are looking forward to returning to see other exhibits in the future.

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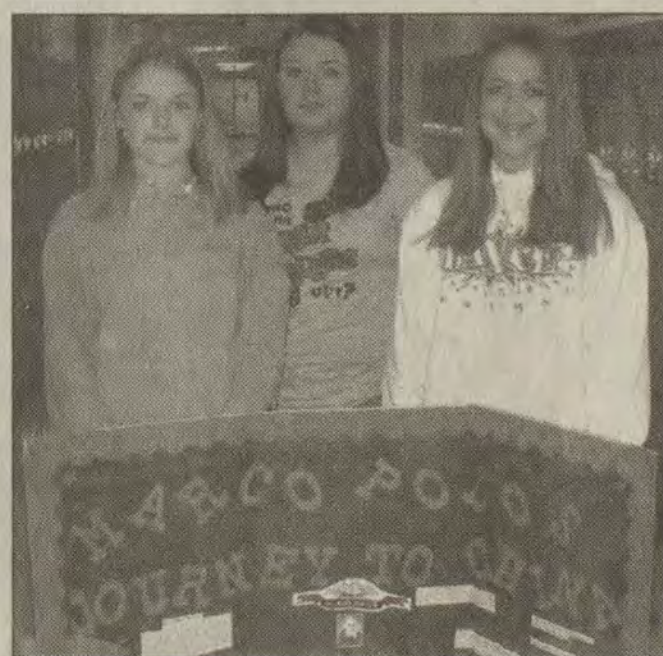
Advancing on to State

ACMS Jenny Wiley Academic Conference Champs!

ACMS took first place in the Jenny Wiley Academic Conference. They placed first overall in written assessment points and in quick recall. In Math, Wesley Perkins placed 3rd. In

Social Studies, Michaela Tussey placed 1st, Carl Little placed 3rd, and Josh Manuel placed 6th. In Arts and Humanities Chelsie Cordial placed 2nd and Staci Carriere placed 3rd. In English

Composition Breanna Duff placed 3rd. ACMS quick recall team is coached by Mrs. Sandra Stapleton and the written assessment coach is Mrs. Lynn Handshoe. Congratulations ACMS.



National History Day

Allen Central Middle School students participated in the National History Day contest held at Prestonsburg Community College. The team of Whitney Slone, Brittany Jarrell, and Kortney Ward will be advancing on to state. History day participants were sponsored by Mr. Jeremy Hall, eighth-grade social studies teacher.

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Sixth-Grade Science Fair Winner, Chad Nelson



Seventh-Grade Science Fair Winner, Logan Wright



Jerlissa Stampfer, School Science Fair Winner



Alex Hammonds, School Spelling Bee Winner



State Bound

Staci Carriere placed third in English Composition at the Regional Governor's Cup Competition where she earned the privilege to progress on to state competition.



Classroom Spelling Bee Winners

Sixth-grade spelling bee winners

- Clyde Hamilton
- Jessi Hayes
- Mike Howard
- Mark Case
- Trinity Combs

- Angelica Frasure
- Kayla Hicks
- Zach Layne
- Summer Moore

Eighth-grade spelling bee winners

- Ivy Bryant
- Alex Hammonds
- Jackie Hall
- Carl Little

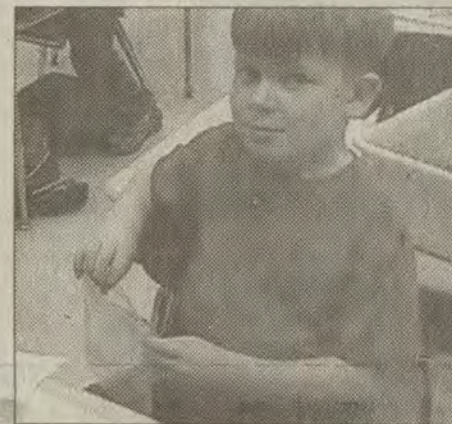
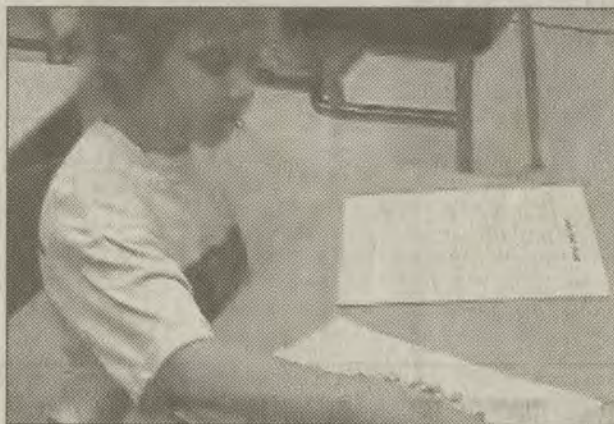
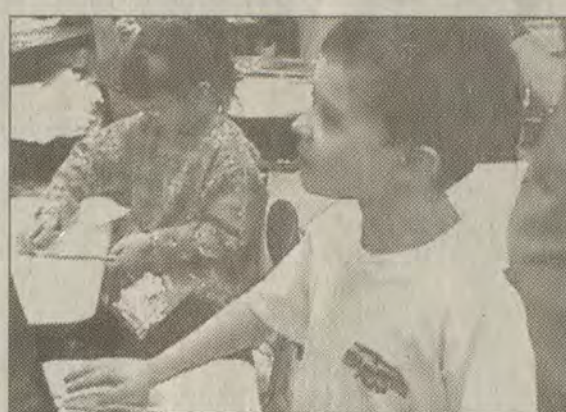
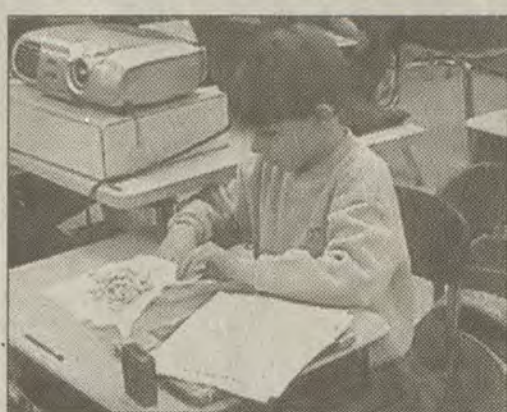
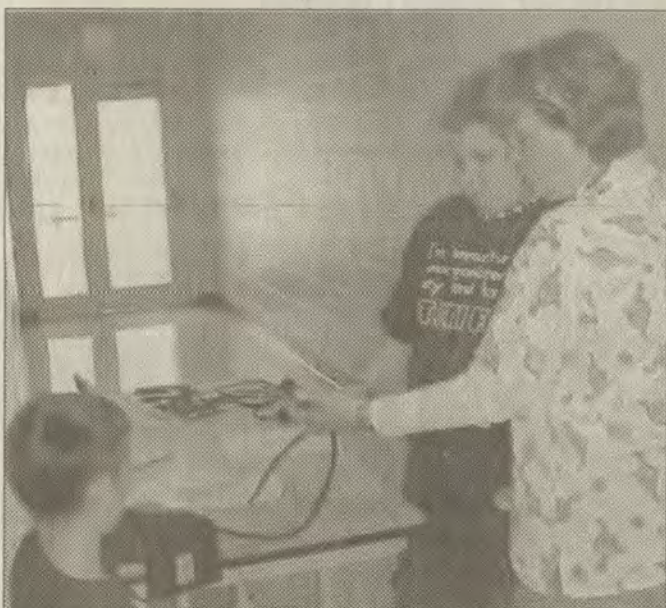
Seventh-grade spelling bee winners

- Chelsie Cordial

ALLEN elementary



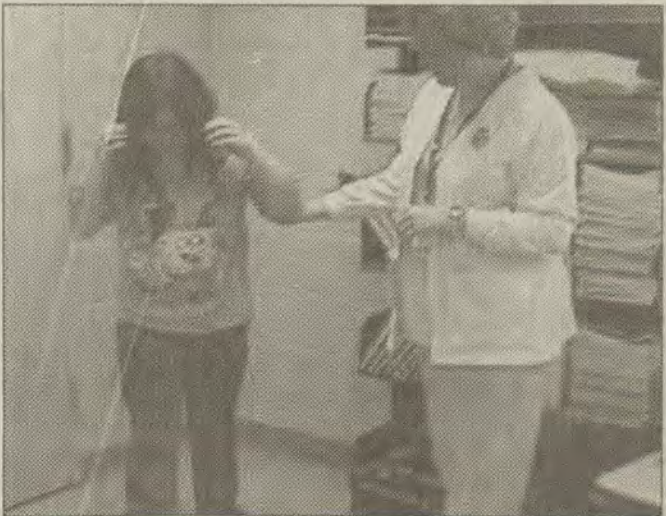
Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, and health aide Sharon Setser allowed students to demonstrate the proper procedures for checking blood pressure. Allen Elementary students were also shown an instructional video on blood pressure training before the actual hands-on activity began with Mrs. Bernadine Isaac's and Mrs. Janice Hamilton's fifth-grade classes.



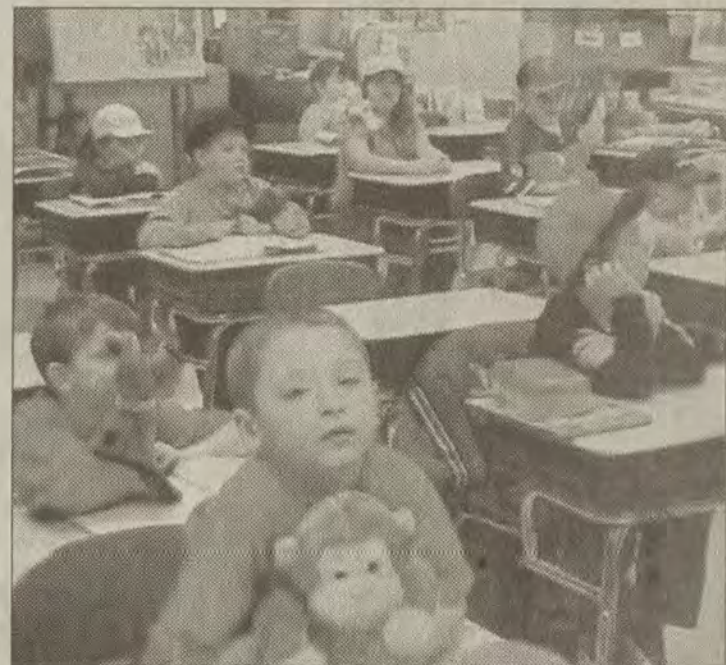
Mrs. Wallen's first-grade class did a math activity emphasizing St. Patrick's Day by using Lucky Charms cereal and computer graphing.



Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, presented students at Allen Elementary a program about drugs and alcohol abuse. Shown above are students from Mrs. Kristin Garrett's fourth-grade class. The students were able to feel some of the effects alcohol causes through the use of special glasses.



Kerry Fannin is shown presenting Savannah Boyd a plaque for being the runner-up in the Floyd County Spelling Bee.



Mrs. Wallen's first-grade class at Allen Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday by bringing a "friend" to school for buddy reading.



Spelling bee winner Savannah Boyd, daughter of James Boyd and Randi Jarrell, and runner-up Brittany Hurd, daughter of Merle and Regina Hurd.



Mrs. Crisp's second-grade class celebrated Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday by designing their own hats to wear.

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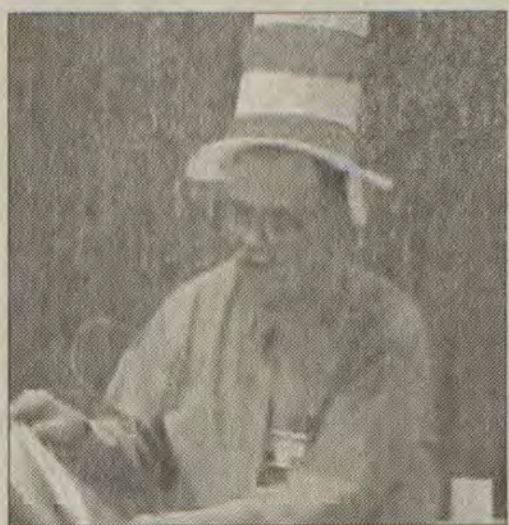
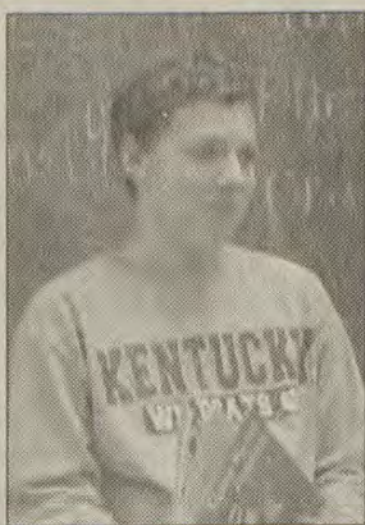
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Allen Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday with various activities. Some classrooms had guests reading Dr. Seuss books. Guest readers included County Clerk Chris Waugh, Principal Linda Gearheart, Asst. Principal Tony Childers and eighth-grader Adam Gearheart.

BETSY LAYNE elementary



Read Across America

"One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish," is a line known by students everywhere, thanks to Dr. Seuss.

Betsy Layne Elementary students celebrated Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday by dressing up for the occasion and dining on green eggs and ham. Special guests,

such as board member Jeff Stumbo, dropped by to read stories, and the Cat in the Hat even made an appearance (played by teacher Martin Hall).

In the words of Dr. Seuss, "Think left and think right and think low and think high, oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!"



Sarah Elizabeth Conn, a seventh-grade student at Betsy Layne Elementary, was the winner of the Floyd County Spelling Bee. Sarah is the daughter of Pacilla and Russell Conn, of Banner. She went on to represent Floyd County in the Derby Festival Spelling Bee, held March 20 in Louisville.

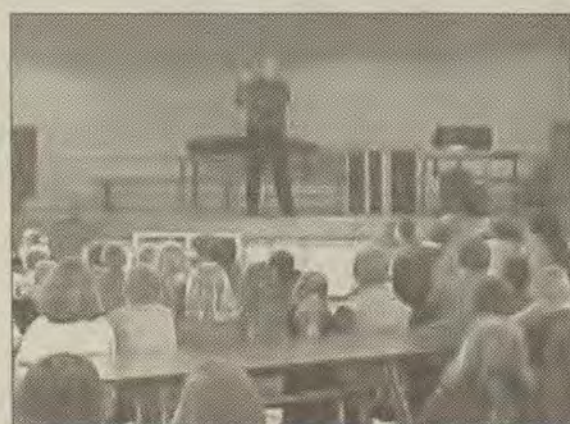
CLARK elementary



Best attendance for the fifth month was a tie between Mrs. Warrix's homeroom and Mrs. Castle's homeroom, both of which achieved 94 percent



Clark Elementary School enjoys some magic when Starti the Magician performed.



Yoyo Extravaganza assembly, with Steve Brannan.



Samantha Trout from Mrs. Starr's fifth grade won the School Spelling Bee for Clark Elementary.



Clark Elementary gets roped in by the Rhinestone Ropers Assembly.

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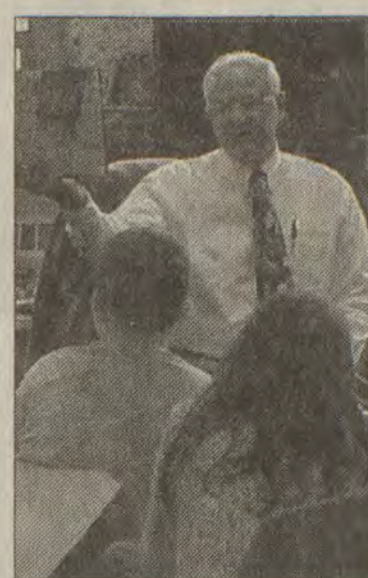
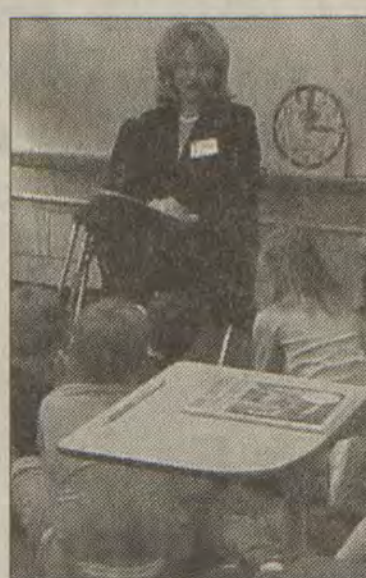
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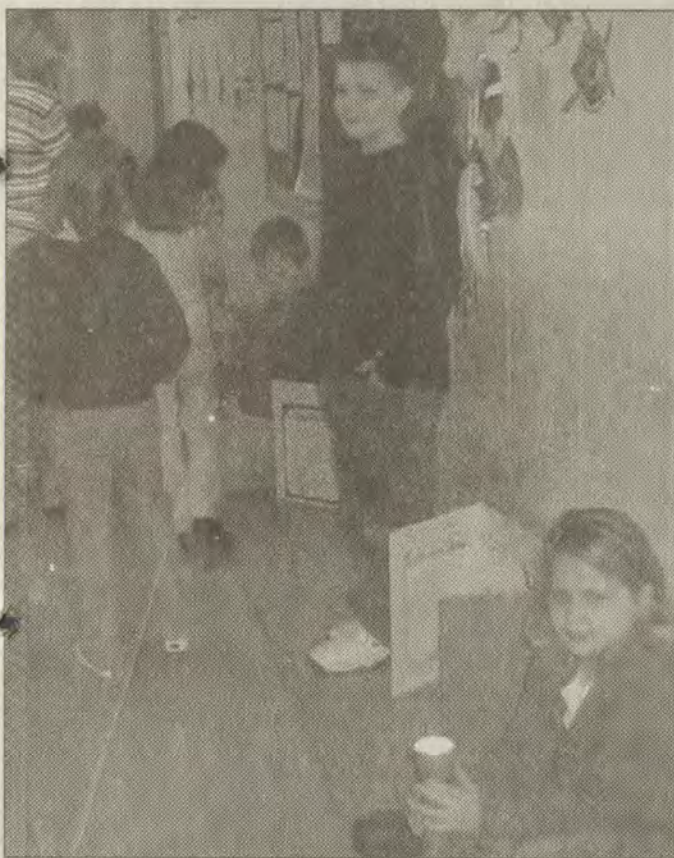
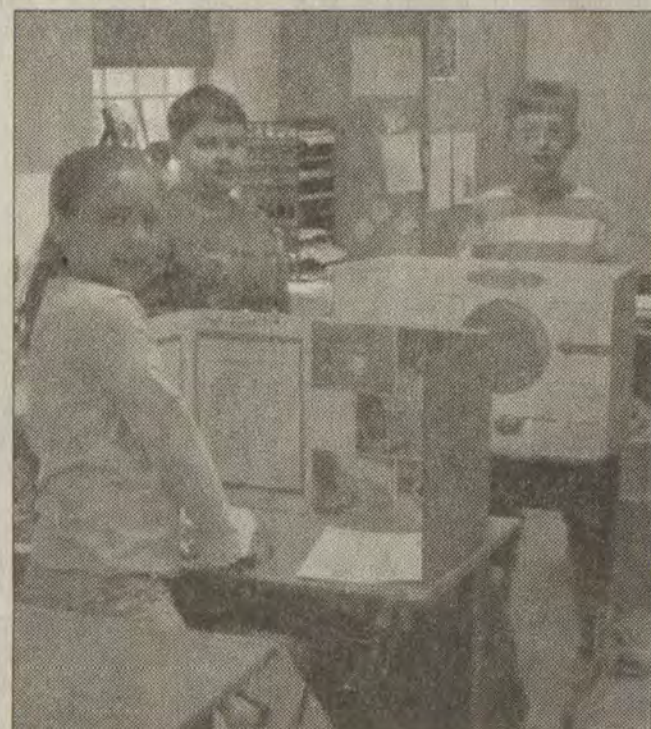
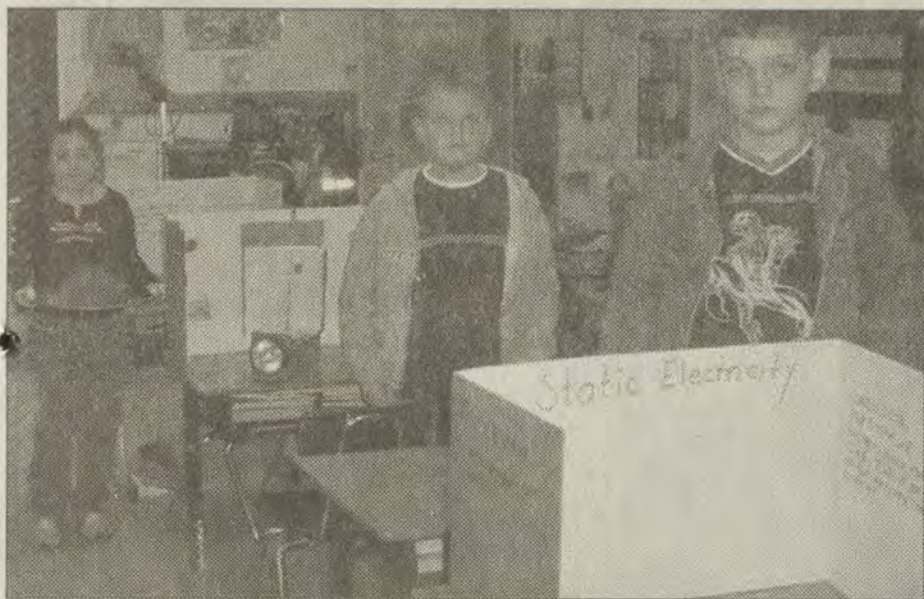
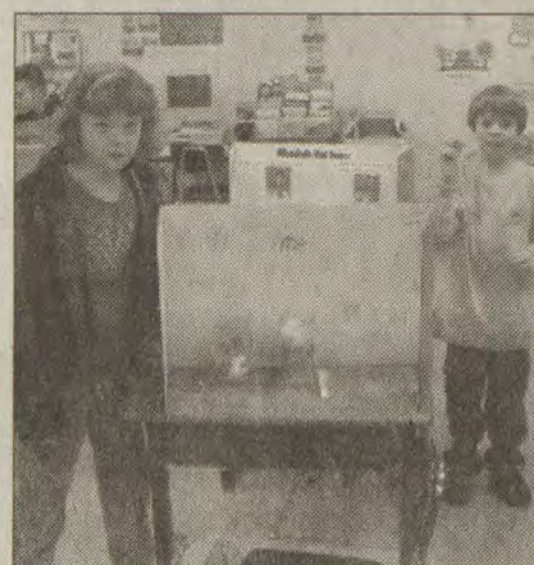
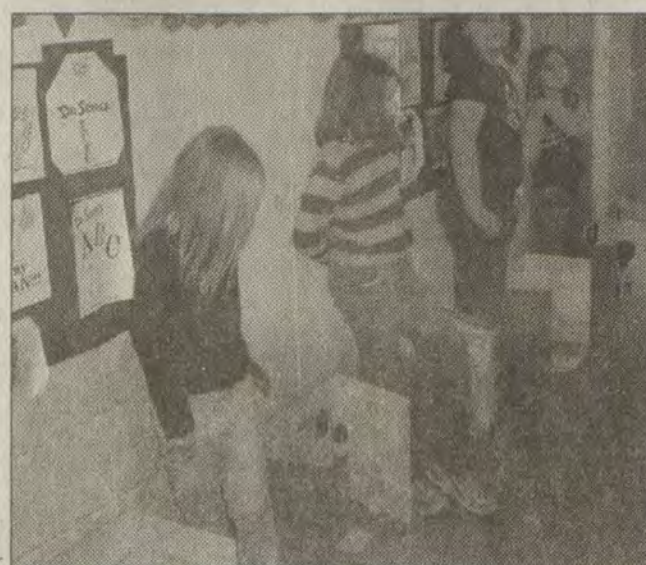
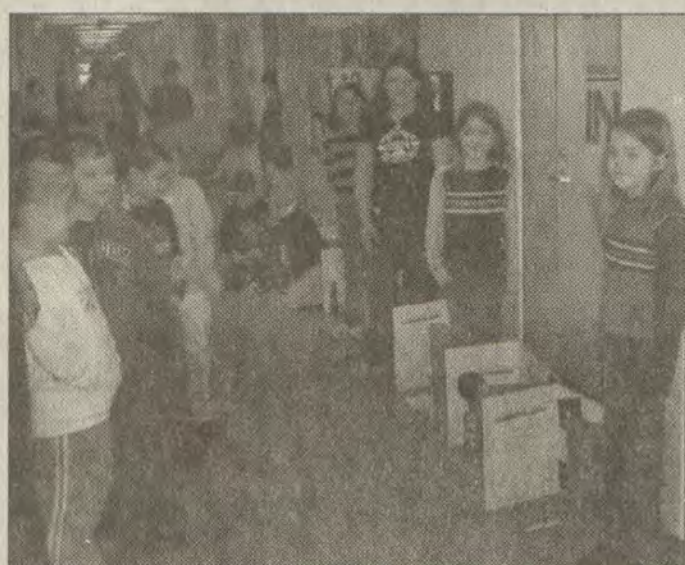
Clark Elementary had a huge celebration for the 100th Birthday of Dr. Seuss. Thanks to all the readers who made Read Across America Day a big success.



DUFF elementary



Lauren Mullins, school spelling bee winner



The P-4 classes at James A. Duff elementary School recently showcased all domains of curricula by presenting Science Fair projects. Each student of Ms. Kitty's and Mrs. Wright's participated in studying the scientific method. Student presentations included research, investigation, and creativity. Projects were based on all areas of Kentucky Core Content.



Science Fair Winners


5th Grade winners: Nichole Clatworthy, 3rd place; Morgan Sexton, 1st place; Sarah Perkins, 2nd place.
 4th Grade winners: Jeremy Conley, 1st place; Austin Patton, 2nd place; Dylan Shepherd, 3rd place.
 Congratulations to Morgan Sexton, whose project won first place in the Regional Science Fair. Morgan competed against fifth-graders from the following counties: Breathitt, Elliott, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

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Winners included, from left to right, Kelly Adkins, Misty Charles, Crystal Craft, John Anderson and Jesse Blankenship.



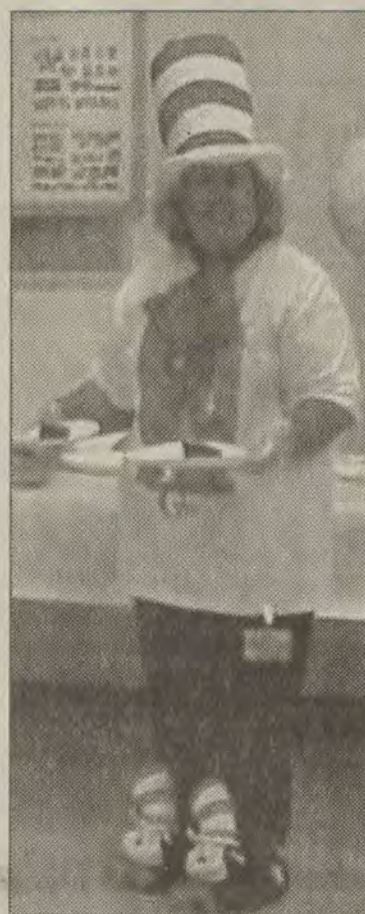
Floyd Area Technology students win regional VICA competition

On Feb. 20, the SkillsUSA-Vocational Industrial Clubs of America held its competition for the South District at Mayo Technical College in Paintsville. The VICA South district regional includes students from across several counties. Possible competitors come from Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. Several Floyd County students participated in the contest and

were successful. Jesse Blankenship and John Anderson, both of Betsy Layne High School, made VICA history. This was the first time that a tie for first place has occurred in the residential wiring competition - not only in the score, but also in time, accuracy, safety and other criteria upon which the competition is judged. Misty Charles from Prestonsburg High School

received first place in the job interview competition, while Kelly Adkins from Betsy Layne High School placed second and Crystal Craft from Prestonsburg High School placed third. Robert Birchfield from Allen Central High School placed third in the precision machinery competition. First-place winners will proceed to State Champion Competition in Louisville in April.

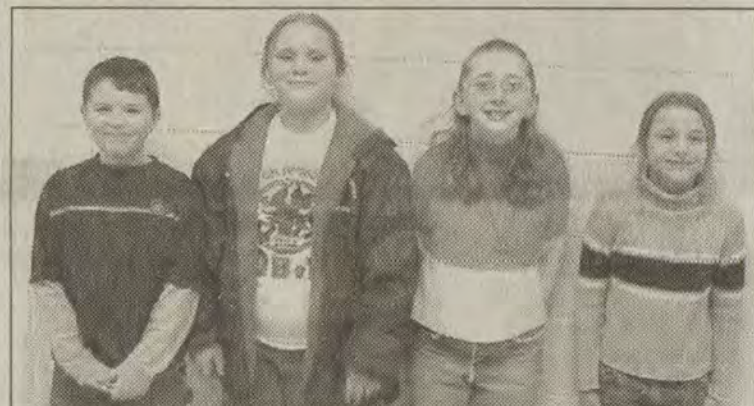
MAY VALLEY school



Mrs. Tiffany Burke's class celebrates 100% on their first-grade reading test level 3.



May Valley staff Marcella Damron and Faye Fraley served cake to students for Dr. Seuss' Read Across America celebration.

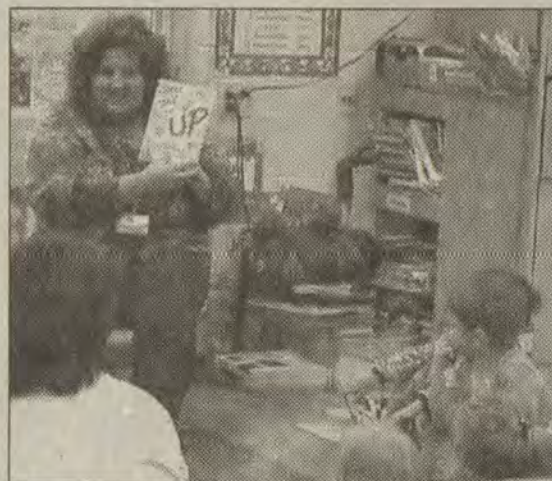


At the District Academic competition May Valley Elementary's Alex Lester placed 3rd in arts & humanities and in writing Sarah Kinney 4th, Keshia Reid 2nd, and Chelise Conn 3rd. All four will represent May Valley in the Regional competition Saturday, March 6.

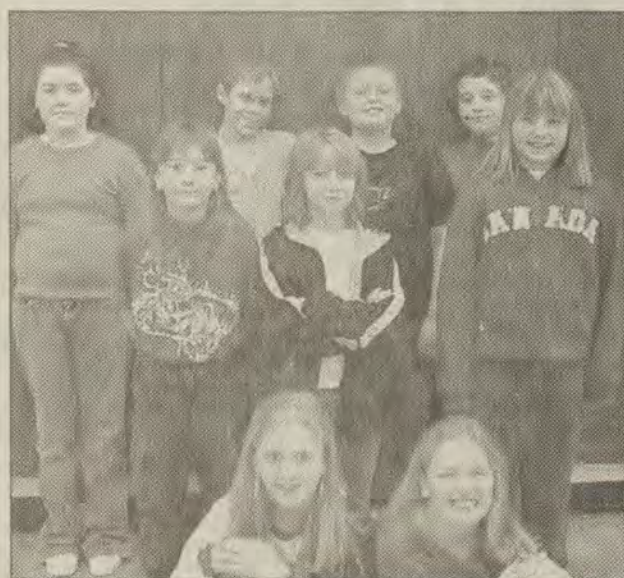
Mrs. Anita Huff's first- and second-grade class enjoyed many activities for the 100th day of school! They made 100 day hats, counted out 100 Fruit Loops to make a necklace, painted 100 day t-shirts, counted out and measured the length of 100 objects and ate a cake with 100 candles on it.



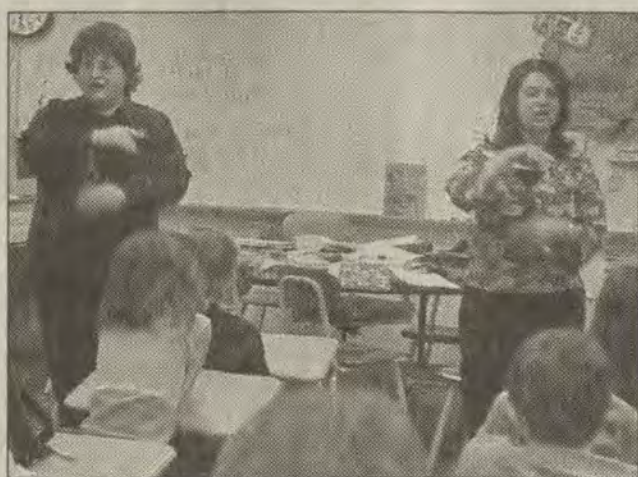
May Valley classroom winners in the Prang "Beautiful Farms of Kentucky" art contest were: Fourth row(L-R): Alex Hartgrove, Ashley Vanderpool, Tiffany Hughes, Brooke Potter, James Wireman, Greg Hensley, Stephen Patton Justin Lewis, Cody Castle, Allison Moore. 3rd row: James McCallister, Brittany Jacobs, Morgan Wright, Neakia Hamman, Brett Mullins, Xavier Gutierrez, Adam Castle, Tia Ousley, Courtney Hodge. 2nd row: Brooke Risner, Alexis Parsons, Cody Ramey, Kristen Daniels, Natasha Kendrick, Zac Robinson. 1st row: John Duncan, Nicholas Parsons, Laken Parsons, Mackinzie Scott. Not pictured were Rebekah Mayo, Sara Bowen, Tyshauna Robinson, Chad Prater, Michael Ison and Tasha Webb. Crayons, made from soybeans, were donated by "Prang" for the students to use in their artwork.



Assistant Principal Tonya H. Williams celebrated Dr. Seuss' Read Across America by reading to classrooms at May Valley along with parents, community and other staff members.



May Valley Elementary School winners in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture 2004 Art Contest "From Farm to Table". Back row: Brooke Potter, Brandon Spears, Chris Hall, David Burchfield. Middle row: Kristen Daniels, Alexis Parsons, Kendra Perry. In front: Ashley Vanderpool and Taylor Bragg.



Quality Kids Incorporated presenters Betty and Melissa with "Hygiene program" were in Ms. Alesia Meade's class at May Valley Elementary.



Exercise is very important at May Valley for Mrs. Anna Shepherd's class and Carol Jo May from Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

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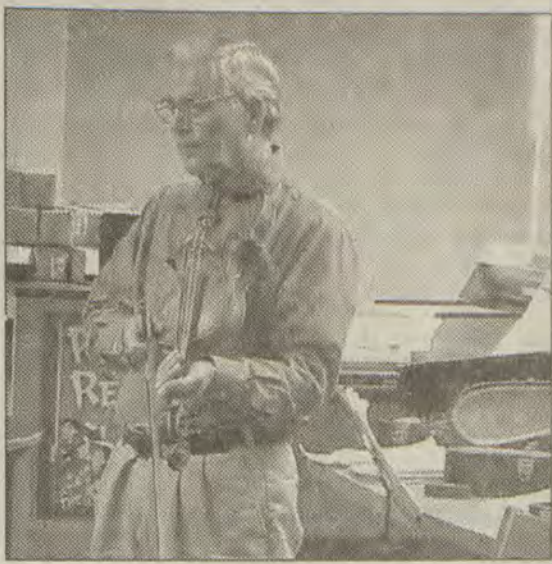
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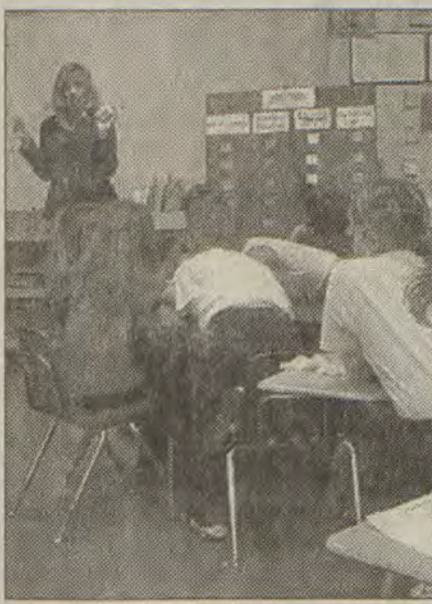
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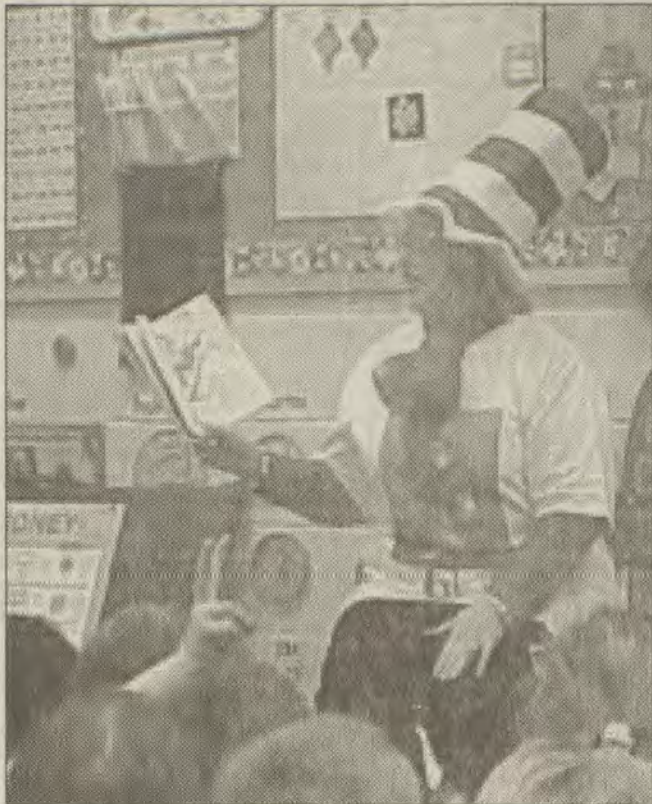
Ray Slone demonstrates and teaches May Valley fifth-grade students about the different instruments used in music of Appalachia.



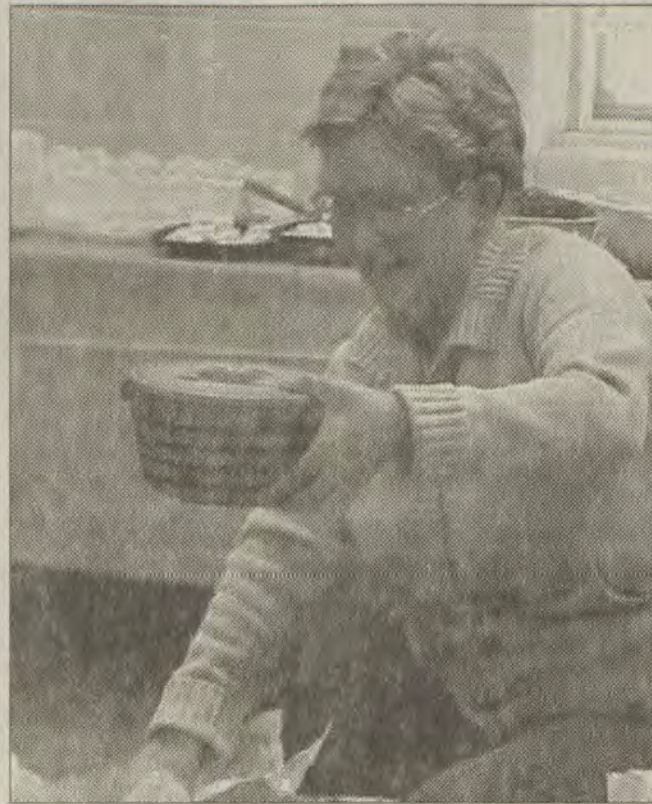
Mrs. Paula Collins' class plays Jeopardy to help with core content reviewing.



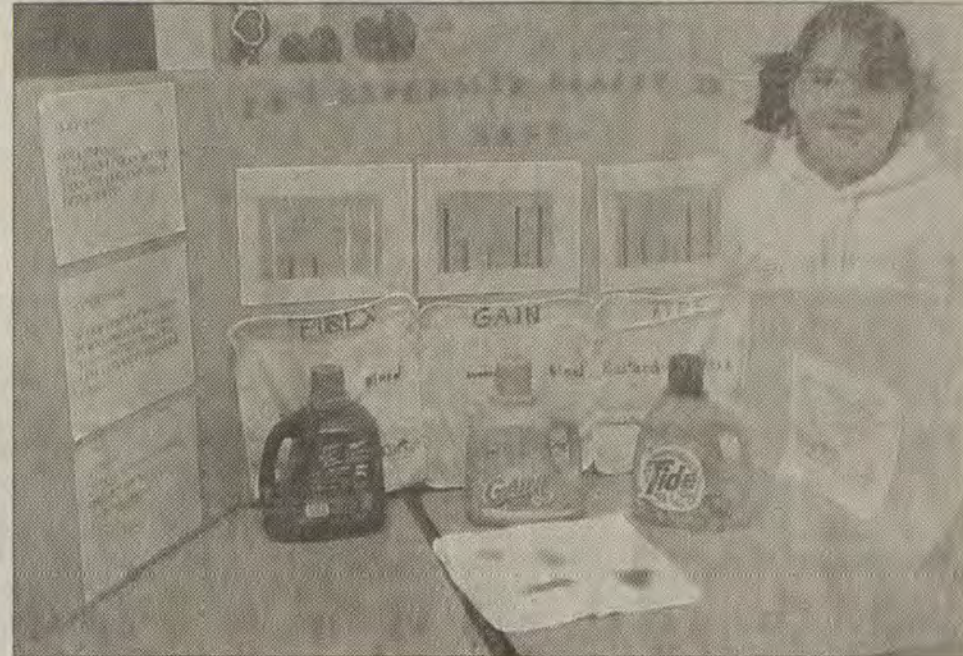
Mustang Gang store OPEN for students to spend their points that they have earned.



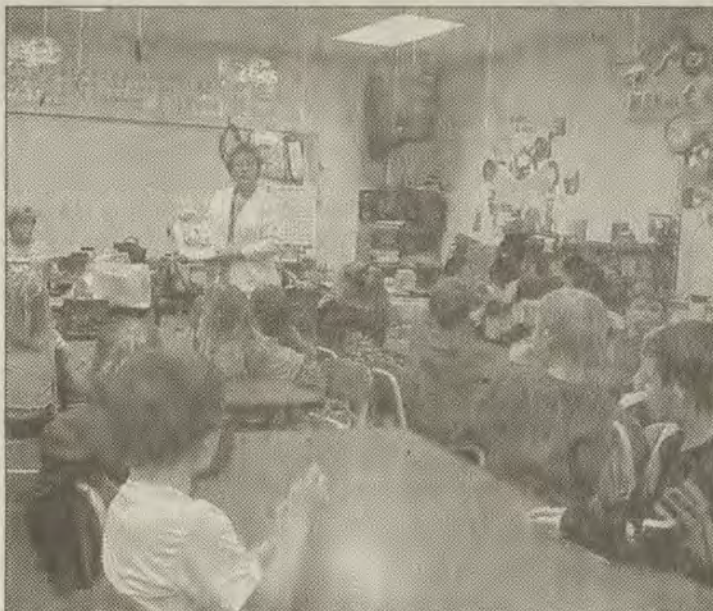
Faye Fraley, a May Valley teaching assistant, reads to classroom along with other staff, parents and community during the Dr. Seuss' Read Across America.



Sheila Mayo retires from teaching after 30 years of service. She will be missed a great deal at May Valley.



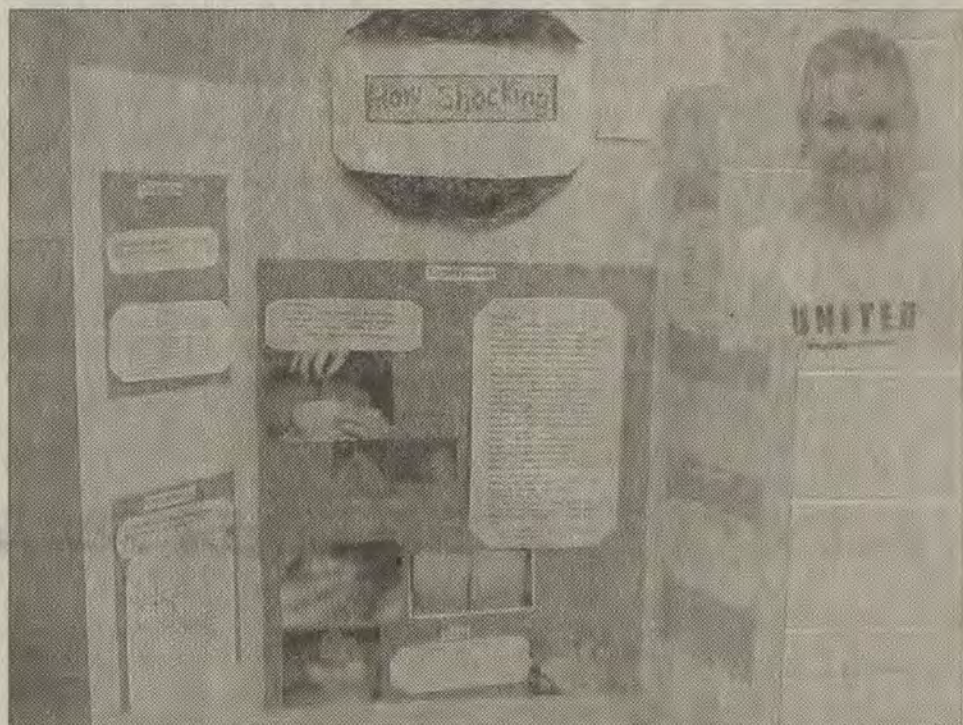
Brooke Potter, fourth-grade winner of May Valley Science Fair, had her "Is expensive really the best?" project represent May Valley at the Regional Science Fair on March 13. All fourth- and fifth-graders participated in the science fair.



Carol Jo May with Our Lady of the Way Hospital explains self-esteem to Mrs. Anna Shepherd's class.



February VIP's meeting offered communication skills from Kathy of Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Crystal Wright won the drawing for the first semester VIP attendance of a \$25 K-Mart gift card.



Hannah Farmer, fifth-grade winner of May Valley Science Fair, had her "How Shocking" project represent May Valley at the Regional Science Fair on March 13. All fourth- and fifth-graders participated in the science fair.

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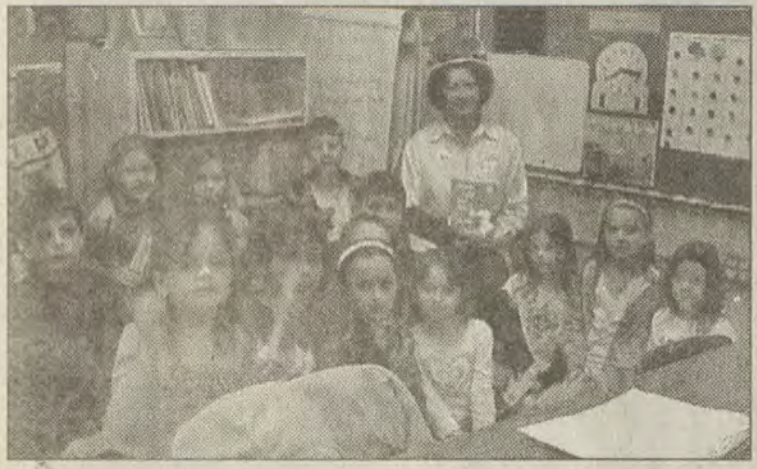
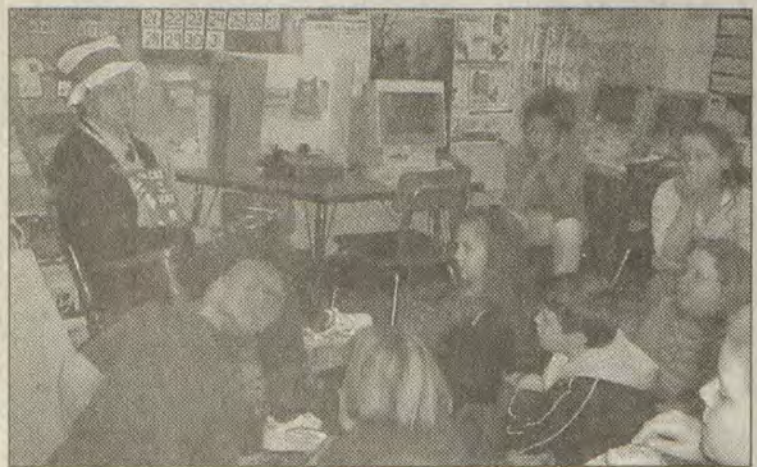
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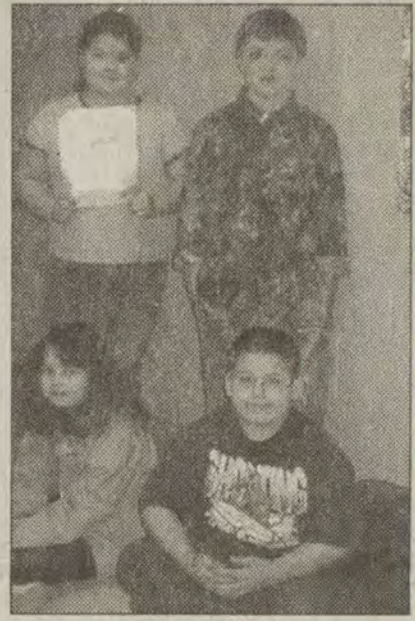
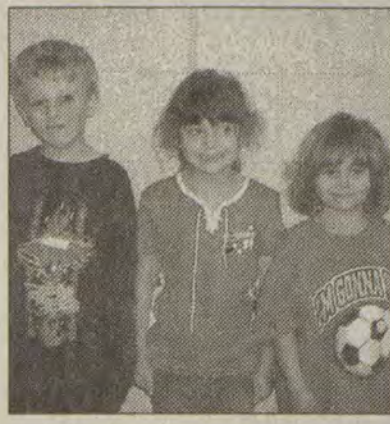
In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, several guest speakers came to McDowell to read to the students as part of Read Across America.



Kindergarten students have received a letter from a soldier in Iraq whom they've been writing. The students are shown holding Iraqi money that accompanied the letter.



Carol Jo May from Our Lady of the Way hospital came to McDowell Elementary to instruct K-1 students on the importance of nutrition.



Students at McDowell Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. They competed in a poster contest. Congratulations to the following poster contest winners. Kindergarten - Dakota Berry, Annie Allred, and Whitney Newsome. 1st Grade - Kameron Hamby, Marley Collins, and Amber Howel. 2nd Grade - Cody Patton, Kristen Salisbury, and Cameron Hamilton. 3rd Grade - Tasha Gayheart, Bryan Adams, Charly Hyden, and Kendall Stewart.

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Research shows that one of the best ways you can help your kids avoid drug use is by spending time with them. Here are some helpful suggestions for knowing what's going on in your child's world when they seem to close every door to you:

Be a good role model for your kids. There is no such thing as "do as I say not as I do" when raising children. If you take drugs or abuse alcohol, your children are observing and learning from your behavior. On the other hand, if you are a living, day-to-day example of your value system, your children will learn and emulate the compassion, honesty, generosity and openness that you want your children to have.

Be involved in your children's lives. According to behavioral scientist, Tony Biglan, Ph.D., there are simple ways to be part of your child's life:

- 1) Create "together time."—Start a tradition of fun, weekly routine to do something with your child, such as going out for ice cream.
- 2) Eat meals together as often as possible.—Mealtime is a great opportunity to



talk about the day's events, unwind, and reinforce a family bond. Studies show that kids whose families eat together at least five times a week are less likely to be involved with drugs and alcohol.

3.) Try to be home after school. The "danger zone" for drug use and other risky behavior is between 4 and 6 p.m. If you can, arrange to have flextime if it's available at your workplace. When your child will be with friends, make sure there is adult supervision.

If you would like more tips on communication and parenting, visit www.theantidrug.com, a web site designed to help parents learn how to talk to their children about staying clean, safe, and drug-free, which is part of the White House Office of National Drug Control policies. National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign offers a brochure called "Parenting Skills: 21 Tips and Ideas to help You Make a Difference," that can also be ordered by phone at 800-788-2800.

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Mr. John Martin, social studies teacher at OU, patiently waits as he prepares to donate for our Blood Drive.



Sherry Click, a senior at Opportunities Unlimited, was a willing participant in our Blood Drive.

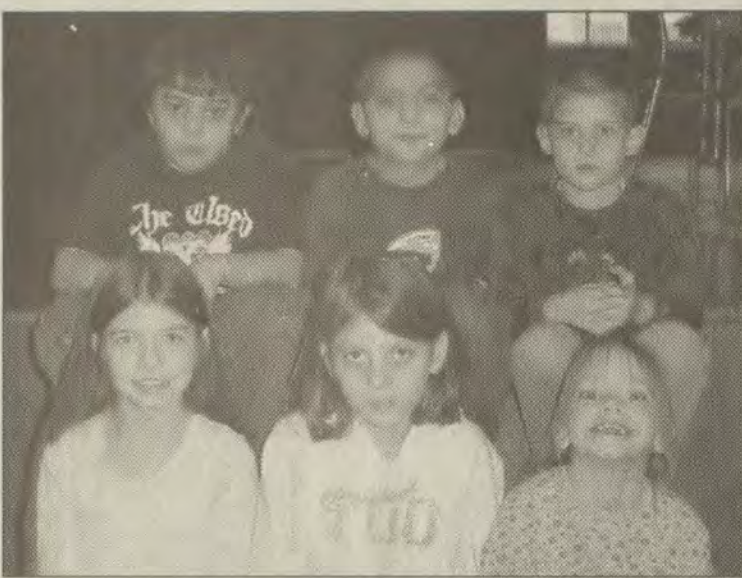


Three students were chosen to represent our school at the recent Champions Against Drugs Youth Empowerment Program. Brian Osborne, Kim Tackett, and Shane Kendrick participated in the program at the Martin Community Center and came back with plans to get other students interested in starting a drug awareness program. Amanda Hall was also chosen, but unable to attend.



We are proud of eighth-grader Whitney Gardner. She represented OU at the District Spelling Bee competition.

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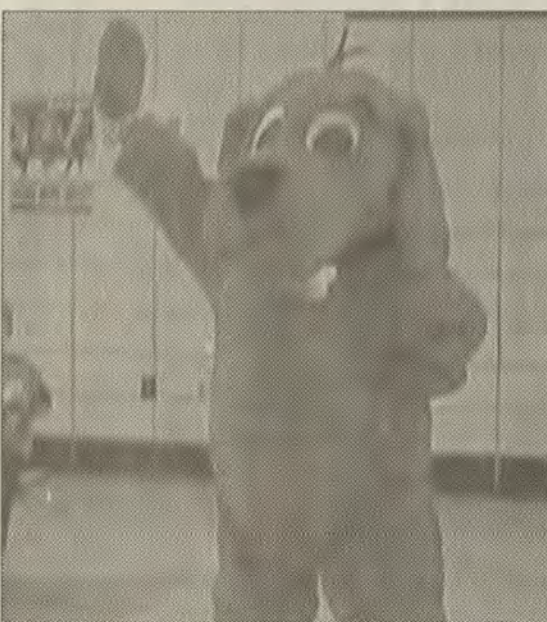
Perfect Attendance

Prestonsburg Elementary PTA rewarded 6th month Perfect Attendance students with ice cream sundaes. During Attendance Assembly the drawing for Wal-Mart gift certificates was held. Winners of the gift certificates are Zachary Blanton, kindergarten; Caitlin Kaessinger, first grade; Caitlin Campbell, second grade; Carlos Garza, third grade; Danny Joe Conn, fourth grade; and Brianna Collins, fifth grade.



Character Education Awards

The Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center presented their Character Education Awards program on March 12. Each homeroom teachers selects two students that have demonstrated great Character traits, such as honesty, fairness, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility and caring. The students and their parents were treated to a continental breakfast. Kindergarten: Dustin Blair, Katherine Goble, Hunter Hawkins, Madelyn Ousley, Kaitlyn Allen, Courtney Lafferty, Kathren Tackett and Jacob McIntosh. First Grade: Hanaan Aliman, Joshua Crider, Kyle Owsley, Makayla Silcox, Keiona Craft, Gabriel Walker, Grace Boleyn and Jacob McIntosh. Second Grade: Zachary Blackburn, Jenna Little, Corey Conley, Ashleigh Hayden, Jacob Blair, Samantha Hall, Kaitlyn Campbell, Galen Greene, Austin Bailey and Jordan Marcum. Third Grade: Shelby Blackburn, Jonathan Murrell, Paige Caudill, Chelsea Dickerson, Clarissa Bryant, Brittany Osborne, Nick Hites and Bethany Scarberry. Fourth Grade: Joseph Jamerson, Ashton Sizemore, Sarah Burchett, Mickale Roberts, Kevin Owens and Chelsi Piper. Fifth Grade: Julie Compton, Ashley Daniels, Caleb Petry, Taylor Tackett, Brittany Davis and James Sturgill.



Clifford Visits Book Fair

Clifford the Dog visits the students at Prestonsburg Elementary, encouraging them to read, during their Book Fair sponsored by the PTA.

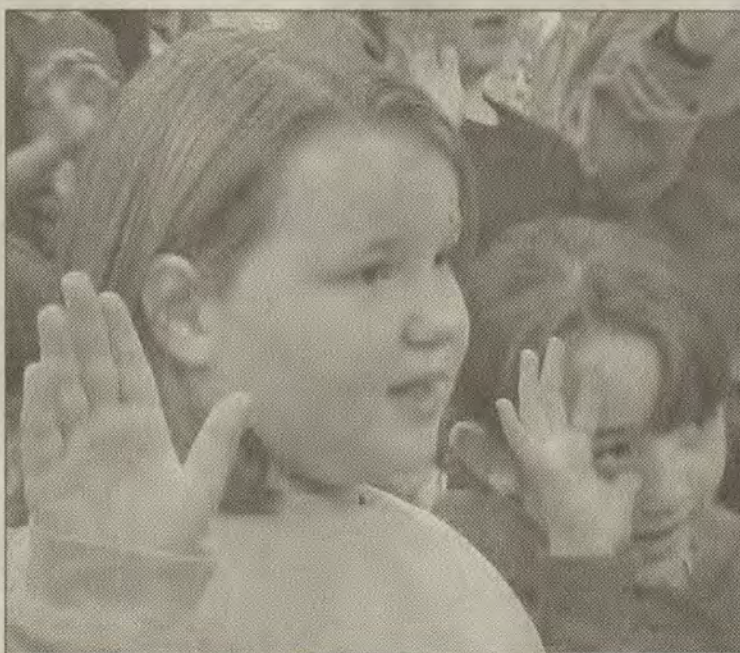


Pictured are Judge Julie Paxton and Bailiff Glen Blackburn.

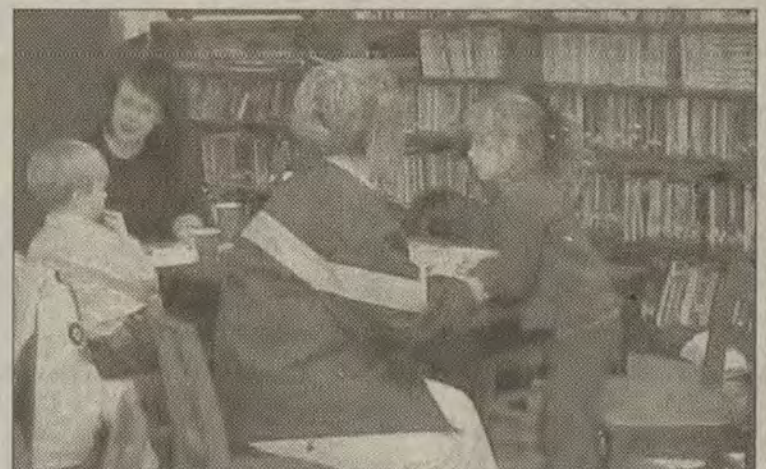


F.I.T.

The Prestonsburg Elementary FRC and the Floyd County Health Department celebrates Fitness is Terrific with students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. The F.I.T. Club had four students with perfect attendance, Clarissa Bryant (winner of a new bike), Chelsea Dickerson, Andrew Noble and Bethany Stephens. All students who participated received a gift bag of goodies sponsored by the Floyd County Health Department.



Pictured are Heather Bailey and Cathryn Calhoun taking the reader's oath administered by Judge Julie Paxton.



Family Reading Night

Prestonsburg Elementary had a record breaking 147 parents, students and faculty attend Family Reading Night on March 16.

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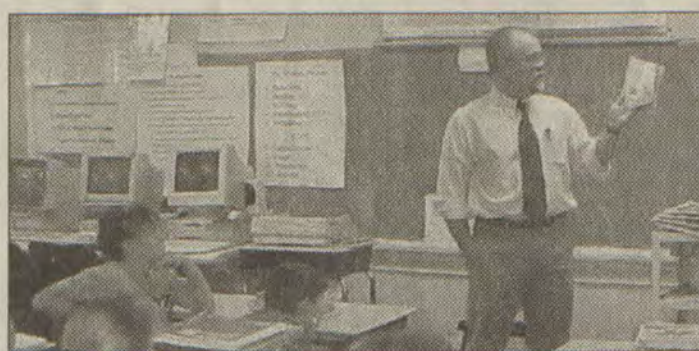
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Kayla Hall and Ms. Griffith's kindergarten.



Scott Walker reads to Mrs. Combs' 5th grade.

Prestonsburg Elementary Celebrates Read Across America

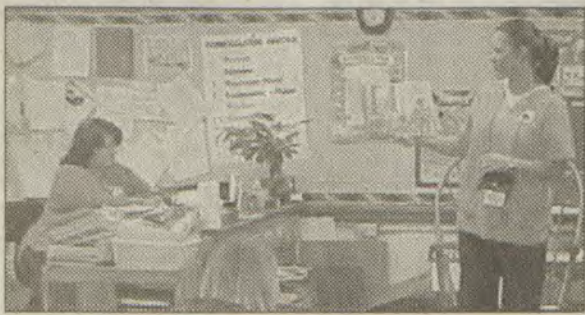
Students and faculty at Prestonsburg Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday on March 3 by sharing favorite stories. Faculty, staff, and parents read books to individual classrooms and shared why reading was important in their lives.

Judge Julie Paxton started our celebration by administering the reader's oath and reading a Dr. Seuss book. Students were treated to cupcakes for lunch and a visit from PES's own Cat in the Hat, Kayla Hall.

A majority of PES students participated in a two-week reading challenge as part of this year's celebration. These students read at least 15 minutes each day at home.

The top fourth- and fifth-grade readers were Celeste Hall, Adrain Neeley and Brandi Frasure. The top primary readers were Shyla Bray, Traci Spradlin and Summer Ousley.

Mrs. Allison's kindergarten class read the most as a class. They received an ice cream sundae party in the library.

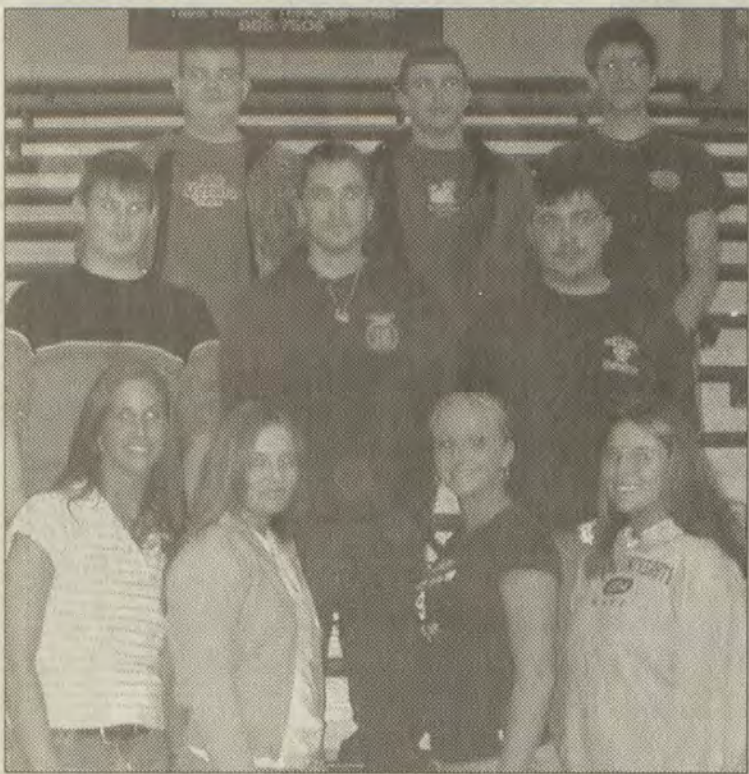


Health Aide Tiffany Spencer reads to Mrs. Stumbo's 2nd grade.



Kayla Hall and Mrs. Collins' 1st grade.

PRESTONSBURG high school



Regional FFA leadership/speech contestants were: Front row, Jessica Moore, Katie Johnson, Ashley Akers and Stacy Clark; row two, Nathan Stone, Belue Sturgill and James Billiter; back row, Johnny Newsome, Ronnie Stephens and Andrew Shepherd.



Members of the Future Business Leaders of America include: Row 1, Daniel Neeley, Michael Conn, Ryan Goble and Stephanie Prater; Row 2, Holly Pack, Julie Brown, Chris Woods and Lisa Wright; Row 3, Misty Marsillett, Tommy Layne, Terry Cesco and Chris Branham.

Business Education

The Business Education Department currently offers four courses: Computer and Technology Applications, Financial Services I, Accounting I, and Electronic Office.

All students must complete the Computer Applications course where they learn to use Microsoft Office to prepare word processing documents, spreadsheets, database components and use presentation software. After completing this course, students who choose to take all four courses are eligible to declare a career major in Administrative Support Services, Financial Services or Office/Clerical Services. Students who successfully complete all four courses are eligible to receive a certificate of completion from the Kentucky Department of Education for their chosen career major.

Business students are encouraged to join Future Business Leaders of America, a co-curricular club that enables them to learn leadership skills related to classroom instruction.

SOUTH FLOYD high school



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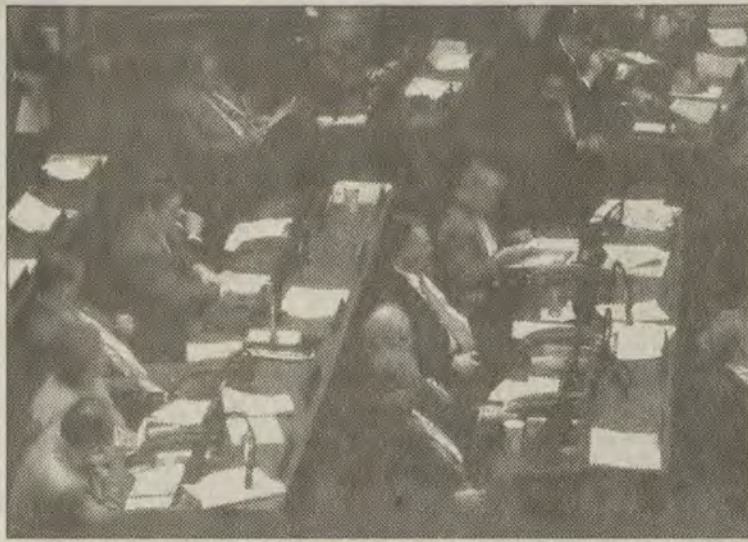
Capitol Field Trip

The South Floyd Middle School eighth-grade class took a field trip to the state capitol in Frankfort. Among sites visited during the trip were the Capitol, the Old State Capitol and the Kentucky History Museum.

Students were able to witness both houses of the General Assembly voting and working to pass bills. State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and state Rep. Chuck Meade took time out from their duties on the floor to meet with the students and thank them for visiting.

The trip was extremely educational. Among areas of learning covered on the trip were democratic principles, political systems, social systems, cultural diversity, economics, geography and historical perspective.

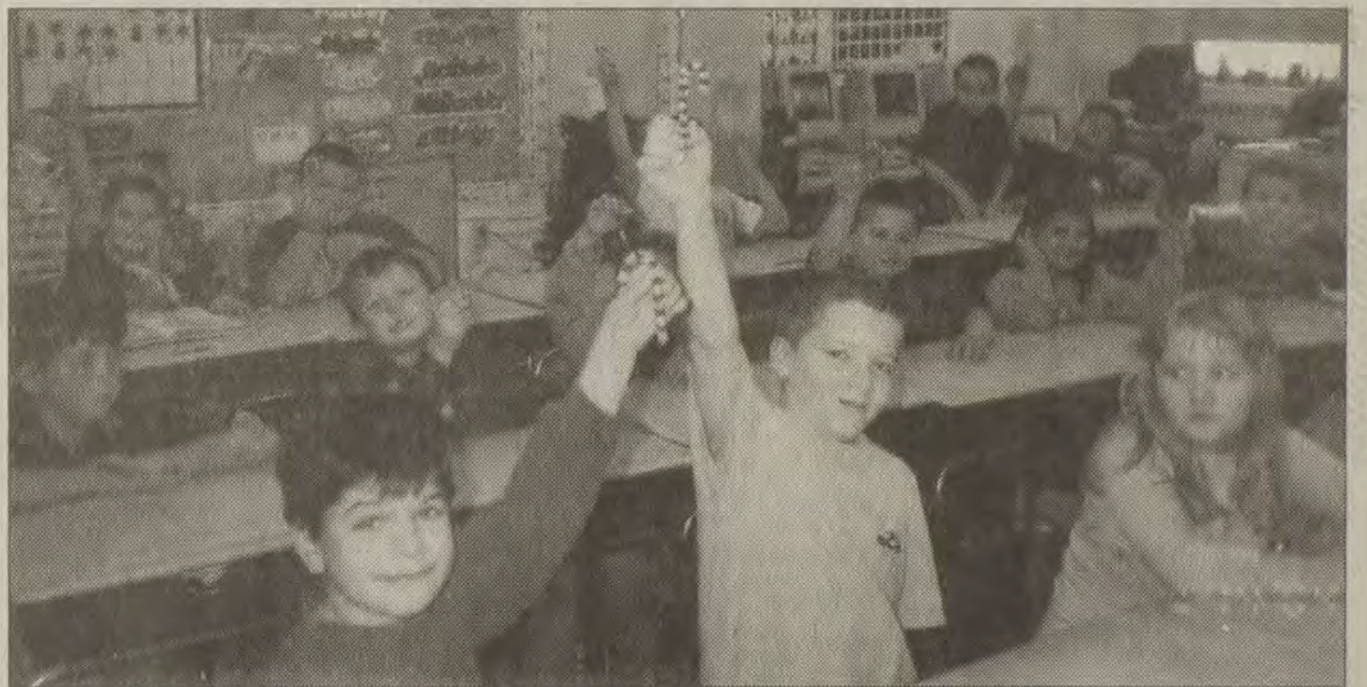
Upon their return, students also engaged in a writing exercise by writing thank-you letters to their principal, representative and senator for helping to arrange the trip.



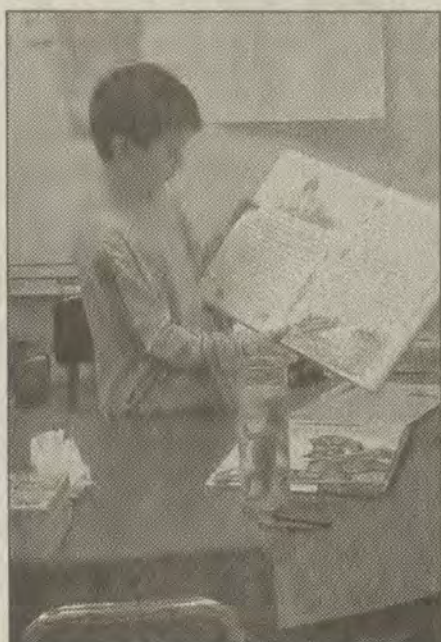
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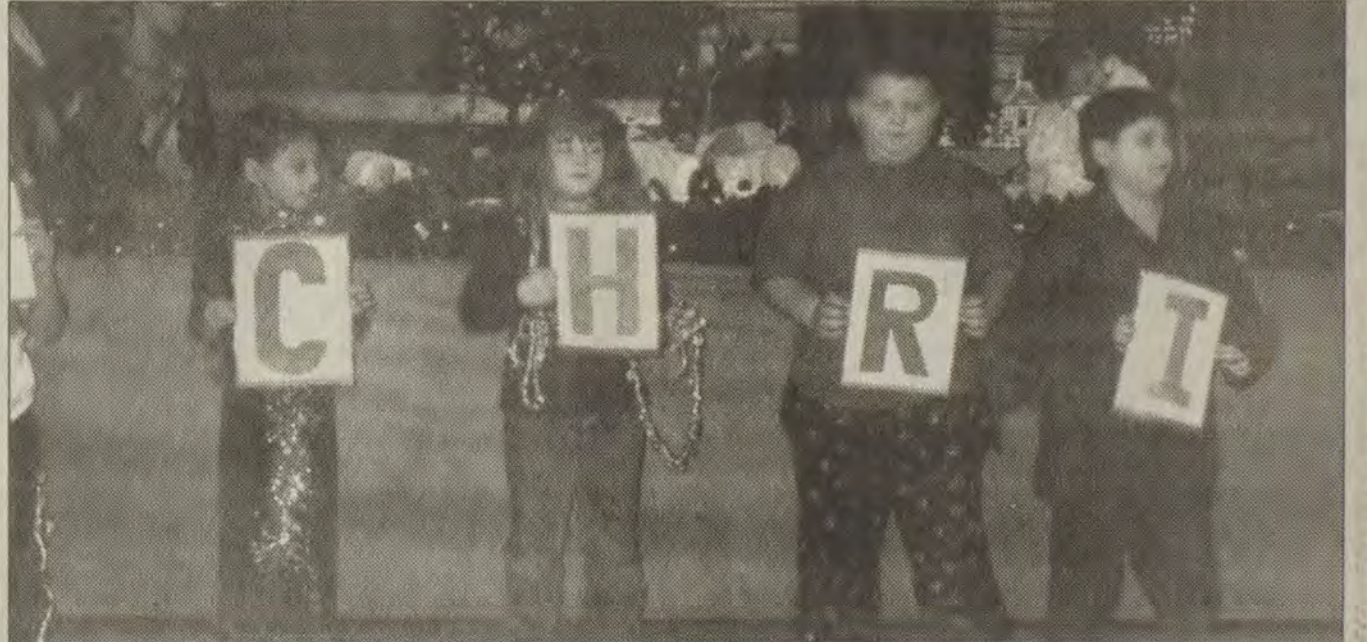
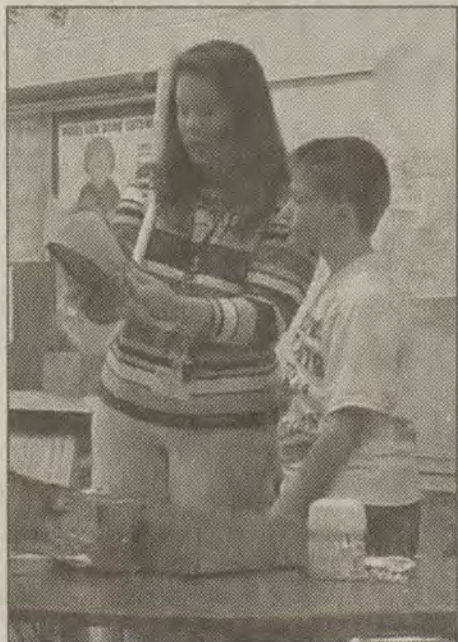
Mrs. Melissa Little's P4 class made habitat dioramas.





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Mrs. Stephanie Lawson's P4 class habitat presentations.





Mrs. Vanover's P3 & Mrs. Lawson's P4 students presented, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

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WEECARE early childhood ed. ctr.



As this group of eager Wee Care students await their fellow classmates for a timeless picture with Santa Claus, Santa's elves were busy back at the North Pole loading his sleigh for what the students hoped would be a white Christmas.

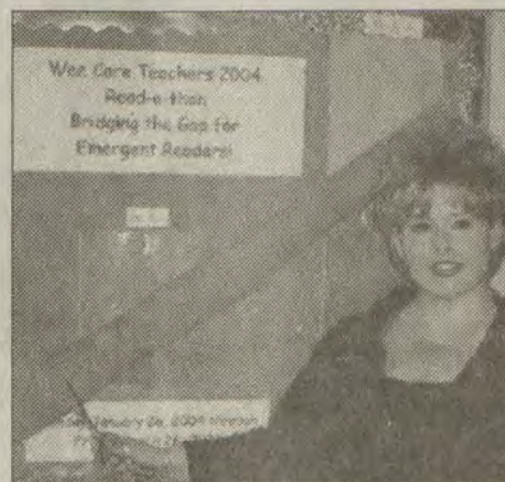


B-b-bear! Assistant director and language development teacher Ms. Tonya employs the use of a once very live black bear as an exciting and very memorable visual aide in what could only be described by the students as a gr-r-r-reat language lesson.



Justin Rowe smiles for the camera as he becomes a pint-sized fireman for the PFD.

Mrs. Cindy's "junior" Science Club students grin and bear it as they examine the spectacular characteristics and stocky build of the black bear.



A little friendly competition was sparked between the administrative staff and teachers at Wee Care to promote and support bridging the gap for emergent readers, cultivating an early learner interest in literature.



Health and 2- and 3-year-old mathematics teacher Ms. Erin squeezes her way into the hearts of each of her little ones, as she demonstrates to her students that even the "big kids" can make it through the "gross motor skills center" tunnel.



Yippee and away! Young Dakota takes a gallop around the "Imagination Station Center" on this trusty pony, "Pickles".

WESLEY christian school



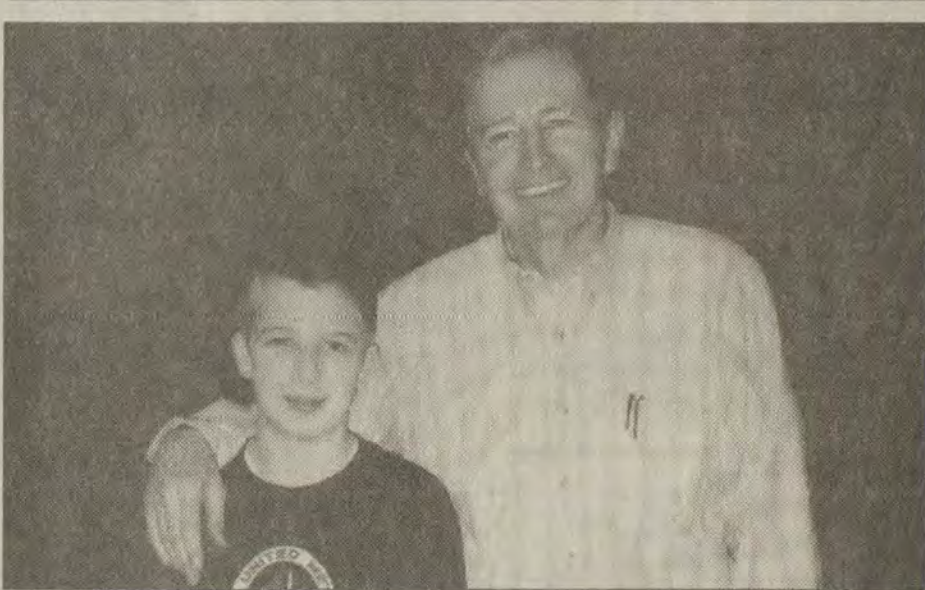
Mrs. Geneva's K-5 class finished their social studies by dressing up as one of the children from the countries they have studied.



Wesley Christian sixth- and seventh-graders enjoyed performing "Twas the Night Before Christmas" for their fellow students.



Isaiah, Grace and Chloe enjoyed the 100th day of school by making sundaes with the help of Mrs. Melissa and Mrs. Akers.



Seventh-grader Cameron Tincher enjoyed his visit with Roger "Kentucky Joe" Bingham, of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Bingham visited the school to kick off the agricultural projects "From Farm to Table."

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