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briefs

Father arrested in shooting

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gregory Dixon, 45, was arrested for wanton endangerment and fourth-degree assault, after allegedly shooting at his son and trying to shoot his daughter.

According to Kentucky State Police, the son, Anthony Dixon, had woken Gregory Dixon and they started arguing. When the argument became heated, Gregory Dixon allegedly retrieved a .22 caliber handgun and fired several shots inside their home. Anthony Dixon fled outside where his father allegedly shot at him twice.

Gregory Dixon's daughter, Denise Dixon, told police that he allegedly pointed the gun at her head and pulled the trigger. The gun was out of bullets and he went to get more when his wife Kathy Dixon wrestled the gun away from him. She claims he was trying to get more bullets to shoot himself.

Police said Dixon was on medication but did not specify the type.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dixon May 10.

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Today

Mostly sunny

High: 84 • Low: 58

Tomorrow

Sunny

High: 86 • Low: 59

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

False report allegation investigated

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Police and prosecutors are investigating an allegation that a social worker filed a false criminal report against a Floyd County couple.

Richard and Kimberly Hardy have

accused social workers of waging a "vendetta" against them for years. Yesterday, the two went against a judge's order in order to obtain evidence they say proves a social worker lied to police.

During a May 5 hearing, Family Court Judge Julie Paxton ordered the Hardys not to tape any visitation session with their

children or any interaction they have with social workers involved with their case.

The Hardys, who have made a habit, of late, of recording such sessions in an effort to "protect" themselves, went against that court order yesterday and are now glad that they did.

Before a regular visitation session

scheduled yesterday morning with their youngest child, the only child of their seven that they are now allowed to visit, the Hardys purchased an easily concealed digital recorder, one they used directly following the visit to file a complaint against

(See INVESTIGATION, page three)



photo by Joyal Frazier

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet was held Thursday night with a distinguished group of business people and public officials in attendance. The Chamber is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Chamber hands out awards at 40th anniversary banquet

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 40th anniversary with a reception at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park last night, where they pinned new members and handed out awards to several area businesses and citizens.

According to Director Regina Becknell, this year's ceremony was a complete success, with numbers of individuals nearly doubling in size from more than a hundred last year to approximately 230 this year.

"Last year we had over a hundred people. This year we've literally doubled our attendance," Becknell said. "In part, I believe that's due to partners being active

in the community trying to cooperate with as many businesses as we can. The best way we can grow Eastern Kentucky is to build small businesses. It's a strong advantage for our community to help them open and stay open."

Becknell's small business philosophy rang true in the presentation of the Business of the Year

(See CHAMBER, page eight)

P'burg teacher receives award

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER



Tim Blankenship

PRESTONSBURG — Tim Blankenship was chosen as 2004's "Teacher of the Year" by the students at Prestonsburg High School. The award also means a \$1,000 donation for the school from Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, which sponsored the event.

The event was carefully coordinated

by Wal-Mart community involvement coordinator Cindy Hackworth. Hackworth was able to keep the winning teacher in the dark about winning the award.

The entire first half of the assembly was basically a ruse to fill time until the main event, which involved students reading out their impressions of the win-

(See AWARD, page three)

Magoffin teacher arrested 3 times

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Magoffin County teacher has been arrested three times in the last two months in Floyd County on alcohol-related offenses, according to documents filed in Floyd District Court.

Magoffin county Teacher

Marian Paula Risner, 41, of Royalton, was arrested once in March and twice in April. She faces seven misdemeanor charges in three district court cases now pending against her in Floyd County.

Risner, employed as an interim teacher with the Magoffin County School System, was arrested for driving under the influence on

March 31 by Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officer Dennis Hutchinson. On that day, Hutchinson wrote in the citation, Risner, who failed preliminary breath tests at the time of her arrest, was "weaving from side to side" on Route 321.

After pleading not guilty to the

(See ARRESTS, page three)

Teacher maintains innocence

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Board of Education Superintendent Paul Fanning confirmed Wednesday that one of two people arrested following a police chase over the weekend, Michelle Hall, is a teacher at South Floyd Middle and High School.

"I have confirmed this and we'll take action as required by law," Fanning said. "Right now, she has been a teacher in this school district for the past several years ... As it goes with the American way, she is innocent until proven guilty and we'll proceed with action as required."

After meeting with Hall

(See TEACHER, page seven)

Prestonsburg officer to be added to memorial

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — A Prestonsburg police officer who died in the line of duty will have his name placed on the National Law Enforcement Memorial, in Washington D.C., on May 13.

The officer, Beverly C. Hollifield, died April 17, 1935. Hollifield died from

injuries sustained the previous evening when he was struck by an automobile on Mayo Trail. The impact sent Hollifield 20 feet through the air. The fall broke his right leg and injured his head.

Oddly, he had injured his head and the same leg in a mining accident that he suffered in 1926 while working

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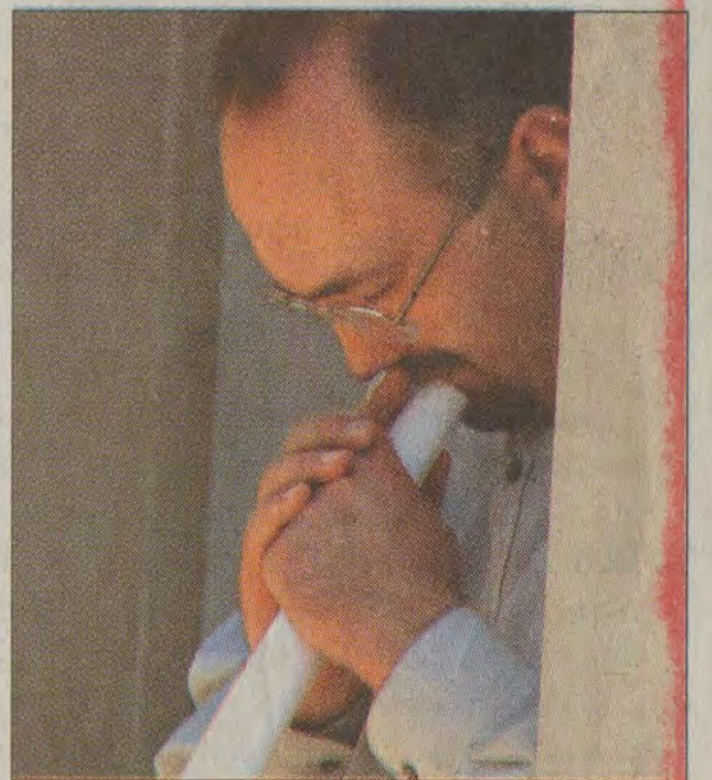


photo by Mary Music

Randal Reno was among those who joined members of the Floyd County Ministerial Association yesterday afternoon as they gathered at the Floyd County courthouse steps to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. Church leaders from across the county gathered in prayer with millions across the nation to pray for the city, county, state and federal government officials, as well as area families and youths, church organizations, the nation, the military and those who are now "imprisoned and persecuted." The event is held annually on the first Thursday in May.

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Odds & Ends

GREENFIELD, Wis. — Some politicians are grilled for the skeletons in their closet. But an alderman in this Milwaukee suburb came under fire for the mannequin in his office.

Mayor Timothy T. Seider withdrew his demand that Alderman Thomas Pietrowski remove a female mannequin from his office, as long as Pietrowski keeps his office door closed. Seider made the exception in a letter Tuesday to Pietrowski, after telling the alderman earlier that numerous complaints had been made by female employees about the mannequin.

But Pietrowski described the mannequin clothed in a gray T-shirt and tattered jeans as a piece of art, and his attorney, Peter Earle, said it was protected by free speech.

"We will not keep Madeline in the closet," Earle said. "Alderman Pietrowski will open and close his door as he sees fit and have Madeline in complete display."

Unless the mayor retracts the conditional demand, apologizes for allowing a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel photographer in Pietrowski's office and pays Pietrowski's legal fees, the alderman will sue, Earle said.

Seider said he rescinded his order to remove the mannequin because tax payers shouldn't have to fund a court fight. But he refuses to apologize because he believes Pietrowski owes the women at City Hall an apology.

"I can't apologize. I did what any mayor would do when complaints are filed against any employee," Seider said.

WILMINGTON, Del. — Delaware dwellers seeking more bang for their buck by using clam shells to pave driveways may get more bang than they bargained for.

For the past three months, surplus munitions dumped at sea decades ago have been turning up in some shell-covered driveways in Sussex County.

Authorities believe the rusted explosives are being dredged up by clam harvesters from the sites where the Army dumped surplus ordnance after World War I and World War II.

Since early February, bomb disposal teams from the state police and Dover Air Force Base have responded to nine complaints, removing nearly 100 war relics from yards and driveways.

Many rural residents in Delaware and southern New Jersey, especially those living on farms and in beach towns, use crushed clamshells as an economical way to create a driveway.

Poultry grower Bill Layton spent \$600 in November for about 50 tons of clamshells to

cover his driveway. Stone, asphalt and concrete could have cost anywhere from three to 10 times as much.

Last month, Layton spotted a grayish object that turned out to be a World War I French rifle grenade. Thirteen more grenades were found later by a state police bomb team. "We've been riding over them all winter," he said.

Assistant Delmar Fire Company Chief Joe Morris said state police bomb technicians retrieved three WWII pineapple grenades from his property.

"They looked like clumps of rusted metal," he said. "I'm surprised they hadn't blown apart."

AGOURA HILLS, Calif. — A 2-year-old black bear took a break from life in the Santa Monica Mountains and wandered into the suburban LA lowlands.

The bear is back in the wild after confusedly combing through this suburb north of Los Angeles for several hours Tuesday, startling residents but causing no apparent harm.

The 175-pound male was so calm that California Fish and Game officials responding to 911 calls decided to tranquilize it instead of killing it. The bear was then transported to a remote area in the Santa Monica Mountains, officials said.

Mary Davis was having lunch with her great-granddaughter when she spotted the bear's face through the window. "I thought I was seeing things," said Davis, 76.

The bear continued to amble through the family's daisies and tomato plants while Davis' son, Gary, called 911.

As calls poured in, law enforcement and Fish and Game officers tracked the bear and slowly cordoned it off, trapping it in a backyard before shooting it with a tranquilizer gun.

Fish and Game wardens said they aren't sure what drove the

bear down from the cooler mountains. But, said spokesman Steve Martarano, "They're coming out of hibernation and they're looking for food."

ELK CITY, Okla. — Tom McAnally lost and found \$11,000 in one day, thanks in part to some blue dots.

The painter from Tennessee had completed some big jobs in the Elk City area, but he hadn't been home to make a bank deposit.

He left a gas station and headed to work when he felt his hip pocket and realized the

money wasn't there.

"Imagine jumping off a cliff or getting to the bottom on a roller coaster," McAnally said. "That's how it felt."

He returned to the convenience store where he bought gas and learned that two men had found the money in the parking lot and turned it in to store manager, who gave it to police.

"Sgt. Bob Turner picked up the money, took it back to the police department and locked it in the safe," police Capt. Dan Fife said. "Shortly, here comes this distraught man, inquiring

about a bunch of money."

It was easy for McAnally to identify the money because little blue paper dots were mixed in with the bills. He keeps the dots in his pocket for good luck because his wife once won \$100 with a scratch-off lottery ticket after she tore a blue dot out of a newspaper.

"Finding that much money would be a temptation for anybody and they are three honest people," McAnally said. "Those folks are awful honest. I believe that good things always come around. Something good for them will come out of this."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 7, the 128th day of 2004. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast.

On this date:

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President and Mrs. George Washington.

In 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France.

In 1954, 50 years ago, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar Two communications satellite.

In 1975, President Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of its Triple Crown victories.

In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

In 2002, Seattle Slew died in Lexington, Kentucky, at age 28.

Ten years ago:

Norway's most famous painting, "The Scream" by Edvard Munch, was recovered almost three months after it was stolen from an Oslo museum. Go For Gin won the 120th Kentucky Derby.

Five years ago:

NATO jets struck the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, killing three people and injuring 20; President Clinton called the attack a "tragic mistake." A jury in Pontiac, Mich., ordered "The Jenny Jones Show" to pay \$25 million to the family of Scott Amedure, a gay man who was shot to death after revealing a crush on Jonathan Schmitz, a fellow guest on the talk show. (However, the Michigan Court of Appeals later overturned the award, and the Michigan Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal.)

One year ago:

President Bush ordered U.S. sanctions against Iraq lifted, allowing U.S. humanitarian aid and remittances to flow into Iraq. The White House announced President Bush had chosen New Mexico oilman Colin R. McMillan to be secretary of the Navy and Air Force Secretary James Roche to replace the dismissed secretary

of the Army, Thomas White. (However, McMillan died an apparent suicide the following July, while Roche's nomination is being held up in Congress.)

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Darren McGavin is 82. Singer Teresa Brewer is 73. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) is 72. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 65. Singer Johnny Maestro is 65. Actress Robin Strasser is 59. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 58. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (The Dead) is 58. NBC newsman Tim Russert is

53. Actor Robert Hegyes is 53. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 50. Actor Michael E. Knight is 45. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 43. Country musician Rick Schell (Pinmonkey) is 41. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 39. Actress Traci Lords is 35. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 32. Actor Breckin Meyer is 30. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 13.

Thought for Today:

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Sunday and Monday, 30th and 31st, have been set aside for visiting your church of choice, and family time.

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Investigation

the social worker.

The 30-minute audiotape begins with a conversation between Richard and Kimberly Hardy in their car in the parking lot of the First Commonwealth Bank in Prestonsburg, where they go for the regularly scheduled visits of their son. They walk into the building, get onto an elevator and proceed to the visitation room, where they are soon greeted by a voice they say is social worker Chris Newsome, who has been governing their case for the past couple of months.

Richard Hardy cordially compliments Newsome's outfit and his Corvette in the parking lot.

Newsome then asks the Hardys the time (9:54 a.m.) and if either of them have any type of video or audio recording device.

Richard Hardy then lies on the tape, telling Newsome he had no recorder, and then asks Newsome if he has any type of recording device of his own.

"No, I don't have one of those. I have brains," Newsome says prior to leaving the room, telling the couple that he'd return with the child in a few minutes.

When Newsome returned approximately 15 minutes later, he was accompanied by Prestonsburg Police officers John Dale and Daryll Conley.

"Mr. Hardy, because of the way you were speaking to me in my car and the way you threatened me, I'm asking you to leave the building," Newsome said.

"This is why we carry this," Richard Hardy says on the tape as he pulls out the recorder. "You got caught lying this time. You got caught. You're done this time. Did you like your job? Have a good week!"

Richard and Kimberly Hardy went immediately to the county attorney's office, where they filed a complaint against Newsome for filing a false complaint against them.

"They have accused us of everything and we have never been found guilty of any of it, and it ain't for the lack of them trying, either," Richard Hardy said, noting how Judge Paxton's order the previous day made both he and his wife quite nervous about their scheduled visit. "I was laying in bed this morning and I prayed with my hands to Jesus, I said, 'Lord, stop these people in their tracks today. Don't let them continue lying on us,' and this is what happens, plain as day. It's there on tape."

Detective Sgt. Brian Hall, with the Prestonsburg Police Department, is currently investigating claims made by both Newsome and the Hardys. No

arrests have been made.

"Right now they both are complaining against each other and until I get all the facts, I don't know what the truth is, but I will find it," said Hall yesterday. "It's bad for a social worker to lose his job if he didn't do anything, and if he did do this, that's bad too. Believe me, we'll get to the bottom of it."

Social services began investigating the Hardy home in 1998 and has since removed seven children from the Hardys' cus-

tody. The Hardys allege that the social services workers have routinely lied and told their children to lie against them.

The Hardys believe this "vendetta" stems from the fact that they personally sought attention from the media when they were denied rights to their children several years ago, after charges of sexual abuse were dismissed against Richard Hardy.

Since that time, the couple,

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Arrests

charge in district court, she was placed under a \$5,000 surety bond and is scheduled for trial on June 10.

Risner was arrested again April 15 at the Super 8 Motel in Prestonsburg, the same day she took a leave of absence from the school district. She was cited with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and fourth-degree assault of a police officer.

According to the arrest citation, filed by Officer Danny W. Martin, Risner threw a watch at him while he was booking her at the Floyd County Detention Center.

She pleaded not guilty to the charges and was placed under \$1,000 cash bond which was posted that same day. A pretrial conference is scheduled for the case June 7.

Risner was arrested again roughly two weeks later, on April 27. Prestonsburg Police Officer Brian Walker stopped her on Route 114 at the Food City traffic light. She was charged with driving on a suspended license and driving under the influence after he allegedly witnessed her driving on the shoulder of the road.

She pleaded not guilty to the third set of charges April 28, the same day an order for a pretrial

suspension was filed by District Judge James R. Allen, who placed her under a \$7,500 partially-secured bond.

She faces a jury trial on these charges on July 6.

According to Magoffin County School Superintendent Donald Cecil, who was unaware of Risner's arrests until contacted by The Floyd County Times, Risner has been employed in the school district as an interim teacher, traveling and teaching at various schools, for several years.

As superintendent, Cecil has 30 days to report the arrests to the Educational Professional Standards Board of the Kentucky Department of Education, at which time an investigation will be made into the matter to determine whether or not her teaching license will be revoked.

In a subsequent interview, Cecil said he is currently working with Scott Preston, the district's attorney, to present the allegations against Risner to the Educational Professional Standards Board.

"Mrs. Risner is on leave at her request and presently is performing no duties for the Magoffin County School System," said Cecil, who refused to comment further because of the ongoing litigation in the case.

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Award

ning teacher. When Blankenship eventually realized who the students were talking about, his face turned a bright red. Blankenship finally broke down when he realized that his wife, mother and sister were in attendance.

A red faced Blankenship took the microphone to say a few words. He started by talking about enjoying his first eight years of teaching freshmen and then became emotional when he said, "I want to thank all of the students. You've been the best teachers that I have ever had."

The award was unique as it was not based on votes but on the substance of what students had to say of their favorite teachers.

Some of the entries which made Blankenship the winner included:

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discussions. He is understanding and runs the kind of class that you don't dread going to.

■ "His class is never boring because of his passion and enthusiasm."

■ "He is my favorite teacher because he is so understanding."

■ "He may do things occasionally that make you mad, but he does it to teach you the best lessons and you know it will help you later in life."

■ "His class has been hard but he has helped every student who didn't understand something. A lot of students really look up to him."

■ "Going to his class will put a smile on your face no matter how rough a day you have had."

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and state Rep. Chuck Meade were also on hand to congratulate the winner.

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Mother's abuse case hearing postponed

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Court proceedings have been continued for a Floyd County woman accused of physically abusing her daughter, according to documents filed in district court this week.

A pretrial conference scheduled for Angela R. Woods, 33, of Prestonsburg, for May 10 has been rescheduled until May 24, court documents say.

Woods, accused of punching and choking her 14-year-old daughter at their Highland Heights apartment Jan. 30, was arraigned in February on charges of fourth-degree assault and second-degree criminal abuse.

According to the arrest citation issued by Prestonsburg Police Officer Sam Goodman, the alleged altercation began when the child dropped something on the floor and woke Woods up while fixing herself something to eat.

The teenager told Goodman that her mother became very angry and gave her an ultimatum to either do the dishes or leave their apartment. Afterwards, the girl said she went into her bed-

room with a friend, where Woods followed and allegedly knocked her into a bedroom wall, punched her in the stomach, held her down and choked her during the struggle.

Allegedly woods told the girl, "I should kill you."

Woods, represented by public advocate Leta Baharestan, pleaded not guilty to the charges during her arraignment in February, at which time the charge of second-degree criminal abuse was dismissed in the case, a decision made after the court's consideration of a motion filed by her attorney.

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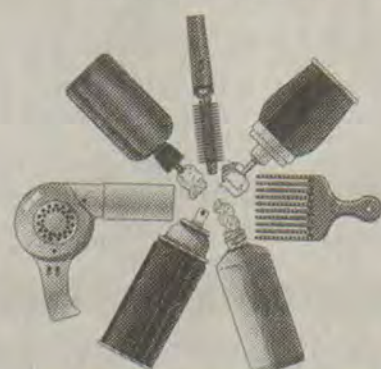
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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, on allegations that U.S. soldiers abused Iraqi prisoners:

It is critical to bear in mind that no one is known to have been found guilty of anything yet.

That said, the principal question in Americans' minds as they study the allegations that U.S. and British forces' behavior toward Iraqi prisoners was in violation of both U.S. and international rules has to be, what have we come to?

The extent of the acts is as yet unclear. ... The number of prisoners involved is unknown, but U.S. forces have held as many as an estimated 10,000 Iraqi prisoners, 5,000 of them in Abu Ghraib, which is under the command of U.S. military police.

First and foremost, a thorough investigation of what took place needs to be carried out by U.S. military authorities as soon as possible, with reference both to the Universal Code of Military Justice and to the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War. ...

This development must be put alongside administration resistance to letting the returning coffins of U.S. troops be photographed, a company like the pro-administration Sinclair Broadcast Group refusing to carry on its TV stations a reading of the names of service members lost in Iraq, and Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz understating by a third in testimony last week the number of U.S. military lost in combat in Iraq. It becomes sadly necessary to ask, in the face of these developments, what have we come to?

The Buffalo (N.Y.) News, on media conglomerates and censorship:

When "Nightline" anchor Ted Koppel read the names of American military dead for an entire show, one could almost predict the reaction. Depending on one's view of the war, it would be seen either as heartfelt tribute or anti-war tactic. But the controversy it stirred uncovered a real threat: censorship by a media giant.

Sinclair Broadcasting Group's blackout of "Nightline" on its 62 stations, which can reach nearly a quarter of the nation's viewers, is a prime example of the kind of speech control that could result from last year's FCC action to relax rules in ways that encourage the growth of large media corporations. ...

That said, the credibility of "Nightline" rests not just on its

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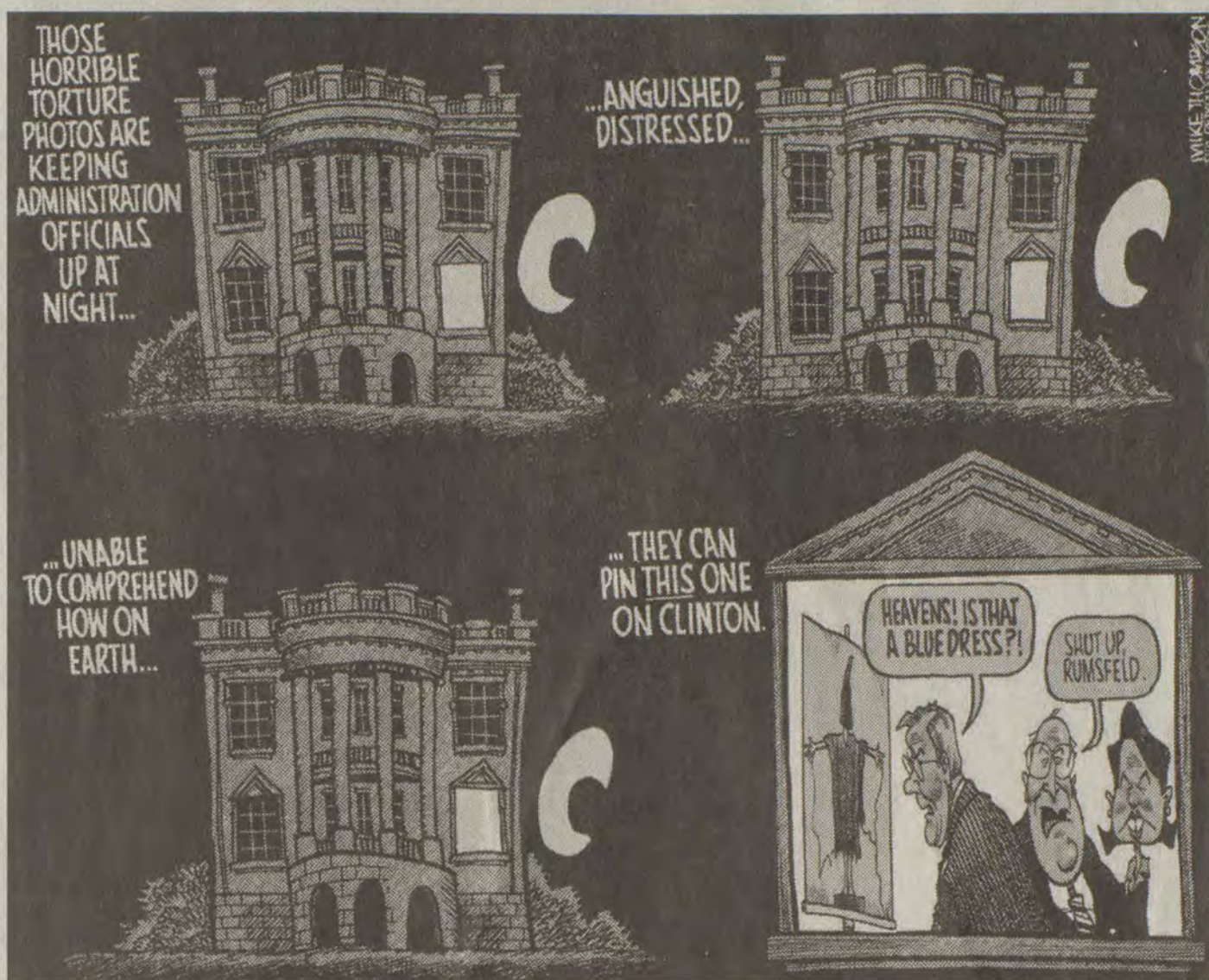
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Guest Column

Stay out of the draft

by DR. EARL TILFORD

After the Vietnam War, when the draft was history, Army Chief of Staff General Creighton Abrams redesigned the all-volunteer Army so it would never again be sent to war without the support of the American people. To that end, Abrams divided many logistical support functions and long-term combat capability between the Army Reserves and National Guard. This Army was structured so that while regular forces could handle short-term contingencies, longer term commitments or general war required mobilization of some, if not all, the Reserve components. General Abrams understood that when citizen-soldiers are committed, the country is committed.

It was a plan suited to the times and adequate for the most likely Cold War contingencies. The Army of 1975, structured for state-on-state conventional warfare against other Industrial Age armies, also needed substantial numbers

of soldiers to find, fix and annihilate the enemy with massive firepower. Then things changed when the Soviet Union imploded and its massive army disintegrated. Accordingly, between 1991 and 2001 the Army dropped from 20 to 10 divisions, down to 485,000 active duty soldiers.

Simultaneously, the advent of the Information Age and digitization enabled the Army to "leverage" technology so that fewer troops could fight more effectively. Advances in communications coupled with nearly comprehensive knowledge of friendly and enemy force dispositions enabled rapid maneuver to bring firepower to bear precisely and effectively at the critical points on the battlefield. Victory in Information Age warfare depends on highly-motivated, smarter, well-trained and well-led soldiers.

This Army, although out-numbered 4-to-1 by Iraqi forces, stormed to Baghdad in less than a month, with fewer casualties than its Vietnam predecessor suffered during a moderate week of fighting at the height of the conflict. Superior leadership at every level from platoon to division, excellence in realistic training and high-quality weaponry delivered quick — if not decisive — victory.

In Iraq, the Army faces the toughest sort of challenge: insurgency and guer-

rilla warfare in towns and cities. The enemy has adopted an asymmetric strategy of protracting the war while inflicting as much pain as possible. Unable to win on the battlefield, the insurgents plan to win by breaking the will of the American people. The best approach is to kill the insurgents and the Army has the firepower to do just that. While more soldiers would be useful, bringing back the draft is not the answer. Here's why.

First, Information Age warfare requires smart, highly-motivated soldiers. Today's Army attracts that kind of young man or woman. For instance, two of my students — I am a college professor — have enlisted and are bound for basic training after graduation. Three others have earned commissions in the Marine Corps, another is headed for the Air Force and one young lady is going to the CIA. They are among today's best and brightest.

Second, the draft will create a two-tiered force consisting of poorly-paid conscripts on one level and more highly compensated volunteers at another level. This will wreak havoc on morale. While today's enlistees, particularly those volunteering for combat arms, are not compensated enough, they are comparatively well-paid. Many entry-level teaching

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Guest Column

The rich should pay Social Security tax, too

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Wouldn't you be a little skeptical if you took your car in for a routine checkup and the repair shop said it had found a mysterious and costly problem deep in the engine that "needs fixing" — even though you can't detect any problem at all?

Welcome to the shady world of today's Social Security mechanics, including politicians of both parties and a phalanx of banking lobbyists. They're telling us in the direst terms that there's a major problem deep in

the Social Security system that must be fixed right away. The "fix" is going to be costly, they solemnly inform us — it'll require raising people's retirement age to as high as 70, cutting the monthly payments for retired workers, and even privatizing part or all of this public safety net for retirees. But we must accept these fixes, they warn, or the whole system will sputter and die.

B.S. ALERT, B.S. ALERT! Of all government programs — including the bloated, fraud-ridden Pentagon — Social Security is least in need of fixing. It's the most efficient program we have, requiring a mere 1 percent of its total budget for administrative costs. And even the political mechanics who want to mess with the program admit that Social Security is perfectly sound and capable of paying full benefits to future retirees through at least 2042. What insurance compa-

ny or bank can make that claim? And with only minor adjustment, the system is solid through 2075 — long after most of today's "fixers" will be dead.

There is one fix, however, that would guarantee the soundness of Social Security in perpetuity: Raise the current \$88,000 income cap so that the salaries, bonuses, stock gains and other wealth of the elites are also subject to Social Security taxes — rather than keeping the burden solely on the wages of low-income and middle-class working folks.

To push for this simple and fair reform, call Campaign for America's Future at (202) 955-5665.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press.

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: New York Minute

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

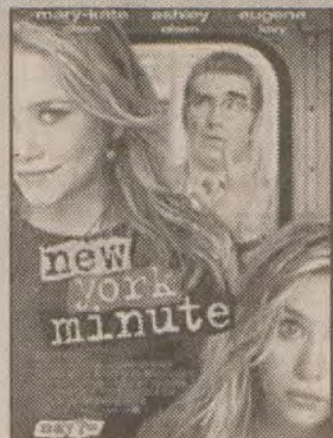
In case you hadn't heard, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen soon turn 18 (and there are Web sites devoted to counting down the days, hours and minutes until that magical moment).

To prove that they're all grown-up, the multimedia empire formerly known as the Olsen twins — and, like, please don't call them that anymore, 'cause they want to be viewed as individuals now, 'k? — has put out "New York Minute," in which the girls play suburban sisters on a big city adventure.

It's rated PG to appeal to the twins' tween fan base, which scoops up any and every M-K & A item, from lip gloss to throw rugs.

But who are we kidding? This movie is really for a male audience. And while that's as creepy as the online countdown to legality, it's not as creepy as the movie itself (which comes from the twins' Dualstar Productions, so apparently they're totally cool with all this).

One or both of the sisters — usually Ashley — appears naked or runs around Manhattan in nothing but a towel or a flimsy white shirt that's been splashed



"New York Minute," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG for mild sensuality and thematic elements.

Running time: 85 minutes.

One and a half stars out of four.

with water. And yes, I probably have a dirty mind, but this stuff is pretty obvious.

Where to begin? How about at the beginning, when Ashley's character, Type-A Jane, is having a bad dream in which she blows an important speech and appears nude in front of the audience. (We only see her bare back and shoulders, but we get the idea.)

While showering later that morning, Jane screams when she realizes the pet boa constrictor of Mary-Kate's character, aspiring rock star Roxy, has slithered from its tank to join her. (How's THAT for sexual symbolism?)

We could spend all day dis-

cussing the various ways in which the girls playfully expose themselves, so let's just cut to the weirdest of all: Jane, who has climbed onto the ledge of a luxury hotel wearing only a towel to chase after one of those hairless Chinese crested dogs — don't ask why — ends up tumbling into a trash bin several stories below, where she realizes with a giggle that she's naked (again) because her towel has fallen off.

Roxy, meanwhile, is wearing a micro-miniskirt of a bathrobe as she wallows next to Jane amid the refuse.

Then there's Eugene Levy as a hapless truancy officer who's

obsessed with catching Roxy ditching school — which she does a lot to further her band's career. (Jack Osbourne plays the group's manager, and in one scene brags about a "marathon mission" of a party at his house, which is unfortunate considering his real-life rehab stint.) He calls her house, he follows her wherever she goes, he has photos of her covering the walls of his office.

When the school principal embarked on the same kind of pathological pursuit in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," it wasn't disturbing because it was so cartoonish, like something Wile E. Coyote and the Roadrunner would do.

Part of what makes "New York Minute" troubling is that fact that Mary-Kate and Ashley look and sound so young, even though the girls who began their careers as infants on the sitcom "Full House" have grown into beautiful, stylish 17-year-olds. (They turn 18 June 13.) They're itty-bitty things with chirpy chipmunk voices, which makes viewing them as sex symbols seem even more predatory.

As voyeuristically directed by Dennie Gordon from a script by three screenwriters, "New York Minute" has all the subtlety of a sitcom, and none of the sense to effectively use actors who know comedy. Andy Richter humiliates himself with a fake Chinese accent; Darrell Hammond repeatedly has coffee spilled in his lap.

You know who fares the best? Bob Saget, the twins' former "Full House" co-star, in a cameo that will elicit more laughs than most clips he aired on "America's Funniest Home Videos."

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The first week of May shaped up as a good one for fans of classic comedies, with three collections of vintage yuks released.

"The Abbott and Costello Collection, Edition 2" collects some of the New Jersey duo's later outings, but only two of the eight films here are classics with the nod going to "Buck Privates Come Home" and "High Society," where the pair cause a series of disasters at an elite get-together when they show up to fix the pipes.

Bing Crosby and Bob Hope show up in a four-movie collection of their road pictures. These are all howlers and feature great gags, songs and several instances of breaking the fourth wall when Hope looks into the camera and tosses off jokes about working for the studios. The set includes "The Road to Morocco, Singapore, Utopia and Zanzibar."

The real highlight this week was the release of the second "Marx Brothers Collection." This set represents the last eight films they made at Universal and includes some of their best work. The standouts are "A Day at the Races," "Room Service" and "A Night at the Opera."

The big studio release this week was Ed Zwick's "The Last Samurai." Here Zwick ("Glory") casts Tom Cruise as an ex-Civil War soldier who is sent to Japan to train the Emperor's troops in the use of modern weaponry. It's a two-disc set and includes documentaries on imperial basic training, costume and weapon designs and the standard deleted scenes.

Mystery fans might enjoy the second season of British Television's "Campion" series. These mysteries are set in 1930s London and feature Peter Davison (the fifth "Doctor Who") as a deceptively naive sleuth who's hulking butler Lugg (Brian Glover) routinely comes to his rescue.

John Wayne fans might like a new double DVD of two westerns he made for director John Ford. The excellent "Stagecoach" and "The Searchers" are rounded up for this set. In the same vein is a double DVD release of the Duke in "The Cowboys" (where his character is killed on-screen by a

cowardly Bruce Dern) and the Howard Hawks classic, "Rio Bravo," which teams Wayne with Dean Martin and veteran Walter Brennan.

Horror fans with a bold streak might want to check out "Killer Tongue." This is one of those woman-stranded-in-a-desert-town-accidentally-eats-a-part-of-

a-meteor-and-develops-a-seven-foot-killer-tongue flicks. She also has four poodles who eat some meteor and turn into drag queens. This is one weird mamajama, but it does feature small roles for horror stalwarts Robert ("Freddy Krueger") Englund and Doug ("Pinhead") Bradley.

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Vylinda Layne Turner, 23, of Prestonsburg, to Jeremy Todd Howard, 24, of Martin.

Natasha Stella Newsome, 18, of Craynor, to Scott Dwayne Justice, 28, of Shelbyana.

Krista Mae Slone, 17, of Martin, to Barry Justice, 18, of Prestonsburg.

Hazel Collins, 20, of Whitesburg, to Christopher R. Howell, 21, of Dayton, Ohio.

Tricia Ann Woods, 54, of Prestonsburg, to Michael Henry McCormick, 47, of Fairfax, Va.

Charlene Belhasen, 29, of Paintsville to John Patrick Maddox, 27, of Lexington.

Civil Suits Filed

Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. James L. Allen; complaint.

Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Elizabeth Jarrell; complaint.

Paul Mollette vs. Henrietta Mollett; divorce.

Donald Dotson vs. Kevin A. Poner; complaint.

James Sargent vs. Gregory Hall; complaint.

Chasity Ousley vs. James Ousley; joint petition for divorce.

Equitable Production Company vs. Ollie Jack Howard; petition for injunctive relief.

Ronald Wright and Loretta Wright vs. Phillip Butler, doing business as Butler Auto Sales; complaint.

Delmer Kendrick vs. Rebecca Kendrick; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Small Claims

Filings

Housing Authority of Martin vs. Pamela Boyd; back rent and other damages.

Wornald David Slone vs. Ray Johnson; damages.

Charges Filed

Jeremy Todd Sexton, 26, Littcart; burglary.

Donnie L. Shepherd, Jr., 42, Prestonsburg; flagrant nonsupport.

Larry K. Caudill, 46, Hager Hill; DUI, wanton endangerment, possession of a controlled substance, prescription in improper container.

Ronnie Stanley, 53, Edwardsburg, Mich.; trafficking in a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence.

Ricky J. Caudill, 21, Printer;

receiving stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, controlled substance prescription not in original container.

Gregory Dixon, 45, Prestonsburg; wanton endangerment, fourth-degree assault.

Jarred Keith Hall, 31, Melvin; DUI, evading police, operating ATV on roadway, operating ATV without headgear, five counts of wanton endangerment, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, reckless driving, no insurance, expired plates, expired Kentucky registration, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kirby D. Boggs, 32, Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing.

Kirby D. Boggs, 32, Cadlettsburg; sex abuse.

Kirby D. Boggs, 32, fourth-degree assault.

Deloris Ray, 48, Melvin; alcohol intoxication.

Christina D. Waller, 21, Melvin; alcohol intoxication.

Benjamin Ruben Davis, 20, Banner; fourth-degree assault.

Angela F. Taulbee, 28, Lejunior; possessions of drug paraphernalia.

Alexander Skeens, 20, Prestonsburg; possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Darren K. Newsome, 23, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.

Terry L. Phillips Jr., 39, Oil Springs; fourth-degree assault.

Richard Wade May, 27, Banner; fourth-degree assault.

Jerry D. Smith, 27, Stanville; alcohol intoxication, public intoxication, trafficking marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ronald Henry, 44, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.

Joey N. Dickerson, 22, Falcon; alcohol intoxication.

John D. Collins, 28, Stanville; DUI, possession of open alcohol container, speeding over 18, trafficking marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Marjorie Collinsworth, 59, Pippa Passes; fourth-degree assault.

Gary Newcomb, 44, Harold; no Kentucky plates, no registration, no insurance, failure to wear seat belt, disorderly conduct.

Lindsey D. Carter, 19, Burdine; public intoxication.

Michael A. Marcum, 31, McDowell; alcohol intoxication.

James D. Lawson, 39, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Bryan K. Sherington, 18, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Ellen M. Gilliam, 45, no address given; disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault, criminal mischief, alcohol intoxication in a public place, criminal trespassing, terroristic threatening, resisting arrest.

Howard Waddles, 68, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication in a public place, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening, resisting arrest.

Timmy Yates Jr., 24, Allen; terroristic threatening.

John Hall, 27, Bevinsville; terroristic threatening.

Matthew W. Wright, 29, Printer; theft.

Avery Lowe Jr., 33, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication in a public place.

John Hall, 27, Bevinsville; harassment.

Avery Lowe Jr., 33, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Johnny Cleve Stewart, 36, Harold; public intoxication of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct.

Benjamin Boyd, 49, Banner; fourth-degree assault, possession of marijuana, alcohol intoxication of a controlled substance.

Brian Lee Boyd, 27, Dana; alcohol intoxication in public place.

Glen A. Shepherd, 33, Prestonsburg; harboring a vicious animal.

Stephen R. Boyd, 44, Banner; DUI, operating ATV on roadway, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Michael N. Roberts, 25, Pikeville; failure to wear seat belt, failure to wear seat belt, giving false name/address, failure to use child restraint device, no insurance, operating motor vehicle on suspended license.

Ladonna Fletcher, 25, Louisa;

theft by deception.

Inspections

Huddle House, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ice scoop improperly stored, proper hair restraints not in use, single service articles stored on floor. Score: 97.

D's Carry Out and Grocery, Teaberry, investigation of a complaint. The complaint alleged that there were moldy hot dog buns in use and that a spoiled beef patty was sold to complainant, who also observed hair on food. The inspection found no problems with the meat or buns sold. No hair was observed on food but proper hair restraints were not being used. No score issued and complaint is invalidated.

Property Transfers

Jimmie Roger Green to Pauline Green, property location not listed.

National City Home Loan Services Inc., to Harold King and Lara King, property located, Arkansas Creek.

Phillip I. Stumbo and Janie Hiserote to Ernest Ray Jr., proper-

ty location not listed.

Bobby W. Wells and Herbie J. Wells to Larry N. Hughes and Vicki L. Hughes, property located, Porter Addition.

James R. Sword and Lena June Sword to Winona G. Mullins, property located, Lafferty Branch near Dwale.

Greg Crum for Eleanor Crum and Lloyd E. Crum to Carlos Akers and Anna Sue Akers, property located, Prater Creek.

Christina Vandine Simpson to Zora Rentals, property location not listed;

Dorothy Dotson and Lewis Dotson to Arritta Baldrige, property location not listed.

Arritta Baldrige to Libby Ann Baldrige, property location not listed.

Dorothy Dotson and Lewis Dotson, Arritta Baldrige to Dorothy Dotson and Arritta Baldrige, property located, Bays Marshall Cemetery.

Dorothy Dotson and Lewis Dotson and Arritta Baldrige to Dorothy Dotson and Lewis Dotson, property located, east side of Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River.

Arritta Baldrige to Dorothy Dotson and Lewis Dotson, property location not listed.

Obituaries

Ollie Reffett Baldrige

Ollie Reffett Baldrige, 78, of Blue River, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born March 21, 1926, in Floyd County, she was daughter of the late Dan Reffett and Martha Marsillett Reffett.

She is survived by her husband, Monroe Baldrige.

Other survivors include her sons: Cecil (Charlene) Baldrige of Prestonsburg, Ronnie (Delores) Baldrige, and Danny (Barbara) Baldrige, both of Blue River; daughters: Linda (Sammy) Manuel of Tippecanoe, Indiana, Brenda (Eddie) Campbell of Blue River; brothers: Jimmy Reffett, Amos Reffett, and Floyd Gene Reffett, all of Warsaw, Indiana, and Joe Wheeler Reffett of Claypool, Indiana; sisters: Josephine Yates of Warsaw, Indiana, and Mary Jane Shepherd of Tekonsha, Michigan; 14 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sons: Earl Baldrige, Ellis Baldrige, and David Baldrige; and daughters: Leora Manuel, Ruth Baldrige; and grandson: Christopher Cecil Baldrige; great-granddaughter, Megan Leann Adams; a brother: Henry Reffett; and sisters: Audie Ellen Shepherd, Edna May Jackson, Julie Belle Powell, and Sally Coburn.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 8, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Wiley Nelson and William Canterbury officiating.

Burial will be in the Baldrige Cemetery, at Blue River.

Active pallbearers: Ronnie S. Baldrige, Keith Adams, David Baldrige, Steve Baldrige, Adam Baldrige, Jeff Baldrige, Greg Manuel, Shawn Jude, and Matthew Baldrige.

Honorary pallbearers: Chase Baldrige, Blake Baldrige, Brandon Haines, Scott Haines, Aaron Haines, and Tytker Marcial. (Paid obituary)

Jo Ann Layne

Jo Ann Layne, age 55, died Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Munfordville, Kentucky, when her car went into a lake. Also drowning was her friend, James Thompson of Mammoth Cave.

She was born in Weeksbury, the daughter of Fred and Ida Marsillett Layne. The family moved to Rochester, Indiana in 1961, and Jo Ann was a 1967 Rochester High School graduate. She joined the U.S. Army in 1967. She married Dane Janeksela and they lived in or near Rochester, in Minnesota, and in Tennessee. After a divorce, she resided in Nashville, and worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

She is survived by her son, Shane Janeksela of Tennessee; her mother, Ida Layne; and a sister, Mary Young, both of Rochester; nephews, Adam Howard, Mark and Jenni Layne, Mike Layne, Fred and Carrie Layne, and many beloved friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Layne; and brothers: Freddie and Ray Layne.

Funeral services were conducted at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 5, at Woodlawn Funeral Home Chapel of Roses.

Interment was in the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

Arrangements by Woodlawn Funeral Home, 660 Thompson Lane, Nashville, Tennessee 37204. (Paid obituary)

Billy M. Allen

Billy M. Allen, age 74, of Langley, husband of Dora Frasure Allen, passed away, Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born March 27, 1930, in Langley, the son of the late U.S. Allen and Sarah Hyden Allen. He was a retired mechanic for Halbert Garage, and was a member of the UMWA.

Survivors include his wife, Dora; one son, William K. Allen of Mesa, Arizona; two daughters: Emma Jane Allen of Versailles, and Sheila (Michael) Halbherr of Indianapolis, Indiana; two sisters: Agnes VanHoose of Langley, and Juanita Hawkins of Sidney, Ohio; four grandchildren: Eric, Geoffrey, Stephanie and Matthew Halbherr.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Edgel Allen.

Funeral services for Billy M. Allen will be conducted Friday, May 7, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Stewart Cemetery, in Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Jack Osborne would like to extend our heartfelt 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, cards, spoke comforting words, and prayed for our family. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. A special thanks to Clergymen Brad Tackett and Brent Tackett for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind, courteous, and professional service. We greatly appreciate all of you.

Card of Thanks

The family of Ronnie B. Sword would like to thank all our dearly beloved family and friends who's love and support helped us through the pain and loss. Words can't express our thanks for the prayers, food, money, flowers, and phone calls. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Very special thanks to all the truck drivers out there who supported Ronnie's family in time of need, and assisted in the funeral. Special thanks to Pikeville Methodist Hospital and nurses on 8A and 8B floor, and also to all the housekeepers at the hospital. Very, very special thanks to my pastor, Brother Belmont Johnson of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, who visited my husband in the hospital and at our home every week, and for the prayers he said each time he was there. And also to the "witnesses" who came and had service, singing and prayers at our home. And to the ladies of the church who brought in food.

I would like to say thanks to everyone who came to the funeral, and to all who sent flowers.

I would like to say thanks to all the men who work at Miller's Bro's for the flowers and money, and for all that you did for us.

And very special thanks to Barbara and Bob Miller.

Special thanks to all of my neighbors, and friends on Orchard Branch Road of Banner, who helped and supported me and my son in time of our needs.

I would like to say I am sorry if I have missed to say thanks to anyone.

He was loved by his family and friends; he will be sadly missed.

THE FAMILY OF RONNIE B. SWORD
BARBARA, LESTER, MELINDA, MARLENE
RONNIE JOE SWORD

Martha Burke

September 1, 1925-December 5, 2001

Mother

I wish we could be together on Mother's Day,
So you could be told in person how loved and how important you are to us.
How often you are thought about;
How continually you are cared about;
How much you are missed.
Wish we could be together in person, like we always were in heart.

Love,
Your children



Fred Harris

Fred Harris, 71, of 1728 N. CR 175E, Warsaw, Indiana, died at 1:25 p.m., Friday, April 30, 2004, in his residence.

He was born May 17, 1932, in West Prestonsburg, the son of Frank and Susie Whittaker Harris. On August 26, 1950, in Warsaw, he married Edna Mae Shepherd, who died August 19, 1999.

He was a longtime Warsaw resident and a retired car salesman. He was a member of New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, Warsaw, and American Legion Post 258, Piercetown.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Gery (Vickie) Schneider, of Fort Wayne; a son, Frank Harris, of Michigan City; a brother, Jack Harris, of Chandler; a sister, Georgia Shepherd, of West Prestonsburg; and three grandchildren: Neil and Amy Harris and Phillip Patterson, all of St. Louis, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by two sisters: Josephine Norris and June Bowman, and a brother, Paul Harris.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 4, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Pastor David Cripe officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Memorials to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, 902 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Floyd County teen named 2004 Rogers Scholar

SOMERSET — Kimberly Williams, a sophomore at Prestonsburg High School, has been chosen as a 2004 participant in The Center for Rural Development's Rogers Scholars program.

Rogers Scholars is an educational program for 60 rising juniors from 42 counties in southern and Eastern Kentucky that was first envisioned by the

program's namesake, Congressman Hal Rogers. During each of the intensive, one-week sessions in June and July, 30 students participate in hands-on learning in engineering, video production or information technology majors. Scholars also take part in entrepreneurial training sessions and get the opportunity to interact via videoconference and in per-

son with some of the nation's most renowned speakers and business professionals.

During the week, Williams will also take part in exercises designed to build leadership and cooperation.

"There will be serious instruction, but it will be presented in a fun, exciting, learning environment," said Lonnie Lawson, executive director and

CEO of The Center. "Students will develop bonds and relationships they can carry throughout their lives."

According to Lawson, one of the most exciting aspects of the program is the individual community action plan. Brainstorming about the needs of their communities, Scholars

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and discussing the circumstances which brought about the charges against her, Fanning said he will send a report to the Educational Professional Standards Board of the Kentucky Department of Education, which will then begin a procedural process to determine whether or not to revoke Hall's teaching certificate.

According to Brenda Allen, general counsel for the Standards Board, Fanning has 30 days to report the incident, at which time a case will be opened and Hall will be given information about the case and her rights. She then has 30 days to refute the charges against her. The board will compile her rebuttal with other information in the case for an administrative hearing, if deemed necessary, to determine if she's violated the ethical codes of the teaching profession.

If an administrative hearing is required, an attorney will prepare evidence, conduct an investigation and the allegations will proceed to trial with the standards board.

"It's something that the board would look very closely at, and along with that we'd also try to determine whether there's a history of problems like drinking or alcoholism," Allen said. "In matters like this a lot of times there could be a diversion or a dismissal of the charge [through the court system] and that would have considerable bearing on the case."

Hall, 29, of McDowell, and her husband, Jarrad, allegedly led officers with the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement on a 6-to-8-mile chase along Route 979 in the Teaberry area, where they then pulled off onto Dry Branch Road, which leads to a local strip mine.

According to Vehicle Enforcement Sgt. Brian

Howard, one other ATV and a dirt bike were involved in the incident. He could not confirm whether any other arrests were made.

Michelle Hall, charged with public intoxication and alcohol intoxication, will be arraigned later this month.

Her husband, Jarrad, facing 20 separate charges, including five counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, and counts of first-, second- and third-degree drug possession, pleaded not guilty in court this week.

Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers Jody Thompson and Keith Justice, who were both at the scene, allege that both Michelle and Jarrad Hall had "powder up their nose," a statement denied by Hall in an interview Wednesday.

"To be honest with you, I have a lot of comments on this situation, but right now I can't comment," she said, noting that she's been asked not to discuss the circumstances of the charges against her. "I wish you could wait until you get the truth. A lot of what was printed was not true ... They have no evidence on me. There's nothing against me."

Hall and her husband, who told The Floyd County Times after his arraignment that he had prescriptions for "every" pill in his possession, allege that officers "beat" them unnecessarily during the arrest and did not conduct any type of testing on Michele Hall to see whether or not she was intoxicated, allegations which were denied by arresting officer Jody Thompson.

Attorney Ryan Allison, who is representing both Michelle and Jarrad Hall, said yesterday that he will be filing a motion to dismiss the case against her.

"She is charged with AI [alcohol intoxication] and PI [public intoxication]," he said. "She took two PBT tests and they both came out negative and she requested a blood test but they did not give it to her. The failure to preserve any of this evidence has deprived her

of any exculpatory evidence ... This is something that even if a motion to dismiss not accepted, it's something that's not gonna be on her record. The allegations are as damaging as anything else."

Thompson said that he performed a roadside preliminary breath test on Michele Hall, and detected the "presence of alcohol." However, when questioned on the results of that test, he said he was "not allowed" to give out that specific information.

Charges of alcohol intoxication and public intoxication do not require blood or urine tests, Thompson said.

Thompson denied allegations made by Hall and her husband that they were beaten by officers during the arrest.

"No, ma'am, that's not true," he said, when asked if he or other officers beat the Hall couple.

Thompson did confirm, however, that Jarrad Hall requested, with back and knee pain, to see a doctor and was "checked out and released" at McDowell ARH. Michelle Hall refused hospital care, he said.

Fanning said yesterday that he didn't know whether or not the arrest of Michelle Hall would have any bearing on current considerations by the board of education to possibly implement a drug testing policy for school teachers.

Currently, only bus drivers are required to go through mandatory drug and alcohol testing, Fanning said.

"One arrest does not necessarily paint the whole profession by any means," Fanning said. "In order to do that we have to have justifiable reason and cause, we have to have that before we initiate any type of drug testing policy ... If there is a need that is justifiable, the board will consider it."

Allegedly, officers confiscated Oxycontin, Lortab, Xanax, alprazolam and other unidentified "white" pills, from Jarrad Hall, along with a black straw with a powder residue on it.

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Drug arrests made at P'burg flea market

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Meally residents were arrested yesterday at the Bull Creek Trade Center after an investigation into an alleged theft led to the discovery of drugs and paraphernalia.

Clyde T. Ward, 37, and his wife, Joni C. Ward, 47, were taken into custody by sheriff's deputies Will Holbrook and Ray Bates yesterday afternoon after the officers allegedly found drugs and paraphernalia in their vehicle.

According to Holbrook, a vendor at the flea market called in a complaint that Clyde Ward had allegedly stolen a knife from his table, an allegation denied by

the couple, who gave police consent to search their vehicle for the knife.

Holbrook said they found methadone, hydrocodone, alprazolam, marijuana and various types of paraphernalia in their possession, including needles, spoons and a pill crusher.

Clyde Ward was charged with possession of marijuana, public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joni Ward was charged with first-, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

They are currently lodged at the Floyd County jail awaiting arraignments in the case.

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jobs pay no better. Frankly, there is no adequate salary for selfless sacrifice.

Third. The Army has neither the personnel nor the facilities to train large numbers of conscripts. There is more to Information Age soldiering than marching, firing a rifle and tossing grenades. Experienced soldiers needed at the front would have to be withdrawn to train conscripts. Funds needed to support the war effort would be diverted to expand training facilities and to provide the necessary support infrastructure.

Fourth. Ever wonder why many prominent liberals advocate reviving the draft? Do you think they want an overwhelming force to find, fix and annihilate the enemy? No. The most craven among them hope reinstating the draft will rekindle the anti-war movement and engender the anti-military feelings that poisoned the atmosphere in those agonizing last years of the Vietnam War. Some

long for the teach-ins, anti-war demonstrations and that whiff of tear gas in the air that marked their formative years. Others smell another opportunity to use the military for social engineering; to advance causes like women's rights and gays in the military.

While the Army is not perfectly-structured for challenges it faces in Iraqi, taking the Army back to a Vietnam-era conscript force suited for Industrial Age warfare is not a viable option. Today's U.S. Army remains the world's best ground force. Support it and the Army will do what it is supposed to do — fight and win the nation's wars.

Dr. Earl H. Tilford is professor of history at Grove City College. He enjoyed an extensive military career in the U.S. Air Force. He has authored three books on the Vietnam War and co-edited a book on Operation Desert Storm.

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objectivity, but the appearance of that trait. Unlike the reading of the names of 9/11 victims - whose deaths had nothing to do with American military action - this roll call impacted a political campaign currently unfolding in America, as the "Nightline" team that covers it must have understood. ...

There is a silver lining in this controversy, no matter which side viewers may be inclined to take. It's that Koppel can still intone the names of all the American dead of an entire war - at least so far - in one 40-minute show. It would take five months of shows to pay tribute to those who fell in Vietnam.

Memorial

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at a mine in Auxier. He had then taken a job as a night policeman due to those injuries which prohibited him from mining work.

The driver of the automobile was Jack Hill who, along with two passengers, took Hollifield to local doctor H.E. Hughes. The injured officer was then taken to a hospital in Paintsville but was sent home after treatment. He died the next day at noon.

Hollifield was survived by a son, Samuel Jacob, a daughter, Mattie Burnett, and his second wife, Johnnie Blackburn, of Little Paint.

The ceremony at the Washington site will include adding the names 361 other fallen officers.

The Memorial was erected in 1991 and dedicated by former President George Bush. It honors officers who have died in the line of duty and currently holds the names of 16,600 officers, dating back to 1792.

The ceremony in Washington will be preceded by the Commonwealth's own ceremony on Monday, May 10.

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial is located in Richmond on the grounds of the Department of Criminal Justice Training. It will honor Hollifield and 12 other Kentucky officers with a ceremony at 11 a.m. Lt. Governor Stephen B.





Pence will be the keynote speaker.

The only requirement for the Kentucky memorial is that the officer first be named to the national memorial.

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Bea Tackett to coordinate St. Jude Miracle Mile Walk

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced today that Bea Tackett has agreed to be the coordinator of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Miracle Mile Fitness Walk in Melvin, on May 15, 2004.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas, and based in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatment not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund-raising organization. In 1962, when the hospital opened, acute lymphocytic leukemia, the most common form of childhood leukemia, was only survived by five percent of our patients, the current cure rate is now 80 percent. For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

In KY, 477 children and their families have gone to St. Jude Hospital and received total medical care for a catastrophic illness. Thousands of others have benefitted from the research findings that have developed better and more successful treatment methods.

We sincerely appreciate the concern that Bea Tackett has for our work, and we hope the citizens of Melvin will support the Walk-A-Thon on 05/15/04, to help provide the funds needed to preserve the world's greatest asset... "its children."



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'HAWAIIAN LUAU WEEK'

The Prestonsburg Health Care Center will host "Hawaiian Luau" week, May 9-14. On Sunday, May 9, a Mother's Day Luncheon will be held at 12:15 p.m.; on Monday, a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held at 12 p.m.; on Tuesday, a "50s Day" event will be held w/special music at 2 p.m.; on Wednesday, "Old Fashion Day," with a quilt show at 2 p.m.; on Thursday, "Hawaiian Day," with watermelon at 2 p.m.; and on Friday, "Cook Out Day," with meal at 12 p.m. The community is welcome to visit any day and participate in activities.

FLOYD COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS TO MEET

Who: Floyd County Retired Teachers
What: May 6, meeting, 10 a.m.
Where: Jenny Wiley State Park, Nature Center
Speaker: Ron Vanover, Recreation Program Supervisor
For more information, call: Judy Burchell, Treas., 886-8978.

NEED A PROM DRESS?

Lovely prom gowns, latest styles, available to anyone with a need simply by calling Mrs. Earlene Nelson at 886-3726 or 889-9286. No strings attached - just looking to share God's blessings.

HALL FAMILY REUNION

The 2nd Annual Hall Family Reunion will be held Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m., at Archer Park. Everyone with connections to the Hall or related families invited to attend. A business meeting will be held same day, at 7 p.m., at the Microtel Inn. For more info., or to share an idea for the event, contact Ona Hall-Scalf at: onascalf@charter.net, or telephone 606-528-0835; or contact Annette Chateau at: moppops@bellsouth.net, or telephone 901-837-0988.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A teenage Christian study group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Burton Pentecostal Church, in Upper Burton, near Wheelwright. All interested teens cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

HRMC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 5 - National Anxiety Screening Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Meeting Place B.
- May 11 - Senior Advantage, 9-11 a.m., Meeting Rooms A & B.
- May 15 - Child Birth Classes, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Meeting Place A & B.
- May 20 - Laryngectomy Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Meeting Place B.
- May 21 - AARP, 6-7 p.m., Meeting Place A & B.
- May 26 & 27 - Senior Advantage, AARP "55 Alive," 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Meeting Place A & B.
- May 27 - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Johnson County Library.
- May 27 - Diabetic Support Group, 4-7 p.m., Meeting Place A & B.
- May 27 - Living Well with Diabetes Support Group, "What is the Diabetic Diet?," 5-6 p.m., Meeting Rooms A & B.

AUXIER LIFETIME LEARNING CTR.

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Investigation

whose histories is painted with numerous domestic violence and other claims, have completed both mandatory and voluntary counseling, anger management and parenting services.

Lexington attorney Steven Marshall has taken over their custody battle, the appeal on their case and a civil suit against the Cabinet for Families and Children.

"If they think this is going to be an easy win for them, they picked the wrong family to deal with," said Kimberly Hardy. "What more does it take to see that our family has been abused?"

Newsome could not be reached for comment Thursday, and his supervisor, Susan Howard, said she knew nothing about the case and referred questions to the Cabinet's Frankfort office.

Cabinet spokesman Mike Jennings refused to comment on the case.

County Attorney Keith Bartley would not comment on the case yesterday.

sew, make own purse and other fun things. For kids over 8 years. Small fee will include sewing supplies and daily snack. For more info., call 886-0709.

MARTIN HOMECOMING

Events to begin Friday, May 28, with registration in Halbert Gym at 6 p.m. On Saturday, May 29, breakfast at Martin Senior Citizens Center. Welcome Home Ceremonies to begin at 1 p.m., followed by afternoon activities. Homecoming Dance at 8 p.m., in gym - theme: "Aloha." Commemorative shirts and caps on sale Monday, May 3, at Martin Post Office. Martin merchants may contact Homecoming Committee members for purple and gold decorations for their stores. Decorating will begin on Sunday, May 23. Make plans now to celebrate the "Purple Flash" with us!

STEPHENS-SLONE REUNION

Relatives of the late Samuel and Rebecca (Castle) Stephens, Samuel and Mary (Sammons) Stephens, and Carew and Callie (Brown) Slone will host a reunion that will be held at the Morsches Park Pavilion in Columbia City, Indiana, on Saturday, July 10, at 12 p.m. Register by July 3 by calling (260) 839-4206 or (260) 691-2830, after 4 p.m.

GIANT YARD SALE

Coal Miner's Museum, Van Lear, May 8, 8:30 a.m., RAIN or SHINE. All proceeds to benefit the Van Lear Historical Society. Concessions will be sold. More info., call 789-8540 or email: coalcamp@yahoo.com.

JUBILEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

■ May 8 - 2 p.m., Women's Ministry - "Step into His Garden." Dinner, singing, skits & more. For all women - all ages. Call 437-0292 for more info.

■ May 16-19 - Rev. George McGregor, missionary from Africa, 7 p.m. each night. Singing, preaching, powerful testimony. All welcome.

*The Jubilee Christian Assembly of God Church is located at 1978 S. Mayo Trail, Pikeville.

A CHILD NEEDS YOU

There is a child who needs you! We are seeking dedicated individuals who are married or single to serve as full-time or part-time foster parents for Kentucky's children. Our program serves the Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin counties. If interested, call PCWA Big Sandy Treatment Foster Care at (606) 886-7008 or 1-800-677-2720.

BIG SANDY SENIOR GAMES

The Big Sandy ADD is currently taking applications for the 19th annual Big Sandy Senior Games event, which

will take place at the Dewey Lake Down Stream area on Friday, May 21, 2004. Games include bowling (held May 14, at the Mark III in Pikeville) billiards, mile walk, football toss, softball toss, horseshoes, and bingo, among others. Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third-place finishes in all events. The event is open to all residents, 55 or older, in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike counties. Call 1-200-737-2723 for more information.

BLHS CLASS OF '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

MAYTOWN HOMECOMING 2004

Homecoming event will be held Memorial weekend, May 28-31, at the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center. Registration will be held Friday, May 28, from 3-6 p.m. A traditional Gospel Sing will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 29 - Registration and full day of scheduled events. Sunday, May 30 - Church services. Those wishing to participate in the gospel sing event may email: coachf@mikrotec.com. Those wishing to donate items to the auction may price and mail items to: Ruth Martin, P.O. Box 186, Eastern, KY, 41622. Those who wish to share in the breakfast, noon and evening meals should send \$20 each to: Betty Frasure, P.O. Box 17, Langley, KY 41645; those who wish to skip the breakfast meal should send \$15. Those who wish to visit only and not share in meals are welcome to do so.

PHS CLASS OF '69

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1969 will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labor Day

Chamber

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award to the Perfect Setting Café, Gift Shop and Catering in McDowell. The business, operated by Libbi Hall and Trish Ceislak, caters for events in surrounding counties and also provides a wide selection of Christian bookstore items.

Ken Carriere, owner of Good Tyme Productions and Good Tyme Printing, was named Business Person of the Year. This "multifaceted entrepreneur" began his business, Becknell said, with \$150 investment. It is now booming.

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, who also pinned new Chamber members during the ceremony, was presented the Floyd County of the Year Award by Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Paul Hunt Thompson and Dennis Dorton, president and CEO of Citizens National Bank, were placed in the Chamber's Hall of Fame.

weekend), at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. Pre-dinner meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m.; Dinner will be at 6 p.m., in Lodge dining room; Reunion meeting following dinner, from 8 p.m. until midnight in Lodge conference rooms. For more info., contact Ken & Jan at 886-8328, or Mike at 886-0252.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

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

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

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

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Couple accused of welfare fraud

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Floyd County couple has been accused of lying for two years in order to obtain welfare benefits and was arrested this week in Floyd and Knott counties.

Vickie Ramey, 37, and her husband, James E. Ramey, 39, of Bucks Branch in Martin, were arrested Tuesday after criminal complaints were filed against them regarding the alleged fraud of \$12,000 from the state.

Lawrence A. Berscheit, an investigator with attorney general's office, filed a criminal complaint against the couple, alleging that Vickie Ramey failed to report changes in the factors

affecting her eligibility for AFDC, food stamps, and medical assistance.

Berscheit says that between June 2000 through June 2002, Vickie Ramey illegally obtained nearly \$6,000 in food stamps and AFDC benefits and more than \$6,000 in medical benefits for which she did not qualify.

Her husband, Berscheit alleges, also provided false information for her to receive those benefits.

The couple pleaded not guilty to the charges in district court Wednesday, where District Judge Eric Hall placed them under \$5,000 cash bonds. They are scheduled for preliminary hearings in the case May 10.

BellSouth was awarded as the Chamber's Partner in Education because of the company's sponsorship of the "World We Create" science exhibit at the East Kentucky Science Center.

George Edwards, president and CEO of the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technica College, who also serves as the chamber's chair, was presented the Excellence Award, an award handed to Chamber members who have contributed the most throughout the year.

Edwards also graduated his first class in the chamber's Adult Leadership Program last night, a program which brought 11 Floyd County adults from diverse career and education backgrounds together once a month for eight months to learn more about the county.

The graduates presented a plan to encourage tourism and economic development in the area that the Chamber will consider in upcoming months.

Special tributes were also presented during the ceremony for the family members of Billy Ray Collins, former city council member and owner of Billy Ray's Restaurant, and Eva May widow of Russell May, who herself accepted the award for her husband in 2002.

Nineteen local high school seniors were also presented with certificates and medallions for their participation in a program geared toward increasing ethics through service learning. These students completed nearly 1,000 hours of service learning for the program, which was sponsored through the Chamber, the Floyd County School System and Floyd County 4-H.

The program was sponsored by Appalachian Wireless, Actor Express Mart and Coca Cola of Pikeville.

The Chamber of Commerce which originated as the Prestonsburg Chamber of Commerce in 1964, currently has 160 members.

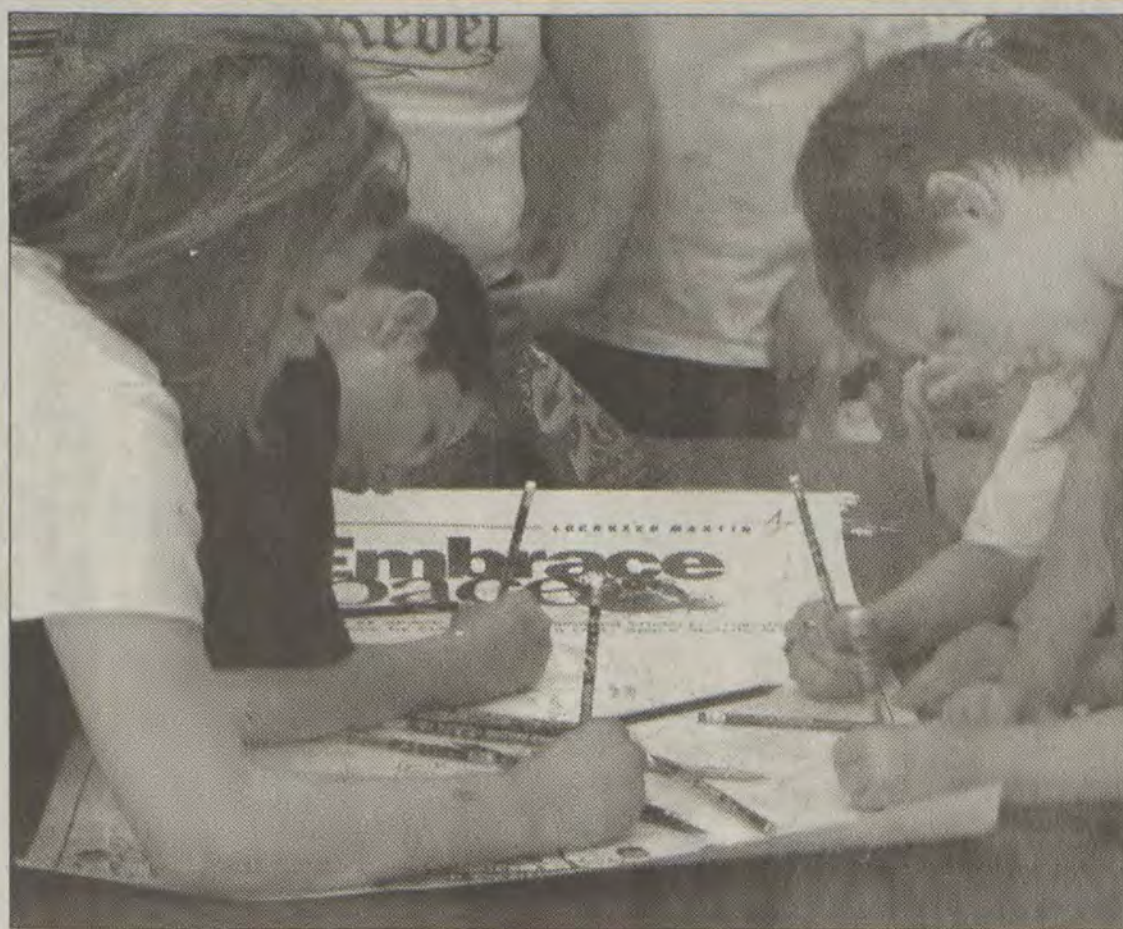


photo by Joyal Frazier

Duff Elementary students gathered around to sign a poster for the "Student Signatures in Space" program. Photos of the poster with all the students and faculty signatures will be going into space on the next shuttle mission.

Duff students send signatures to space

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — On Thursday students from Duff Elementary joined with more than 500 other schools around the world by putting their signatures on space posters to celebrate "Space Day 2004 — Blazing Galactic Trails."

Space Day is a day set aside to celebrate the world's achievements in space exploration and research and to look ahead to future space chal-

lenges. "Student Signatures in Space" will send a picture of the poster signed by all the students and faculty from Duff Elementary.

"Student Signatures in Space" is a lot of fun for kids as well as teachers, but more importantly, it sparks student interest in the space program, creates a connection to math and science studies and brings it all home on a personal level," said April Tensen, coordinator of the "Student Signatures in Space" program.

The space shuttle mission to carry this year's signatures will be selected after NASA returns to manned flight, currently scheduled for spring 2005. After the signatures return from space, the poster will be returned to Duff Elementary, along with a flight certificate and picture of the crew that carried the signatures into space. Since the program began in 1997, more than 2.5 million student signatures have flown in space.

There is no cost to schools participating in "Student Signatures in Space." However, because of space constraints on each mission, participation is limited to approximately 500 schools each year. Schools are limited to participating once every six years. Schools are randomly selected and chosen to provide diversity in size, cultural and ethnic composition, and geographic location.

The mission of Space Day

is to use space-related activities to inspire and prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, congruent with President Bush's new 21st century job initiative. Throughout the year, millions of students, teachers, parents and space enthusiasts participate in Space Day educational programs and celebrations across North America.

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develop projects that they take home and then implement in their county. Previous successful projects include opening a teen center, beginning an entrepreneurial library and assisting a community in building its CenterNET videoconferencing site.

"We want to teach the young people of southern and Eastern Kentucky confidence and skills, as well as inspire a deeper commitment to their hometowns and this region," explained Lawson.

Being chosen for Rogers Scholars involves a highly competitive process. An essay, community and extracurricular involvement, grade-point average and reference letters are all used to score applicants.

Williams is the daughter of Paul and Barbara Williams, of Prestonsburg.

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Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

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

■ Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

■ Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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tial assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

■ Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

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A busy week: Rodney Rowe steps down

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Talk about a busy week. It's times like this you realize that you have more than a columnist can bear. People coming home and leaving home in the same week is enough to keep us busy. And that doesn't even get us to Pikeville's baseball team dropping a state semifinal game in extra innings Wednesday night.

So what do we do in a case such as this? We do the best we can in the space we're allotted.

I could easily write an entire column on my buddy Josh Childers, who is flying the sports information coop after four years as a loyal employee. Josh will be one of several getting degrees from Pikeville College tomorrow afternoon in his last official appearance in the Pikeville College Gym.



Rick Bentley

Talk about a good guy. He and his buddy Dave Akers, a three-year veteran at the press table hisownself, have given up nights, weekends, holidays and breaks to come in and, as Josh is wont to say, "help a brother out."

And they have. Weekday nights, weekend nights, Christmas break, Thanksgiving break, you name it, they've worked it with hardly a complaint at all.

(See BENTLEY, page two)

Teams vie for chance to play UK Seniors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Play in the Independent Basketball Tournament continued last night at Allen Central High School's J.E. Campbell Arena. A champion is scheduled to be crowned tonight. The winner of the tournament will face the Barnstorming UK Seniors in a game that has been slated for Tuesday night.

The Bombers and the Grays each advanced in the tournament, winning games Wednesday night.

The Bombers led East Kentucky Tire 46-42 at halftime and went on to post a 110-74 win.

Shannon Hoskins paced the Bombers with a game-high 29 points. Dave Feltner added 25 for the Bombers. Shannon Woods and Eddie Combs pushed in 14 apiece. Former Alice Lloyd Eagle Kent Campbell chipped in 12.

Justin James netted 22 for East Kentucky Tire. Brad Pack flipped in 13

(See PLAY, page two)

Derrick Williams was one of the Prestonsburg High track and field athletes in competition earlier in the week at Bob Amos Park in Pikeville. Williams also plays football.



The Prestonsburg High School girls 3200 meter relay team set a school record Tuesday night in a meet held at Bob Amos Park in Pikeville. Results from the meet appear inside today's edition.

Visiting Tigers outlast Prestonsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg High baseball team played rival Paintsville for a third time in less than a month Tuesday evening. In a slugfest, visiting Paintsville prevailed, winning 16-13. The host

Blackcats went down swinging and despite a big, early deficit, didn't waiver and wouldn't give in to a Mercy Rule ending.

Fans who love high-scoring baseball games sure got a treat when the border rivals met Tuesday at Archer Park.

Heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, Paintsville held

a 15-0 advantage and Prestonsburg came up to bat. The Blackcats came to life and scored seven runs in the bottom half of the inning. Paintsville scored one more run in the sixth inning. Prestonsburg tacked on six runs in the bottom half of

(See OUTLAST, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg's Brandon Campbell found himself on second base following an at-bat Tuesday against Paintsville.

GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL



photos by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central High School senior Terri Mullins has signed to play basketball at the next level. During a ceremony held Thursday, Mullins signed with Saint Catherine College.

Mullins signs with Saint Catherine College

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - While in high school, Terri Mullins has played several sports and excelled in all. On the basketball court, Mullins finished her high school career with 972 points and over 600 assists. Thursday was Mullins' birthday and she celebrated it by signing to play basketball at Saint Catherine College. Making the drive up from Louisville, Saint Catherine head coach Lena Campbell attended the signing along with assistant coach Michelle

(See SIGNS, page three)



Betsy Layne 19, Allen Central 13

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

GARRETT - High school fast-pitch softball in Floyd County hasn't been short of any offense lately. Betsy Layne took to the road Monday evening, traveling to

Westside Park and enacted a measure of revenge, beating Allen Central 19-13. In the championship game of the 15th Region All "A" tournament, Allen Central beat Betsy Layne to advance to the Sectionals. On Monday night, Allen Central came up short as Betsy Layne posted a 19-

13 win. Misty Tackett, the leadoff hitter in the Betsy Layne batting order, went the distance for Betsy Layne, pitching the Ladycats to the win to improve her record to 2-0.

(See GAME, page five)

Pikeville eliminated from All 'A'

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Heath and Lexington Christian each won semifinal games on Wednesday to advance to Sunday's finals of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic baseball tournament.

Heath downed Hancock County 6-1, while Lexington Christian had to go into extra innings - nine innings - to beat Pikeville 8-7.

Pikeville had advanced to the semifinals following a hard-fought win over Beechwood.

Heath and Lexington Christian will meet for the title on Sunday at Applebee's Park, home of the Lexington Legends. The minor league field began hosting teams in the All 'A' state event late last week.

(See PIKEVILLE, page two)

First annual Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp set for June

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The first annual Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp will be held at Prestonsburg High School June 7-10. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Players ages 9-14 are eligible to participate in the camp.

Cost of the camp is \$45.

"I would like to invite all young girls from all over Floyd County that want to improve their basketball skills and fundamentals to participate in my first annual girls' basketball camp," said Prestonsburg High head coach Jack Pack. "We will totally focus on individual instruction to help improve player weaknesses. The basketball instruction will come from myself, my coaching staff, plus, hopefully a couple

(See PACK, page five)

H.S. BASEBALL

Bobcats suffer close setbacks

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - The Betsy Layne High baseball team suffered two close losses in three days. Betsy Layne lost two games by a combined three runs.

On Monday, Betsy Layne hosted East Ridge at Allen Park and suffered a loss as the Warriors posted a 6-4 win, avenging a loss suffered to Betsy Layne earlier in the season.

In a game played on the road Wednesday at Sheldon Clark,

Betsy Layne, coached by Duran Newsome, hung tough, yet lost. The Cards squeezed out an 8-7 win.

Against East Ridge, Betsy Layne sophomore Cody Click took the mound and suffered the loss. Derek Case and Jordan Kidd scored once and Brandon Thacker touched home plate twice, accounting for Betsy Layne's four scores. All four Betsy Layne runs were scored in the first two innings.

East Ridge jumped out to an early lead, plating three runs in the first inning. Paul Deese hit

two home runs for the visiting team.

Matt Miller pitched the Warriors and himself to the win. The Bobcats enjoyed an early lead against Sheldon Clark, but couldn't make it stick.

Travis Hamilton took the loss against Sheldon Clark. A three-run fifth inning helped to lift the Cards to the victory.

Braxton Lafferty was the winning pitcher for Sheldon Clark.

Sheldon Clark tacked on a run in the bottom half of the seventh inning to win the game.

Bentley

They've stepped up and raised the bar to a whole new level. Replacing them will be next to impossible.

They're two of several we'll miss next year, with Josh's four years giving him seniority around the office.

Through all these years, there's only been one thing Josh has ever asked me for. Well, besides the key to my office. And the copy machine. And free food. And advice. And, of course, the night he asked President Smith if he could hook him up with a Christmas ham.

Other than that, he's only asked one thing. And I've never done it for him.

What is it?
"Mention me in your column this week."

Congratulations, my friend. Go forth and make me proud.

Not only could I write an entire column on my friend Rodney Rowe, but also it has happened on more than one occasion.

Rodney ended his long and successful run as boys' basketball coach at Shelby Valley High School yesterday when he informed the powers that be that he was stepping aside. He did so with two regional titles under his belt after winning three in his playing days at Virgie.

He clearly knows basketball.

But more than that, Rodney Rowe is a good guy. I really believe he has coached for the last several years for the right reasons. He didn't need to; he's been a tenured teacher for a while now. He wanted to, and felt like he could make a difference.

Earlier this week Rodney told me the one thing he hopes has happened in his time as a coach is that he's made a difference in the lives of some of these kids. More than wins and more than losses and more than regional titles, he hoped he'd helped make one of them a better person.

I can't imagine anybody being around him not being better for the opportunity.

Congratulations, my friend. You have made me proud.

Speaking of easy column fodder, how about Donnie Jones?

DJ came to Pikeville from

(See BENTLEY page five)

Outlast

the sixth inning.

Prestonsburg suffered the loss, despite outhitting Paintsville 13-11.

Senior outfielder Shane Simpkins tagged a home run for Paintsville. Casey Young reached base and scored four times for the Tigers.

Brian Fairchild was the winning pitcher for visiting Paintsville.

Prestonsburg was led in hitting by senior shortstop Jarred

McGuire, who launched a three-run home run and a double while driving in five runs. Sophomore Nick McGuire had a home run, a double and two RBIs. Ed Osborne had two singles. Jason Hughes and Josh Rodebaugh also had two hits each. Kyle Wicker tapped a single and drove in a run.

John Mark Stephens went the distance pitching for the Blackcats and suffered the loss.

Prestonsburg and Paintsville split their first two games.

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U14 Warriors post shutout win over Belfry

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County's U14 soccer team continued its dominance in EKYSA league play on Thursday evening, overwhelming the visiting team from Belfry by a score of 11-0. The game was called late in the second half, due to the sudden illness of Belfry's goalie.

Within five minutes of kick-off, the Warriors led by a score of 3-0 on goals by Luke Greene, Ethan Filowiat (assisted by Greene) and Zach Hughes.

Midfielder Taylor Moak moved up to play forward, and took a beautiful crossing pass from Hughes to score a goal. Hughes scored again on a nice outside shot. Forward Nick Banks placed a shot into the net over the head of the Belfry goalie. Warrior goalkeeper Jackson Osborne said he did not touch the ball in the first half; saying, "I admired it from afar."

In the second half, with defenders playing at the forward position, Christian Smith took the ball in and scored, and Rob

Allen scored two goals (on assists from Smith and a hustling Osborne). Perpetual motion in the form of midfielder Josh Holbrook also scored, then relieved Banks in goal. Adam Kimbler also notched a goal for the Warriors, making the final score 11-0. Midfielders Katie Walz and Jarred Tackett contributed to the scoring blitz by helping to keep the soccer ball in the Belfry end of the field.

The Warriors remained undefeated on the season, and hope to reschedule their game with Perry County, which was cancelled on Saturday due to a number of players traveling with their academic team.

U12 LIGHTNING - Last Saturday, the U-12 Lightning team from Floyd county traveled back to Johnson County to take on the Raptors again. They were hoping for a repeat of their first meeting when they won 10-4. Things looked good when Brad Stanley shot and made a goal after two minutes of play. For the next few minutes, strategic defensive moves, headers, and passes made by Katy Petry, Warren Vierheller, Keaton Studebaker, and Branston Jarrell kept the ball in the Raptors' half of the field. However, during one break away, Alyson Salyer made it past the defenders and put the ball into the goal. Four minutes later, Caleb Petry was able to do the same and put the Lightning back up by one. The Raptors almost tied it up at the 17-minute mark, but kicked the ball just outside of the post. At the 20-minute mark, Brad Hicks kicked an awesome corner kick right to Branston Jarrell who was just off by a split second. Shortly after that, Raptor Jeralyn Kelsey took the ball down and tied the game once again. Then, five minutes later, Salyer repeated her performance and put the Raptors up by one. Within the next minute, the Raptors committed a foul in the goal box, and Caleb Petry took a penalty shot which tied the score 3-3 at halftime. The Lightning had to regroup and put on their game faces. Over the last few years, the players had never been that close to losing before.

The second half was a different game. The defensive maneuvering of Michael Walz, Joseph Kidd, Cody McCoy, Vierheller, and Katy Petry shut down the Raptors offense completely. They had very few shots taken this half. On the offensive end, Nick Conn scored one. Stanley put 2 more balls in the goal giving him a hat trick for the day. Jarrell made a spectacular shot from outside. Caleb Petry added another goal giving him a hat trick also. Hicks topped it off with a beautiful shot and goal near the end of the game, making the final score 9 n 3 in favor of the Lightning.

Next week, the Lightning stay at home and take on the Pikeville Irish.

U12 TRAILBLAZERS - The all-girl Trailblazers shut out the Belfry Fire on Saturday in Belfry. Clara Osborne scored a goal on a free kick just outside the penalty box with 10 minutes to go in the first half, to open and close first period scoring. Trista Damron pitched a shutout as the first half goalie.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Former Mr. Basketball J.R. Vanhoose was a participant earlier this week in the Independent Basketball Tournament at Allen Central High School.

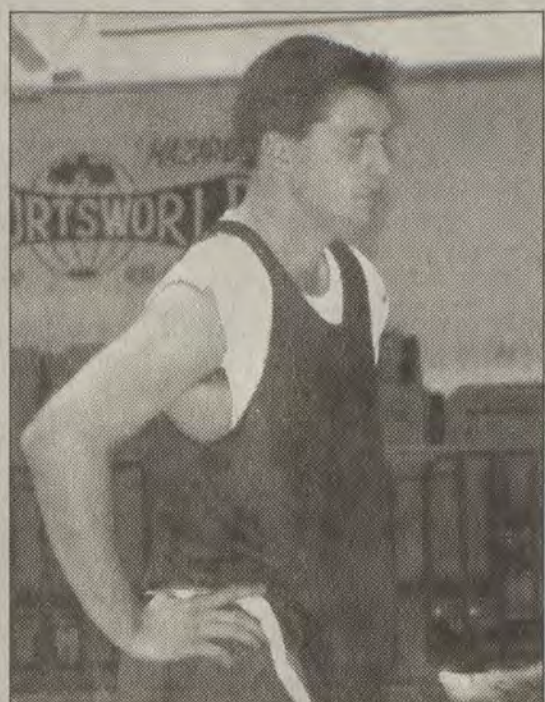
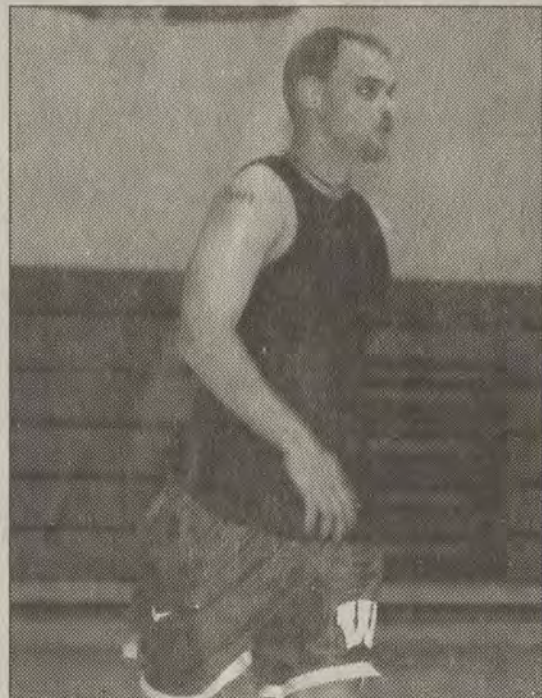


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HE'S STILL GOT GAME - Jeremy Hall, a former stand-out at Allen Central High School, suited up this week and played in an independent hoops tournament on his old home hardwood.



Pikeville

First pitch for the Heath-Lexington Christian game will be at 5:30.

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

Stan Steidel, chairperson of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic and Roy Palk, CEO of Touchstone Energy, announced earlier this year that the All "A" Classic would expand to include statewide baseball and fast-pitch softball tournaments for the first time.

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

This is the first year for the statewide baseball and fast-pitch softball tournaments.

Play

and Paul Kirk tossed in 11.

The Grays beat the Bulldogs 113-89.

Martin Bellamy led the Grays in scoring with 27 points. Three other players also scored over 20 points apiece.

The Grays led 50-42 at halftime.

Justin Allen hit seven three-point field goals and led the Bulldogs with a game-high 31 points.

More results from the tournament appear on this page.

Independent basketball tourney in progress

Winners will take on University of Kentucky Seniors

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN - An independent basketball tournament is now underway at Allen Central High School. The team to finish the tournament as the champion will take on the University of Kentucky seniors next week at ACHS as part of the annual barnstorming tour.

Results from games played over the first two nights of the tournament follow.

Taylor 89, Raiders 77

Taylor overcame a four-point halftime deficit and went on to defeat the Raiders. Teon Knox led the winners with 32 points on the night. Kevin Gaines added 20 in the win and R.J. Waterman tossed in 10 points as Taylor moved into the quarterfinals. Jimmy Stumbo led the Raiders with 24 points in the game and Ryan Shannon finished with 21 in the losing effort.

Bombers 121, Rebels 85

The Bombers rolled past the Rebels and moved into the quarterfinals with a 121-85 win. Shannon Hoskins poured in 23 points to lead the Bombers and Dave Feltner added 22 in the win. Eddie Combs pitched in 20 points for the winners. The Rebels got 17 points from Brad Centers and 16 points from Travis Centers, but it would not be enough on this night. Bud Thornsberry finished with 18 points in the loss.

Taylor 104, Showtime 80

Taylor continued to pile up

the points in the tournament, with the big win over Showtime. Teon Knox led the way once again for Taylors with 38 points. R.J. Waterman added 16 for the winners. Kevin Gaines tossed in 12 points as Taylor advanced to the semifinals. J.R. Vanhoose led Showtime with 16 points on the night, and Kevin Stumbo pitched in 15 points while dishing out several assists.

Trotters 97, Owens 72

Rossi Sammons led the Trotters with 22 points, and Nick Sammons added 15 in the win. Shawn Newsome pitched in 14 points in the win, and the veteran Rady Martin tossed in 10 points as the Trotters moved into the semifinals. L. Slone led Owens with 21 points on the night.

The tournament concludes tonight with the finals to take place at 7:30 p.m.

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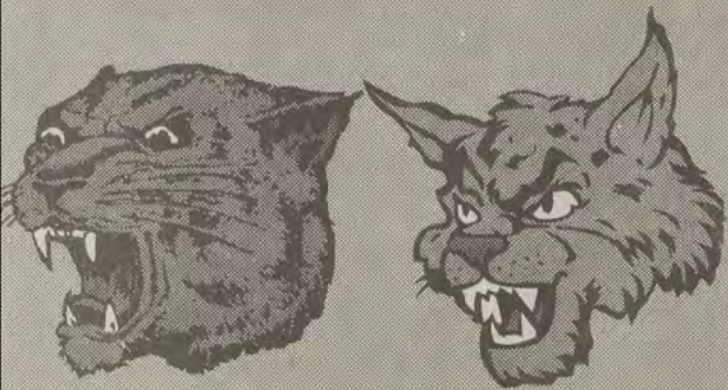
Games from Wednesday

Breathitt County 11	Owsley County 1
Fairview 12	Ironton St. Joe, Ohio 1
Greenup County 7	Lewis County 3
Hazard 10	Paintsville 4
June Buchanan 21	Letcher 5 (3 innings)
Lexington Christian 8	Pikeville 7 (9 innings)
Powell County 5	Lee County 1
Sheldon Clark 8	Betsy Layne 7
Somerset 4	North Laurel 0

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL

Bath County 8	St. Patrick 2
Bell County 12	Pineville 0
Fairview 8	Sheldon Clark 0
Greenup County 8	Lawrence County 1
Greenup County 12	Lawrence County 2
Hazard 4	Breathitt County 1
Middlesboro 11	Campbell County, Tenn. 0 (5 innings)
Montgomery County 14	Fleming County 1
Montgomery County 16	Fleming County 1 (3 innings)
Paintsville 4	Knott County Central 3
Perry County Central 15	Jenkins 3
Rowan County 17	Morgan County 2 (4 innings)
Whitesburg 15	Cordia 0

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Pikeville High track meet results

HELD TUESDAY, MAY 5 AT BOB AMOS PARK, PIKEVILLE

Girls 100 Meter Dash - 1, Holbrook, Jessica, Jenkins, 13.50. 2, Whitaker, Amber, Prestonsburg, 13.83. 3, Roberts, Sally, Shelby Valley, 13.86. 4, Sumpter, Ashley, Sheldon Clark, 14.31. 5, Shubert, Lauren, Jenkins, 14.52. 6, Staggs, Brittany, Shelby Valley, 14.75. 7, Doderer, Ariana, Johnson Central, 14.86. 8, Adkins, Jessica, Johnson Central, 14.95. 9, Goble, Emay, Sheldon Clark, 15.04. 10, Simpson, Kristian, Shelby Valley, 15.12. 11, Maynard, Ricki, Pikeville, 15.26. 12, Silver, Simone, Pikeville, 15.50. 13, VanHoose, Logan, Paintsville, 16.19. 14, Prater, Jessica, Johnson Central, 16.27. 15, Hickman, Marissa, Johnson Central, 16.93. 16, Sumpter, Sarah, Sheldon Clark, 17.00. 17, McKenzie, Ashley, Johnson Central, 17.31. 18, Clevenger, Michelle, Johnson Central, 17.52. 19, Spence, Andrea, Sheldon Clark, 17.70. 20, Freeman, Ashlee, Johnson Central, 18.12. 21, Burden, Kim, Johnson Central, 19.99.

Girls 200 Meter Dash - 1, Roberts, Sally, Shelby Valley, 28.13. 2, Holbrook, Jessica, Jenkins, 28.25. 3, Shubert, Lauren, Jenkins, 29.13. 4, Lemaster, Tiffany, Johnson Central, 30.50. 5, Staggs, Brittany, Shelby Valley, 30.98. 6, Adkins, Jessica, Johnson Central, 31.36. 7, Ratliff, Jessica, Pike County Cent, 31.88. 8, Maynard, Ricki, Pikeville, 31.89. 9, Silver, Simone, Pikeville, 31.93. 10, Simpson, Kristian, Shelby Valley, 32.25. 11, Strong, Ashley, Pike County Cent, 34.32. 12, Shull, Jordan, Pikeville, 34.60. 13, Prater, Jessica, Johnson Central, 34.86. 14, Branham, Kayla, Jenkins, 35.53. 15, Cecil, Erica, Pikeville, 36.47. 16, Freeman, Ashlee, Johnson Central, 38.42. 17, Clevenger, Michelle, Johnson Central, 39.20. 18, Burden, Kim, Johnson Central, 44.14.

Girls 400 Meter Dash - 1, Combs, Elizabeth, Pikeville, 1:08.86. 2, Deskins, Brittany, Shelby Valley, 1:08.96. 3, McCoy, Lauren, Pikeville, 1:09.87. 4, Clark, Kelly, Prestonsburg, 1:11.82. 5, Silver, Simone, Pikeville, 1:13.41. 6, Strong, Ashley, Pike County Cent, 1:13.77. 7, Adkins, Jessica, Johnson Central, 1:14.83. 8, Tackett, Kayla, Jenkins, 1:14.94. 9, Griffith, Chessi, Johnson Central, 1:16.00. 10, Joseph, Jackie, Prestonsburg, 1:16.08. 11, Shull, Jordan, Pikeville, 1:20.47. 12, Mills, Cierra, Belfry High Scho, 1:27.36. —, Church, DJ, Belfry High Scho, DQ.

Girls 800 Meter Run - 1, Dye, Sarah Beth, Pikeville, 2:49.36. 2, Ratliff, Sara, Shelby Valley, 2:51.34. 3, Tackett, Kayla, Jenkins, 2:59.79. 4, Spurlock, Kendra, Prestonsburg, 3:03.99. 5, Stone, Pam, Prestonsburg, 3:05.93. 6, Shull, Madison, Pikeville, 3:06.76. 7, Wesley, Jessica, Pike County Cent, 3:09.42. 8, Price, Kayla, Johnson Central, 3:13.46. 9, Puckett, Nicole, Johnson Central, 3:17.44. 10, Francisco, Lesley, Pikeville, 3:21.28. 11, Griffith, Chessi, Johnson Central, 3:31.24. 12, Clark, Kelly, Prestonsburg, 3:31.98. 13, Robinson, Bethany, Johnson Central, 4:04.58. 14, Wilson, Stevie, Johnson Central, 4:26.89.

Girls 1600 Meter Run - 1, Adams, Danielle, Jenkins, 6:14.22. 2, Demarest, Adrienne, Pikeville, 6:15.67. 3, Muncy, Falon, Belfry High Scho, 6:16.04. 4, Stone, Pam, Prestonsburg, 6:36.46. 5, Johnson, Mary, Belfry High Scho, 6:39.87. 6, Shull, Madison, Pikeville, 6:55.79. 7, Wesley, Jessica, Pike County Cent, 7:12.08. 8, Write, Kelsey, Shelby Valley, 7:26.19. 9, Price, Kayla, Johnson Central, 7:30.58.

10, Puckett, Nicole, Johnson Central, 7:31.80. 11, Wilson, Stevie, Johnson Central, 12:21.32.

Girls 3200 Meter Run - 1, Hinch, Jessica, Jenkins, 15:04.79. 2, Music, Chanel, Prestonsburg, 15:25.95.

Girls 100 Meter Hurdles - 1, Adams, Danielle, Jenkins, 20.55. 2, McKenzie, Ashley, Johnson Central, 22.55. 3, Baldwin, Tymber, Johnson Central, 23.51.

Girls 300 Meter Hurdles - 1, Joyce, Bailey, Pikeville, 56.33. 2, Ratliff, Jessica, Pike County Cent, 1:02.74. 3, McKenzie, Ashley, Johnson Central, 1:07.88. 4, Strong, Ashley, Pike County Cent, 1:09.01. 5, Baldwin, Tymber, Johnson Central, 1:09.70. 6, Bowen, Jenny, Belfry High Scho, 1:11.48.

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay - 1, Jenkins 'A' (Bentley, Kayla, Branham, Beth, Shubert, Lauren, Holbrook, Jessica), 57.15. 2, Shelby Valley 'A' (Staggs, Brittany, Lucas, Ashlie 10, Simpson, Kristian, Roberts, Sally 8), 57.37. 3, Pikeville 'A' (Joyce, Bailey 10, Francisco, Ann Sydney 11, Rogers, Halle 12, Deskins, Amanda 12), 58.17. 4, Sheldon Clark 'A' (Sumpter, Sarah, Presley, Nikki, Goble, Emay, Sumpter, Ashley), 59.83. 5, Johnson Central 'A' 1:04.82.

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay - 1, Shelby Valley 'A' (Staggs, Brittany, Roberts, Sally 8, Lucas, Ashlie 10, Deskins, Brittany), 2:00.53. 2, Pikeville 'A' (Joyce, Bailey 10, Rogers, Halle 11, Combs, Elizabeth 12, Deskins, Amanda 12), 2:00.58. 3, Jenkins 'A' (Hinch, Jessica, Bentley, Kayla, Caudill, Erin, Shubert, Lauren), 2:05.53. 4, Johnson Central 'A' (Hickman, Marissa, Prater, Jessica, Doderer, Ariana, Lemaster, Tiffany), 2:11.23.

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay - 1, Pikeville 'A' (Combs, Elizabeth 12, Dye, Sarah Beth 12, Demarest, Adrienne 11, McCoy, Lauren 12), 5:30.34.

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay - 1, Pikeville 'A' (Demarest, Adrienne 11, Dye, Sarah Beth 12, Shull, Madison 6, Combs, Elizabeth 12), 11:31.03. 2, Prestonsburg 'A' (Spurlock, Kendra, Joseph, Jackie, Clark, Kelly, Stone, Pam), 12:05.91. 3, Johnson Central 'A' (Wilson, Stevie, Robinson, Bethany, Puckett, Nicole, Price, Kayla), 14:27.46.

Girls High Jump - 1, Newsome, Natasha, Shelby Valley, 4-04. 2, Cecil, Erica, Pikeville, 4-02. 3, Sturgill, Adrianna, Johnson Central, 4-00. 4, Wilson, Stevie, Johnson Central, 4-00.

Girls Pole Vault - 1, Branham, Beth, Jenkins, 6-06.00. —, Lewis, Makenzie, Pikeville, NH.

Girls Long Jump - 1, Lemaster, Tiffany, Johnson Central, 14-09.25. 2, Joyce, Bailey, Pikeville, 14-05.50. 3, Roberts, Sally, Shelby Valley, 14-04.50. 4, Lucas, Ashlie, Shelby Valley, 13-06.50. 5, Bentley, Kayla, Jenkins, 12-02. 6, Francisco, Ann Sydney, Pikeville, 12-02. 7, Stupell, Jackie, Prestonsburg, 12-01.50. 8, Blair, Candy, Paintsville, 11-09.50. 9, Sturgill, Adrianna, Johnson Central, 11-04. 9, Ratliff, Jessica, Pike County Cent, 11-04. 11, Robinson, Bethany, Johnson Central, 11-01. 12, Hickman, Marissa, Johnson Central, 10-03.50. 13, VanHoose, Logan, Paintsville, 10-03.25. 14, Baldwin, Tymber, Johnson Central, 10-00. 15, Sammons, Kendra, Paintsville, 9-07. —, Burden, Kim, Johnson Central, ND. —, Clevenger, Michelle, Johnson Central, ND.

Girls Triple Jump - 1, Holbrook, Jessica, Jenkins, 29-09. 2, Francisco, Ann Sydney, Pikeville, 28-07. 3, Bentley, Kayla, Jenkins, 27-02.50. 4, Blair, Candy, Paintsville, 24-04. 5, Lemaster, Tiffany,

Johnson Central, 23-06. 6, Francisco, Lesley, Pikeville, 23-03. 7, McKenzie, Courtney, Johnson Central, 23-01. 8, Write, Kelsey, Shelby Valley, 21-10. 9, VanHoose, Logan, Paintsville, 21-04. 10, Sammons, Kendra, Paintsville, 18-11.

Girls Shot Put - 1, Vanhooe, Kelli, Johnson Central, 28-00.50. 2, Hunter, Jamie, Belfry High Scho, 26-07.50. 3, McCoy, Lauren, Pikeville, 25-03.50. 4, Branham, Beth, Jenkins, 25-00.50. 5, Goble, Emay, Sheldon Clark, 24-03.50. 6, Griffith, Chessi, Johnson Central, 23-10.25. 7, Hartsock, Amanda, Pikeville, 21-06. 8, Roberts, Fleicia, Shelby Valley, 21-09.25. 9, Music, Andie, Paintsville, 21-07.75. 10, Ward, Candice, Pikeville, 20-01.50. 11, Branham, Kayla, Jenkins, 18-03. 12, Johnson, Maddie, Pikeville, 16-02.50. 13, Holbrook, Abby, Pikeville, 15-07.14. Cline, Alyssa, Pikeville, 15-01.15. Penn, Rockell, Sheldon Clark, 13-03.75.

Girls Discus Throw - 1, Griffith, Chessi, Johnson Central, 71-10. 2, Hunter, Jamie, Belfry High Scho, 71-02. 3, Ward, Candice, Pikeville, 68-03. 4, Branham, Kayla, Jenkins, 59-06. 5, Hartsock, Amanda, Pikeville, 58-08. 6, Vanhooe, Kelli, Johnson Central, 54-00. 7, Sammons, Kendra, Paintsville, 53-01. 8, Roberts, Fleicia, Shelby Valley, 50-06. 9, Music, Andie, Paintsville, 47-08. 10, Holbrook, Abby, Pikeville, 46-09. 11, Adkins, Tabitha, Pikeville, 46-08. 12, Johnson, Maddie, Pikeville, 42-09.

GIRLS - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored. PIKEVILLE, 133.50; 2, JENKINS, 121.50; 3, JOHNSON CENTRAL, 108; 4, SHELBY VALLEY, 82; 5, PRESTONSBURG, 45; 6, BELFRY, 29; 7, PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL, 23; 8, SHELDON CLARK, 14; 9, PAINTSVILLE, 8.

Boys 100 Meter Dash - 1, Huffman, Chase, Pikeville, 11.36. 2, Blume, Ron, Johnson Central, 11.72. 3, Peters, Brandon, Prestonsburg, 11.83. 4, Arrington, Adriann, Prestonsburg, 11.88. 5, Howard, Doug, Belfry High Scho, 11.95. 6, France, Richard, Shelby Valley, 11.99. 7, Lindsay, Jay, Sheldon Clark, 12.21. 8, Blackburn, Joe, Prestonsburg, 12.28. 9, Phillips, Jordan, Belfry High Scho, 12.34. 10, Richardson, Josh, Jenkins, 12.38. 11, Bass, Kyle, Paintsville, 12.40. 12, Akers, James, Belfry High Scho, 12.57. 13, Joiner, Marion, Sheldon Clark, 12.58. 14, Marondo, Sam, Pikeville, 12.67. 15, Testerman, Jared, Belfry High Scho, 12.72. 16, Wheat, Seth, Pikeville, 12.85. 17, Sisco, Aaron, Pike County Cent, 13.05. 18, Kiser, Seth, Shelby Valley, 13.30. 19, Bond, Brad, Prestonsburg, 13.39. 20, Colier, Kyle, Pike County Cent, 13.52. 21, Sword, Jacob, Pikeville, 13.59. 22, Church, Tommy, Belfry High Scho, 13.74. 23, DeLong, Aaron, Paintsville, 13.98. 24, Bass, Tyler, Paintsville, 14.01. 25, Vanatta, Chris, Belfry High Scho, 14.18. 26, Chaffin, Cory, Belfry High School, 14.27. 27, Smith, Matt, Belfry High Scho, 14.34. 28, Branham, Andrew, Jenkins, 14.80. 29, Joiner, Devon, Sheldon Clark, 16.47.

Boys 200 Meter Dash - 1, Huffman, Chase, Pikeville, 23.62. 2, Alex, Bobbitt, Sheldon Clark, 25.40. 3, Kendrick, Kurt, Belfry High Scho, 25.62. 4, Bass, Kyle, Paintsville, 25.67. 5, Phillips, Gage, Shelby Valley, 25.69. 6, Marondo, Sam, Pikeville, 25.96. 7, Kerr, Matt, Pike County Cent, 26.25. 8, Sisco, Aaron, Pike County Cent, 26.29. 9, Maynard, Travis, Pikeville, 27.14. 10, Leedhanachoke, Kris, Pikeville, 27.36. 11, DeLong, Aaron, Paintsville, 27.69. 12, Bass, Tyler, Paintsville, 28.81. 13, Mills, Nathan, Pike

County Cent, 29.18. 14, Hayes, Matt, Sheldon Clark, 29.32. 14, Charles, Johnny, Pikeville, 29.32. 16, Maynard, Aaron, Sheldon Clark, 30.77. 17, Hatcher, David, Pikeville, 32.22.

Boys 400 Meter Run - 1, Tackett, Jonah, Jenkins, 55.95. 2, Stanley, Aaron, Pikeville, 56.33. 3, Newsome, Forrest, Sheldon Clark, 57.08. 4, Perry, Justin, Sheldon Clark, 57.28. 5, Wright, Matthew, Shelby Valley, 57.75. 6, Marondo, Sam, Pikeville, 58.56. 7, Hall, Wes, Prestonsburg, 59.19. 8, Bass, Kyle, Paintsville, 59.80. 9, Marondo, Jett, Pikeville, 59.90. 10, Leedhanachoke, Kris, Pikeville, 59.99. 11, Lockhart, Will, Pikeville, 1:01.09. 12, Arrington, Adriann, Prestonsburg, 1:01.21. 12, Hatcher, David, Pikeville, 1:01.21. 14, Maynard, Travis, Pikeville, 1:02.54. 15, DeLong, Aaron, Paintsville, 1:02.89. 16, Ross, Justin, Paintsville, 1:04.31. 17, Smallwood, Alex, Shelby Valley, 1:05.33. 18, Mills, Nathan, Pike County Cent, 1:06.44. 19, Borders, John, Paintsville, 1:09.59. 20, Charles, Johnny, Pikeville, 1:12.01.

Boys 800 Meter Run - 1, Ratliff, Brett, Pike County Cent, 2:05.32. 2, Grimm, Chris, Jenkins, 2:12.16. 3, Bentley, Johnson, Pike County Cent, 2:19.49. 4, Roberson, Chance, Pikeville, 2:20.34. 5, Martin, Chayse, Prestonsburg, 2:20.75. 6, Marondo, Jett, Pikeville, 2:29.30. 7, Rachella, Clay, Pikeville, 2:32.32. 8, Colier, Kyle, Pike County Cent, 2:37.87. 9, Combs, Don, Pikeville, 2:55.28. 10, Music, Corey, Paintsville, 3:00.62. 11, Tackett, Lance, Shelby Valley, 3:26.88. 12, Mullins, James, Shelby Valley, 3:34.78.

Boys 1600 Meter Run

1, Ratliff, Brett, Pike County Cent, 4:53.27. 2, Grimm, Chris, Jenkins, 4:57.22. 3, Adkins, Brandon, Pikeville, 4:59.81. 4, Cox, Aaron, Paintsville, 5:10.91. 5, Rachella, Clay, Pikeville, 5:37.00. 6, LeMaster, Blake, Paintsville, 5:45.91. 7, Warren, Adam, Belfry High Scho, 5:59.49. 8, Ratliff, Chase, Shelby Valley, 6:00.71. 9, Estridge, Duke, Pike County Cent, 6:13.35. 10, Combs, Don, Pikeville, 6:15.12. 11, Sword, Matt, Prestonsburg, 6:34.18.

Boys 3200 Meter Run - 1, Adkins, Brandon, Pikeville, 11:45.25. 2, Adams, Aaron, Jenkins, 12:06.67. 3, Cox, Aaron, Paintsville, 12:22.99. —, Ratliff, Brett, Pike County Cent, DQ.

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles - 1, Jamerson, Nicholas, Prestonsburg, 16.82. 2, Bond, Brad, Prestonsburg, 19.13. 3, Elkins, Brian, Pikeville, 20.42. 4, Moore, Seth, Prestonsburg, 21.01. 5, Tackett, Micheal, Pikeville, 21.76.

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles - 1, Elkins, Brian, Pikeville, 47.80. 2, Bond, Brad, Prestonsburg, 49.02. 3, Tackett, Micheal, Pikeville, 49.50. 4, Moore, Seth, Prestonsburg, 51.99. 5, Branham, Andrew, Jenkins, 53.71. 6, Estridge, Duke, Pike County Cent, 53.91.

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay - 1, Prestonsburg 'A' (Jamerson, Nicholas, Arrington, Adriann, Blackburn, Joe, Peters, Brandon), 46.84. 2, Pikeville 'B' (Sword, Jacob 9, Murray, Rob 12, Lockhart, Will 10, Smith, Max 10), 50.74. 3, Pike County Central 'A' (Kerr, Matt, Sisco, Aaron, Colier, Kyle, Bentley, Jonathan), 51.90. 4, Sheldon Clark 'A' (Lindsay, Jay, Joiner, Marion, Comette, Daniel, Mahon, Brandon), 55.87. —, Pikeville 'A' (Sword, Derek 12, Wheat, Seth 10, Huffman, Chase 10, Marondo, Sam 9), DQ.

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay - 1, Pikeville 'A' (Huffman, Chase 10, Sword, Derek 12, Marondo, Sam 9, Wheat, Seth 10), 1:38.32. 2, Sheldon Clark 'A' (Comette, Daniel, Mahon, Brandon, Perry, Justin, Alex, Bobbitt), 1:43.70. 3, Prestonsburg 'A' (Shaffer, Dave, Hall, Wes, Bond, Brad 10, Moore, Seth 09), 1:47.28. 4, Pike County Central 'A' (Estridge, Duke, Mills, Nathan, Bentley, Jonathan, Sisco, Aaron), 1:50.31. 5, Pikeville 'B' (Rachella, Clay 9, Smith, Max 10, Murray, Rob 12, Leedhanachoke, Kris 9), 1:50.62.

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay - 1, Pikeville 'A' (Lockhart, Will 10, Robinson, Welsey 10, Stanley, Aaron 10), 4:08.09. 2, Pike County Central 'A' (Kerr, Matt, Colier, Kyle, Estridge, Duke, Bentley, Jonathan), 4:14.37. 3, Pikeville 'B' (Marondo, Sam 9, Maynard, Ryan 10, Leedhanachoke, Kris 9), 4:23.78.

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay - 1, Pike County Central 'A' (Kerr, Matt, Bentley,

Jonathan, Colier, Kyle, Ratliff, Brett), 9:16.29. 2, Sheldon Clark 'A' (Newsome, Forrest, Perry, Justin, Muncy, Danny, Alex, Bobbitt), 9:31.63. 3, Pikeville 'A' (Adkins, Brandon 10, Roberson, Chance 10, Rachella, Clay 9), 9:39.24. 4, Paintsville 'A' (Cox, Aaron 09, Borders, John 09, LeMaster, Blake 11, Bass, Kyle 10), 10:36.48. 5, Prestonsburg 'A' (Sword, Matt, Woods, Wes, Powell, Jonathon, Williams, Darrick), 12:52.82.

Boys High Jump - 1, Potter, Nick, Shelby Valley, 6-00. 2, Goble, Timmy, Sheldon Clark, 5-08. 3, Phillips, Gage, Shelby Valley, 5-02. —, Combs, Don, Pikeville, NH.

Boys Pole Vault - 1, Jones, Steven, Paintsville, 11-00. 2, Tackett, Jonah, Jenkins, 11-00. 3, Elkins, Brian, Pikeville, 8-06. 4, Lindsey, Weston, Pikeville, 7-06.

Boys Long Jump - 1, Jones, Steven, Paintsville, 18-07. 2, Sword, Derek, Pikeville, 16-08. 3, Goble, Timmy, Sheldon Clark, 16-06.50. 4, Lindsay, Jay, Sheldon Clark, 16-01.50. 5, Ross, Justin, Paintsville, 14-09.50. 6, Walker, Bryan, Paintsville, 14-04. 7, Smallwood, Alex, Shelby Valley, 14-01. 8, Hayes, Matt, Sheldon Clark, 13-08. 9, Moore, Seth, Prestonsburg, 13-04. 10, Schmidt, Paul, Sheldon Clark, 13-03.50. 11, Bentley, Jonathan, Pike County Cent, 12-10. 12, Bass, Tyler, Paintsville, 11-02.

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Signs

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Irwin. Campbell acknowledged that Mullins was her fifth signee in this year's recruiting class. In Mullins, Campbell gets a player with whom she is already familiar.

"I met Terri a couple of years ago at camp," Campbell said. "I think we're getting a gem. I think she'll fit in real well. All of our recruits and our returning players will get started in August."

The Saint Catherine women's basketball team played with seven players last season and finished the campaign with an even 15-15 record. Mullins is the second point guard to sign with Saint Catherine. A total of 16 new players will be brought in.

Many at Allen Central High School will miss Terri Mullins.

"Terri has been a big part of the sports programs here at Allen Central for several years," said Allen Central girls' basketball and softball head coach Mark Martin. "I've had the opportunity to coach her for one year and

Boys Triple Jump - 1, Sword, Derek, Pikeville, 34-00.50. 2, Wright, Matthew, Shelby Valley, 33-01. 3, Moore, Seth, Prestonsburg, 31-07. 4, Lindsey, Weston, Prestonsburg, 29-01. 5, Collett, Jeff, Paintsville, 27-08.50. 6, Branham, Andrew, Jenkins, 27-01.

Boys Shot Put - 1, Cummings, Adam, Paintsville, 41-00. 2, Clevinger, Jordan, Belfry High Scho, 40-09. 3, Shockey, Tyler, Pikeville, 40-07.50. 4, Clevinger, Justin, Belfry High Scho, 39-07. 5, Jamerson, Nicholas, Prestonsburg, 39-02.50. 6, Williams, Derrick, Prestonsburg, 37-04. 7, Moore, Nathan, Sheldon Clark, 36-06. 8, Lowe, C.J., Sheldon Clark, 35-09. 8, Ha Justin, Shelby Valley, 35-09. 10, Maynard, Ryan, Pikeville, 35-05.50. 11, Shaffer, Dave, Prestonsburg, 33-11.50. 12, Snodgrass, Chase, Pike County Cent, 33-09. 13, Peters, Brandon, Prestonsburg, 33-04.50. 14, Bryant, Bradley, Pikeville, 32-10. 15, Scott, John, Pikeville, 32-05.50. 16, LeMaster, Blake, Paintsville, 32-03.25. 17, Woods, Wes, Prestonsburg, 32-03. 18, Wells, Jon, Sheldon Clark, 31-11. 19, Perry, Josh, Sheldon Clark, 31-07. 20, Collett, Jeff, Paintsville, 31-00.50. 21, Bryant, Wesley, Jenkins, 30-04. 22, Charles, Johnny, Pikeville, 29-11. 23, Farmer, Adam, Shelby Valley, 29-06.25.

have really enjoyed it. Her mentality is second to none." The current Saint Catherine College coaching staff weighed heavy on Mullins' decision to pick the Kentucky junior college.

"I really like the coaching staff," said Mullins. "I'm looking forward to playing college basketball. It's something I've always wanted to do."

Allen Central Athletic Director John Martin has had the opportunity to watch Mullins grow and prosper as an athlete and a student.

"Terri is an excellent athlete in everything," said John Martin. "Saint Catherine is getting a good player."

Mullins currently leads the Allen Central High softball team. A recent individual triumph for Mullins on the softball diamond was her first-career home run. With Mullins helping lead the way, Allen Central beat Bets Layne late last month for the first-ever 15th Region All "A" softball title.

Win

Defenders for the Trailblazers, Tori Hunt, Elizabeth Hardt, Rachel Sanders, Brenna Ousley and Katie Hutchinson prevented Belfry from getting any shots on goal in either half. Madysen Nunnelly, Meghan Banks, Elizabeth Davis and Kaitlyn Minix controlled the midfield, easing pressure from any Belfry attack.

Kathleen Smith scored an insurance goal early in the second half to ice the win. Alexis DeRossett provided fine goal-tending in the second half to put the Blazers at 2-1-1 for the season. The Blazers play the Lightning at home on Friday and the Pike County Stars in Pikeville on Saturday.

U10 SUPERSONICS - The Floyd County U-10 Supersonics played a gallant match in a losing effort to visiting Blue Thunder of Johnson County this past Saturday morning. The Supersonics, playing with no subs, competed hard throughout the game and nearly pulled out a victory over the talented Johnson County squad. The first half featured stellar goal-keeping from Jacob Webb and a goal from Cameron Love. The half-time score was 1-1. Love netted a goal early in the second half to stake the Supersonics to a 2-1 lead, but the Blue Thunder stormed back to take a 4-2 lead. A final Love goal brought the Supersonics back within a goal, but the Blue Thunder salted away the win with an insurance goal to bring the final score in at 5-3.

The Supersonics received solid play from Bryant

Studebaker and James Sanders in the defensive midfield. Allison Sanders and Kathryn Sanders played well at both ends of the pitch, creating scoring opportunities as forwards and contributing on defense as well. Allyson Branham also saw action in the offensive and defensive ends of the field and made strong contributions to the team's effort. James Sanders made the Supersonics save of the season midway through the second half as an excellent cross into the goal box was drilled on goal by a Blue Thunder forward. Sanders, positioned perfectly, grabbed hold of the rocket shot and held on. The loss drops the Supersonics' season record to 2-4, but does not indicate the winning effort the team displays each time they take to the field. The Supersonics next game, following a bye this week, is scheduled for Saturday, May 15 against Pike 2 at 10:30 a.m. The game is a home game. Floyd County home fields are located at the Christ United Methodist Church in Allen).

U8 THUNDERBOLTS - On Saturday, the Floyd County Thunderbolts U8 soccer team played a rival team from Belfry. The Belfry team was short players, so had no substitutions available. The Thunderbolts were also shorthanded due to opening day for baseball. However, both teams played, with the Thunderbolts being victorious with a score of 11-2.

Although the score appears lopsided, the Belfry team played an exceptional game and played with complete dedication.

The highlight of the Thunderbolt game was the fact that Kaitlynn Ousley scored her first goal of the season. Ousley also scored a second goal shortly after the first. The fans and team were very excited about Ousley's goals. Both Chase Thacker and Derrek Studebaker scored four goals each, giving them the coveted hat trick, or three goals in a game. Alisha Owens rounded out the scoring with a goal of her own. Overall, the Thunderbolts demonstrated great ball handling skills and worked very effectively as a team.

U8 GOLDEN WAVE - The Golden Wave rode a team effort to victory over the Belfry Knights at the Floyd County soccer field Saturday. Logan Hutchinson scored the first goal for the Golden Wave after taking the ball from midfield all the way to the goal. Colin Greene added a second goal for the team a few minutes later on a strong kick from the left side. The Knights came back with a pair of goals, and then Davey Sanders added a third goal for the home team.

In the second half the Knights mounted a strong attempt at a comeback, and managed a third goal. Their efforts fell short, however, as they were thwarted by outstanding defense led by Taylor Crawford. Kathryn Branham and Sara Dare also contributed. Logan Hutchinson and Davey Sanders each scored a goal in the second half, and the final score was 5-3 in favor of the Golden Wave.

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Johnson's blast from the past

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

I was sifting through some old files that happen to make its way to Florida with me three years ago and it was good to just thumb through a baseball score-book that dated back to either 1998 or 1999.

One game I recalled covering

that was in the scorebook was between the Betsy Layne Bobcats and Prestonsburg Blackcats. The game was played at Allen's park with the Bobcats the home team.

There were two home runs hit in the contest one by Prestonsburg's Seth Crisp and one by Betsy Layne's Craig Johnson. I remember very well

Johnson's blast and what a shot it was over the right centerfield fence.

It was a two-run shot that kept sailing long after it had cleared the fence. Not to take anyway from Seth's homer, it was hit hard as well.

Betsy Layne won the game 9-5 and handed Prestonsburg its first lost of that season. Boy

these teams had some good rivalries in baseball when Junior Newsome coached the Bobcats and Russell Shepherd was at the helm of the Blackcats.

I guess I had better mention this while recalling the game. Brent Tackett, who played first base for Betsy Layne clubbed two home runs in that game. He had a solo shot in the first, leading off and belted a two-run shot in the fifth inning.

Johnson, a hard throwing right hander, picked up the win for the Bobcats. He struck out 10 batters in the game. I recall covering Johnson in Little League and I knew then he was going to be a strike out type pitcher.

A young man by the name of John Ortega picked up two hits in the loss for Prestonsburg. We all know what kind of athlete John was and still is. What an outstanding young man. Those were good old days.

consensus was the Cincinnati Reds had the distinction of being named "Major League Baseball's Worst Team!" They are certainly that. This team could very well set an all time low record. This could be the worst Cincinnati team ever.

The Reds are not an aggressive team, on the field or at the plate.

Sorry! This is going to be a big disappointing season for Reds fans.

Again, Dave Miley will last until the all-star break.

UK VS KANSAS: Here is one UK basketball fan that is hoping that something can be worked out to where Kentucky and Kansas meet this coming season in college basketball. What a rivalry that was and should have never been discon-

(See PAST, page five)

Clark, U of L men's tennis team receives NCAA Tournament bid

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – The University of Louisville men's tennis team received an at-large bid to the 2004 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship. U of L will play Arizona State in the first round of the tournament at Champaign, Ill. The first round match will take place May 14 or 15 - the exact date and time will be announced at a later date.

Louisville (19-8) is No. 36 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association national rankings,

while Arizona State (9-12) is No. 34. The teams will be meeting for the first time in program history.

Should the Cardinals advance, they would meet the winner of top-seeded and No. 1 ranked Illinois (28-0) and Western Michigan (19-6).

Prestonsburg High grad Jeremy Clark, a college sophomore from Stanville, has played both doubles and singles matches and will now get his first NCAA Tournament experience.

"It is so gratifying to see the

NCAA selections committee reward this special group of young men," said head coach Rex Ecarma. "Individually, they are pretty good, collectively, they are very good. This is a close-knit bunch of guys. They have great chemistry and really care about each other - and it shows on the court. This is the third trip to the NCAA tournament since 1998 for assistant coach Mark Beckham and me. Every time we go is exciting and special for us. Our goal is to make U of L and the community proud of us and to go deep in the NCAA tournament."

The Cardinals have won 11 of their last 12 matches, falling to No. 17 TCU in the semifinals of the Conference USA Championship. U of L finished tied for third in the league.

"More than anything, I am excited for this group of student-athletes," said assistant coach Mark Beckham. "They work hard on and off the court and are good students. This is a good reward for a very special group of guys."

HCTC to hold Golf Classic on May 22

Hazard Community and Technical College will hold the annual Golf Classic on Saturday, May 22 at the Hazard Country Club. Two flights, one beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the other beginning at 1 p.m., will highlight the day.

Entry fee is \$60 which includes food, green fees, golf cart, and the chance to win prizes. A \$125 first, a \$75 second, and \$50 third place per person award will be given. Other cash prizes include \$100 prize for the golfer hitting closest to the hole and \$100 for the longest drive.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to scholarships.

To pre-register, contact Carla Seals at 606/487-3072 or 800-246-7521, ext. 73072.

Dates announced for Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN – Dates have been announced for the annual Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp. The camp will be held at Allen Central High School and is scheduled to run May 24-28. Sessions will begin each day at 9 a.m. and end at noon. Cost of the camp is \$60.

The camp is for grade school kids only. Free breakfast and lunch will be served daily and each participant will receive a T-shirt.

The camp will include instruction and competitions:

- Individual offense and defense
- Dribbling, shooting, passing
- One on one, three on three, league play
- Skills tests

■ Hot shot, free throw, three-point competition

For more information call Coach John Martin at 358-9217.

Eastern Kentucky Football Combine set for Monday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CORBIN – The Eastern Kentucky Football Combine will be held at Lynn Camp High School on Monday. Players will complete a workout that includes - 40-yard dash, 10-yard dash, one step vertical jump, pro-shuttle run, and 185 rep on bench.

All testing will be conducted by Recruits Unlimited. Sprints and shuttle runs will be electronically timed.

Last year, players from 20 different high schools and coaches from 15 different colleges including Kentucky, Louisville Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, Georgetown, Union, Cumberland and Campbellsville attended.

Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. and testing will begin at 5. A meal will be provided for all those participating once testing has concluded.

The combine is meant for seniors to be, but schools may also bring some promising juniors.

ALC baseball team ends season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – Virginia Intermont ended the Alice Lloyd College baseball team's 2004

season by defeating the Eagles 7-5 earlier in the week in a Appalachian Athletic Tournament play-in game. Alice Lloyd showed some of its promise for the future as freshman Travis Slusher started on the mound and sophomore right fielder Jarrod Frasure, a graduate of Pikeville High School, hit a towering three-run home run over the left field wall.

Dan Howard, Jamie Couch and Derrick Whitaker not only represented Alice Lloyd Baseball well on the field, but they also performed well in the classroom. The three aforementioned Eagles were named to the Appalachian Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. Howard was delighted about the honor, saying "Winning baseball games is very important to me but I realize I am in college to get an education and start a successful career. I try to keep my priorities in order."

Central B-Team is now 12-2.

The Allen Central B-Team broke a dry spell by beating Allen's junior squad. In the process, the Allen Central B-Team improved to 5-5, beating Allen in three games (14-21, 21-19, 15-10).

Allen Central was back in action last night, playing host to Mountain Christian Academy. Results were unavailable at press time.

Errors plague ACMS A-Team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN – The Allen Central Middle School A-Team volleyball team committed 43 errors Tuesday and dropped a match to Allen. In the A-team game, Allen beat Allen Central in three games after dropping the first set. Allen Central beat Allen 21-14 in the first game before bouncing back to take the next two, 21-12, 15-9. The Allen

Dates announced for third annual Coach Crisp Blackcat Basketball Camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – The third annual Coach Crisp Blackcat Basketball Camp will be held May 24-26. The camp is for boys and girls ages 5-12. The camp will be held at the Prestonsburg High School Fieldhouse over three days with two sessions each day. The morning session for players ages 5-8 will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The second session, for players ages 9-12 will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$40 per player; \$70 for two players in the same family.

Camp participants will receive instruction from Blackcat head coach Jackie Day Crisp and the members of the current 58th District championship team. The camp will include drills, games and prizes.

Registration will be held at 8 a.m. on the first morning of the camp. At that time, a waiver must be signed by a parent/guardian of each participant. To pre-register for the camp, call Kim Compton after 5:30 p.m. at 886-1206.

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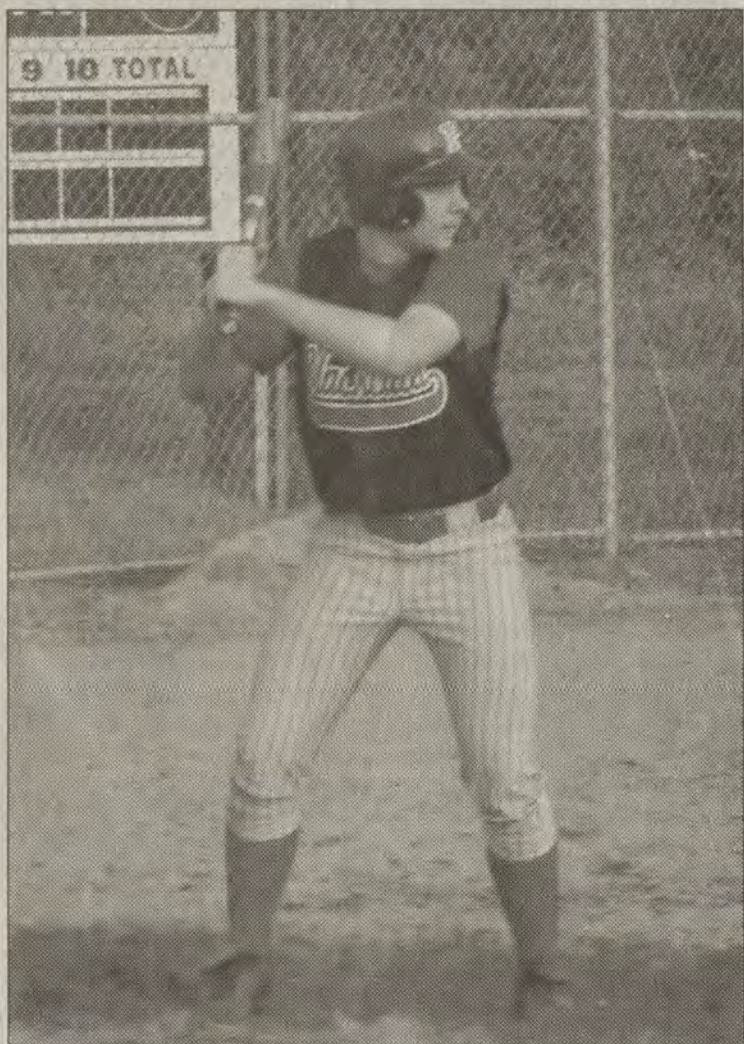


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Nick McGuire stood in at the plate and awaited a Paintsville offering. McGuire homered in the loss.

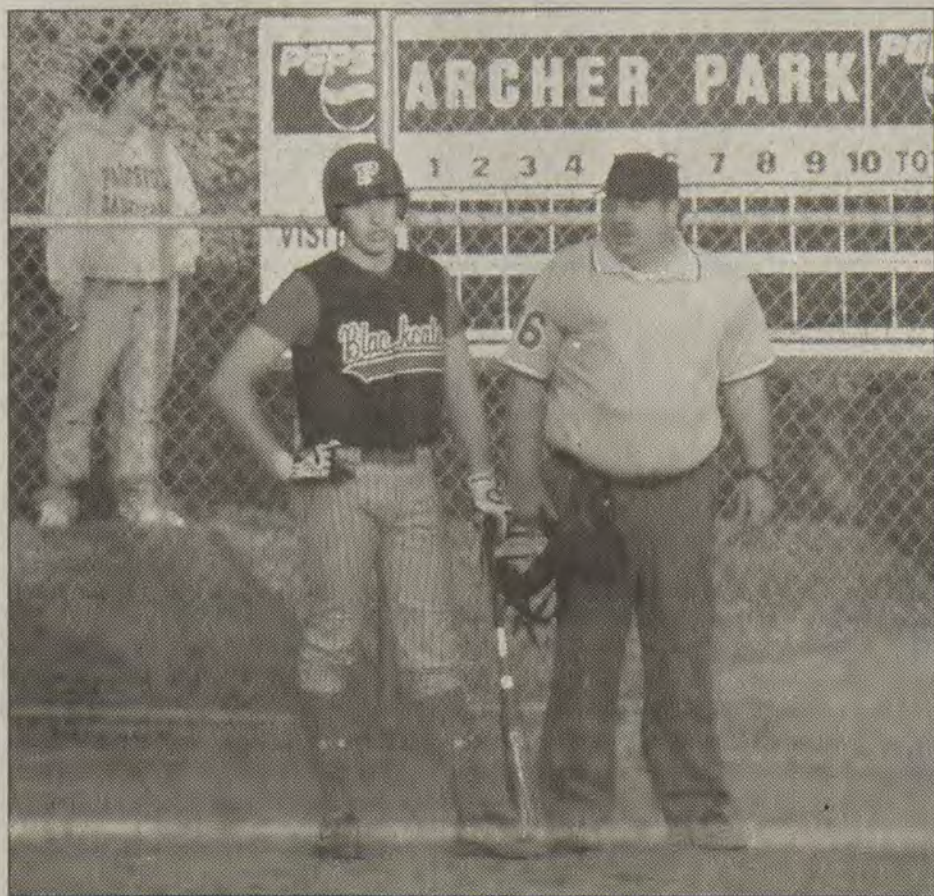


photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High senior Jarrod McGuire spoke with an umpire in between innings of Tuesday's 15th Region game against rival Paintsville

Baseball and Spider-Man, a comic alliance

by STEVE WILSTEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

With great power comes great responsibility.

That's Spider-Man's motto, not Bud Selig's.

Selig lives by the words, "Let's make a deal."

The best interests of baseball, which Selig is charged with protecting, are not served by sticking scarlet ads on the bases and on-deck circles to hype a sequel to the movie about the masked man in tights.

That's only a small issue for the moment when the promotion hits interleague games June 11-13. What this petty money grab portends is something grander: corporate logos painted on the outfield grass, emblazoned on backstops and sewn onto uniforms. Umpires want in on the dough, hoping to sport patches for pay like the jockeys who won their legal fight to do that at the Kentucky Derby.

Let the purists howl and cast laments.

"It's gotten beyond grotesque," says the ever-indignant presidential candidate and consumer advo-

cate Ralph Nader. "The fans have to revolt here. Otherwise, they'll be looking at advertisements between advertisements."

Calm down, Ralph. They already are, with virtual ads flashing across the TV screens in every game.

"I guess it's inevitable, but it's sad," said Fay Vincent, a former baseball commissioner and former president of Columbia Pictures, which is releasing "Spider-Man 2."

"I'm old-fashioned. I'm a romanticist. I think the bases should be protected from this. I feel the same way I do when I see jockeys wear ads: Maybe this is progress, but there's something in me that regrets it very much."

Many in baseball, like Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker, simply shrug off this gimmick.

"I don't care," Baker said. "You've still got to touch base, whether they got spiders, scorpions or snakes on them."

For those of us who rue the daily decay of good taste and the ascent of commercialism, there's little use in railing against the assault on our senses. The fight

has long been lost. The marketers of the sports world, empowered by the likes of Selig, call the shots. All we can do is hope they somehow see the error of their ways.

At least the New York Yankees, that bastion of tradition, had the wisdom to balk at the promotion after the deal was announced. They will put ads on the bases only during batting practice, and then just for one game, team spokesman Rick Cerrone said.

No matter how Selig and baseball's chief operating officer, Bob DuPuy, try to spin this \$3.6 million deal, it's a loser for the sport

— a turnoff to more fans than those who will find it appealing.

"This was a unique chance to combine what is a sort of a universally popular character and our broad fan base, including the youth market we're trying to reach out to," DuPuy said.

Baloney. This wasn't a unique chance to do anything. There are all kinds of popular characters, from Superman to the Terminator, that baseball could have promoted over the years if it wanted to cave in utterly to tackiness. Given the steroid scandal in the sport, the

Incredible Hulk might have provided a more appropriate image.

What stopped baseball from going in that direction was an abiding sense that the base paths and grassy expanses between the foul lines were something akin to sacred grounds — immune to time and fashion.

It was an illusion, of course, made obvious by all the ads on the outfield walls and scoreboards, going back to the 19th century and extending from Little League to the majors. But baseball sold itself on its fidelity to the past in most regards: The bases stayed pure white, the uniforms kept their retro look, and the statistics from one era to the next could be compared with some degree of credibility — at least until muscles and home run totals starting getting inflated.

This also wasn't, as DuPuy claimed, a wonderful opportunity to reach out to "the youth market," a phrase that aptly sums up baseball's misguided views of kids. Those aren't young fans out there; those are a demographic quartile along with Gen-Xers, Baby Boomers and senior citizens.

It's doubtful that "the youth market" will develop a passion for baseball because of Spider-Man or any other superhero.

Giveaways and even a Spider-Man sleepover night, as the Toronto Blue Jays are planning, are fine promos for the kids, the teams and the filmmakers. But the intrusion of the ads onto the field borders on offensive to the legions who love the game more deeply because of its essential constancy.

Some of those fans might also be NASCAR fans, long inured to the barrage of ads covering the drivers and cars. Indeed, NASCAR fans seem to love the crazy, colorful quilt of ads and are as faithful to some products as they are to their favorite drivers.

But baseball, despite chugging along in its old ways, has not suffered — passing down traditions and memories from one generation to the next. The game thrives by selling itself with its easier pace, calmer confines and continuity.

Just because baseball could sell ads on the bases doesn't mean it should. Clutter up the game too much with tacky junk and it risks losing the fine balance that makes it work.

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Get Reel — Catch a Fishing Derby

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — With the peak travel season now underway, Kentucky State Parks offer a wide range of outdoor activities.

If you're fishing around for something to do this summer, try a fishing derby. Five parks have lined up events that offer family-oriented fishing fun. Best of all, all of the derbies are free.

The first is scheduled for May 15 at Kenlake State Resort in Hardin in western Kentucky. Registration will be held from 7-8 a.m. CDT, followed by fish-

ing, a hotdog cookout and answers to your fishing questions from representatives of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the outing, at about 12:30 p.m.

General Butler State Resort in Carrollton in northern Kentucky will hold its fishing derby from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 29. Fish in the park lake to vie for the prize of biggest fish; or, for you underachievers, there will even be a prize for the smallest fish. Participants will enjoy a free cookout.

Big Bone Lick State Park in Union in northern Kentucky will greet fishing derby enthusiasts on June 12 from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. There will be activities designed especially for children, such as casting contests, as well as recognition for the most fish caught and the largest fish.

June 19 is the date for the fishing derby at Buckhorn Lake State Resort in Buckhorn. Fathers have a special invitation to bring their kids for the fun, since this is the day before Father's Day. The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will include a casting contest, biggest fish prize and door prizes.

Yatesville Lake near Louisa has scheduled its event for August 28. Poles, bait and tack-

Bentley

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Point Pleasant High School in West Virginia and I don't know if he stood out much at all when he first hit campus. But before he was finished, everyone in town knew about him.

He played in the shadows of Todd May and got many of his record number of assists thanks to the former Mr. Basketball. Before he left, Jones held all three assist records at the school — dishes in a game, a season and a career.

But the thing about Donnie Jones is he's just a nice guy. He was a good person to be in a classroom with, a dorm room with or a locker room with. He was just fun to be around.

And in all this time, he hasn't forgotten from whence he came. During his lengthy stay at Marshall University or his record-breaking time at the University of Florida, DJ has just been a phone call or email away from many of the friends he made in Pikeville.

I count it a privilege to be among them.

Donnie will be back in Pikeville tonight and will be honored at the Alumni/Senior Banquet. There will be others recognized, all of them very deserving.

And while he would no doubt take umbrage with this, none will be more worthy of our appreciation.

Congratulations, DJ. You have made me proud.

And then there's this. Sunday is Mother's Day, and we cannot leave this without sending out our well-wishes to all who qualify.

I am blessed with the best mom in the world. The year since our last Mother's Day has not been an easy one and I'm sure there'll be an empty place in her heart on Sunday, one that will never be filled.

But I want her to know I love her, I appreciate her, and I need her.

Cote says he's leaving Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Bernard Cote, a reserve forward for Kentucky, has left the team and been granted a release from his scholarship, coach Tubby Smith said Wednesday.

Cote, a 6-foot-9 sophomore forward from St. Lambert, Quebec, played in 27 games this past season for the Wildcats, averaging 1.4 points and 0.4 rebounds per game. He struggled with back problems during much of his Kentucky career.

"It's been a very tough decision for me to make, but I've decided it's in my best interest to explore other options as far as my basketball career is concerned," Cote said in a statement released by the school.

"I've had an amazing time at

Kentucky and have been a part of two truly special teams. I will always look back on my time here as something special, but I'm looking forward to a new beginning."

Cote was one of two Canadians on the Kentucky roster. The other is forward Sheray Thomas.

Cote's career high of seven points came in a win over Vanderbilt in January. As a freshman, he played in 25 games, averaging 0.8 points and 0.9 rebounds per game.

"Bernard's decision certainly came as a surprise to us, and we're sorry to see him go," Smith said. "We certainly support Bernard's decision to do what he feels is in his best interest. We honor his wishes and are happy we were able to have him as part of our team through two great seasons."

Kentucky finished 27-5 last season, losing to Alabama-Birmingham in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

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of present and former college players."

Pack recently completed his first season at the helm of the Lady Blackcat program.

For more information, call 886-0307 or 874-9558. Registration will be held the day of the camp. Checks should be made payable to Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp.

Pre-register by mail at the following address: 25 Blackcat Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Results

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24. Slone, Chris, Pike County Cent, 29-03.50. 25. Music, Corey, Paintsville, x28-06.50. 26. Powell, Jonathon, Prestonsburg, x28-03. 27. Case, Mitch, Belfry High Scho, x27-00.50. 28. Conn, Justin, Prestonsburg, x24-05.50. 29. Pafanuda, Max, Pikeville, x23-05.

Boys Discus Throw — 1. Lockhart, Will, Pikeville, 117-07. 2. Shaffer, Dave, Prestonsburg, 114-02. 3. Clevinger, Justin, Belfry High Scho, x27-00.50. 28. Conn, Pikeville, 107-09. 5. Hobrook, Ryan, Jenkins, 107-00.50. 6. Snodgrass, Chase, Pike County Cent, 103-09. 7. Cummings, Adam, Paintsville, 101-11. 8. LeMaster, Blake, Paintsville, 95-11. 9. Collett, Jeff, Paintsville, x91-00. 10. Clevinger, Jordan, Belfry High Scho, 89-09. 11. Woods, Wes,

Prestonsburg, 89-04. 12. Hall, Wes, Prestonsburg, x85-09. 13. Maynard, Ryan, Pikeville, x84-04. 14. Powell, Jonathon, Prestonsburg, x81-07. 15. Bryant, Wesley, Jenkins, 77-06. 16. Bryant, Bradley, Pikeville, x76-06. 17. Williams, Derrick, Prestonsburg, x75-06. 18. Music, Corey, Paintsville, x72-11. 19. Slone, Chris, Pike County Cent, 69-01. 20. Conn, Justin, Prestonsburg, x58-10.

BOYS - Team Rankings - 18 Events Scored 1. PIKEVILLE, 178; 2. PRESTONSBURG, 91; 3. PAINTSVILLE 68; 4. PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL, 65; 5. SHELDON CLARK, 63.50 6. JENKINS, 53; 7. SHELBY VALLEY, 40.50; 8. BELFRY, 32; 9. JOHNSON CENTRAL, 8.

Game

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"She is getting better each game out," admitted Betsy Layne Coach Harold Tackett.

In his first season as head coach of the Betsy Layne softball program, Tackett sees his team improving.

"We as a team are starting to find ourselves and feel comfortable with that," added Tackett. "I'm asking of them on the field — these are just a great bunch of young ladies to coach. We look forward to the second half of the season."

The Allen Central pitching staff struggled amid the cold air that seeped through the Garrett Field. Lady Rebel starting pitcher Jessica Isaac took the mound for the host team.

"We did not play well at all,"

Allen Central Coach Mark Martin said, following his team's district/conference loss.

Betsy Layne led 4-1 at the end of the first inning and 10-1 at the end of the fourth inning.

Tackett, Amanda Hunter and Kim Clark all scored three times each for Betsy Layne. Clark, the cleanup hitter in the Ladycat batting order, helped tack on more runs in the seventh and final inning.

Allen Central saw its comeback bid fall short after scoring only one run in the seventh inning in its last at-bat.

The Lady Rebels got off to a slow start and managed just one run in the first four innings before playing five runs in the fifth inning.

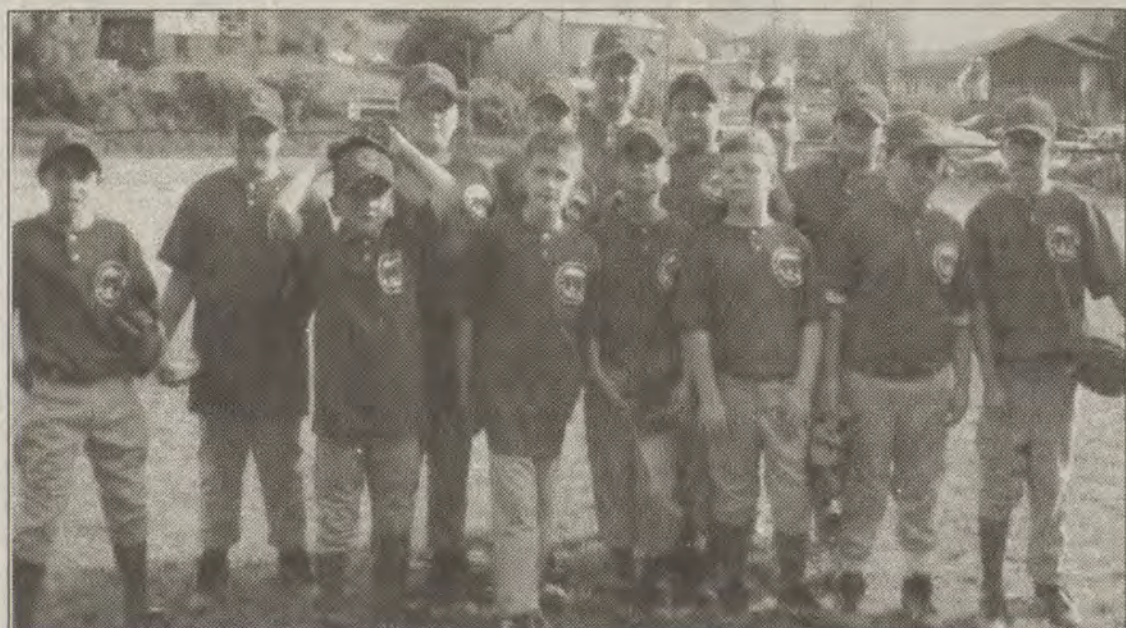
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tinued. Rick Pitino canceled the series after his team was humiliated by the Jayhawks by a 150-90 final.

As of Wednesday, the Wildcats were awaiting word on whether big time prospect Randolph Morris would be in camp next season. Still, here in the south, it is contended that Morris will be playing for the Yellowjackets of Georgia Tech next season. Morris' announcement was to come Thursday (yesterday).

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



The Garrett Cubs Little League baseball team put in several hours of hard work on its field. The field was unplayable before players, coaches, parents and volunteers went to work to make it playable. Many kind, giving sponsors also contributed to help pay for uniforms for the Cubs.

photo by Steve LeMaster.

Former, current and future coaches, family, friends and members of the media showed up Thursday to watch Terri Mullins sign with Saint Catherine College.



Prestonsburg High junior Chanel Music competes in several track and field events.



Prestonsburg High freshman Seth Moore competed in the long jump event during a recent track and field meet held at Bob Amos Park in Pikeville.



P'burg High track and field athlete Brad Bond competes in the long jump and hurdles, among other events.

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THROUGH MY EYES

It's Mom's day again!

In honor of Mother's Day, a few chuckles from school-age children, sent along by way of a friendly e-mail. These are promised to be actual answers from elementary school students to questions posed by their teachers. Enjoy! And, Happy Mother's Day!



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.

2. Think about

it, it was the best way to get more people.

3. Mostly to clean the house.
4. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. He made my mom just

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POSTSCRIPT

Who'll protect the Homeplace?

I've asked before and I'll probably ask again: What is wrong with us? Why do we keep shooting ourselves in the foot? How is it we continue trying to carve failure on the face of success?

Here in the mountains, there's no shortage of outsiders to blame for our educational and economic stalemate.

I've heard folks make a compelling case that our problems go back to the Civil War and our failure to stick with one side or the other. State leaders disdained our forefathers' decision, and the Confederate sympathizers who later came to power in Washington exacted revenge.

Others contend that early coal, timber, gas and oil interests

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Pam Shingler
contributing writer

Chamber Annual Awards & Installation Banquet

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

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will host the 2004 Annual Awards & Installation Banquet on May 8th, 6 pm at the

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. Each year the Chamber comes together with members and friends to honor the businesses and business leaders who contribute to the growth of the county and region. The evening will begin at 5 pm

with a banquet reception featuring refreshments, appetizers, and relaxing entertainment with business associates and friends. The reception was made possible by the gracious sponsorship and support of Appalachian Wireless. This year's entertainment will feature Freddie

"Munroe" Goble and The Carriere Family. The Chamber is very thankful for the sponsorship and support of Action Express Mart and Coca Cola of Pikeville for providing the

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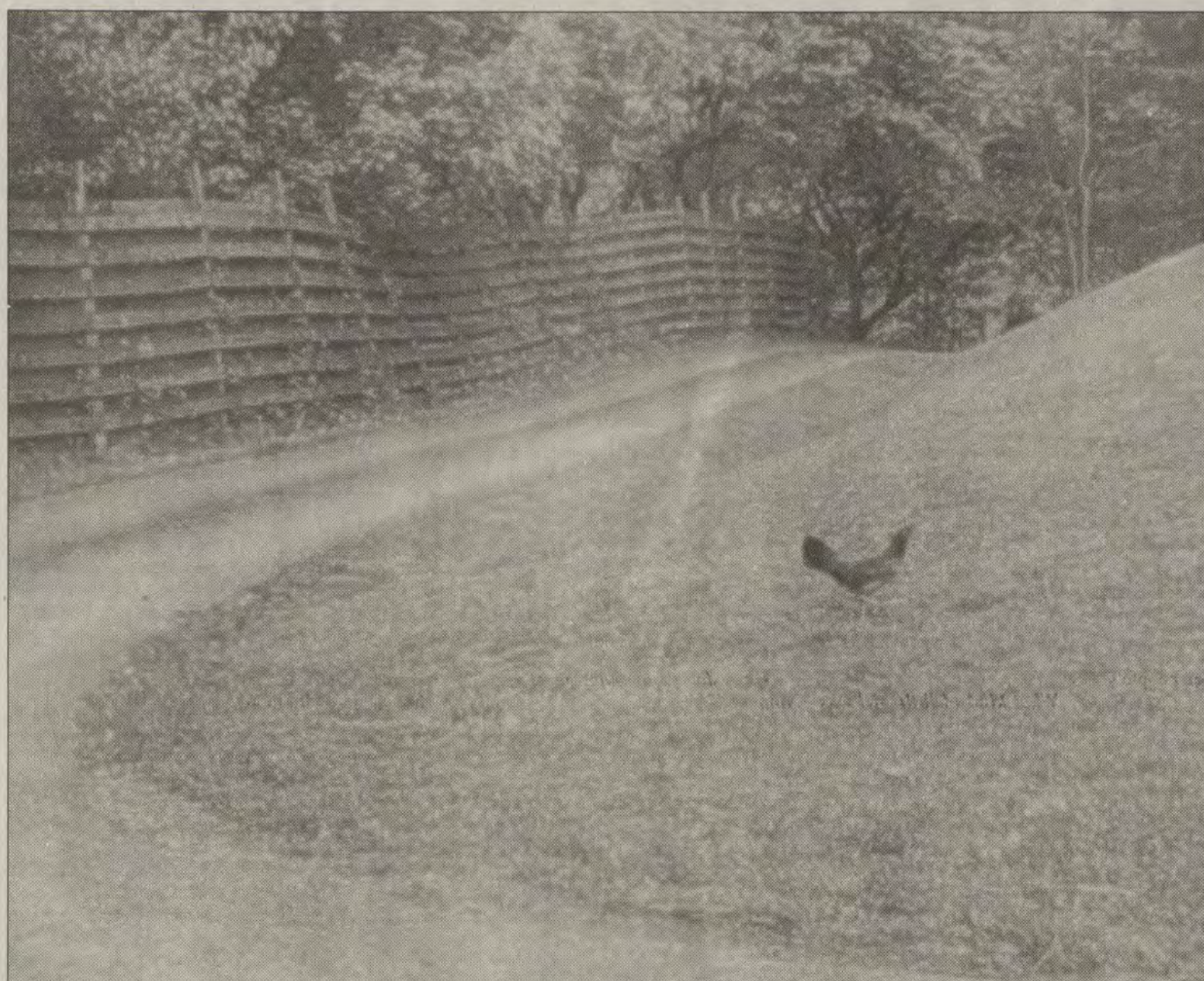


photo by Kathy J. Prater

A lone chicken "traveler."

"Traveling With Chickens, Pigs, and Goats"

Some helpful hints on international travel, especially for those who love animals.

By Dr. Phyllis Puffer,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, BIG SANDY
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Chickens and pigs have a bad rap as travel companions. Travelers writing about their experiences in Latin America, Asia, and Africa report having these animals as fellow passen-

gers on buses and trains there. The US reader is surprised and amused if not a little shocked, and enjoys the travel tale even more. I would now like to defend chickens and pigs as perfectly fine travel companions, and even better than some human travelers.

My first experience with chickens and pigs was on a bus in Guatemala. In the deep, steep mountains of this country to the south of Mexico, the buses are small. Bus-sized buses cannot get around the sharp turns without serious effort. If seated according to US standards, these buses would hold about 15 people on comfortable, vinyl

covered, cushioned seats. However, I have never experienced one of these buses holding a mere 15 people. In this case, the bus contained possibly only 20 passengers, but this was the first leg of my first international travel, and the vehicle seemed crowded to me. In the search for more space, I went back to the small open area behind the last seat where the baggage was and sat down on the floor.

This was a local bus in a poor country with poor passengers and mine was the only real suitcase in the "baggage" section. The "baggage" section is where I first met animal passengers. I was right up close to

them and can report reliably on their value as passengers.

Three chickens lay in a still, communal heap on their sides. Their feet were tied together in one family bundle. The chickens made no sound. Not a single peep. Their eyes were open, but I could not tell from looking at their eyes what they thought of their situation. I concluded that tying a chicken's legs together and holding it upside down to carry it from one place to another might trigger a calming reaction and it doesn't squawk or flap its wings or do the other things a

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PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH

Things to ponder: Conquering Murphy's Law

This past Monday was one of those really frustrating days. It seemed at times there were invisible obstructions to getting jobs done. Thank goodness, none of the tasks or activities was of the "end of the world" type. There also seemed to be a neon sign that wanted to flash in big, bright, and glowing words, "Murphy's Law is ruling today," or in other words, "if anything can go wrong, it will." It is usually easy to identify such situations, but often it is another thing to conquer these events, especially when they occur

one after the other. Do you laugh, scream, cry, or go on like nothing different is happening?

The actual origin of Murphy's Law has been debated over the years. A commonly held position is that the term "Murphy's Law" was first coined by a Capt. Edward A. Murphy, an engineer working on an Air Force project at Edwards Air force Base in 1949 at North Base of the North Pole. The story goes that the success of their project had been contributed to the firm belief in Murphy's

Law and in the necessity to try and get around it. Another version of where it all started had to do with many British folks thinking that Murphy's Law is an Irish joke, since Murphy is an Irish name and the Irish typically have been on the receiving end of the Brit's jokes.

Different twists have been presented in regard to Murphy's Law. These seem to show a wide variety. Among these: If anything can go wrong, it will - and at the most inopportune time. If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the

one that will cause the most damage will be the one to go wrong. If you perceive that there are four possible ways in which something can go wrong, and circumvent these, then a fifth way, unprepared for, will promptly develop. If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something. Things get worse under pressure. Smile ... tomorrow will be worse. Matter will be damaged in direct proportion to its value. Everything takes longer than you think.

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Mable Rowe Lineberger,
Ph.D.

School Happenings

Good Luck to all students during CATS testing!! May 3-14

****NOTICE:** The Left Beaver Schools will be making the following changes for the remainder of their school days: McDowell and Osborne Elementaries: Start time - 8:00 a.m. (remains the same); End time - 3:30 p.m. This change will take effect on May 6 and will continue until Friday, May 14. On Monday, May 17, the school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

South Floyd High and Middle: Start time - 8:15 a.m.; End time - 3:45 p.m. This change will begin on May 6 and continue until May 14. On Monday, May 17, the school day will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m.**

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES 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

The ACMS Youth Service

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

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

May 13 - SBDM Council parent representative election, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., in main hallway. Results will be announced immediately following the counting of the ballots. Winners names will be displayed on front

door.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

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 FCHD nurse is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

June 14- July 22 - UK Dental School will offer services at the Floyd County Health Dept., in Prestonsburg. Call 886-2788, ext. 221 for an appointment.

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.

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.

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

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.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

"Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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

Eyes

the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What ingredients are moth-

ers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string. I think.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always

been my mom and none of that other stuff.

2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

How did your mom meet your dad?

1. Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO! to drugs and YES! to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

What makes a real woman?

1. It means you have to be really bossy without looking bossy.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goofball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just got to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What's the difference between moms and grandmas?

1. About 30 years.
2. You can always count on grandmothers for candy. Sometimes moms don't even

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have bread on them!

Describe the world's greatest mom.

1. She would make broccoli taste like ice cream!
2. She'd always be smiling and keep her opinions to herself.

Is anything about your mom perfect?

1. Her teeth are perfect, but she bought them from the dentist.
2. Her casserole recipes. But we hate them.
3. Just her children.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd dye-it, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

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Ponder

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Whenever you set out to do something, something else must be done first. Every solution breeds new problems. The chance of the bread falling with the buttered side down is directly proportional to the cost of the carpet. The other line always moves faster. Never argue with a fool, people might not know the difference. There's never time to do it right, but there's always time to do it over. And, finally, Murphy's golden rule: whoever has the gold makes the rules.

Although no research about the psychological aspects of Murphy's Law could be found, several possibilities came to mind. One idea was that Murphy's Law was a way that folks might give a negative explanation for "why something happened" or giving "just cause" for an irritating event. This also tends to run under the negative concept of self-fulfilling prophecy that creates a foundation for "not expecting good things to happen to me" type of viewpoint - "I'm not worth something good happening" or "I'm bad, so things are not likely to work out." Self-fulfilling prophecy can be summarized in four key principles: (1) we form certain expectations of people or events - including ourselves; (2) we communicate those expectations with various cues, such as to ourselves with immediate mental reactions of negative thoughts about ourselves or behavior toward others; (3) people tend to respond to these cues by adjusting their behavior to match them, such as an automatic, conditioned reaction, that is done without thinking whether or not it is still appropriate for this situation. Just because we reacted a certain way in past similar circumstances, does not mean that we cannot choose to react differently the next time; and (4) the result is that the original expectation becomes true.

So, back to whether or not we need to keep the negative view of Murphy's Law with its encouraging us to accept "if anything can go wrong, it will." First of all, be aware of your thoughts when

something "bad" happens. Just because there was a negative outcome one time does not equal that the next will be. If we keep focusing on the negative, then it will be more likely than not that there will be a downward spiral of what we think, how we view, and the way we rate ourselves. In contrast, if we quickly follow a negative outcome, that might have "just happened by chance," by one "good" thing, we are more prone to begin an upward spiral into better outcomes. Better yet, quickly think of 10 good things that have happened to you. It does not matter how simple the things are. Great benefit is created by you thinking good and positive aspects of yourself.

Another easy and simple way to counteract the negative psychological impact of Murphy's Law is to sit quietly and write down 10 positive aspects about yourself. Put them on small cards so that you can carry them with you, if you need. At least every morning and every night, slowly read the positive comments you have said about yourself. The value of this is that it will often counteract one's negative thoughts and increase self-esteem, sometimes giving an excellent beginning within two weeks.

The bottom line is, when you want to react negatively and label a situation as "Oh, that's an example of Murphy's Law," you are best served by ignoring the whole thing. A good friend shared with me what her father often said, "It is not to measure a person as to whether or not he trips and falls, but to measure what the person does about the fall. The act of falling is not bad. It matters the most if you whine and want to be saved by someone else or you survive, conquer it, and do for yourself. An optimistic view of Murphy's Law is, "Don't worry about Murphy's Law. You know it's gonna happen anyway, so just get on with it and get it over with. If you make it through a Murphy Day ... you win! You are ready to conquer the world!"

Banquet

evenings entertainment.

The Chamber presents awards in these categories: Business of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, Chamber Partner in Education, Excellence Award, Hall of Fame, Floyd Countian of the Year and Special Tribute. In addition, the Chamber will be honoring the first adult leadership group, Class of 2004 Leadership Floyd County. This Leadership Academy promotes teamwork, problem-solving skills, creates awareness of county issues, unites people and resources from the business community and develops a network of leaders. If you are interested in participating in this type of program call the Chamber, as the next class of Leadership Floyd County will begin in October 2004.

The Chamber working in conjunction with the Floyd County Schools and Floyd County 4-H promoted an educational program called Learning Ethics Through Service focusing on high

school seniors. Students participated throughout the school year by being graded on their overall work ethics and noted characteristics. The 2004 class of Learning Ethics Through Service will graduate at the Chamber Annual Awards Banquet.

The Chamber is pleased to have Senator Johnny Ray Turner installing the 2004-2005 Officers and Directors:

OFFICERS:
Mary Begley, Chairman, American Electric Power
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Kathy Stumbo, Past Chairman, Our Lady of the Way Hospital
Greg Wilson, Secretary, First Commonwealth Bank

Billy Maynard, Treasurer, Maynard Insurance Agency

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Ken Carriere, Goodytime Productions

Trish Cieslak, The Perfect Setting
Dennis Dorton, Citizens National Bank
William Francis, Francis, Kendrick & Francis

Fred James, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau
Tim Hites, Inacomp

Linda Martin, Big Sandy Health Care

Harold Warman, Highlands Regional Medical Center

Everyone is welcome to attend this annual event. For invitation information, please contact the Chamber Office 606-886-0364. The Chamber is an organization for and governed by its Members.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

April 25, 2004
A son, James Basel-Tyler Moore, to Brandy Moore

April 25, 2004
A daughter, Leanna Brooke Clause, to Lisa Hall

April 27, 2004
A daughter, Emily Grace Silva, to Lisa and Sonny Silva

April 29, 2004
A daughter, Haleigh Vanessa Dawn Harless, to Annie and James Harless

April 29, 2004
A daughter, Angel Dawn Case, to Vicki and Rogie Case

April 27, 2004
A daughter, Leighann Blair, to Rose and Mark Blair

April 29, 2004
A son, Isaiah Dwayne Johnson, to Genger and Rodney Johnson

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: carolh-cac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



Family Medicine

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



Reader's phobia probably treatable with drugs and therapy

Q How can I cure arachnophobia? I've had it for years and cannot keep myself from being severely frightened by even the most harmless of spiders. Is there any way I can rid myself of it?

A A phobia is an intense fear of an event, object or feeling. The fear is so intense that it causes a person to change his or her behavior. Phobias are quite common, affecting 10 to 20 percent of the adult population in the United States. As children, most of

us have a phobia or two — like being afraid of the dark or thinking the "boogeyman" is in the closet. But, we outgrow these. The phobias that affect us as adults usually start in the teenage years. No one really knows why these phobias develop.

Phobias are actually a kind of anxiety disorder. Some authorities say there are two types of phobias — specific and social. Others add a third type — agoraphobia.

Specific phobia, also called simple phobias, are the kind you describe. They are the fear of an object or situa-

tion, such as fear of spiders, snakes, dogs, animals, heights, small spaces or flying. These phobias can be so severe that they change a person's life. A person who is phobic about flying either never travels by plane, or seeks medical attention for help with the problem.

Social phobias are a fear of embarrassment or humiliation in social situations. Sometimes this is limited to specific situations, like stage fright, or it may be generalized to any social setting. These phobias also alter behavior, usually through avoidance of a social setting. This causes people to miss important events like school plays, company picnics or meetings at which they might be asked to make a report or otherwise participate. In some cases, the sufferer might also avoid eating in public or shun the use of public restrooms. Oftentimes, peo-

ple with social phobia use alcohol to try and help them cope with their fears.

People with agoraphobia — literally a fear of the market place — have anxiety about being in places or situations from which escape might be difficult or embarrassing, or in which help may not be available if they have a panic attack. Examples of these fears include being outside the home alone; being in a crowd or standing in a line; being on a bridge; and traveling in a bus, train, or automobile.

Agoraphobics have panic attacks, trembling, racing heart, shortness of breath, that force them to stay in places where they feel safe. This can be the most severe of all of the phobias as it can cause someone to not drive a car, ride an elevator, go to the store, or even leave the house.

Medication is available for all types of phobias and most sufferers respond

well to treatment. Psychotherapy can also be very effective, especially in the case of specific phobias. So, I'd recommend you ask your family doctor for the proper referral to help you deal with your fear of spiders.

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ALC Alumni enjoy banquet, announce additional scholarships



Mrs. Sarah Laven paused for a photo during a break in presentations at the 2004 Annual Alice Lloyd College Floyd County Alumni Banquet

Approximately 110 people attended the annual Alice Lloyd College Floyd County Alumni Banquet held at Jenny Wiley State Park on Friday evening, April 16, 2004. Chuck Stamper, president of the ALC Alumni Association, presided, and entertainment was provided by The Voices of Appalachia, under the direction of Mr. Richard Kennedy. Vice-President of Administration Jim Stepp and Mr. Jerry Wayne Slone gave updates regarding the Alice Lloyd College campus and the Cushing Hall Restoration Project.

In 1999, the Floyd County Alumni Chapter established the Purpose Road Scholarship to provide assistance to an incoming Alice Lloyd College freshman from Floyd County during his/her first two years of college. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually, and is applied directly toward the student's book and supply expenses. Through the generous support of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, this year, it will be possible to award the Purpose Road Scholarship to two additional high school seniors from Floyd County

during their freshman year (fall 2004 and spring 2005 semesters) at Alice Lloyd College.

Applications for the Purpose Road Scholarship will be accepted through May 15, 2004. If you are a high school senior from Floyd County who will be attending Alice Lloyd College in the fall of 2004, you are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. For more information, talk with your high school counselor or contact Mrs. Nancy Melton, Director of Financial Aid at Alice Lloyd College, at (606) 368-6059.

Traveling

human would not like who might be seated beside it. Lastly, the chickens did not leave any droppings, which might be an unspoken but major human concern. I have since traveled with chickens in other Latin American and also African countries. They all acted the same.

The pig on that trip was the only pig I have ever met on a bus. He was a cute little thing. Yes. He was a baby, possibly around a foot long. It, too, lay on its side. Its two front legs were tied together and its two back legs were tied together. It

too was completely quiet. It didn't move, protest, or squeal, though I could imagine how much it had squealed and struggled when it was being chased and caught. Like the chickens, it didn't seem to need a restroom. It was as clean as a kitten or puppy and didn't smell at all.

The chickens and piglet were so quiet and undisturbing that I really didn't pay any attention to them after first discovering them and looking them over. My attention was totally absorbed by the scenery. These were the first mountains I had ever seen

and I could not get enough of looking at them. Guatemala has the highest mountains in Central America. The mountains are so high that when the Spanish came to Central America the mountains became a refuge for fleeing Indians, giving Guatemala the largest Indian population in the area today. The mountains were so steep they looked straight up and down to me. I was fascinated to see that the sides held fields where things were actually growing and people were walking around in the fields taking care of the crops. I couldn't understand how the people could work there without falling off or how the soil could stay on the fields after the grass and bushes had been plowed up. I kept looking for cows with the legs shorter on one side than the legs on the other side. I had heard a joke about how in mountains the cows' legs were shorter on one side. Having never seen a mountain and having been a rather literally minded child, I had not realized it was only a joke. But I didn't see any cows at all, never mind the length of their legs.

Only once did I encounter a goat in connection with transportation. In the end the goat never actually became a passenger on anything, but I participated in the preliminaries. It was a very interesting experience.

This time it was in the interior of the West African coastal country of Cameroun. I had arrived in the little town by train a couple of days before. When I started out on the short walk to get on the train to continue the trip, it turned out that a whole retinue was starting out also. The main future passenger was the manager, or possibly the owner, of the little country African hotel where I had stayed. She was a tall, broad, strong, black African mamma with a large and rather dramatic, if not overwhelming, personality. She seemed to be a person who never did anything either alone or quietly. She started out with a young girl who might have been 10 or 11 to her left and perhaps three or four boys a little younger on the other side and behind. Three or four adults walked along on the edges of the main group. There was also in the crowd a young

goat with a light rope around its neck. Neither the people nor the goat seemed to be bothered by the other. It was not possible to tell who was a traveler and who a well wisher besides the main character and the goat. I assumed that Big Mamma was taking the goat to market and didn't want to think further about the goat's future.

The young girl walked along, attentive to the central figure's rather continuous commentary. The young boys pranced forward and behind in a moderately rapid swirl. Then there was the goat. Generally it pulled ahead of the crowd, held back by the woman's hand on the other end of the rope. But then it would veer off to the left and then to the right. It was rather a bother. Being an animal lover and wanting to be helpful, I reached for the tether and took over goat management. What a chore. The goat's route became even more erratic. In addition to its previous path of to the left in front and to the right in front, it went behind me, entangling me in the rope. It didn't try to get away and was as tame as could be. It just jerked along on its own independent course. Seeing that I was majorly incompetent at the task, Big Mamma took the rope back.

About half way to the train station, after we had been walking a little more than five minutes, Big Mamma began complaining about not feeling well. Her round face wrinkled. She put her hand up to her face. She frowned. Her complaining increased in frequency as we approached the station. As we stood in a clump waiting for the train, her discussion with herself about whether to go back home became more serious. After about ten more minutes discussion while her little court listened, she made the decision to go back home. She left, walking slowly but rather majestically back down the wide, dusty road through the center of the village, taking with her the goat and her followers.

I concluded that I would never travel with a goat. The goat had been destined for first class. I always travel second class. Chickens are fine with me.

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Postscript

worked hard to paint us as ignorant and uncivilized because it is easier to exploit people who are pictured as lesser beings. The fuel barons successfully, in many ways, broke our ancestors down so that they would lose their pride, their voice and their power.

Still others say we are descendants of the chaff, people who lacked social skills and moral fiber, people who did not have what it takes to live in a progressive society.

Who knows, there may be a modicum of truth and of fallacy in each of these theories.

I bring this up again because the future of the Mountain Homeplace is stirring debate once more. As is so often the case here, the question is apparently one of control. Does the Paintsville Tourism Commission have oversight? Or is it the Paintsville Lake Historical Society, which created the site? Or is it the Army Corps of Engineers on whose property the Homeplace rests?

A logical and reasonable response might be that the three entities could work together, effectively tripling their power and effect. But from what I've been reading, that doesn't appear to be the case — or even the desire of those involved. Mountain Homeplace is one of the region's true treasures. I think I've written something similar before, but it bears dwelling on.

The historical site recon-

structs a farm typical of this region in the mid-1800s.

Importantly, it depicts a part of our history that is largely ignored, a part of our history that is adversely and unfairly overshadowed by what has become our sole and one-dimensional identity — coal.

Unfortunately, the Johnson County attraction has never — as far as I can tell — received the kind of local recognition and support it deserves.

Instead, it's more like the bastard child. No one seems to want to take responsibility for it, to give it full support, to promote it, to appreciate it.

What I'd like to see is for all the organizations involved to point the gun away from the feet, in fact, put it back in the cabinet, and work together to share the pride and the legacy of our forebears.

Am I missing something here?

Note: I recall several months ago writing about all those TV commercials for drugs that don't tell you what the drug is for. Rather, they focus on how happy you'll be, how healthy, how carefree, if you take this drug.

Well, recently, I met a pharmaceutical representative who explained the situation to me. He said that if the companies don't say what the drug is for in the commercials, they also don't have to recite the possible side effects.

Clever, huh?

Birthdays

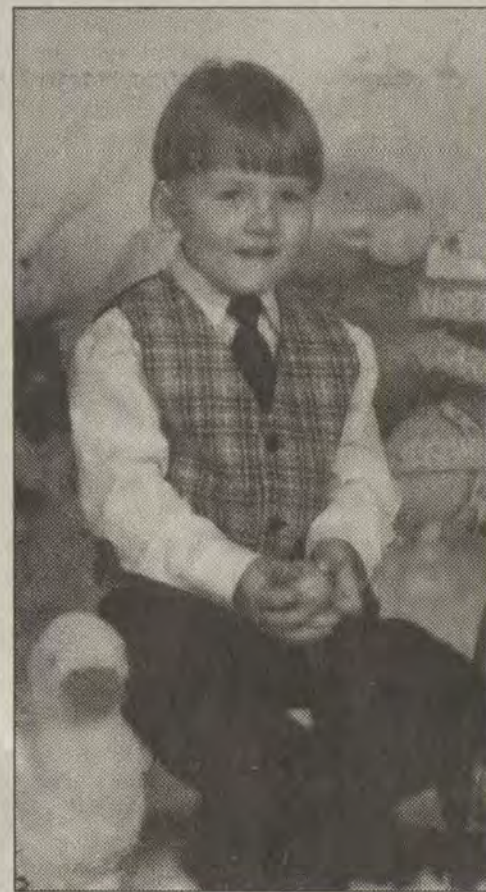
It's a Girl!

Emily Grace Evans was born March 18, 2004, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. She weighed 9 lbs., 15 and 1/2 oz., and was 21 and 1/4 inches long. She is the daughter of proud parents Bradley and Susan Evans, of Grethel. She is the granddaughter of Delmer and Lois Evans, also of Grethel, and Gary and Betty Newsome, of Caney Creek. Emily has two cousins, Jayden and Dylan. Her family is overjoyed with her arrival.



Cameron is 4!

Cameron Jacob Goble, the son of Tony and Jolean Goble, celebrated his fourth birthday on April 5, 2004. Cameron is the maternal grandson of Edward Wallen, of David, and the late Annie Lue Wallen and the late Earl Hackworth. His paternal grandparents are Earl and Wanda McGuire Duncan, of Abbott Creek, and Billy Goble, of Prestonsburg.



It's a Girl!

Madelyn Grace Robinson was born Friday, March 5, 2004, at 8:54 p.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 5 lbs., 8 oz. and was 18 inches in length. She is the daughter of proud parents Rodney and Carla (Coburn) Robinson, of Louisa. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Ouida Coburn, of Wayland, and the late Ruth Ann Robinson, formerly of Garrett. Madelyn's parents are employed by the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center, of which her mother is executive director, and Progress Fuels Corporation, in Ceredo, West Virginia, of which her father is director of coal purchasing. Mrs. Robinson is also a Mary Kay Consultant.



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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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BAPTIST


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 Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
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 First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

HER NAME HAS BECOME PART OF OUR LANGUAGE—JEZEBEL!



IT HAS BEEN A CUSTOM, IN MODERN TIMES, WHEN A WOMAN ATTRACTS AND GAINS TO EXERT UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE OVER A MAN, OR MANY MEN, FOR PEOPLE TO CALL HER A JEZEBEL. HOWEVER, NO MODERN COUNTERPART COULD EVER COMPETE WITH THE ORIGINAL JEZEBEL FOR DOWNRIGHT EVIL AND MURDEROUS ACTS! BORN A PHOENICIAN PRINCESS, DAUGHTER OF KING ETHBAAL, SHE MARRIED KING AHAB OF ISRAEL (CIRCA 865 B.C.) AND, IN SHORT ORDER, COMPLETELY DOMINATED THIS WEAK-WILLED RULER. ONCE AHAB WAS UNDER HER CONTROL, JEZEBEL IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT DESTROYING ISRAEL'S RELIGION AND REPLACING IT WITH THE WORSHIP OF BAAL AND ASTARTE, PHOENICIAN DIETIES OF HER HOMETOWN....

...SHE INSTALLED, IN THE PALACE, AND SUPPORTED NINE HUNDRED PRIESTS OF THIS HEATHEN RELIGION AND, IN TURN, HUNTED DOWN THE PRIESTS OF ISRAEL AND SLAUGHTERED THEM WHERE EVER SHE COULD! LOUNGING IN ORIENTAL LUXURY IN THE PALACE, SHE DIRECTED THE POLICIES OF THE KINGDOM, WHILE AHAB SAT WEEKLY BY HER SIDE, NEVER DARING TO DISPUTE HER. HER SCHEMINGS, HER CRUELITIES, AND HER PASSION FOR BLOOD-SPILLING ARE RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF 2 KINGS. ONLY ELIJAH, THE GREAT PROPHET, STOOD UP AGAINST THIS WICKED QUEEN AND FOUGHT HER EVIL INFLUENCE AT EVERY TURN. HER OWN DEATH AND DESTRUCTION WAS PREDICTED BY THE PROPHET AND TOOK PLACE EXACTLY AS HE PROPHECIED IT WOULD! (2 KINGS 9:30-37)

NEXT WEEK: HE HAD TO REBUILD THE WALLS TO REBUILD A NATION!

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 Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

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 Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
 Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

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 Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
 Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
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 Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
 Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.
 home phone 285-3385

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
 Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.
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 Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

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CATHOLIC
 St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN
 First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
 Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
 Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
 Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
 Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
 Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
 Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.
 Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
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 Weeks Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
 Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
 First Church of God of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
 Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
 Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
 Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
 The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.

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 Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
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 Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sarlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
 Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
 Parkway First Cahary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.
 Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.
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 Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.
 Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.
 Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.
 Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.
 Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.
 Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.
 Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.
 Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.
 Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.
 The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.
 Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene Arnett, Pastor
 Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.
 International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.
 Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-4138, Renewal No. 4

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.0 miles west of Robinson Creek, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 29.24 surface acres, and will underlie 2,027.50 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2,056.74 acres. The proposed

operation is approximately 2.0 miles west from Bear Fork Road's junction with KY 610, and located 0.4 mile north of Sam Hall Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Thomas Ratliff. The operation will underlie land owned by Thomas Ratliff, Andy Hamilton, Clifford and Sadie Hamilton, Homer and Wanda Hamilton, Ellis Little, Harvey and Jewellene Tackett, Rose Belcher, Emery and Tilda Ray, Walter and Oma Keathley, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Stephen Hamilton, Dora Keathley, Ray and Kelly Slone, Edgar and Myreda Howell, John D. and Millie Hamilton, Rhonda Hall and Grant Newsome, Alma Land Company, Louise Spears, Melinda Martin, Verniece H. Akers, Edward Hall, Ansel Hall, Russell and Joyce Brewer, James W. and Madge Keathley, Bennie and Sola Tackett, Charles Frasure, Dewey L. and Fay Hall, Eliza Jane Rogers Estate, Casey and Dakota Newsome, Estill Hall, Alex and Liddie Hall, Donnie Hall, Diana Kirkwood, Helen Hall, Curt and Geraldine Blankenship, Estill and Wade Hamilton, et al., Jenna R. Hamilton, Emery and Tilda Kiser, Appalachian Land Company, Vernon K. and Ray Slone, Elmer Hall, and Hubert Hall.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, 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 this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5306 Renewal #4

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO, INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.5 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.05 surface acres and will underlie 1837.14 acres for the total area within the permit boundary will be 1845.19 acres.

The operation is located 0.5 miles northeast of Emma in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.25 miles north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194 and located 0.3 miles northeast of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37° 38' 30" and the longitude is 82°41'45."

The proposed operation is located on the U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Peachie Merritt. The operation will underlie land owned by Sandra Barkan, Roland Blackburn, Clyde Burchett, Forest Burchett, Gale Burchett, Joe Burchett, Landon and Nellie Charles, Ed and Bertha Cline, Leonard Goble, Floyd and Ona Harris, Irvin Harris, Lewis Irvin Hunt, William Jarrell, Columbus Jervis, Gardie Jervis, Ed Leslie Estate, Peachie Merritt, James and Mary Wells, Troy Whit and Rosie Woods Estate.

This is the final advertisement of this application. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5337, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a renewal to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.23 mile northeast of Hunter, in Floyd County. The surface area is 7.45 acres, and the operation will underlie an additional 2884.58 acres, for a total acreage of 2892.03 within the permit boundary.

The permit area is approximately 1.36 miles southwest from KY 122's junction with KY 2030, and is located .57 mile southwest of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 31 minutes, 18 seconds, and the longitude is 82 degrees, 45 minutes, 45 seconds.

The permit area is located on the Martin, Harold, and Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Orpha and Clive Akers, and Jack Bates. Permit area underlies land owned by Orpha and Clive Akers, Willie Wright, Earnest Duddleson, Rhonda Halbert Estate, Eugene Akers, Lowell Martin, Ky WV Gas, Charles Ray Patton, Luther Hicks, William Hagans, Charles Brent Gibson, Okie Sheppard, Ralph Hagans, Bud Hayes, Marion Hayes, Roland Jones, Chattie Dingus, Perry Conn, Johnnie Surlock Estate, Vernon Martin, Alice Martin, Bessie Helton, Charlie Salisbury, Marie Salisbury, J.D. Salisbury Estate, Orpha Akers, Alice Gibson Martin, et al., Gordon Carroll, Marie Stelbasky, C.M. Wise, Mander Moore, Virgil Moore, Jack A. Fisher, Trustee, James Slone, James Hayes, Forest Dudley, Thomas Scalt, Leo Harmon, the Elk Horn Coal Corp., W.F. Martin Estate, Mae Salisbury, Floyd

County Solid Waste, Jerry Collins, Tramble Mitchell, Fred O'Brien Jr., Curtis A. Ousley, Bee Halbert, Thomas E. Martin, Gaylor Prestonburg Regional Office, 3140 Salisbury, Sally South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY Case, Albert Cole, Clyde Sheppard, requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Bert Salisbury, Maxie Estate, South, Frankfort, KY Mildred Salisbury, 40601. and Jack Bates.

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Bids will be accepted at the Central Office, located at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, until 1:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, May 18, 2004, by Matthew Wireman in the Finance Department, and will be opened on this day at 1:05 p.m.

To obtain request for proposals, specifications, or additional information, contact Gina Amos, at 606-886-2354, extension 508.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO

APPLICATION 836-5186, MAJOR REVISION NO. 2

with KRS 350.055, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied given that FCDC for a major revision to Coal Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, operation, located 2.0 miles southeast of Teaberry, in Floyd County. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage or underground acreage to the permit area, making a total of 693.78 acres within the revised permit boundary.

(2) The proposed major revision area is approximately 2.0 miles southeast from KY 979's junction with (KY 3380) Tinker Fork County Road, and located on Margaret Branch of Tinker Fork. The latitude is 37°23'32". The longitude is 82°37'40".

(3) The proposed major revision is located on the McDowell/Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Tinker Fork County Road. The operation will involve relocation of the public road during the life of the mine.

(4) The major revision proposes an additional mine face up and relocation of the county road and stream.

(5) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

19, 2004, for the purchase of \$1,200,000 of Floyd County Public Library Corporation General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, to be dated as of the date of delivery and bearing interest from that date, payable semi-annually, maturing on January 1, 2006 through 2029. Minimum bid, par value (\$1,200,000). The United States Department of Agriculture, acting through Rural Development ("RD") will submit a bid for the purchase of the Bonds. In the event that a bid(s) from non-governmental bidder(s) shall be received, the rate and terms of which are determined by RD to be reasonable, then such RD bid will be withdrawn. Good faith check, \$15,000. Approving legal opinion by Rubin & Hays, Municipal Bond Attorneys, Louisville, Kentucky. The Bonds will be issued on a tax-exempt basis, subject to certain qualifications set out in detail in the Official Notice of Sale of Bonds. Bid Forms, Official Notice of Sale of Bonds. Bid Forms, Official Notice of Sale of Bonds and other information may be obtained from the undersigned. (Signed) Clara H. Johnson, Secretary, Floyd County Public Library Corporation.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5440, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.3 mile west of Craynor, in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 2.19 surface acres, and will underlie 537.65 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 539.84 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 1.15 mile southwest of KY 979's junction with the Mink Branch Road, and is 0.3 mile west of Mink Branch.

(3) The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie lands owned by David Akers, Sam Morton, Dorothy Moore, The Elk Horn Coal Company LLC, Don Howell, Linda Hamilton, Clayton Hamilton, Henry R. Keathley, John Keathley, Donna Jerry, Hall Estate, Darrin Carroll, Phil Hall, Flora Preston, Ray Hall, Purvis Hamilton, Curtis Newman, Blaine Slone, Eugene Slone, Thomas Hamilton, Larry Slone, Preston Slone, Ossie Reynolds, Wavis Alley, Mitch Blankenship, Earnestine McKennie, Charles Baxter, Emil Carroll and Maze Hamilton.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, 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.

BUDGET OF AUXIER FIRE DEPT.

July 1, 2004
June 30, 2005

BUDGET SUMMARY REVENUES

Taxes (all categories)	\$ 48,700
Permits and Licenses	\$ 0
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 0
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 2,000
Charges for Services	\$ 0
Other Revenues	\$ 0
Interest Earned	\$ 0
Total Revenues	\$ 50,700

RECEIPTS AND CASH

Carryover from Prior Fiscal Year	\$ 35,000
Bonded Debt, Public Corporation & G.O.	\$ 0
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 0
Transfers from Other Funds	\$ 0
Borrowed Money (all short term/single year)	\$ 0
Governmental Leasing Act	\$ 0
All Other Borrowed Money	\$ 0
Total Receipts and Cash	\$ 35,000
Total Available (sum of Total Receipts, Cash & Total Revenues)	\$ 85,700

APPROPRIATIONS

Personnel	\$ 0
Operations	\$ 35,500
Administration & Reserves	\$ 5,500
Capital Outlay	\$ 35,000
Debt service	\$ 9,700
Total Appropriations	\$ 85,700

	Actual FY 2002-03	Budget FY 2003-04	Estimate FY 2004-05
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Revenues			
1. Taxes			
1A. Real Property Taxes	\$ 31,578	\$ 37,000	\$ 38,000
1B. Tangible Personal Property (not vehicles)	0	6,900	7,000
1C. Motor Vehicles	7,047	3,645	3,700
1D. Delinquent Taxes	2,544	0	0
1E. Other Tax (define)	1,791	0	0
2. Permit and Licenses	0	0	0
3. In Lieu of Tax Payments	0	0	0
4. Intergovernmental Revenues			
4A. From Federal Government	0	0	0
4B. From State Government	8,250	0	0
4C. From County Government	5,890	2,000	2,000
4D. From City Government	0	0	0
4E. From Other Districts	0	0	0
5. Charges for Services			
5A. Service Charges	0	0	0
5B. User Fees	0	0	0
5C. Rental Income	0	0	0
5D. Special Assessments	0	0	0
6. Other Revenues	0	0	0
7. Interest Earned	0	0	0
Total Revenues	57,100	49,545	50,700

8. Cash, Borrowed Money, & Transfers			
8A. Cash Balance, July 1	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 35,000
8B. Tax Anticipation Note	0	0	0
8C. Bond Sale Proceeds	0	0	0
8D. Cash Transfers to Other Funds	0	0	0
8E. Cash Transfers from Other Funds	0	0	0
8F. Borrowed Money (short term/single year)	0	0	0
8G. Governmental Leasing Act Proceeds	0	0	0
8H. Loan(s) from other Governments	0	0	0
Total Cash, Borrowed Money, & Transfers	10,000	10,000	35,000
Total Available	57,100	59,545	85,700

Appropriations			
9. Personnel			
9A. Salaries and Wages	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
9B. Per Diem (Lump Expense Allowance)	0	0	0
9C. Health (Medical) Insurance	0	0	0
9D. FICA (Social Security)	0	0	0
9E. Worker's Compensation	0	0	0
9F. Unemployment Insurance	0	0	0
9G. Pensions (Retirement)	0	0	0
9H. Other Fringe	0	0	0
Total, Personnel	0	0	0

10. Operating Expense			
Contracted Services (sub-category)			
10A. Advertising and Printing	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
10B. Professional Services (define by K.R.S. 45A.380 (3))	675	3,000	3,000
10C. Maintenance and Repairs	1,874	10,000	10,000
10D. Utilities (includes telephone)	5,770	4,000	5,500
10E. Rents and Leases	0	0	0
10F. Insurance and Bonds	4,052	4,000	4,000
10G. Fire Hose Repair & Maintenance	0	4,800	5,000
Subtotal Contracted Services	12,371	25,800	27,500

Materials and Supplies (sub-category)

10J. Materials	\$ 0	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
10K. Supplies	6,027	2,500	2,500
Subtotal Materials and Supplies	6,027	5,000	5,000

Other Operating Expense (sub-category)

10L. Accident Ins. on Volunteers	0	3,000	3,000
Subtotal Other Operating Expense	0	3,000	3,000
Total, Operating Expenses	0	33,800	35,500

11. Administration

11A. Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
11B. Travel and Training	0	4,000	4,000
11C. Court Judgements	0	0	0
11D. Grants and Donations	0	0	0
11E. Reserve for Transfer (no expenditures from this account)	0	0	0
11F. Administrative Expense	1,313	1,500	1,500
Total, Administration	1,313	5,500	5,500

12. Capital Outlay

12A. Land	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
12B. Land Improvement	0	0	0
12C. Building Construction	0	0	0
12D. Building Improvement	0	0	0
12E. Furniture and Fixtures	0	0	0
12F. Equipment	2,175	5,000	5,000
12G. Vehicles	0	0	27,000
12H. Building & Structures	8,974	0	3,000
Total Capital Outlay	11,149	5,000	35,000

13. Debt Service

13A. Short Term Debt Principal	\$ 14,615	\$ 11,788	\$ 8,700
13B. Short Term Debt Interest	5,450	3,457	1,000
13C. Loan Principal, Other Governments	0	0	0
13D. Loan Interest, Other Governments	0	0	0
13E. Public Properties Corporation & G.O. Bonds Principal	0	0	0
13F. Public Properties Corporation & G.O. Bonds Interest	0	0	0
13G. Governmental Leasing Act Principal	0	0	0
13H. Governmental Leasing Act Interest	0	0	0
Total Debt Service	20,065	15,245	9,700

GRAND TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS 50,925 59,545 85,700

This budget is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Robin D. Walker

District Chief Financial Officer
Date: 4-14-04

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