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Superintendents Glen Tackett and Bud Akers of Highway District 12 today announced work schedules from Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8 for the Minnie and Allen Maintenance Garages:

- Monday, April 4: Cleaning cuts along shoulder of Route 3, Auxier Road.
- Tuesday through Friday, April 5-8: Cleaning cuts along shoulder of Route 321 in the area of Thunder Ridge.
- Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5: replacing drains with slotted pipes on Route 979 between mile points 14 and 15 (near Buggy Bath Car Wash) and at mile point 17 (below the new bridge).
- Wednesday, April 6: removing small slides at the 11.3 mile marker on Route 122.
- Thursday, April 7: shoulder work on Route 122 at the junction of Route 680 and on Route 680 between Turkey Creek and the state garage.
- Friday, April 8: pot-hole patching on Route 7 from mile points zero through six.

Maintenance work is scheduled on a tentative basis and is subject to change, depending on weather conditions and emergencies.

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Telethon to benefit treatment facility

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A local organization is seeking donations to establish a 90-day residential drug treatment facility for women in Johnson County.

Hope in the Mountains, headed by husband-and-wife team Jimmy and Renee McCoy, of Thelma, will host a telethon

Sunday on WYMT.

They aim to raise \$500,000 for the facility, which they plan to open Sept. 1 with a minimum of 25 clients.

The organization is in the process of purchasing and home and 140 acres of property on Lick Road on Route 1750 for the residential treatment and recovery center.

"It's the most perfect setting for a

women's treatment facility," said Renee McCoy, a nurse who also works with the Ready to Work Program at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. "With 140 acres, there's room for expansion. As soon as the first woman is admitted, we will start plans to begin a men's facility."

The property is virtually isolated and is "peaceful and tranquil," she said, pointing

out that an additional apartment and smaller home on the property will serve as an appropriate house for graduates of the treatment program who aren't quite ready to return home.

The facility will maintain flower, vegetable and, possibly, a Christmas tree garden, she said.

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SIGNS OF SPRING



photo by Mary Music

Signs of spring were blooming at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park yesterday. The menu? Trucks dodging ducks and fish food.



ACHS case heads to grand jury

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Pike County man accused of trespassing on the grounds of Allen Central High school and engaging in sexual contact with a special education student saw his case passed on to a grand jury Thursday during a district court hearing.

Jonathan Belcher, 24, of Elkhorn City, is accused of two counts of custodial interference, two counts of trespassing and one count of an unlawful transaction with a minor for the incidents which allege that he visited Allen Central on

two occasions and took two special education students off the grounds on the second visit for a sexual encounter which took place across the street from school grounds.

Sgt. Steve Little, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, testified at the hearing and recounted how the case was formed. He was given the assignment after an investigation by Allen Central's principal, Lorena Hall, who later contacted the County Attorney's Office when she determined that a crime may have taken place.

Little testified that he spoke to both students and

their parents and was able to recover an online conversation between one student and Belcher because the student's parents had installed a parental guard on their home computer which saved the exchanges which began in a chat room.

Little also testified that he was able to view an online profile of Belcher which included a picture that later helped identify him when they arranged to serve an arrest warrant.

Little stated that Belcher allegedly met the students on two occasions at the

(See CASE, page three)



photo by Tom Doty
Jonathan Belcher, 24, of Elkhorn City, appeared at a preliminary hearing Thursday regarding charges that he took two special education students off of school grounds for a sexual encounter.

Prestonsburg being surveyed for threats

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg is one 60 small and medium sized communities throughout the state that has been targeted for a Homeland Security threat assessment.

Two teams of Kentucky Community Preparedness Program assessors, heading what Gov. Fletcher calls the state's "Premier Homeland Security Initiative," will be touring 16 facilities in Prestonsburg next week to conduct vulnerability assessments.

The team will analyze facilities, structures, security policies and their relationship to each other. The initiative, focusing on hostile acts and crime, is in an attempt to identify security weaknesses through a system of risk assessments and recommendations for improvement.

"When people think about terrorism, they think internationally, but the truth is domestic terror-

ists, whether that be in the form of a local extremist group or someone opening fire in a school or business, could cause just as much devastation to a community, and that is really where we are focusing," KCPPT Team Leader Drexel Neal said. "By going through this process a community is helping to prepare itself from any kind of catastrophic event, whether it is an attack or a natural disaster."

Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Omerod, coordinator of the city's assessment program, said yesterday that assessors will tour court buildings, water and sewer plants, Highlands Regional Medical Center, and the four schools located in Prestonsburg.

"They'll be looking for security vulnerabilities," he said. "Let's say, for instance, that someone wanted to do something to the water treatment plant to shut it down, or some kind of terrorist act at a city facility. They'll examine the security there and

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Police investigating vehicle break-ins

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The sheriff's department and Prestonsburg Police have pooled their efforts to investigate a series of break-ins that targeted cars parked at ball games and other events in the area.

Sgt. Steve Little, of the sheriff's department, reported that he and Officer Mike Conn, of city police, got a break in the case when they discovered that the perpetrators were dumping evidence of the crimes off area bridges.

The pair have retrieved many items for the victims by searching under area bridges after they discovered the first dump site in

Auxier. Little said that victims in the case will be getting some of their property back and hinted that an arrest is imminent and that they have gotten a fair amount of cooperation on the thefts.

"I just want people to know that we have been actively investigating these thefts and we have already gotten belongings back to some victims," Little said.

Little noted that a similar case involving car break-ins during a district finals game held at Betsy Layne is also coming together. Kentucky State Police is investigating those thefts, but all agencies are cooperating on the matter, which appears to be interrelated.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La., on Social Security:
 Whatever one's views about the state of the Social Security system, and people have wide disagreements about its finances and its future, there is no doubt that President Bush's push for radical changes in the system has provoked a healthy debate. Americans must consider how the country is going to pay for retirement of baby boomers. The aging of the population is going to put profound financial stresses on not only Social Security, but Medicare and Medicaid, the health-care programs for the elderly and the poor. ...

While Bush and his critics disagree on the financial prospects for Social Security, the actuarial realities are that changes made now can make a substantial difference down the road. ...

The issue of Social Security is one that requires, because of its vast impact on so many American families, a bipartisan solution that can be adopted by the Congress and accepted by the people. A partisan fight helps to shed light on the issue and sharpen debate on the options, but an ultimate solution has to be built around some consensus across party lines.

The Press and Sun-Bulletin, Binghamton, N.Y., on drilling in Alaska:
 If President Bush and the Republican Congress succeed in opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling, they ought to be willing to at least make two concessions to reality. First, they should provide an absolute guarantee that none of that oil will ever be exported to another country. Second, they should acknowledge that drilling in ANWR is tantamount to tapping the nation's final keg - and that means there can be no further delay in developing alternative sources of fuel or vehicles that run on them. The battle over ANWR is not yet over, and even some Republicans who favor drilling acknowledge that no matter how much oil we may find there, it won't buy us much time or much relief from OPEC - not if the United States doesn't begin seriously to curb its consumption. ...



Capitol Ideas

Will 2005 session foreshadow the future?

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — In the months leading up to the 2005 General Assembly, only the most hopelessly optimistic predicted much more than grudging cooperation.

The 2004 session ended with such recrimination and poisoned partisanship that the inability to reach an agreement on a budget was only the most obvious failure. Democrats in the House majority, Republicans leading the Senate and GOP Gov. Ernie Fletcher exchanged blame.

Move ahead a year and the atmosphere and accomplishment was dramatically different.

Late last Monday night, when the 2005 session was ending, Senate President David Williams, historically one of the chief purveyors of partisanship, was extolling the virtues of cooperation and promising it would last into the future.

"I believe that this Senate is healthier today than it's ever been," Williams said. "To predict a few months ago that it would have turned out as well as it did, no one could have accurately predicted that," House Speaker Jody Richards said

in an interview.

The causes of the change are many and varied.

In early 2004, Fletcher was the first Republican to occupy the Governor's Mansion since 1971. House Democrats and even Senate Republicans were adjusting to the new governor.

Fletcher stumbled badly. He dragged his feet in making his own budget and tax proposals. And he attacked the legislature, a strategy that a quick check with his predecessors or even a review of recent history would have shown to be a mistake. But the new occupants of the Capitol first floor were not of a mind to seek advice from much of anyone.

The 2004 legislative elections loomed.

When Fletcher revealed that teachers and state employees faced huge increases in health insurance costs, there was a minor revolt.

The October 2004 special session to pay for health insurance coverage and ensure pay raises for public employees eased some of the pressure.

But then a Franklin County Circuit Court judge ruled that Fletcher and the legislature were violating the Kentucky Constitution - Fletcher for spending

money without a legislatively enacted budget and the legislature for failing to appropriate money. Judge Roger Crittenden said after June 30, 2005, the end of the fiscal year, no money could be spent on anything but essential services without a legislative appropriation.

In November, House Democrats lost seven seats of their majority in the House and Republicans picked up a couple of more Senate seats.

In December, Fletcher met privately with lawmakers and both sides made noises about being nice. But Fletcher again refused to disclose any of his spending or tax proposals, prompting concerns about the same sort of time squeeze in the coming 30-day session that helped torpedo the 2004 session.

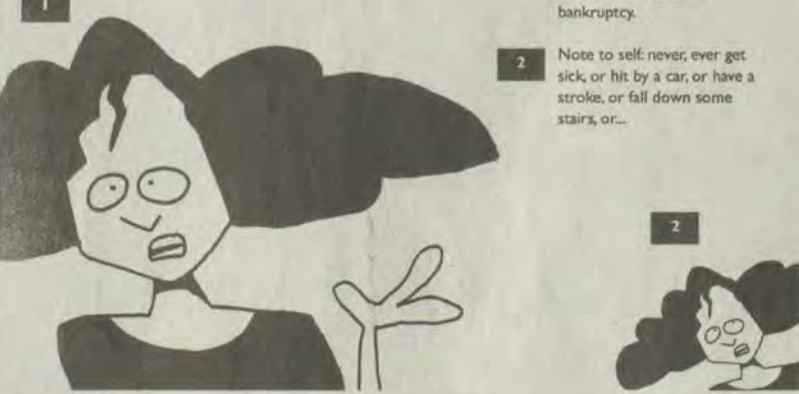
Another hurdle seemed to be the requirement in the short session that any tax or budget measure would require a three-fifths majority of both chambers to pass.

The turning point may have been a late-afternoon, closed meeting of House Democrats where they emerged to declare they intended to work with Republicans to produce the budget and

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Letters

Auxier water not 'supervised'

I normally try to avoid political issues, but when I read the mayor of Prestonsburg's statement that Auxier Water Company was supervised by Prestonsburg, I felt I had to respond.

Auxier Water Company is, and always has been, a privately owned water company operated under the guidelines of the Public Service Commission. All of our

expansions and upgrades are paid for from loans from local banks and with personally guarantee, not with grants or aid from the county, state or federal government.

An agreement was reached with the city of Prestonsburg in 1967, that if we would purchase our water from Prestonsburg, we would have the right to serve the hospital. That agreement has been tested before the Public Service Commission and was upheld.

We buy our water from the city of Prestonsburg at their "out-of-town" rate (which is higher per unit than any city customer) and resell it to our 900-plus

customers, one of which is Highlands Regional Medical Center.

If Prestonsburg succeeds in their annexation effort, the only way the hospital could save money for water is if Prestonsburg reduced their rate to Auxier Water Company. We would be happy to pass that rate reduction on to all our customers, but I don't think that will happen. It would be a significant reduction of revenue for Prestonsburg's Utility Company.

No one can dispute the fact that I supervise all aspects of the Auxier Water Company!

Philip Ward
 Auxier

Spring cleanup coming

Spring in southern and eastern Kentucky means blooming flowers and redbud trees. The only way to make spring prettier in our region is to clean the trash out of the scenery.

To do just that, I invite Floyd County residents to pitch in during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup, April 9-23.

Your local PRIDE Coordinators have organized cleanup events for volunteers, as well as opportunities to

dispose of the bulky trash you collected over the winter. PRIDE will provide the cleanup supplies and T-shirts for volunteers. It is up to Floyd County residents to provide the manpower to clean roadsides, hillsides, and waterways.

Volunteers can make a difference by joining Floyd County's Spring Cleanup team. Since PRIDE began in 1997, just look at what Floyd Countians have accomplished together: 1,499 volunteers worked 6,451 hours, 1,551 appliances and 414 tons of appliances collected, 61,195 tires collected, 447 bags of trash and 4,708 tons of trash collected.

Clearly, Floyd County is cleaner today, thanks to the people who have

pitched in with PRIDE — Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment. In addition to volunteering during the annual Spring Cleanup, here are some things Floyd Countians can do every day to keep the community clean: make sure trash doesn't blow out of the back of trucks, have trash picked up regularly by a licensed garbage hauler, and report littering and illegal dumping to the county's solid waste coordinator.

To learn about Spring Cleanup events in your area, please call PRIDE Coordinators. Lon May at 886-0498, Tom Harris at 886-3537, or Tommy Robinson at 358-2316.

Richard Thomas
 PRIDE Executive Director

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Julie Rachele Yates, 25, of Pikeville, to Jonathan Otto Morris, 26, of Prestonsburg.
 Paula Dawn Gayheart, 32, of Indiana, to Milton Dee Chaffins, 38, of McDowell.
 Tammy Renea Hall, 34, of McDowell, to Christopher Lawrence Clark, 26, of Baltimore, Md.

Civil Suits Filed

Chad Hall vs. Danny H. Hamilton; verified complaint.
 Kasey Jo Williamson vs. Bennie Williamson; divorce.
 Julia Lynn Vanderpool vs. Eric Todd Vanderpool; divorce.
 Cynthia McCarty vs. Charles McCarty; petition for annulment, petition for paternity judgment and sole custody to establish child support.
 Jessica Flanery vs. Tony Flanery; divorce.
 Monarch Capital Corporation vs. Michael Vance; complaint.
 James Trusty vs. Linda McKenzie; complaint.
 Tonya Patrick vs. Kestner Dotson and Donald R. Cluett; complaint.
 Floyd County vs. Penny Parker; complaint.
 Selena Mercer vs. Kenneth Mercer; petition for health care insurance.
 Sherry Lewis vs. Vernon

Davis; petition for health care insurance.
 Dennis Buckley vs. Tina Conaster; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Ralph King vs. Casey Collier; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Brittney McKinney vs. Trina Conley; complaint.
 Patricia Kingsley vs. Eric Kingsley; divorce.
 Polly Bradley vs. Mary Jane Nickols Interiors; complaint.
 Jami Blackburn vs. Connie Kingsley; petition for health care insurance.
 Anita Hayden vs. Larry Hayden; divorce.
 Patricia Duff vs. Deborah Beverly; complaint.
 Appleton Capital, LLC vs. Bradford Hall; petition and application to confirm and enforce arbitration award.
 MDNA America Bank, NA vs. Chris Gilley; complaint.
 John Ferrari vs. Jill S. Ferrari; divorce.
 Option Card, LLC vs. Bill Jones; complaint.
 Great Senecafin Corporation vs. Peggy Compton; complaint.
 Deborah Miller vs. Ralph Cordle; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Jan's Enterprises, Inc. vs. Steve Castle; unpaid rent.

Charges Filed

Jonathan Belcher, 23, Elkhorn; unlawful transaction with a minor, second-degree criminal trespass, two counts of custodial interference.
 Brian Wells, 28, East Point; custodial interference.
 Manis Risner, 46, Martin; felony theft.
 Agon Aldo Short, 36, Mousie; misdemeanor theft, felony theft.
 Emily Hall, 21, Teaberry; felony theft.
 Larry Spears, 47, Banner; felony theft.
 Wayne Jervis, 59, Auxier; menacing, public intoxication.
 Phillip Wallace, no age listed, Harold; third-degree criminal trespass.
 Greta Ousley, 19, Martin; public intoxication.
 Clifton G. Jordan, 22, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Caleb J. Muse, 21, Betsy Layne; third-degree criminal trespass.
 Amanda Stevens, 20, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Donny Newman, 21, Grethel; public intoxication.
 Kevin Powers, 20, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Anthony B. Francis, 39, McAndrews; public intoxication.
 Steven E. Dalton, 22, Wayland; violation of a protective order.
 Orville Vanhooze, no age listed, Paintsville; shoplifting.
 Jackie Crum, 41, Eastern; driving under the influence, failure to produce insurance card, no operators license, failure to wear seat belt.
 Michael Watkins, 35, Wayland; possession of marijuana, violation of EPO/DVO.
 Ruben Hall Jr., 51, Hi Hat; harassment.
 Evelyn Hall, 28, Teaberry; misdemeanor theft (checks).
 Irvin Adkins, 35, Harold; terroristic threatening.
 Teresa McKinney, 38, Harold; fourth-degree assault.
 David Ferrell, 39, Prestonsburg; six counts of misdemeanor theft (checks).
 Randy Tackett, 35, Wheelwright; fourth-degree aggravated assault (spouse abuse).
 Charles Boyd, 45, Harold; public intoxication.
 Richard C. Elliott, 29, Honaker; public intoxication.
 Tiffany Robinson, 25, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal trespass.
 Bret Short, 41, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Jeremy Bellamy, 21, Lexington; third-degree criminal trespass.
 Mary Robinson, 44, Prestonsburg; resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault.
 Randy Baldwin, 44, public intoxication, prescription not in original container, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.
 Lance Collins, no age listed, Harold; public intoxication.
 Stacie Puckett, 24, Salyersville; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Josh Moore, 19, Prestonsburg; harassment.
 Amburst Brown, 58, Langley; harassing communications.
 Joe Greene, 39, Printer; terroristic threatening.

Jeremy Tackett, 29, Ligon; second-degree promoting contraband.
 Boyd Clifton, no age listed, Harold; misdemeanor theft.
 Donald Collins, no age listed, Isom; public intoxication.
 Steven Scott McKinney, no age listed, Printer; first-degree criminal trespass, fourth-degree assault.
 Stephen Chafin, 41, Garrett; public intoxication.
 Jack Burchett, 34, Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespass.

Inspections

Wayland Kwik Mart, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all refrigeration and freezer units, wiping cloth use not restricted, faucet leaking at hand wash sink in food prep area, women's restroom without soap, mop stored in contact with floor. Score: Food 94, Retail 98.
 Dollar General, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: No easy to see thermometers in upright refrigerator display units, employee restroom door not self-closing. Score: 97.
 Our Lady of the Way Hospital, cafeteria, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wiping cloth not properly stored. Score: 99.
 Long John Silver's, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several refrigeration units lack conspicuous thermometers, chemical test strips not readily available at three-compartment sink, mop observed stored on floor. Score: 96.

Triangle Market, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all fridge and freezer units, pet food stored on floor, ceilings in disrepair, mop stored on floor. Score: 95.
 Hobert's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, pizza box stored on floor, leak in drain of three-compartment sink, no soap in employee restroom, floor in food prep area in disrepair, wet mop stored on floor. Score: 93.
 Baptist Day Care, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Floor tile in food prep area in disrepair. Score: 94.
 Dingus Mobile Home Park, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not numbered, some mobile home units fail to meet lot size compliance, small amount of accumulated debris, park lighting not in compliance. Score: 92.

Property Transfers

Community Trust and Investment Company, as trustee of the Brittany E. Mitchell Trust, to Charles Mitchell, property located at Daniel's Creek.
 Loretta Sue Newman to Jamie Brent and Marlena Newman, property located at Frazier's Creek.
 Bill N. and Jennifer Slone to John B. and Lorene Hamilton, property located at Burton Village Subdivision.

Stumbo sues over shift of funds from tuition program

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — State Attorney General Greg Stumbo on Wednesday asked Franklin County Circuit Court to decide whether the General Assembly had authority to shift funds away from Kentucky's prepaid college tuition program.
 Also Wednesday, Deputy Finance Secretary John Farris said Finance Secretary Robbie Rudolph would recommend suspending new enrollments in the program.
 Lawmakers this year decided to move \$13.7 million from the Kentucky Affordable Prepaid Tuition program and

repealed a law that allowed KAPT to use money from unclaimed property to cover shortfalls.

Stumbo said a lawsuit he filed Wednesday afternoon is intended to protect KAPT and is simply asking to solve a question of law. However, Stumbo said, the program is "certainly sound" and not in jeopardy regardless of the case's outcome.
 "Although, if the money is withdrawn, it would be more likely that additional money would have to be put in at a later date to fulfill the obligations of the contract," Stumbo told reporters.

In the suit, Stumbo said the transfer of funds is unconstitutional because the public money has been mingled with private funds.

"Because the General Assembly has no authority to transfer private funds to the general fund, the transfer of money from agencies in which public and private funds are commingled cannot be differentiated, and is unconstitutional," according to the lawsuit.

KAPT allows participants to offset tuition increases by locking in current rates. There have been about 8,900 KAPT contracts sold since the program's inception, according to the suit.

Rudolph, who sits on the KAPT board, said through Farris that the program was self-sufficient when it was first approved five years ago because its investment returns outpaced tuition increases.

But investments have lagged in recent years, causing KAPT to face projected long-term deficits, said Farris, who has voted on KAPT issues as Rudolph's proxy on the board.

"I don't want to shut down the idea forever, but at this time — until the investment landscape changes — we would support a moratorium," Farris said.

Rudolph was traveling and

unavailable for comment.

Farris said Rudolph would submit the recommendation to Gov. Ernie Fletcher. Fletcher policy adviser Brian Crall said the governor asked Rudolph to study KAPT but hasn't decided whether to support an enrollment moratorium.

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, which will take full control of KAPT on July 1, will make the decision on suspending enrollments.

Lawmakers insist that KAPT will meet its obligations. Lawmakers also denied that their actions, which they said were intended to help balance

the budget, are unconstitutional or threaten KAPT.

Faced with a long-term shortfall due to recent tuition increases that outpaced the program's investment earnings, the KAPT board in December withdrew \$13.7 million from the unclaimed property fund.

Before the legislature's latest action, KAPT had been allowed to use up to 75 percent of the state's unclaimed property, which the Treasury said is worth about \$150 million, as a reserve fund. Such property includes stocks, cash and valuables turned over to the state after being abandoned in safe-deposit boxes.

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Rebs win wood bat opener

HINDMAN – Allen Central edged Pike County Central 9-8 Wednesday evening in the opening round of the East Kentucky Wood Bat Invitational. The Rebels jumped out to an early 6-0 lead and won, despite a relentless Pike Central effort. The Hawks scored their eight runs on just two hits.

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Johnson Central lets Trimble go

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – As a high school player, a starting guard, no less, Les Trimble helped lead Johnson Central High School to the 1984 Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament. In 2000, Trimble had a dream fulfilled, when after going through a dominating run in the middle school boys' basketball ranks, he returned to his high school alma mater, replacing outgoing coach Johnny Ray Turner. Trimble made the move up to JCHS from Johnson County Middle School, replacing Turner, who after a

regional title run, had stepped down. On Tuesday, Trimble's four-year run as JCHS head coach came to an end when, via a spur of the moment meeting, he was notified that he would not be back to lead the Golden Eagle boys' basketball team. Trimble admitted he didn't see Tuesday's decision coming and had looked forward to preparing a JCHS team for next season.

"I dreamed of coaching at Johnson Central and that becoming a reality was special," said Trimble. "We had some great seasons and attained many goals we set out to accomplish. Unfortunately the dream of reaching Rupp never happened but it wasn't

without effort and hard work. I cherish the opportunity I was given and wish my players and the program the best of luck. I feel the program gained a lot of respect throughout Kentucky."

For the Johnson Central boys, the 2004-05 campaign included a 57th District championship and a run into the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals. The Golden Eagles finished the season at 19-10. In four seasons at the helm of the program, Trimble coached Johnson Central to a pair of district titles. Trimble posted a 5-2 record in 57th District play and a 3-3

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photo by Steve LeMaster
Les Trimble, pictured talking with his team during a timeout in the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals, says he'd like to one day return to coaching.

Notes on NCAA Final Four Weekend

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes, one-liners and odds and ends to kick off your Final Four weekend:

■ In preparation for an article you'll (hopefully) read next week, I spent part of Wednesday morning on the telephone with country music singer David Lee Murphy. When we finished the interview, he had a few questions for me.

"What do y'all think about Coach Pitino?" he asked.

Seems no matter who you are or what your line of work, this weekend's Final Four in St. Louis is the popular topic of conversation.



Rick Bentley

I plan on being home to watch Saturday's games. David Lee will be catching the highlights between shows at the Grand Ole Opry.

The Final Four was the favorite topic on Monday night's edition of *The Sports Guys*, where the panel was split as to who to pull for.

The interesting team is Louisville and how folks feel about Rick Pitino's club. Some pull for the Cards because they're what passes for a local team with the Cats meeting an untimely demise. Some just hate the Cards and won't pull for them at all.

I'm not a big UofL fan because of Pitino, someone who I think has been, since the passing of Adolph Rupp, both the best of times and the worst of times for Kentucky.

But I'll tell you this much: If I can't be happy on Monday night, it wouldn't bother me to see my friends Sam Smith, Brian Prater and Gene Layne doing a dance.

Besides, who else you gonna pull for? Carolina?

So I suppose it'll be UofL in one game and Michigan State in the other. With any luck, one of them will be around for One Shining Moment on Monday night.

■ Baseball and softball seasons have begun locally, and this promises to be an interesting year for the spring sports.

As many of you know, the KHSAA has changed the way three-team districts begin postseason play. In years past – and earlier this month for roundball clubs – the teams drew, with two playing in the opener and the other awaiting the loser. If the winner of the second game wasn't the team that lost the first one, there would be a championship game. If not, it was over.

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Blackcats start out 0-2



photos by Jamie Howell

PRESTONSBURG dropped its season-opener Tuesday, falling to visiting Sheldon Clark. Junior Brenton Hamilton saw time on the mound during the opener.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – There's a new coach leading the Prestonsburg High School baseball team. Bob Shepherd is in his first season at the top of the Blackcat baseball program. Prestonsburg got off to an 0-2 start earlier this week, dropping games to Sheldon Clark and Magoffin County.

Shepherd sent his team into its first game of the 2005 season Tuesday night. The Blackcats hosted Sheldon Clark in the season-opener and failed to find offense. The Cardinals, again taking on the role of a 15th Region contender, beat Prestonsburg 11-0. Sheldon Clark, coached by Mike Hall, got stronger as the game progressed, downing Prestonsburg in just six innings.

On Wednesday night, Prestonsburg returned to the diamond in action against Magoffin County. The Blackcats played better, but still finished short of a win as host Magoffin County prevailed, winning 6-5.

Prestonsburg entered the season with a lot of excitement surrounding a program that has shown much improvement each of the past two seasons. Junior Brenton Hamilton, who starred for Pikeville last season, will give Prestonsburg a boost throughout the 2005 season, both through his pitching and hitting.

(See BLACKCATS, page two)

Kentucky holds first spring football practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky football team held its first spring football practice Wednesday morning, a two-hour, 15-minute workout at Commonwealth Stadium.

Clad in helmets, jerseys and shorts, and enjoying a warm day, the Wildcats worked on fundamentals in position groups before ending the practice with a short team period. Coach Rich Brooks was encouraged by the practice.

"We didn't make as many alignment mistakes as I anticipated on the first day," Brooks said. "The young guys are learning where they fit."

"I was impressed with how (quarterback) Andre' Woodson threw the ball. He threw the ball accurately and made good decisions with few poor reads. I was encouraged by that."

Defensive coordinator Mike Archer, who is switching from the 3-4 alignment to the 4-3 system, has a busy spring ahead in implementing the change.

"It was the first day and there's a learning curve with new assignments and new terminology," Archer said. "I saw a lot of good things. It was a good start."

Kentucky will practice a total of 15 times during the spring, including the Blue/White Spring Game on April 23. The next practice is scheduled for today at 9 a.m. Practices are held in Commonwealth Stadium or the Nutter Field House. Practices are open to the public and media.

Kentucky All-Stars announce tryout invitees

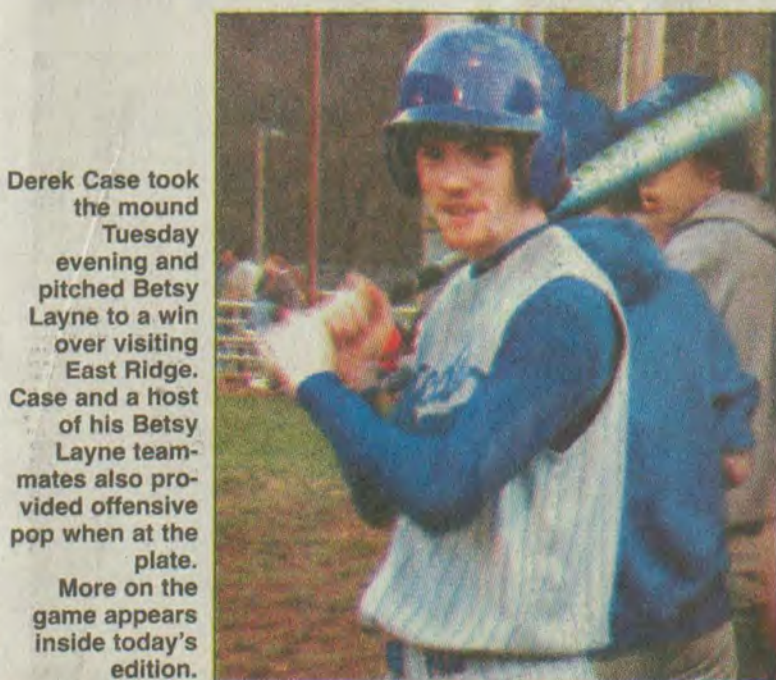
TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Betsy Layne senior Kim Clark, Knott County Central senior Kasi Mullins-Galloway and East Ridge senior Aaron Branham are among the seniors invited to try out for the Kentucky All-Stars girls' and boys' basketball teams. Mullins-Galloway was named the 14th Region player of the year and Clark took the 15th Region's top individual girls' basketball honor. Branham was named the boys' 15th Region Player of the Year.

Two of the all-star tryout invitees will have locked up spots on the team later this month.

Mr. and Miss Basketball, who will be announced April 15 in Frankfort, both have guaranteed spots on the all-star teams.

(See TRYOUTS, page two)



Derek Case took the mound Tuesday evening and pitched Betsy Layne to a win over visiting East Ridge. Case and a host of his Betsy Layne teammates also provided offensive pop when at the plate. More on the game appears inside today's edition.

AC 3, PCC 0 Rebels open with win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD – Allen Central, under the guidance of new head coach Kenneth Johnson, opened the 2005 baseball season on the road Tuesday evening against the host Perry County Central, a perennial 14th Region contender. The Rebels got going early on and went on to beat Perry Central 3-0.

Johnson enters the Allen Central program following the departure of Craig Kidd, who spent one season at the helm of the Rebel baseball team.

On Tuesday evening, the Rebels picked up all of the runs they would need for the victory in the first inning.

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photo by Tony McGuire/Hazard Herald
Allen Central senior Ryan Hammonds was one of several Rebels who came ready to play Tuesday on the road at Perry County Central. Allen Central got the season off on a winning note with a 3-0 shutout win over the Commodores.

Bentley

As confusing as I managed to write that, it certainly wasn't much prettier to see unfold.

But now, the teams will seed. The top team will get the bye and an automatic spot in the championship game, which translates to an automatic slot in the regional tournament.

Now, how many times do you think three teams can play four games and there not be a tie for the top spot? Those tie-breakers are critical, says here, particularly for the 59th District's softball teams.

In years past, those three have been unbelievably close in talent. Now, one will automatically be in the region while the other two will have a dog fight for the one remaining spot.

The reason for this is to prevent what has happened to David Rowe and Pike Central twice in recent years. They've got the thrill of winning the district title while sitting in the stands.

It will prove to be an interesting spring.

■ Baseball season also will

be interesting to follow to see how two of our region's teams fare.

Without singling anybody out, it was clear that heading into last year's region Pikeville was the overwhelming favorite. Then they got knocked off and Johnson Central not only won the title but also advanced to the state semifinals.

One year later, most of Pikeville's talent is back. And, so is Johnson Central's.

There's also Belfry, Paintsville, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark to contend with.

Sounds like a fun spring to me.

■ Meanwhile, Major League Baseball kicks off Sunday night with one that has a lot of people chuckling. The Yankees and George Steinbrenner will be in Boston to watch the Red Sox unveil the championship banner and receive their World Series rings.

Closer to home, the two teams most locals pull for are Cincinnati and Atlanta, whose seasons seem to cling to one

thought each: For the Braves, it's can John Smoltz make it as a starter after multiple years as a closer and several arm problems.

And in Cincinnati, it's that age-old question, can Junior Griffey play in 140 games?

If either happens, we could have a lot to cheer for come September.

■ And finally ...

Friends come to us from odd places from time to time. One of my good ones is a young man who worked for me at Pikeville College for four years.

Josh Childers is 14 years younger than me, and that in and of itself should preclude us from having more than an employer-employee relationship. But that wasn't nearly the case. Josh and I got to know each other and our friendship thrived as his grade-point average rose through the years.

One night he showed up for work and casually mentioned he'd been seeing a new girl. He asked if I knew Keri Fletcher. I said I knew of her, but was very familiar with her family. Her mother, Kathi, is guidance counselor at East Ridge and had been at Elkhorn City for years.

Her Aunt Keri Ann and Cousin Julie were cornerstones of B.J. Elswick's Lady Cougar team that played in the state semifinals in 1991.

Through the course of their relationship, I've counseled Josh, which often consisted of nothing more than laughing at him, and consistently offered him only a single piece of advice.

Don't screw it up.

Friday night as we gleefully watched Michigan State take Duke out (sorry Drew, it had to be said), I got a call from Josh. He wanted to let me know he hadn't screwed it up.

They're now engaged.

If you see them, it is proper to offer congratulations.

And one more thing: Keri, I wish you luck.

You're going to need it.

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Blackcats

Prestonsburg was due back in action last night, participating in the East Kentucky Wood Bat Invitational at Knott County Central. Other teams in the wood bat tournament include Knott Central, Pike Central, Silver Grove, Harlan, Whitesburg and Boyd County. The tournament is slated to run through Saturday.

DOWN SOUTH: The Pikeville High baseball team got a win Wednesday at Charleston, S.C. The Panthers beat Stall, S.C., convincingly, 15-1. With the win, Pikeville improved to 2-1.

In other high school baseball games played Wednesday evening, Williamson (W.Va.)

beat border rival Belfry 7-5, Sheldon Clark topped Shelby Valley 13-2 in five innings, Whitesburg downed Wolfe County 5-3, Johnson Central rolled over Leslie County, 14-5. East Carter shut out Elliott County 10-0 in five frames, and Ashland Blazer nipped Raceland 6-5.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg's Dalton Taylor hit the ground Tuesday, avoiding a hard throw from the Sheldon Clark pitcher.

Trimble

regional tournament worksheet. In four years under Trimble, Johnson Central had a 66-46 overall record, fourth best among all 15th Region teams.

There is more to life than basketball and Trimble will make the most of the newfound free time.

"I have a beautiful wife, Shana, and four kids, Luke, Madi,

and Reece, and Taylor." Trimble added. "Although basketball consumed me while coaching and practicing it was put in perspective when I was in my home. I have many interests other than coaching and will enjoy the down time."

The former Johnson Central player turned head coach wants

to coach again. However, he doesn't want to jump into just any coaching situation.

"I will coach again but I want the situation to be one in which I feel wanted and am supported fully," Trimble concluded.

JCHS officials have begun a search for a new boys' basketball coach.

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ATHLETES

OF THE WEEK



Kasi Mullins-Galloway, Knott Central High School Girls' Basketball



Derek Case, Betsy Layne High School Baseball

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Tryouts

Tryouts to round out the rosters will be held April 15-16 at Georgetown College.

Kentucky will play Indiana in the 65th summer basketball series in Bowling Green on June 18 and in Indianapolis on June 25.

Girls' all-star invitees - Johanna Abney (Rockcastle Co.); Adayze Azubuike (Lex. Catholic); Brittany Bass (Cov. Holy Cross); Ashley Bell (Wayne Co.); Paula Carver (Webster Co.); Kim Clark (Betsy Layne); Melanie Cornett (Rowan Co.); Jackie Distler (Sacred Heart); Amy Etherton (Bullitt Central); Ciara Gibbs (Lou. Central); Amber Guffey (Clinton Co.); Paige Guffey (Clinton Co.); Heather Hammond (Rockcastle Co.); Ashley Hawkins (Henderson Co.); Aseer Itjavkase (Tilghman); Jenne Jackson (North Hardin); Hannah

Jefferson (Bracken Co.); Robyn Jennings (Elizabethtown); Taran Johnson (South Laurel); Taylor Kopple (Sacred Heart); Julie Leach (Ohio Co.); Erica Lee (Mercer Co.); Britta Maggard (Perry Central); Destiny Matingly (Woodford Co.); Austin McIntosh (Owsley Co.); Maggie McKemie (Lou. Christian Academy); Kasi Mullins-Galloway (Knott Central); Shannon Novosel (Lex. Catholic); Carly Ormerod (Sacred Heart); Brittany Pittman (Tates Creek); Tara Rowe (Rockcastle Co.); Jayme Thiem (Newport Catholic).

Boys' all-star invitees - Derek Adams (Muhlenberg North); Keaton Belcher (Pendleton Co.); Zach Berry (Trinity); Aaron Branham (East Ridge); Nathan Bray (Somerset); Jared Carter (Scott Co.); Aaron Cash (Rockcastle Co.); Derrick

Endicott (Lawrence Co.); Eric Fields (South Laurel); Bryant Furmann (Rowan Co.); Maurice Grinter (Fairdale); Olajide Hay (Henderson Co.); Sahiou Jassey (Rose Hill); Ra'von Lee (Ballard); Matthew Martin (Clark Co.); Troy McFarland (Warren Central); Zach Mefford (Williamstown); Matt Morris (Franklin-Simpson); Jazz Neal (PRP); Curtis Pulley (Hopkinsville); Will Reeves (Ballard); Tory Robertson (Frankfort); Brett Saxton (Trinity); Kyle Saxton (Trinity); Andrew Sewell (Breathitt Co.); Steven Sexton (Wayne Co.); Michael Spann (West Jessamine); JaJuan Spillman (PRP); Anthony Thomas (Hart Co.); Domico Tilford (Jefferson County); Trey Tindell (Calloway Co.); Bryan Turnage (Henry Clay); Brenna Votel (Cov. Catholic).

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Catch and release season on selected trout streams

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Trout anglers visiting the 13 catch and release trout streams in Kentucky may now begin keeping their catch.

The catch-and-release trout season runs from October 1 through March 31 annually on the following streams: Bark Camp Creek in Whitley County; Beaver Creek in Wayne County from the KY 90 bridge upstream the KY 200 bridge, Cane Creek in Laurel County, Casey Creek in Trigg County, East Fork,

Clarks River in Calloway County from mouth of Bee Creek upstream to Old Salem Church Road bridge, East Fork, Indian Creek in Menifee County, Elk Spring Creek in Wayne County, Left Fork, Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Lick Creek in Simpson County, Middle Fork, Red River in Powell County inside Natural Bridge State Park, Otter Creek in Meade County and Rock Creek in McCreary County.

All trout caught during this delayed harvest season must be immediately released and only

artificial lures may be used. The delayed harvest season on Swift Camp Creek in the Red River Gorge National Geological Area in Wolfe County continues through May 31.

The statewide daily creel limit is eight trout of which only three may be brown trout. There is no minimum size limit. Brook trout must be released.

In order to keep trout to eat from these streams from March 31 through September 30, anglers must possess a valid trout permit.



Junior Jared Tackett has enjoyed much success as a member of the Cumberland College track and field team.



Good Finish, Better Start Tackett continues to find track success

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — On March 3, Jared Tackett, a 2002 graduate Jenkins High School graduate ran in his first NIAA Indoor National Championship meet for the Cumberland College Patriots Distance Medley Relay. The success has carried over into the outdoor season.

The Patriot 400-meter relay team, which Tackett runs second leg, not only ran away from the competition at the Emory University Track and Field Invitational on March 26, they automatically qualified for the NIAA Outdoor National Championships to be held in Louisville from May 26-28. In addition, the relay team broke the Cumberland College 400 meter relay record with a time of 41.58 seconds, a record that has been standing for twenty-seven years. This is the second

record Tackett holds at Cumberland College. In February of this year, he set the school record in the Pentathlon.

"It's great to have such great success in our first meet," Tackett said. "Overall, this is the most talented sprinting team we've had since I've been at Cumberland. We have great leadership in our coaching staff, which has really turned our sprinting program into a great success in only a couple of years. It's just great to be a part of it."

The Patriot 1600-meter relay, which Tackett anchored, hit the provisional qualifying mark for nationals and stands just one second away from automatically qualifying.

"We had a great first meet and I think the team is happy overall with everyone's performances," Tackett added. "I'm proud of how this team is coming together." Tackett, a junior at

Cumberland, also has the privilege of being the team captain, something he feels is a testament that hard work and dedication truly pays off.

"I'm just happy I've had the chance to run and compete with the athletes on our team," Tackett conferred. "Being one of the leaders on the team is something words can't describe. I just want to be a positive influence and serve as an example that if you train hard and believe in yourself and your teammates, great things will happen."

Tackett is the son of Harvey and Jan Tackett of Jenkins, and the grandson of James F. and Jean Tackett of Jenkins, and Julius and Juanita Mullins of Melvin.

The Cumberland College Patriots Track team will travel to Emory again this coming weekend at the Emory Classic, located in Atlanta, Ga.

SLIDING IN...



photos by Tony McGuire/Hazard Herald

Above: A Commodore slid in safely under a Rebel tag Tuesday evening. The Perry Central pitchers worked the Allen Central baserunners. But the Rebels made it in safely.



Five finalists named for college basketball's Wooden Award

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Utah's Andrew Bogut, Dee Brown of Illinois, Sean May of North Carolina, Duke's J.J. Redick and Wayne Simien of Kansas were named finalists for the John R. Wooden Award as college basketball's player of the year Tuesday.

The award will be presented April 9 from the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

More than 1,000 national sports writers and college basketball experts cast their votes, which were due Monday. Brown and May will play in the NCAA Final Four this weekend in St. Louis.

Voters chose a 10-member Wooden All-American team, with the top five vote getters being named Wooden Award finalists.

The other Wooden All-Americans are: Francisco

Garcia of Louisville, Chris Paul of Wake Forest, Salim Stoudamire of Arizona, Hakim Warrick of Syracuse and Deron Williams of Illinois.

Garcia and Williams also will play in this weekend's Final Four. Bogut, a 7-foot sophomore, announced Monday that he will enter the NBA draft in April.

Connecticut's Jim Calhoun will receive the Legends of Coaching award during the ceremony.

Coaches among those being watched by scalping police

by JIM SALTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Police and the NCAA will be watching closely for ticket scalpers — including coaches — as college basketball fans converge on St. Louis for the sport's grand event.

St. Louis is hosting the men's Final Four for the first time since 1978. The 46,688 seats at the Edward Jones Dome were sold out months ago, and with a large contingent of Illinois and Louisville fans coming — Champaign, Ill., is just 2 1/2 hours away, Louisville four hours — ticket scalping is a big concern.

Based upon past experience, some of those scalpers will be coaches. Every Division I coach has a chance to obtain tickets, and some have been known to sell them for a profit.

"I would say there has been a problem with coaches," said L.J. Wright, director of the NCAA's Division I Men's Basketball Championship. "It is a problem the basketball committee is trying to work through and deal with."

Earlier this month, Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice acknowledged scalping some of his personal ticket allotment for the Super Bowl, violating NFL rules. Wright said NCAA coaches also have been known to resell their tickets.

Sometimes, Wright said, it's an innocent mistake. A coach will decide not to attend the Final Four and will give his tickets to an acquaintance. If that acquaintance scalps the

tickets, they can be traced to the coach.

Doug Elgin, commissioner of the St. Louis-based Missouri Valley Conference that helped lure the Final Four to the Gateway City, believes coaches have gotten the message and either attend the game or leave the tickets unused.

"People are not willing to take the risk of losing future ticket privileges by giving them to someone other than a trusted relative or friend," Elgin said.

Punishment for coaches caught scalping tickets is loss of ticket privileges for up to five years. It's also a crime in Missouri to resell tickets at more than face value. First-time violators can face up to 15 days in jail, with a third offense perhaps bringing up to a year behind bars.

Both the NCAA and St. Louis police will have undercover officers posing as ticket buyers, seeking out scalpers on the streets and at downtown hotels.

The potential for scalping is huge, given the scarcity of tickets. Only about 10,000 were available to the general public, and those tickets were sold out in May through a random online drawing.

The rest go to organizations and individuals with ties to the NCAA. Each of the four teams — Illinois, Louisville, Michigan State and North Carolina — gets 4,500 each; the local organizing committee gets 10 percent, or about 4,600; each of the 300-plus Division I schools gets

tickets, as does the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Recipients of the NCAA allotment pay face value, which this year ranges from \$110 to \$170 per ticket. But scalpers can get much more.

Fans seeking to buy tickets through brokers and online are finding prices ranging well into five figures. Adrian Hochstadt, a 44-year-old Chicago attorney and Illinois alumnus, began posting Web messages several weeks ago, seeking tickets in anticipation that the top-ranked Illini would make it to St. Louis.

He bought tickets about a month ago on eBay — two tickets for all three games for \$720. Face value was \$260.

Hochstadt figures he got a bargain — he checked eBay after the Illini's victory in the regional finals and found similar seats selling for \$1,300.

"I think Illinois' success drove up the price because we're so hungry — we've never won a national championship," Hochstadt said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance."

For fans coming to St. Louis on the hope of finding tickets on the street, Wright urged caution.

"Just because of counterfeit tickets in the past, we would encourage folks to be careful," Wright said. "It's just one of those things where unfortunately there are some bad folks out there who want to take advantage of the fans."

On the Net:
<http://www2.ncaa.org>



Barron Davis (left) and Jennifer Kieffer were each honored with Mid-South Conference nods.

Patriot golfers grab MSC Golfer of the Week honors

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSBURG — For the first three weeks of the spring golf season, a Patriot received Golfer of the Week from the Mid-South Conference.

For the men, Barron Davis (Big Stone Gap, Va.) received Golfer of the Week for the weeks of March 20th and March 27. For the week of March 20, Davis placed 23rd at

the Embry-Riddle Tournament shooting a two-round score of 151. For the week of March 27, Davis shot rounds of 71 and 72 to win individual honors by three strokes. His two-round score was 143, being one under par.

For the women, Jennifer Kieffer (Rockford, Ill.) received Golfer of the Week for the weeks of March 13 and March 20. For the week of March 13, Kieffer placed first

in the Campbellsville Tournament, winning by two strokes with a round of 85. For the week of March 20th, Kieffer placed 11th overall in the Embry-Riddle Tournament, shooting a two round score of 170.

The Patriot men are now in action in the Southeastern Kentucky Intercollegiate. The Patriot women will not see play again until April 8-9 at the Pikeville College Invitational.



Betsy Layne is the under the direction of new head coach Frank Martin. Above: Cody Click and Brandon Kidd added to the Betsy Layne attack, both offensively and defensively.



Bobcats blast East Ridge in opener, 16-6

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Junior pitcher Derek Case went the distance Tuesday. Case hurled Betsy Layne to a 16-6 win over visiting East Ridge. The game was the season-opener for both teams.

For Betsy Layne, Frank Martin earned his first win as head coach the Bobcats. A former assistant coach, Martin took over for Duran Newsome, who coached Betsy Layne to a 58th District title last season.

Following Tuesday's win, Martin acknowledged the strong

team-effort put forth by his Betsy Layne squad. The Bobcats scored early and often en route to the 16-run performance. Several different Bobcats got in on the offensive onslaught.

"Everybody used their bats — that's what we want to do," said Martin. "The bats have really been working hard — we're making other team's defenses work. It was a real nice team effort."

Betsy Layne got in a pair of scrimmage games prior to Tuesday's season-opener. The Bobcats took on Magoffin County in two separate exhibition contests. In two scrimmages

and Tuesday's season-opener, Betsy Layne has plated a combined 50 runs.

"We're telling our kids to go up to the plate and look to hit the ball," Martin added. "Overall, offense is key to what we're doing. Our defense is solid — this is a real good group of boys. A lot of people are stepping up; a lot of younger kids are also helping us in some different places."

The Bobcats were slated to take to the road last night for a doubleheader against Belfry.

Betsy Layne is scheduled to take on Allen Central Tuesday in a Floyd County Conference opener for both teams.

Acevedo among five cut by Reds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Right-hander Jose Acevedo was among five players sent to the minors Wednesday by the Cincinnati Reds, who still have 31 players in camp.

The Reds optioned Acevedo and right-hander Todd Coffey to Triple-A Louisville. Catcher Bobby Estalella, outfielder Jason Romano and left-hander Jeremie Robertson were reassigned to the minors.

The Reds later granted Estalella's request to release him so he could try to get a major league job with another team.

Acevedo, 27, was considered one of the Reds' best young starting prospects in 2001, when he was promoted from Double-A. He won a spot in the rotation last year, but went 5-12 with a 5.94 ERA in 27 starts and 12 relief appearances.

Acevedo was trying to win a spot in the bullpen this spring, but struggled early in camp.

The Reds plan to make their final roster cuts following an exhibition Saturday against Toronto in Louisville. They have to be down to the 25-man limit for the season opener on Monday.

FROM A FAN ... Thanks for the Ride, Betsy Layne Lady Cats

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to Coach Cassandra Akers and the Betsy Layne Lady Cats for showing what determination, hard work and heart can do.

Not the chosen one by the sports prognosticators, the Lady Cats simply went about their business of winning another regional title.

The Lady Cats brought together a variety of people and a community in a display of support. You ladies proved that academic and athletic success are a result of commitment and an applied effort to achieve those things we want.

Hold you head up and walk with pride — you've made your school and the community of Betsy Layne proud. You've made little girls dream, you've brought tears of joy to your family and friends. You've proven that you are winners.

Thanks for the Ride.

*Steve Roberts,
Betsy Layne*

Floyd County NWTF holds fourth annual banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation had its 4th Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet Feb. 5 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. The chapter reported that this year's banquet was its best to date.

The National Wild Turkey Federation is a national, non-profit, educational conservation organization comprised of state and local affiliates working for the restoration and wise management of the American Wild Turkey and other valuable natural resources. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private, and corporate lands. It also supports traditional American sport hunting and every citizen's right to enjoy clean air and water and an esthetically pleasing outdoor environment.

The local chapter supports various youth programs, which includes an annual scholarship award to an outstanding graduating senior pursuing an education in conservation, 4-H programs, Archery in Schools Programs, an annual Jakes (juniors acquiring knowledge, ethics, and sportsmanship) Event for members 17 years of age and under.

This year's event will be June 11 at Camp Shawnee. The group supports Wheelin' Sportsmen Programs and Women in the Outdoors Programs.

"We would like to thank everyone that participated in our Banquet and we hope you enjoyed the dinner and activities as much as the banquet committee," said Paul Hagans, Floyd County NWTF President.

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"We especially want to thank Mary Bennett and her staff at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park for the good food and accommodations at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Ron Vanover for his beautiful presentation of the Nation Anthem, Phillip Childers our Auctioneer, Blaine's Guns and Bows our firearms dealer, The Floyd County Times, WMDJ, and Q95 Radio for their media support. We also want to thank Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson for a great place to meet at City Hall and State Wide Press for our special printing needs," Hagans added.

The Floyd County chapter meets the first Thursday of every month at Martin City Hall at 7 p.m.

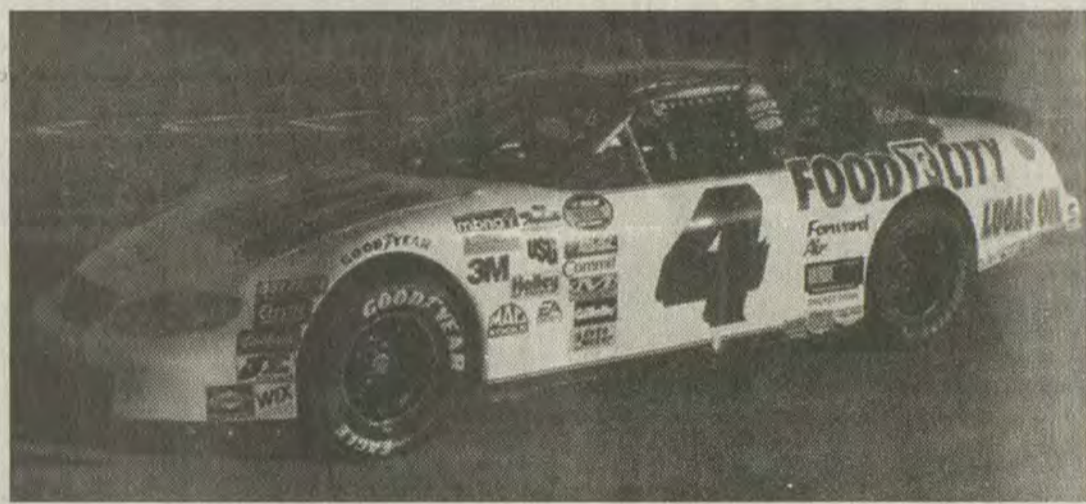


photo courtesy of Bristol Motor Speedway
Food City will be an associate sponsor for driver Mike Wallace and Morgan-McClure Motorsports.

Food City teams up with Morgan-McClure Motorsports

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Fans attending the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway on Sunday will see two local companies team up for a great day of racing on the high banks of Bristol. Food City has formed a partnership with Morgan-McClure Motorsports and driver Mike Wallace for a one-year associate sponsorship.

"We are neighbors with Morgan-McClure in Abingdon, Virginia and have watched their racing endeavors for years and are so proud to have a locally owned team to root for on the NASCAR Nextel Cup level," commented Food City president and chief executive officer, Steve Smith. "Mike Wallace has been a good friend and supporter of our Food City Family Race Night events for

years and we are thrilled he will be piloting the car," commented Smith.

The Morgan-McClure Motorsports No. 4 Lucas Oil/Food City Chevrolet will debut during qualifying for the Food City 500 today.

"We are looking forward to a great run for Mike and the No. 4 team and we hope to visit them in Victory Lane," stated Smith. "The stands will be full of Food City associates and I am sure they will enjoy rooting for a local team, their employer and a great race car driver," Smith added.

"We are honored to carry the Food City logo on our race car this weekend," said Larry McClure, president and team manager for Morgan-McClure Motorsports, Inc. "We earned our first pole position (1988) and won our first race (1990) at the Bristol Motor Speedway, so

this track will always be special to the team."

"I have always been a big supporter of the Food City management team," said driver Mike Wallace. "We tested very well this past Thursday at the Bristol track and it will be an honor to represent one of the finest NASCAR Nextel Cup event sponsors on the circuit."

Morgan-McClure Motorsports, Inc., (www.morgan-mcclure.com) based in Abingdon, VA, is a 14-time winner in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, including three victories in the prestigious Daytona 500 event in 1991, 1994, and 1995.

Headquartered in Abingdon, Virginia, K-VA-T Food Stores operates 90 retail food outlets throughout the tri-state regions of Southeast Kentucky, Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.

Higgins to leave Western Kentucky squad

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky sophomore Josh Higgins has been granted his release from the Hilltoppers' basketball team and will transfer, coach Darin Horn said Wednesday.

Higgins, a 7-foot, 275-pound center from Dayton, Ohio, played in 27 games as a sophomore. He missed the start

of the season after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery in November. He averaged 2.6 points and 1.7 rebounds per game for Western Kentucky, which finished 22-9 and played in the National Invitation Tournament, beating Kent State and losing to Wichita State.

Higgins tied a career high with 11 points in a Dec. 22 win over Kentucky State and had a

season-best seven rebounds in a win over New Orleans in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference tournament.

As a freshman, he averaged 2.7 points and 2.4 rebounds per game in 27 appearances.

"We appreciate Josh's efforts and contribution to the program the last two years," Horn said. "We wish him great success in his future endeavors."

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THROUGH MY EYES

Perfection not required

It's spring break and I'm at home cleaning my dirty house and, hopefully, even planting a few flower bulbs. The kids are all at home and I'm hoping that will be a good thing, since they are younger than me and full of unbridled energy - meaning that they should be good house-cleaning companions (note the word "should"). But, you know how that usually goes - full of energy when it comes to friends and social activities, a little dead-headed when mom points out the vacuum cleaner and lawnmower...



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Anywho, I'll be back next week, and, I'm supposing, no worse for the wear. In the meantime, enjoy the following little inspirational message sent along by friend and former co-worker Sherri Kinzer:

The Cracked Pot A Chinese Fable

A water bearer in China had
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POSTSCRIPT

Merit pay?

Reading the business news these days is almost as aggravating and depressing as reading the general news.

Last week I read that another CEO got a million-dollar-plus bonus, adding to his already multi-million-dollar salary.

The bonus is maddening enough. Again, I have to ask, who is worth that kind of money?

The media income in this area is way less than \$30,000. But if that were the case, this man's bonus in itself would pay the salaries of more than 35 people.

The ironic part of this business brief, however, is that the CEO in question is the head of ChoicePoint, the company that accidentally let loose on the world financial and personal data on hundreds of thousands of people.

A big OOPS!
All of these people are now at

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KY Highlands Entrepreneur Center launches program for juniors.

by Linda Lyon
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS BSCTC

Tim Robinson, Director of the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center in Paintsville, announced today that they are searching for the next generation of great entrepreneurs. Select youth will be offered a chance to participate in eSPIRE, an exciting new youth entrepreneurship program.

Fifteen rising juniors will become

involved with the entrepreneur center in Paintsville. Graduates from eSPIRE, will have the business development tools and resources needed and a chance to compete for money to start their own business or service organization.

The five elements of the program will include:

- Discovery: assessment of learning

style, personality, & entrepreneurial traits

- Leadership: overview of economic and civic entrepreneurship

- Idea Generation: "brainstorming" your project

- Entrepreneur Academy: participation in national entrepreneur training program in business planning

- Business Fair: competition with other eSPIRE students for thousands of dollars in start-up capital

Interested youth should contact the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center in Paintsville for more information and to pick up an application. Contact Tim Robinson at (606) 789-5486 or tim@kyhighlands.com.

The Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center is a partnership between Big Sandy Community and Technical College, the City of Paintsville and the Johnson County Fiscal Court.

Former Times staffers emphasize creativity with new literary magazine

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

There's a new literary movement in the mountains, one that takes the notion of traditional Appalachian literature to another level.

Founders Sheldon Lee Compton and Jarrid Deaton, former headliners at the *Floyd County Times*, are the publishers and editors of a new literary magazine, *Cellar Door*.

The pair, working alongside art director Cynthia Ramey, who is also a former FCT employee, founded the magazine in November. The second edition of the quarterly publication was released in February.

"The question we're most often asked is how we got started and the most frequent answer is that we just stopped talking and started working," Compton said.

Compton and Deaton, who faced opposition from local printers when they initially sought publication, say they wanted to create a "voice for fiction and poetry that pushes the boundaries and inspires growth in contemporary literature."

"With *Cellar Door*, we are willing to put it all on the line in order to get real creativity, real thought, real emotion, back into the literary world," Deaton said.

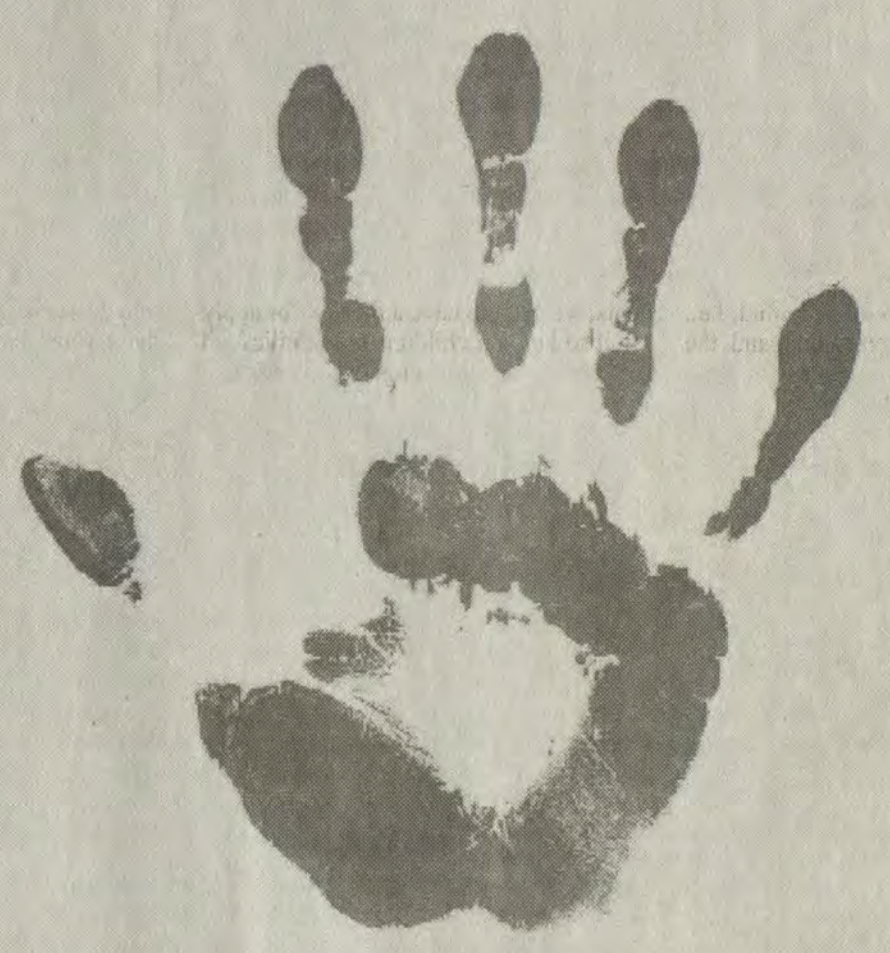
"Literature is not about being safe. It's not about pleasing the crowd or going with the flow of things. It's about daring, jumping off the cliff and building your wings on the way down. It's about having your own unique voice and refusing to compromise when it comes to your vision. That is what we stand for and promote with *Cellar Door* magazine."

The magazine's uniquely fearless literary vision caused problems when Deaton and Compton took their first copy to the printers. Compton says the magazine's biggest challenge during those initial stages was "overcoming the hurdles" that its content presented.

"We were actually turned away by local printers who cited content, basically graphic themes, as the reason for turning us away," Compton said. "We later bid the project out and printed our first issue at far less than half the cost

CELLAR DOOR

MAGAZINE



NEW FICTION FROM CAROL NOVACK, MICHAEL MILLIKEN,
JASON DONNELLY, LOGAN RAPP,
JARRID DEATON, SHELDON LEE COMPTON,
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that other printers estimated. So it worked out well."

Deaton says the magazine's content comes from an "exciting new breed" of authors whose artistic visions step away from the familiar "coal worship" scenarios seen in current Appalachian publications.

"Although we are a literary magazine in Appalachia, we are not an Appalachian literary magazine. You will find no coal worship in our pages or reminiscing about just how rewarding it is the

churn butter," Deaton said. "It's time to move forward, not into the past. There are many writers in Kentucky who are part of this exciting new breed, as it were. Our first issue has a story by Joey Goebel, who is from Henderson. He recently published his second novel, *Torture the Artist*, and is working on his third."

Since its first publication, and with the help of online advertising, *Cellar Door* has been very well received by the creative com-

munity. Copies of the magazine can be found in England, Japan, Canada and in nearly every U.S. state.

The magazine has also been given a stamp of approval from Chuck Palahniuk, the author of *Fight Club*, as well as many other authors and literary journals across the globe, Deaton said.

"It's an exciting time right now for literature, and for us in particular," Compton said. "To be

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THINGS TO PONDER

School Violence

Whenever an imbalance in society's behaviors becomes significant, one can predict that more results of psychological research will follow, in an effort to clarify the situation as much as possible. So it has been with school violence. Some time ago, the characteristics of violent-acting adolescents were discussed, based on an article in *The Forensic Examiner*. The most recent journal (May/June 2000) had an article about the assessment of dangerousness in school children. Although the info was presented for school psychologists, most likely parents and other adults in children's lives can also benefit from having as much

knowledge as possible about the topic. Adults need to be aware and be willing to follow through, since the behaviors are prone to occur at home and some of our schools do not have school counselors. Even though everyone should be more up-to-date generally, nonetheless, the media keeps reporting extreme episodes across the nation that tended to have telltale signs before the action. Most importantly for us, significant acting-out behaviors - violence and threats of violence - have continued in our nation's classrooms.

The journal's present article placed the emphasis on the professional's need to determine the "History of Dangerousness" - if potentially dangerous patterns have become firmly entrenched within the student's behaviors. There need to be con-

cerns if the child shows a pattern of antisocial thinking and behaviors that persist and intensify over time. Example include lying, blaming others, refusing to take responsibility, taking the easy way out rather than putting forth effort, demonstrating a need to control others through deception, intimidation, or physical force, and failing to develop a concept of injury to others and empathy.

Needless to say, the history of the student's behaviors should include the type, victim and relationship to the student. The antisocial person is unsympathetic of classmates who he or she sees as gullible or weak. After identifying their classmate's weaknesses, the chronic acting-out kid will pinpoint targets to pick upon and bully. There have been instances where even a

severely handicapped child has been the focus. The following points need to have attention and clarification: (1) relationship to the victim - social or one of power; (2) type of violence used - direct or indirect; (3) quality of the violence - explosive, calm matter of fact, or predatory; (4) quantity, extent and how severe, of the violent act - whether or not the amount of the insult exceeded the amount of the "cause," such as "I hit him in the head with a hammer because he spit at me"; (5) weapon used - verbal threats, physical force with fists, or club/gun; (6) degree of socialization - single student or a gang in the home or at school; (7) timing, stressor associated with the event, or a cyclical pattern - "Every

(See PONDER, page seven)



Mable Rowe Lineberger,
Ph.D.

Eyes

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two large pots. Each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One pot had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a

half pots full of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived

to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream... "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? This is because I have

always known about your flaw, and so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day as we have walked back, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my table. Without you being just the way you are, I would not have this beauty to grace my house."

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You must take each person for what they are, and look for the good in each one.

For that reason I say... "Blessings to all my crackpot friends."

Postscript

risk of having their financial information misused by identity thieves and other dishonest vermin.

I can't say that I understand it completely, but ChoicePoint is one of the growing number of companies that collect all manner of information about all of us.

Everything is in their databank, from our Social Security numbers to our credit card numbers and balances to the model of our refrigerator to the kinds of medicines we're taking.

Apparently, everything about us can be reduced to a folder in a know-all computer

in an office, in this case, in Atlanta. It's rather humbling.

It's also scary when we think of what kind of damage could be done to us with just a tiny bit of information about us. In the wrong hands, that nugget could ruin us financially. Who knows what else can be used negatively?

But, now back to where we started. The CEO, whose board saw fit to give him that overly-generous bonus, is the head of ChoicePoint, which scattered all that data about all those people.

Speaking of Atlanta, I recently visited my old college friend who lives north of the city in an area that was once rural, but is now suburban and growing more so.

Ruth lives on her share of her late grandmother's farm. Her brother has already been persuaded to sell his acreage to a developer, and the pressure is on her.

The offers have steadily risen. The latest quote? \$70,000 an acre!

She says she will not sell.

I say it would be mighty tempting.

Ponder

time he has to read he blows up"; (8) possible causes such as head injuries and/or witnessing violence in the home; and (9) the kind of pattern that exists - does the acting-out child display guilt, remorse, empathy, or anxiety about his deeds? Is it done for excitement or for control? Does he fail to take responsibility for his own actions?

In 1997, a major researcher indicated that there are five factors associated with a child's potential for dangerousness. Atmosphere - If there is discord in the family, the risk of dangerousness increases. Whereas, it has been repeatedly documented that "violence is not solely the domain of the impoverished, criminal, marginal, or inhuman. Bonding - "If a child did not bond with a parent the risk of dangerousness is greater. Is the child close to one or both parents ... birth complications combined with early maternal rejection predispose the child to violence." Criminality - If one or both parents have a history of legal problems, the child's risk for dangerousness is greater. Discipline - "If discipline is to harsh or abusive or not sufficient, and without control, the risk for dangerousness is greater." In these instances, the following examples come to mind; i.e., the parents are over controlling and the child does not have an opportunity to prac-

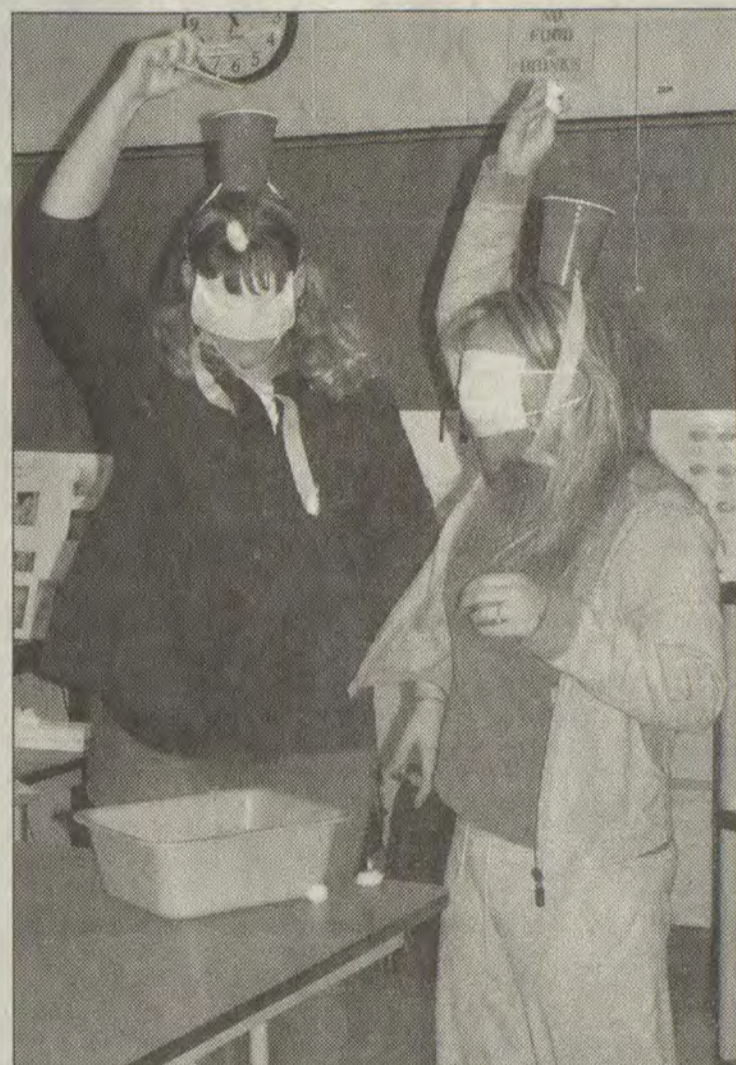
tice interacting with others; and a parent who is physically and verbally abusive to the child. Exclusive Parental Attention - "The less parental attention the greater the risk of dangerousness." Family size and spacing between births are likely to impact on this factor. An example is parents who do not provide consistent limits with predictability - the father may not pay attention to what the child does until "it has gone too far" or does not allow the mother to maintain boundaries, but does not do as he threatens the child. Thus, children often do not learn to develop inner control because their parents have always tried to keep them "happy", at any cost.

In addition, three other indicators have been recognized as increasing the child's risk of dangerousness: (1) absence of the father - this is when the father is not in the home; (2) gender - seems children are more prone to display violent behaviors, if he come from an all male family; and (3) running away - the child with a history of running away from home tends to have a greater risk of dangerousness.

Since we will continue to learn more about the risk of dangerousness in our students, we need to have a method for applying it so that our children and families will benefit. As with most knowledge, it

becomes even more valuable, when it is applied. Society, especially our children, are the winners. Since our students may not always have a school counselor, this is one of those times that community members, such as family members, neighbors, fellow church-goers, ball team coaches, and etc, as in a village, can learn to step forward and do what needs to be done in appropriate fashion. This does not mean be cruel, uncaring, and insensitive in one's behaviors, but rather to gather basic information, examine closely the child's likelihood to act-out, and then speak to the child's parents and/or school staff in a supportive manner. Before doing so, considerations need to focus on the probability of acting-out behaviors. Although future behaviors cannot be guaranteed, "the more of the risk factors and indicators present, the higher the probability of dangerousness." What is the child's rate of dangerousness - how often does it happen? Is the child angry, talking of revenge, and/or made plans? How severe is the insult, the extent of assault and injury? Was the victim a random victim or a targeted victim? Do you know any children that tend to fit into these categories? What if "something" dangerous happened that you "knew" about and you had not spoken up?

BSCTC senior students explore ideas



Big Sandy Community and Technical College senior nursing students create and present diversional activities for the hospitalized child as part of Nursing 204 critical criteria. Pictured are Emily Brown, left, and Beth Crisp.

MAC PRESENTS Mary James Keene "A Visually-Pleasing Oil Paint Exhibit..."

Mary James Keene takes painting rocks and reels to a much higher plane than usual. Her impressionistic style draws you into a scene, and you can hear the water passing rapidly at your feet...you can hear the birds and feel other small forest creatures scampering about.

Ms. Keene's paintings are all done in oil, and are displayed in hand-made frames. The gallery is open daily from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Please don't miss this opportunity to step into this beautiful exhibit.

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School Happenings

- Adams Middle School Youth Services Center**
 - If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.
 - Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.
- 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, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, 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 appointments.
- Betsy Layne Elementary**
 - The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.
 - Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.
- Clark Elementary**
 - A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.
 - 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**
 - Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); 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. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.
- May Valley Elementary**
 - May 5, 6 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-06 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If possible, new students should accompany their parents to the registration process. For more information, call the school at 285-0883.
 - 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 Head Start 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**
 - Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
- Mountain Christian Academy**
 - Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.
- Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center**
 - April 4 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 3:15 p.m., in FRC office.
 - April 11 - Last day to turn in Food City receipts!
 - May 24, 25 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-2006 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in school auditorium. The following information is required before enrollment: Student's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, physical exam, and eye exam. Please bring these documents the day you register your child.
 - The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
 - After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
 - Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.
- South Floyd Youth Services Center**
 - Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.
 - Walking track open to public.
 - 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.**
 - April 6 - Child Abuse Awareness Month - Booth will be set up in school lunchroom and Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, will be on hand for questions and comments.
 - April 11, 12, 13 - Free computer class, beginners and advanced, 5:30 to 7:30, in school computer lab. If interested, call FRC center to sign up.
 - FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.
 - Lost & Found located in 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**
 - Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness.
 - "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks, become 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.
- Wesley Christian School**
 - Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
 - For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule**
 - BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).
 - Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.
 - Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.
 - Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.
 - Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.
 - McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 - For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.



Family Medicine



Doctor may have non-hormone treatment for reader's hot flashes

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
Associate Professor of Family Medicine

Question: Are there any new medications or supplements that are available for the hot flashes of menopause? I don't want to take hormones, but I need something to help me get through this.

menopause, but can start as early as 10 to 15 years prior to menopause.

Whenever the vasomotor symptoms of perimenopause begin, they typically last for several years. The symptoms usually consist of flushing and an unexpected feeling of warmth or heat that moves up toward the head, frequently associated with sweating. While generally only lasting a few minutes, such hot flashes can cause significant sleep deprivation if they occur frequently during the night.

Hot flashes can also be associated with palpitations and dizziness. For many women, using estrogen supplementation to lessen these events is not an option. The good news is that there is ongoing research into non-hormonal

treatments. Here are a few tips that you can try on your own and a couple of things you may want to discuss with your physician.

Early research found that exercise lessened hot flashes, but some more recent studies provide evidence that this may not be true. Some women have found that practicing yoga, as well as various forms of meditation, can be quite helpful.

Caffeine, alcohol, nicotine and spicy food can make hot flashes worse. You should avoid these things. Niacin, Vitamin B-3, should also be avoided — it can cause flushing even in those who are not menopausal.

Some non-hormone based medications are being used to lessen hot flashes. All are showing some promise, but not in everyone. One that has seen some success is venlafaxine (Effexor). This medication is classified as a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI). You may have heard of SSRIs as a treatment for depression. Why

they help some women with menopausal symptoms is still not understood. Other drugs in this class are also being studied; these include paroxetine (Paxil) and sertraline (Zoloft). An older blood pressure medication called Aldomet is also being

investigated as is the clonidine patch — used for blood pressure as well as smoking cessation. These drugs are all commonly prescribed medications, but this doesn't mean your physician should necessarily prescribe them for you. He or she will need to review your personal medical history and your current symptom pattern before deciding if any of them should be tried as a treatment for your menopausal symptoms.

A small study has recently been done using an antihistamine called cetirizine (Zyrtec) to decrease vasomotor symptoms. It has yielded some promising results, but more research will be needed before most physicians will feel comfortable using this medication for

the treatment of hot flashes.

Herbal and over-the-counter products like Vitamin B, Vitamin E, evening primrose oil, and certain soy proteins may have some benefit in some women. However, I caution you not to try any supplement to treat yourself without first having an in-depth discussion with your physician.

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included in reading series and discussion panels across the area and then the nation was something we didn't anticipate when we started the magazine. To have become actively involved in that setting has been a great pleasure and privilege. We can only expect to grow and become more involved as our efforts become more focused."

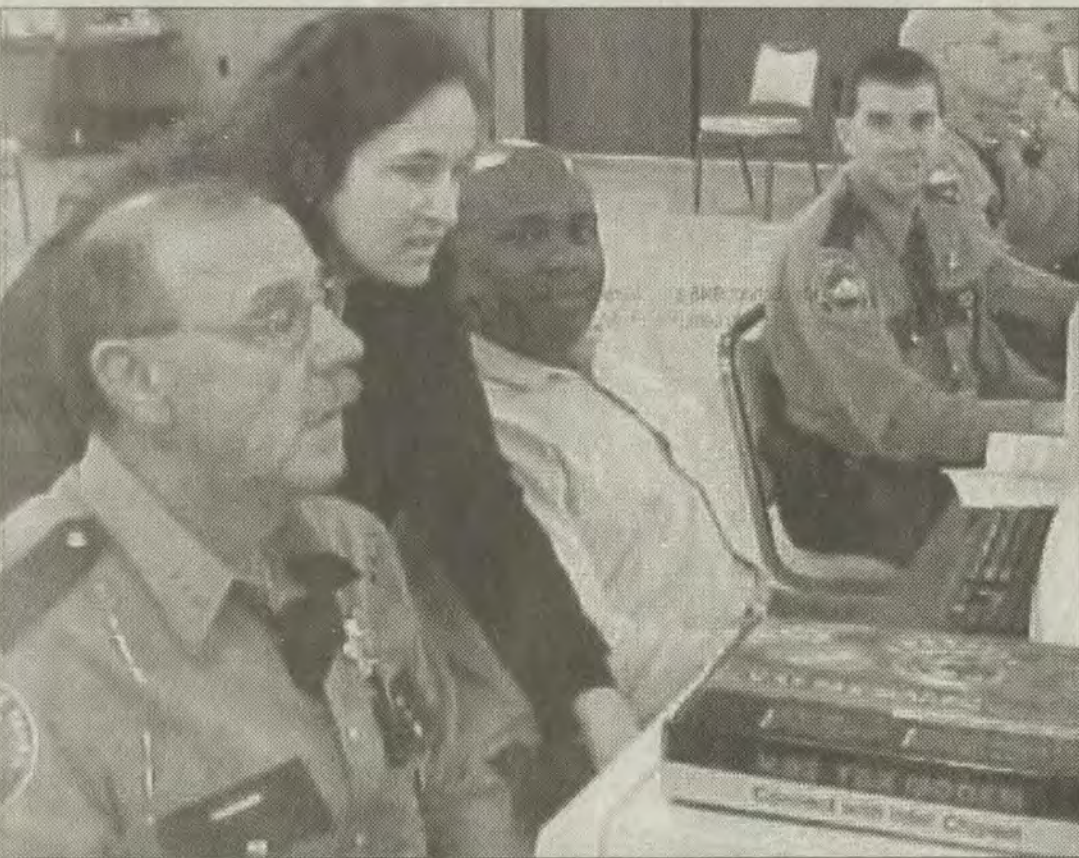
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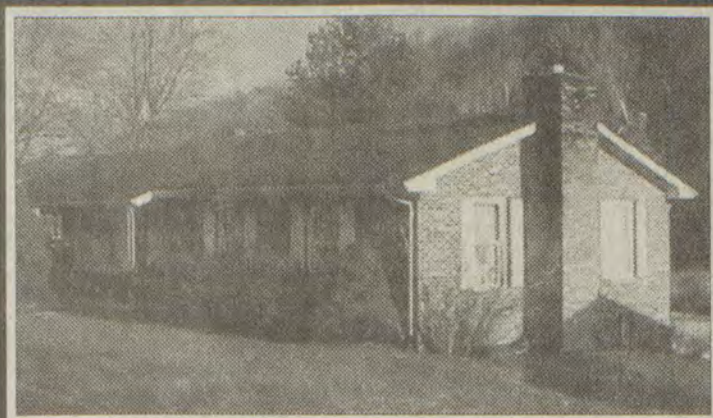
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