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briefs

Woman robbed in driveway

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — An elderly Pike County woman was robbed in her driveway this week.

According to Kentucky State Police, Elmo Whitt, 89, of Ratliff Creek Road in Pikeville, was returning home Monday, when a red Ford of unknown exact make or model pulled in behind her in her driveway. Whitt told investigating Trooper James Sandlin, that a blonde heavysset female got out of the vehicle and told her that a man in the vehicle would kill Whitt if she did not give them her purse.

Whitt told police that she gave the woman her purse and the woman left in the truck. However, Whitt did not see anyone else in the vehicle with the blonde woman.

Whitt was not injured during the incident. KSP is asking anyone with information about the incident to call them at (800) 222-5555.

Arson destroys two churches in Johnson

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

JOHNSON COUNTY — Local churches may feel the need to batten down the hatches after two Johnson County churches were burned this weekend.

Kentucky State Police is investigating the arson of the

Sugar Grove Baptist Church in Sitka and the New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church at Riceville.

According to a report issued by KSP dispatcher Brian White, calls came into the precinct roughly an hour apart Saturday.

Officials arrived at the Sugar Grove Baptist Church to find it

completely engulfed in flames. Then, an hour later, firefighters were called to the scene of New Bethel Free Will Baptist, roughly 20 miles away, which sustained "moderate damage" in another blaze.

According to KSP Arson Investigator Don Parker, police are currently "following up on

information" that may lead to the arrest of one or more individuals involved in the suspected arson.

Parker said KSP is trying to establish a common link between circumstances of the fires at both churches.

According to Parker, members at both churches "are not aware" of any problems that existed prior

to the fires on Saturday. However, he said, an attempted break-in occurred at the New Bethel church, pastored by the Rev. Joe Scott, about a month ago.

Another church, the Ramey Branch Community Church at

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Wal-Mart of Prestonsburg, represented by community involvement coordinator Cindy Hackworth, presented Jenny Wiley Theatre, represented by managing director Martin Childers, with a donation of \$500 which will go toward reducing ticket prices this summer for the underprivileged.

photo by Tom Doty

Charges filed in ref assault

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The father and son who allegedly assaulted high school basketball referee Mike Walker two weeks ago were formally charged last week with assaulting a sports official.

The incident, which occurred exactly two weeks earlier, was captured on video by two television stations which were covering the game between Allen Central and Pike Central. A review of the tapes from those games led to the summonses being issued 24 hours after the incident.

Walker showed up to officiate at a game the next day but dropped out during the first quarter due to back spasms and withdrew from

officiating for the duration of the season.

Terry Samons, 56, and Nicholas Samons, 23, both of Martin, have both been charged with striking a sports official. The misdemeanor charges, filed Thursday in district court, stem from their reactions to the end of the game when Allen Central lost by two points. They allegedly went down the bleacher seats and strike Walker in the back of the head. Nicholas Samons was allegedly observed grabbing Walker by the arm

Witnesses reported seeing Terry Samons charge down the bleacher seats and strike Walker in the back of the head. Nicholas Samons was allegedly observed grabbing Walker by the arm

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Permit scheme prompts charges

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Floyd County women who attempted to make it easier for a juvenile to obtain a permit license were slapped

with criminal summonses last week, according to documents filed in district court.

Angela L. Johnson, 35, of Esteps Branch in Garrett, was charged March 25 with second-degree complicity to commit forgery, along

with Maria Reynolds, 32, of Martin, who faces a second-degree forgery charge.

According to complaints filed against both women by Floyd

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Office circulates Christian petition

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With ongoing controversy about states legalizing homosexual marriages and removing the pledge of allegiance from public schools,

employees in Floyd County District court are taking a stand on their own moral belief systems.

Court worker Diana S. Friend, of Grethel, has spent the past week gathering signatures on a religious freedom petition that aims to help "correct anti-Christian bigotry."

The petition, which has been posted outside the district court window for about a week, was given to Friend by her mother, Pearl Hall, who is a member of the American Family Association of Kentucky in

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Work crew stumbles upon marijuana find

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County work crew made a surprising discovery Friday, when about 50 pounds of processed marijuana was found left alongside Monkey Town Road in Virgie.

The pot was sealed in metal cans and stored in garbage bags which were stumbled upon by a crew conducting a mining survey.

The crew noticed the suspicious garbage bags around 4 p.m. Friday and reported their find to Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville.

Det. Anthony Taulbee is investigating the case along with Desi East of the Kentucky State Police.

The drugs, which were apparently ready for pickup, never got to their final destination and have no doubt

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Women's mission is to rescue 'death row' dogs

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

There is a death row at every animal shelter in the country, but two area women are working hard to effect rescue of those dogs.

Anna Wells, of Stambaugh, and Lisa Scalf, of Stanville, are two women from Eastern Kentucky who have volunteered their time and efforts to make a difference for many "condemned" dogs.

Lisa Scalf coordinates Eastern Kentucky Rescue out of Stanville. She has been doing it for two-and-a-half years and in that time has made some headway.

"The dogs that I get are from shelters and on death row," Scalf said. "In the last two-and-a-half years, I've placed 80 dogs with new families."

Every effort is made to make sure that the dogs go to good homes and so the process has strict guidelines that potential

owners must follow. First there is a five-page adoption form in which one must list three references. Then a consultation with the veterinarian that the dog will see is scheduled. There are also home visits made before and after the dog is adopted.

The rationale is clear to Scalf, who says, "Many of these dogs are coming from bad home situations. We have to make every effort to make the next

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Construction is just about finished on new kennels for East Kentucky Rescue. The new climate-controlled building will house dogs awaiting adoption at the Stanville home of Lisa Scalf.

photo by Tom Doty

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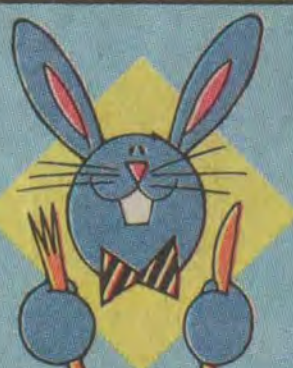
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Odds and Ends

■ **KALISPELL, Mont.** — A busy mom was making a green salad when she unexpectedly came across some protein — live protein.

Laurie Kollman was tearing up triple-washed spinach Sunday night when her 11-year-old daughter Ashley saw something moving. It was a small tree frog.

"All last week I'd been pulling out handfuls of spinach," said Kollman, who said she'd used the spinach in three earlier salads. "Then last night I was making salad for today's lunch and found it."

Kollman uncovered the tiny, lethargic frog and made it a home in a plastic tub, with spinach to eat.

"Mom, it's 'Fear Factor,'" Ashley said in reference to the TV show where people earn prize money by eating all manner of things.

Kollman said the frog perked up after it was freed from the fridge and she took it to school Monday to show to her 20 third-grade students at St. Matthew's School.

The students quickly named it Popeye.

■ **CHICAGO** — There are many perks to being mayor of the third largest city in the

country — a free chocolate foot, for instance.

Over the past two years, politicians, voters and friends have showered Mayor Richard M. Daley with more than 900 freebies, according to the mayor's gift log.

The log is a list of items Daley receives each year and the people who send them. It shows that since 2002 Daley has received 922 gifts, including pictures, plaques, CDs, food, spirits, pins and athletic paraphernalia.

Daley is admired by many in Chicago: He won re-election to his fifth consecutive term last year with nearly 80 percent of the vote. But that fondness seems to extend well beyond the city limits. Howie Nicholsby of Edinburgh, Scotland, sent Daley a kilt and accessories last September.

Not to be undone, Dr. Roger Herrin, of Harrisburg, sent the six-inch long Ghirardelli chocolate foot in December 2002.

"I'm a podiatric surgeon by trade," Herrin said. "The foot is the gift I give to referring doctors and various people."

He said he met Daley several years ago at a Democratic fund-raiser in Chicago. Herrin also has sent Daley homemade

barbecue sauce.

■ **DENVER** — When Mark Walters received a \$2,500 bill from his long-distance carrier, Denver-based Qwest, he figured it had to be a mistake. It was, and it was his daughter's boo-boo.

Elissa Walters, 18, had gone home to Springfield, N.J., for Christmas break, turned on a new computer and called an America Online number in the 973 area code — the Walters' home area.

Figuring it was a free local call carried by their local carrier, Verizon Communications, she left the computer on. And on. And on.

But just because the area code was the same, it didn't mean the call was local.

"The bottom line is it's a toll call," said Qwest spokesman Skip Thurman. The usual way to tell is if you have to punch "1" before the area code, although that isn't always the case in some East Coast service areas, Thurman said.

Mark Walters learned all of this when his bill arrived six weeks ago.

He begged for a break, saying even \$500 would be fair — enough to teach Elissa a lesson without bankrupting her, but said a representative named Bob told him last week that wouldn't happen.

"He said he denied the request for reduction because the calls emanated from our home," Walters said. "I said, 'Bob, it took you guys six weeks to come up with that? I'm not denying that. I'm not saying a stranger made the calls. It's a mistake.' He said,

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"Well, sir, that's your responsibility."

On Monday, however, Thurman said the situation had been resolved and Walters is being charged just \$375.

"We work on unique issues like this from time to time and when we do, we stay on them until the customer is satisfied," he said.

■ **ANAHEIM, Calif.** — Researchers have put some fang in a newfangled way to lift stubborn blood stains from

dirty laundry.

Bloodstained swatches of denim treated with an enzyme isolated from the venom of the Florida cottonmouth snake and then laundered came out cleaner than did denim samples simply thrown in the washing machine, researchers said Monday at the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society.

In snakebites, scientists believe the enzyme helps toxins spread through the body by hampering how blood natural-

ly clots.

Devin Imoto, a Whittier College biochemist, said he began studying the enzyme for potential medical applications. Imoto and two of his undergraduate students next plan to assess how water temperature and other variables affect the nontoxic enzyme's stain-lifting performance.

The enzyme was extracted from commercially available venom milked from the deadly snakes, also known as water moccasins.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 31, the 91st day of 2004. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek another term in office.

On this date:

■ In 1889, French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

■ In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

■ In 1933, Congress authorized the Civilian Conservation Corps.

■ In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1949, Newfoundland entered confederation as Canada's 10th province.

■ In 1953, Stanley Kubrick's first feature film, a war drama titled "Fear and Desire," pre-

miered in New York.

■ In 1986, 167 people died when a Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 crashed in a remote mountainous region of Mexico.

■ In 1991, the Warsaw Pact spent the last day of its existence as a military alliance.

■ In 1993, actor Brandon Lee, 28, was accidentally killed during the filming of a movie in Wilmington, N.C., by a prop gun.

■ In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by Yolanda Saldivar, the founder of her fan club. (Saldivar was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.)

Ten years ago:

The PLO and Israel agreed to resume talks on Palestinian autonomy, more than a month after the Hebron mosque massacre.

Five years ago:

Three U.S. Army soldiers were captured by Serb forces near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border. (Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez, Staff Sgt. Christopher

Stone and Spc. Steven M. Gonzales were released more than a month later.) Four New York City police officers were charged with murder for killing Amadou Diallo, an unarmed African immigrant, in a hail of bullets (the officers were acquitted in February 2000).

One year ago:

American forces battled Iraqi defenders in fierce street fighting 50 miles south of Baghdad, pointing toward a drive on the capital. Seven Iraqi women and children were killed at an Army checkpoint when their van refused orders to stop.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor William Daniels is 77. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 76. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 70. Actress Shirley Jones is 70. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 70. Musician Herb Alpert is 69. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 64. Actor Christopher Walken is 61. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 59. Former Vice President Al Gore is 56. David Eisenhower is 56. Actress Rhea Perlman is 56. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 49. Actor Marc McClure is 47. Actor William McNamara is 39. Actor Ewan McGregor is 33.

Thought for Today:

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well." — Rene Descartes, French philosopher (1596-1650).

Extension Service Meetings

The next meeting of the Floyd County Extension Council will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 5, 2004, at the Extension Office, located at 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

The Extension Council meeting will be immediately followed by the Extension District Board meeting at 7 p.m., at same location.

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Wilcher orders investigation of cabinet

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The head of the state Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet says she has ordered an investigation of her own agency and that criminal charges could result.

"We have identified some activities that I believe are criminal in nature, and they will be referred to a prosecutor to make the determination for further investigation," LaJuana Wilcher told The Associated Press.

Wilcher declined to say who is investigating or what specifically they are looking for.

"I will say, regrettably, that it is my sense that in certain parts of this cabinet there have been deficiencies in the types of financial control and accountability procedures that have been in place," Wilcher said in an interview.

"It is sad when we find those things. You don't ever really like to think that anybody is going to intentionally defraud their neighbors, especially when those neighbors are taxpayers who are paying their salaries," Wilcher said.

Wilcher's agency, which has one of the broadest jurisdictions in state government, resulted from a merger of the former Natural Resources and Public Protection cabinets. It has 3,350 employees across the state and its purview runs a gamut — horse racing, liquor licenses, mining permits and environmental regulation,

among others.

Wilcher said questionable activities have not been exclusive to a particular department. Some departments have adequate controls on fraud and abuse while others have been lax, she said. Travel vouchers and expense reports have been largely unchecked in some departments, she said.

Wilcher said she planned to beef up her office of inspector general and have internal audits conducted "to make sure things are done right."

"It does not appear that those types of controls were there, and we are regrettably finding some problems," she said, declining to elaborate.

"The most serious case we are looking at was in fact brought to us by an employee," Wilcher said. "It is also our hope that as more and more people in state government are aware that we are committed to clean up the mess in Frankfort that they will feel comfortable coming forward."

An internal audit released earlier this year found "procedural irregularities" in the Kentucky Racing Commission, now the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, which is under Wilcher's cabinet. The audit prompted some new safeguards within the commission.

"We want to make 10 percent sure these practices and procedures are correct because restoring integrity to this industry is probably the greatest gift that we can give it," Wilcher said.

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Petition

Louisville, an organization stemming from a national association of the same name that works to change political policies on controversial subjects such as homosexual marriages, placing the Ten Commandments in public buildings and removing "one nation under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I believe it's good, especially for kids in school," said Floyd District Clerk Douglas Ray Hall. "We had the Ten Commandments when I was in school 20 years ago. If they learn about the Ten Commandments at that age, maybe they won't show up here when they're older."

Hall, who said that allowing public school children to participate in morning recitations of the Pledge of Allegiance taught them to have pride in their country, signed the petition along with several district court workers and visitors to the office.

The petition asks supporters to cosponsor S 2082 and HR 3799, Constitution Restoration Acts; S 1558, the Religious Liberties Restoration Act; HR 3313, the Marriage Protection Act; HR 3190, Safeguarding Our Religious Liberties; and HJR 56, the Federal Marriage

Amendment; as well as other related bills currently being considered by Congress.

Hall said that most employees of the Floyd County District Court support a "general family lifestyle" that includes Christian-based moral standards against homosexual marriages and other "anti-Christian" ways of living.

"For the majority of Eastern Kentucky, it's still a Christian values area and, hopefully, it

will always stay that way," Hall said.

According to its website, the American Family Association of Kentucky supports the right for children to pray in public schools, the "balanced presentation of the scientific basis of Creation and the theory of evolution without censorship," and "teaching only healthy lifestyles in public schools."

With a mailing list of approximately 40,000, including mem-

bers Attorney General Greg Stumbo and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, the organization networks with pro-life, pro-family and decency groups to support Christian-based legislation related to today's controversial issues.

A coordinator of the organization can be found in almost every Kentucky county, the website says, noting that the group also operates an "Exodus" chapter to "minister to homosexuals who want help."

The petition was mailed to Frank Simon, MD, director of The American Family Association of Kentucky yesterday, Friend said.

More information about the organization can be found at www.afaky.com.

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Competency hearing ordered in drug case

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judy Hicks, 46, was taken into custody for psychiatric evaluation Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Hicks was arrested by Stan Farler of the Prestonsburg City Police Department, and was indicted on April 8, 2003, for drug trafficking. Her case was scheduled to go to trial on March 3, before Judge John David

Caudill, for a second-degree drug trafficking charge, but she ended up in Highlands Regional Medical Center the day before the trial began.

Caudill appeared suspicious about the timing of the hospitalization, remarking to Hicks, "It seems like every time you are scheduled for a hearing you end up in the hospital."

It is not known whether Hicks checked herself in to the hospital or was admitted by a medical professional.

She was taken from Highlands to the ARH Psychiatric Center, in Hazard, for psychiatric treatment and evaluation.

The medical records presented in court stated that Hicks exhibited signs of psychosis. Because of this documentation, Caudill ordered Hicks into custody for psychiatric evaluation to assess whether Hicks is competent to stand trial for the drug trafficking charges.

Although medical records were submitted to the court, the State will have to determine the mental condition of Hicks before she can be deemed incompetent. The outcome of the evaluation will determine whether Hicks will stand trial for the drug trafficking charges.

Women

one better the next time."

Anna Wells specializes in German shepherds but is always taking in other breeds. She is also careful when it comes to arranging adoptions and must weed out those who would seek to make their dog into a violent home defender.

Wells strongly protests the old saw that shepherds make natural guard dogs. She says that they are definitely work dogs but that work is herding. She makes sure that they stay in shape, too, and says, "They need to be exercised. Every day we take them out for a four-hour supervised run."

Every dog is also spayed or neutered.

Both women board a lot of dogs and spend a fair amount of time coordinating rescues. They search the internet to find breeds that people are looking for and then rescue them from shelters by putting together an all-volunteer express which transports the dogs across state lines to their new owners

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Recently Wells got a dog from Kentucky to upstate New York in 15 hours by using 17 volunteers to drive the dog to its new destination. A complex delivery system involving rest stop meeting places and cell phone relays was effected to get the dog rescued.

Both rescuers do their boarding and rescues for free. Each runs up a lot of bills for supplies and could use donations of dog food, chew bones and toys. They can be contacted at www.petfinder.com.

They are also in need of volunteers to assist in dog rescues and are available to anyone who is searching for a special breed of dog.

Currently Wells is working to find homes for dogs from Floyd County. She is out every day taking pictures and histories of dogs for the Floyd County Animal Shelter. The pictures are then posted to the internet at the Pet Finder, which can be searched by zip code.

Arson

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Flat Gap, fell victim to burglars around that same time, he said, and a fire also completely destroyed Tom's Creek United Baptist Church.

Although he couldn't release information about specific aspects of the investigation, Parker, who continues the investigation along with FBI arson investigator James Barnett, said that evidence indicates both fires were intentionally set from the inside of the buildings.

Both churches, he said, were "somewhat isolated" from neighboring homes or businesses, which indicates that they may have fallen victim to target selection by one or more arsonists.

Parker said churches in the area should be "cautious" about noticing and reporting suspicious activity around their property and reminded area citizens to "pay attention when passing churches," particularly those located in secluded areas.

"We're asking for information from anybody that drove past any of the churches prior to the fires to let us know if they saw anything out of the ordinary," Parker said Monday. "And we're reminding people to

pay attention when passing churches and to report if they see any suspicious activity. As far as other churches in the area are concerned, it sure doesn't hurt to be cautious. They want to protect what they have, too."

No suspects have been named at this time.

There are \$1,000 rewards for any information leading to an arrest or arrests related to the two fires in Johnson County. Those with information that would help the investigation are asked to contact KSP or call (800) 27-ARSON.

Charges

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and swinging him around. Though it is a first offense for both, it could have serious consequences for Nicholas Samons who began his first year as an assistant coach at Allen Central this year.

Though the Samonses were escorted off the court in handcuffs, neither was arrested and no summons was issued until after a review of the game tapes.

The only witness listed on the criminal complaint is Walker but there were countless witnesses

tuned in to the game and over a hundred at the game.

The first court appearance for the case has been slated for Wednesday, April 14, at 9:30 am in District Court.

Jerry Hurley, who supervises the referees who work area games, has high hopes for this situation now that it has reached the courts.

"The court can make a big difference here," Hurley said. "We need appropriate measures to make sure that this doesn't happen again. Hopefully we can take this negative experience and turn it into a positive one to make sure that this doesn't happen again."

Find

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cost some trafficker a handsome profit. What is not known at this point is whether the drugs were awaiting pick up, dumped or if there is a drug dealer who paid a lot of money for five bags of regular trash.

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Guest View

Without truth, democracy can't make good choices

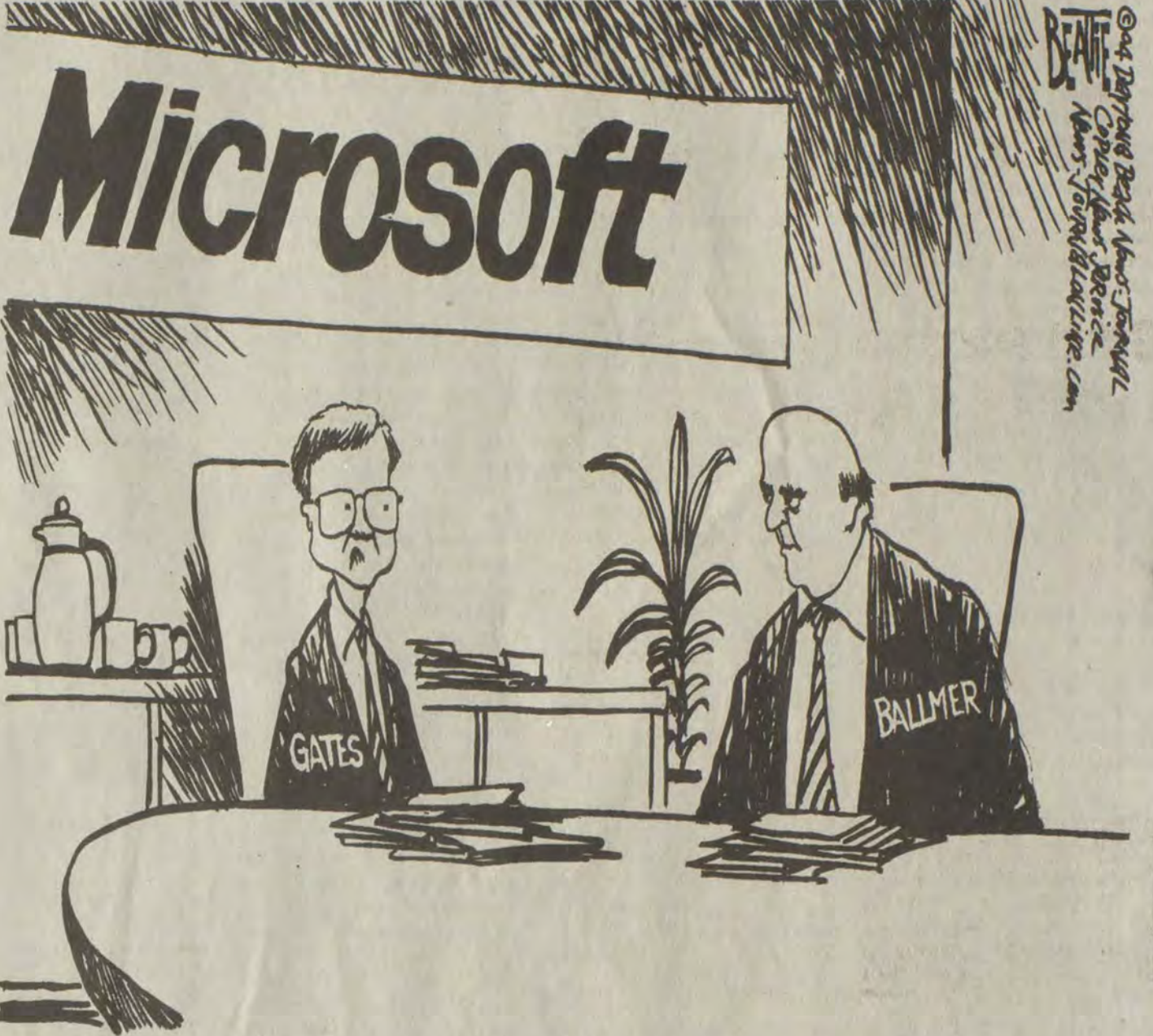
The truth is the foundation of any democracy. It informs the decisions people make in voting booths across the land and lawmakers make on the House and Senate floors. But if Medicare's chief actuary can be believed, then the truth about the price of the Medicare prescription drug plan was banned from mention when Congress debated the issue late last year. Assuming that Richard S. Foster is telling the truth now, then whoever is responsible for its absence in the fall should be fired. Foster has an email, witnesses and numbers on his side.

The e-mail, dated June 20, warns him not to answer queries about Medicare costs, especially queries coming from Democrats. "The consequences for insubordination are extremely severe," says the memo from an assistant to then-Medicare administrator Thomas A. Scully, Foster's boss. Foster says, and witnesses confirm, that Scully warned him repeatedly that he would be fired if he revealed that the benefit under consideration would cost \$551 billion over 10 years, when the administration was using a \$395 billion Congressional Budget Office estimate. Foster said Scully indicated he was acting under orders from senior White House officials. Supporters feared losing votes if the cost exceeded a promised \$400 billion ceiling.

The month after President Bush signed the legislation, the White House said, oops and sorry, but the real 10-year cost will be \$534 billion. The number is remarkably close to Foster's estimate and one-third more than the number used to push the bill. So Foster, a career civil servant, might have done democracy a favor had he defied his boss' orders and reported his conclusions. He told the House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday he considered resigning but decided instead to try to work within the system to change it. He, already has, and more about that later.

No one yet has accused Foster of being "out of the loop" or having a partisan ax to grind, charges leveled against former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and former counterterrorism chief Richard Clarke when they complained publicly about presidential counselors who were uninterested in seeing facts when their minds were so nicely made up without them. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy

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"Should we appeal the EU ruling ... or just buy Europe?"

Guest Column

Are Pentagon programs untouchable?

by CHRISTOPHER HELLMAN

Washington, D.C., has never experienced a major earthquake. And in our nation's capitol, canceling a Pentagon weapons system happens only slightly more often. So the Army's February decision to terminate its Comanche helicopter stunned virtually everyone.

Like many of the weapons currently under development, the 20-year-old, \$39 billion Comanche was over budget and behind schedule. The program had been restructured — military-speak for re-evaluation of a weapon's basic require-

ments — six times, and the Army had already spent almost \$7 billion. It's the second major Army program canceled by the Bush administration; the Crusader artillery system was terminated in 2002.

Yet these programs are exceptions, not the rule. All weapons have constituencies within the Pentagon, the defense industry and Congress. Thus although most weapons programs have experienced delays and cost overruns, you can count on one hand the systems canceled since the end of the Cold War. So the termination of the Comanche caused considerable surprise among Pentagon watchers. And in the subsequent weeks, the two most common questions have been: Will Congress go along with the plan? And do other programs face a similar fate?

The answer to the first question is "yes." One reason is that the Army, rather than the secretary of defense, pro-

posed it. In the past, when the secretary — a civilian — has recommended a cancellation, the uniformed services, along with the project's contractors, have lobbied Congress to overturn the recommendation. Congress, concerned about jobs and votes, almost inevitably responds, arguing that the military still values the program. But since the Army itself has abandoned the Comanche, it's difficult for Congress to justify reversing the decision.

Another reason is that the Army wants to spend the funds saved on other helicopter programs. It plans to upgrade 1,400 choppers it currently owns, and to purchase 800 new ones. This decision has muted protests by the Comanche's contractors, who stand to benefit from contracts for the new work. This has reduced pressure on Congress to revive the program.

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Letters

Help get prescription law

In an effort to help my community and all its residents I am relaying the following information. The following law was passed and was upheld as constitutional by the United States Supreme Court. It is the effort of the state of Maine to help its elderly, handicapped and all other citizens combat the high costs of health care and the budget cuts their state government has and is encountering. All the major drug manufacturers are fighting this law due to cutting down on their large profits. Please help in any way you can to see that the resi-

dents of the state of Kentucky receive the same benefits from these major drug manufacturers as do the residents of the state of Maine. Michigan and Oregon are also trying to get the same laws passed for their residents. Help get a similar law passed in Kentucky.

Maine enacted the Maine Rx program with the passage of Public Law 1999, chapter 786. The Maine Rx program appears in title 22 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated sections 2681 to 2698 (Chapter 603).

For a copy of the Public Law, visit http://janus.state.me.us/legis/os/lor/LOM119th/6Pub751-791/6Pub751-791-35.htm#P2234_417949 on the internet.

For the Maine Revised Statutes, visit

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes>. At this website, scroll down the list of titles and select the desired one by clicking on it. The next list will contain spans of section numbers, in black text, at the end of each listed item. Find the desired section(s) as listed above and click on it. Narrow your section selections until you see the text of the law.

Ralph P. Bell
Louisville

Exodus

When the Hebrews exited Egypt, to whom they had been enslaved for some 400 years, God led them to the Promised Land. This land was inhabited by Canaanites, later identified as Philistines and of late, Palestinians. Evidently these inhabitants were a lost race of people and

God had intended to liquidate them. He had previously destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah himself, so this should give us an idea of the kind of people they would be dealing with. And the U.S. of A. is just about to reach this point ourselves.

God instructed the Hebrews (His chosen people) to go over and possess the land and to kill all the people therein. But like we do today, they doubted God's wisdom in this matter, and that his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Consequently, they only killed those that were convenient and today they remain a thorn in their side.

Now, what to do? Simple. Finish the job.
Glenn Fraley
Prestonsburg

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Health Extra

UK releases breastfeeding research study

LEXINGTON — Nurse researchers in the obstetrical unit at the University of Kentucky Hospital have completed a research study concerning the effects of early initiation of breastfeeding on infants.

The purpose of the study was to determine if early initiation encouraged mothers to breastfeed while in the hospital and to feel more comfortable to breastfeed after they were discharged. The study also examined reduc-

ing breastfeeding problems for mothers during hospitalization.

"In the first two hours of life the newborn is in its most alert state and this is when the early initiation needs to take place," said Carol Komara, nursing staff development specialist and principal investigator of the study.

The research study also attempted to evaluate the effectiveness of strategies to reduce breastfeeding barriers. Prior to

the study, researchers found that state and federal guidelines that all newborns receive vitamin K and eye prophylaxis within the first hour after birth was a barrier to effective breastfeeding. Infants were separated from the mother to receive vitamin K and eye prophylaxis in the nursery. In this study, the health care professional administered vitamin K and eye prophylaxis in the labor and delivery room.

The study, involving 100

breastfeeding mothers, established that early initiation of breastfeeding proved to be the most influential factor in the success of breastfeeding while in the hospital, affected the mother's desire to breastfeed when returning home, and reduced postpartum problems. Kentucky has the fourth-lowest rating in the nation for the number of breastfeeding mothers.

Preliminary findings show that 84 percent of babies whose mother's breastfed in Labor Delivery Recovery (LDR) had easy latch-on. Results also indicate that breastfeeding in the LDR decreased dietary supplementation with formula. Also, 89 percent of mothers who breastfed in LDR thought breastfeeding soon after birth made it easier to continue to breastfeed while in the hospital. Finally, 100 percent of the mothers who breastfed in LDR intended to continue breastfeeding.

The current mission is to assist mothers who want to breastfeed regardless of obstetrical complications, and to educate mothers who do not intend to breastfeed or who have had cesarean sections. The nursing staff in the obstetrical unit at UK Hospital hopes that this study will help to increase the breastfeeding rates of patients and will show the community that UK Hospital is committed to breastfeeding. The ultimate goal for the future is that the knowledge learned in this research study will influence health providers to offer monetary rebates to mothers who choose to breastfeed.

For more information about early initiation, contact Carol Komara, at cakoma2@email.uky.edu or call (859) 323-5979.

Grant advances telemedicine, distance learning at School of Osteopathic Medicine

PIKEVILLE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Kentucky, has awarded a Rural Utilities Services grant of \$74,661 to enhance distance learning and telemedicine opportunities for the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine.

The grant will be used to purchase, install, and train local healthcare facilities on the video-conferencing equipment provided

at 16 sites in five states, four of which are in Appalachia. Several Kentucky counties will benefit from these funds, including Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Letcher, Breathitt, Perry and Grayson, along with neighboring counties in Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio. These systems will allow healthcare facilities to not only receive medical lectures, but to broadcast locally produced medical education programs.

"This equipment permits a rural hospital to continue to provide local care with caring and allows access to many other hospitals, faculty and specialists," said Michael K. Murphy, D.O., executive director of the Appalachian Osteopathic Post-graduate

Training Institute Consortium (A-OPTIC) at PCSOM. "Additionally, physicians who may be interested in relocating will be able to see the fantastic quality of care and patient mix at each site."

Benefits of the system include increased educational opportunities for healthcare providers, increased multi-state research efforts related to health care needs of rural residents and increased incentive for medical students, residents and interns to stay and establish practices in rural America. This project has the potential to impact a population of over 55,000 health care providers and health care recipients in these rural areas.

Students at PCSOM and medical interns and residents training in the Appalachian Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Consortium currently have access to educational programs conducted at distant locations through the medical school's distance learning facility. Similarly, health care professionals and educators provide medical consultation and continuing health care education to students and professionals at distant sites. Infrastructure already in place enables PCSOM's Division of Telemedicine to provide telemedicine services to federal prisons in Ashland and Manchester, and soon for the new prison in Martin County.

"Rural Americans face many challenges — including the need for quality education and healthcare services," said Hilda Gay Legg, administrator of Rural Utilities. "USDA's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program is designed to help meet these challenges through the use of advance telecommunication technologies. These technologies can create economic opportunities and change the quality of life for many rural residents."

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Obituaries

Naomi Allen Bybee

Naomi Allen Bybee, age 86, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, formerly of Floyd County, passed away, on Sunday, March 28, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Bybee of Albuquerque; one daughter, Donna Dyer of Long Beach,

California; and two sisters: Edna Allen Frazier and Gypsy Allen Goodman, both of Ohio. A memorial service will be held at a later date. (Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.) (Paid obituary)

Hilma Slone

Hilma Slone, age 73, of Beaver, formerly of Columbus, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She was born December 23, 1930, in Craynor, a daughter of the late Taulbie and Mollie Hamilton Slone. She was a retired chemist for the state of Ohio. Survivors include one brother, Denver Slone of Beaver; one sister, Sarah Tackett of Grayson; four nephews:

Jeffrey Slone, Cecil Slone, Gregory Tackett, and Ola Tackett Jr.; and one niece, Deborah Tackett. Funeral services for Hilma Slone were conducted Tuesday, March 30, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial was in the Ike Roberts Cemetery, at Grethel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Frankie Handshoe Hall would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, prayers, and all the kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

THE FAMILY OF FRANKIE HANDSHOE HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Palmer Hall Sr., would like to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped us through the loss of a very special man. We will never forget the kindness shown either through your flowers, food, cards, presence or thoughts. A special thanks to the Church of Christ, Clergymen Junior Kidd, Chris Kidd, Bob McKinney, and their singers. Thanks to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control. Thanks to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and courteous services. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Pallbearers were grandsons: Ken, Jeff, Jimmy, Mikie, Randy, John, Bobby and Shane Hall.

GOLDIE HALL AND FAMILY

Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF JAMES DOUGLAS "SLIM" COLLINS

Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The family of
Dorothy Baldrige Bickford



Card of Thanks

The family of Millard Setser wishes to thank relatives, friends and neighbors who offered gifts and prayers at the passing of their father, March 22, 2004.

Special thanks to Calvin Setser, Clyde Bowling, Gary Wright, Rick Bentley, the staff at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and Highlands Regional Medical Center, second floor.

THE FAMILY OF MILLARD SETSER

Beverage Moore Sr.

Beverage Moore Sr., 75, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, following an extended illness.

Born February 21, 1929, in Wayland, he was the son of the late Troy and Annie Slone Moore. He was a coal miner while in Kentucky, then retired from Marion Casting and Glen Gary Brick Corp. in Ohio. He was an avid fisherman and hunter.

He is survived by his wife, Mary M. Colegrove Moore, whom he married on November 5, 1949, in Paintsville.

Other survivors include one son, Beverage Moore Jr., and wife, Jeannie, of Falcon; three daughters: Teresa and Darrell McCoy of Caledonia, Ohio, Sheila and Steve Curren of Prospect, Ohio, and Ella Estrada of Marion, Ohio; five brothers: Marvin and Rita Moore and Orville and Willa Moore, all of Dema, Everett and Kathy Moore of Wayland, Minefee (Duke) and Janice Moore of Marion, Ohio, Von and Lucille Moore of Wayland; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Martin Moore; and two sisters: Kathleen Lee and Vernie Moore.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 31, at 11 a.m., at the Steelcreek Old Regular Baptist Church, at Wayland, with Earl Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Moore Family Cemetery, at Wayland, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Billy Ray Fultz

Funeral services for Billy Ray Fultz, 66, of Linden, Alabama, were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at O'Bryant Chapel Funeral Home in Linden.

The Rev. Mike Allen, the Rev. Andy Mims, and David Wiggins officiated in the services. Interment followed in Linden Memorial Park. O'Bryant Chapel Funeral Home, in Linden, was in charge of arrangements.

Fultz died March 13, at DCH Regional Medical Center. He was a retired millwright from Georgia Pacific Corp., and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Coleston Fultz; mother, Ada Fultz Mosley; and two brothers: James E. Fultz, Sr., and Gary Roger Fultz.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Fultz of Linden; step-father, Clabe Mosley of Wayland; son, William Thomas (Paula) Fultz of Linden; sister, Darlene F. Wiggins Arnett of Linden; three brothers, Leroy Fultz and Bobby Fultz, both of Demopolis and Jerry Fultz of Wayland; and four grandchildren: Lindsey Miller of Greensboro, Thomas B. Fultz, Matthew Weldon Fultz, and Coleston G. Fultz, all of Linden.

Pallbearers were: Tommy Branham, Jimmy Fultz, Dwain Williams, Scott Williams, Wes Wiggins, Wayne Wiggins, David Wiggins, Dennis Breckenridge, and Bobby A. Fultz.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jack McClinton, Ross Fitzhugh, Johnny Williams, Bubba Thomas, James Nelson, Taylor Cannon, and friends and family of the community. (Paid obituary)

LaShonda Lovell Bailey Hamilton

LaShonda Lovell Bailey Hamilton, 23, of McDowell, was dead on arrival, Thursday, March 25, 2004, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin, following an A.T.V. accident.

Born September 11, 1980, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of Charles (Rooster) Kidd of Harold, and Sonja Harvey Kidd of Banner; and Danny Bailey of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. She was a waitress at Renos in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Billy (Bull) Hamilton.

Other survivors include one son, Charles Shawn Douglas Hamilton of McDowell; three brothers, Eric Bailey of Betsy Layne, Charles Douglas Kidd and Dusty Hall, both of Harold; and two sisters, Mindy Bailey of Prestonsburg and Mia Danielle Kidd of Harold; and grandparents: Ethel Hunter Harvey of Grethel; and Ed Kidd of Harold.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Willie Harvey, and grandmother, Doris Ousnamer Kidd.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Shannon McKinney, Ernie Blevins and Elisha Branham officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

John S. Williams Jr.

John S. Williams Jr., age 79, of Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, formerly of Banner, passed away, on Friday, March 26, 2004, in the Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, West Virginia.

He was born June 24, 1924, in Banner, the son of the late James and Bertha Meade Williams.

He was retired from Columbia Gas Company, after 33 years of service, and was a member of the North Fork Baptist Church.

His parents, James and Bertha; and one sister, Kathryn Williams Akers; and a brother, Forest "Pete" Williams, preceded him in death.

Survivors include the wife, Gladys Akers Williams; two sons: Roy H. (Anna) Williams of Florence, and Ronney (Ethel) Williams of Elkins, West Virginia; one daughter, Carol Williams Dahmer of Louisville; one sister, Doris Williams of Dana; and one brother, Billy Williams of Dana; four grandchildren: Stevie Dahmer, Ryan Shay Williams, Alice Williams McDonner and Joanna Marie Williams; three great-grandchildren: Zachery Williams, Zoe Williams, and William McDonner.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, at 11 a.m., in the Scaffer Funeral Home Chapel, in Petersburg, West Virginia, with Rev. Mark J. McAllister officiating.

Burial was in the North Fork Memorial Cemetery, at Riverton, West Virginia.

Memorials may be made to the North Fork Baptist Church, P.O. Box 46, Riverton, West Virginia 26814, or the charity of choice.

Information provided by Hall Funeral Home of Martin. www.hallfuneralservice.com (Paid obituary)

Earl Newsome

Earl Newsome, 74, of Allen, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at Riverview Healthcare Center in Prestonsburg.

Born April 9, 1929, in Pike County, he was the son of the late William and Mary Tackett Newsome. He was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Arkansas Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Lula Mae (Lou) Slone Newsome.

Other survivors include two sons: Jeffery Newsome of Hollywood, Florida, and Barry Newsome of Ashtabula, Ohio; three daughters: Margaret Jones of McDowell, Linda Newsome of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and Kathy Lelani of Chicago, Illinois; a step-son, Maynard Crum of Woodbridge, Virginia; a step-daughter, Barbara Castle of Allen; two brothers: Chester and Junior; six sisters: Mazil, Maxine, Marie, Sylvia, Mildred and Draxie; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Michael Newsome; and three brothers: Ralph, Estill, and Edward; and one sister, Hazel.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 31, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby (Bud) Crum, Woodrow Crum, and Ernest Reynolds officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Donald Martin

Donald Martin, passed away, Saturday, March 27, 2004, at 3:30 a.m.

He was the son of John Martin and Lillie Hall Martin, who preceded him in death. He was a baptized member of the Church of God for 24 years.

He is survived by four brothers: Harold Martin and Odell Martin, both of Bevinville, Larry Martin of Florida, and Dean Martin of California; three sisters: Eleanor Young of Lakeland, Florida, La Verne Osborne of Washington, and Veronica Taylor of Garner, North Carolina; brothers-in-law: Ron Taylor and Wilburn Osborne Jr.; sisters-in-law: Kathy Martin and Jeanette Martin; nieces: Mellisa Martin, Samantha Martin, Maria Martin, Kathleen Taylor, Tina Martin, Michelle Brooks, Elizabeth Garside, Vanessa Whitaker, and Nicole Pierri; and nephews: John Osborne and Barry Young.

The funeral service for Donald Martin will be held on Wednesday, March 31, at 2 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin, with Val Burgett, of Narrows, Virginia, officiating.

Burial will be at the Cane Hall Cemetery, at Bevinville, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers will be his brothers: Harold, Odell, Dean, and brother-in-law, Ron Taylor. (Paid obituary)

Elsie Hackworth Leake

Elsie Hackworth Leake, 95, of East Point, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born October 30, 1908, in Bonanza, she was the daughter of the late Greeley Hackworth and Lizzie Caudill Hackworth. She was a homemaker, a member of the Little Paint First Church of God, for 75 years, and a member of Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star, Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, of 55 years, Thomas J. Leake, on November 9, 1983.

Survivors include three daughters: Dorothy Harris of East Point, Elizabeth Ramey of Prestonsburg, and Wanda Spradlin of Versailles; two sisters: Edna Floor of Akron, Indiana, and Alta Mae Hackworth of Wooster, Ohio; two brothers: Ernest Hackworth and Earl Hackworth, both of Ada, Ohio; four grandchildren: Junella McClellan, Kathy Lowe, Tommy Spradlin, and Jennifer Spradlin; five great-grandchildren: Brandon Lowe, Josh Lowe, Kate Lowe, James E. McClellan, and Susan McClellan.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Charles Heater and Rev. Wayne Burch officiating.

Interment was in Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Contributions are suggested to the church of one's choice.

Pallbearers: George McClellan, Danny Lowe, grandsons and great-grandsons.

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

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Guest

The answer to the second question — will other weapons get cut? — is, unfortunately, “no.” Barring unforeseen changes in the Washington political climate, other wasteful Cold War weapons such as the F/A-22 fighter aircraft, the V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft and ballistic missile defense, will likely survive.

The reason is simple. Unlike the Comanche, whose own service wouldn't back it, these weapons have broad support within their respective military branches and the Pentagon's civilian leadership. The F/A-22, for example, is the Air Force's highest priority. At \$260 million per aircraft, it's the Pentagon's most expensive fighter ever, and has also experienced repeated cost overruns and delays. Yet in order to continue funding the F/A-22 program, the Air Force has made major cuts elsewhere, including canceling the B-2

bomber after 21 planes and retiring its fleet of aircraft used to jam enemy radars. Canceling the F/A-22 or similar programs will be an uphill battle.

The wild card is whether the Pentagon will experience the same budget growth in the future that it's currently enjoying. Under the Bush administration, annual Pentagon spending has grown from roughly \$300 billion to over \$400 billion, and is projected to reach more than \$500 billion by 2009. And this doesn't include the costs of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.


Even supporters of weapons like the F/A-22 admit that Pentagon funding cuts could jeopardize these programs. And while recent efforts to control Pentagon spending haven't succeeded, growing concerns about spiraling deficits are raising questions about higher defense budgets. But that's about as far as it goes.

For instance, when the Senate Budget Committee recently proposed reducing next year's Pentagon funding increase by \$7 billion, the proposal was voted down 95 to 4. And this wasn't a cut in defense spending, simply a smaller increase. A similar House proposal trimming the request by \$2 billion never even saw the light of day. Meanwhile, costly, unneeded weapons continue to drain federal coffers.

This shouldn't be so. Such programs not only don't address the true security challenges of the 21st century, they drain resources from programs that do. The Pentagon needs to subject these Cold War weapons to the same level of scrutiny the Comanche received, and with the same outcome.

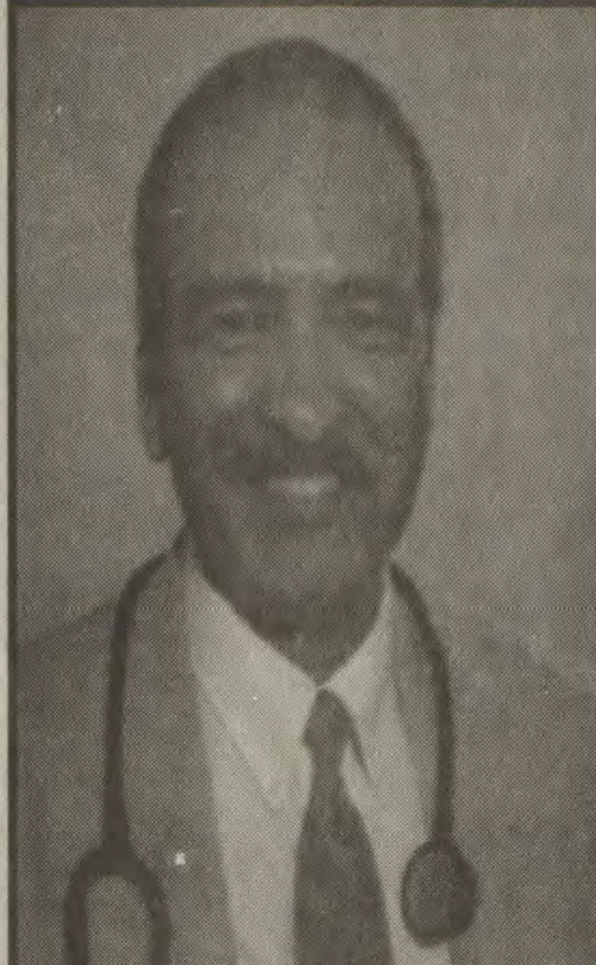
Christopher Hellman is military policy analyst at the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation in Washington, D.C. Formed in 1980, the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation has been a leader in all the key arms control struggles of the late 20th century. The center (www.armcontrolcenter.org) serves as the nation's chief watchdog of the U.S. Congress and Executive Branch on a range of arms control issues.

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Ask Dr. Jain

by: Kirti Jain, M.D. Hematology Oncologist
 Medical Director of Highlands Cancer Center

Q. Who are the doctors at Highlands Cancer Center?


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THE FAMILY OF JOHN HARRIS

Card of Thanks
 The family of Lorene Isaacs Newsom would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them, during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to the the Regular Baptist ministers 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 LORENE ISAACS NEWSOM

Card of Thanks
 The family of Lona "Pet" Hall would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the friends, neighbors, and loved ones who have helped comfort them in their time of loss. We thank you for the flowers, the food, the comfort, and the words of kindness. A special thanks to Christ United Methodist Church of Allen, and Rev. Kenneth LeMaster, for the wonderful dinner provided for family and friends following the service. Thanks to Ernest Sword for his many kind words, and songs of inspiration by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson and Warren Blanton. Also, the many churches who included our mother on their prayer list; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind, professional and courteous service, the pallbearers: Steve Prater, Bobby Prater, Barry Prater, Chuck Johnson, Jeff Hall, Larry Hall, Troy Hall Jr., and David Nelson; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance and traffic control; Senators Johnny Ray Turner and Ray Jones for the Senate resolution in honor of our mother, the staff of Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Highlands Regional Medical Center, and Riverview Manor Nursing Home, for the special care they gave our mother. Your love and support will never be forgotten. We greatly appreciate you all.
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Business/Professions

Highlands urologist introduces new therapy for urinary dysfunction

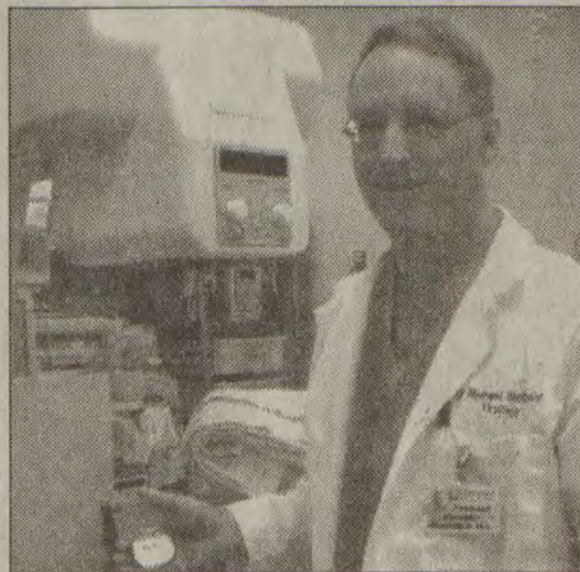
A new therapy called InterStim Urinary Control Therapy is changing and improving life for people suffering from urinary dysfunction, commonly known as overactive bladder. InterStim Therapy is now available at Highlands Regional Medical Center and is provided by Dr. Michael McDonald, Board Certified Urologist. This innovative approach for urinary dysfunction is the newest therapy available and is expected to help hundreds of patients who have currently been unable to gain control of their bladder function with conventional therapies and medications. Dr. McDonald began treating patients with the InterStim Therapy just a few weeks ago and said that patients have had

remarkable outcomes and overall have responded extremely well.

Millions of people of all ages suffer from urinary urge incontinence, non-obstructive urinary retention, or significant symptoms of urgency-frequency. Individuals with these conditions often face debilitating challenges in their everyday lives. They can be preoccupied with constant trips to the bathroom, fear of leaking episodes, and sleepless nights. Many sufferers become so anxious about their conditions that they become isolated and depressed. Although many people suffer from bladder control problems, there have been few effective treatment options when patients fail medication therapy.

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Dr. Michael McDonald displays the InterStim implantable device used to treat patients with overactive bladder dysfunction.

Chamber Welcomes New Members

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome two new members: Alliance Corporation and John's Creek Station. At the February Membership Meeting at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Lodge, Chamber Chair Kathy Stumbo introduced Brandon Akers with Alliance Corporation and Ken Idle with John's Creek Station to Chamber Membership.

vision will include a bait, picnic and café style shop for visitors along with plans to add cabins for lakeside rental. The Idle's also own property available in the area if anyone has interest in building a cabin. Contact information: (606) 886-8386 or www.johnscreekstation.com.

The Chamber is looking forward to working with all our members in 2004.

Chamber Calendar:

■ April 12th – Membership Meeting, 12 noon at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Lodge.

■ April 14th – Excel I & II, 9 am to 4 pm at the MSU Prestonsburg Campus of the BSCTC

■ April 22nd – PowerPoint, 9 am to 12 noon at the MSU Prestonsburg Campus of the BSCTC

■ April 29th – The Perfect Setting Business After Hours, 5 to 7 pm Rt. 122 McDowell, KY beside Citizens National Bank.

For more information on these or other Chamber events and programs call the Chamber office (606) 886-0364 or check out our website at www.floyd-countykentucky.com.



\$10,000 for Challenger

Mary Begley of American Electric Power presents a check for \$10,000 to Dr. Jay K. Box, co-chair of the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky and Tom Cravens, director. Cravens says the \$10,000 will be used to help develop an outreach program for kindergarten through third students and a community education project for a walk through the solar system. "AEP has been very good to us and we appreciate their continued support of the Challenger Center," Cravens said.

KCTCS and partners sponsor business to business workforce conference April 22

Lexington, Ky. (March 25, 2004) –Business and industry leaders from across the commonwealth are invited to participate in a statewide Business to Business: Workforce Conference – Increasing Productivity Thought a Skilled Workforce scheduled for April 22 at the Louisville International Convention Center.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) in partnership with the Associated Industries of Kentucky, Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Education Cabinet, and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the conference provides an opportunity for Kentucky business and industries to hear the success stories of their peers on skills and tactics that have put them on the competitive edge.

"An educated and trained workforce is Kentucky's best resource," Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president, said.

Included on the agenda are representatives from Louisville's Ford Motor Assembly Plant, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Citigroup, Jewish Hospital, Osram Sylvania, Frisch's Restaurant Inc., American Woodmark Corporation, Emerson Power Transmission, and more.

The conference will provide a forum for business people from the health care industry, large and small manufacturing companies, automobile corporations, service firms and restaurant businesses.

"Representatives will describe, firsthand, the work force training challenges they solved and to present success stories on how the resulting improvements in their workers' skills increased productivity and enhanced their companies' return on their investments," McCall said.

Breakout sessions are scheduled that will focus on a variety of successful operational practices. Included are how to make use of lean manufacturing concepts to improve efficiency, the latest training models to move workers smartly from entry level to higher skill jobs, as well as how to apply the principles manufactures use to save time and money.

Overall, the conference will be of particular interest to those firms that want to build a highly skilled workforce and save money through improved employee retention and productivity.

Registration and continental breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. The conference runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The early registration fee is \$99. After April 15, the fee is \$149. For more information and registration forms visit www.kctcs.edu/kywins

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National College funds scholarships to summer aviation camp

National College of Business & Technology will provide full scholarships for two children to attend Aviation Camp this summer, presented by the Aviation Museum of Kentucky at Pike County Regional Airport.

The college is also funding scholarships in two other camp locations where the college has a campus, according to Richard G. Wood, president emeritus of National College's Kentucky Division and vice chairman of

the Aviation Museum's Board of Trustees.

"One of the museum's major goals is educating young people about aviation's career potential," Wood said, "and this is a good fit for the college because we know the importance of career education in both business and technology."

At the camps, children between the ages of 10 and 15 learn about aircraft, how to plan flights and then help fly an actual plane.

The camps are consistently filled to capacity, and nearly everyone asks to come back the

following year.

"Some of them can't afford it," Wood says, "so scholarships are awarded to nearly a third of all campers, based on financial need."

Last year 500 students attended camps held in Lexington, Pikeville, Madisonville and Somerset. This year the camps will also be held in Danville and Glasgow.

Frank Longaker, president of National College, is a licensed pilot and understands how aviation can impact a county's eco-

(See **CAMP** page ten)

Pikeville's largest Easter egg hunt slated for April 10

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville Area Family YMCA is gearing up once again for its sixth annual Giant Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event, which is free to the public, will be held adjacent to the YMCA's main building on Bob Amos Drive, the same location as in years past.

YMCA Special Event Coordinator Jacquie Darnell

says this year is special because of the increased participation from the community. In 2003, East Kentucky Broadcasting and one of its stations, MIX 103, chose to combine resources and team up with the YMCA instead of hosting a competing event at the adjacent Bob Amos Park. This year, Pikeville Methodist Hospital is joining the event to make it even more spectacular.

"This is what I like to see when we talk about community involvement," said Darnell. "This is what makes it special, particularly for the kids, and what better event to bring a community together."

The event will kick off with a

(See **EASTER**, page ten)

Letters

Whose rights are protected?

I listened intently to the questioning of the present cabinet members and those of the prior one, about who or what allowed 9/11 to happen.

It has been obvious for years that we have become so "politically correct" minded that we have handcuffed the military, police, judges, the media, and our own government that is dishing out this political garbage. Vietnam was a prime example of it.

We are not allowed to say the words "under God" in our pledge in order to not offend one doctor that protested. Who in his camp has investigated how many atheists there are in comparison to believers in God? He has even insulted his own daughter's faith. But we have to yield our own rights and defer to this fellow so we can all be politically correct. It is sort of like stirring the stink into the pudding just because one likes the smell. I don't!

He cares not about you or I, or our pledge. He cares about his publicity and photo being in the media. He does not even care for his own child or her mother.

May I respectfully ask, "Is he

the only one that has rights, feelings or beliefs?" Is his to be deferred to totally? Do we, a FREE populace, bow down to these individuals? I must tell you, good doctor, that I will recite "under God" any time, place or for any reason that I choose to do so. I went to South Korea back in the 1950s as a soldier to ensure that right. How many of us will you trample?

And to our elected leaders I state: "Have we become so brainwashed with being politically correct that we always look for the political barbs that may stick us, instead of the door leading to the right solution?" Forget the politically correct door, and return to what's right. You can't go wrong if you do. And the cobwebs of indecision will be swept away in the process. If it is right ... it is right, if it is wrong ... all the politically correct statements made will never correct it. Get off the treadmill and make your own path and ours, and we will be proud of you.

God bless America! God bless our troops that fight for our freedoms ... all of us ... and not just a select individual's rights.

Kenneth Earl Watkins
Barstow, Calif.

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1st Annual Golf Scramble

Hospice of Big Sandy and Citizens National Bank are hosting their 1st annual golf scramble on Saturday, April 17, at the Paintsville Country Club. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Tee off is at 8 a.m.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Paintsville Country Club, or by contacting Johnda Pelphrey at 789-7245 or Hospice of the Big Sandy at 789-3841. This event is a fund-raiser for Hospice of Big Sandy.

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Allen Central High School

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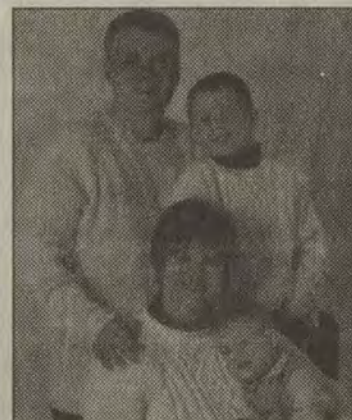
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Dear Friends,

As we approach the upcoming May 18th Primary Election for state representative, I want to take this time to ask you for your continued encouragement, support, and vote. The support we have received throughout this county has been overwhelming and humbling.

Since the February 17th special election, and becoming your current state representative, I have been working diligently for Floyd County and will continue to fight for your families and children. Both you and your families alike can count on me to provide good, solid representation. As you are a friend to me—I am Floyd County's friend. I am and will continue to provide Floyd County with a new spirit of leadership.

Often, while campaigning, I'm asked about my family, and my wife's family, and because they are such an important part of who we are; it is important for you, the voters, to know them. So, I would like to introduce you to my family.

As many of you already know, I'm Charles "Chuck" Meade, and my wife is the former Jackie Mitchell, and we have two sons, Cody Lawrence and Chayce Logan.

My parents are Eddie D. Meade of McDowell, and Joyce Adkins of Prestonsburg.

My father, Eddie, is the son of Lloyd Meade and Ethel Tackett Meade of McDowell. My grandfather, Lloyd, is the son of the late Manvile Meade and late Eva Gibson, both formerly of McDowell. My grandmother, Ethel, is the daughter of the late Bert Tackett, and late Renie Hamilton Tackett, both formerly of McDowell.

My mother, Mary Joyce, is the daughter of Lawrence Adkins of McDowell and the late Nettie Scalf Adkins, also from McDowell. My grandfather, Lawrence, is the son of the late Arley Adkins and the late Matie Robinette Adkins from Lawrence County. My late grandmother, Nettie, was the daughter of the late Ballard Scalf and the late Judy Roop Scalf, both formerly of Tram.

My wife's parents are the late Tramble "Tabby" Mitchell Jr., and late Rebecca Jean Meadows Mitchell, formerly of Printer. Tabby was the son of the late Tramble Mitchell Sr., and late Lillian Walters Mitchell, formerly of Printer. Tramble Sr., was the son of the late Robert Lee Mitchell and late Martha Akers Mitchell, formerly of Mud Creek. Lillian was the daughter of the late Jake Walters and Lula Miller Walters, formerly of Drift. My wife's mother, Rebecca, was the daughter of the late Ted Meadows, and the late Edna Lands Meadows, formerly from Stephens Branch.

Jackie and I are glad to be able to share with you our family background and hope that this helps you to make a connection with us. Serving Floyd County and its citizens is an honor, and together we ask you, once again, for your continued vote and support in the May 18th Primary. I look forward to getting to know your families better, and for having the opportunity to serve you.

Thank you and God bless--
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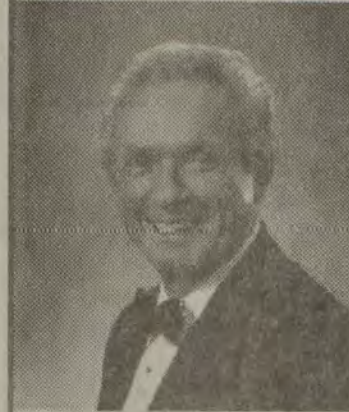
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Chris James, P.E., project manager for Highway District 12, said the purpose of the meeting is to find out how the community feels about this project.

"It will be like an open house," James said. "People can come and go throughout the two hours. We will have maps to show the proposed design and all the details about the project. I will be there, along with others

from District 12, to answer questions and to get input from the people who attend."

James said that if someone with a disability that requires special accommodations plans to attend the meeting, arrangements can be made by calling him or Berita Castle at 505-433-7791.

If people cannot attend the meeting, they can come to the District 12 office in Pikeville, review the plans, talk to James, and submit their opinions for the official record up to 15 days after the meeting. The district office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with the exception of Good Friday, when the office will close at noon.

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to round up as many toy and candy-filled eggs as they can with the hopes of finding an egg with other valuable prizes inside such as a bicycle.

In addition to the egg hunt, other activities will include health screenings by MedFlight of East Kentucky, fingerprinting by the Kentucky State Police and a free Polaroid picture with the Easter Bunny. Free drinks and popcorn will also be given to everyone in attendance with additional concessions available for purchase.

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Birth Announcement

Kadynce Chailynn Hackworth, daughter of Lonnie and Missy Hackworth of Prestonsburg, was born on Jan. 28, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 ounces, and was 20-3/4 inches long. Kadynce has a 3-year-old sister, Skyler Alyssa Hackworth.

Maternal grandparents are Gold and Betty Slone of Prestonsburg. Paternal grandparents are Homer Jr., and Lydia Hackworth of Prestonsburg. Great grandparents are Doug Burke of West Prestonsburg, and the late Martha Burke; the late Jim and Sadie Slone; Betty Hackworth of Prestonsburg, and the late Homer Hackworth; and Wilson Halsey of Pikeville, and the



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As natural gas prices rise, utilities plan new coal-fired plants

by DAN D'AMBROSIO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Coal, spurned for decades by power plant builders, is enjoying something of a renaissance as natural gas prices drive up the cost of generating electricity.

In the West, as well as other parts of the country, utility companies are contemplating new coal-fired electric power plants for the first time since the early 1990s. But the renewed interest

in coal, prompted by concerns over the volatility in natural gas prices, is also reviving protests by environmentalists worried because coal pollutes the air.

The shift toward coal coincides with the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of a regional air pollution plan intended to clear haze lingering over western wilderness areas.

"We haven't seen a coal plant built in Colorado in two decades and there's a reason for that,"

said Robin Hubbard of Environment Colorado. "Denver just had the dirtiest summer we've had in 18 years. We clearly need to look at other means of power generation."

Utilities turned to natural gas for new power in the 1990s because the plants are cheaper to build and cleaner to operate than those run on coal. But then came the jump in natural gas prices.

Fuel costs for gas-fired plants are as high as 4 cents per kilowatt hour, while coal plants

come in at about 1 cent, said Robert McIlvaine of McIlvaine Co., an energy consulting firm in Northfield, Ill.

"The breaking point is somewhere around \$3 per million BTUs of natural gas," McIlvaine said. "Below \$3, gas-fired generation is more attractive than coal."

A BTU, or British Thermal Unit, is roughly equivalent to the amount of heat generated by burning a kitchen match, according to Xcel Energy spokesman Steve Roalstad.

At the current price of about \$5.50 per million BTUs, natural gas is not even close to competitive with coal. Some gas-fired plants around the nation are being shuttered because the cost to run them equals the sales price for the electricity generated, McIlvaine said.

Nationwide, as many as 90 new coal-fired plants are being considered with a combined capacity of 50,000 megawatts, McIlvaine said. That equals about 7 percent of the total power generation available in the United States and carries a price tag of about \$75 billion.

One megawatt supplies the amount of electricity used by 400 to 900 homes in one year.

In Colorado, Xcel Energy is planning a 750-megawatt coal-fired plant near Pueblo, Colo., for \$1.3 billion, while a comparable gas-fired plant would cost about \$533 million. Xcel had seen a 13 percent increase in per capita demand for electricity in the last decade, thanks to a proliferation of household appliances from big screen televisions to cell phone chargers, Roalstad said.

Over the next 10 years, the United States will need about 140,000 megawatts of increased power, with about one-half or more to come from coal plants, McIlvaine said.

Jim Owen, a spokesman for Edison Electric Institute, an

industry trade organization, said it is too soon to tell how big the coal-fired boom will be, given that less than half of planned plants are usually built.

The downside for coal-fired plants is that they are a major source of carbon dioxide emissions, the leading cause of global warming. Coal plants also emit sulfur dioxide, which creates acid rain; nitrogen oxide, which turns to ozone creating smog; and mercury, a neurotoxin especially dangerous to children.

Neither carbon dioxide nor mercury are currently regulated for coal-fired plants by the EPA, but proposed mercury rules are expected by the end of the year.

The technology for dealing with both types of emissions is just emerging. "I have not heard of any really viable carbon con-

trol technologies," Roalstad said.

Meanwhile, the EPA is debuting a regional air pollution plan intended to improve visibility in 16 national parks and wilderness areas, including the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

Environmentalists believe the EPA's actions are another reason utilities are turning to coal plants now. "The theory is the industry sees carbon and mercury regulations coming and they have to get in their last push to get permits, because once those kick in, coal-fired electricity could cost more than wind," said Matt Lewis of Resource Media in San Francisco.

Xcel's new plant in Pueblo will meet all current emission

(See GAS page twelve)

Local PRIDE coordinators organizing spring cleanup

If you want to learn about PRIDE in your community, Lon May, Tom Harris and Tommy Robinson would be happy to talk with you. As the local PRIDE coordinators, they are the first point of contact for PRIDE in Floyd County.

May is the Floyd County PRIDE coordinator. Harris is the PRIDE coordinator for Prestonsburg, and Robinson is the Wayland PRIDE coordinator.

May, Harris and Robinson are currently spearheading activities for this year's PRIDE Spring Cleanup, April 10 through April 24. They are planning cleanup events across the community and are looking for volunteers to provide the manpower. PRIDE will provide the trash bags, gloves and safety vests.

PRIDE coordinators are volunteers who play a vital role in building PRIDE in their communities. The coordinators work with the PRIDE staff to organize cleanup activities, recruit volunteers and track cleanup results. They assist local officials with the PRIDE programs, including applications for grants. They also serve on the PRIDE Board of

Directors.

"PRIDE wouldn't be as successful without the local PRIDE coordinators," said Richard Thomas, PRIDE executive director. "This is a grassroots initiative, and it takes local leaders, like Lon, Tom and Tommy, to build PRIDE community by community."

PRIDE — Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment — serves 38 counties in southern and Eastern Kentucky. PRIDE links citizens with the resources of local, state and federal agencies to clean up the region's waterways, end

illegal trash dumps and promote environmental education.

The PRIDE initiative was started by U. S. Rep. Hal Rogers and the late Gen. James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

For more information about PRIDE in Floyd County or volunteering during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup, call Lon May (606) 886-0498. Prestonsburg residents, call Tom Harris at (606) 886-3537. Wayland residents, call Tommy Robinson at (606) 358-2316.

Discover the wonders of the night sky in EKSC Planetarium

PRESTONSBURG — Currently showing in the planetarium at the East Kentucky Science Center is "The Sky Tonight & Mars: the Mystery Planet."

The science center is located on the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

"The Sky Tonight" looks at the wonders of the spring night sky over Eastern Kentucky.

Learn what planets are in the current sky, how to find the Big Dipper and why the Great Bear has a long tail.

The program also includes a trip to the mystery planet, Mars. Explore the Red Planet through the video image of the planetarium and ride along with the Mars Rover as we search for water on this desert world.

Showtimes are 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 per adult, \$2.50 for students, and \$2.50 for people age 60 and older. Children 4 and under are admitted free.

On display in the science center's exhibit hall is "The World We Create," an interactive exhibit from the Louisville Science Center. At "The World We Create" Traveling Exhibit, the created world is at your fingertips. It's for touching and exploring — for discovering just what kind of world you can create. Admission to the exhibit area is \$2 per child and \$2 per adult. Admittance is free with the purchase of a planetarium ticket.

The East Kentucky Science Center's planetarium and exhibit hall are open to the public from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. The center's planetarium, exhibit hall and science classroom are open weekdays, Tuesday through Friday, for school groups. For additional information, call (606) 889-0303 or visit the website www.wedoscience.org.

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Fletcher, Senate Republicans team to ram budget through Senate

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The General Assembly's last scheduled day for passing legislation ended without a budget bill, ensuring that Gov. Ernie Fletcher would be able to veto parts of it without fear of being overridden.

The House and Senate appointed budget conferees shortly before midnight — the usual avenue for seeking common ground on a spending plan. This time, it also kept alive Fletcher's "tax modernization" plan — a combination of tax increases and tax cuts.

The House had declined to pass the tax plan as a separate bill. Republicans who control the Senate made it a part of their budget, which they kept under wraps until Monday.

They rammed it out of committee and through the full Senate in a single day.

"Tax modernization is probably more important than the budget," Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly said early Tuesday.

"To continue to try to cobble together budgets with our antiquated, deteriorating tax base is no solution for the future of Kentucky. We're better off with no budget than to not deal with tax modernization," Kelly said.

The House appropriations chairman, Rep. Harry Moberly of Richmond, said the budget was deliberately held so that Fletcher could veto parts of it without the legislature having a chance to override.

The Senate "put the House in the position of sort of 'take it or leave it,'" Moberly said.

The legislature began a recess Tuesday. It will not reconvene until April 12, the 59th day of its 60-day session. The two final days had been reserved for acting on Fletcher vetoes, if any.

Because the budget could not be voted on before April 12, and governors can hold bills without action for up to 10 days, Fletcher could wait out the legislature before wielding a veto. The General Assembly has scheduled its 60th and final day for April 13. It could delay it only until April 15, an absolute deadline set in the Kentucky Constitution.

The Republican game plan was a naked use of power: Democrats were told they would have projects pared back or stripped from the budget if they did not vote for the entire package, tax plan and all. "You can't have it both ways," Senate President David Williams said.

Democrats were incredulous. "An incredible, crass effort to exchange votes for benefits," said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington.

The vote on the bill in the Senate was 22-0-16. All 22 Senate Republicans voted for it; all 16 Democrats abstained — the idea being that a "no"

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Lakes to return to summer pool levels

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to begin raising water levels at its lake projects to their summer pool beginning tomorrow.

The projects includes Alum Creek, Delaware, Deer Creek, Paint Creek and Dillon Lake along the Scioto River; Burnsville Lake on the Little Kanawha; Sutton, Summersville and Bluestone Lakes on the Kanawha; R.D. Bailey on the Guyandotte, Beech Fork and East Lynn Lakes on Twelvepole Creek; Grayson Lake on the Little Sandy; and North Fork Pound, John Flanagan, Fishtrap, Dewey and Yatesville Lakes on the Big Sandy.

The lake levels are lowered in the fall to increase the amount of flood storage available. The levels are raised in the spring for recreation purposes after the normal flood season. The raising and lowering of all Corps lakes is coordinated with state and

federal agencies.

For more information, contact Victor Pratt at 304-399-5173 or by email at WatInfo@lrh01.usace.army.mil.

View

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Thompson has suggested that Scully, who left government in December, was acting on his own. In an administration known for tight information controls, the explanation fails the test of reasonability. And why would it have been in the Medicare chief's interest to hide his agency's numbers?

But in the competition over preposterous excuses, Scully's wins the prize. He told the Washington Post that he and Foster simply disagreed about how much information Congress should get. "A separation of powers issue," the

Medicare administrator said. In other words, it is the job of bureaucrats to sit back and watch Congress make the laws but to keep from Congress information it needs to make sensible laws. If that explanation is credible, it is scary as hell.

In any case, the policy is no longer operative. Foster told the committee he has been given the authority to respond to congressional requests for information. Score a point for his decision to try to change the system from within.

Now the inspector general's office in Health and Services is investigating what happened, and congressional Democrats are asking the attorney general to get involved. In the blame game, Congress might want to look inward. It appears that lawmakers voted on the biggest change in Medicare since its inception without having their questions answered and without benefit of the actuary's estimates. In a democracy, truth is supposed to precede lawmaking, not the reverse.

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star

Grants available for victim programs

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Funds are available to crime victims through the Victims of Violent Crime Act and are earmarked for private nonprofit groups which offer aid to victims of violent crimes.

This announcement came from Lt. Gov. and Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Stephen B. Pence on Tuesday.

Groups such as child advocacy centers, rape crisis centers and prosecutorial crisis intervention advocates can apply for the funds, which cover services such as settling compensation claims, group counseling and other programs which offer hands-on services for crime victims.

A request for services must be submitted in writing to Donna Langley, the VOCA Program

Director, at 403 Wapping Street, Frankfort, KY 40601. The dates applications will be accepted are between April 26 and May 7.

The office can be contacted by phone at (502) 564-3251 or by email at donna.langley@ky.gov.

Gas

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requirements, as will any other plants the company builds in the future, Roalstad said.

"Legislators and regulators can certainly draft legislation to accomplish what they want to accomplish," Roalstad said. "We will comply with all regulatory requirements. We have no choice."

In the West, coal-fired power plants are in the works in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The biggest plant being contemplated is a 1,500-megawatt station on Navajo land in the Four Corners region.

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Highlights of Republican proposals for budget bill

Highlights of Senate Republican proposals for a two-year budget bill:

■ Incorporates Gov. Ernie Fletcher's "tax modernization" plan, which was subject of sepa-

rate bill that failed to pass in House.

■ Raises of 5.5 percent over two years for state government employees and school employees. Fletcher had proposed 4.5 percent; House proposed 7.5 percent.

■ Increase per-pupil school funding by 1 percent in first year, 6 percent in second. Include \$2.2 million specifically for services to students with limited English proficiency.

■ State-record \$345 million for student financial aid for two years. Includes full funding of lottery-funded scholarships.

■ Restores \$1 million sought by Fletcher for lobbyist to help state attract a federal research lab. House leaders deleted the money, said congressional delegation should do the work.

■ Restores \$500,000 "planning fund" for governor. House leaders called it slush fund, cut it.

■ Revives possibility of having private contractor run new prison in Elliott County. House budget bill would preclude private contractor. Prison is in district of House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins.

■ No limits on Education and Arts Secretary Virginia Fox. House bill specified she was to

have no direct authority over Department of Education, which has commissioner appointed by state school board, or Council on Postsecondary Education, which has its own president.

■ 27 increase in criminal court costs. Would include \$20 for local governments with police departments, jails; \$5 for jail suicide prevention; \$2 for law student school loans.

■ Cut \$1 million each from budgets by House or by Fletcher for Democratic constitutional officers — Attorney General Greg Stumbo, Auditor Crit Luallen and Treasurer Jonathan Miller. Money would be given to offices of Secretary of State Trey Grayson and Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer, both Republicans.

Budget

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vote could be construed in public as a vote against the bill's popular features, such as pay raises for teachers. Twenty votes were needed to pass the bill.

The House voted 58-38 against concurring in the Senate's version. Fifty-one votes for concurrence would have been needed. Two Democrats — Reps. Jim Gooch of Providence and Jody Haydon of Bardstown — voted with the chamber's 36 Republicans in support of the Senate bill.

Fletcher claimed some House Democrats would have crossed the aisle to vote for his tax plan but for some strong-arming by their leaders.

"I'm very disappointed that House Democrat leadership refused to let their members vote their conscience," Fletcher said in a statement issued within minutes of the House vote. Some Democrats "expressed severe pressure from their leadership and changed their commitment in the last few hours," the statement said.

Asked if he had applied pressure, House Speaker Jody Richards said: "Not nearly as much as the governor did. I can't veto projects."

Kelly, the Senate majority leader, was armed with amendments to reduce or eliminate funding of projects in some Democratic districts.

On the list were appropriations for technical centers in Henderson and Owensboro; school renovations in Pike, Perry and Leslie counties; science centers at Morehead State and Murray State universities; an agricultural lab at Hopkinsville; renovation of a dormitory at Kentucky State University in Frankfort; and a coalbed-methane research lab at Madisonville.

Kelly said he would withdraw an amendment pertaining to any Democrat who promised to vote for the budget package, tax plan and all. There were no takers. The Senate passed all the amendments on a straight party-line vote, 22-16.

Republicans also used the judicial branch budget for leverage, deleting courthouse projects for Livingston, Trigg and Rowan counties — all represented by Democrats.

Fletcher's tax plan is a combination of tax increases and tax cuts that in theory would be "revenue neutral" at the outset. Most of the reductions would be on individual and corporate income taxes and include a repeal of Kentucky's corporate license tax.

However, the reduced corporate income tax would be extended to more types of corporations. Proposed tax hikes would include an increase of 26 cents in the state excise tax on cigarettes, currently 3 cents per pack. Cigars, snuff and chewing tobacco would be taxed for the first time.

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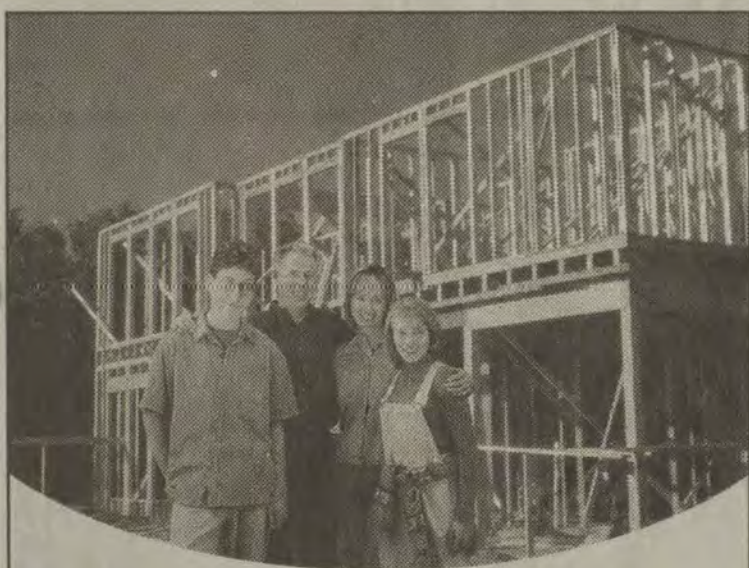
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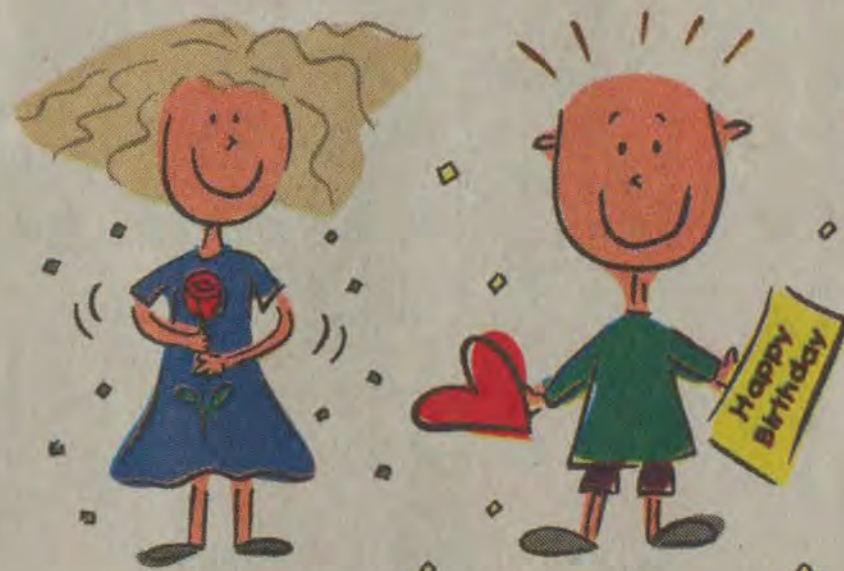
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TENNIS

Clark wins in singles, doubles play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team defeated Western Michigan 6-1 Monday at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. The Cardinals have now won 25 consecutive home matches.



Clark

One of the highlights for Louisville in its win over Western Michigan was the play of sophomore Jeremy Clark, a player who enjoyed a stellar high school career while a student-athlete at Prestonsburg High School.

Louisville began the match against Western Michigan with a doubles sweep as the team of Matt Mayer and

(See CLARK, page two)

Defending region champ falls in season opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Host Johnson Central enacted a measure of revenge Monday night, downing defending 15th Region champ Allen Central 8-0. Johnson Central pitchers Corey Conley and Jeremy VanHoose didn't allow a run and the Golden Eagles played sound baseball in the victory.

Last season in the 15th Region, Johnson Central finished runner-up to Allen Central.

Conley got the win for Johnson Central, which began the evening with a 9-3 win over East Carter, another visiting team, improved to 2-0. Johnson Central is playing under first-year head coach Shawn Hall.

Conley retired the first 11 Allen Central batters he faced.

Travis Montgomery came around to score Johnson Central's first run of the game in the win over Allen Central, touching homeplate in the bottom half of the second inning.

Montgomery went two-for-three at the plate. Steven Burgess

(See FALLS, page five)

Baseball teams begin play

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

The Allen Central High baseball team began play in the 2004 season Monday on the road at Johnson Central. The game against Johnson Central put the Rebels a game ahead of the rest of the Floyd County high school baseball teams. Allen Central will play one of the most competitive schedules of any team in

Eastern Kentucky.

"We wanted to put together a competitive schedule," Allen Central Coach Craig Kidd has said on more than one occasion during the preseason.

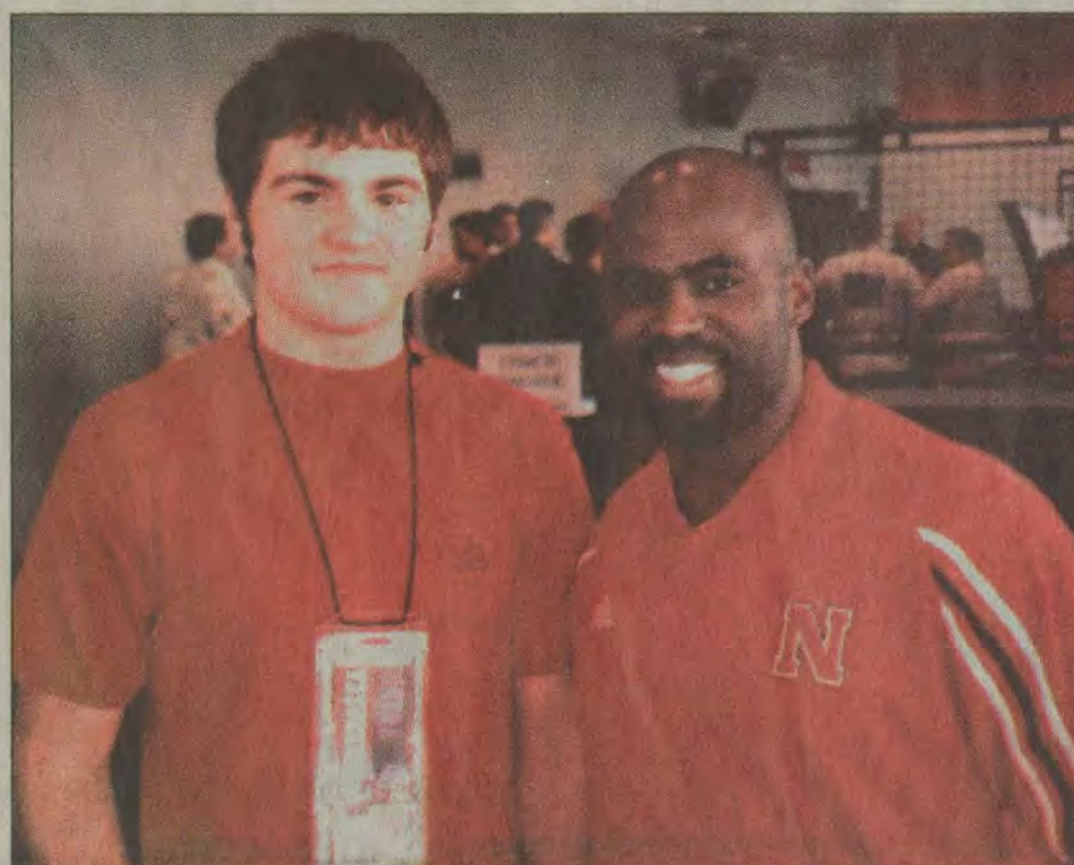
Following his team's loss in the season opener Monday against Johnson Central, Kidd

(See PLAY, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

The high school baseball field at Stumbo Park now has a new grass-covered infield. The project was a joint effort between the Floyd County Fiscal Court and the Allen Central High School baseball team.



Prestonsburg High junior John Mark Stephens is pictured with Randy Jordan, University of Nebraska running backs coach and recruiter for the state of Kentucky. Stephens took a visit to Nebraska where he was joined by Prestonsburg assistant coach James DeRossett.

Stephens visits Nebraska

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Nebraska football program stands as one of the best in the nation.

Nebraska has won five national football championships and is a perennial contender to the nation's top collegiate gridiron team title year-in and year-out.

One student-athlete from Prestonsburg, a high school junior, had the opportunity last week to experience University of Nebraska Football.

John Mark Stephens, a member of the Prestonsburg High football team, attended a junior orientation at the University of Nebraska on Saturday. Stephens, a two-way starter for the Blackcats as both a tight end and a linebacker, found himself at Nebraska as one of 50 student-athletes in attendance.

During his visit, Stephens was given a tour of Memorial Stadium, a venue that seats close to 80,000 fans and holds the current NCAA record for most consecutive sellout games. During his visit, he was shown the football team's weight room and training facilities and attended a Cornhusker practice session held in the Cook-Pavilion Indoor Facility.

After practice, Stephens, who was joined on the trip by Prestonsburg High assistant coach James

(See VISIT, page two)



University of Nebraska Athletic Director Tim Cassidy spoke during a lunch session.

Brooks: Kentucky players, coaches should know what to expect this spring

by MURRAY EVANS
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky coach Rich Brooks has his eye on developing a workable offensive line rotation and determining the status of the quarterback position as spring practice starts Wednesday.

Brooks said those are his top priorities for the spring session, which ends April 24 with the annual Blue-White game.

Brooks, who went 4-8 during his first season at Kentucky last year, said Tuesday that he thinks the players and coaches now better know what to expect from each other. He is pleased that most players listened to his preaching about conditioning.

"We have made tremendous gains with the returning players in their lifting ability, their strength, speed, vertical jumps, all of those things, basically across the board," Brooks said.



Nick Jamerson

"We're in much better condition as a football team overall."

Senior Shane Boyd enters the spring as the No. 1 quarterback after spending most of the last three seasons behind the departed Jared Lorenzen. Boyd also is playing for Kentucky's baseball team this spring, something Brooks approved. Brooks said Boyd will not miss any spring football practices.

Redshirt freshman Andre Woodson, who never has taken a college snap, is No. 2 on the depth chart and could push Boyd if Boyd doesn't continue to improve, Brooks said. Woodson also needs a strong spring showing to hold off true freshman Joe Brown, who will join the team during the preseason, for the backup position.

Boyd "can come into spring practice knowing (the starting job) is his," Brooks said. "Whether he comes out of it or not knowing it is his is the question. It's flexible. It depends on how it goes in practice. The one thing that I think this team understands is if they don't do things well in practice, they're usually not going to get an opportunity to do it in games."

The offensive line during the spring

(See KENTUCKY, page five)

Bluegrass State Winter Games conclude

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Bluegrass Winter Games held in February and March drew over 2,450 amateur athletes from 74 counties in Kentucky. A total of 757 individuals and 1,693 team members competed in this year's Winter Games.

Approximately 650 gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the amateur athletes who participat-

ed in this year's Games.

Athletes from Fayette County won 62 gold medals, 31 silver medals and 32 bronze medals — a total of 125 medals.

Boone County placed second in medals won, with 59 medals. Jefferson County was third with 45 medals; Jessamine was fourth with 31; and Rowan was fifth with 31.

The leading individual medal winner was Joshua Minton of

Russell County with five. Six different athletes won four medals each. There were 133 multiple medal winners.

Locally, Ryan Johnson of Floyd County won three medals (two bronze and one silver) in martial arts competition.

Jacob Johnson and Jon Clay Johnson, both also of Floyd County,

(See STATE, page two)



file photo by Steve LeMaster

The girls softball division of Little League baseball is growing in popularity. The start of the 2004 season for many area Little Leaguers is just around the corner.

H.S. SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

Games played Monday, March 29

Belfry 12	Magoffin County 2 (6 innings)
Bell County 13	Evarts 1
Cordia 9	June Buchanan 3
East Ridge 10	Johnson Central 0
Knott County Central 29	Buckhorn 1 (3 innings)
Lake County, Tenn. 15	Fulton County 0
Mason County 9	West Union, Ohio 4
McCreary Central 19	Oneida, Tenn. 0
Morgan County 7	Rowan County 6
Ohio County 9	Madisonville-North Hopkins 3
Oneida Baptist 18	Barbourville 8
Ryle 11	Henry Clay 1 (Beach Bash)
Shelby County 5	Pendleton County 1
Shelby Valley 10	Paintsville 0
Union County 7	McLean County 4

Martin, teammate tie for 27th

Eagles finish second in Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's youthful golf team fired a final round nine-under par 279 and rallied for a second place finish in the Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational, March 26-27 at Arlington Golf Course in Richmond.

MSU, with a lineup of three sophomores and two freshmen, began the final round in fifth place, 14 shots behind eventual

tournament winner Eastern Kentucky and eight shots behind second-place Tennessee State. By shooting one of the lowest rounds in school history, the Eagles caught TSU and tied for second place and finished only 10 shots behind EKV.

As a team, the host Colonels finished at 10-under par 854 for the 54-hole tournament that featured 14 teams and several individuals. MSU and TSU were at even par 864. Austin Peay finished in fourth (866), followed by Oakland University (881), Cincinnati (895), Bellarmine (896), Dayton (899), Wright State (906), Detroit Mercy (918), Lewis University (920), Youngstown State (935), Cumberland College (938) and IPFW (944).

Eagle sophomore Kyle Litter had the low round of the tournament, a final round four-under par 68, and was MSU's top finisher. He completed 54 holes at four-under par 212 and tied for third. Freshman Matt Gann tied for ninth at 217. Sophomore Casey Wade shot a final round three-under par 69 and tied for 11th at 218. Freshman Ryan Martin, a graduate of Prestonsburg High, and sophomore Austin Hansford tied for 27th, both at 225.

Next up for the Eagle golfers is the Johnny Owens Invitational, host by the University of Kentucky, Friday and Saturday at the University Club of Kentucky. Participating teams in addition to MSU and the host school, Kentucky, are Ball State, Eastern Kentucky, Eastern Michigan, Iowa State, Marshall, Ohio, Louisiana-Monroe, Louisville, Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Beaver Creek Little League continues signups

Beaver Creek Little League will hold signups at the Martin Community Center both Friday and Saturday. Signups on Friday will be held 6-8 p.m. On Saturday, the signups will run noon-2 p.m.

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State

each won second-place medals in martial arts competition. Young Pike County bowler Jeremy King brought home a second-place medal, too.

Johnson Countian George Clifton earned a second-place medal in volleyball. Brandon Meade, a Johnson County martial artist, brought home three first-place medals.

The Bluegrass State Games is a non-profit program sponsored privately to promote amateur athletics across the Commonwealth. It is designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and abilities a wholesome avenue for positive development through sports and physical activity.

Ashland Inc. and the Valvoline Company are founding sponsors of the Bluegrass State Games. Host sponsors include the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, and the University of Kentucky. The gold sponsors are

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For more information about the 2004 Winter Games of the upcoming 2004 Summer Games, go online to www.bsg.org, or call 1-800-722-2474 or 859/255-0336.



Jacob Johnson

Clark

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Clark, No. 27 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association doubles rankings at the top seed. Octavian Nicodim and Mark Kennedy teamed to beat Jose Orozco and Dan Grupp 8-6 at No. 2 and Damar Johnson and Jakob Gustafsson posted an 8-5 win over Tommy Dennis and Brady Crosby.

In singles action, Nicodim topped Dennis 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2. Johnson defeated Orozco 6-4, 6-1 at the three spot. Johnny Berrido picked up a 6-3, 6-4 win over Crosby at the No. 4 seed. Gustafsson beat Justin Kates 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5 and Clark posted a 6-1, 7-5 win over Jeff French

at the No. 6 seed. Pathanjali recorded Western Michigan's only point with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Mayer at the top seed.

"We beat a really good team who is heavily favored to win the Mid-American Conference," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "After this win, our team is experiencing a huge momentum swing. I tell them we are a wave in the ocean, building more strength as it gets closer to shore. Today the wave got taller and stronger."

The Cards (14-7) travel to Wisconsin to face the Badgers today at 2 p.m.

Visit

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DeRossett, attended a lunch inside Memorial Stadium where new head football coach Bill Callihan introduced himself and his coaching staff. Tim Cassidy, Nebraska University Athletic Director, also spoke.

Cassidy talked about the commitment to excellence in the Nebraska football program and talked about how school officials expected the team to compete for a Big 12 Conference title and a national championship every year. Cassidy also stressed to the young recruits the importance of academics. He boasted about Nebraska's 91-percent graduation rate among football players.

At the end of the orientation, recruits divided up and met individually with members of the Nebraska coaching staff. Stephens met with tight ends coach Scott Downing and in the process was informed that Nebraska would be switching

from a traditional option-style offense to a West Coast style offense. The Prestonsburg junior also met with NU running backs coach Randy Jordan, who is also the recruiting coordinator for the state of Kentucky.

While in Nebraska, Stephens, a three-sport athlete who also plays basketball and baseball, had a chance to take in a Cornhusker baseball game. He had the opportunity to watch the Nebraska baseball team defeat rival Kansas 3-2 in a front of a sellout crowd.

South Floyd, enjoying Spring

Play

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looked back again at the competitive schedule he's set up for the Rebels.

"We are taking the advanced level in the learning course, I'd put our strength of schedule up against any team in this region and the area for that matter," said Kidd. "We are looking long term with this team. We are starting an eighth grader, six sophomores and two juniors."

Allen Central is due to host Johnson Central Tuesday in a rematch on the new grass-covered infield at Stumbo Park.

With weather permitting Betsy Layne was scheduled to get its season underway yesterday on the road at Fleming-Neon. The Bobcats have a home game on the docket for today against 15th Region foe Shelby Valley that may be played on the road.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to open its season Friday on the road at Paintsville. The Tigers return with veteran head coach Charlie Adkins at the helm. Paintsville won a state title in 1990 and is expected to again vie for a 15th Region championship during the upcoming season. Paintsville will travel south next week to Charleston, S.C. to take part in a tournament. Another tournament on the Paintsville schedule is one hosted by a neighbor to the north, Lawrence County.

South Floyd, enjoying Spring

Break at the present time, will open its season Monday on the road at Letcher.

Belfry, a 15th Region contender out of Pike County, earlier this week won its first two games in a Florida tournament.

Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association Preseason poll

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COLLEGE

ALC spring sports kick up in high gear

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College baseball team was on the road last week. On Thursday, the Eagles won a doubleheader at Southwest Virginia. Alice Lloyd won the first game by the score of 9-2. Jason Smith was the winning pitcher. The Eagles won the second game 8-5. Brett Lawson was the winning pitcher.

On Friday, Alice Lloyd traveled to Bluefield College for a three-game series. The Eagles dropped both games on Friday by scores of 13-1 and 6-1, respectively. Alice Lloyd played much better on Saturday, but lost 9-4. Joey Hager had a home run in the setback.

Alice Lloyd will be back home for a doubleheader with Rio Grande on Thursday at 1 p.m. After that, the Eagles will then play at Union College on Saturday (1 p.m.) and Sunday (1 p.m.).

SOFTBALL

The Alice Lloyd College fast-pitch softball team played eight games last week. The Lady Eagles traveled to Pikeville on Tuesday for a doubleheader. Alice Lloyd lost both games by a final score of 8-0. Lora Mullins went two for three with a double in the second game for Alice Lloyd.

The Lady Eagles traveled to Midway College on Saturday for another doubleheader. Alice Lloyd lost the first game 7-2. Tiffany Turner went two for three in the game. Alice Lloyd lost the second game 11-1. Tasha Rice and Sara Meyer

both went two for two in the game.

On Sunday afternoon, the Lady Eagles played two doubleheaders at home. Against Lindsey Wilson, they lost the first game 10-2. Kim Tackett went one for two with both RBIs. The Lady Eagles lost the second game 10-0. Against Miami-Ohio at Hamilton, the Lady Eagles lost the first game 4-2. Turner had two hits. Mullins also had a hit and drove in both runs. The Lady Eagles picked up an 8-4 win in the second game. Rice had a triple and two RBIs. Natasha Stratton went two for four with two

RBIs and Devon Reynolds had an inside the park home run.

This week the Lady Eagles will host Union College today at 1 p.m. and Kentucky State on Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Knott County Park in Hindman.

TENNIS

For Alice Lloyd, last week's opening tennis match against Pikeville was postponed because of rain.

The match was rescheduled for yesterday at Pikeville for both the men's and women's teams. The women's team will also travel to Asbury on Saturday.

Pikeville duo combines to no-hit Knott Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN — Pikeville High starter Hunter Smith pitched five strong innings, striking out seven batters and walking five and teammate Brenton Hamilton closed the deal, striking out three batters in one inning on the mound to seal the deal for the Panthers in a 10-0 win over Knott County Central. The Pikeville pitching duo combined to throw a no-hitter.

Pikeville, in the winning effort, scored the majority of its runs in the final innings, scoring nine runs combined in the last two frames.

Smith helped his cause by doubling, driving in two runs and scoring twice. Brandt Spears scored three times in the win.

Fairview blanks Pike Co. Central 10-0

ASHLAND — Fairview pitcher Aaron Thompson pitched a two-hitter and notched base hits in three out of four plate appearances as the host Eagles topped visiting Pike County Central.

Thompson got it done on offense and defense, scoring twice and driving in three runs to lead Fairview. Phillip Meeks also collected a pair of hits for the Eagles.

Fairview led 5-0 through three innings and plated four runs in the fourth inning. Kevin Cooney absorbed the loss for Pike Central.

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Showcase: How key injuries could affect Final Four

by KEITH PARSONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Saddled with a bum ankle, B.J. Elder limped during warmups, limped through 12 scoreless minutes, then limped back on the court to celebrate Georgia Tech's first trip to the Final Four in 14 years.

clearly hobbled by sore ribs. Still, all three teams survived over the weekend and moved on, hoping the wear and tear of a long season will not keep them from winning a national championship.

Only Oklahoma State, the fourth team to advance, is completely healthy, but the others have nearly a week of rest before the Final Four.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski knows he needs Duhon at his best.

"We can't win at this level without him right now,"

Krzyzewski said Monday. "I thought he's getting a little more confidence. You can tell that he's missed his practice time."

Okafor is the same situation. Earlier this season, he was plagued by a stress fracture in his back, an injury that forced him to miss the first two games of the Big East tournament.

Now, he has another ailment. Alabama's Jermareo Davidson fouled Okafor hard during the first half of the final of the Phoenix regional. Because the Huskies were in firm control, Okafor sat out the final 16 1/2 minutes.

He skipped a light practice Monday to have an MRI on his neck and right shoulder, and the results were normal, according to UConn spokesman Kyle Muncy. Okafor is expected to resume practicing Tuesday and should be ready for Saturday's semifinal against Duke.

The same goes for Elder. He started Sunday against Kansas but missed his only two shots.

"I wasn't near 100 percent," he said. "I had to go out there and give it a go for the team. I wasn't able to make the plays that I usually make. I just tried to be there for the guys."

Duhon was the only one of the three injured stars who played his normal allotment of minutes in the regionals. He wore a protective wrap under his jersey, about the only consideration to his sore ribs.

He was injured when he fell into a stanchion holding a TV camera during the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

"It's tough to play with that wrap," he said. "It kind of limits your movement a little bit. Chasing guys going over screens, you're constantly getting hit each possession on the defensive end. It's a tough job, but I'll do it any time."

His scoring was down in victories over Illinois and Xavier — he averaged only five points, nearly five below his average — but his defense was as sharp as ever. He held the Illini's top scorer, Deron Williams, to seven points on 3-of-13 shooting, then alternated on Lionel Chalmers and Romain Sato of Xavier.

Neither had an easy time: Chalmers finished 6-of-16, and Sato made two of 10 shots.

"He's been a lockdown guy all season, and he's made every guy he's ever guarded work for his points," said Duke's leading scorer, J.J. Redick. "It just shows how courageous he is and how important it is to him for us to win."

"He's putting everything on the line for us, and we've got to do the same for him."

Oklahoma State hasn't had a starter miss any time all season with injuries, and only reserve Terrence Crawford (sore knee) has been affected at all.

That's a good thing, too. The

Cowboys aren't very deep on the bench — four of their five starters average about 30 minutes — and they hardly could afford to lose someone.

Of the four teams in San Antonio, Georgia Tech is by far the deepest. The Yellow Jackets got solid production from their reserves in three close games in the tournament, and that continued in the overtime victory over the Jayhawks on Sunday.

Clarence Moore had 14

points, six rebounds and five steals. Will Bynum scored eight points, including a go-ahead 3 late in the extra period, and Isma'il Muhammad finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

"We never stopped believing, even when B.J. went out of the game," Muhammad said. "We knew we were a good team and we could pull this out with or without B.J. That was the most important part of our belief."

Final Four ranks as one of the best

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Georgia Tech, Connecticut, Duke or Oklahoma State are without a doubt the best four teams in America. And that was before the other 61 started play in this year's NCAA basketball tournament.

The two games that will be played Saturday promises to be two of the best of the tournament and it will be hard to pick a clear winner out of the four. I like Connecticut but I believe that Eddie Sutton's Oklahoma State team will come out cutting the nets down Monday night.

I like the match up of Oklahoma and Georgia Tech. I think the inside game of the Cowboys will be a bit too much for Tech and will offset the good guard play of Tech. But it will not be a wide difference in margin.

The Duke Blue Devils are fortunate to be in the Final Four as I feel they had the easier route to San Antonio. But isn't that always true when the Blue Devils are seeded. Well, it seems like it anyway. Connecticut will take out Duke because of their quickness and size inside. Chris Duhon will not be able to pull this one out for them. If you remember, in 1999 Connecticut upset the Blue Devils. That was the year that Duke was compared to having the best team ever in school history. Well, look for the only remaining number one team to bow out after Saturday.

Basketball fans should be treated to a fast paced game as both teams like to get it up and down the court. Both teams love to shoot the treys as well. But the edge will have to go to the

Huskies guards in this one.

Oklahoma and Connecticut in Monday night's championship round and Eddie Sutton's ballclub will come away the winner. Now, I have been wrong so many times before. John Lucas III is one of the best guards in the nation but the Cowboys could give away too much size in the paint area.

But I think the guard play of Oklahoma State will be a big, big difference.

SPRING PRACTICE

While spring football practice does not begin until May here in the state of Florida, local teams in Floyd County have already donned the geared and are on the gridiron. It will be a good three weeks of practice for all the local teams.

I REMEMBER

I remember when Brian Hall was hitting three-point baskets for Johnny Ray Turner at old McDowell High School and now he is one of Kentucky's top high school coaches. Hall, head coach at Breathitt County, was named the top mentor in the 14th Region. Brian was an assistant at Johnson Central under then coach Johnny Ray Turner.

I still think about those great McDowell teams that played under Coach Turner (now State Senator Turner). Johnny Ray had a way of putting together a competitive team season after season. I recall a team from New York made their way to the small gymnasium up Left Beaver and found out what mountain basketball was all about losing by 23 points to the Dare Devils.

Those were the good days! Until Friday, good sports every-one and be good sports!

ACC daily double: Georgia Tech and Duke advance to Final Four

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Even if it takes a little something extra, Georgia Tech finds a way to get it done.

And the Yellow Jackets got a sweet reward for their perseverance: their second trip to the Final Four and their first since 1990.

With leading scorer B.J. Elder hobbled by a badly sprained ankle, Jarrett Jack scored a career-high 29 points to lift the Yellow Jackets to a 79-71 victory over Kansas in overtime of the St. Louis Regional championship Sunday.

No team had more tight games on its road to the Final

Four than the third-seeded Yellow Jackets. Georgia Tech's first three games were decided by a total of 13 points.

Solid all day, Jack was unstoppable in overtime. After little Will Bynum hit a 3 to break a 71-all tie, Jack went 4-for-4 from the line in the last 47 seconds to seal the win.

Jack finished 8-of-12 from the floor, and had nine rebounds and six assists. Luke Schenscher added 15 points and Clarence Moore had 14 for the Yellow Jackets (27-9).

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, coach Paul Hewitt threw his hands in the air in triumph and a wide grin spread across his face. The Yellow Jackets ran onto the court when

the buzzer sounded and piled together for a group hug. Elder's teammates tried to lift him up, but they couldn't get him off the ground as the impromptu mosh pit bopped around.

The third-seeded Yellow Jackets will now face second-seeded Oklahoma State on Saturday in San Antonio.

Kansas (24-9) could do nothing but watch the celebration with disappointment, denied a third straight trip to the Final Four.

Duke 66, Xavier 63

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Too much history. Too much Duke.

The Blue Devils ended Xavier's remarkable run in the NCAA tournament and headed to their 14th Final Four, holding

faces were a little fresher than Coach Mike Krzyzewski might like, his Blue Devils looked like they always have: like champions. And the defeated Musketeers, who caught just about everyone else by surprise, looked exactly like the team Krzyzewski predicted five years ago would be standing in his path.

That was in 1999, not long after Connecticut beat Duke for the national championship, and just before Krzyzewski lost his first underclassman, a sophomore by the name of Elton Brand, to the pros. The same thing had already taken place at just about every other elite program around Coach K by then, and more and more promising kids followed the leads of Kevin Garnett and Kobe Bryant by attending their high school prom and skipping college altogether.

When someone asked at the time what that trend would mean for the college game, Krzyzewski wasn't thinking just in terms of his own program.

"Some year soon," he said, "you're going to see a mid-major team led by seniors who took the time to develop together win a national championship."

Duke's late-developing 66-63 win made sure it didn't happen this year, but chances are Krzyzewski's prediction isn't off by much. The Blue Devils didn't put a dent in Xavier until center Anthony Myles, one of those seniors, fouled out with 12 1/2 minutes to go. They couldn't knock the Musketeers off their feet until the final three minutes, when they capitalized on Myles' absence underneath the basket to grab two big offensive rebounds and turn them into baskets.

"Only one team goes," Krzyzewski said afterward.

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Elder

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The bracket shows the following progression:

- First Round:**
 - Kentucky (1) vs. Wake Forest (8)
 - Florida A&M (16) vs. Washington (9)
 - UAB (5) vs. Providence (6)
 - Pacific (12) vs. Kansas (4)
 - Illinois-Chicago (13) vs. Boston College (8)
 - Georgia Tech (3) vs. North Carolina (11)
 - Georgia Tech (3) vs. Northern Iowa (14)
 - Nevada (10) vs. Gonzaga (2)
 - Wisconsin (13) vs. St. Joseph's (1)
 - St. Joseph's (1) vs. Texas Tech (8)
 - Manhattan (6) vs. Wake Forest (4)
 - Wake Forest (4) vs. Virginia Commonwealth (13)
 - Wisconsin (6) vs. Michigan State (7)
 - Michigan State (7) vs. South Carolina (10)
 - Oklahoma State (2) vs. Memphis (7)
 - Oklahoma State (2) vs. Connecticut (1)
- Second Round:**
 - Kentucky (1) vs. UAB (5)
 - UAB (5) vs. Kansas (4)
 - Georgia Tech (3) vs. Georgia Tech (3)
 - Nevada (10) vs. Nevada (10)
 - St. Joseph's (1) vs. Texas Tech (8)
 - Wake Forest (4) vs. Wake Forest (4)
 - Wisconsin (6) vs. Pitt (11)
 - Pitt (11) vs. OK State (15)
 - OK State (15) vs. OK State (15)
- Regionals:**
 - Kansas (4) vs. Georgia Tech (3)
 - Georgia Tech (3) vs. Georgia Tech (3)
 - San Antonio (April 3) vs. San Antonio (April 3)
 - UConn (15) vs. UConn (15)
- National Semifinals:**
 - Georgia Tech (3) vs. Duke (1)
 - Duke (1) vs. Duke (1)
 - San Antonio (April 3) vs. San Antonio (April 3)
 - UConn (15) vs. UConn (15)
- National Championship:**
 - Georgia Tech (3) vs. Duke (1)
 - Duke (1) vs. Duke (1)

Santa Anita Derby could deliver a Kentucky Derby favorite

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Santa Anita Derby has produced three of the past seven Kentucky Derby winners, and there are plenty of candidates in this year's race.

Three of latest Top 10 Derby prospects, led by new No. 1 Wimbledon, will run in Saturday's \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby, the last major Derby prep on the West Coast.

Wimbledon won the Louisiana Derby on March 7, and trainer Bob Baffert's big, gray colt has been training well at Santa Anita. After a recent workout with stablemate

Preachinathebar, Baffert said, "Wimbledon just cruised around there and looked good doing it. Both horses are looking very strong for their Derby preps."

Preachinathebar, also on this week's prospects list, will use the Blue Grass at Keeneland on April 10 as his final Derby tune-up.

Silver Charm (in 1997) and Real Quiet (1998) finished second in the Santa Anita Derby before winning the Kentucky Derby, and Charismatic was fourth before taking the 1999 Derby.

Sunday Silence was the last Santa Anita Derby winner to win the Kentucky Derby, in

1989. Wimbledon, San Rafael winner Imperialism and Santa Felipe runner-up St Averil are the top attractions in the 1 1/8-mile Santa Anita Derby. Other probables include Castledale, Lion Heart, Lucky Pulpit, Quinton's Gold Rush, Rock Hard Ten and Totally Platinum, another Baffert-trained 3-year-old.

In the Midwest, keep an eye on Saturday's \$500,000 Illinois Derby at Hawthorne Park. Two years ago, a little-known colt named War Emblem won the race, then rolled to victory in the Kentucky Derby at odds of 20-1. Last year, Ten Most Wanted

won the Illinois Derby before finishing ninth at Churchill Downs.

Pollard's Vision, trained by Todd Pletcher, could wind up the favorite for the 1 1/8-mile Illinois Derby. The colt finished third in the Louisiana Derby, just two lengths behind Wimbledon and a head behind runner-up Borrego.

The top 10 prospects:

1. Wimbledon (Bob Baffert, Javier Santiago) — Went 0-for-4 before winning by eight lengths at Santa Anita on Feb. 8. ... Won Louisiana Derby by 2 1/4 lengths. ... With two wins and three seconds, career earnings are \$165,250. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby (Saturday). ... Derby future wager odds (pool 2): 13-1.

2. Friends Lake (John Kimmel, Richard Migliore) — Trying to become first horse to win Derby without a race in April since Needles in 1956. ... Next start: Kentucky Derby (May 1). ... Odds: 9-5 (mutuel field).

3. Eurosilver (Nick Zito, trainer; Javier Castellano, jockey) — Out of Blue Grass with infection. ... Has not been ruled off Derby trail. ... Options include Lexington Stakes (April 17) or training up to Derby. ... Next start: Undecided. ... Odds: 11-1.

4. Master David (Bobby Frankel, Edgar Prado) — Will long layoff — won Sham Stakes on Feb. 8 — plus cross-country ship to New York compromise his chances in Wood Memorial (April 10)? ... Worked five furlongs in 1:01.80 at Hollywood Park on Wednesday. ... Odds: 18-1.

5. Value Plus (Todd Pletcher, John Velazquez) — Florida Derby runner-up still has to answer distance question. ... Has two wins — at 6 1/2 and seven furlongs — in six starts for earn-

ings of \$297,400. ... Next start: Blue Grass or Wood. ... Odds: 27-1.

6. St Averil (Rafael Becerra, Tyler Baze) — Worked five furlongs under Baze in speedy 58.40 seconds at Santa Anita on Sunday. ... Santa Catalina winner closed with a rush to miss by a nose in San Felipe. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby. ... 15-1.

7. Read the Footnotes (Rick (See DERBY, page five)

HMS announces rules changes for upcoming season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROYALTON — Half Mountain Speedway officials have been meeting over the past few weeks in preparation for a complete and what promises to be an exciting racing season in 2004.

Half Mountain Speedway will begin the 2004 racing season with the same divisions it ended the 2003 season with as Super Late Model, Limited Late Model, Modified, Super Bomber, Bomber, 4-Cylinder, and Road Hog divisions will compete on a weekly basis. Super Late Models will compete for a \$1,200 to win top prize. The Limited Late Models will be competing for a \$800 to win and the Modifieds will be running

for \$650 to win Super Bombers will be chasing a \$500 to win top prize and the Bombers will race for a \$400 first-place payout. Four-Cylinder and Road Hogs features will both be worth \$200 to win. In all, almost \$13,000 will be up for grabs every weekend at Half Mountain Speedway.

Over the winter there have been some changes to some of the rules at Half Mountain Speedway. Half Mountain Speedway officials have changed rules for the Late Models and Modified divisions by deciding to run under NARA Dirt Car rules as it pertains to car specifications and weight. The Super Late Model division will still have the open tire rule as it always has, but the Modified division will follow the Tire

Rules set by the NARA Dirt Car Series.

Only one Bomber rule was added to the 2004 HMS rule book. Bomber cars in 2004 must weigh 3,200 pounds after the feature event. The top three Bombers will be weighted after the feature.

All other rules in all other divisions are the same as they were in 2003.

As of now one General rule has been amended from the 2003 season. Last season, HMS inverted the top four positions, but this season the Magoffin County racetrack is going to attempt to start the heat races straight up with no inverting. HMS officials realize that drivers and crews work hard all season to make their cars as fast as possible for the racing events at Half Mountain Speedway. By inverting the fastest cars from qualifying, it seems as a penalty for all the hard work the drivers do to make sure they are as fast as possible. Half Mountain Speedway does reserve the right to amend this rule after a few races and look at other options. While Half Mountain Speedway doesn't want to penalize the drivers for the hard work they do during the week, HMS officials don't want to take any of the entertainment from the show either and if the action on the track suffers in the opinion of the officials, other options to get the action back to where it should be will be considered.

Half Mountain Speedway will begin its 2004 dirt racing season on April 18 with a Test and Tune/Media Day event for drivers to get ready for the weekly battles that will begin on April 24. Season points will begin on May 8 and will run all summer long and end sometime in September.

Weather tops Kinzer on trip north to Eldora

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Starting out over the weekend, the weather looked promising in Rossburg, Ohio, but in end, Mother Nature won out.

On tap over the weekend at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio was a \$2,000 to win dirt Late Model show sanctioned by the Sunoco ALMS series. Also set to race was the UMP Modifieds and Eldora Street Stocks.

Floyd County driver Brandon Kinzer was set to debut his JB Performance, Bob Pierce UMP Modified at the event, but was unable to, due to the weather. So, instead of packing up and heading home, the Kinzer team decided to head to Florence Speedway and attended the practice session being held there.

The Kinzer team unloaded its Modified with the Eldora gears still in it and was turning laps two-10ths off of the leader lap times. It was quite an accomplishment considering that the car was prepared for Eldora's large half-mile layout.

The next scheduled event for Brandon Kinzer Motorsports and the Kinzer Drilling, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Gaerte, GRT Dodge is April 2-3, Golden Mountain Speedway. That event is unsanctioned and pays \$7500 to the winner. Kinzer will also be debuting his JB Performance Bob Pierce Modified as well. For more information on Brandon Kinzer and Brandon Kinzer Motorsports go online to <http://www.brandonkinzer.com>

Dunn clears head after two confusing years

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Swing more pitches. No, wait, take more pitches. Bat cleanup and drive in runs. Hit leadoff and get on base. Do one thing. On second thought, do the total opposite.

Confused? Imagine what it's been like inside Adam Dunn's brain.

For the last two years, the Cincinnati Reds' promising young power hitter has been dealt an identity crisis. The club wasn't sure what it wanted him to be, and it showed whenever he came to bat.

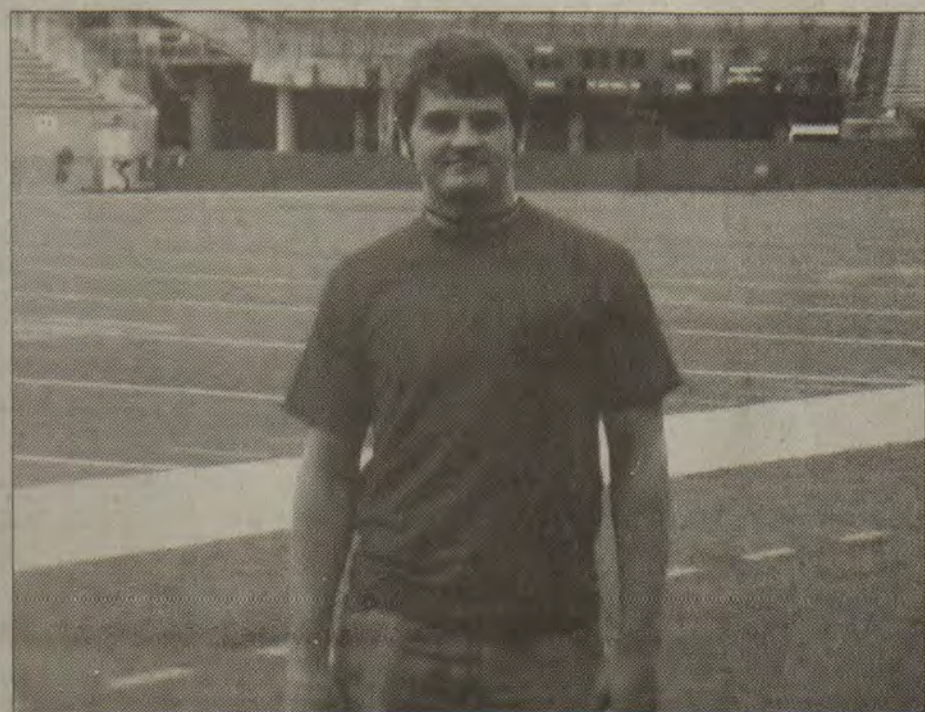
He made himself an easy out. "Oh, yeah, about three times a game," Dunn said. "I'd be thinking so much and see a fastball down the middle and foul it back instead of being ready to hit

it."

Now, he's ready. Dunn has spent spring training emptying his mind and filling his hitting line. He leads the Reds with six homers and is batting .422, best among the regulars.

The 6-foot-6, 240-pound outfielder is hitting the way he did

(See CLEARS, page five)



John Mark Stephens, inside Memorial Stadium, left the state of Nebraska with a lasting impression. Stephens plays three sports at Prestonsburg High School.

Carrier outlasts Boggs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLARD — In the end Saturday night, a late-race move sent one veteran driver to a thrilling win over another.

Jackie Boggs, piloting the McDonald's-sponsored 4B Late Model, took the lead of Saturday night's Late Model feature race at Willard Speedway and held it through 19 of the feature race's 20 laps. The Cabin Fever Bash Late Model feature saw Knott County native Eddie Carrier Jr. pass Boggs on the last lap and take the checkers on the season-opening night of races at the Carter County racetrack.

Carrier, driving the Carl Grover Motorsports-sponsored number 28 ride, came high off of turn two and passed Boggs down the back stretch. Going into turns three and four, Boggs had the low line and regained

the lead, only to lose it again as the momentum carried Carrier past the Carter County driver off turn four and on to the checkered flag.

Carrier, a native of Knott County, currently resides and races out of West Virginia

Complete results from all race classes follow:

CABIN FEVER BASH, Willard Speedway, Saturday, March 27

LATE MODEL

1. 28 — Eddie Carrier, Jr.
2. 4B — Jackie Boggs
3. 28R — Harold Redman, Jr.
4. 00 — Richard Smith
5. 64 — Terry Hicks
6. 5C — Timmy Carter
7. 20 — Robbie Ramey
8. 1* — Bobby Kitchen
9. 77 — Robert Fletcher

MODIFIED

1. 1C — Todd Robinson
2. 18 — David McWilliams
3. 1D — Bill Dement
4. 21 — Eric Edwards
5. 11 — Adam Colley
6. 11B — Jason Ball
7. W4 — Ronnie Whitt
8. 20 — Jason Perry
9. 9 — Thomas Mays
10. 24K — Dave Kelley
11. 12 — George Canterbury
12. 14 — Gary Turner
13. 17X — Rick Walker
14. X — Clint Keenan
15. 31 — Tim Rayburn
16. 3J — Jeff Meadows
17. 32 — Danny Wilson
18. 22 — Bobby Tackett
19. 26 — Chris Butler
20. 1TJ — Tony Sites
21. 12 — Jeremy Rayburn
22. 13 — Adam Jordan

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Knows

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"We're fortunate to be that team."

The difference between the traditional "haves" like Duke and "have-nots" like Xavier had been narrowing for some time, but the pace of the last few years has been downright dizzying. Scholarship limits leveled the playing field some by making it impossible for even elite programs like Duke to stockpile talent. But even more telling has been the steady stream of teenagers opting for a seven-figure pro paycheck than first-semester math.

Everybody remembers LeBron James could have been a freshman this year, and that Carmelo Anthony, his competition for NBA rookie of the year, would have been a sophomore at Syracuse. But how many remember the other 10 high schoolers went in the first round of the draft last year, or know that a dozen others are likely to follow them this year?

Even Krzyzewski's considerable powers of persuasion won't work on those kids, but he continues to get his pick of the best that are available. Xavier coach Thad Matta still can't compete for those recruits, but he learned that years ago, when he was working at Butler. And like a lot of smart guys with some experience running mid-major programs — think Phil Martelli and this year's Saint Joseph's team — he came up with a scheme that works almost as well.

He finds projects like Myles, who was toiling in obscurity at a junior college in eastern Illinois, and Romain Sato, a native of the Central African Republic who moved in with a couple in Dayton, Ohio, to attend high school, and waits for them to develop. Patience is probably a luxury Matta would rather not

have. But he also knows waiting a few seasons for a real shot at winning it all is better than never getting even one.

Krzyzewski doesn't have a choice. His past success practically dictates that Duke had better be around at the end of every season, and the talent drought has forced a shift in his attitude about how he finds the players to make it possible.

The day before the Xavier game, this is how he answered the question of whether he'd rather recruit a blue-chipper he knows will stay at Duke only one season, or someone less talented who might stay for all four.

"I'll take both. We do take both. ... I don't put a limit on how long you should stay," Krzyzewski said. "I put a criteria on how they stay. I'm not going to have someone come in and not be a Duke player."

One of those kids, freshman

ACC

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off the Musketeers to win the Atlanta Regional.

Xavier (26-11) had already chopped down the second- and third-seeded teams in the region, but couldn't make it 1-2-3 against Duke (31-5). The Blue Devils will be the only No. 1 seed in San Antonio, advancing to meet Connecticut next Saturday in the national semifinals.

The seventh-seeded Musketeers had never been this far in the tourney, and it showed in the closing minutes against postseason-hardened Duke.

With the score tied at 56, Chris Duhon drove to the basket and missed, but Luol Deng grabbed the offensive rebound

Luol Deng, was born in Sudan, raised in Egypt and London, and played his prep basketball in New Jersey. He may not be a typical Blue Devils recruit, there are fewer and fewer of those out there. Like Sato, Deng represents a growing number of foreign-born hoopsters being scouted and recruited to fill the slots that, until recently, were claimed almost exclusively by Americans.

In that sense, the rush of youngsters to the NBA has forced Krzyzewski and the rest of the elite coaches to be every bit as creative as Matta and the rest of the mid-major crowd. So while this year's four finalists suggest the "haves" may still be winning the race, the pack is definitely gaining on them.

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and passed out to J.J. Redick, who swished the 3-pointer that put the Blue Devils ahead for good with 2:55 remaining.

Xavier couldn't overcome the loss of Anthony Myles, its best inside player, who fouled out with 12 1/2 minutes remaining after scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. His absence was especially telling at the end.

The Blue Devils lost the last two years in the regional semifinals. They didn't slip up this time.

Deng had 19 points and was named the MVP of the regional. Lionel Chalmers led Xavier with 17 points.

Kentucky

will mostly be patchwork. One returning starter, tackle Matt Huff, is recovering from a broken leg and will be limited during the spring, as will junior-college transfer Ernie Pelayo, who is expected to contribute at tackle after he recovers from a knee injury. The other returning starter, guard Jason Rollins, will be the leader of a group that includes a junior walk-on, Matt McCutchan, as the starting center.

Four other incoming line recruits who haven't yet joined the team figure to challenge for playing time this season, meaning the starting lineup coming out of spring practice probably won't be the one Kentucky puts on the field for its Sept. 5 opener at Louisville.

"You get things done with

what you have," Brooks said. "Whatever changes with new personnel is gravy in my opinion."

Brooks dismissed starting outside linebacker Deion Holts earlier this month for a violation of team rules, a move which depleted an already-thin position. But Brooks said the depth situation at that position now isn't as bad as it was last spring or immediately before last season.

"Am I comfortable with it? No, it could be better if Deion were still here, but he's not," Brooks said.

A handful of redshirt freshmen could surprise this season, Brooks said, naming wide receivers Jacob Tamme and John Logan, tight ends Eric Scott and Dominic Lewis and linebacker Joe Schuler, who is the favorite to fill the starting spot left by Holts' dismissal.

Brooks said Kentucky still is a

recruiting class or two away from being able to develop the depth he'd like, but that the Wildcats are much further along than they were last year.

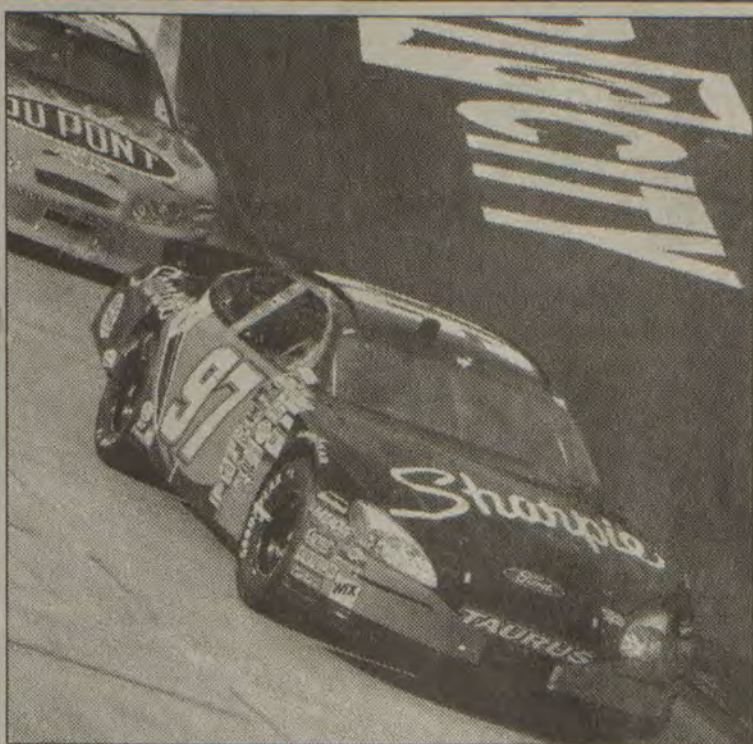
"Depth is going to be a concern at some positions, no matter what we do, until we get to the full 85 (scholarship limit), first, and then straighten out the num-

bers at some positions versus others," he said.

Locally...

Prestonsburg High School senior Nick Jamerson will head to Lexington this summer where he'll join the University of Kentucky football team as a preferred walk-on.

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photos by David Alilo/Bristol Motor Speedway

Eventual race winner Kurt Busch (97) led the field in the Food City 500.



Busch celebrated his win.

Busch wins third straight at Bristol

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Crew chief Jimmy Fennig was furious.

Under caution with 119 laps to go Sunday in the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway, driver Kurt Busch decided to ignore Fennig's instruction to pit for tires.

"Oh yeah, he was upset," Busch said, grinning sheepishly after getting the worn tires to carry him to his third straight victory and fourth in the last five tries on the concrete half-mile oval.

Busch had pitted only 23 laps earlier and he looked in his mirror and saw other drivers behind him staying on track.

"So, I just ... stayed out," he explained. "But all those guys were a lap down. It was a decision I was wrong on and I had to bail myself out on it."

Busch said he spent the next few laps fending off the longtime crew chief's ideas on how to come in and get tires, after all. But Busch was leading for the first time in the 500-lap race, and didn't want to sacrifice track position for new rubber.

"I was trying to convince him of different things I saw from the race car and allow him to be more positive about the situation," Busch said. "So, it took a few laps but, with 80 to go, he was like, 'OK, dude. It's in your court. I'm all behind you now.'"

"It was up to me to either fade gracefully or put the car on the line for the win."

Fennig acknowledged he was angry, at first.

"I felt we needed tires, but I'll tell you one thing, I probably have the best guy in the business when it comes to tire management," Fennig said.

Despite the ill-advised decision to stay on track and the fact that he had been fighting a poor-handling car all day, Busch made it all work at his favorite track, holding off frustrated Rusty Wallace to the end.

"This one by far has got to be the sweetest because of what we had to overcome," Busch said of his victories here, nearly half of his career total of nine. "Our engine had about 1,000 RPM less all day today ... and I just couldn't get the car to handle right."

Busch won this one with the help of a series of late-race caution flags that left Wallace, a nine-time winner at Bristol, unhappy and riding a string of 104 consecutive races without a victory despite leading 100 laps and having what appeared to be the fastest car most of the day.

"Doggone, man," Wallace said, shaking his head. "We didn't need those last cautions. I was just about to pass him that one time. Man, I wanted that bad. So close."

There were three cautions in the final 35 laps, the last coming

on lap 494 when rookie Scott Wimmer and Dale Jarrett bumped, sending Jarrett into the wall.

NASCAR red-flagged the race for just over 11 minutes to get the track clean and give the drivers a chance to race to the end.

The green flag waved with two laps to go and Busch's Roush Racing Ford easily pulled away from Wallace, beating the second-place Dodge to the finish line by 0.428 seconds — about five car-lengths.

Busch joined retired drivers Darrell Waltrip (7), Cale Yarborough (4) and Fred Lorenzen (3) with at least three consecutive victories at Bristol.

Kevin Harvick pressured Wallace for a while near the end, but wound up third.

"Harvick had fresher tires at the end and that was probably a blessing in disguise," Busch said. "That kept Rusty on defense as well as offense."

Sterling Marlin finished fourth, followed by defending Nextel Cup champion Matt Kenseth, Ken Schrader and polestarter Ryan Newman, who made up a lost lap. Five-time Bristol winner Jeff Gordon also had to make up a lost lap to finish ninth.

As usual on the tight Bristol oval, the day ended with lots of damaged cars and frayed tempers.

On the final lap, Kenseth bumped past Jamie McMurray to grab fifth place and McMurray then bounced off Ryan Newman's car before finishing eighth.

After taking the checkered flag, McMurray caught up to Kenseth, drove alongside for a moment, rubbing against Kenseth's Ford. McMurray then let Kenseth move ahead and drove up again and turned the series point leader sideways.

Kenseth, who leads teammate and new runner-up Busch by 21 points in the standings, shrugged it off.

"I didn't wreck him and he didn't wreck me, so no harm, no foul," Kenseth said.

Earlier in the race, Wimmer hit a slowing Ricky Craven from behind and Stewart then ran into Wimmer. Stewart caught Wimmer under caution and bumped him in the rear.

NASCAR penalized both drivers one lap.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who led 91 laps, fell out of contention when he had to make an extra pit stop because of loose lugnuts. He salvaged an 11th-place finish but fell from second to third in the standings, 41 points behind Kenseth.

Cleats

in 2001, when he made it to the majors and immediately earned a reputation as one of the game's up-and-coming power hitters.

He hit 14 homers that August, the most ever by a National League rookie in one month. Already, he was in Mark McGwire territory — Big Mac hit 15 in one month as a rookie with Oakland.

Then, confusion set in.

Dunn, 24, rarely swings at a bad pitch — he walked 128 times in 2002, his first full season. With Ken Griffey Jr. hurt again, the Reds needed home runs, not walks, out of their biggest batter.

Dunn was told to swing at pitches off the plate in 2002. He did — and struck out a club-record 170 times in 158 games.

He finished with 26 homers.

Swinging away didn't work.

"That's part of my game, getting on base," Dunn said. "My mind-set when they told me (to swing more) was, 'OK, I just need to swing at the first thing that's close.' That's what I did, and that's not me."

His direction changed abruptly once again last season, when manager Bob Boone decided to let him draw walks as the majors' biggest leadoff hitter. That unusual experiment didn't work, either. Dunn hit only .215 with 27 homers before hurting his thumb in mid-August.

"I don't know how to hit lead-off," said Dunn, who had never done it before.

Boone was fired in July, and the new regime has taken a dif-

ferent approach. Hitting coach Chris Chambliss had worked with Dunn on clearing the clutter from his mind and being himself.

"He's not leading off anymore," Chambliss said Tuesday. "It looks like he's going to hit in the middle of the lineup somewhere, and that's all we have to deal with now. You learn from everything and you move on."

Dunn is eager to do it. He holds no grudge for the way he was handled, noting the club was just trying to fill its needs by moving him around. He's comfortable now that he has stopped trying to be something different at the plate.

"I'm kind of not really thinking at all," Dunn said. "I'm focusing on left-center and making sure my body is going that way and whatever happens, happens."

For the most part, good things have happened. He's hitting .472 in his last 15 games and is on an 8-for-12 tear that includes three homers and a three-hit game.

Manager Dave Miley notices his confidence is back.

"I've got a good feeling it's going to carry over for him," Miley said. "He feels real good about himself. He's locked in."

He's also finally finding some good things to say about himself after two years of self-deprecating humor. Asked to describe himself as a hitter, he reflexively answered, "Messed up."

Then, he caught himself.

"Well, I'm not messed up now," he said. "I think I'm actually starting to get back to where I was a couple of years ago. I'm feeling good. The approach is there. The last couple of years, I was terrible."

H.S. BASKETBALL

iHigh boys' all-state basketball team

- Chris Lofton, Mason County
- Curtis Pulley, Hopkinsville
- Ty Rogers, Lyon County
- Terrance Farley, PRP
- William Graham, Lexington Catholic
- Demetrius Green, Lexington Catholic
- Mario Urrutia, Fern Creek
- Richard Long, Apollo
- Lonnell DeWalt, Warren Central
- Aaron Cash, Rockcastle County

Honorable Mention: Jermaine Bentley, Eastern; Ryne Bretz, Nicholas County; Thomas Britt, DeSales; David Byrd, Barren County; Brandon Cross, Pulaski County; Darnell Dials, Lafayette; Daniel Dillon, North Laurel;

- Jerrod Gibbons, Wayne County; Tyrone Glenn, Wayne County; Maurice Grinter, Fairdale; Dustin Grutza, Mason County; Demetrius Guions, North Hardin; Tyler Hicks, Scott County; Blake Hubbs, Cawood; Brian Kirk, Augusta; Ra'von Lee, Ballard; Jarrod Litzinger, Mason County; Matt Maresca, Warren Central; Harrison Morton, Lexington Catholic; Boris Siakam, Caverna; David Vance, Barbourville; Aubrey White, Henry Clay; Brock Whitney, Warren Central.
- Coach of the Year: Tony Branch, Seneca.

iHigh girls' all-state basketball team

- Sarah Elliott, Jackson County
- Crystal Kelly, Sacred Heart
- Carly Ormerod, Sacred Heart
- Arriika Brown, Christian County
- Jade Perry, Muhlenberg North
- Candace Bingham, Manual
- Paige Guffey, Clinton County
- Johnna Abney, Rockcastle County
- Patrika Barlow, Barren County
- Megan Gray, Harrison County

- Honorable Mention: Cary Bell, Bowling Green; Heather Benton, Leslie County; Nicole Chiodi, Newport Central Catholic; Taylor Christian, Paris; Tarah Corbbs, Pulaski County; Terran Duncan, Metcalfe County; Brooke Faulkner, Harrison County; Connie Ferch, Sacred Heart; Madison Flowers, Somerset; Kasi Mullins Galloway, Boyd County; Rebecca Gray, Scott County; Amber Guffey, Clinton County; Ashley Hawkins, Henderson County; Taylor Kopple, Sacred Heart; Julie Leach, Ohio County; Ashley Lewallen, Butler; Chelsea Lymon, Scott County; Meridith Marsh, Louisville Christian; Shannon Novosel, Lexington Catholic; Emily Queen, Rose Hill; Corkey Stiger, Christian County; Olivia Terry, Madison Central.
- Coach of the Year: Donna Moir, Sacred Heart.

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Falls

also collected two hits for Johnson Central. The host team made the most of its hits.

Craig Kidd, in his first season at the top of the Allen Central High baseball program as head coach, saw his team showing nervousness in the season-opening contest.

"We just had a case of first game jitters," said Kidd. "That's to be expected with every team. Our situation was just compounded somewhat because of a combination of inexperience, youth and a new coaching staff with a new philosophy on the game."

Kidd sees Johnson Central again being one of the top teams in the 15th Region.

"I think Johnson Central is clearly one of the top one or two teams in our region and will be one of the best teams in the state at some point in the season," Kidd added. "That's a tough assignment for a young team in a season opener, especially (playing) away from home."

Allen Central now fields a younger squad than in past campaigns, but one that is quite talented nonetheless.

"Our kids felt confident before the game that they could compete with Johnson Central," Kidd said. "Now, they have a real idea of what it's going to take to compete with the top teams. It's a long season and I still contend that we will surprise some teams. We just have to attain some playing experience. There's only so much that can be accomplished in practice. Live game situations against

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Boggs

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BOMBER

- 27 - Conrad Newman
- 21 - Kenneth Howell
- 3 - David Dunn
- 248 - James McDaniel
- 7J - Stacy Jackson
- 95 - Jack Cushard
- L2 - Brian Lawson
- L1 - Wayne Lawson
- 7M - Doug Moore
- 2 - Rick Maze
- C2 - Charlie Hamilton
- J2 - Wayne Hughes
- 33 - Ken Aldridge
- 73 - Charlie Mullett
- 0 - Mark Brogado
- 9X - Steve Lewis
- 19 - Jason Wright

FOUR-CYLINDER

- 18B - John Henson
- 4 - Chris Shelton
- 72 - Dennis Meadows
- 8 - Keith Anderson
- 44 - Jeremy Highfield
- 06 - Dale Dehart
- 18K - Shawn Ousley
- 15K - Brandon Kelley
- 37 - Allen Osborne
- 2 - Dale Collins
- 01 - Scott Collins
- 68 - Randy Johnson
- 5G - Guy Gault
- 15 - Brian Pinson
- 3 - Tom Smith

V6 STOCK

- 16BCB - Chester Artis
- 15 - Steve Mills
- XX - J.D. Carter
- 16 - James Johnston
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POISON OAK

Be where the bee isn't

As much as I'm looking forward to it, there's one aspect of warmer weather that I really dread. Flying insects that sting.

To put it simply, I hate things with stingers.

That's really too bad, too, especially since eastern Kentucky could, in my opinion, be designated the wasp capital of the world.

They've been a plague to society for as long as I can remember. I grew up calling them waspers. My dad called them jaspers, and had no fear of them whatsoever. His hands were so calloused from working in the mines that he would reach up to the eaves of the house and crush bare-handed a nest full of them.

I've seen him do it on more than one occasion.

You'll never catch me doing that, though, which is probably why waspers, especially those big red ones that seem to be the meanest variety of them all, are as thick as folks in a post office lobby on check day. Of course, since my front yard has lots of clover in it, I've also got to contend with yellow jackets and honey bees. It's a constant battle to avoid being stung by something. Sometimes I succeed, sometimes I don't. And since spring is here, I expect that before too long, I'll be shopping for a fresh can of wasp and hornet spray. Last summer I used that stuff so much I got

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KIM'S KORNER

It's better to ask than assume

Have you ever found yourself assuming something only to find you were so totally wrong it blew your mind? Yep, assumptions can most definitely send us into a whirlwind of emotions, and sometimes some major trouble with a capital "T".

When we "assume" something, we are merely taking a 50-50 chance towards the outcome of the situation being what we intend.

And sometimes that 50% just ain't what we'd hope for! Oh, the adrenaline rush that exudes the body when "fact" replaces "assumption"!

If we could only live in the factual content of life rather than making assumptions we could avoid ourselves a whole lot of pain and confusion.

But, life's funny that way, and there are times we find ourselves when we must assume another knows something, or how to do this or that. Be it a time consuming element, where taking time to explain just doesn't seem worth it. So, we "assume" and go about our business. Then when a situation goes awry, and time approaches to address this ordeal, "BAM", smack in the face, you realize you've assumed, when a simple explana-

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Clyde Pack

Should you fertilize the lawn with nitrogen this spring?

Ray Tackett,
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

At the first sign of green grass in the spring, it is tempting to dust off the fertilizer spreader to apply nitrogen to the lawn. If you applied nitrogen late last fall or winter there's no

need to apply nitrogen this spring because the lawn already should be starting to green up. Applying nitrogen now also will make grass less heat and drought tolerant and cause more problems with weeds and diseases. Weeds compete with grass for moisture and nutrients. But if you did not fertilize the lawn last fall,

applying nitrogen this spring will be beneficial because it will green the lawn and make it look better for a few weeks. However, spring fertilization causes such fast top growth you have to mow every four to five days in April and May to remove only one-third to one-half of the grass leaves each time. Cutting sev-

eral inches of top growth at one time creates excess clippings that smother the grass below, or must be bagged and added to landfill debris.

Frequent mowing may serve as a reminder that a fall nitrogen applica-

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CO-OP NEWS



Alison Nelson, right, helped cute little Hannah Mullins pick out a pretty pink Easter dress that Hannah called her "princess dress" at last year's give-away.

Town Branch Church readies for annual Easter clothing give-away April 3

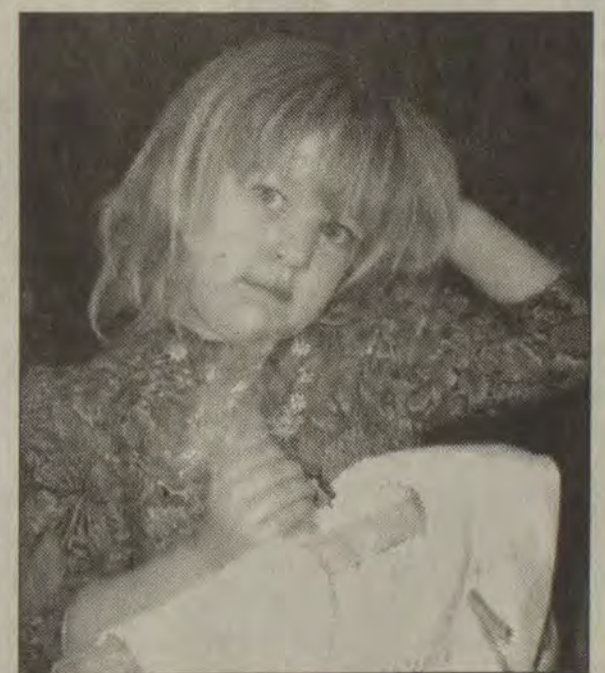
Submitted article

The Town Branch Christian Victory Fellowship Church, located on Town Branch Road, Prestonsburg, will hold its annual Easter clothing give-away on Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Karen Marcum, church member and volunteer, informs that brand-new Easter outfits for both boys and girls, sizes 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 will be distributed, as well as some teen sizes. The smaller children's outfits will include a brand-new complete outfit, shoes and underclothing.

The Easter clothing give-away is a ministry sponsored by the Rev. Carole Johnson, of Tender Loving

Care Ministries of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a nationwide network. The larger sizes clothing are being sponsored by Friends of the Children Ministry, located in California. Johanna Olson will visit from California during the Easter clothing give-away weekend. Ms. Olson reportedly is very much looking forward to meeting the children of our area who benefit from her ministry. Carole Johnson, of Pennsylvania, will visit during the July "Back-to-School" clothing give-away. Parents must accompany their children in order to receive clothing. All are welcome to participate. For further information or questions, contact Pastor Tom Nelson at 889-9286.

Tiny Skyla Slone picked out a spring-time yellow dress that reminded her of fuzzy ducks and daffodils.



CRITTER CORNER

It was real...

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,
DVM

Sorry about the lack of a column last week—I should have realized I would be too wiped out by the dog show to write anything. I think I'm still too wiped out to write anything that makes any sense!

The show went as well as could be expected. Things overall were good but there were

those ever-present glitches that make a dog show what it is. Some things that were not funny at the time are funny now, a week later. Others will take a little longer to move out of the nerve-wracking category.

Since I spent three weeks talking about all the technical aspects of a dog show, I'll tell you about what one looks like from the trenches. These are the things that make Show

Chairmen go gray overnight and makes entire kennel clubs inquire about group rates at the funny farm. Here are some highlights (and these are just the ones I personally know about):

The Best in Show Judge requires emergency surgery a week prior to the show. On this short notice, it requires finding

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"Hog Dog." This little Harley fan is really "Bennie," a 3-year old male Chihuahua owned by Naomi and Green Samons, of Arkansas Creek. Bennie will celebrate his fourth birthday in June.

School Calendar

HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

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, immu-

nizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

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

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center pro-

vides 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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every

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

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

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ 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.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

*Character Education words for the month of April - Caring & Helpfulness.

PES wants to THANK everyone for helping us reach our goal of \$400,000 in Food City receipts!!

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

■ April 8 - Image Photo Company will be at the school to take springtime class pictures. If you would like to purchase a photo of your child's class, the purchase price is \$7. You must pre-pay for the photo the day the picture is taken.

■ April 9 - FRC Summer Camp registration. Summer Child Care Camp will be held June 21-July 16. Total fee is \$190. A \$95 (non-refundable) deposit is required on the day of registration.

*April 13 - "Connecting with Kids" will be shown on WYMT-TV. Topic: "Silent Epidemic."

■ April 17 - "Fun Fair for

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(April 6, 1994 and April 8, 1994)

On February 1, the Floyd County School System and Health Department embarked upon a cooperative effort to fulfill one of the lesser known but highly important elements of the Kentucky Education Reform Act—to reduce the number of "at-risk" students...A weekend car accident at Mud Creek, left one man dead and four people injured. A vehicle driven by Bobby Lee Tackett, 37, of Grethel, apparently crossed the center line on KY 979 at Harold and struck a car driven by Terry D. Hall, 27, of Dana, at approximately 9:21 p.m., Saturday. Tackett was pronounced dead on arrival at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. In addition to Terry D. Hall, his wife, Christa L. Hall, and daughter, Rachel E. Hall, all of Dana, and Leroy Hamilton, of Harold, were injured...Prestonsburg is looking for a new city revenue officer to replace Mark Wells, who resigned March 29... Delmar "Deburg" Thompson, 57, of Martin, who was free on bond on charges of sexual misconduct involving minors, was arrested again, Monday, on similar charges, involving the same juveniles...A request by a Floyd County Grand Jury to the state's attorney general to investigate the county's solid waste program and allegations of public corruption has been received in Frankfort...The Prestonsburg-Floyd County Public Properties Corporation has developed a tentative schedule for construction of a Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, that could see work on the project get underway by October...Mike Blankenship, a 13-year-old former Floyd County boy, died in a house fire, Friday, at his grandfather's house in Boyd County. Blankenship, formerly of Grethel, and his uncle, Ola Tackett Jr., were alone in the house when the fire started before 3 a.m., Friday...A flat-bed tractor trailer and a loaded coal truck collided, Friday afternoon, at Water Gap, near Prestonsburg. Coal truck driver, Michael Bentley, 22, of West Van Lear, had to be removed from the cab of his truck, which had been torn off in the crash, by members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad. He received only minor injuries. Gary Allen Breaux, 22, of Springfield, Tennessee, was also not injured in the accident...In a special meeting, Thursday, Wheelwright City Commissioners voted 2-1 to ask the state police to investigate a questionable expenditure of funds by the city's utility commission, but they may have been one vote short of making it official...A lawsuit

alleging the use of House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo's clout to force two prominent bankers to sell their interest in a bank has been quietly dropped, after 15 months of inaction...Richard Crisp of Banner, served as a front-line medic in a rifle platoon during the Korean War in 1951-52. But it wasn't until Wednesday, forty-two years later, that he received the last of his war medals...A new Prestonsburg business suffered major fire and smoke damage early, Wednesday morning, and its owner received minor injuries while he tried to extinguish the flames. Ming Cha, owner of Ming's Dynasty on South Lake Drive, suffered first degree burns to his face and hands, when he tried to pull down a dry chemical fire extinguishing system built into the exhaust above the cooking area...An escape by three inmates at the Otter Creek Correctional Facility, Tuesday night, was short-lived when they were recaptured about 15 hours later. Prisoners Johnny Stafford, 20, of Glasgow; Stephen C. Brown, 24, of Seebree; and Todd Matthew Holt, 23, of Sturgis, were reported missing from the minimum security prison at 10:57 p.m., Tuesday...Ellavene Prater, 39, was struck in the nose by a bullet, accidentally discharged by her son, at their home on the Left Fork of Abbott. The bullet lodged under her left eye...There died: Mary B. Roberts Wells Counts, 90, of Xenia, Ohio, formerly of Auxier, Friday, April 1, at the Hospitality East Nursing Home in Xenia; Miles Case, 78, of Nippa, Thursday, March 31; Dixie Mae Norris, 72, of Georgetown, formerly of Allen, Saturday, April 2, in Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Andy Yates Jr., 73, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Printer, Sunday, April 3, in the Albion Community Hospital; Sarah B. Smith Potter, 79, of McDowell, Tuesday, April 5, at her residence; Bobby Ray Rowe, 37, of Martin, Sunday, April 3, at his residence; Sam Calhoun, 70, of Turners Station, Friday, April 1, at Tri County Hospital, La Grange; Odis Owens, 67, of Ohio, March 26, at the Ohio Soldiers Home, Sandusky, Ohio; Maggie Gibson, 95, of Kite, Thursday, March 31, at Shangrila Health Care Center, Medina, Ohio; Bert Cecil, 91, of Allen, formerly of Harold, Friday, April 1, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Bobby Lee Tackett, 37, of Grethel, Saturday, April 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an automobile accident; Gladys M. Castle, 80, of Hi Hat, Monday, April 4, at her residence; Cora Howell Cook Jones, 67, of McDowell, Thursday, April 7, at her residence; Edgel Hicks, 78, of Martin, formerly of Garrett, Thursday, April 7, at his residence; Leonard Goble, 75, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, April 5, at Highlands Regional

Medical Center; Goldie Wright, 58, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, April 6, in Orlando, Florida.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 11, 1984)

Judge Joseph B. Kennedy accused federal mine inspectors of being derelict in their duties by stringing out an inspection of a Martin County mine, in deference to the operator...A shelter for abused women lost state help for the second time around...A diver for the Prestonsburg Fire Department dove into flood water, and emerged in the middle of a residential block, downtown Monday night, as other fire officers manned pumps in an unavailing effort to keep the rising tide out of nearby homes...A U.S. District Court Jury, in Pikeville, convicted five, as conspirators in a plot to shut down a mine...There died: Ollie Mae Frasure, 68, of Langley, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; William Milton Osborne II, infant son of John Milton Osborne and Tina Henderson of Hi Hat, Friday, in Huntington, West Virginia; Oscar C. Hurd, 86, of Ivel, April 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lexie Collins Hamm, 67, of Garrett, April 3, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Hobert Moore, 80, of Wheelwright, Saturday, at his home; Geneva Mullins, 69, of Auxier, last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago

(April 10, 1974)

Two Floyd Countians were among the some 300 killed in last week's tornadoes, which cut a path of destruction, all the way from Georgia to Canada. They are: Ballard Holbrook, 34, and his wife, Carolyn, 29, who died when their home was demolished near Hillsdale, Michigan...Burnis Martin and John Y. Brown, counsel for Eddie Jones, filed a motion in circuit court, Tuesday, asking the court to direct that the body of Lawrence Conley be exhumed, and an autopsy performed...W. Smith Thomas, brother of Mrs. Stanley A. Combs, of Prestonsburg, who spent almost 20 years of his life in philanthropic and educational work in Mexico, is now held a prisoner, in communicado, in a Mexican jail...The Floyd County school system is preparing to comply with the mandate of the Kentucky General Assembly, which requires that girls' basketball shall be played in all schools which have boys' participation in the sport...A spokesman

for the Huntington District, U.S. Corps of Engineers, told The Times, Friday, that the Corps' sedimentation study, begun last fall at Dewey Lake, indicates there has been no heavy sedimentation in the impoundment during its 21-year history...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Randell Frazier, of East McDowell, a son, April 4; to Mr. and Mrs. Garnis Caudill, of Melvin, a son, April 4; to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Slone, of Halo, a daughter, April 5; to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Edward Shepherd, of West Prestonsburg, a daughter, April 4; to Mr. and Mrs. Kendall (Jeep) Alexander, formerly of Prestonsburg, a son, Michael King, March 20, at Wooster, Ohio...There died: Mrs. Cassie Mae Caudill, 60, last Tuesday, at her home, here; Woodrow Pratt, 53, formerly of Garrett, Saturday, in Dayton, O.; Charles Thomas Wallace, 59, of Wayland, director of coal preparation for the National Mines Corp., last Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Pauline Goble, 51, of Dwale, Thursday, in Williamson, Ky.; Edward Jay Conn, 56, Friday, at his home at Lancer; Mrs. Tilda L. Hall, 91, of Weeksbury, last Thursday, here; John Craft, 73, of Lackey, Sunday, at Martin; Garfield Collins, 86, of Smith Camp, near Cow Creek, last Wednesday, at home; Andy Lee Frasure, 85, who became widely known in eastern Kentucky, for the orphanage he built and operated at McDowell, March 24, in Florida; Webster Akers, 88, of Mud Creek, March 28, here.

Forty Years Ago

(April 16, 1964)

The Kentucky Water Pollution Control Commission will complete a series of hearings, April 27, to help plan adequate disposal systems for coal wastes produced by nine eastern Kentucky coal companies...The \$4 billion plan for rebuilding the Appalachian economy was delivered to the White House, Saturday, by Undersecretary of Commerce Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr...More than 700 children, and between 450 and 500 adults, had been examined at the Floyd County Health Department, when the multiple screening work of the U.S. Public Health Service ended in this county, today (Thursday)...The Printer Post Office was burglarized, Monday night, for the third time since last November, with thieves taking \$100 in bills and coins...Dr. Grover Cleveland Collins, 79, well-known Floyd dentist, died at his home at Martin, Wednesday, of last week...Contents of the home of Mrs. Violet Friend on Central Avenue were destroyed by fire, or ruined by smoke and water, in a blaze,

(See YESTERDAYS, page nine)

Co-op

tion is much better for your lawn and you.

Although early spring usually is not the best time to apply nitrogen, it is the right time to apply a pre-emergence herbicide for persistent crabgrass problems. Since a pre-emergence herbicide only is effective before crabgrass germinates, be sure to apply it prior to mid-April and before crabgrass germinates and begins to compete with your grass. Apply a post-emergence herbicide to control broadleaf weeds such as dandelion, chickweed, henbit, wild strawberry and ground ivy. Broadleaf weeds must be actively growing for the herbicide to work. Don't spray when the wind is blowing or the temperature is 85 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit because you could damage other plants in the yard or garden. If it's too hot for a general application, spot treat broadleaf weeds with a ready-



Ray Tackett

mix foam or aerosol product.

Source: A.J. Powell Jr.

For more information on spring lawn care, contact Ray Tackett at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668.

Korner

tion or at least a conversation could have saved a whole lot of time, a whole lot of confusion, and a whole lot of pain!

Assumptions play such a major role in our lives we don't even realize it, from the smallest of everyday tasks, to some major roles of life. Just for an example:

Take feeding the dog for instance.

Assumption #1: At approximately

Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to:

Oak

so I could pick one off in mid air.

Stinging critters are apparently a problem for other folks in these parts, too, because over the years they've sent me dozens of homemade cures for bee stings, which I assume is the generic term for all stings.

I read an interesting cure in a magazine a while back that suggested rubbing tooth paste on the sting will ease the pain and prevent swelling.

I don't know if that works or not, but I know for a fact that if you make a paste from water and meat tenderizer, and rub in on the sting, the pain will go away. The last time I was stung by anything, I had saved into a new hornet's nest with my hedge trimmer a couple of summers ago. When they attacked the trimmer, of course, I bailed out, but not before one took me slap on the end of my nose.

Wilma Jean came to the rescue and made up the meat tenderizer paste, and it took the pain away immediately.

Other home cures that folks have suggested for taking away hurt from the stingers, include taping a Tumor or Rolaid over the affected area, applying a poultice of mixed liquid clay and salt, and applying a cloth moistened with apple cider vinegar to the stung place.

Then there's the theory that a slice of ordinary potato will draw out the poison from the sting, that spitting tobacco juice on it will make the pain go away, and slapping a healthy portion of prepared mustard (the yellow kind that comes in a jar) on the sting will help.

Of course, whenever possible, preventative medicine is always best—and being where the bee isn't, is the ideal situation.

Critter

three AKC judges to replace him.

Veteran Obedience people who have never set foot in a Conformation ring before are pressed into emergency service as Stewards under a very prestigious Conformation judge. Fortunately, Obedience prepares you to expect the unexpected, so this actually turns into a good experience for all concerned.

Club members frantically try to intervene when a toddler is seen bear-hugging every large dog in sight while his parents giggle about how cute he is. Thank God most of these dogs take things like this in stride.

The SNOOP booth is short on bake-sale items because the infa-

mous Woodrow the Basset Hound ate all the doughnuts the morning of the show.

The power goes out on one entire side of the gym. There are at least a dozen frantic handlers in the middle of blow-drying Poodles. There is no custodian in sight. FYI, this circuit is controlled by breaker #38. Ask me how I know.

I am browbeaten into doing a television interview. (I loathe public speaking, and I sound like Elly Mae Clampett with a chest cold.) I decide to use a dog as a prop—a nice, docile show dog. The nearest one is a very large American Staffordshire Terrier. Obedience commands do not register with Conformation dogs. I spend the

entire interview babbling while being pulled out of camera range, and repeatedly having to ask the interviewer what he just said. I spend the rest of the show plotting ways to either destroy or buy the tape.

A raffle winner claims the wrong prize and cannot be located when the winner with the correct ticket number shows up.

The shout of "LOOSE DOG!" brings everyone in earshot running. This is followed by "HE BITES!" Guess who has the dog pinned between a trashcan and a dog crate when she hears this?

One of my high points is getting to clean up a large runny, smelly "accident" dead center of

Ring 3 during a Best of Breed competition. This is so different from my everyday life...

Anyhow, you get the picture—dog people's idea of "fun" is just a little off-center from the rest of the world. I can only imagine the war stories that could be told by members of the Westminster Kennel Club.

By the way, we'll probably be needing a Show Chairman for next year. This year's chairman, Bonnie, was last seen in a fetal position mumbling something about being the Cat Show Entry Clerk for the cat club she belongs to. It's not just dog people who are crazy.

East Kentucky leadership in Grayson, April 23-24

The 17th annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference will be held in Grayson, Friday and Saturday, April 23-24.

Any person or group that aspires to a leadership role in eastern Kentucky, should take this opportunity to meet with other leaders from the region. This is not a conference for just a few speakers and listeners. The goal is to make everyone a speaker, listener, and most importantly, an effective leader.

Conference registration is 1 to 5 p.m., at the Grayson Conference Center. On Friday, April 23, beginning at 5 p.m., the annual awards dinner will be held. The awards show taped by WYMT-TV, to be broadcast at a later date, will be held at 7 p.m., followed by a reception.

All Saturday sessions and events will be held at the Kentucky Christian College Campus. After a general session at 8:30 a.m., the following concurrent sessions will be held: Carl D. Perkins—Tax and Spend Liberal or Compassionate Conservative; Exploring Differences in the Workplace; Headstart—Our

Children's best hope, can it succeed? UNITE; New Appalachian Horizons; Economic

Development—Wet/Dry Facts and Benefits; and New Political Landscape. The intensive session will be after 40 years of the "war on poverty"—where do we stand?

Youth and women leadership sessions will be held on Friday, as part of the early bird portion of the conference.

The registration fee (must be postmarked by March 30) is \$30 per person and includes meals. The late registration fee is \$35. In

order to register or receive information about the conference, contact Annette Napier at the KRADD offices, 917 Perry Park Road, Hazard, Kentucky 41701, fax (606) 436-2144, or phone (606) 436-3158, or by email at Annette@kradd.org.

PRIDE Spring Clean-Up to be held in April

Show your Floyd County PRIDE! Join Floyd County Judge/Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and the Floyd County Fiscal Court in their PRIDE Spring Clean-Up campaign. The PRIDE Spring Clean-Up will be held April 12-26. Drop-off locations may be found at the following magisterial district locations: District #1 - Auxier and Emma; District #2 - Goose Creek; District #3 - Price and the Transfer Station at Martin; and District #4 -

Branham's Creek and Prater Creek. For more information, call Lon May, PRIDE co-coordinator, at 886-0498. You may also visit the PRIDE website at: www.kypride.org for more information. Brett Davis, PRIDE co-coordinator, 886-9193; Tom Harris, City of Prestonsburg, 886-2335; Clark Allison, Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Becky DeRossett, Mayor Jerry Fannin, Jerry Fultz, Tom Hereford, Neil Parsons, Pam Shingler, Roger Webb, Don

Bevins, Ann Campbell, Andrew Dorton, Charlotte Frasure, Pete Grigsby Jr., Mark R. Holbrook, Leigh Ann Maynard, Charlie Music, Hubert Puckett, Chris Slone, Mike Vance, Mayor Sharon Woods, Ken Bilterer, Beverly Crisman, Jean Dorton, Gary Frazier, Tony Grubb, Fred James, Jimmy Marcum, Sam Nelson, Jane Quillen, Jim Spencer, Chris Waugh, and Owen Wright, PRIDE committee members.

School

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 20 - PTA meeting, 7 p.m., in school auditorium. SBDM parent election (school year 04-05) will be held at this time.

■ April 20 - Family Reading Night, 6 p.m., school library.

■ April 27 - "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!

■ May 3-14 - Spring testing.

■ May 21 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in school auditorium.

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

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

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

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

■ School now has applications for 2004 Summer School program, dates to run from June 1-June 28, 2004 for 1 credit. For more information, call 886-2252.

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

■ 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.

Yesterdays

Wednesday, that badly damaged the dwelling...There died: Buck Patrick, 74, Hueysville, former teacher, merchant and postmaster, Friday, at the home of a daughter at Langley; Robert Ousley, 61, of Eastern, last Thursday, at home; Charles N. Conley, 45, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Mt. Sterling; Melvin Allen, 74, of West Prestonsburg, Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

River, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg Hospital; Mrs. Caroline Warrix, 78, Friday, on Bull Creek; Mrs. Della Parsons Hall, 23, of Galveston, Saturday, at Martin.

Seventy Years Ago (April 13, 1934)

Ballard Hunter, a member of the Martin High School faculty, Saturday, was elected superintendent of Floyd Schools by the Floyd County Board of Education. His term of office, succeeding John Stephens as superintendent, will begin July 1...An improving coal business means more baseball teams in the area. Coal companies are expected to sponsor member teams of a league, soon to be formed. Teams will probably represent the Prestonsburg Coal Co., Pikeville, McDowell or Drift, Betsy Layne, Paintsville, Shelby, Majestic, Boldman and Jenkins...The Prestonsburg Laundry is scheduled to open, within a week, in the building formerly occupied by the Home Ice & Water Company. The laundry will be owned by Mrs. Winnie F. Johns and F.D. Ward...H.F. Stewart is building a brick-and-tile restaurant on a Court Street lot, leased from Mrs. Josie D. Harkins...Mrs. Caroline Webb, age about 80, suffered a broken hip in a fall last Saturday...There died: Coon Derosssett, 48, last Wednesday, at his home on Bull Creek; Billy Osborne, 2, at Martin, Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago (April 13, 1944)

The week's war casualty report includes: Pvt. Jay Branham of Printer, dead of wounds received in Italy; Austin Caudill, of Fed, listed as missing in Italy; Pfc. Eura McGuire, of Water Gap, and Rexford B. Merritt, of Woods, wounded...Homes of Earl Moore, W. M. Greenwade and Judge Edward P. Hill in the Cliff vicinity were damaged by lightning during Tuesday's storm, and Mrs. Moore suffered shock. The county bridge, at Clear Creek, was washed from its foundations, and the highway and railroad, up Clear creek, were damaged...Decorated for service in action; T-Sgt. Douglas Fitzpatrick of Garrett, the D.F.C., and Lieut. O. H. Goodwin, of Martin, the Air Medal...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Goodman, here, April 11, a daughter...There died: Mrs. Belle Turney, 70, April 3, at Wayland; Mrs. Mary Stephens, 54, of Manton, Monday, at a Martin hospital; Lee Johnson, 37, of Blue

Dana post office holds special memorial event

The employees of the Dana Post Office held a well-attended memorial tribute event this past March 11, 2004, at the post office. The staff of the Dana Post Office attribute the success of the event to the members of the Dana community who regularly frequent the post office. Customers joined in by bringing many family photographs of departed loved ones. The photos were displayed prominently on the community bulletin board. Others were hung on the lobby tree which is often used to display special holiday commemorative items.

The display brought about the sharing of many wonderful life stories that created a great deal of excitement between customers and employees. Participants learned much about how various community members had helped the develop-

ment of the Dana community. Postmaster Brenda Kilgore even learned from one customer that one of the older photographs was of a man who served as one of the very first postmasters in the Dana area.

Deloris Stapleton, PMR of Dana, who is, at present "officer in charge" of the post office, helped by preparing and serving refreshments as well as holding special drawings for patrons.

If you are a part of the Dana community and would like to display a photo of one of your departed loved ones and share a special memory, please visit the Dana Post Office. The office will continue to display their memorial bulletin board until Memorial Day week. Postmaster Kilgore and PMR Stapleton invite all to participate and thank everyone for a wonderful turn-out.



Dana Postmaster Brenda Kilgore and PMR Deloris Stapleton organized a special memorial tribute for community members and postal patrons.



Visitors enjoyed a scrumptious offering of appetizers and other refreshments recently at the Dana post office.

Weddings



Shepherd-Tussey

Donald and Kim Shepherd, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Rae, to Mr. Nathan Barkley Tussey, the son of William Tussey, of David, and the late Lynn Tussey. Amanda is employed by Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and Nathan is employed by Music-Carter. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2004, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Trimble Chapel Church, located on Water-Gap Road. Following the wedding, the couple will reside on Fitzpatrick Road, in Prestonsburg.



Howard-Martin

Danny Howard of Salyersville, and Connie Howard of Staffordsville, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Serena Howard, and Andy Martin, son of William and Lou Ellen Martin of Craynor.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Magoffin County High School, and a 2000 graduate of Morehead State University, where she is currently working toward a Master's Degree. She is an elementary teacher in the Menifee County school system.

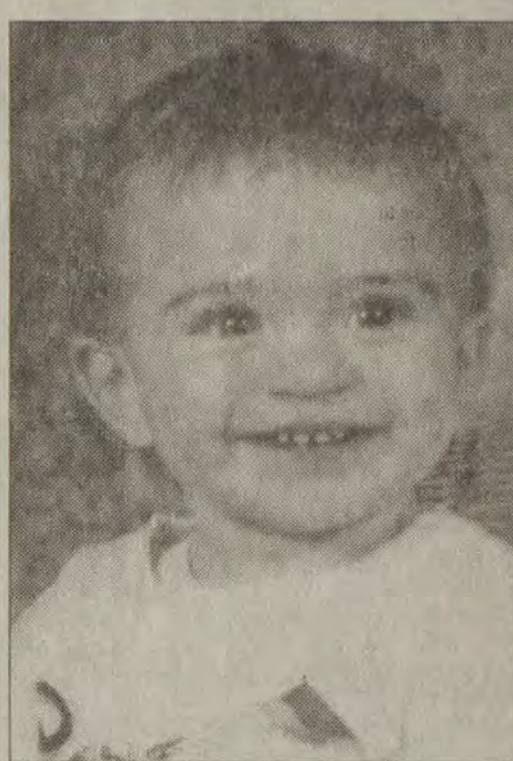
The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Betsy Layne High School. He is employed by Trim Masters Inc., of Nicholasville.

The ceremony will take place Saturday, April 10, at 4 p.m., at the Salyersville First Baptist Church.

Birthdays

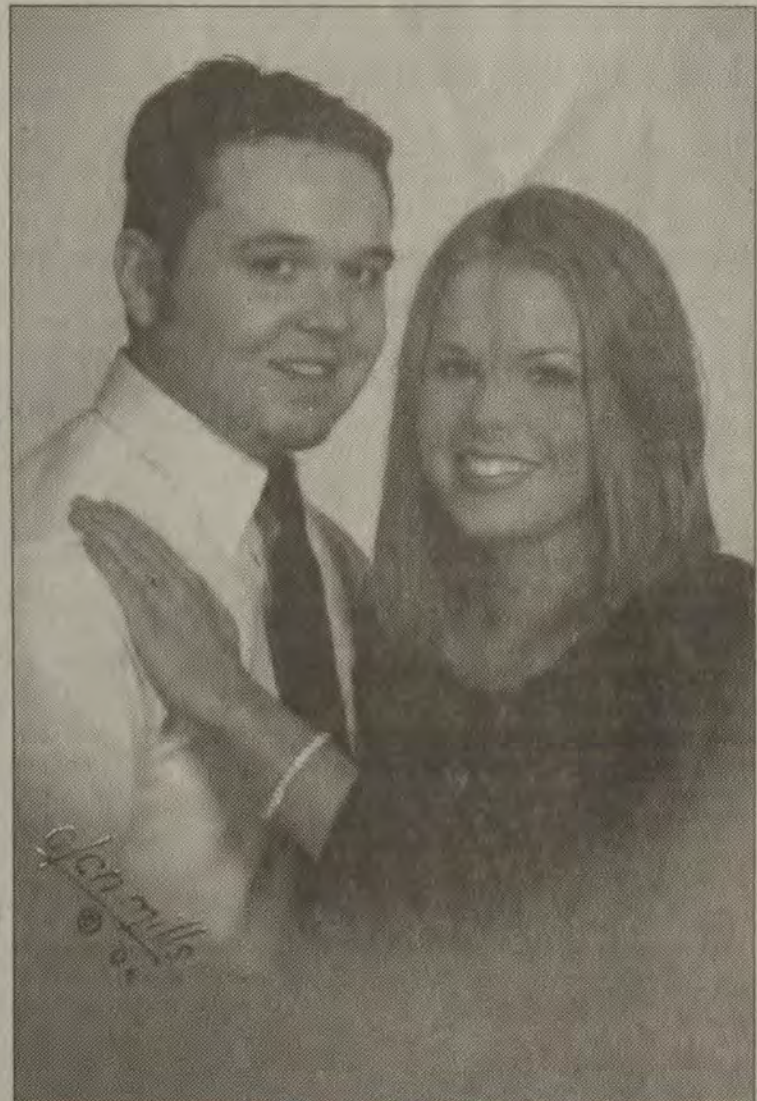
Kyle is 1!

Kyle Steven Sturgill recently celebrated his first birthday with a happy party attended by friends and family. Happy birthday, Kyle!



Joy Ann Hunter will celebrate her 14th birthday on Monday, April 5.

She is the daughter of Larry and Loretta Hunter of Printer, and the granddaughter of Daniel and Nelvie Sue Boyd of Dana, and the late Charlie Jr. and Myrtle Hunter of Printer. She is in the eighth grade at Betsy Layne Elementary.



Newsome-Mitchell

Michael and Donna Newsome, of Grethel, and Bobby and Barbara Mitchell, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Kristal Devonne Newsome and Billy Mitchell. Kristal is employed as a nurse in the office of Dr. Charles Nichols, Pikeville. Billy is employed by Massey Energy, Sidney. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

MSU Chaffin Award to go to John Sparks for writing on a Christianity

The Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy at Morehead State University has announced this year's winner of the prestigious Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Celebration of Appalachian Writings award will go to John Sparks, author of "The Roots of Appalachian Christianity: The Life and

Legacy of Elder Shubal Stearns" (University Press of Kentucky, 2001).

The Chaffin Award, administered by the university since 1999, was endowed by the estate of Lillie Chaffin, a Pike County native and Kentucky poet laureate. Nominations were made by literary agents, editors and prior recipients of

the award. A committee consisting of university faculty and community representatives made the final decision. Chaffin Award winners have included James Still, Denise Giardina and Silas House.

Sparks, who lives in Offutt with his wife Sheila and two daughters, is a part-time writer who spent 10 years research-

ing and writing his history of the Primitive Baptist Church in Southern Appalachia. A lab technician at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, he finished the book while his union was on strike. Sparks expected to publish it through a vanity press until historian and Appalachian scholar Loyal Jones encouraged him to send the manuscript to the University Press of Kentucky. It was published as part of its "Religion in the South" series.

Sparks' next book length project is a biography of "Raccoon John" Smith, the most famous and flamboyant preacher in Eastern Kentucky during the frontier era.

The Chaffin Award, \$500 and a plaque, will be formally presented to Sparks at the Kentucky Folk Art Center in Morehead on June 3. The 1 p.m. ceremony is free and open to the public.

Later in the day, Sparks will join more than a dozen authors for a book signing at CoffeeTree Books, located at 240 Morehead Plaza.

Additional information on the award presentation is available by calling (606) 783-2185.

Healthy Floyd County 2010

To create and promote partnerships for a healthy community and a safe environment for all, is the goal of the Healthy Floyd 2010 initiative.

Through a grant from the Catholic Health Institute Mission and Ministry Fund, Our Lady of the Way Hospital is partnering with several organizations in the Big Sandy region to gather information that will help define the needs of Floyd Countians in such areas as health, the economy, natural resources, safety and public services.

The Floyd County Health Department and the Big Sandy Area Development District are preparing to conduct a county-wide survey of nearly 1,000 Floyd County residents to gather infor-

mation about the quality of life and health in Floyd County. This information will be used by members of the Healthy Floyd County 2010 initiative to hopefully better address the needs of Floyd County's residents in the various areas of focus.

Surveyors will begin conducting face-to-face interviews in each zip code of Floyd County, beginning the week of March 22. Surveying will continue through April 16. All surveyors will carry photo identification cards that will indicate their participation in the Healthy Floyd County 2010 project. A toll-free number will be provided for verification of the surveyor's participation in the project. In addition, surveys will also be mailed to randomly select-

ed households for completion, and will include postage-paid return envelopes. Surveys should only take between 20 and 30 minutes to complete.

The Floyd County Health Department and Our Lady of the Way Hospital encourage all Floyd Countians selected to participate. All survey responses will remain confidential and the information compiled will be used for improving services provided to Floyd County residents.

For questions concerning the survey, please contact Neva Francis, RN, MA-Director, Community Outreach, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at 606-285-5181.

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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, Burblene 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, Burblene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett.

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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 northeast 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. This is the final advertisement for this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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 COM-

MISSIONER'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 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 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.

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

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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 coun-

ties. 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 Howell, Levi Hamilton, Dolliie 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 Howell, Levi Hamilton, Dolliie Akers, Elmer Hamilton, Harvey Tackett, Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The operation will use the underground method of surface mining. The amendment 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, 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.

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 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.

To place your ad in the Floyd County Times call Pauline at 886-8506

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before April 28, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	01-P-00398	Edward E. Hall	Lorraine Little	01-15-04
Final	02-P-00082	Sharon R. Casebolt	Ricky Casebolt	02-20-04
Final	02-P-00060	Cleopatra B. Howell	Calvin Howell	02-23-04
Final	03-P-00221	Regina Hickman	Louella Lynn Hagans	02-23-04
Final	02-P-00160	Phillip D. Damron	Martha Damron	3-8-04
Final	03-P-00419	Samuel R. Terry	Donna Terry	3-8-04
Final	02-P-00089	Frank Vaughn Sr.	Grace E. Hackworth	3-12-04
Final	03-P-00047	Ross Hopkins	Ronnie Hopkins	3-12-04
Final	02-P-00120	Laverne Reedy Stone	Jaret Stone Reynolds	3-19-04
Final	02-P-00106	Stonewall J. McKinney	Gladys McKinney	3-19-04
Final	02-P-00091	Shirley Martin	Marvin Martin	3-19-04
Final	03-P-00358	Michael Adkins	Zella Howell & Michael W. Adkins	3-24-04

NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FLOYD COUNTY BOSCO BRIDGE AND APPROACHES OVER THE RIGHT FORK OF BEAVER CREEK ITEM NO. 12-1067.00

The Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for Thursday, April 15, 2004, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., at the Hueysville Church of Christ located on Mulberry Lane near the Hueysville Post Office in Hueysville, Kentucky 41640 (also known as Bosco). This Public Meeting has been scheduled to afford all interested persons an opportunity to become better informed and to express their views concerning the proposed project.

The project is the Proposed Bridge Replacement of the existing bridge over the Right Fork of Beaver Creek in Bosco/Hueysville. The subject bridge lies approximately 0.3 mile west of KY 550 on Saltlick Creek Road, CR 5277.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this Public Meeting, which will be conducted in an "Open House" format. A brief overview of the project will be presented at the meeting. Interested persons may come and go any time between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Attendees are welcome to review plans, discuss the project and express their views concerning the social, economic, historic and environmental effects the project, as proposed, will have upon individuals businesses, cultural resources and other organizations in the area. Representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet involved in the details of the project will be present to answer questions, address comments, and assist the public with any information made available.

Handouts describing the project's purpose and need will be distributed at the Public Meeting. Information concerning right-of-way acquisition procedures will

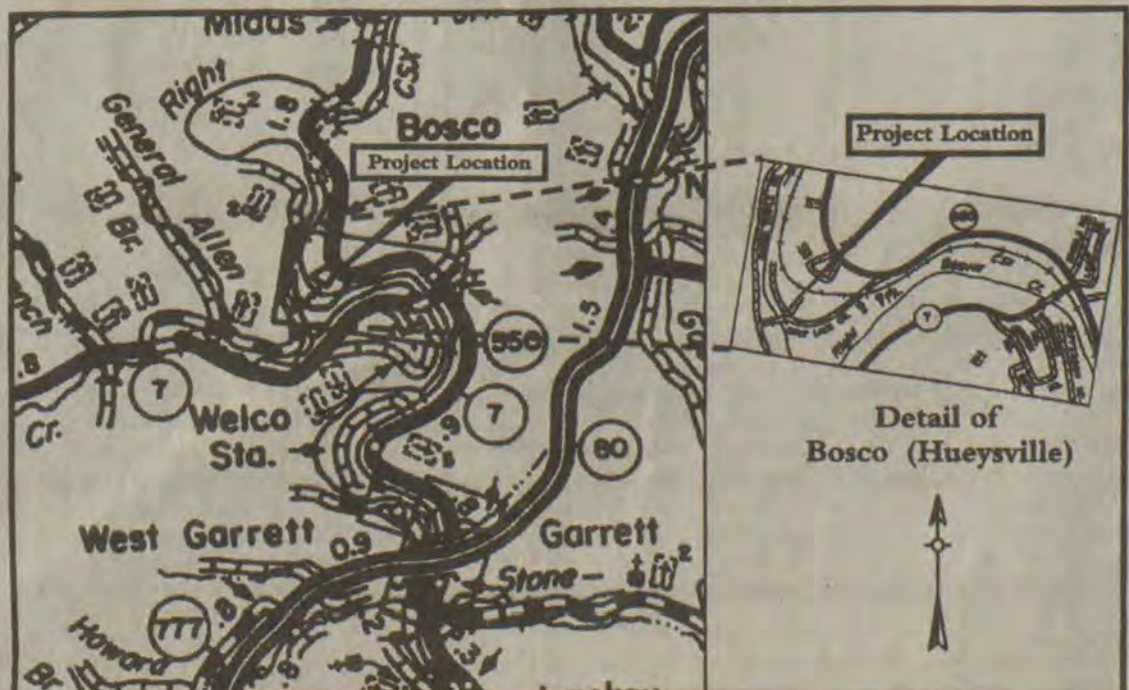
also be available. Both oral and written statements may be submitted during the Meeting, as well as at the District Office, and shall be made part of the meeting record. For convenience, a comment sheet will be provided with the handouts for soliciting written comments. Statements will also be accepted and project information made accessible for review from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., prevailing local time, Monday through Friday, at the District Office up to fifteen (15) days after the Public Meeting.

Once compiled, the minutes from this Meeting and other supporting documentation will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Administrative Services, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

In accordance with the "Americans With Disabilities Act," if anyone has a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify Mr. Chris James, Project Manager, or Ms. Berita Castle in the Pikeville District Office of the necessary requirements by Wednesday, April 14, 2004. This request does not have to be in writing. Your request may be received at (606) 433-7791, or mailed to:

Danl Hall, P.E., Chief District Engineer
 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 Department of Highways
 District # 12 Office
 109 Loraine Street
 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

FLOYD COUNTY BOSCO BRIDGE & APPROACHES OVER RIGHT FORK OF BEAVER CREEK FD52 036 1277 BRZ 1203 (229)



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 REGI-

NA 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 A v e n u e , 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 country 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.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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 A v e n u e , 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 a stake, thence down hill 210 feet to the edge of road, thence back up road 210 feet to the beginning. Containing 1 acre.

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.

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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 APPOINTMENTS

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
02-23-04	04-P-00078	Cora Edna Osborne 163 Left Pinhook Road Harold, KY 41635	Larry Joe Osborne 320 Reed Branch Hueysville, KY 41640	Anthony Craig Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41605
02-23-04	04-P-00080	Opal Ola Vaughn Jarvis 346 East Graham St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	William B. Jarvis 346 East Graham St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02-24-04	04-P-00081	Malissa Carol Blackburn Holland 254 W. Graham St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Clayton E. Holland Sr. 254 W. Graham St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02-24-04	04-P-00082	Ballard L. Hall 58 River Road Banner, KY 41603	Gaye Hall 58 River Road Banner, KY 41603	Timothy Parker P.O. Box 927 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-25-04	04-P-00085	Phillip Hall 1544 Sansom Fk. Dana, KY 41615	Selina Jarrell 1544 Sansom Fk. Dana, KY 41615	
02-25-04	04-P-00086	Daniel Campbell 137 Gas Fork Road Allen, KY 41601	Sheila Setser 746 Ll. Fk. Little Paint East Point, KY 41216	Anita Johnson P.O. Box 231 Pikeville, KY 41502
02-26-04	04-P-00088	Ballard J. Mosley 16 Sizemore Rd. Minnie, KY 41651	Lola F. Mosley 16 Sizemore Rd. Minnie, KY 41651	
02-26-04	04-P-00089	Ervin Collins, Jr. 4000 Frasure Creek McDowell, KY 41647	Dottie Collins P.O. Box 101 McDowell, KY 41647	
02-27-04	04-P-00090	Mack Harvey 1128 Buck's Branch Martin, KY 41649	Reba Harvey 1128 Buck's Branch Martin, KY 41649	
02-25-04	04-P-00087	Etta Ruth Crisp P.O. Box 103 Allen, KY 41601	Ray Crisp P.O. Box 783 Allen, KY 41601	John David Preston P.O. Box 900 Paintsville, KY 41240
03-01-04	04-P-00093	Tincy Crisp 45 Gray Street Allen, KY 41601	Klora Osborne 176 Bridge Branch Rd. Allen, KY 41601 ****And**** Jimmy Delano Gray 35 Gray Street Allen, KY 41601	
03-03-04	04-P-00095	Russell Buck Layne 190 Earl Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Gary Everett Blackburn 190 Earl Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
03-03-04	04-P-00096	Margaret "Jill" Wells 106 John CC Mayo Ave. Auxier, KY 41602	William Lloyd Wells 106 John CC Mayo Ave. Auxier, KY 41602	
03-03-04	04-P-00097	Meda Josephine Yates 377 E. Graham St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Gary Yates P.O. Box 1466 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
03-03-04	04-P-00098	Kathleen Adkins Parker 60 Clark Lane Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Elizabeth A. Burchett 60 Clark Lane Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
03-04-04	04-P-00099	Josephine Bentley P.O. Box 231 Stanville, KY 41659	Tim Bentley P.O. Box 231 Stanville, KY 41659	B.D. Nunnery P.O. Box 510 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
03-04-04	04-P-000100	Dennis Jackson Sr. P.O. Box 206 Wayland, KY 41666	Dennis Jackson Jr. P.O. Box 194 Eastern, KY 41622	
03-05-04	04-P-000103	Ronda Rowe P.O. Box 124 Langley, KY 41645	P.O. Box 124 Langley, KY 41645	Jerry Patton 119 East Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
3-8-04	04-P-00108	Linda Hughees Hurd 886 Sugarloaf Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	886 Sugarloaf Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
3-8-04	04-P-00109	Susie Shepherd Riverview Nursing Home Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Ellen Taylor Hunter Br. Rd. Printer, KY 41655	
3-8-04	04-P-00110	Norman Osborne 12551 Strathmore Loop Fort Meyers, FL 33912	Larry Brown Box 550 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
3-15-04	04-P-00116	Glenn Pack P.O. Box 383 Allen, KY 41601	Ruth Karen Marcum P.O. Box 361 Allen, KY 41601	James D. Adams II 158 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
3-15-04	04-P-00117	Jack Osborne P.O. Box 37 Hueysville, KY 41640	Rodney Osborne P.O. Box 60 Hueysville, KY 41640 and Teresa L. Wallace 629 North Edington Lane Knoxville, TN 37920	Donald Kyle Deskins P.O. Box 2505 Pikeville, KY 41502
3-15-04	04-P-00118	Anthony Newsome 74 Olga Hollow McDowell, KY 41647	Nora K. McNear 4001 Hillbrook Dr. Louisville, KY 40220 and Freda G. Bentley 226 Olga Hollow McDowell, KY 41647	
3-16-04	04-P-00120	Elizabeth Butcher Setser Newberry 135 Thomas Street Auxier, KY 41602	Paul Setser 565 N. Central Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
3-16-04	04-P-00121	Myra Caudill P.O. Box 115 Melvin, KY 41650	Carrie R. Caudill P.O. Box 157 Melvin, KY 41650	
3-18-04	04-P-00122	Jacob Lee Jervis 299 Lake Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Troy & Molly Jervis 299 Lake Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Ned Pillersdorf 124 W. Court Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653
3-18-04	04-P-00123	Opal Akers 16424 KY RT 979 Ligon, KY 41604	Cora Hobson 16406 KY RT 979 Hi Hat, KY 41636	B.D. Nunnery P.O. Box 510 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
3-18-04	04-P-00124	Lona Hall P.O. Box 357 Allen, KY 41601	Greg Hall P.O. Box 357 Allen, KY 41601	
3-19-04	04-P-00125	Grover Curtis Keathley Toler Creek Harold, KY 41635	Sherry Troxter 495 Jones Knob Rd. Somerset, KY 42501	
3-19-04	04-P-00126	Naoma Pennington 200 Stone Hollow Rd. Ligon, KY 41604	Herman Darrel Pennington 6750 Beecher Rd. Granville, OH 43023	
3-22-04	04-P-00127	Billy Joe Burge 5697 RT 114 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Randy Isaacs 30675 Gladys Westland, MI 48185	
3-22-04	04-P-00128	Burnette Burge 5697 RT 114 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Randy Isaacs 30675 Gladys Westland, MI 48185	
3-23-04	04-P-00129	Gladys Marie Kittle Gullett 205 Lower Burton Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Ronald L. Gullett 15 Lees Landing Bypro, KY 41612	Thomas M. Smith P.O. Box 216 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
3-23-04	04-P-00130	Bradley Stewart Akers 211 Click Br. Martin, KY 41649	Rubestene Akers 211 Click Br. Martin, KY 41649	Thomas M. Smith P.O. Box 216 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
3-24-04	04-P-00131	Verea Patty Belcher RT 306, 1125 M Street Wheelwright, KY 41669	Larry James Sutton RT 306, 1125 M Street Wheelwright, KY 41669	

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I 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,

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ATTENTION, LOCAL VENDORS
Who wish to do business with the Floyd County Board of Education
The Floyd County Board of Education will be utilizing the district's Purchasing Cooperative for the purpose of bidding our supplies and materials for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year. The Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative (KEDC) will be receiving bids on the following items until 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, 2004. To receive requests for proposals, or additional information regarding the bidding process, contact:
Sharon Fields, KEDC
904 West Rose Road
Ashland, KY 41102
Telephone: 606-928-0205, ext. 215
Fax: 606-928-3785
Email: bidding@kedc.coop.k12.ky.us
Or contact
Gina Amos, Floyd County Board
106 North Front Ave.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
Telephone: 606-886-2354
Fax: 606-886-4540
Email: gamos@floyd.k12.ky.us
Bid Categories: Bids are requested for one or more of the following:

Be an Angel.
Become a Kentucky organ & tissue donor.
For information contact:
1-800-525-3456, or
www.trustforlife.org PSA

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Tim VanDine, am no longer associated with the company C&S signs. And have not been associated with C&S signs since September 2003.
For contact call 606-886-9543 or 886-1550

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Toner	Tools & Equipment
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Uniforms	

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 MintaThornsby 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to oper-

ate a place of entertainment, has been made by Harold E. Meade. The name of the proposed business of entertainment 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

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.

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 Prepare your home, family & community for survival.
 In a wildland fire emergency, call 9-1-1, your local Fire Department, or your local Division of Forestry office.

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.

Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.
is seeking candidates for
RELIEF PHARMACISTS
 Position available in a primary care setting at Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, KY.
 Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday
 Applicants must have current licensure in KY.
Position offers:
 7-1/2-Hour Workday
 \$400.00 per day
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Contact:
 Human Resources
 Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.
 1709 KY Route 321, Suite 3
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
 Fax (606) 886-8548
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Libbi Hall and Trish Ceislak

Establishing the 'Perfect Setting'

The Perfect Setting Café, Gift Shop and Catering, in McDowell, is owned by Libbi Hall and Trish Ceislak, McDowell residents who both have a track record of operating businesses after finishing previous careers. Hall, a former teacher, previously owned Heavenly Creations, a Christian bookstore and gift shop. Ceislak, who worked 25 years as a professional secretary, previously operated Special Touch Catering.

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times:
How did you come into this type of business?

Libbi Hall: Approximately four years ago, after I retired from teaching, I cleaned my house, and then asked God, "Is this all there is to retirement?" Now I can say that you probably shouldn't ask God that question because He will definitely answer you with a resounding, "No, my child, welcome to the Great Adventure!" My husband and I began our small business in McDowell. The name of the business was Heavenly Creations, which consisted of a Christian bookstore and gift shop. At that time I felt that the Lord was leading me in this direction with plans later to expand into a small café, but the space I had rented wouldn't accommodate it. I saw a need in our community for an inviting place for people to come in sit, talk, read and just enjoy the atmosphere. The business was open for three years, not doing very well, possibly because of the location, lack of people who loved to read or looking back now, the Lord was leading me in another direction.

Trish Ceislak: After a 25-plus year career working as a personal secretary for the Jake Cooley family, I found myself with a part-time job with my office at home. Having worked those years of long hours away from home, I found myself looking for something to do. After a two years of catering from my home, Libbi and I talked many times about our desire to put the two businesses together, a café and gift shop with the catering on the side. Libbi and some friends who had businesses in McDowell began to express their desire to have homemade lunches, so Special



Touch Catering jumped in to fill this need. In 2003, after much prayer, a building we had our eye on became available and with a lot of elbow grease and hard work, was born!

FCT: Do you feel that you're a success? Why or why not?

LH: When I knew that Heavenly Creations wasn't going to succeed, I can truthfully say that I did not feel like a success, and even at times with The Perfect Setting I was fearful that Trish and I had made the wrong decision. But we knew that the Lord had led us both to this point, we had dedicated the

business to Him and He could bring the people and business to us if we persisted! I'm sure you have heard the quote, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." Well, in our case, it has taken a whole community to make our business a success. We have friends that came to help us clean when we were flooded, during very busy times with multiple catering jobs they will come in and help, sometimes just to help wash dishes or just to encourage us. We have heard a lot of good comments about our "beautiful café, great food, inviting atmosphere," so judging by that I'd say yes.

TC: There have been times in the past nine months that I have had doubts about whether or not we were going to be a success. Just two weeks after opening, we were flooded, but with the help of good friends and a lot of determination we continued on. Libbi and I prayed a long time for our business and we both felt that the Lord was in it. Even though we get very discouraged at times, we have never given up and continue to pray for our business. Each morning before I would rise to start my day at 6 a.m., I would pray for God to send someone into our shop who needed us, someone to encourage, pray with or just talk to. We have so many good friends who want to see our business a success that they just stop by to see if we need any help, and many times we do! We also have a great staff who work long hours and very hard to help make our business a success. When I look at all of this, and hear the wonderful things that our patrons say about our "unique café" and not just look at profit margins, yes, I would have to say that I feel we are a success.

FCT: How do you work through difficult times?

LH: We talk together about potential problems and pray, pray, pray!

TC: We pray, discuss the difficulties and try to come up with solutions, and then we pray again! If all else fails, we just keep on praying!

What is it like working as partners?

LH: It's great to have two different points of view in our business. Trish does the café and catering area and I do the gift and bookstore area but generally what we have found out that we are "building the plane as we fly it."

TC: It's like talking to a mirror and having it answer. Libbi and I have known each other most of our lives, same school, same community, and in later years, same church, so we know each other very well. Even though we merged the two businesses, Libbi, takes care of the gifts and I take care of the café.

"Examine the community very carefully and discover the needs of that specific area. You never want to duplicate an existing successful business in a smaller area unless the economy and community can support it."

FCT: What does your business do for the community, now or in the future?

LH: We have provided services for churches, given donations to community organizations, hosted special events after hours for people to enjoy our scrapbooking classes. We've also held special events like our Valentine prime rib dinner, 1950s theme 'Spring Fling' and karaoke. Our Mother's Day banquet will be April 23, and Father's Day dinner is in the planning stages. We have also hosted luncheons for local businesses. Our café is also available for birthday parties, showers or any social get-together.

FCT: As women, do you feel it is harder to be a successful businessperson, than it would be for a male in business?

LH: I haven't noticed a difference. To tell the truth, I don't think a man could do our job!

TC: No, I haven't really had time to think about it. My energy is spent on getting the job done and making our business a success. I don't want to think about whether or not someone else could do it better. I want to make it better.

FCT: What would you say to a woman who is thinking about the possibility of starting her business?

TC: Examine the community

very carefully and discover the needs of that specific area. You never want to duplicate an existing successful business in a smaller area unless the economy and community can support it. We kept the gift shop and bookstore merchandise because there wasn't that type of business in our area. Even though there were other restaurants in our community, we tried to focus on a "light" healthier menu. Our direction has changed somewhat because if we see a need for an added service or product we try it and then integrated it into our business.

FCT: Describe your daily work schedule (hours, employees)?

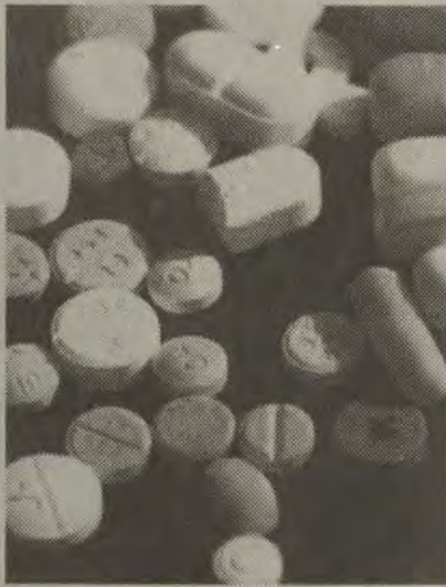
LH: I am the "Official Taster" and "gopher!" The only way I get in the kitchen is when I'm invited to taste something new! My husband, Tommy, tells people that if he wants to hide something from me, he puts it in the oven! I will wash dishes, deliver food, help plan the events, and any other activity that keeps me out of the kitchen! We have wonderful employees and friends that go above and beyond the call of duty. They are very hard working women that also want to see our business succeed and have been a very large part of our success. I can't give them enough praise.

TC: I can't count that far! I'm generally too busy to keep track, but my employees let me know at the end of a two-week period just how many hours we have spent there. I start my day early, but not early as one of my employees, who arrives at 6 a.m. Sometimes we have to go together as early as 5 a.m. Without her, I would have to close my doors and go home. My other women are just as dedicated, staggering their work hours so we can have someone there until at least 5 p.m. each day. I am the "cook," take most of the catering orders, and give suggestions for particular jobs. My mother asked me where in the world I learned to cook, and I reminded her that it was in her kitchen. As a very young girl, I would watch as she cooked for her family, her church and other churches in the association. She let me begin to cook at about 11 years old and I learned hospitality as I saw her so graciously serve others who sat at her dinner table. That is my goal at the café and anywhere we cater. I want people to enjoy our food. I try to accept all orders no matter how many jobs we have at that particular time or how busy we are!

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Sherry Goeing

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Sherry Goeing was born and raised in Wheelwright and returned there. Upon graduating from the University of Kentucky's College of Pharmacology in 1974 she married her husband Michael in 1975. She began working at Family Drug in Wheelwright in 1976. She is the half-owner and has also acted as a relief pharmacist in other area drug-stores while Family Drug was getting off the ground. The business is now 28 years old. Goeing has two children. The oldest, Stanley, is in his second year of law school at UK, while the youngest, Matthew, is also at UK, where he majors in computer science.

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times: Were there any special challenges you had to face when you started out?

Sherry Goeing: After doing relief work for a few years, we opened another store in Inez. That was extremely difficult because of the distance involved. After a fire destroyed the business in Inez, we decided not to reopen.

One of the biggest challenges in pharmacy work for a woman is that a pharmacy can't operate without the pharmacist on site. I specifically remember my babysitter calling to say my son had a temperature of 103. We had a store full of customers needing their prescriptions filled. I had to go home and get him but then I took him back to work where I could watch him myself.

FCT: Are there any other experiences that stand out?

SG: One experience I will never forget, I had only had my license for six weeks and I was



working for a lady who had been injured in a car wreck. They had this counter at the store that I could barely see over unless I was on tiptoes. Two men came into the store

and they were arguing. I told them they would have to leave and one of them turned to me and said, "He stole \$11 from me in a poker game and I'm going to kill him." I just continued to tell them they had to leave. Finally the only other employee came over to me and whispered that the angry man had a gun. I got on tippy-toes and saw that he did. Fortunately at this point a deputy sheriff arrived.

FCT: You employ an all female staff. Can you tell us about that?

SG: This is something that has developed over a period of 28 years. One employee has

been with me almost the whole time. We have been fortunate in getting people with a good work ethic. I have to say that the employees have been responsible for a lot of our success. They work well together and with the community.

FCT: Do you have a guiding philosophy?

SG: My philosophy toward the business is that we are there to do the best that we can do. We are there to give each customer the same level of service and to always consider their needs.

FCT: What advice would you give to a young woman just starting out?

SG: My advice would be to get started early. Take all of the math and science courses that you can because there is a fair amount of competition for pharmacy schools. I would suggest starting out in relief work before owning your own pharmacy. The schedule is more flexible and you aren't burdened, at the outset, with all of the responsibilities of owning your own business.

Paula Goble

Taking photographs, taking chances

Paula Goble has photographed government leaders, overseen art galleries displaying her work and has seen her hard work pay off as an enterprising businesswoman in Floyd County, but her true love in photography is children. Goble, who many say is one of the region's true artistic pioneers, compiled one of the area's most striking portfolios of childhood subjects and says these are the works she holds closest to her heart.



by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times: How did you get your start in photography?

Paula Goble: My first memory of using a camera was on my senior class trip to New York City. I should have known something was special about photography then because I came back with 20 rolls of film

to process. Although it was "normal" to assume a degree from a state university, I chose Eastern Kentucky University. After several attempts at many colleges, I finally just went to work. Then the idea came to me since I love photography why not check out a degree in art? Then with the support from my mother and father, I was off to Atlanta.

FCT: What's it like to be a businesswoman here in Floyd County?

PG: Like anything you do, life is just what you make it. I

made so many family ties along the way that even now, the babies when I started this business are now getting married. It is a great reward to see children grow and be a part of their lives.

FCT: Did you ever foresee your love of photography becoming a business?

PG: No, not really. I just appreciate all the people that continue to support my work. It is an ongoing process. I have

finalist. My client won first place and \$10,000. I was so happy for them.

FCT: What advice would you give to other women hoping to somebody make a name

for themselves in the business community?

PG: Before anyone should start any kind of business, they should ask themselves if they really love what they are doing because it can become your life. I think they need to not be afraid of taking chances and always keep their heads up.

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try to be as positive as I can for my clients. I feel like I have to be two people at one time. One is trying to be creative and the other has to stay on top of the business part. I love the creative aspect of my work. I am always trying to learn something new in styles of photograph so I don't get boring.

FCT: What are the most interesting stories you have relating to your experiences as a photographer?

PG: I have too many to share. How about this recent one. A client called and told me of her request to have her baby photographed for a contest. She told me it was for the Ivory Snow baby contest. I had a great time creating the perfect idea for her, and six months later the mother called from New York City and said to watch the Today Show in the morning because she was a

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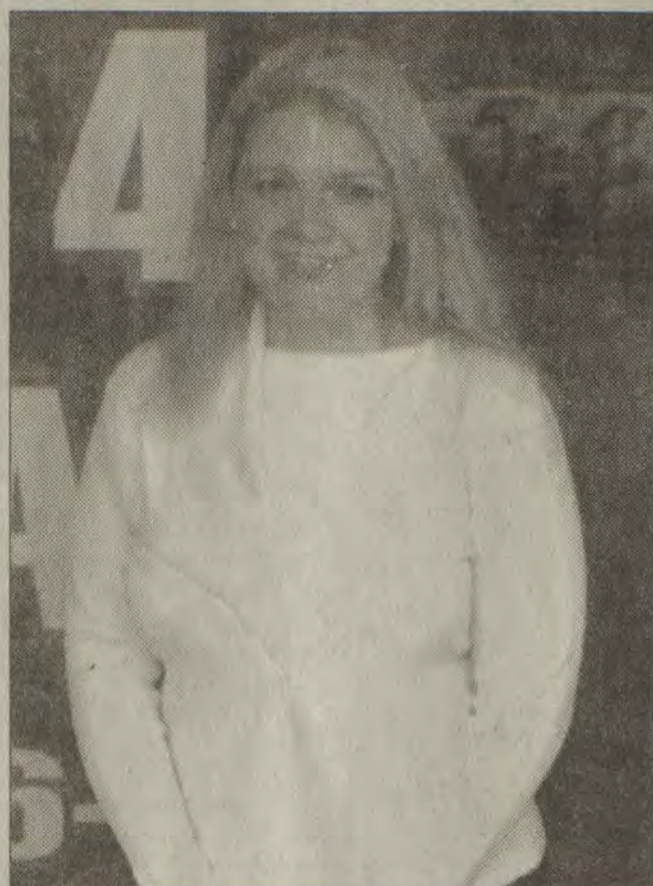
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Katie Gray

Giving back to the community

Katie Gray came into the business world for very personal reasons. She decided to go into business after a successful career in counseling. Her reasons for wanting her own business were twofold. First, she wanted the flexibility that owning a business offers to spend more time with her son, who has cerebral palsy. Second, she wanted to give something back to her community. She is also a second generation businesswoman whose mother cofounded Gateway Counseling Center. Her business, Checks For Cash, is about to expand to include the first children's resale store in Prestonsburg.



by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times:

What gave you the confidence to go into business for yourself?

Katie Gray:

My business sense comes from my mother, Paula Shannon. She ran Gateway Counseling Center and Checks For Cash until she passed away. She even helped me get the store started. I am following in her footsteps. My motivation is to have a schedule that allows me to take my son off to places like Canada and Michigan for new therapies. I am constantly searching the internet for the latest developments in therapy that may benefit my son.

FCT: What goals have you set for yourself?

KG: My ultimate goal has nothing to do with the business. Right now my main goal is to have a place, in this area, built to meet the care needs of children with cerebral palsy.

FCT: Do you enjoy the day-to-day operations here?

KG: I am a people person, so it works out well. I prefer treating customers like family. We have many regulars who go back to when we opened in 1999. Right now we are raising money for a customer whose child was diagnosed with leukemia. In the first week we raised \$60, so that's a start.

FCT: Is there a secret to retaining your customers?

KG: A big part of business is giving back to the community and treating your customers with

respect. Just because someone may be lacking in financial resources doesn't mean that they are lacking in any other area and they deserve respect. We try to help out when we can and give out dinners and Food City coupons on the holidays. Last summer, we got new air conditioners for several of our customers who needed to spend their money on more essential items.

FCT: Any advice for a woman who may be starting out in her own business venture?

KG: The important thing is just to get out there and do it. Don't be intimidated. Occasionally you will be patronized but I have never had any real problems dealing with anybody. You've just got to be a strong independent woman.



Loretta Tackett

Keeping several fires going

Loretta Tackett is more than just a businesswoman; she's an entrepreneur. At one time she ran four restaurants simultaneously and now has reined that in to two, with a third restaurant set to open shortly. She currently maintains two Roadie's in Hi Hat and The Around the Clock Waffle & More near the junction of U.S. 23 and Route 80.

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times:

What did you do before going into business for yourself?

Loretta Tackett:

I shingled roofs with my husband. Running a restaurant is much easier physically, though it can be more demanding mentally.

FCT: What is the biggest challenge involved in running multiple businesses?

LT: The hardest part of running a business is making time for your family. Running a home while in business is the biggest challenge. I had five children at home when I started and that was hard.

FCT: How did you cope with the competing challenges of home and work?

LT: I got a little system. I have

one for running the business and another for running the home. Discipline helps a lot in both places. Three of my children work for me now, so that makes it a little easier.

FCT: Have you encountered any challenges unique to being a woman?

LT: Well, some people come in to see the owner and are surprised, but they don't treat me badly. It's fun to prove to them that I can do it. I have found salesmen to be most helpful and I get out to food shows and am always finding products for my restaurants at them.

FCT: What advice could you share with women about getting started in business?

LT: You have to prove yourself more. If you don't have confidence in yourself you'll have a harder time making it.

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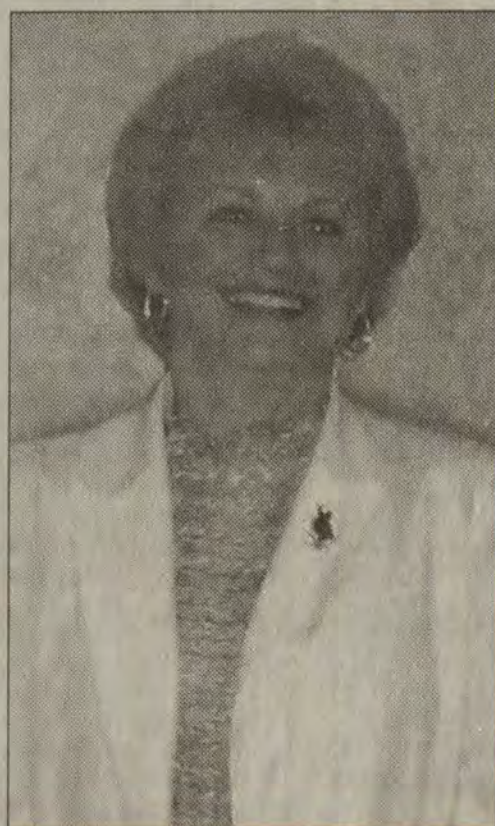
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Rhonda Kretzer

Doing whatever it takes

Rhonda Kretzer majored in advertising in college and came back home to work for her father, Walter Hall, at Hall Marine. She did marketing and advertising and whatever her dad needed done and gained a wealth of experience to add to her schooling. She became a stay-at-home mom when her father retired but soon decided to use her education and varied job experiences and do some freelance consulting. Soon she had enough of a client base to form her own business, Vantage Point.



by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times:
How did you get started on the road to owning your own business?

Rhonda Kretzer:

In 1983, I started working as a freelancer and assisted companies with their advertis-

ing and marketing. By 1986, I had enough of a client base established to open my own business without having to borrow operating capital. The first couple of years were tough and I didn't make much money, but I worked hard and kept at it.

FCT: Did you have to face any special obstacles because you were a woman?

RK: My first experience was with a banker who advised me that this marketplace was too small to support an advertising agency. He told me about a man who tried it and failed. He said something to the effect that, "If this man hadn't been able to do it, then certainly a girl couldn't." My reaction was, "We'll just see about that." I left that meeting more determined than ever to grow my own company and make it successful.

FCT: What kind of challenges followed?

RK: The biggest ones were finding good people to work with me and this is where I've been most fortunate. I've managed to find and keep extremely talented people. Our graphic arts designer, Chad Varney, is as good as anybody in this country. Julie Goff has been here about four years. She can do anything. My mom, Aileen Hall, is a retired postmaster who didn't like retirement. She takes care of accounting and manages the office. She doesn't work every day, but when she's here she is a whirlwind of efficiency. I've also had good people work here for a while before moving on to other things and they have contributed a lot. I still appreciate them.

FCT: What advice would you give some-

(See KRETZER, page six)

Joyce Bates

Reconnecting with the community

Joyce Bates was living and working in Central Kentucky for almost 25 years when an illness in her family brought her back to the mountains. In 1999, she sought employment with an agency that provided services for those suffering with mental illness. She also worked with clients who were mentally retarded. The experience was so positive that Bates founded her own business called Community Connections and now helps provide services for individuals who are coping with mental illness and retardation.



by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times: How did you get your start in business?

Joyce Bates: To start the company I used profits from the sale of my home in Lawrenceburg. I cashed in my retirement account. It was a little scary at first, but I knew that this was something I wanted to do.

FCT: What kind of educational background and work experiences can you share?

JB: I graduated from high school at McDowell in 1967 and then attended community college at Prestonsburg and Lexington. I never finished college but maybe when I'm 80 I'll get around to it. I have received numerous special trainings and have traveled extensively for business seminars and an assortment of trainings. I was a surgical technician, working in operating rooms, for 10 years but switched to medical office management to be home more. During the last 20 years before moving back here I was in

medical office management for offices in Lexington and Louisville. First I was at UK's Department of Surgery and later joined a large health care corporation.

FCT: What motivated you to make this venture?

JB: I wanted to do it because it was needed in the area. It was an opportunity to truly make a positive difference in the lives of others.

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FCT: What kind of support have you gotten?

JB: With the help of my son, Charles "Chuck" Meade and his wife, who became a partner in the company, and my current staff of excellent professionals we continue to grow and improve services to the individuals we serve.

FCT: What has returning home to Floyd County been like?

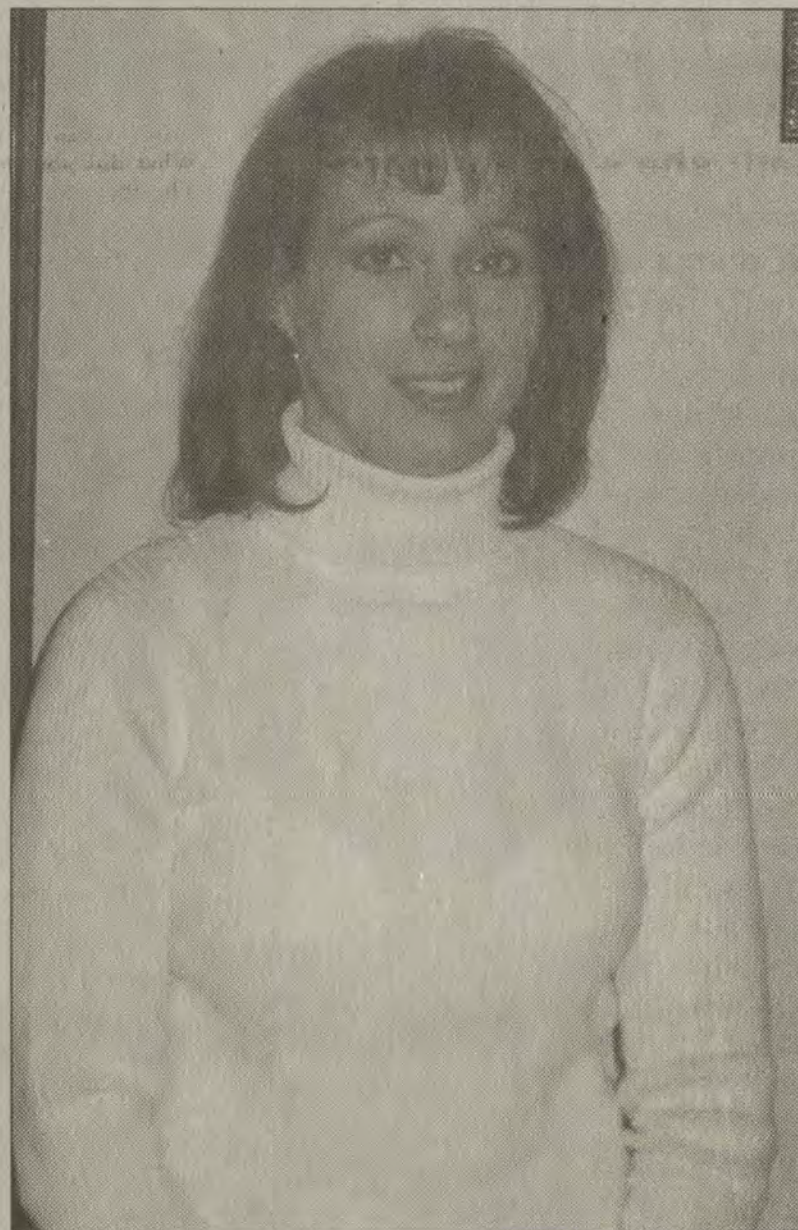
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Dr. Debbie Hall

Touching her patients' lives

Dr. Debbie Hall is a general practitioner who grew up in Prestonsburg. She is currently on staff at Highlands Regional Medical Center and works out of their Harold Primary Clinic in Mud Creek.

The clinic is very busy and is totally staffed by women. Hall originally was interested in psychiatric medicine but changed her mind after having a positive experience doing a rotation with local physician Blake Burchett.



by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times:

When did you first get interested in medicine? Was there anyone who influenced you?

Debbie Hall:

I first was interested in psychology when I was 11 years old. I had an uncle in college at the time and he was very helpful. He encouraged exploring different avenues and let me know a little about what each entailed. That led to an interest in psychiatry, which combined my interests in medicine and working with people.

FCT: What schools did you attend?

DH: I went to Prestonsburg High School. I then went to UK. I lived in Lexington for eight years while getting my bachelor's degree and then med school. I did an internship in South Carolina but when I was there I was always coming back home any chance I could get.

FCT: Were there any experiences along the way where being a woman made it harder for you to get what you wanted

DH: Only very early. I had a high school guidance counselor who tried to steer me away from medicine but I was determined.

FCT: What's been your most positive experience?

DH: There isn't one in particular but there are two things about being a doctor that have been great. One is just getting a window into the lives of my patients. I get to know them and they trust me. Recently a patient made an appointment and had just wanted to see me to fill me in on what had been going on with her in her life. The other positive part of it is seeing people make a healthy change. I have had patients lose

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weight and quit smoking. Helping nudge patients toward a healthier and longer life is a great reward.

FCT: What advice would you give to a young woman who wants to enter your field?

DH: Don't focus on the time constraints. People often look at the long school commitment and get intimidated. It has to be seen as just working towards a goal. It's worth it. It is the most wonderful thing in the world to touch so many lives.

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Janet Stumbo

View from the bench wasn't expected

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The Floyd County Times: How did you get your start in the legal profession?

Janet Stumbo: I decided to go to law school, kind of ... it wasn't a real well thought out decision, actually. I was working on a master's degree which I never finished at the University of Kentucky and a friend of mine, who worked in the English Department ... I was teaching part time at UK, was getting ready to take the LSAT, the examination you have to take in order to go to law school, and she was really nervous about it, so she asked if I would

go with her. So I signed up for it and I went and scored pretty high on it, and I was pretty bored with what I was doing. So I thought I would try law school and they admitted me and I got some financial aid, so I thought I'd try it and I really liked it. It's not like I wanted to be a lawyer all my life, or had even really thought about it until six months before I started law school.

FCT: What were your original plans?

JS: I was going to be a teacher. I did, in fact, teach at UK.

FCT: Now you're one of the only women to serve on the Supreme Court.

JS: The first woman to serve was Sara Combs, she was appointed to the position ... I ran against Sara for the unexpired term.

FCT: What has your experience as a woman serving on the

Supreme Court been like?

JS: What's it like? Well, I don't know what it's like to be a man on the court so it's kind of hard to say if it's any different. It's a wonderful job. The other justices ... I've been through a lot. Right now I'm third in seniority, so I've served with 14 other justices at this point. It's very interesting to make decisions that affect not just the people that are in front of you only on cases with that same kind of issue in it. Really deciding ... where is a child going to live and with who are very difficult decisions, too. It's challenging, it's scary. We can't talk about what happens in the conference room, and that really leaves us all feeling very confident that we can say anything during conference and feel comfortable about challenging one another and raising questions.

FCT: What would you say is an interesting story relating to what you have done or a unique aspect of what you do?

JS: It was fascinating, the issue about who would be on the ballot for the gubernatorial race last year, if Gov. Fletcher had the right to replace his running mate. We could have very easily decided, at that point, that he couldn't do that and he wouldn't be our governor today. That's interesting, that's exciting. That's some of the fascinating things, but most of the stuff we do is very routine. Criminal appeals are about 60 percent of

what we do. But this office is very important because we don't just decide cases, we head up the court system. Drug court, family court, those kinds of things originate at the top. We, as a group, the seven of us, did studies on family courts and then were involved in sending recommendations to the legislature and now we have family courts all over the country. Drug courts, you know, that's coming on a little more slowly, but that would be a big difference in dealing with treatment.

FCT: What advice would you give other women with goals who are seeking to make them a reality?

JS: The thing I always say is don't be afraid to change course in midstream. Like I said, I hadn't intended to go to law school until I did it. Getting involved in politics was a change. I worked as a clerk with the Court of Appeals and really enjoyed it. It put the thought in the back of my mind: I'd like to try to become an appellate judge. I'd only been a lawyer for nine years, but when the opportunity came up and there was a vacancy and I was talking with a friend about who do you think will run for that and it occurred to me that maybe I could do that. I'd never been involved in politics before. If there's an opportunity there, don't be afraid to try, because it could work out. Don't be afraid to take a chance ... this wasn't planned.

Belinda Maggard

Doing what she loves

Belinda Maggard is no stranger to business. Before doing the interview she finished a radio program, interviewed a prospective staff person and was set to sit down with a supplier immediately after the interview. She started working in high school and has yet to let up. Her first job was at the now-defunct restaurant chain Burger Queen. She scrubbed floors and cleaned ovens for two weeks and ran to a clothing store on her first payday, only to find that she hadn't earned enough for an outfit. She learned the value of a dollar that day and has since become an integral part of the success of Maggard's Furniture store.



by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Times: When did you know that you wanted to get into business?

Belinda Maggard: Working for Peggy Perry at a clothing store called Chandler's. I was always doing stuff and enjoyed being busy, but the best part was waiting on customers. I enjoyed working with them the most.

FCT: You do your own advertising on the radio. Do you enjoy that part of your work?

BM: My husband came up

with that idea. I like it and I also do a show called The Swap Shop every weekday. It's fun because we also talk about what's going on in the community.

FCT: To whom would you attribute your work ethic?

BM: My mom and my husband. I have always had good encouragement from my mother. My husband is very supportive and works behind the scenes here so I am more visible, but his perspective and guidance are always there. Everyone has been encouraging and I feel lucky to have that.

FCT: Has being a woman in business offered any unique obstacles?

BM: I know people have had to face some of that but I have been lucky. My husband has always treated me as an equal at home and work. It's good to work with a net like that under you.

FCT: Any advice you would give a woman who wants to go into business?

BM: The most important thing is to do something you love. Life is too short, so go into something you love. That's my philosophy.

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one just starting out?

RK: Show up! A lot of people think the owners of companies just come and go as they please and delegate everything. To be successful you have to adopt a "whatever it takes" attitude. If that means working long days and weekends, then that's what you have to do.

FCT: Any advice for those who may be struggling in business?

RK: You need to be receptive to change and embrace new opportunities. New technology has allowed our business to evolve over the years. A lot of the services we provide now weren't even imagined 18 years ago.

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This Week: Hermit Crabs

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Hermit Crabs

The Inside Story

Draw a line from each body part to its description.

Hermit crabs are different from true crabs in one important way. True crabs have a short abdomen that is folded up under the large shell on its back. A hermit crab has a long abdomen that sticks out at the rear end of its body. Because its abdomen does not have a hard covering, it must borrow a shell to protect this part of its body. The abdomen's curled shape fits inside the spiral of a shell.



Front claws

Walking legs, two on each side.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Anybody Home?

This growing hermit crab is feeling cramped. He has outgrown his borrowed shell home and is looking for a new home. When he finds an empty shell, he uses his claws to check out the size. If the size is right, he cleans the shell carefully and quickly pulls his abdomen out of the old shell and sticks it into the new one!

- Small legs to hold body at shell opening.
- Abdomen
- Antennae, used to feel, smell and taste things.
- Eyestalks

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals inhabit different kinds of environments.

Which shell will the hermit crab pick? He'll pick the one with numbers that add up to an even number.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums; recognize even and odd numbers.

4 + 13 + 8

11 + 6 + 2

9 + 5 + 3

6 + 4 + 2

3 + 9 + 5

The word hermit describes someone who lives alone. Yet, hermit crabs live and travel in colonies of a few dozen to more than 100!

Find the Hermit Crab Twins!



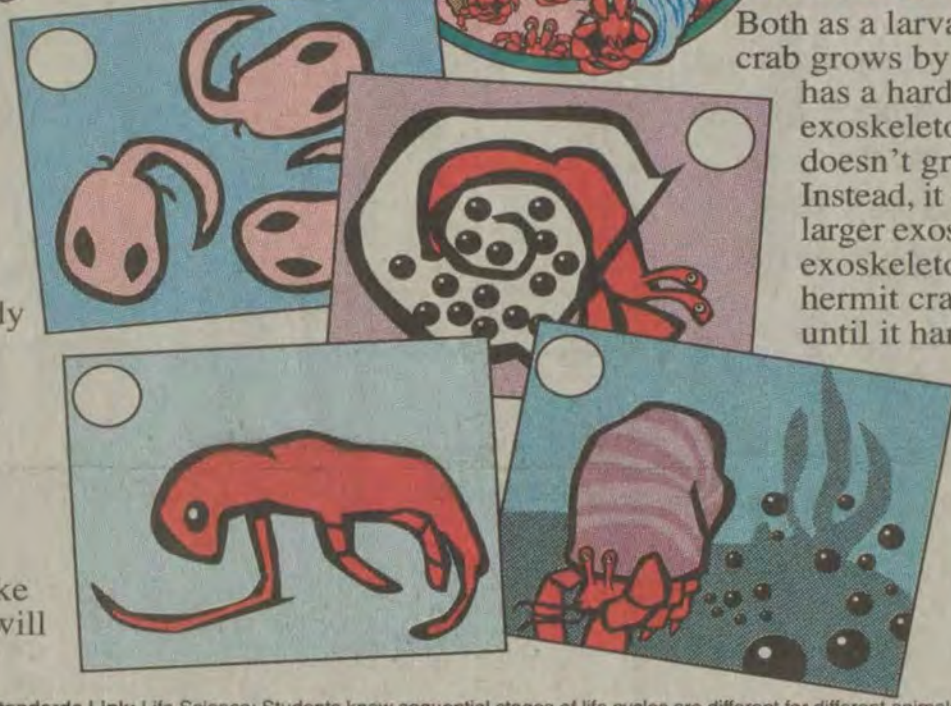
Molting

Both as a larva and an adult, a hermit crab grows by molting. A hermit crab has a hard outer covering called an exoskeleton. This hard covering doesn't grow like human skin. Instead, it must be shed when a new, larger exoskeleton is ready. The new exoskeleton is soft at first, and the hermit crab must stay in its shell until it hardens.

Hermit's Baby Book

Which picture goes with each sentence telling about how a hermit crab grows?

1. Mother hermit crab carries eggs inside shell.
2. Mother hermit crab releases eggs that are ready to hatch into the ocean.
3. The hermit crab larva has large bulging eyes and a long shrimp-like body.
4. After its third molt, the hermit crab looks more like an adult hermit crab and will move closer to the shore and find a shell home.



Standards Link: Life Science: Students know sequential stages of life cycles are different for different animals.

LET GO LEGS!

If a predator tries to grab a hermit crab, the crab must pull into its shell quickly. If a predator manages to catch a claw, the crab can break it off, leaving the predator holding the claw and nothing else. The hermit crab will grow a new claw to replace the missing one!



Extra! Extra!
House for Sale
Read some of the Houses for Sale ads in the newspaper. Then, create a House for Sale ad for a hermit crab!

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

Hermit Crab Buddies

Some hermit crabs carry sea anemones on their shells. The sea anemone's tentacles keep away. In return, the anemone, an animal without legs, gets carried to new supplies. Sometimes the anemone gets to eat the hermit crab's leftovers!



Replace the words missing from this paragraph.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

Double Double Word Search

- LARVA
- TENTACLES
- HERMIT
- ANEMONE
- CRAB
- MOLTING
- ABDOMEN
- SHELL
- HOME
- SKIN
- SHED
- CLAW
- ALONE
- HATCH
- PREDATOR

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S	N	E	M	O	D	B	A	E	R
O	E	F	C	L	A	W	N	M	O
L	A	L	Y	R	G	M	E	O	T
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C	A	E	S	A	I	L	O	E	D
T	R	U	H	H	T	O	N	R	E
A	V	C	E	S	L	N	E	M	R
H	A	R	D	K	O	E	E	I	P
J	N	I	K	S	M	W	R	T	A

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

When I am crabby I ...

When I am crabby, I go to my room and I don't come out for a long time.

Brianna, 3rd Grade

When I am crabby, I like to scream into pillows.

Scott, 5th Grade

When I am crabby, I reorganize my room. That gets my mind off being crabby.

Sierra, 5th Grade

When I get crabby I pick on my brothers until my mom tells me to stop. Then I go to my room and listen to music.

Jessica, 6th Grade

When I am crabby, I hate to have people try to calm me down. When I am crabby I just want to be alone, and calm myself down.

Joy, 6th Grade

When I am crabby I think about what made me crabby. After that, I think about what I can do so that I won't be crabby any more. Then I apologize to anyone that I may have offended.

Caroline, 7th Grade

When I am crabby, I go somewhere alone and think about how I could have handled the situation in a better way.

Jordan, 8th Grade

No one wants to be around me when I get crabby. I stomp my feet and yell. I yell at everyone. But then I stop and realize I am only mad at something dumb. I tell everyone that I'm sorry and I smile.

Tony, 4th Grade

When I am crabby I feel that I don't care about anything. I get mad. Sometimes my mom cheers me up by tickling me. That helps me to feel better.

Christopher, 4th Grade

When I get crabby I can be really mean. I get mad and I complain a lot. Nothing goes my way. Plus, no one wants to be around me. I usually get crabby because I'm frustrated or tired. If I take a nap I sometimes feel better.

Sarah, 4th Grade

Write On!

When I am Crabby I...

Deadline: April 25, 2004
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Community Advisor

Imagine you have been selected to advise on the growth of your neighborhood. Look through the newspaper for news articles showing things that your community is concerned about. Make a list of ways you think you could help your community.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the ways in which individuals and groups interact to solve problems in a community.

What's the difference between a fish and a piano?

ANSWER: You can't tuna fish!

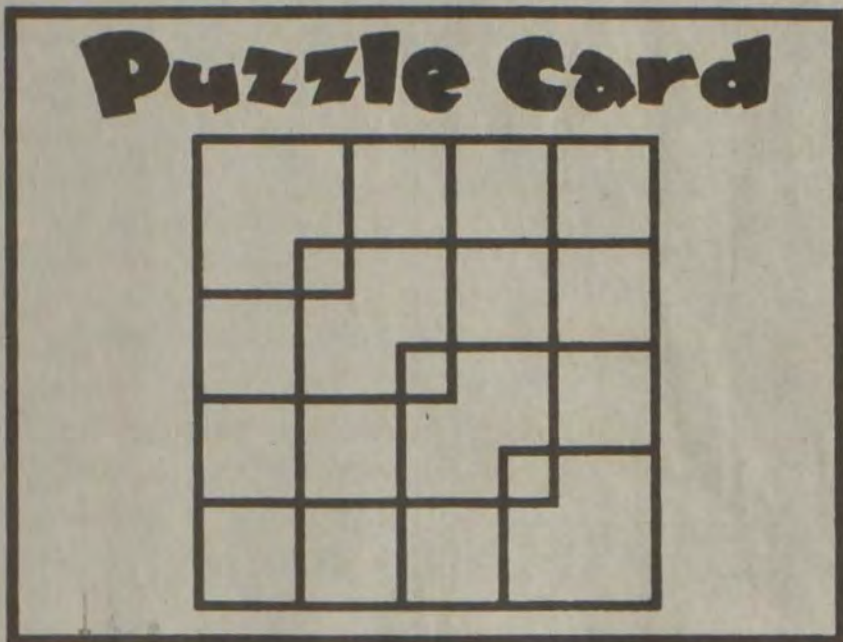
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Answer: 27.

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



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.

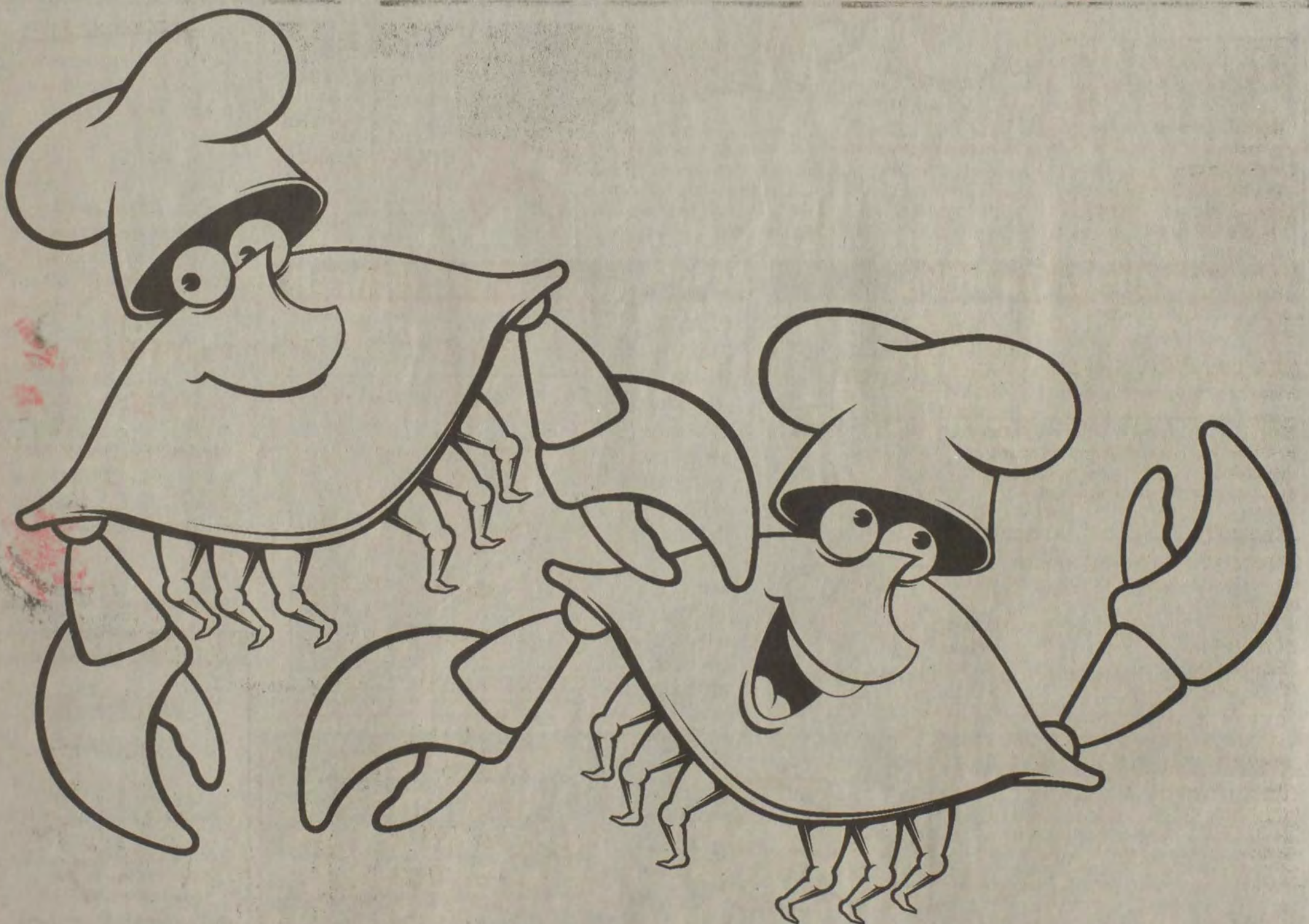
1. Carries the clubs (in place).
2. An eagle's nest.
3. A serious play.
4. A famous march.
5. Causes dough to rise.

1	C	A	D	D	Y
2	A				
3	D				
4	D				
5	Y				

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: 1. Caddy. 2. Aerie. 3. Drama. 4. Dimas. 5. Yeast.

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.



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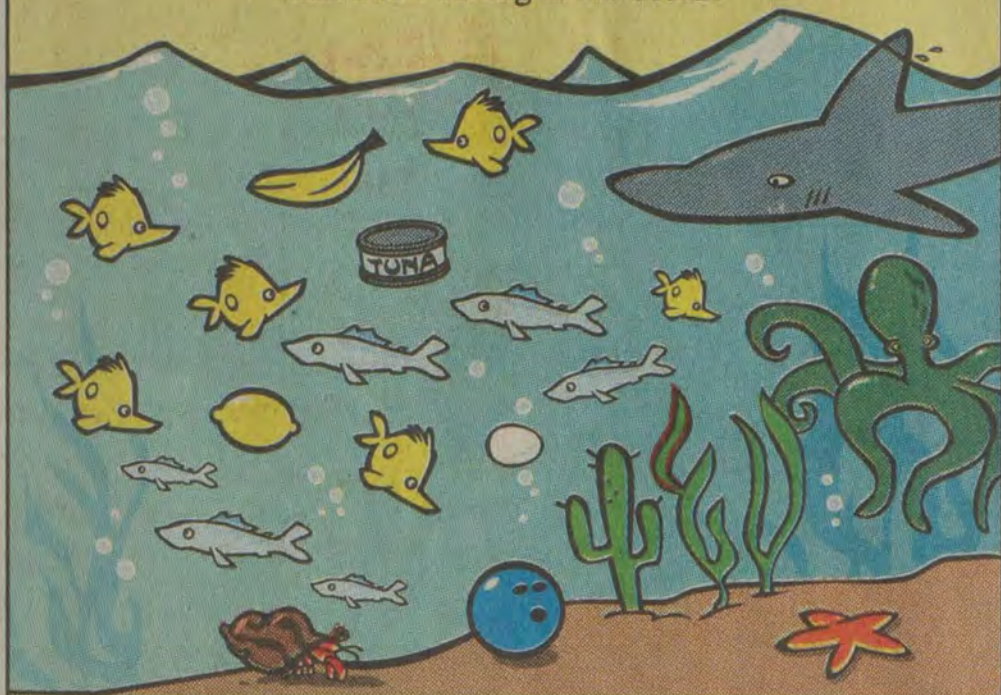
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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Ocean Originals

The ocean is full of creatures that we don't usually see on land. Circle the animals that live in the ocean. Cross out the things that don't belong in the ocean.

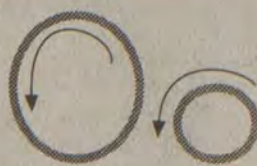


My Rhyme Time

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.

My Letters

O is for Ocean
o is for ocean



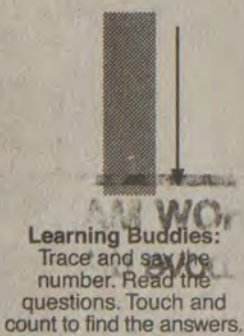
Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter O. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the long O sound in them like the beginning of the word ocean?

My Numbers

How many soaps?

How many coats?



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.



The ocean is _____



Sunday

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 O in ocean.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 1 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

What needs water?
With your child, look through the newspaper and use a blue crayon to circle all the things that need water to survive.

Wednesday

Circle Search
Point out to your child that the letter O is a circle shape. Have your child look through the newspaper for other things that have a circle shape.

Thursday

Orange Things
Count all of the things you can find in the newspaper that are orange. Start an "Orange Poster" by cutting out pictures of orange things and gluing them onto one sheet of paper. Repeat with other colors to make a book about colors.

Friday

Ocean Things
With your child, look through the newspaper for pictures of things you could find near or in the ocean. Cut these out and make an ocean picture.

Saturday

Over and Under
Take turns with your child giving "over and under" directions, telling where to place a folded newspaper. For example, "Put the paper over your head." "Put the paper under the chair." "Put the paper under your chin."



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Riddle Cards

- Why does a baby pig eat so much?
- What nation produces the most marriages?
- When is a pig like ink?
- What do we often catch yet never see?
- Why is a lawyer like a crow?

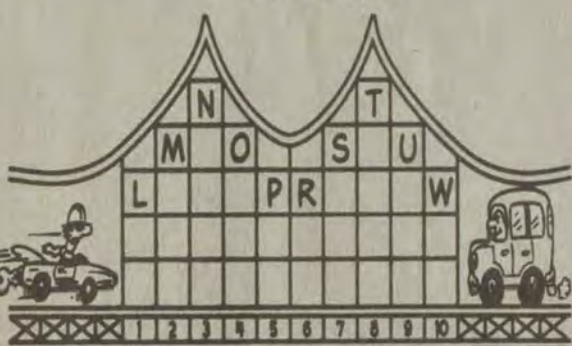


Answers: 1. To make a hog of himself; 2. Fascination; 3. When you put it in a pen; 4. A passing remark; 5. Because he likes to have his cause heard.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE



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DON'T GET SNOWED! To solve this problem, replace the letters in the AlphaMath problem pictured with the digits 1 through 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did.



GET A GRIP ON THIS PUZZLE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

- Like a chair.
- A state of irritation.
- Faster than a walk.
- To start again.



Answers: 1. Seat-belt; 2. Sneezes; 3. Trot-trot; 4. Answer-none.

- Afternoon refreshments.
- Containers.
- A legal term.
- Decrease in size.

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each, plus plenty of hints.

- A garland of flowers.
- A tailless cat.
- Sound of a horse.
- To flow out slowly.
- A type of nose shape.
- Stang for marvelous.
- A fortuneteller.
- A female domestic cat.
- Native American people.
- A trap.

Answers: 1. Let; 2. Mant; 3. Neigh; 4. Coax; 5. Pug; 6. Rad; 7. Seer; 8. Tabby; 9. Uvas; 10. Web.

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

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.



- ACROSS**
- Six more than 9-Across
 - Four times 1-Across
 - Digits of 15-Across reversed
 - Digits of 1-Across reversed
 - Digits of 1-Down reversed
 - One-third of 4-Down
 - Digits of 14-Across reversed
 - Digits of 3-Across reversed
 - Five less than 5-Across
 - 8-Across times 13-Down

- DOWN**
- One less than 13-Down
 - 9-Down minus 15-Across
 - Five more than 8-Across
 - Ten less than 7-Across
 - Same digit repeated
 - Eight less than 8-Down
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - 6-Down minus 11-Down
 - One hundred more than 3-Down
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - One-third of 8-Down

Rational Numbers

answers

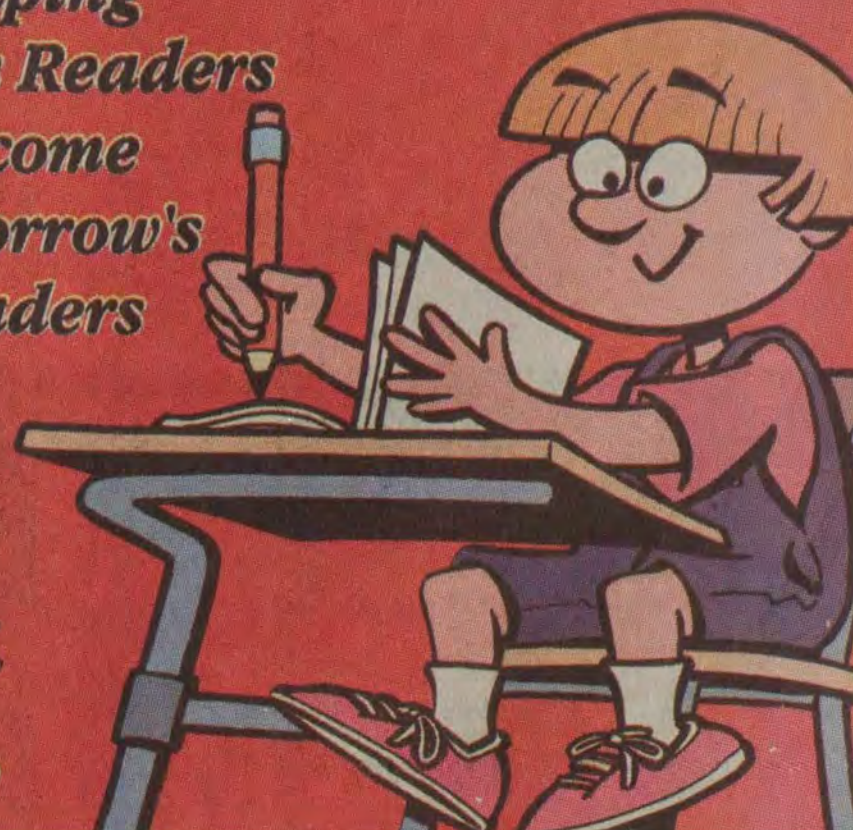


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In 1859, Jean-Henri Dunant from Switzerland was touring Italy when he witnessed the horrible aftermath of a battle near the small town of Solferino. Some 40,000 men lay dead or wounded. Moved by the suffering of the soldiers who had been abandoned on the field, Dunant organized a group of volunteers from the village to help the wounded. The experience haunted Dunant and, in 1862, he wrote a pamphlet called *Un Souvenir de Solferino* (A Memory of Solferino).



Jean-Henri Dunant

Dunant's pamphlet asked, "Would it not be possible to found and organize in all civilized countries permanent societies of volunteers who in time of war would give help to the wounded without regard for their nationality?"

In 1863, Dunant and four other members of the Geneva Society for Public Welfare founded the International Committee for the Relief to the Wounded, which became the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1876.

To this day, the ICRC acts as a neutral organization that protects victims of armed conflict. The ICRC, now a part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, visits prisoners of war and inspects conditions in POW camps, delivers relief parcels, exchanges messages and provides food and medicine to those in need, and promotes international humanitarian law.

Geneva Conventions

In 1864, the Swiss Federal Council invited several nations to meet in Geneva, Switzerland, where they established the first Geneva (or Red Cross) Convention.

The first Geneva Convention is a treaty that established laws, guidelines and provisions for the treatment and care of wounded or sick military personnel. New provisions were added in subsequent amendments. These treaties provide a legal foundation for humanitarian work around the world.

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THE RED CROSS



International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement emblem

Founders of the International Committee of the Red Cross



Guillaume-Henri Dufour



Gustave Moynier



Louis Appia



Theodore Maunoir

The red cross symbol is based on the Swiss flag and is not intended to represent any religious affiliation. However, in many Islamic countries the cross was a reminder of epic religious wars, and the symbol drew wartime fire instead of preventing it.

A red crescent is used in most countries where the religion is primarily Islam. The groundwork has been laid to include the Israeli group Magen David Adom as a member of the ICRC.



Clara Barton

Clara Barton is the founder the American Red Cross. Barton experienced the horrors of war during the Civil War and was a dedicated nurse. Later, Barton performed relief work in Europe. She returned to the United States, working to create an American Red Cross, which she accomplished in 1881.



George Ryerson

The Canadian Red Cross movement was founded by an army doctor named George Ryerson. During the North West Rebellion of 1885, Ryerson used two strips of red fabric to make a cross on a wagon transporting wounded people. In 1896, he organized the Canadian branch of the British Red Cross.



This 1933 poster art was painted by N.C. Wyeth during the height of the Depression. The American Red Cross helped distribute 85 million bushels of wheat to nearly 6 million families suffering from a prolonged drought.

Young at heart

The Red Cross has many courses designed for the young volunteer. Basic first aid, baby-sitting and life management skills are some of the classes offered by community chapters. Young volunteers may also be called upon to participate in safety and disaster sites.

Helping hands

Red Cross volunteers are trained to respond to a variety of emergencies. War, drought, famine, earthquakes, fires and disease are some of the disasters they deal with.



The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement helped thousands of starving refugees in the mid-1980s. Droughts and civil wars had created great suffering in the African nations of Ethiopia, Chad, Sudan, Angola, Uganda and Mozambique.



This 1948 poster art was painted by Jes Schlaikjer. It encourages blood donations by showing how a transfusion can save the life of a young child. This picture and many more are featured in a free American Red Cross Poster Coloring Book for Children. Download it in PDF format at www.redcross.org/museum/actkids.html.

Blood saves lives

The American Red Cross collects and distributes nearly half of the nation's blood. Among other eligibility requirements, volunteer donors must be over 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health in order to give blood. One donation (unit) of blood can help save as many as three lives. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood, but only 5 percent of the eligible U.S. population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood. There are currently no substitutes.

A blood transfusion is the transfer of blood or blood components into a needy person's bloodstream.

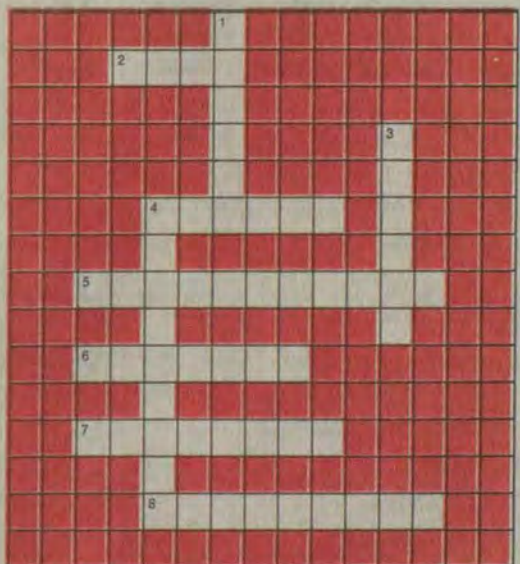


Red blood cell White blood cell Platelets

Blood contains several components, including red blood cells, white blood cells, plasma and platelets. Blood banks test and separate the blood into components for various use in hospitals. Red blood cells carry oxygen and remove carbon dioxide. White blood cells fight infection. Plasma is a yellow-brown liquid that surrounds blood cells and platelets. Platelets help form blood clots.

What do you know?

- ACROSS**
- What kind of disaster did the American Red Cross respond to as one of its first relief efforts?
 - This liquid surrounds blood cells.
 - The transfer of blood to a person in need
 - Founder of the Canadian Red Cross
 - This symbol is used to identify humanitarian assistance in many countries that practice primarily Islam.
 - Town in Italy where Jean-Henri Dunant witnessed the aftermath of battle.
- DOWN**
- City where several nations met to establish humanitarian laws and provisions.
 - Founder of the American Red Cross
 - This blood component helps form clots.



ANSWERS
ACROSS
 2. FIRE
 3. PLASMA
 4. TRANSFUSION
 5. RYERSON
 6. CRESCENT
 7. SOLFERINO
DOWN
 1. GENEVA
 2. BARTON
 4. PLATELETS

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When it happened: Some milestones in Red Cross history

1859 — Dunant witnessed the aftermath of the battle at Solferino, Italy, and organized a group of volunteer civilians to help the soldiers left on the battlefield.	1862 — Dunant's <i>Un Souvenir de Solferino</i> was published.	1863 — The International Committee for the Relief of the Wounded was created, which led to national Red Cross societies.	1864 — The first Geneva Convention was adopted to protect the sick and wounded, whether friend or enemy, on battlefields.	1881 — Clara Barton founded the American Association of the Red Cross in Washington, D.C. A Michigan forest fire was one of the organization's first disaster relief efforts.	1885 — George Sterling Ryerson used two strips of red material to mark a wagon transporting wounded during Canada's North West Rebellion.	1896 — Ryerson founded what would become the Canadian Red Cross.	1914-1918 — World War I	1919 — The League of Red Cross Societies formed a peacetime program of global health improvement.	1941 — The American Red Cross created a blood supply program for the armed services.	1948 — The American Red Cross established its first civilian blood program.	1949-1945 — World War II	1947 — The Canadian Red Cross opened its first civilian blood donor clinic in Vancouver. This service provided blood free-of-charge to anyone in Canada who needed it. (Before this, hospitals required people in need to buy blood.)	1950-1953 — During the Korean War, the American Red Cross greatly expanded its blood program to meet the demands of wounded soldiers.	1962 — The American Red Cross sent its first paid field staff to Vietnam to assist the growing number of servicemen there. At the height of its involvement, 480 served throughout Southeast Asia.	1985 — As public concern for "safe blood" increased due to blood transfusion-associated AIDS, the Red Cross worked to ensure the safety of the blood supply with better screening processes.	2001 — In response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, 54,577 workers arrived on the scene to provide relief — the largest mobilization of volunteers for a disaster relief operation.
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