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Crash delays Herald

The Associated Press

PAINTSVILLE — A newspaper van crashed destroying an entire press run of The Paintsville Herald, a 5,200-circulation newspaper in eastern Kentucky.

Editor Loretta Tackett said the van was traveling north early Wednesday on U.S. 23 from Pikeville, where the twice-weekly newspaper is printed, to Paintsville when a tire blew out, causing the crash.

The van struck a guardrail at Ivel and burst into flames, destroying all the newspapers.

The driver escaped without injury.

Tackett said the newspaper was reprinted later on Wednesday, with photos and a story about the crash.

"We altered the front page to insert the story of why readers were a bit late getting their news," she said.

Brother, sister to be tried together

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sheila Dotson and her brother, Michael Lester, appeared in circuit court Wednesday for a hearing in the case that accuses them of conspiring to kill her husband Donald Dotson.

Lester is charged with the actual shooting, which occurred in Auxier

last summer, but Dotson was indicted for complicity in the crime two weeks ago.

Judge Danny Caudill informed the pair that their cases will be tried together and upheld Dotson's bond, which was set at \$225,000, which is the same amount that Lester is being held on.

Judge Caudill offered their attorney, Steve Owens, a chance to file

for a continuance since the joining of the case will double Owens' workload for a case that was set for April 25. Owens will, most likely, announce whether he seeks the continuance at the next hearing date for the pair, which is set for Tuesday.

The next hearing will also see a conference on whether or not certain

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Siblings Michael Lester and Sheila Dotson learned Wednesday that they will stand trial together for charges stemming from the shooting of Dotson's husband last year.

photo by Tom Doty



Prestonsburg police officer Sam Goodman, right, returned to work Wednesday after a year in Kosovo and presented Chief Mike Ormerod with an award recognizing his efforts to support the National Guard by keeping Goodman's job for him when he returned from service.

photo by Tom Doty

Home from Kosovo, P'burg police officer back on patrol

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Police Officer Sam Goodman returned to duty Wednesday after a year of service with his National Guard unit in Kosovo.

When Goodman left last year he was presented with a key to the city by Mayor Jerry Fannin and was feted with a surprise going away party arranged by Chief Mike

Omerod, who at that time announced that all police vehicles would sport yellow ribbons until his safe return.

All of those ribbons will now come off cruisers and be replaced with ribbons honoring Shawn Roop, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, who is currently serving with his National Guard unit in Iraq.

When Goodman returned to work Wednesday it wasn't empty

handed. He presented Chief Omerod with an award from the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, which recognized the flexibility and understanding of the Prestonsburg Police Department, which promised to hold Goodman's job for him until he returned.

Goodman thanked Omerod and presented him with a certificate, before looking at his watch and saying, "I better get to work."

PRIDE prepares for cleanup

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Thursday morning's meeting of the Floyd County PRIDE Committee turned into a discussion of spring cleaning projects as well as funding concerns.

A plan to register as a nonprofit agency was abandoned. The group passed a motion to assign the Floyd Fiscal Court as its "fiscal agent." The committee will act as an advisory council to the fiscal court, who will handle funding issues.

Talk turned to cleanup efforts with Gary Frazier, who has worked with PRIDE for a number of years, noting that "no sus-

tained effort to clean up roadways" has been workable and that volunteers aren't as dependable in maintaining clean roadways as regularly paid employees assigned to specific areas.

Floyd County PRIDE Coordinator Lon May noted that the fiscal court hired college students last summer for some road cleaning projects and was pleased with the results. The court will consider doing the same process this season, he said.

Margo Barber brought up the "Adopt a Highway" program and the group is considering taking the plunge of adopting a

(See PRIDE, page seven)

City to enforce parking policy

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A meeting of the city traffic committee resulted in a decision to enforce two-hour parking limits in the downtown area.

The issue was brought to the council's attention at its last meeting, when several business owners

on West Court Street blamed motorists who ignore the posted two-hour parking limit for impacting their businesses.

Police Chief Mike Omerod was present and said that he had his officers monitor Court Street for five days and revealed

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Family responds to wrongful death appeal

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Pikeville attorney Larry Webster is asking the court to affirm an Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet's Board of Claims decision in a 16-year-old wrongful death case.

The board of claims entered a final order this year, denying a motion to dismiss the case and a

request for individual payment to Mitchell and Mary E. Williams. The board awarded Mitchell Williams, the executor of the estate of deceased Betsy Layne High School student Anthony Wayne Williams, \$200,000.

Webster filed a response Tuesday to an appeal by Assistant Attorney General Brent Irvin, who claims the

(See APPEAL, page three)



Prestonsburg Postmaster Edith Risner, center, was one of 18 postal employees nationwide to receive the Benjamin Franklin Award of Excellence, presented to her Thursday by Floyd County Times Publisher David Bowyer and circulation manager Patty Wilson. The award is awarded by the National Newspaper Association each year to postal employees nominated by newspapers for their commitment to customer service. "I'm just here to do my job, but this is nice, though ..." Risner remarked after receiving the award. "The Prestonsburg Post Office is proud to be part of a 225-year organization of linking American communities together. Our workforce totals over 700,000 employees, who deliver mail to everybody, every day, everywhere."

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Today



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Tomorrow



High: 68 • Low: 41

Sunday



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# Odds & Ends

■ **GREENSBURG, Ind.** — A man who went to the sheriff's department to bond out his brother-in-law also ended up in jail when police realized the money he handed them reeked of marijuana.

Timothy Richards, 45, of Columbus, went to the Decatur County Sheriff's Department and when he handed dispatcher Julie Meyers \$400, she counted it and then noticed something unusual.

"When I walked back toward the jail I noticed the money was damp and smelled funny," Meyers said.

A jailer who sniffed the money told her it smelled like marijuana, she said.

Indiana State Trooper Chip Ayers was nearby and asked for the money, she said. He smelled

it and then asked Richards for consent to search him and his car, Meyers said.

Ayers found a pipe and a small amount of marijuana and charged Richards with possession. If convicted, he could face six months to three years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Richards remained in jail for several hours Tuesday — until his brother-in-law made bail and came back to pay his own \$250 bond.

■ **BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash.** — Darrell and Nina Hallett love their dog Comet and have reached deeply into their wallets to prove it.

The couple spent \$45,000 on a stem cell transplant for their golden retriever, who is recovering from lymphoma, a type of

cancer that attacks the immune system.

Dr. Edmund Sullivan, a Bellingham veterinarian, performed the transplant last summer, using stem cells from another golden retriever.

Sue Hendrickson, a friend of the Halletts, owns Comet's mother and 11 other dogs. She spent months tracking down 40 of Comet's relatives to donate blood, eventually finding three perfect matches.

She flew to Florida to get Rico, the biggest of the three and the one who could yield the most stem cells, and delivered him to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, which donated advice and facilities for the transplant.

The cancer center has performed hundreds of bone-mar-

row or stem-cell transplants on dogs over the past four decades, as researchers perfected techniques used to treat cancer in humans.

Comet's transplant happened in June. After a long, steady recovery, he appears to be showing signs that he's been cured.

■ **SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.** — Police say a 30-year grudge boiled over when a former elementary school teacher littered the driveways of former co-workers and bosses with roofing nails and splattered paint on their garage doors.

Thomas R. Haberbusch, 72, pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count each of stalking, criminal mischief and criminal tampering, all misdemeanors.

Police said that three former school board members, a retired principal and a retired assistant

principal at Caroline Street Elementary School were among the nine victims Haberbusch targeted over the past two years. Their car tires were damaged by roofing nails that Haberbusch threw in the driveways, police said.

"It's very bizarre to carry around a grudge for nearly 30 years," said Saratoga Springs police investigator John Catone. "At least now there can be closure for all those people he terrorized."

Police said Haberbusch had been angered after receiving poor work reviews.

Saratoga County assistant district attorney David Harper requested that Haberbusch undergo a mental health evaluation as part of the plea agreement. He also will be barred from contacting the victims in the future.

■ **PERTH, Australia** — An

overzealous attempt to rid a Thai restaurant of cockroaches sparked an explosion that blew the eatery apart, emergency services said Thursday.

Three men were hospitalized with burns after they set off 36 cockroach fumigation devices — aerosol cans filled with chemicals — which apparently exploded after their contents came into contact with an oven pilot light.

Duncraig fire station officer Kieran Cooper said the blast wrecked the restaurant.

John McMillan, manager of Western Australia state's fire investigations unit, said the huge blast lifted the roof off the Tamarind restaurant in the state capital, Perth.

"The restaurant owner has used the principle that if you use twice the soap, you get your hands twice as clean. He's just overdone it," McMillan said.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 8, the 98th day of 2005. There are 267 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record. The round-tripper was off pitcher Al Downing.

On this date:

■ In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.

■ In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.

■ In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for the last time.

■ In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

■ In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

■ In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

■ In 1981, Gen. Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88.

■ In 1990, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in

Indianapolis at age 18.

■ In 1993, singer Marian Anderson died in Portland, Ore., at age 96.

■ In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

**Ten years ago:** Former secretary of defense Robert S. McNamara, in an interview with AP Network News and Newsweek magazine to promote his memoirs, called America's Vietnam War policy "terribly wrong."

**Five years ago:** The Central Intelligence Agency confirmed that personnel action had been taken following the mistaken bombing of the Chinese embassy during the NATO war against Yugoslavia; one employe was reportedly fired. Actress Claire Trevor died in Newport Beach, Calif.

**One year ago:** National security adviser Condoleezza Rice told the Sept. 11 commission "there was no silver bullet" that could have prevented the 2001 terrorist attacks. Iraqi insurgents released a videotape of three Japanese captives, threatening to burn them alive if Japan did not withdraw its troops from Iraq. (The hostages were later released unharmed.) Fred Olivi, who

copiloted the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, died in Lemont, Ill., at age 82.

### Today's Birthdays:

Former first lady Betty Ford is 87. Comedian Sheeky Greene is 79. Investigative reporter Seymour Hersh is 68. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 65. Singer J.J. Jackson is 64. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 64. Songwriter-producer Leon Huff is 63. Actor Hywel Bennett is 61. Actor Stuart Pankin is 59. Rock musician Steve Howe (Yes) is 58. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 54. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gary Carter is 51. Actor John Schneider is 45. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 43. Singer Julian Lennon is 42. Rock singer-musician Donita Sparks (L7) is 42. Rapper Biz Markie is 41. Actress Robin Wright Penn is 39. Actress Patricia Arquette is 37. Rock singer Craig Honeycutt (Everything) is 35. Rock musician Darren Jessee is 34. Actor Taran Noah Smith is 21. Actress Kirsten Storms is 21.

**Thought for Today:** "A highbrow is a person educated beyond his intelligence." — James Brander Matthews, American author and educator (1852-1929).

## Education officials consider design for future CATS testing

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State education officials on Wednesday mulled over a plan that would change the structure of Kentucky's student assessment exams.

The State Board of Education is considering ways to tweak the annual tests that pupils across Kentucky take.

One component could develop a way for the state to track student progress over time. The board is also considering proposals that would bring the state in line with federal requirements to have pupils in grades three through eight take annual reading and math assessment tests.

Board members said they also

wanted to enhance the reporting of scores, getting more pupil information in less time.

Members said they wanted to keep the tests efficient enough to be administered within a "reasonable" time, and keep them affordable.

Some acknowledged that the state may not be able to afford a testing system that has everything that educators are looking for.

"We may have to make sacrifices," said Hilma Prather, a board member from Somerset.

The board is crafting a proposal to solicit bids for a new testing company to work on proposed modifications to its Commonwealth Accountability Testing System. Most changes would not be implemented until

2007.

Currently, students in grades four, five, seven, eight, 10, 11 and 12 take Kentucky Core Content Tests in different subject areas, including: reading, math, science, social studies, writing and the arts. Students also maintain writing portfolios, which are reviewed after grades four, seven and 12.

Richard Innes, of the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions, said the plans were encouraging. Innes said the state needs a way to measure individual students' progress over time.

"What I like is that this board, this year, people are really asking good questions," Innes said. "They're paying attention to the areas that we think they need to start paying attention to."



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## Child abuse awareness pushed during April Appeal

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and a state agency called Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky is trying to raise awareness.

Some of the information the group has disseminated to our court system was passed on to Family Court Judge Julie Paxton and includes some figures about child abuse in the state.

"I think that it is very important that people be aware of what they can do when they suspect a child is a victim of abuse," Paxton said.

Paxton noted that most people fear recrimination if a claim is reported but disabused that notion saying, "All calls are confidential and it can be reported directly to social services or to the state police or local law enforcement."

She pointed out that the only thing necessary when making the call is to do it in good faith. The only time a judge will compel an organization to reveal who reported the abuse is when there is a suspicion that the incident was reported in bad faith as a means of getting back at someone that the caller harbors a grudge against. Paxton further noted, however, that in her five years as a family court judge, she has never had a case where that was necessary.

Paxton also illustrated that there are plenty of ways to get involved in combatting child abuse. Community groups and organizations may benefit from a video produced two years ago about child abuse by local law enforcement, the court and social services. It features interviews with professionals who are involved in the process of reporting and following up on abuse claims and can be obtained from Paxton's office.

Interested groups are free to contact her office at 889-1676 to find out more.

The waiting room at the courthouse for children involved in court proceedings is also a place where people can help. Volunteers are always welcome and donations of toys are greatly appreciated.

The good news is that groups like PCAK have reached out for support and found that Kentuckians were more than willing to lend a hand with over 21,000 hours of volunteer service provided by citizens to prevent child abuse and neglect in their communities. All but three of Kentucky's 120 counties are actively engaged in child abuse prevention efforts.

Last year saw 64,000 children reported as neglected or abused. Last year 31 children in Kentucky died as a direct result of abuse or neglect. The best estimates are that a child is abused in Kentucky every eight-and-a-half minutes.

Board of Claims acted erroneously in its decision.

In his response, Webster, representing Mitchell Williams, cited a Supreme Court decision that held the Kentucky Department of Education "vicariously liable" for the negligence of the Floyd County Board of Education and its employees at the school.

"The Floyd County Board of Education is not a necessary and proper party to defend this action because it is one and the same as the plaintiff, as the Supreme Court made clear," Webster wrote.

Webster also argues that former Betsy Layne High School student, Julie (Hall) Kidd, a defendant in the case, should not be named in the suit because the "damage award against the commonwealth is not to be reduced by an amount voluntarily paid by a 'joint tortfeasor.'"

Mitchell Williams filed suit in November 1989 against Kidd and her insurance company, the Capital Enterprise Insurance Group, which awarded him a \$75,000 settlement in the case.

Her attorney, Jerry Patton, filed a motion to dismiss her from proceedings on March 18, citing several issues, including the fact that Kidd was not a party to action before the Board of Claims and, therefore, "is not a proper party to this action."

According to court documents, Anthony Wayne Williams died after an April 28, 1989, car accident on Little Mud Creek Road near Honaker. The Betsy Layne High School student was decorating the school's gymnasium for the prom and left school premises with Kidd to get additional supplies.

Both students had been drinking prior to the accident, the suit claims, and were not wearing seat belts at the time of the accident.

Anthony W. Williams, a passenger in the car driven by Kidd, died after he was ejected and crushed by the vehicle.

Kidd, who was 16 at the time of the accident, told Kentucky State Police officers that she was unfamiliar with the road had been driving too fast around a curve, the suit says. The car tumbled a 22-foot embankment on the east side, the suit says.

On April 26, 1990, Mitchell Williams filed suit against the Department of Education (Floyd County Board of Education-Betsy Layne High School faculty) and the Board of Claims. Irvin argues, "construed all these claims" and dismissed it

for lack of jurisdiction.

In 2003, the Supreme Court remanded the case back to the Board of Claims, ruling that there is a "special relationship" formed between a school district and its students that "imposes an affirmative duty" on the district, faculty and its administration to prevent foreseeable harm to its students.

"An administrative judge could conclude that the faculty and staff at Betsy Layne High School should have been aware that the students were drunk driving while traveling to and from school sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities," Irvin wrote, citing the Supreme Court decision.

He argues that governmental immunity laws prevents Mitchell Williams from suing the Department of Education and/or the Floyd County Board of Education.

Irvin, seeking an appeal to the board of claims decision, says the Department of Education is "blameless" because they have no way of supervising day-to-day activities at every school.

He argues that both students left without the knowledge or permission from staff at the school and says that that the Board of Claims erroneously decided that the faculty and staff at the school were "100 percent" responsible for the accident.

He also alleges that the Board of Claims erroneously refused to permit the Department of Education to bring representatives to the Board of Claims hearing to defend allegations of faculty and staff negligence at Betsy Layne High School.

Webster argues that Anthony

Williams left the school with "implied or direct knowledge or permission" that was "unlawfully given" from faculty or staff members.

"The proximate cause of Anthony Williams' death was the negligence of the school system in allowing him to leave premises," he wrote. "The Supreme Court has so found and

that is the law of the case."

Michael Schmitt, representing the Floyd County Board of Education, filed a motion to dismiss the case against them and a motion for extension of time on March 18. Schmitt argues that the case fails to state a claim against the board of education upon which the court "can properly grant relief."

## Siblings

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evidence will be allowed during the trial regarding Lester and another shooting.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor used the hearing to refute statements Owens made last week at a hearing where he said that he received a faulty tape from the state as part of a collection of evidence they have prepared on the case. Owens made a point of saying that it had happened a few times previously as well. Taylor produced the tape and played it for Owens on what he called

"the cheapest recorder I could find." The tape played clearly but Judge Caudill asked that it be turned off after a few seconds.

Owens also used the hearing to ask the judge if the jail could arrange a haircut for his client before the trial date and Caudill noted that he was sure it wouldn't be a problem and said that the jail, which had been asked to arrange the service on several occasions, would get the job done but that they are usually cautious when arranging services.

## Parking

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that there are presently eight people who park there during business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for longer than two hours. He said that five of those actually live in apartments along the street.

The committee heard Omerod's report, which included the addresses of the known violators, and opted to send each a registered letter explaining the situation before the police department begins writing parking tickets in a week.

Omerod suggested that a hearing officer can be chosen to deal with any claims by dri-

vers who contest parking fines, which will probably be set at \$1 or \$2.

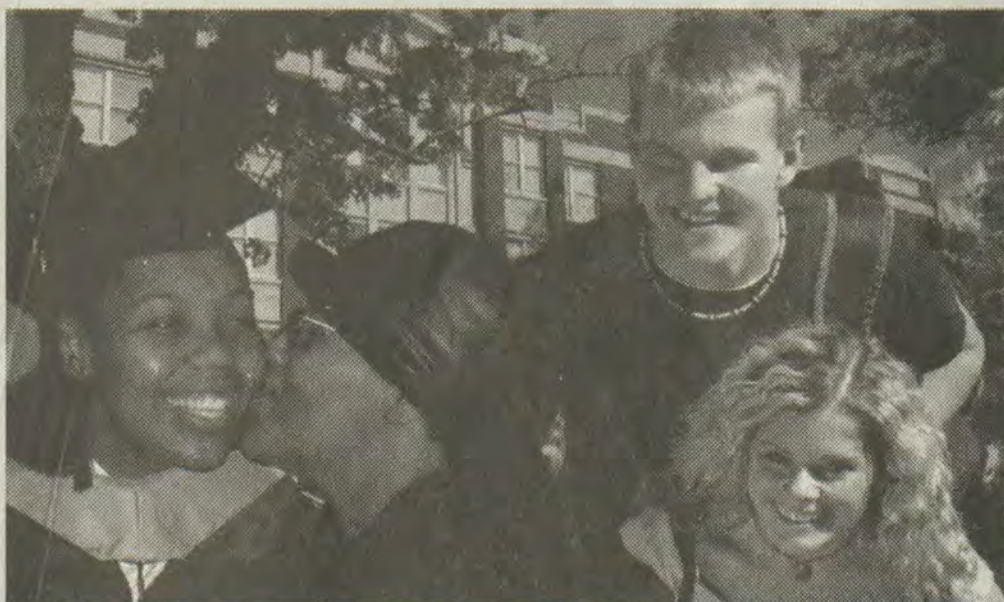
Omerod said that the toughest parking fines are reserved for those who improperly park in handicapped spots and fire lanes, with tickets for those offenses being \$50 and \$25, respectively.

Omerod also noted in his report that at no time during the department's routine sweeps of Court Street, which were done at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., did his officers notice that there were no vacant spots available for customers.

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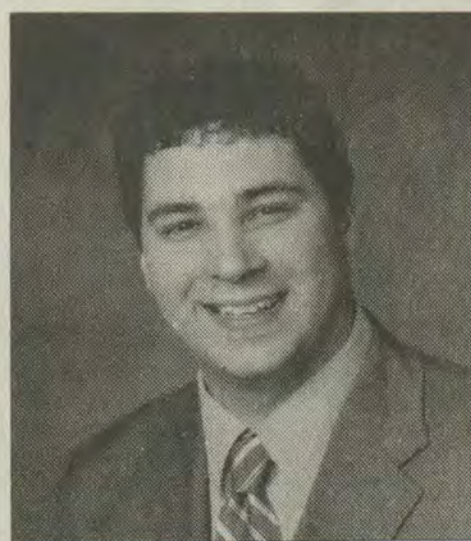
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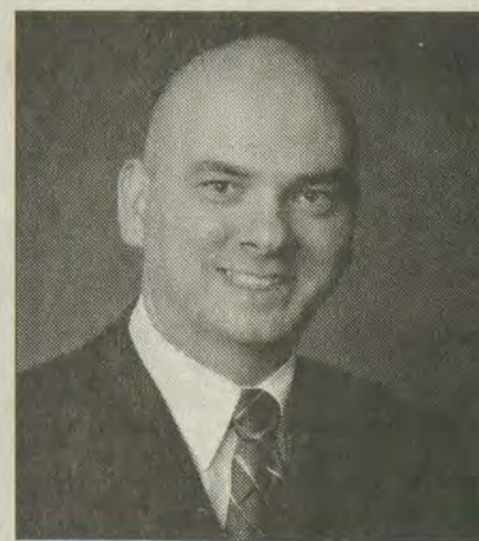
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— Samuel Butler

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### Editorial roundup

#### The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on the legacy of Pope John Paul II:

Upon his election, a Roman Catholic pope assumes dual roles: He is the leader of one of the world's largest religions and the ruler of the world's tiniest city state. That dichotomy summed up John Paul II well. The name he chose for himself also reflects that split nature: John, for the charismatic John XXIII, and Paul, for the intellectual Paul VI. ...

His remarkable papacy could be split in two as well. There was the youthful, globe-trotting John Paul II who helped topple communism, and the frail John Paul II who appeared to react slowly as the Catholic Church in America faced the worst crisis in its history. ...

People of faith, however, revered him for standing against the tide of what many see as a moral decline in the Western world. He did not yield on issues such as divorce, artificial birth control and married priests. He expanded the doctrine of papal infallibility and beatified its author, Pope Pius IX.

He centralized power in the Vatican. The result lessened the influence of local bishops and, in some ways, created a cultural clash in the United States, where many Catholics sought to have more of a role in the policies of their church. Many critics believe that is one of the reasons the Catholic Church in America was so slow to respond to the sexual abuse crisis.

John Paul helped reshape the world. ...

#### The Record of Bergen County, N.J., on Pope John Paul II's critique of capitalism:

Many who admired Pope John Paul II for his energy and charm failed to hear the uncomfortable message that became a central theme in recent years: his condemnation of the excesses of capitalism.

"We must not forget," he said on a visit to Mexico, "that often it is the poor who are forced to make sacrifices while the possessors of great riches do not show themselves ready to renounce their privileges for the good of others."

That message should not be lost on the world - and especially not on this nation, where the gulf between rich and poor grows ever wider, where one's worth is measured in possessions and status symbols and where government itself is growing stingier. Even the idea of public responsibility to the poorest members of society is questioned.

The millions who will pay tribute this week to John Paul's accomplishments should remember his heartfelt call to social justice.

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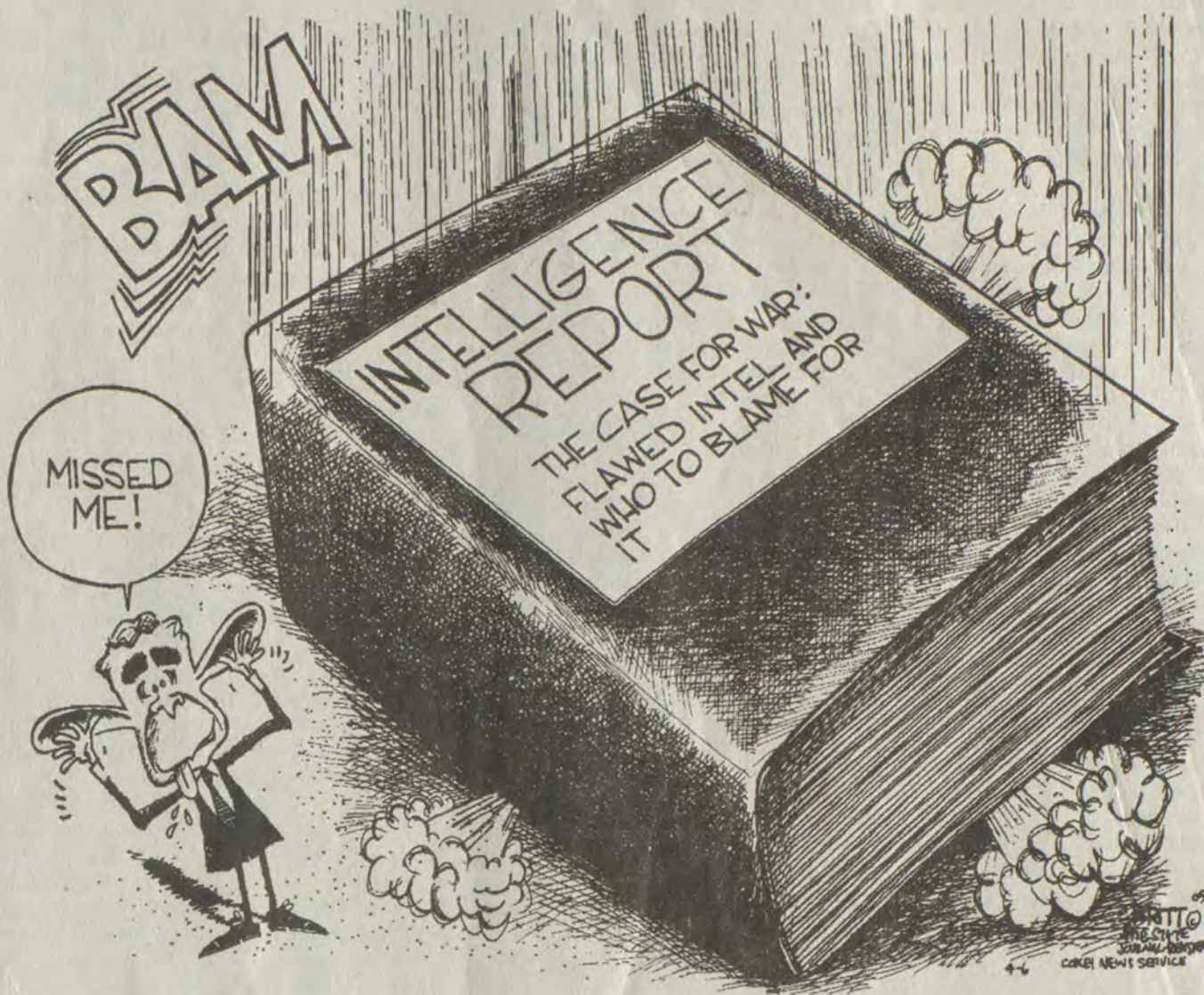
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## Letters

### Against annexation

I would like to take this opportunity to voice opposition to the annexation of Highlands Regional Medical Center by the city of Prestonsburg.

There are employees from many cities and townships. Many of us pay taxes to the city or county in which we reside. Why should we also pay taxes to the city of Prestonsburg?

Highlands was not built in the city

limits of Prestonsburg and is not now in the city limits. This may have been the intent when the site for Highlands was chosen. Highlands serves the community, the people of Floyd County and surrounding counties, not just residents of Prestonsburg!

In an effort to increase the revenue of Prestonsburg, nine people have set out to levy tax on more than 400 employees at Highlands. The persons affected by this proposed annexation should be given the opportunity to vote on this issue, either in support or opposition.

Mr. Fannin and council members, I don't feel that it is right to take our

money to build golf courses and plant flowers in Prestonsburg. What happened to democracy in this situation?

If the annexation occurs, we should be allowed to vote for the council and mayor as we will be paying taxes to the city. I don't see that there will be any benefits as a result of this action to the organization or its employees.

Many of those working at Highlands Regional Medical Center patronize businesses in Prestonsburg. We do not want to be forced to change this practice!

Larry Daniels  
HRMC employee

### College groups make a difference

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College has yet another reason to be very proud of its students. As you may recall, the first Saturday of April was rainy, windy and cold, yet nearly 50 BSCTC students, including some faculty and staff, together with family members and friends, spent a good portion of the day participating in the annual Paintsville Lake State Park Cleanup Contest and Jenny Wiley State Park "Operation Clean Sweep."

At Paintsville Lake, the event began at 8 a.m., while Jenny Wiley's began at 10 a.m.

Chilled to the bone, wet and exhausted after picking up other people's trash, our teams, with other participating groups, returned to their respective start-

ing points to be greeted with abundant food, in the form of a cookout, and the praise and admiration of the parks' coordinators for a job well done.

The BSCTC team at Paintsville Lake won second prize for collecting nearly 100 bags of trash, while our people at Jenny Wiley received very nice souvenir T-shirts and a few raffled prizes for their efforts.

Even though we all looked like "something the cat dragged in" at the end of the day, I can safely say that everyone felt pretty good for having done something tangibly worthwhile for our beautiful parks. What a great way to begin "Environment Month"!

The BSCTC Team at Paintsville Lake included Danielle Isaac, Lucretia Hall with children Rachel and Andrew, Ashley Clevenger, Allison Jo Murray, Kate Lowe, Ann Smith Hollis, Hope Sanders, Jessica Hackworth, Amanda Webb, Danielle Rador, Peggy Howard,

Mahala Grimm, Joseph Bayes, Brooke Hall, Herbert Grimm (EKU), Danielle Minix with husband Rodney, team co-leader Elaine Shiber and BSCTC faculty member Dan Bell.

At Jenny Wiley, participants included Rita Newsome, Connie Thompson, Tracey Collins, Jennifer Newman, Diane Burke, Racheal Smith, Rebecca Goines, Chelsea Hogg, April Combs, Jessica Reed, Louanna Calhoun, Tina Blevins with daughter Anastasia, Jeremy and Cody Click, Kim Wells, Stefanie Kinner, Telah Watson (MSU), team leader John Shiber and BSCTC faculty and staff members Lisa and Ricky Music with children Joshua and Stephanie.

Thanks, everyone!  
John G. Shiber  
Coordinator, Community Biology Club  
Big Sandy Community and Technical College

### McGuire's claims unsubstantiated

For two years, I have sat at board meetings and listened as one of our board members, Mickey McGuire, has made astonishing charges against the board he is now a member of. I have been amazed at how easily he makes these charges and how little support he has for them. Mr. McGuire tantalizes the media with sure-fire headlines that will sell papers. He offers no evidence, no proof that anything that he says is true, yet no one questions or scrutinizes his version of a situation.

Forget the fact that the real business of the board, improving instruction of children, has to be put aside or that the professional reputations of those under his fire are being damaged by unsubstantiated charges, his charges make for grabber headlines. The public sitting at home, knowing little about what has happened, looks at those headlines and thinks nothing has changed.

But it is not the truth and it doesn't serve the public well.

1. Mr. McGuire has accused the Floyd County Board of burying our heads in the

sand, ignoring the alleged incident of abuse at May Valley.

Several weeks ago, members of the Floyd County School Board met at Betsy Layne Elementary with board attorney Mike Schmitt and Mike Casey, a Lexington lawyer who represents Floyd County for the insurance company in the case of the May Valley students. Mr. McGuire was present at that meeting.

Earlier, the board chair and vice chair had requested that all depositions in the case be made available to the board attorney and, once these were reviewed, recommendations would be offered regarding any actions that the district needs to take. Mr. Schmitt is in the process of reviewing those depositions.

2. In an interview with the press after the board meeting, Mr. McGuire said that he had been threatened by the board because of his outspokenness.

No one on the board has threatened Mr. McGuire. The only request that has been made of all board members is that they honor the fact that this case is under review by the school district and that recommendations regarding potential board actions will be forthcoming.

Statements being made by Mr. McGuire about the guilty of certain individuals involved in this situation are of concern.

Until the review of the depositions has been finished, statements regarding anyone's guilt or lack of it are premature and irresponsible.

3. There has been no attempt to cover up anyone's actions.

From day one, before any action was taken in this case, Mr. McGuire was charging the Floyd County Board with a cover-up.

When asked by the Lexington attorney how much we, as a board, wanted to know about the case, my answer was, "Everything." We have a responsibility to examine the situation closely and take whatever action that is needed to prevent such an incident from reoccurring. We are not going to make wild, irresponsible accusations against anyone, and once we have done our work, we are not going to cover anything up or keep anything secret. We are going to act responsibly.

The confidentiality clause that was inserted into the May Valley agreement was something that both sides involved in the case wanted. Some parents were concerned about their children and the need to continue their lives and education away from the spotlight. In cases covered by the district's insurance company, the compa-

(See LETTERS, page nine)

# Murphy predicting a 'good time' at MAC tonight

by RICK BENTLEY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On his website, the bio of David Lee Murphy wastes no time describing him as "fun, rocking, rowdy, good times." According to the singer, that hits the nail on the head.

"That's pretty right on it," said the native of Herrin, Ill., a town he says is across the border from Paducah. "Our shows are high energy and pretty rocking. We do a little bit of everything, but the 'good time' part is always in there somewhere."

David Lee will bring his brand of a good time to the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg on Friday night for a 7:30 concert. It will be his first visit to the MAC, but Murphy thinks he'll find his kind of "Party Crowd" when he takes the stage.

"It's gonna be a fun show," he said. "We have about as much fun getting out there playing for people as they have listening to it, and I think that's a big part of it."

The MAC is located just off Country Music Highway, a stretch of U.S. 23 that honors country music legends such as Loretta Lynn, Patty Loveless, Ricky Skaggs and Keith Whitley. For Murphy, that makes quite a statement about Eastern Kentucky.

"When you say Ricky Skaggs, Keith Whitley and Loretta Lynn, right there, you've hit the ball out of the park already," said Murphy, who sprinkles his conversation with several sports metaphors. "It's a great part of the country with great peo-

ple. And that musical history is just something else. We're gonna be thrilled to come play for you."

Murphy said fans of his music will not be disappointed on Friday, with a set featuring classics like "Dust on the Bottle," "Party Crowd" and "Out with a Bang." There will also be a nice mix from his 2004 release *Tryin' to Get There*, which Murphy says is "a fun album that's got a tradition thing to it, but it's also got a rocking thing to it."

The latest CD was seven years in the making, which saw David Lee change record labels and spend a lot of time writing. He isn't bitter at all, saying he prefers his new independent label Audium/Koch Records. "It's kind of hard to explain, because there's no logical rules in the music business," comparing it to NASCAR, where he says "you can just line 'em up and race."

"I wish there was an explanation for it," he said, "but you just have to make music and go on."

Murphy's new CD featured the single "Loco," a song that got him back in the Top Five on the charts. Murphy said that was very satisfying for him. "It was really nice to have a song like that, especially on an independent label," he said. "It's kind of like building race cars in your back yard and going out there and racing against (cars owned by) Robert Yates and Rick Hendrick and Richard Childress and those guys."

"It was really satisfying to go there on an indy label and get a No. 5 record. I was really tickled and thank all the folks for going out there and supporting us."

Many fans, however, will head to the MAC Friday night to hear the classics, and they won't be disappointed. Murphy made quite an impact on country music in 1994 with his CD *Out with a Bang*, which featured four hit singles, including the classic "Dust on the Bottle," a song about a young man trying to impress a date by stopping in for a visit with a bootlegger named Creal Williams.

"That song completely changed my career," he says with a note of appreciation. "It took it to a whole other level. They're still playing that one on the radio. We go overseas and play and they're singing 'there might be a little dust on the bottle' with a Swiss accent or something like that. It kind of blows your mind."

Murphy hesitated to call it a classic, but acknowledged the difference it's made for him. "I don't know who decides that, but I sure am glad it's been a part of my career and that people have taken to it the way they have," he said. "I just feel real fortunate that I had a song like that."

"Dust on the Bottle" was, like most of his songs, either written or co-written by Murphy. In addition, his songs have been recorded by the likes of Brooks & Dunn, Montgomery Gentry and Hank Williams Jr.

Murphy says it isn't always easy deciding which songs to shop around and which to hold on to.

"The song Montgomery Gentry and Brooks & Dunn did (they both recorded 'If It's the Last Thing I Do'), I wanted that song for myself. And the song Hank did, 'Just

Enough to Get in Trouble,' that was definitely going on my album."

"But I grew up loving Hank Jr., and still do. So when Hank wants to record one of your songs, it's just a thrill. It's someone you've listened to all your life, and now they want to record one of your songs."

Sometimes, however, a line has to be drawn. "I had 'Loco' and some people wanted to record that," said Murphy. "I just kind of said, 'I'm not going to let this one go.'"

Murphy has recorded two songs he's particularly proud of because of who he shared the pen with. "Why Can't People Just Get Along," from *Out With A Bang*, is the only song Minnie Pearl ever wrote, and the title track to the *Tryin' to Get There* CD, which was co-written with Waylon Jennings.

"They're two people I'd watched all my life," he said. "When I met Minnie at the Opry that night and she told me that story about Hank Sr., I felt like I'd known her all my life. And the same thing with Waylon. I had worn out Waylon Jennings records, eight-tracks, cassettes, about any kind of recording I could get, sitting out in a truck somewhere howling at the moon."

"Working with Waylon, that's the biggest highlight of my career."

David Lee Murphy with special guest Joey Martin will be in concert Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. For more information on Murphy, visit him on the World Wide Web at [www.davidlee.com](http://www.davidlee.com).

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## Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

The first week of April is light on new releases but adventurous filmgoers might enjoy a host of less recent films making their DVD debut. The new films out this week have star power but little else.

"Sideways" — The big loser at the Oscars turns out to be a sly comedy with a lot on its mind. Director Alexander Payne ("About Schmidt") crafts a story here that about two men on a wine-tasting trip through California's central coast and charts an accurate and amusing depiction of mid-life angst. Paul Giamatti and Thomas Hayden Church show that they have what it takes to carry a film and are a refreshing change from Hollywood's typical leading actors, who tend to mumble their lines and need a shave. If you are up for a road trip these two fellas will keep you entertained.

"Elektra" — This is actually a sequel to "Daredevil" that focuses on the female assassin character from that film, who is once again played by "Alias" star Jennifer Garner. Though she was killed at the end of the first movie, Elektra is resurrected here and is handed a new assignment. When it turns out she must kill a single father, she drops the assignment and opts to protect the man from a sect of murderous ninjas called "The Hand." The action sequences are topnotch but anyone looking for a story had best look somewhere else.

"Spanglish" — A lot of talent tries to shore up this strained effort from James Brooks ("Terms of Endearment") but ultimately fails.

A non-English speaking nanny helps patch up a quarreling couple here but can't manage to patch up the screenplay, which squanders the screen presence of Adam Sandler and Tea Leoni.

"I Am David" — Jim Caviezel ("The Passion of the Christ") continues to star in better than average films with this effort which finds him helping a young boy cross Europe after escaping from a concentration camp. This one is a testament to the resilience of youth and never got a wide release but is worth seeking out on home video.

"The Snapper" — This 1993 film got lost in the Oscar shuffle that year and finally makes its DVD debut. Colm Meany stars, once again, as the head of the family from the critical favorite "The Commitments." Here he must contend with his daughter's pregnancy and her refusal to name the father. Meany is fine here and made this film while on hiatus from his duties on the "Star Trek" spinoff "Deep Space 9," where he continued to play the role of transporter engineer Miles O'Brien.

"Spooky Encounters" — Sammo Hung (star of the CBS action show "Martial Law") stars and directs this kung-fu comedy which mixes horror and comedy elements to great effect. This one throws in everything but the kitchen sink in a story that pits him against a witch, ghosts and some kung-fu mummies. Hung also stars in two other efforts this week (that he directed and acted as fight coordinator on). "Warriors Two" and "Winners and Sinners" are heavy on the comedy and rely equally on beautifully staged fight scenes. Each film has been priced at \$9.99

and is a bargain for fans of Jackie Chan styled flicks. Hung even directs Chan in "Winners and Sinners" which features some great stunt work though the story line is a little weak.

"The Professionals" — Western fans can rejoice now that this action classic has finally merited a special edition treatment. Director Richard Brooks ("Blackboard Jungle") adapts Frank O'Rourke's novel and assembles a dream cast to play four mercenaries hired to retrieve a Texas oil baron's wife from a bandit in his stronghold south of the border. Lee Marvin, Burt Lancaster, Woody Strode and Robert Ryan star along with Jack Palance, as the bandit, and Ralph Bellamy, as the baron. Each man on the team is an expert in his chosen field. Lancaster is an explosives whiz, Marvin a tactics and weapons specialist, Strode a dead shot who is also handy with a bow, and Ryan, in another of his quiet and dignified portrayals, is a horseman who prefers the company of animals to people. This one features plenty of action and some plot twists which lead to a deadly finale when the team realizes it may have been duped. The film was also a critical darling, landing Oscar nominations for the direction, script and stunning camerawork by noted cinematographer Conrad Hall. The team would land the same nominations a year later for their adaptation of Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood" which, ironically, starred Robert Blake as a man who was later executed for participating in killing a family in Kansas. Extras include two documentaries on the film, with one

featuring remembrances of the cast and a profile of Lancaster.

Next week look for "Oceans 12," which reunites the cast of "Oceans 11" and places them in Europe, where they are hiding out after their heist from the first film.

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# Obituaries

## Christopher Neil Newsome

Christopher Neil Newsome, age 22, of Melvin, son of Gary B. and Sandra Bates Newsome, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, in the Hospice Care Center, Lexington.

He was born June 8, 1982, in Lexington.

Christopher attended the Melvin Grade School, where he was a Duke Scholar. He was a graduate of South Floyd High School, where he was a member of the band and graduated in the top 10 of his class. He attended the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg, where he was on the President's list, having earned a 4.0 GPA. Additionally, he was a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Gary Nolan (Shawna) Newsome of Kite; one sister, Amy (William) Newsome Conn of Lexington; one niece, Emily Rachel Newsome; three nephews: Jacob Landon Newsome, Anakin Reese Conn and Christopher Jayce Conn. His paternal grandmother, Wadie Little Newsome of Melvin, and his maternal grandmother, Alpha Bates of Prestonsburg, also survive.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Gardner Newsome, and his maternal grandfather, Charlie Bates.

Funeral services for Christopher Neil Newsome will be conducted Friday, April 8, at 11 a.m., in the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louie Ferrari, John Allen, and Bobby Isaac officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

## Melissa Ann Meade

Melissa Ann Meade, 47, of Harold, died Thursday, March 24, 2005, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born March 18, 1958, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of Mabel Clark Kinney of Harold, and the late Ray Meade. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ, at Pikeville.

Survivors include her fiancé, Jimmy D. Flannery of Pikeville; her step-father, Larry Wayne Kinney of Pikeville; her grandfather, Lafe Scott of Harold; a step-son, Lee Boyd of Louisiana; a brother, Jeff Meade of Betsy Layne; three sisters: Sandy Scrimager of Lexington, and Shawn Kinney and Tina Kinney Boyd, both of Harold; a nephew, Taylor W. Boyd of Harold; two nieces: Tiffany Scott of Harold, and Margot Mullins of Lexington; and a step-granddaughter, Andrea Leigh Boyd.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her grandparents: Elizabeth Scott and Clay and Nancy Meade.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m., at the Church of Christ in Pikeville, with Keith Kasarjain officiating.

Burial was in the Bush Cemetery, in Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Ollie Stumbo Tackett

Ollie Stumbo Tackett, age 90, of McDowell, widow of Curtis Tackett, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born October 4, 1914, in McDowell, the daughter of the late William "Chalk" Stumbo and Rebecca "Doll" Moore Stumbo. She was a homemaker and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons: Curtis Tackett Jr., and Danny Dale Tackett, both of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Sandra Kay McKenzie of McDowell, and Carla Ann Reynolds of Paintsville; five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Curtis; her parents; five brothers: John Morgan Stumbo, Sherman Stumbo, Walker Stumbo, Tom Stumbo, and Ison Stumbo; and three sisters: Clara Potter, Helen Stumbo, and Allie Stumbo.

Funeral services for Ollie Stumbo Tackett will be conducted Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Clergymen Louie Ferrari and Bobby Isaac officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home, until 3 p.m., Friday; and after 5 p.m., Friday, at the church. Nightly services at 7 p.m.

In appreciation, the family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Rivera, the staff of the McDowell Hospital, and the extended care staff, for all the care they provided.

Pallbearers: David Tackett, Shawn McKenzie, Michael Williams, Danny Dale Tackett, Kipp Kidd, and Gerald Osborne.

Honorary: Joseph Kidd, Tegan McKenzie, Dustin Tackett, and Greg Compton. (Paid obituary)

## Robert Miller

Robert Miller, 67, of Martin, died Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born January 23, 1938, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John and Hattie McKenzie Miller. He was a retired coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Mae Samons Miller.

Survivors include two sons: Clarence Miller of Hager Hill, and Robert Steven Miller (wife, Debra) of Martin; a daughter, Glennis Wright (husband, Ricky) of Martin; a sister, Mabel Meade of Martin; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a girlfriend, Judy Gayheart of Hi Hat.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Velvet Ann Miller; two brothers: Robie Miller and Lee Miller; and a sister, Ellie Mae Robinson.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 9, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Graydon Howard officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Aileen Howard

Aileen Howard, age 72, of Lynn Howard and Tyler J. Garrett, wife of Aaron "Bud" Howard, passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at the King's Daughters Hospital, in Ashland.

She was born June 19, 1932, in Garrett, the daughter of the late Pearl Conley and Kate Robinson Conley. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Bud; two sons: Leslie Handshoe of Vanceburg, Paul Gregory Howard of Cleveland, Wisconsin; one brother, Millard Conley of Albion, Michigan; two grandchildren: Courtney

Lynn Howard and Tyler J. Howard; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Aileen Howard will be conducted Friday, April 8, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Jerry Manns, Sterling Bolen, and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial will follow in the Chaffins Cemetery, in Garrett, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Mazie Wanda Hamilton

Mazie Wanda Hamilton, age 42, of Greenup, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2005, at her residence.

She was born July 6, 1962, in Russell, the daughter of the late William B. Hamilton and Dora Tackett Hamilton.

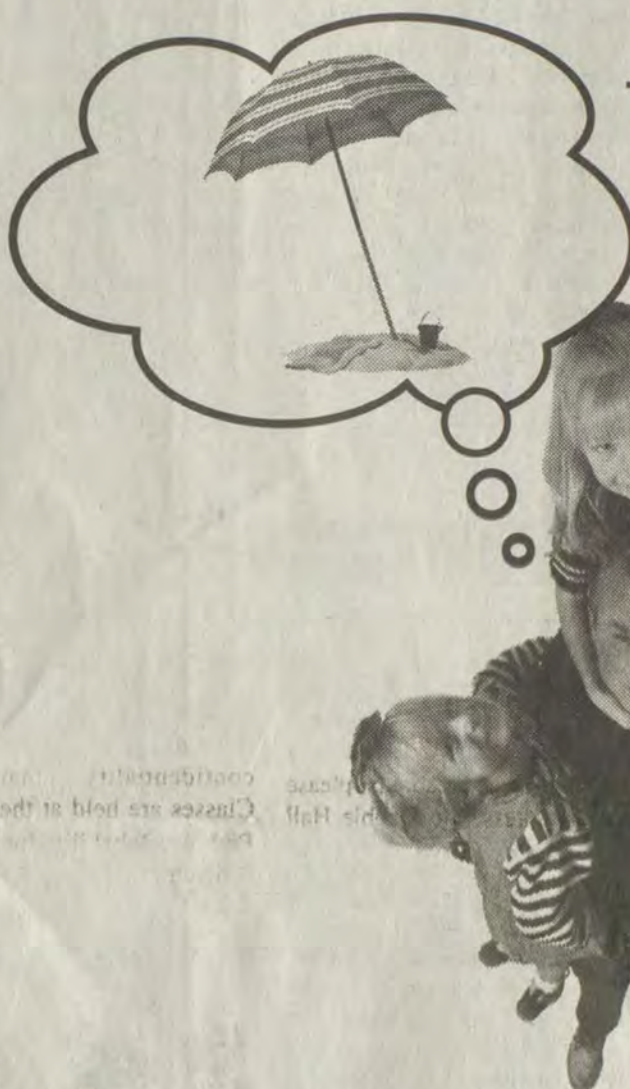
Survivors include three sisters: Mossie Russell and Dorothy Kirk, both of Greenup, and Alma Montgomery of Lexington; two brothers: Elmer Rose of Grethel, and William Hamilton of Greenup.

Her parents, one sister, Delores Myers, and two brothers, Palmer and Kenneth Hamilton, preceded her in death.

Funeral services for Mazie Wanda Hamilton were conducted Wednesday, April 6, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Burial was in the Tackett Family Cemetery, in Grethel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



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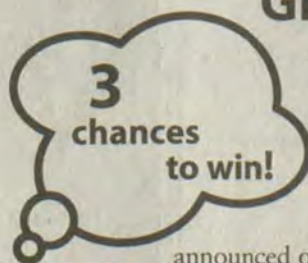
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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

**Editor's note:** To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

### A Day in the Park Scheduled, April 16

The Big Sandy Family Caregiver Program and the Johnson County Grandparent Support Group announce "A Day in the Park" for grandparents and their grandchildren. This event is free and will be held April 16, at the Paintsville Recreation Center, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be games for all ages, food and door prizes. All grandparents and grandchildren are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Melissa King at 1-800-737-2723.

### Revival at Wayland Church

The people of the Wayland United Methodist Church invite all to their Revival, April 8, 9, and 10, at 7 p.m. Brent Tackett will be preaching, with special singing each night. Please join us!

### Pam Shingler to address

**Jenny Wiley 3528, AARP**  
Pam Shingler, fund-raising director and producer at WMMT-FM public community radio and a part of Appalshop, in Whitesburg, will be the guest speaker at Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, at the meeting to be held Friday, April 15, at the Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. The installation of officers will also be conducted at this time. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

### PHS Class of '84

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1984 is seeking members of the class for a 20/21st year reunion, scheduled to be held this coming July. If you are, or if you know of, a former classmate, please email to: pbs\_class\_of\_1984@yahoo.com, or call 606-638-3941.

### UNITE Drug Awareness Group

To meet on Monday, April 11, at 6 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church. This is an open meeting for all Floyd County citizens that are interested in learning more about the serious drug addiction and distribution problem in our county. The Unite Coalition strives to provide information and resources to those who are affected by this problem. Come, be a part of the solution to a terrible problem! We want, and need, your input! A county-wide march and rally is also being organized.

### 2005 Home and Garden Expo

A 2005 Home and Garden Expo will be held at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be no charge for admission.

This year's program will feature: Home and garden topics, booths, free herb, vegetable and flower seeds, and youth activities.

Seeds will be distributed on a "first-come first serve basis." Seed quantities are limited.

For more information, contact Ray Tackett, Theresa Scott, or Chuck Stamper at 886-2668.

### Show some PRIDE!!

The PRIDE spring clean-up will take place April 9-23 in the City of Prestonsburg. The city will pick up one dump truck load of trash per household. Additional loads will be picked up according to the city's regular pick-up fee. Pick-ups called in during this time only will be on the PRIDE clean-up list. City residents may arrange a clean-up, or volunteer their services, by calling 886-2335. The Floyd County PRIDE, Inc. is participating in this year's PRIDE clean-up from April 9-23. Volunteers are needed. Supplies will be made available. To volunteer your organization or business, call 886-0498 to register.

### Spring Piano Recital

Students of David Leslie will present their annual Spring Recital on April 24, at 5:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Pikeville. A reception will follow. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call 432-0633.

### Reunion

First Four Mile Reunion of Knott County will be held on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m., at the Corps Recreation area, Jenny Wiley State Park, Shelter #2. Bring covered dish, table service, pictures, etc. All welcome to attend.

### BLHS High School Reunion

Classes of the 1930's, 1940's, 1950's and 1960's. To be held Saturday, June 25. For info., call Joe Hinchman at 874-2821 or Marvin Williamson at 478-3310.

### BLHS Class of 1955

Reunion to be held on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25. For information, call Marvin Williamson at 478-3310 or Gene Davis at 874-2873.

### Senior Expo

Sponsored by HRMC and area agencies. To be held May 4, at the Jenny Wiley State Park's Stumbo Convention Center. For those age 55 and older. Broad range of topics including Preventing Exploitation, Nutrition, Aging and Gardening Tips. For more info., contact Melissa Vance, Dir. of Comm. Dev. at HRMC, at 886-7468.

### HRMC Comm.

#### Calendar - April

•April 9 - Childbirth classes, Meeting Place A & B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

•April 12 - Senior Advantage, Meeting Place A & B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 9:30-11:30 a.m.

•April 23 - Healthy Living with Diabetes, Meeting Place A & B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 9-11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 886-7424.

### Attention: BLHS Class of '85

It's been 20 years! Reunion is being planned. If you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate's whereabouts, please email addresses to Debbie Hall Parsons or Gwen Cecil at:

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### Free Body Recall classes

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

### 'Earn While You Learn'

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

### Age 55 or older?

If so, and you are also unemployed, and would like to make money while being trained in skills that will help you gain employment, or become re-employed, contact Bill Little, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Development District, at 886-2374. "Area Employers are Looking for Dependable Workers like YOU!"

### External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with

evening classes on Thursday, from 4:30-8:30. Contact Andy Jones at 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

### Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

### "Looking For a Support Group?"

•Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near

Jerry's Restaurant), at 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD.

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

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

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

•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658.

Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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## PRIDE

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stretch of road and trying to entice area businesses to do the same. May said the committee will emphasize the importance of community involvement.

Along those lines it was announced that the Allen Central ROTC program wishes to adopt the stretch of Route 550 which runs past the school. Approximately 50 cadets are set to clean that stretch of road on April 13. A roadside cleanup is also scheduled for Route 404 in David on the stretch that runs to the Route 114 section near the Middle Creek Battlefield. Gary Frazier will coordinate the cleanup on Route 404, which is tentatively scheduled for April 23. Frank Fitzpatrick reported that area Boy Scout troops would also work on Route 114.

Illegal dump sites also took up a portion of the meeting with May reporting that anyone who observes illegal dumping should call a toll-free number at (888) NO DUMPS to report it. The committee will focus on cleaning illegal dumps at the Route 404 intersection and in West Prestonsburg, he said.

Margo Barber suggested that the committee try to obtain a portion of the city's restaurant and hotel tax. Funds from the 3 percent tax currently go toward

Prestonsburg Tourism, Mountain Arts Center and Archer Park.

PRIDE will have a booth at the Home and Garden Expo being held at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Communities willing to participate in the spring cleanup (scheduled for April 9-23) are urged to contact May at (606) 886-0498.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will not be picking up items during the clean up, May said, because flood issues are still dominating the county's agenda. The Martin Transfer Station in Garth Hollow is designated as the county's garbage drop off location for the clean up and is offering free tipping fees. The fiscal court will not be providing other drop off locations.

For more information, contact the Martin Transfer Station at (606) 285-0033, May at (606) 886-0498 or 1-888-K-PRIDE-Y. Additional information about PRIDE is online at www.kypride.org.

The Floyd County committee meets on the first Thursday of every month and urges community members to get involved and attend their meetings.

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# Lawyers deny claims that dust masks were faulty

The Associated Press

HARLAN — Three companies that manufactured dust masks and respirators used in the Kentucky coalfields are not responsible for miners contracting black lung disease, attorneys for those companies said. 3M, a manufacturing company named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed in December in Harlan County, said the miners could be ill because they misused, altered or didn't properly wear their masks. "The allegations have no merit, and we're going to vigorously defend against this lawsuit," said Jacqueline Berry, spokeswoman for 3M, a Minnesota company and the largest manufacturer named in the suit. 3M contends that the dust masks were safe. The company has successfully defended itself against dust-mask lawsuits in the past, winning six out of

seven jury trials. The seventh was won on appeal. The 12 Harlan County miners are asking for unspecified compensation and punitive damages in the suit, which has been moved to federal court. Hundreds of Kentucky coal miners have filed similar suits blaming 3M and companies that distributed dust masks for making them sick. The lawsuits claim the dust masks used from the 1970s through the 1990s were ineffective in preventing them from inhaling the airborne particles that cause black lung, a crippling and often fatal disease that kills 1,000 people annually. The lawyers who filed the Harlan County suit said wearing the dust masks made the miners think they were safe in the dusty coal mines. "These guys worked in dust for longer period of time than they would have, had they not had this false sense of protection that these dust masks pro-

vided," said Louisville attorney Eric Jacobi. For that reason, he said, the masks helped cause the miners' disease. Harlan County miner Joe Day said he had to stop working last year when he was diagnosed with black lung. He worked some 30 years in Appalachian coal mines. Day said the disease has made him so short of breath that he has trouble doing even household chores. Two Harlan County companies that distributed the dust masks also are named in the lawsuit. Richard Edwards, an attorney representing Mountain Supply of Harlan, said he believes the distributors shouldn't be defendants. "As the retailer, we had no information about any allegations of a defect with the products," Edwards said. "We were simply the retailer."

# Powerball changes to increase jackpots, cut chance of winning

The Associated Press

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — The 29 lotteries that participate in the Powerball game have voted to make changes that will boost the average jackpot size but decrease the chance of winning. Starting Aug. 29, the beginning jackpot will increase to \$15 million from the current \$10 million, the Multi-State Lottery Association announced Wednesday. The top prize will grow by no less than \$5 million between each drawing. "Lottery games need to be changed from time to time, to respond to both player demands and population changes," said Randy Davis, president of the Louisiana Lottery Corp. and chairman of the Powerball Game Group. To boost the jackpot size, two numbers will be added to the first pool in the game,

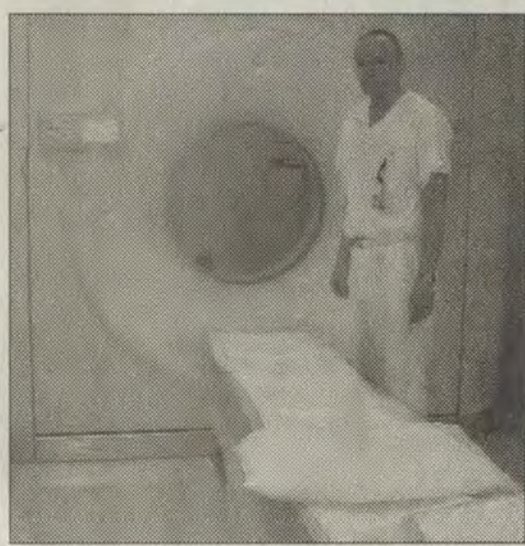
meaning players will choose five numbers from one to 55. The current first draw picks five white balls from a pool of 53. The Powerball is drawn from a separate pool of red balls numbered from one to 42. That will not change. The larger number of white balls decreases the chances of winning the jackpot to 1 in 146.1 million. The current game has jackpot odds of 1 in 120.5 million. Ed Stanek, Iowa Lottery chief executive and one of Powerball's co-inventors, said the changes are part of a popular product's evolution. "Players tell us they expect large jackpots in the game and we will continue to deliver those," Stanek said. The chance of winning a

cash prize in the game will be cut slightly, to 1 in 36.60 from 1 in 36.06, lottery officials said. Another change in August will be to double the prize for those players who match the first five numbers but miss the Powerball. They'll win \$200,000 instead of the current \$100,000. A record 110 tickets across the nation matched the first five numbers in the March 30 drawing. Many of the winners apparently picked their numbers from the message in a fortune cookie. Just one ticket, bought by a family in Tennessee, matched all six numbers to win the \$25.5 million jackpot. There was no jackpot winner in Saturday's drawing, worth \$12 million.

# HRMC adds new CT scanner

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands has added a new upgrade in patient care services to the radiology department, a new Phillips 16 Channel CT (Computed Tomography) Scanner. The new CT Scanner offers the distinct clinical advantage of high-quality images and reduced procedure times. The advanced technology of 16-slice configuration provides high confidence routine studies, advanced motion-sensitive applications and impressive image quality for neuro, ortho, and body imaging.

embolisms, strokes, trauma and fractures. Highlands new CT Scanner has reduced wait times for scheduling procedures and offers improved turnaround time for ER patient procedures that can be critical for appropriately diagnosing trauma patients. The addition of the new CT scanner is the second major upgrade in patient services that Highlands has made to its radiology department in the past year. A new MRI was added last fall.



Lewis White, RTR (CT), CT Scan Supervisor, explained how Highlands' new 16 Slice CT Scanner improves patient care by reducing procedure times by as much as 50 percent.

The CT Scanner performs 16 images (slices) with one rotation. A CT cut or slice refers to the thickness of an area scanned by one rotation of the tube and allows data collection from a 360-degree angle. The new scanner offers a more powerful resolution process resulting in images that are sharp and highly defined in varying shades of gray with dense areas, such as bone, appearing almost white in definition. Scans can now be performed without contrast in as little as 5 to 10 minutes, improving patient comfort and throughput. Physicians frequently use CT scans to diagnose tumors, pulmonary

## Letters

ny's lawyers develop settlements, not the board. The confidentiality agreement, however, in the May Valley case does not prevent the Floyd County Board of Education from reviewing testimony, conducting its own investigation and taking action. The Floyd County Times ran a story in Wednesday's paper with the following headline: "Board settles another suit in secret." The suits that are ref-

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erence in The Times are lawsuits handled by insurance companies. The Floyd County Board has no control over the terms of these settlements. I'd like to make an appeal to the press to seek out all facts and question all of us. These issues affect our children and they are serious. Carol Stumbo, Chair, Floyd County Board of Education, McDowell

## Card of Thanks

The family of Truman Akers would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped us during our time of sorrow. We greatly appreciate all the food, flowers, phone calls, and prayers, that you showed our family. A special thanks to the singers of the Wheelwright Methodist Church and the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, and to ministers Louis Ferrari and John Allen for their kind, comforting words. Also, thanks to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, for their excellent professional service.

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THE CITY WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELL HRMC UTILITIES???

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LAWFUL ANNEXATION???

“THE TERRITORY TO BE ANNEXED MUST BE CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY”—KRS 81A.410(1)(a) and *Ridings v Owensboro*, 383 S.W. 2d 510 (Ky. 1964)

CORRIDOR ANNEXATION—“In general, the courts disfavor finding one territory contiguous to another territory for the purposes of annexation when the only link between the two territories is a narrow corridor.” *Griffin v City of Robards*, 990 S.W. 2d 634 (Ky. 199)

ABUSE OF DISCRETION—“...where the annexation of the corridor is nothing more than an attempt by the city to provide contiguity between the other property desired to be annexed and the original boundaries of the city, thus, a barren corridor would not suffice to find contiguity”

“...a court would be predisposed to set aside the annexation as an abuse of discretion...” *Ridings v Owensboro*, 383 S.W. 2d 510 (Ky. 1964)

PUBLIC SUPPORT???

The Floyd County Times Poll, April 4, 2005— Do you support Prestonsburg's attempt to annex Highlands Regional Medical Center? 91.1% NO

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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Rachell Brianna Powers, 19, of Prestonsburg, to Ronald Clifton Halbert Jr., 19, of Pikeville.

Opal Jane Branham, 47, of Paintsville, to Timothy Randall Allen, 48, of Martin.

Elaine Holbrook, 19, of Hazard, to Gregory Allen Blankenship, 23, of Pikeville.

Melinda Renee Moore, 42, of Martin, to Don Edward Craft, 40, of McDowell.

Marsha Lynn Cooley, 31, of Martin, to Bryan James Hicks, 35, of Lima, Ohio.

Crystal Gail Hunt, 22, to Jackie Ray Brown, 34, both of Prestonsburg.

Shenna Marie Boyd, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Joshua Neal Moore, 19, of Lexington.

Sarah M. Belhasen, 39, of San Antonio, Texas, to Clyde L. Woods, 35, of Pikeville.

## Civil Suits Filed

Deborah Lewis vs. Johnnie Messmear; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Teresa Combs vs. Larry Combs; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Patricia McKenzie vs. Shamron McKenzie; petition for health care insurance.

Nanna Craft vs. Jimmy Brown, Dyno East Ky. Inc., doing business as Mountain Valley Explosives Company Inc.; complaint.

Wells Fargo Bank vs. East Kentucky Network; complaint with notice under the fair debt collections practices act.

State Farm Insurance vs. John D. Brown; complaint.

Singer Asset Financial Company vs. Kathy and Curtis Mullins; complaint.

Joe Garrett Jr. vs. Barbara Garrett; divorce.

Jason Weller vs. Traci Weller; divorce.

Vernecia Perry vs. Jackie Perry; petition for health care insurance.

Davy Spears vs. Robie, Lorraine and Priscilla Akers; petition for custody.

Elaine Hunter vs. Steven Hunter; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Lisa Hall vs. Sammy Hall; petition for health care insurance.

Sheri Jervis vs. Christy Thomas; petition for health care insurance.

Jilley Vickers vs. Andrew Vickers; divorce.

## Small Claims Filings

Donald J. Johnson vs. Richard Hill; unpaid phone bill.

Emma L. Ratliff vs. Jackie Leon Woods; unpaid debt.

## Charges Filed

Misty Ratliff, no age listed, Prestonsburg; endangering the welfare of a minor.

Jody W. Carroll, 26, Prestonsburg; endangering the welfare of a minor.

Joe Stumbo, 54, Drift; public intoxication.

James C. Hall, Jr., 34, Wheelwright; public intoxication.

Kristi Davis, no age listed, Kermit, W.Va.; fourth-degree assault.

Vernon B. Johnson, 34, Bevinsville; public intoxication.

Roland Moore, 72, McDowell; third-degree criminal trespass.

Gerald George, no age listed, Prestonsburg; misdemeanor theft (checks).

Josh Miller, 20, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Michelle Tackett, 21, Harold; terroristic threatening.

Rhonda Johnson, 33, Melvin; third-degree criminal trespass.

Ronald Owens, 45, Prestonsburg; flagrant non-support.

Linville Isaac, 43, Wheelwright; felony theft.

Jim Gayheart, 46, McDowell; first-degree wanton endangerment.

Lenora Absher, 46, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Jason Jervis, 18, Prestonsburg; misdemeanor theft (bicycles).

Ronnie Dillon, 53, Banner; harassment.

Jimmy L. Newsome, 52, Jonancy; public intoxication, no insurance, open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.

Terry Ludwig, 36, Osseo, Mich.; possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ellinda M. Hale, 30, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, aggravated assault (spouse abuse).

Jackie R. McKinnon, 24, Louisa; public intoxication.

James Harless, 38, Tomahawk; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Brenda Watson, 36, Wittensville; second-degree assault.

David Crace, 36, Prestonsburg; receiving stolen property (firearm).

Robert Lee Craft, 28, Prestonsburg; misdemeanor theft (from an automobile).

Jeffrey R. Stewart, 26, Belcher; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, criminal trespass, second-degree possession of a forged instrument.

## Inspections

Roger's Self Service, Route 80, regular inspection. Violations noted: Over-the-counter medication with expired dates on shelf, restroom doors not self-closing, no soap at hand wash sink. Score: Food 98, Retail 93.

Save A Lot, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hand wash sink in food prep area without soap or towels, no tissue in women's restroom, garbage container not properly covered, floor tile in men's room in disrepair, walls in women's room in disrepair, light in walk-in freezer not properly shielded. Score: 94.

Little Hillbilly Cafe, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous thermometers not present in freezer and refrigerator units, employee restroom door not self-closing, not all employees using proper hair restraints. Score: 96.

Tiger Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection.

Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all refrigerator and freezer units, single service container being reused, light out in walk-in refrigerator, clothing and personal items improperly stored in food prep area. Score: Food 95, Retail 98.

Subway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Plastic lid observed on floor of back storage area, faucet at three-compartment sink leaking, employee restroom door not self-closing and no towels provided. Score: 96.

Hitching Post, Hueysville, regular inspec-

tion. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided in all refrigerator and freezer units, food item observed stored on floor, ceiling in walk-in in disrepair, wiping cloths improperly stored, light in walk-in improperly shielded, cleaning equipment improperly stored. Score: 93.

Kwik Mart, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in all refrigerators and freezer units, door handle on upright refrigerator in disrepair, garbage containers in food prep area without proper lids, proper hair restraints not in use. Score: Food 95, Retail 99.

Subway, Stanville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Microwave had some food product on inner surface. Score: 98.

## Property Transfers

Danny and Suzanne Sellards to Carl Sellards, property location undisclosed.

Roy and Linda Hall to Bert T. Hall, property located at Branham Creek.

Jimmy and Rebecca DeRossett to Jimmy and Kathy Cox, property location undisclosed.

Barry and Linda Little to John Melvin Hall, property location undisclosed.

Emagene Skeens to Hank Edward Skeens, property located at Little Paint Creek.

Daniel and Cheryl Setzer to Dennis and Kristal Burchett, property located at Little Mud.

Debra Hayes Howell to Steven Gillespie, property location undisclosed.

Christopher and Joanna Reid, Kevin and Reva Reid, and Shawn Reid to Naomi Reid Sergeant, property located at Beaver.

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# Winter Games offer heated competition

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The Bluegrass Winter Games held in March drew 2,064 amateur athletes from 64 counties in Kentucky, organizers said earlier in the week. A total of 729 individual and 1,355 team members competed in this year's Games.

Approximately 814 gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the amateur athletes who participated in this year's games.

Athletes from Fayette County won 69 gold medals, 42 silver medals, and 47 bronze medals – a total of 158 medals.

Jefferson County placed second in medals

won, with 71 medals. Jessamine County was third with 43 medals; Madison was fourth with 42; and Franklin was fifth with 40.

The leading individual medal winner was Arlinda Robertson of Harrison County with six. Thomas Crabtree of Montgomery County, David Langston of McCracken, and Shane Lykins of Morgan tied with four medals each. There were 57 multiple medal winners.

Locally, Floyd Countians Brad Hall and Jason Osborne each captured medals as part of their respective basketball teams. Hall took a silver medal in the nine-and-under division as part of the Triple Threat team. Jason Osborne, playing as part of the R&J

Well Service team, won a gold medal in the open men's division.

In martial arts, Tanner Keathley and Hailee each took a pair of medals.

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

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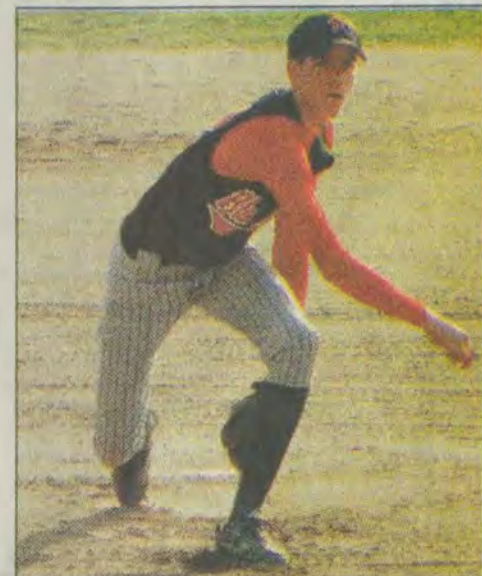


photo by Jamie Howell

Andrew Shepherd let go of a pitch Tuesday during Prestonsburg's first of two games against visiting Phelps. More on the Prestonsburg-Phelps game appears inside today's edition.

## Sports Fans: Spring is here

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Talk about your big week. No matter your sport, I'd nearly guarantee you've seen something you like this week.

It all began Sunday when our friends who follow NASCAR focused their attention on the quaint little town of Bristol, a small village so big it calls two states home.

Nobody ever complains about Bristol, meaning with any luck it won't go the way of other traditional NASCAR venues (hello, Martinsville) as former NASCAR venues.

I don't follow the sport very closely, but had to chuckle when by Monday afternoon I'd already had two people complain to me about Fox cutting away from the race after its conclusion but before the winner could "burn out" and we could be treated to those sponsor-infested interviews at the end.

It was Cousin Brian who said, when I mentioned it to him, "It'd already been on for five hours!" Preaching to the choir, my friend.

Monday was the morning after Thanksgiving for sports fans. It was Opening Day for baseball – we purists, being the ones who still hate the designated hitter and aren't crazy about inter-league play, don't acknowledge ESPN's Sunday-night opener – with the traditional openers in Cincinnati and Detroit.

It was a full day of action for those of us who predate the MTV generation and as such have attention spans longer than three minutes.

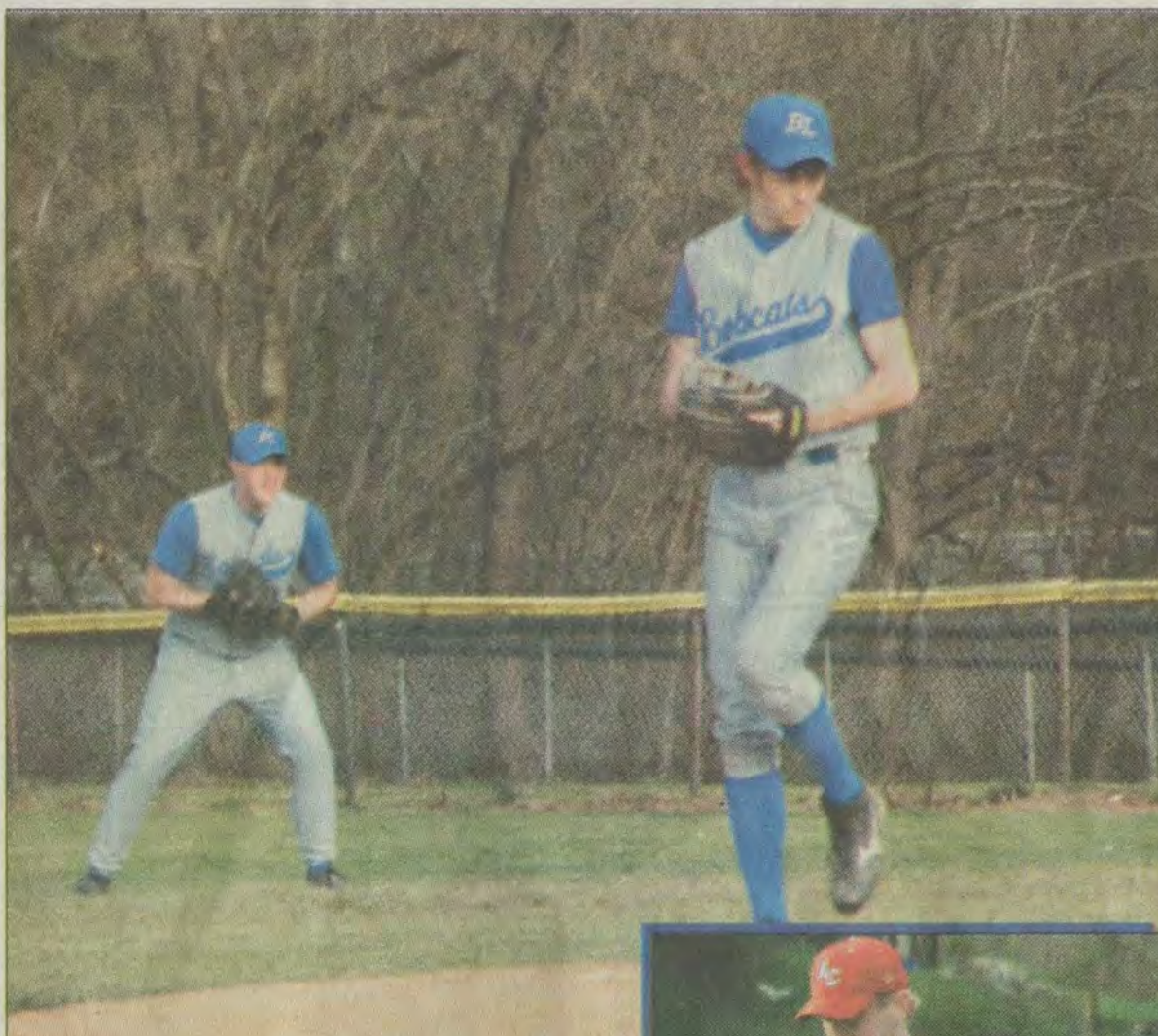
The Reds got themselves a comeback win of monumental proportions when Adam Dunn hit two long ones and drove in five. As mentioned last week, it all comes down to the biggest little word in the dictionary – if – but if they can stay healthy, it can be an exciting summer in the Queen City.

And, as of this writing, it's worked. Ken Griffey Jr. has played twice without getting hurt.

A former Red drew the attention of the baseball universe in the Motor City. I don't think I've ever heard anybody say a bad word about Dmitri Young, who went deep, thrice on Monday. His big day

(See BENTLEY, page two)

## Bobcats scratch Allen Central



Junior Derek Case survived a rough, rocky start and rebounded nicely, pitching defending 58th District champ Betsy Layne to a win over rival Allen Central

## Betsy Layne rides out rough start, wins district tilt in final at-bat

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – In a rematch of last season's 58th District title game, defending district champ Betsy Layne trailed for most of the game Tuesday evening. But the Bobcats found a way to win.

Betsy Layne overcame a slow start and went on to edge the Rebels 5-4.

Allen Central entered Tuesday's game following a win over Breathitt County one day earlier. The Rebels have kept a very busy schedule. Last week, Allen Central got in five games as four of the contests came along the way to a tournament championship. The Rebels won the East Kentucky Invitational, a tournament hosted by Knott County Central High School. Allen Central had its chances late in the game, but couldn't capitalize.

Betsy Layne, also helped in part due to the solid pitching of junior Derek Case, scored two runs in the sixth inning and two in the seventh.

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Allen Central pitcher Tyler Turner came off of the field following a successful first inning against the Betsy Layne batters.

## Thomas among All-Star Game participants

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD – Seniors from the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th regions will take the court Saturday at Perry County Central High School's John C. Combs Arena as part of the second annual Gatorade/Appalachian All-Star Games.

Allen Central High School senior Becky Thomas is headed to the girls' all-star game. Thomas, who in the very near future is expected to sign to play basketball at the next level, finished her high school career with well over 1,500 points.

"The All-star game will give her an opportunity to play against some of the better seniors in the area," noted Allen Central Coach Mark Martin. "She has been such a big part of our program the past two seasons and everyone involved is proud of her accomplishments and this is just one of many honors that she has received."

Betsy Layne's Kim Clark and Kristal Daniels have also been selected for the all-star event.

Game Director Ira D. Combs is one individual who is looking very forward to the second annual mountain all-star showcase.

"This special day of activities is to showcase our finest high school hoop stars from across Eastern Kentucky," Combs said. "Many of these players have been overlooked in the recruiting process and I hope this all-star game will provide one more opportunity to get some of these kids an opportunity at the next level."

The girls' game is scheduled to tip-off at 6 p.m. The boys' game is slated to follow at 7:30. Last year, the first annual game resulted in a scholarship apiece for two boys' basketball players and another for a girls' basketball player.

The day will also feature three-point, one-on-one and slam dunk competitions. "I just want our senior basketball players to feel as special as the other elite seniors across the Commonwealth," Combs added. "Many of them are misjudged in their skill level in my opinion. We have produced a lot of shooters over the years here in Eastern Kentucky, but it seems as though the college coaches on all levels are leaning more each year towards those with quickness and athleticism instead of the basketball players."

Players and coaches will report to John C. Combs Arena at around 11 a.m. Saturday morning for a full day of scheduled events.

The arena doors will open to the pub-

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## Clark to sign with Pikeville

### Senior to play two sports in college

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Over the next five days, two Betsy Layne High School seniors will sign to play with the college of their choice. Today at noon, Betsy Layne senior Kim Clark will sign with Pikeville College. Quite possibly the top female athlete in Betsy Layne High School history, Clark will sign to play both basketball and softball at nearby Pikeville College. Clark's teammate, senior center Kristal Daniels, has a signing date with Alice Lloyd College. Daniels



Kim Clark

is scheduled to sign with Alice Lloyd Monday morning at 11:45.

"Kim and Kristal have proven to be among our regions best players, by their individual performances and their team's success," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers. "We are excited for both of them."

The Pikeville College women's basketball team finished the 2004-05 season with a 17-14 record. Head coach Bill Watson

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## Search for new JCHS boys' basketball coach is on

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Two years ago, Johnson Central High School hired Jim Matney away from Sheldon Clark High School. JCHS gave Matney a deal he couldn't refuse and he came to the area's largest high school and became its head football coach. Now, Johnson Central is looking for a new boys' basketball coach. Early last week, Les Trimble was informed that he would not be hired back as the

school's boys' basketball coach. Johnson Central Principal Steve Trimble, who is not related to Les Trimble, issued a statement, saying, "On Tuesday, March 28, 2005, Coach Les Trimble was notified that he would not be recommended back as boys' basketball coach for Johnson Central High School for the 2005-06 season. Coach Trimble is a good person and has been a class act, however, we feel that it is time to make a change. The

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**Bobcats**

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The Allen Central team that took the field Tuesday evening was no doubt tired.

"We were just too tired," Allen Central Coach Ken Johnson admitted after the loss to Betsy Layne. "We've played seven games in eight days because of the tournament we were in, and our focus just wasn't there. I am proud of my players though because they played their hearts out. We just made one too many errors. Betsy Layne had five runs and only one of them were earned. I have told my guys all year, that errors and walks will haunt you, and tonight it was the errors. Tyler (Turner) pitched a fabulous game, but he didn't have his stuff tonight, either. He had to check out of school at half a day because he was sick. We just weren't at full strength tonight, but I can assure you that next time we will be ready."

The late offensive effort was a far cry from how the Betsy Layne batters started the game. Betsy Layne, coached by Frank Martin, went in order in its half

of the first inning. The Bobcats scored a run in the second inning when fifth-place batter Jordan Case scored after reaching base. Betsy Layne was held scoreless in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

Case scored again in the sixth inning. Brandon Thacker, Shawn Hamilton and Brandon Combs also scored a run apiece.

Hamilton scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning when Case, facing two strikes and two outs, came through with a single.

Betsy Layne was scheduled to play host Pikeville last night in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

**15th Region All 'A'  
Classic: Allen Central 12,  
Phelps 6**

PIKEVILLE – Allen Central won its opening round game in the 15th Region All "A" Classic Wednesday night, defeating Phelps 12-6. The Rebels got back on the winning track after

falling to 58th District rival Betsy Layne just one day earlier.

Josh McKinney recorded the win over Phelps, giving up three runs in three innings of work. Nick Music came on to pitch and finished the game for the Rebels, giving up three runs in four solid innings. Music and his Allen Central teammates withstood what Rebel Coach Ken Johnson deemed a "sloppy" seventh inning.

"We struggled in this game," said Johnson. "We showed signs of life from time to time, but it was an overall struggle for my guys. We won the game because Phelps made a lot of mistakes. We were just exhausted."

With the Phelps game, Allen Central had played its eighth contest in nine days. Johnson gave his squad yesterday off.

The victory over Phelps allowed Allen Central the opportunity to advance on to the next round of the regional All "A" tournament.

"It was a nice win considering how we played though, especially with it being in the first round of the All "A" Tournament," Johnson conceded. "The bats are starting to get a little better for us."

In the win over Phelps, Tyler Turner improved his batting average to .321 with a triple and a sacrifice to go along with three runs batted in.

Rebel centerfielder Wilfredo Dominguez had two hits and reached base in four out of five at-bats. Freshman Scott Little added a hit and two RBI's to improve his batting average to .334.

"Scott has been a real story so far," Johnson acknowledged. "In eight games, he is batting .334 with five RBI's. On the mound in three appearances, he has 22 strikeouts and a 1.36 ERA."

**Bentley**

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brought on two interesting notes:

■ Young became the third player to hit three homers on Opening Day, and all have fallen on April 4.

■ This line from Ron Damron, my boss at Pikeville College who is two weeks from defending the first national championship in school history in the sport of bowling. When I said they need to check Dmitri for steroids, Ron didn't flinch: "Ah, you can take one look at him and tell he's never seen steroids. (Patting his stomach) He's built like me."

It was perhaps more of a surprise than the three homers when the portly Young actually tripled Wednesday in a 7-2 loss to Kansas City.

It was a fine day all around. Monday night then brought the NCAA championship game, which saw Roy Williams finally get his title. There's been a lot of debate about this and what it means to Williams, who borrowed the line from his mentor Dean Smith and said he wasn't any better a coach after the game than he was before it.

I think the best way to put it

is this: It takes away any debate as to his coaching abilities. When Roy's name comes up now, nobody can use the phrase "hasn't won the big one." Think about it: Without two championships, would you really consider UConn's Jim Calhoun one of the elite coaches? Me either.

I'm no Carolina fan, but was happy to see him get that monkey off his back. And I hope he had a good tee time Wednesday morning.

Speaking of Wednesday, that was when Mariano Rivera blew a save opportunity for the second straight day. Those of us who consider the Yankees a latter-day version of Hitler's Germany were happy to see the Red Sox finish the job this time. On Tuesday, the Yanks bailed him out and Rivera got the win.

For the record, this Yanks/Sox nonsense has gotten totally carried away. I know it's the biggest rivalry in sports and all, but still, all three from the Bronx were on ESPN, and when the teams play three more times next week in Boston, the Worldwide Leader will have them all again.

Now, weather permitting, golf fans everywhere are glued to the television with all eyes

pointed toward the Masters. There are a lot of things that can be debated in sports — it's a lot of the fun, to be honest — but one thing that can't is where the Masters ranks as far as golf tournaments.

There is no other in my estimation. And as I sit here, the only dissenting opinion I can ever remember hearing came from Pikeville native Robert Damron, who told me a few years back that of the four majors, he'd rather win the U.S. Open than the other three.

His logic was sound — he called it our "national" championship — but I wonder if he still feels the same.

It has, after all, "a tradition unlike any other," so we're told.

Toss all that in your salad bowl and sprinkle with high school baseball and softball playing their second weeks of the season, add spring football practice and your local college hiring its first soccer coach, and it's a big week.

The cherry on top has been Daylight Savings Time commencing Sunday, giving us a bonus hour of sunlight to enjoy all these things.

It's a great time to be alive, is it not?

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Prestonsburg  
High School  
Softball



Scott Little,  
Allen Central  
High School  
Baseball



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**Clark**

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closed out his eighth season at the helm of the Pikeville College program with 145 wins, just one short of Roy Cutright's school record for women's basketball. The Lady Bears ended the season with a loss to Lindsey Wilson in the opening round of the Mid-South Conference Tournament.

The Pikeville College softball team, which continues to improve and contend in the

Mid-South Conference, is coached by Robert Staggs.

Last year, around this same time, then Betsy Layne High seniors Whitney Lykens and Tabitha Witt signed with Alice Lloyd College. Lykens stayed with the ALC women's basketball team and enjoyed a successful first season with the Lady Eagles.

The ALC women's basketball program is now under the

direction of David Adams, who is set to enter his second season of calling the shots for the Lady Eagles.

"Kristal will be a good addition to any college team," Akers commented. "Alice Lloyd is getting a jewel. She is a hard-working player and I think she'll make an immediate impact on their team. She is just that type of player and person."

**JCHS**

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process to hire a new coach will start immediately."

As was the case during the latest football coach search, several names have surfaced pertaining to the open basketball coaching position.

Here's some of the more prominent names that have been kicked around:

Matthew Perry, Morgan County High School: Perry led the Cougars to the 16th Region title in 2004. He appears to be content in Morgan County, but could possibly entertain the thought of speaking with Johnson Central officials.

Brian Hall, Breathitt County High School: When Breathitt County High School named Hall, a Floyd County native, its new head basketball coach,

some were surprised. But Hall hasn't disappointed. He guided Breathitt County to a 14th Region runner-up finish in only his first season with the Bobcats. This past season, his second at the helm, Hall coached Breathitt County back into the 14th Region Tournament. Hall is a former Johnson Central assistant coach.

Bart Williams, Pikeville High School: Before starring at Pikeville College, Williams stood out at Johnson Central High School. The longtime Pikeville High School boys' basketball assistant now awaits the announcement of who will lead the Panther program following the departure of veteran head coach Dave Thomas.

Rodney Rowe, Shelby Valley

High School: Rodney Rowe put Shelby Valley High School basketball on the state map. He's been out of high school coaching for a year now and might want to get back into the prep game.

Danny Johnson, Johnson Central High School: Another former Johnson Central High School assistant coach, Johnson has been busy with his radio duties during the last five or six prep basketball seasons. However, Johnson, also a Floyd County native, might want to step out of the radio booth and back onto the sidelines. Both Johnson and Hall coached under Johnny Ray Turner.

Johnson Central High School officials haven't placed a timeline on the boys' basketball coach hiring process.

**All-Star**

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lic at 5 p.m.

Johnna Abney (Rockcastle County), Tara Rowe (South Laurel), Ashley Bell (Wayne County), Aaron Cash (Rockcastle County), Eric Fields (South Laurel), Steve Sexton (Wayne County) and Derrick Endicott (Lawrence County) were also selected for participation in the all-star game, but for one reason or another, declined the invitation.

More on the all-star event, including team rosters follows.

**Gatorade/Appalachian  
an All-Star Game  
Saturday, Perry  
County Central  
High School, John  
C, Combs Arena**

**GIRLS' SENIOR ALL-STAR  
GAME, 6 p.m.  
SOUTH ALL-STARS:**

Coach: Randy Napier, Perry County Central  
Madison Fields, Somerset  
Jamie Bonza, Corbin  
Suzanna Todd, Pulaski County  
Britta Maggard, Perry County Central  
Ashley Massey, Cumberland  
Kayla Bentley, Jenkins  
Candy Walls, Powell County  
Mishay Weddington, Pike County Central  
Melanie Cornett, Rowan County  
NORTH ALL-STARS  
Coach: Steve Miller, Magoffin County  
Kim Clark, Betsy Layne  
Kristal Daniels, Betsy Layne  
Kasi Mullins-Galloway, Knott Co. Central  
Austin McIntosh, Owsley County  
Camille Cook, Whitesburg  
Becky Thomas, Allen Central  
Keisha Johnson, Knott County Central  
Alisha Hall, Knott County Central  
Whitney Hogg, Whitesburg  
Ashley Hall, Paintsville

**BOYS' SENIOR ALL-STAR  
GAME, 7:30 p.m.**

**SOUTH ALL-STARS:**

Coach: Daniel Brown, North Laurel  
Nathan Bray, Somerset  
Blake Hubbs, Cawood  
Jordan Noble, Corbin  
Andrew Parks, Corbin  
Rodney Mitchell, Clay County  
Chase Patrick, Hazard  
Jermaine Martin, Powell County  
D.J. Hoskins, Hazard  
Cleve Washington, Hazard  
Thomas Lewis, Lawrence County  
Blake Roberts, Rockcastle County  
Derek Bowling, Perry County Central  
NORTH ALL-STARS  
Coach: Matthew Perry, Morgan County  
Zach Gillum, Greenup County  
Aaron Branham, East Ridge  
Daniel Combs, Perry County Central  
Bryant Furman, Rowan County  
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**Paintsville Little League reschedules Opening Day**

Paintsville Little League has rescheduled its Opening Day for Saturday, April 16. Festivities will begin with the annual parade to the field. During the parade, players and coaches will march down Euclid Avenue and onto the major division field.



High school softball teams from throughout the area are busy with the start of a new season. On Wednesday evening, South Floyd played Knott County Central. Knott Central won, 3-1.

## ACHS hosting independent hoops tourney

*Winner to face UK barnstorming tour team*

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**EASTERN** — Allen Central High School JROTC and the Allen Central High School Band are hosting an Independent Basketball Tournament Saturday, from 10 a.m. until its completion, to determine who will play the University of Kentucky Barnstorming Tour players. Last year, the winners defeated the UK Barnstorming Team.

The cost per team is \$100. Entry fees and team rosters are due in today. High School eligible players are not allowed to participate. Teams should have uniforms that are like colors and numbered. The champions and runners-up teams will receive trophies. Individual players will receive champion and runners-up trophies.

This is your opportunity to play against the University of Kentucky. If you have a team and want to enter the tournament, contact Lieutenant Colonel Larry Maynard or Staff Sergeant Jerry Hardy, call 606/358-5305 or 606/358-9543 extension 300/302.

The tournament is Single

elimination. Teams need to be at the gym 30 minutes before game time. There will be 15 minutes to warm up before each game. Halftime is 10 minutes. Each game will have two 20-minute halves, continuous clock.

The clock will stop on every whistle with two minutes remaining in the half. It will also stop for foul shots and during timeouts.

Each team will have three one-minute time outs per half. Teams will have bonus free-throw shots after 10 personal fouls. No double bonus.

Unsportsmanlike conduct has no place in this tournament and will not be tolerated. A technical foul will be assessed and the player will sit out of the game for five minutes. Should a player receive a second technical foul, the player will be ejected and required to leave the Allen Central school grounds, or the team will forfeit the game.

A player who receives a technical foul for any reason will sit out of the game for five minutes.

When a player commits five personal fouls, the player has to leave the game.

All teams may substitute as often as necessary but only during a dead ball (after a whistle — the clock will continue to run unless under circum-

stances listed above).

Each team must have the same color jersey with numbers.

Rosters must be finalized prior to the start of their game, after that, no add-ons are allowed. "Team-hopping" is unacceptable and will result in forfeiture.

Players cannot move from one team to another effective today. High School eligible players are not allowed to participate. We must know your team's nickname and have your rosters prior to play; however, no changes to the roster after today. The champions will receive a trophy and play UK Barnstorming Team on April 15. (Former UK players will join the seniors — based on availability.)

Allen Central has tickets available for the UK Seniors game. All tickets are general admission and cost \$8. You can also purchase tickets at Video Magic, Martin; The Perfect Setting, McDowell; Mike's TV and Appliance, Prestonsburg; Wayland Texaco, Wayland; Long John Silvers at Coal Run, Pikeville; and Route 3 Fast Lane, Inez.

Pregame festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. For questions regarding the Barnstorming Tour and events, contact the ACHS Band Director Ricky Wells, call 606/358-9543.

## More than 100 athletes coming to P'burg for Area 3 Spring Games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**FRANKFORT** — The Special Olympics Kentucky track and field season will get underway on Saturday with the Area 3 Spring Games at Prestonsburg High School. The Area 3 meet includes more than 100 athletes from Breathitt, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Letcher, Magoffin and Perry counties. The event will get underway with Opening Ceremonies at 9 a.m. The competition will begin at 9:30.

The Area 3 Spring Games is the first of nine regional track

and field meets held statewide this year. In all, more than 1,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the state will participate in regional track and field competitions, making track and field the largest participation event in the Special Olympics program in Kentucky.

Participants in the Spring Games automatically qualify to compete in the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games to be held June 3-5 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

For more information about the Area 3 Spring Games or about

the Special Olympics track and field program, contact Special Olympics Kentucky Program Director Kim Satterwhite at 1-800-633-7403 or via e-mail at ksatterwhite@soky.org.

Special Olympics is the world's largest program of sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Participation is open to all individuals eight years of age or older. Training and competition in local, area, state, and national programs is offered year-round in Kentucky in 17 sports.



T-ball teams from Harold-Allen-Prater Little League enjoyed some quality practice time amid warm temperatures Tuesday evening.



photo by Steve LeMaster

photo by Steve LeMaster

**Allen Central shortstop Nick Music (3) welcomed in teammate Josh McKinney after a run scored Tuesday evening during the game against county rival Betsy Layne.**

## Whitesburg senior playing in Kentucky-Ohio game

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**CRESTVIEW HILLS** — Whitesburg High School senior Camille Cook is one of the players playing in this year's Kentucky-Ohio All-Star Game, the 14th annual prep basketball showcase between the two states. The Kentucky girls team will be guided by Boyd County head coach Pete Fraley.

Assistant coaches are Nell Fookes and Dan Rowsey.

Both the boys and girls games will be played Saturday at Thomas More College.

Joining Cook on the Kentucky girls' squad are Brittany Bass (Covington Holy Cross); Ashley Bell (Wayne County); Melanie Cornett (Rowan County); Renee Dailey (Boone County); Katie Filiatreau (Washington County); Krista Hatfield (Henderson

County); Ashley Hawkins (Henderson County); Brandy Mahar (Boyd County); Destiny Mattingly (Woodford County); Tara Rowe (Rockcastle County); Jayme Thiem (Newport Central Catholic) and Ashley Vanderhoof (Raceland).

Pikeville High School head coach Cindy Halbert coached girls' basketball teams in the all-star event on three separate occasions. She is now on the committee.

## Azubuike plans to place name in NBA draft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LEXINGTON** — Kentucky junior swingman Kelenna Azubuike plans to put his name in the NBA draft, according to his coach, Tubby Smith.

Smith told the Lexington Herald-Leader on Monday that he is advising Azubuike not to retain an agent so the player can keep his options open, including a possible return to Kentucky next season.

Kentucky athletics department spokesman Scott Stricklin said Tuesday that he had not recently spoken with

Azubuike or Smith. Stricklin said the university would make an official announcement "when everything is final."

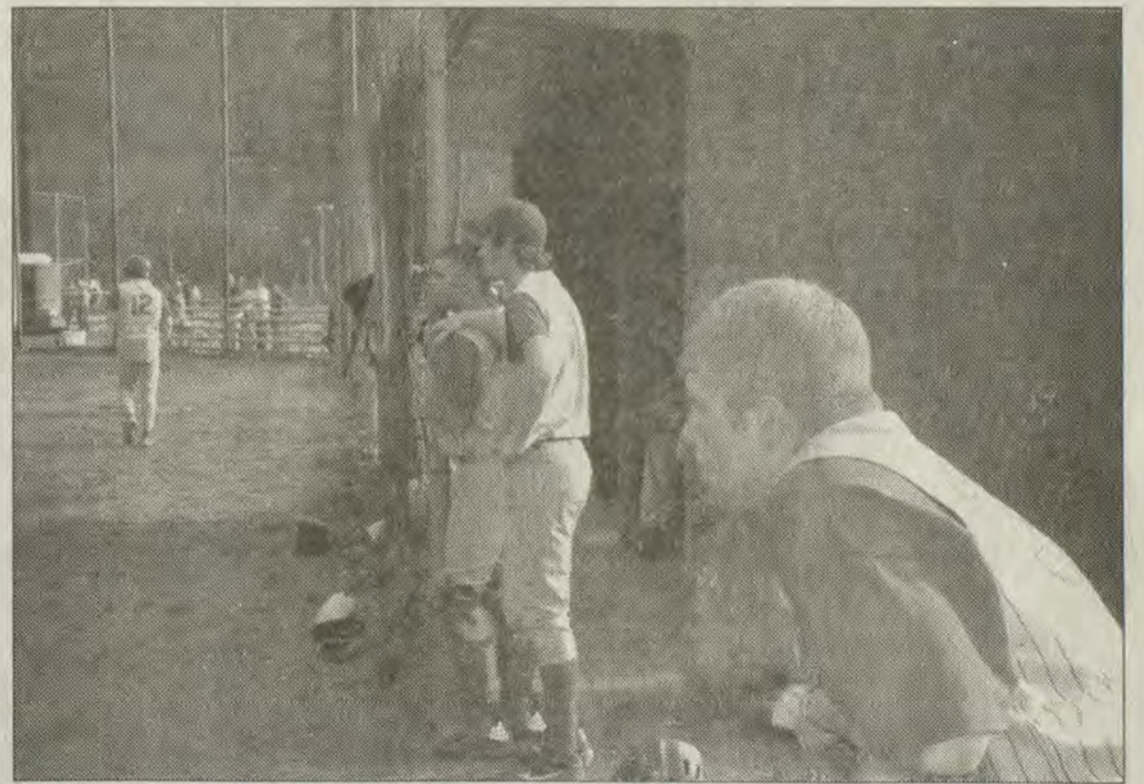
The 6-foot-5, 220-pound Azubuike led the Wildcats in scoring (14.7 points per game) and was second on the team in rebounding this season (4.7 per game). Kentucky finished 28-6 and lost to Michigan State in double overtime in an NCAA tournament regional final.

If Azubuike does place his name in the draft, it wouldn't be his first flirtation with the NBA.

During his senior season at Victory Christian School in

Tulsa, Okla., Azubuike openly spoke about jumping straight from high school into the NBA, but instead chose to sign with Kentucky. He scored 3,530 points during his prep career, second-best in Oklahoma history, and averaged 39.1 points and 13.3 rebounds per game as a senior.

Other Kentucky players in recent years also have explored their NBA options. Keith Bogans entered the draft after his junior season in 2002, then chose to return to Kentucky for his senior season and led the Wildcats to a regional final.



Above: The Betsy Layne bench looked on during Tuesday's game against Allen Central. Below: Betsy Layne's Shawn Hamilton took a cut at a Tyler Turner pitch.





Above: In two home games against Phelps, sophomore Tyler Layne went behind the plate for the Blackcats. Below: Josh Rodebaugh played first base in one game and pitched in another for host Prestonsburg.

# Blackcats take doubleheader from Phelps

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Host Prestonsburg took a pair of games from Phelps Tuesday evening. The home team won by a slim one-run margin in each contest. The Blackcats, entertaining Phelps at Archer Park, took the first game 4-3 and also finished out in front in the second game, winning 6-5 in five innings.

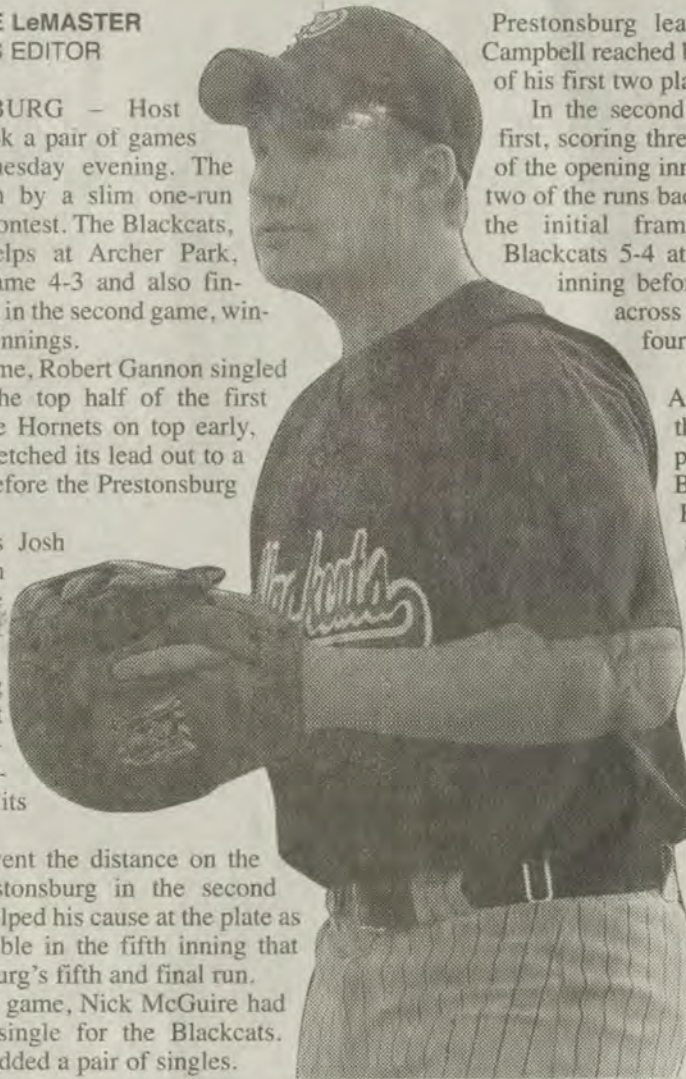
In the first game, Robert Gannon singled and scored in the top half of the first inning to put the Hornets on top early, again. Phelps stretched its lead out to a 2-0 advantage before the Prestonsburg bats livened up.

Prestonsburg's Josh Rodebaugh tagged a home run in the first game.

Prestonsburg won the first game in the seventh inning, scoring two runs in its final at-bat.

Rodebaugh went the distance on the mound for Prestonsburg in the second game. He also helped his cause at the plate as he had RBI double in the fifth inning that plated Prestonsburg's fifth and final run.

In the second game, Nick McGuire had a triple and a single for the Blackcats. Bobby Hughes added a pair of singles.



photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg leadoff hitter Brandon Campbell reached base on a walk in each of his first two plate appearances.

In the second game, Phelps struck first, scoring three runs in the top half of the opening inning. Prestonsburg got two of the runs back in the home half of the initial frame. Phelps led the Blackcats 5-4 at the end of the third inning before Prestonsburg came across one run in both the fourth and fifth innings.

In the first game, Andrew Shepherd took the mound and started pitching for the Blackcats. Bobby Hughes also came on and threw some for the Prestonsburg team.

Earlier in the week, Prestonsburg took a pair of games against host Cordia. The Blackcats beat the Lions 9-1 in one game and 4-3 in another.

Prestonsburg was scheduled to be back in action yesterday evening, playing on the road at Jenkins. Tonight, the Blackcats are slated to host 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival South Floyd.

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Games. Host sponsors include the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the University of Kentucky. The gold sponsors are Kentucky Utilities Company and the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau. Bluegrass Family Health, Jordan-Chiles, Lexington Area Sports Authority and McDonald's of Central

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KET for the 2005 Winter Games will air on KET-1 on Thursday, April 19 at 10:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 30 at 5:30 a.m. For further information, call Ed Mastrean at 859/258-7230.

For more information about the 2005 Winter Games or the upcoming 2005 Summer Games, go online to www.bsgs.org, or call 1-800-722-2474 or 859/255-0336



Tanner Keathley and Hailee Hall each won a pair of medals during the recent Bluegrass Winter Games.

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# Union reaches 30 wins in record time Bulldogs sweep doubleheader versus host Alice Lloyd College

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PIPPA PASSES — Union College rallied from behind to sweep an Appalachian Athletic Conference doubleheader from host Alice Lloyd College on Tuesday, winning 3-2 in eight innings and 7-5.

The wins give the Bulldogs a 30-9 overall mark and a 9-5 league record. Union was able to reach the 30-win plateau in its 39th game of the season, marking the fastest the Bulldogs had achieved the milestone. The previous record was 42 games in 1994.

In the first game, Union pushed a run across in the seventh to force extra innings en route to the 3-2 decision.

Trailing 2-1 in the seventh,

pinch-hitter Brandon Bailey (Frankfort) tied the game at 2 when his sac fly knocked in Seul Santiago (San Juan, Puerto Rico). Justin Barrier (Versailles) completed the comeback with a run-scoring single in the eighth.

Greg Bruce (Harlan) picked the win, not surrendering a run on two hits and one walk in two and two-thirds innings of work. Bruce is now 6-1 on the season.

The Bulldogs fell behind 3-0 in the first of the nightcap, but Union reeled off seven straight runs in recording the 7-5 victory.

Down 3-0, Union scored one in the second and two in the third to tie the game. In the fifth, the Bulldogs rallied for four runs in seizing a 7-3

advantage. Alice Lloyd scored two runs in the sixth, but the Eagles couldn't get any closer.

In the seventh, Barrier gave up two one-out walks to allow the potential winning run up to the plate. However, the Bulldog closer struck out the final two batters he faced to seal the victory and secure his seventh save of the season.

Erin Satterlee (Youngstown, Ohio) went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored, while Tim Galbraith (Hamilton, Ohio) stole two bases to give him the single-season record. He now has 38 stolen bases on the year.

Jeff Henderson (Franklin, Ohio) improved to 2-2 on the season, allowing three runs on four hits and one walk in four innings of work.

# KENTUCKY FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK Sucurovic wins Giant Steps Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Former University of Kentucky punter Sevin "Sevy" Sucurovic is a winner of the Giant Steps Award, announced today on National Student-Athlete Day by the National Consortium of Academics and Sports (NCAS).

The Giant Steps Awards are given to individuals who exemplify the meaning of National Student-Athlete Day. Sucurovic (pronounced "su-CUR-o-vich") has shown remarkable determination during his life. He was born in Bosnia, lived through civil war, moved to the United States, and eventually earned a scholarship as the starting punter on the UK football team while completing his degree.

"I thank the NCAS and am happy to be recognized," Sucurovic said. "I hope it will be an encouragement and motivation for other athletes that they can accomplish their goals."

It is Sucurovic's second national award. In December, he was named the winner of the Inspirational Award given by the Wyndham New Orleans Bowl as the most inspirational player of the year in college football.

"Sevy has made such a positive impact on us," Coach Rich Brooks said. "He is an example of the real student-athlete. He overcame many hurdles to reach his educational and athletic goals. He is going to be a huge success in life and is very deserving of this award."

Sucurovic graduated from UK with a degree in kinesiology and plans to enroll in the DeVos Sports Business Management graduate-school program at the University of Central Florida.

The winners of the 2005 Giant Steps Awards and the categories of their selection include:

- David Stern, Commissioner of the National Basketball Association (Civic Leader);
- Sevin Sucurovic of Kentucky, Macharia Yuot of Widener University, and Mohammad Rafiq of California-Davis (Courageous Student-Athlete, male);
- Destiny Woodbury, University of Rhode Island (Courageous Student-Athlete, female); and
- Ken Carter, former basketball coach at Richmond, Calif., High School, subject of the movie "Coach Carter."

Sucurovic's achievements are remarkable in their own right; however, understanding the distance he has traveled — both literally and figuratively — makes the accomplishments even more amazing.

Sucurovic grew up in the rural area of Tuzla, Bosnia, and was nine years old when war began. He remembers sleeping in four pairs of pants and three or four jackets in order to have extra clothes in case his family had to leave the house quickly because of danger.

Sucurovic's family moved to another village while his father

was fighting in the war. Sevin's school was five miles away and he had to walk a 10-mile round trip each day, wondering if he would make it safely. After approximately six years, the war officially ended, although sporadic fighting continued.

The devastation caused by the war brought on a struggling economy and high unemployment rate. The Sucurovic family decided to move to Boston, Massachusetts, and join other family members there.

After considerable time going through government red tape and getting the necessary money, the Sucurovics moved to the United States in 1998 — four people, three suitcases, and \$2,000 in hand from selling all of the family's possessions. Sevin was 16 years old. Six months later, the family relocated to Lexington, where some friends had found employment.

In Lexington, Sevin's father Osman worked at two, or sometimes three, jobs. Sevin's mother, Naila, also held down two jobs and Sevin worked at Kroger when he wasn't attending classes as a junior at Henry Clay High School.

Fate intervened at Henry Clay. Sucurovic's class in physical education, taught by football coach Sam Simpson, was kicking footballs. Sevin had never seen an American football game, but having played soccer as a child, he impressed Simpson with his ability to kick the ball. Simpson asked Sevin to

join the football team and compete for the kicker's job.

Fate intervened again, however, and this time unkindly. Walking home from practice one day, Sevin was hit by a jeep and sustained two broken bones in his neck.

Sevin eventually recovered from his injuries, but he was out for the season. He returned to the football field as a senior in 1999. He performed well as a kicker and was named second-team all-city by the Lexington Herald-Leader.

After graduation, Sucurovic enrolled at UK and made the football team as a walk-on kicker. His perseverance was tested again. He saw limited action for three years as a placekicker with the varsity and junior varsity teams, including one redshirt season. He switched to punter as a junior in 2003 and earned a scholarship before finally becoming the full-time starting punter during his senior season.

Sucurovic averaged 43.9 yards per punt in 2004, the fourth-highest single-season mark in school history. He had the top average in the Southeastern Conference, but did not qualify for official league leadership because he played in eight games, one short of the minimum number necessary to qualify.

Sucurovic had been in the United States only two years when he enrolled at UK. Although he was still learning the nuances of the English lan-

guage, he succeeded in the classroom and graduated with a degree in kinesiology. UK Athletics inducted Sucurovic into the Frank G. Ham Society of Character, which is given for exceptional commitment to academic excellence, athletic participation, personal development, being a role model, and career preparation.

"There are so many people who have helped me," Sucurovic said. "One person who did a lot was my dad. If it weren't for him, we wouldn't have been able to come here."

"Ekrem Dzambic was the person in Boston who helped us get to the United States and Bekirja Kurahovic helped us move to Kentucky. One of the big influences on me was Coach Simpson at Henry Clay. He really helped me and if it weren't for him I wouldn't have gotten involved in sports. Also, Coach Len Cox at Henry Clay. And, of course, the entire staff in CATS (UK's Center for Academic and Tutorial Services), because I was really struggling (in school) when I came to UK."

Going from Bosnia to a new country, from his native language to English, and from a hospital bed to the football field, Sucurovic has indeed made giant steps, over and over.

"Growing up, I always dreamed about playing college and pro sports but there were so few opportunities in Bosnia," Sucurovic said. "I was motivated by the opportunities in the United

States. Plus, nobody in my family has earned a college degree. I wanted to be the first one."

Anderson Withdraws From School: Linebacker Chad Anderson has chosen to withdraw from school, Coach Rich Brooks announced following Wednesday morning's practice.

Anderson was a three-year letterman for the Wildcats, playing in 27 games with 11 starts. His career totals feature 170 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 quarterback sacks, three pass interceptions, and two pass breakups. His best season was in 2003, Brooks' first season at UK, when Anderson made 125 tackles and led the Southeastern Conference in tackles per game. He would have been a senior in the 2005 season.

"We wish him well in whatever he decides to do in the future," Brooks said.

Kentucky returns to practice today from 9-11 a.m. Practices are held in Commonwealth Stadium or the Nutter Field House and are open to the public and media.

Kentucky Football Calendar (practices held in Commonwealth Stadium or Nutter Field House):

- Fri. Apr. 8 - Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Sat. Apr. 9 - Practice (scrimmage), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mon. Apr. 11 - Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Wed. Apr. 13 - Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Fri. Apr. 15 - Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Sat. Apr. 16 - Practice (scrimmage), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mon. Apr. 18 - Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Wed. Apr. 20 - Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Fri. Apr. 22 - Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Sat. Apr. 23 - Blue/White Spring Game, 1 p.m., Commonwealth Stadium

## Haddix leads pair of scoring drives in first WKU spring scrimmage

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**BOWLING GREEN** — Breathitt County product Justin Haddix finished 11-of-17 passing Saturday to help lead Western Kentucky University's first-team offense on two extended scoring drives in the Hilltoppers' first full scrimmage this spring at L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Feix Field.

Haddix completed 4-of-6 passes on the opening drive of the morning, an 18-play, 77-yard march that resulted in a 20-yard Chris James field goal. On the opening possession of the second half, Haddix capped an 11-play, 50-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run on 2nd-and-goal.

"Justin has played real well through the first seven practices," Topper head coach David Elson said. "He made some good decisions in the scrimmage, he got the ball where it needed to be today."

Lerron Moore added a 10-yard touchdown run, Stephen Willis scored from 2 yards out and James added a 41-yard field goal to account for the rest of the day's scoring.

Haddix connected with Maurice Perkins three times on the opening drive as the offense converted twice on third down and also was successful on 4th-and-1 at the defense's 32-yard

line. After Moore's 3-yard carry moved the chains, Haddix found Perkins for gains of 10 and 8 yards on consecutive plays to move into the red zone. James put the first points of the day on the board five plays later.

Perkins led all Topper receivers with six catches for 55 yards in the scrimmage.

The defense responded on the next drive with the only turnover of the day when Josh Johnson intercepted a Jack Rafferty pass that was deflected at the line of scrimmage on 3rd-and-6 from the offense's 24-yard line. The unit then forced punts on the ensuing five possessions, allowing just two first downs during that stretch.

Willis had 31 yards on six carries to help the second-team offense pick up its first score, adding a 5-yard reception from Rafferty.

After converting a pair of third downs, Rafferty hit Blake Ladson for 12 yards down the right sideline to set up 1st-and-10 at the 19-yard line. Willis carried on four straight plays, reaching the end zone from 2 yards out on 1st-and-goal.

Rafferty completed 7-of-10 pass attempts for 83 yards.

Haddix was 3-of-3 passing on the first drive after the break, hitting Perkins for 12 yards to move the offense inside the 5-

yard line. After a 2-yard gain from Moore, Haddix went around left end untouched for the second touchdown of the scrimmage.

He finished with 82 yards through the air.

Moore scored on the first-team's next possession, which started at the defense's 25-yard line, before James' second field goal wrapped up the scoring.

Moore led WKU with 65 yards on 20 carries, Porter added 41 yards and Willis collected 39.

Andre Lewis paced all players with 12 tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage. Brandon Smith and Brandon Mason made eight stops each, Dusty Bear posted seven tackles, while Sam Sexton and Scott Greschel were both credited with six. Deion Holts recorded a pair of sacks, with Daniel Williams adding three stops for loss including a sack.

Chris Jackson had two receptions for 49 yards, with his 43-yard catch in the second half the longest play of the day.

"I liked the effort, but you could see that we are a young football team," said Elson. "There were a lot of foolish penalties and too many mental mistakes. We need to see some leaders step up in these game situations."

## MSU: Jackson becomes Marketing and Promotions Director; Wells rejoins Eagle Athletics As Compliance and Eligibility Director

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

**MOREHEAD** — Paula Jackson, who has spent the past year as Morehead State's Senior Woman Administrator for athletics while also involved with compliance and eligibility, is now the University's Marketing and Promotions Director for athletics as well as continuing to serve as SWA.

Also, long-time Eagle athletic staff member Jim Wells has rejoined the staff as Compliance

and Eligibility Director after a period of retirement. In addition to having worked extensively in the compliance area, Wells has also served Eagle athletics as softball coach and sports information director.

"Paula is a seasoned veteran in the promotions, public relations and marketing fields and has vast experience both in the college setting and in the private sector," said Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson. "We're pleased to have her

serve in this capacity while continuing her role as SWA and with our Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

"We're pleased to have Jim back with our compliance and eligibility efforts. He is well versed in the very complicated fields of NCAA compliance and eligibility and has the trust and confidence of our coaches and administration. This realignment will strengthen the efficiency and overall operation of our athletic department."

## MSU blasts Shawnee State 17-5

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**MOREHEAD** — Senior outfielder Travis Rima hit a grand slam home run and 13 different Morehead State players had base hits as the Eagles defeated Shawnee State 17-5 Wednesday afternoon at Allen Field. MSU is now 14-14 on the season. Shawnee State is 12-9-1.

Rima's grand slam was the key hit in a seven-run second inning for the Eagles. In total, MSU Coach John Jarnagin used 26 players in the contest.

Senior second baseman Lance Seasor extended his hitting streak to 18 games with a double in his only official at bat.

Shawnee State leftfielder Jeff Tillman had a home run and a double to lead the Bear offense.

Freshman Matt Clark, the second of eight MSU pitchers, got his first collegiate win and evened his record at 1-1. Shawnee State starter Justin Craft (0-2) was the losing pitcher.

Seasor is the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week.

He extended his hitting

streak to 17 games, going 8-for-18 (.444) with nine runs scored, five homers and 12 runs batted in as MSU posted a 3-1 record last week. Included was a two-game sweep of Tennessee Tech that kept the Eagles unbeaten (5-0) in conference play.

The Catlettsburg native entered Wednesday's game with a slugging percentage of 1.278 and an on-base percentage of .545. Defensively, he had handled 20 chances without an error and was a part of five double plays.

## Clark becomes second native Kentuckian to play for Legends

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

**LEXINGTON** — The Houston Astros released the 2005 Lexington Legends roster on Sunday. The Legends will have three players returning to the Bluegrass this season and for the second straight year a native Kentuckian.

First baseman Scott Robinson and third baseman Saul Torres will join pitcher Raymar Diaz for a second tour of the South Atlantic League. Catcher Chris Clark will follow

in the footsteps of fellow ECU alum Josh Anderson and play his first full season of professional baseball in his home state. Clark hails from Ashland.

The Legends roster has plenty of star power. 2004 Appalachian League MVP, Mitch Einertson will lead the Legends offense. Einertson tied a 44-year-old league record with 24 home runs. Einertson also led the league in RBI (67), extra-base hits (39) and slugging percentage (.692).

Shortstop Ben Zobrist led the Appalachian League in batting

average (.339) and on-base percentage (.438). Outfielder Hunter Pence will provide some power. Houston's 2004 second round selection hit .294 with eight home runs for Tri-City.

Troy Patton will be the anchor of the Lexington pitching staff. The lefty had an ERA of 1.93 in six starts for Greeneville in the Appalachian League. Enyelbert Soto will be counted on to be the Legends closer. Soto picked up 13 saves for Greeneville in 2004. He also impressed by striking out 47 batters while just walking two.

## UIF announced schedule changes:

### Lexington's next home game April 30

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — The Lexington Horsemen recently announced that the United Indoor Football League has adjusted the schedule for the 2005 season. The adjustment is a result of the suspension of the Dayton franchise for the 2005 season.

Lexington's game slated for

April 23, has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 16 against the Tupelo Fireants. All tickets purchased for the April 23 game will be honored at the July 16 game. The only other change to the schedule is the Horsemen's opponent for the April 30 game. It will now be the Ohio Valley Greyhounds.

The Horsemen defeated the Greyhounds on Saturday, March

26 in a hard-fought battle, 63-62.

On April 30, the Horsemen will be hosting Old School Night presented by University Commons and WTVQ-36. Old School Night is a flash back to the 70's with \$1 food and drink specials, and costume contest.

For additional information on the entire league schedule, go online to [www.unitedindoor-football.com](http://www.unitedindoor-football.com).

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Reds 6, Mets 1

by **JOE KAY**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**CINCINNATI** — The last time the Mets started this badly, Casey Stengel was calling the shots.

Aaron Harang allowed only one single in 6 1-3 innings Thursday, and D'Angelo Jimenez had a pinch two-run double off Kazuhisa Ishii that sent the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-1 victory and three-game sweep of New York.

With a combined four-hitter, the Reds improved to 3-0 for the first time since 1990, when they won their first nine and swept Oakland in the World Series. The last time they swept the Mets at home was 1995, also a noteworthy year — the last time Cincinnati reached the playoffs.

Good omens all around. Not so for the Mets, who hadn't lost their first three games since 1964, Stengel's third year managing a fledgling club that redefined losing.

The Mets dropped their first nine games in the inaugural 1962 season, on their way to a standard-setting 120 losses. They went 0-8 and lost 111 a year later. By those standards, their 0-4 start in 1964 was deemed an improvement.

This slow start under first-year manager Willie Randolph is nothing but trouble.

The Mets grabbed offseason headlines with their high-priced overhaul, committing \$172 million to Pedro Martinez

and Carlos Beltran. Their \$105 million payroll is the NL's largest and ranks third overall, trailing only the Yankees and Red Sox.

The bullpen blew a ninth-inning lead in the season opener, won by Joe Randa's homer. Randa had a grand slam and six RBIs as Cincinnati won the second game as well.

Harang completed the sweep with one of the best performances of his career, allowing only three walks and Ramon Castro's second-inning single before letting the bullpen take over.

The Mets failed to get an extra-base hit. David Wright and Marlon Anderson had eighth-inning singles off Joe Valentine, and Jason LaRue's passed ball let in their only run. New York loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth on a single and two walks off David Weathers, but Danny Graves retired pinch-hitter Mike Piazza on a fly ball to get his first save.

Harang topped Kazuhisa Ishii, who allowed only two costly hits over 6 2-3 innings. Wily Mo Pena hit a solo homer in the second, and Jimenez's double sparked a three-run rally in the seventh.

Ishii came to the Mets in a March 20 trade with the Dodgers, hoping to shake his habit of working deep into

counts and walking a lot of batters. He walked Ryan Freel and Felipe Lopez to open the Reds' first, setting himself up for

familiar trouble.

Kaz Matsui, moved from shortstop to second base this season, let Sean Casey's potential double-play grounder get through him for an error that let in a run, and Austin Kearns followed with a sacrifice fly.

Pena got into the lineup for the first time because manager Dave Miley decided to rest Ken Griffey Jr., who had surgery to reattach his right hamstring last August. Pregame rain left the outfield wet.

Pena led off the second inning with a homer, the last hit that Ishii allowed until the seventh. The left-hander got into a flow after the homer, retiring the next 11 batters and fanning five straight during that stretch.

Freel got a warm reception from the fans during pregame introductions. Freel, playing for the first time since his drunken driving arrest on Monday night, had an RBI single and two of the four walks off Ishii.

Notes: Randolph played for the Mets in 1992, when they started 2-6. ... Reds OF Adam Dunn struck out three times, raising his three-game total to seven. Dunn set a major league record by fanning 195 times last season. ... LHP Eric Milton, who won his Reds debut on Wednesday night, will start again on Sunday at Houston, getting only three days between starts. In the other three times he's gone on short rest, Milton was 0-2 with a 3.10 ERA.

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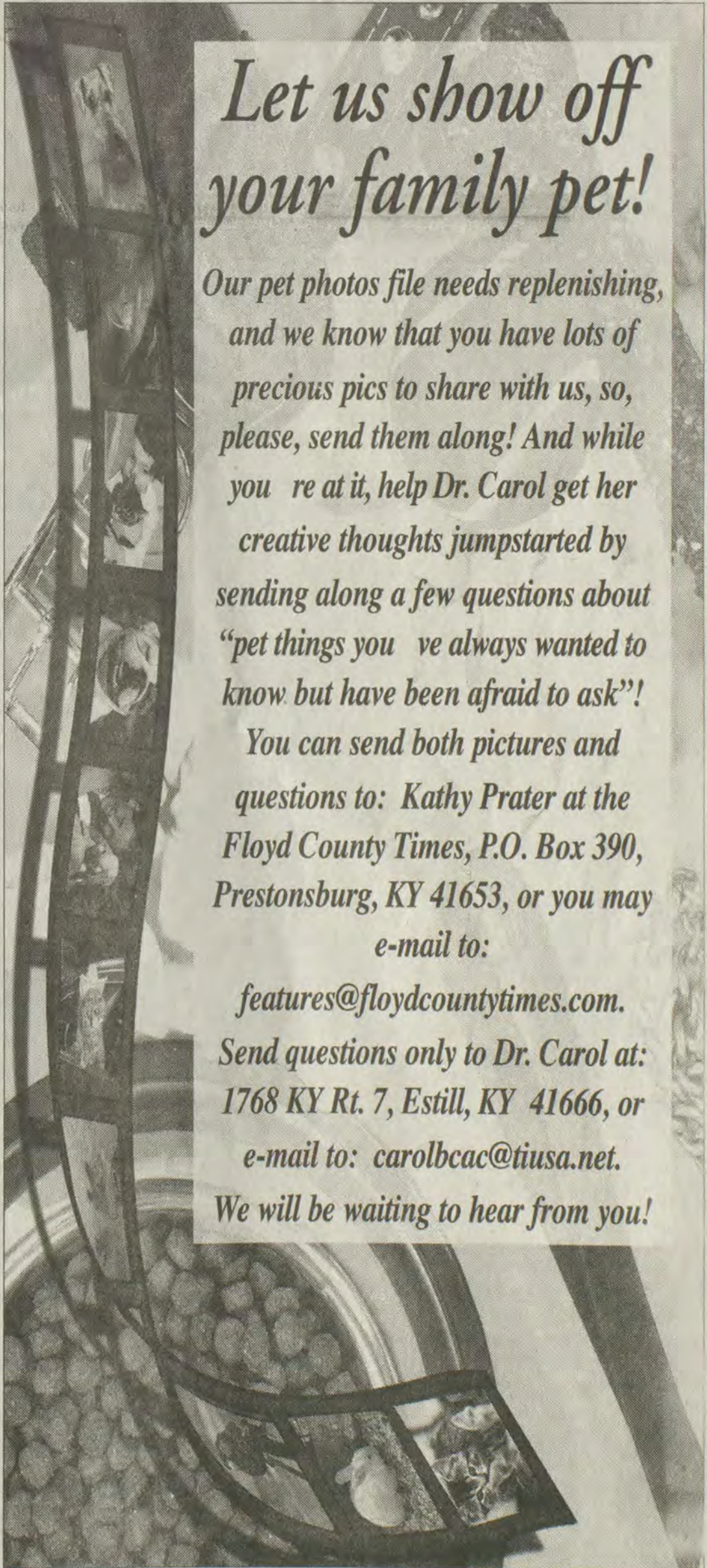
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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Spring has sprung

As usual, I came back to work this week more tired than when I left out for a little "R&R." What with household chores (of which there were far too many to complete), having three hungry (and restless) teenagers in the house, a niece in from California and a weekend trip to Central Kentucky, who could possibly get rested up?

I did manage to get the carpets and windows cleaned, but returned home with dirty laundry, an aching back and Monday morning on the rise. And speaking of rising Monday morning, there was that old aggravation of readjusting clocks again - both physically and internally. I have said it numerous times before and I'll say it many more, I'm sure - I am not a fan of this twice yearly "let's play around with the time" thing. Heck, no wonder a person can't ever get rested up and feeling normal - right about the time the old system starts gettin' into a nice and easy groove, it's time to

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### POSTSCRIPT

## A chance encounter

The trip is usually uneventful. The dogs and I walk the route a few times a week.

The highlight generally is Ben's sniffing of an attractive white and black female along the way. He whines adoringly at her through the chain link fence.

We also speak to Wilbur, the beautiful little setter mix whose outgoing, friendly nature has gotten him into trouble a time or two, resulting in his confinement to a leash and doghouse.

But one day a few weeks ago, we encountered a diversion. A small, tan and black terrier mix was visiting with Wilbur and ran to the narrow road to greet us.

Loudly barking, he lay down in the middle of the road with his



Pam Shingler  
contributing writer

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# No time for college? Try Weekender

Hazard Community & Technical College is starting something new called Weekender—a chance to get an education by attending classes on just Fridays from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginning with the Fall 2005 semester, Weekender classes will be scheduled in an accelerated, web-enhanced format. Each class will last approximately four weeks so one class will be scheduled

each month, following an approved rotation. Completion of the approved rotation will fulfill the graduation requirements for an Associate of Arts degree.

"This mode of delivery will give students much more flexibility than the traditional college scheduling format, which is particularly beneficial to students who work and/or have other obligations restricting their time," noted Germaine Shaffer,

Enrollment and Diversity Services director. "The complete associate of arts degree program will still take approximately two years to complete with scheduled breaks in instruction," she noted. Classes offered will include computers, English 101 and 102, history, foreign language, science with lab, math, social interaction, science, and communications.

"This is an innovative approach to

getting an education," noted Dr. Jay K. Box, HCTC president/CEO. "We understand that there are people who can benefit from this non-traditional approach and we hope they will take advantage of this new plan."

Those who have questions about this program, please contact Glenna Fletcher at telephone extension 73502. You also may email her at Glenna.Fletcher@kctcs.edu

# HCTC forming Professional Music Program



Rhonda Brashear plays a dulcimer she made herself. Dulcimer music is just one of the components for the new professional music program scheduled to begin at the Hazard Community and Technical College during the fall 2007 semester.

### Submitted article

Hazard Community & Technical College is planning a Professional Music Program based in Hyden. The new program's National Advisory Council met for the first time Jan. 12 - 14 and during that three-day retreat at the new Kentucky Community and Technical College System offices in Versailles, the National Advisory Council began formation of a program that will be unlike any in the nation. The group meets again in May to continue their work.

"This is the ideal location to offer such a music program," noted Dr. Jay K. Box, HCTC president/CEO. "This region is so rich in the heritage of Appalachian music and Bluegrass music. What better place to learn about traditional music than in the region where it is so much an integral

part of life," he said.

Besides classes on vocals, banjo, guitar, and other traditional instruments, students will learn about contracts, working with agents, copyrights for songs, and other parts of the business side of music. In addition, technological advances have a major impact on the music industry and students enrolled will be learning the latest technology. "Computer programs are used to write music, arrange music, and record music," noted Deronda Mobelini, who is working with the planning of the new program. "Our classes will include instruction on using this technology."

The National Advisory Council's next meeting is planned for May 18-20, so committee members can tour the campuses and talk with individuals in the community about the vision for creation of the new program. The

creation of the new program is being modeled after the Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman, which involved finding the right person to serve as the founding dean, Tim Glotzbach. Likewise, a search will be underway to find the ideal person to lead the program. A subgroup of the national advisory committee is currently working on identifying the qualifications needed for such a demanding job.

"We expect the program to draw students from the region, as well as the rest of the nation and other countries," noted Professor Mobelini. "The advisory council has already pointed out that countries, such as Germany and Japan, have similarities to and an interest in the music of this region, so we believe our new program will be attractive to international students," she said.

Students completing the program will graduate with an associ-

ate degree in applied science, although some students may enroll in just a few classes to enhance their quality of life or to address continuing education needs. A curriculum committee (consisting of national advisory council members and HCTC faculty) will develop a list of classes to be offered, with the program beginning in Fall 2007. Before that time, the location of the music program in Hyden will be determined. "We are working on a location that will provide a space for musicians to play informally—when they are out of the classroom," Dr. Box said. "We know that kind of immersion into playing and performing will enhance their learning experience, as well as making the Hyden area a very enjoyable place for the community to come out and be in the evenings," he said.

### THINGS TO PONDER

## Sibling Rivalry

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

After my inquiring how the children behave, a parent will frequently answer, "They're like other brothers and sisters, fighting and hitting all of the time. Kids will be kids. It's just sibling rivalry." Sometimes, parents seem to be overwhelmed by their kids' disruptive behaviors in the home and feel unable to do anything about the situation. "Dad, she's in my room getting into my things again! Mom, you never do anything about him hitting me!" Major questions about sibling rivalry usually are: where does it come

from and what can be done about it?

Jealousy and competition that erupts into squabbles and bickering are thought to be the basis of brothers and sisters' sibling rivalry. Each child's individual characteristics add to conflict among siblings, such as one or more children being fussy, easily bored, tense, and easily frustrated. Also, children with significant developmental weaknesses, language, attention, and social interaction, are more prone to experience friction with their brothers and sisters.

Another contributing factor to sibling rivalry is the manner in which the family functions. The research has shown that sibling rivalry to not as likely to arise within families having the following characteristics: (1) parents display respectful ways to solve daily problems and disagreements

so that there is a productive outcome without aggressive behaviors; (2) the family maintains the overall understanding that physical aggression and name calling is not acceptable and will not be tolerated; and (3) family members often have fun doing activities together that are fun for everyone. Another thing to remember is that how the children are getting along might be a barometer of your family's real level of harmony. Thus, the family striving to improve how enjoyable family functions are tends to aid in reducing the likelihood of sibling rivalry.

Besides the influence of each child characteristics and the family's overall functioning, research has demonstrated that the content of television and movies watched by children also plays a part in sibling rival-

ry. It has been shown that children watching violent TV and movies increase the risk of aggressive behavior among children. These results were more likely to be evident when the children were also prone to aggressive behavior anyway. Observers of how TV portrays sibling relationships concluded that sibling conflict and disrespect have become the norm. As expected, a suggestion was to reduce the amount of violent or aggressive programs that your children watch. In addition, if the children do watch these types of movies, watch it with them and talk about what's being shown. Parents can use this time to help the children understand the real-life consequences of violence and create nonviolent solutions to the spe-



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## Pneumonia Rx: Rest, nutrition and sometimes antibiotics

**Q**uestion: My doctor told me I had pneumonia a couple of weeks ago. I was on antibiotics for about ten days. I feel better now, but I am still tired and cough quite a bit. Can you tell me more about pneumonia? Should I still be tired and coughing?

**A**nswer: Pneumonia is an infection or inflammation of the lungs or part of the lungs. It is a relatively common affliction and has many causes. Several different bacteria and viruses cause pneumonia. Most cases of pneumonia are

easily treatable if they are caught early in an otherwise healthy person.

The symptoms of pneumonia can also vary depending on the causative agent. With bacterial pneumonia, the most common symptoms are chills, fever, productive cough and pain in the chest. These symptoms can come on gradually or abruptly. Some people can become hypoxic - that is, they lack adequate oxygen in the blood - and require supplemental oxygen to help them breathe.

The viral form of the disease represents almost half of all cases of pneumonia. While the symptoms are generally mild and a full recovery is the norm, viral pneumonia can be a life-

threatening illness in very old and very young patients, and in people whose immune systems are weak. The symptoms are dry cough, high fever, weakness, and headache.

Another type of pneumonia is mycoplasma pneumonia. This is usually mild and can affect all ages - but it is particularly common in people under the age of 40. Studies indicate that it causes between 15 and 50 percent of all pneumonia in adults and an even higher percentage of pneumonia in school-aged children. The primary symptom is a cough that persists for a long time and weakness. The cough is usually dry. There are many other causes of pneumonia that are rare and usually quite severe.

Treatment of pneumonia depends on the type of pneumonia. Bacterial and mycoplasma pneumonias usually respond well to antibiotics. Some viral pneumonias are treated with antiviral agents, but in most cases supportive

care, such as rest, fluids and cough syrup, will allow for resolution of the infection in a week or so. It is not unusual for a person with mycoplasma pneumonia to cough and be weak for a considerable time after the infection has cleared. In fact, it takes a while for most people with any type of pneumonia to bounce back and feel like themselves again.

Don't try to rush your body's healing process. It's vital to get adequate rest and nutrition for full recovery.

There are also several preventive steps that can be taken. Pneumonia caused by the influenza virus can be prevented by getting an influenza vaccine. Pneumonia vaccine prevents the disease when it is caused by the Streptococcus bacterial strain. Both of these vaccines are recommended for older people. The Hib vaccine can prevent some pneumonia in children. Good hand-washing and not smoking also help prevent pneumonia, and cov-

ering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze will help prevent the spread of the infection to others.

If, during the treatment or recovery phases of your pneumonia, you feel you are getting worse instead of better, you should contact your physician immediately for follow-up care and advice.

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### Join the BSCTC Choir for concert performance

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College Community Choir, pictured above, welcomes new members for the 2005 Spring Concert season. The choir is open to community members 12 and older as well as BSCTC students, faculty, and staff. This spring, the choir is performing a variety of music

including "I Hope You Dance," "The Phantom of the Opera Medley," "Rockin' Robin," "You Raise Me Up," and others. The Spring Concert will be held on Saturday, April 30 on the Prestonsburg Campus in Pike Auditorium. Interested singers that wish to perform in the concert should join choir rehearsals this coming

Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 PM in Pike Auditorium, on the Prestonsburg campus, as well as four remaining rehearsals each Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Questions can be addressed to Choir Director and Kentucky Opry member Laura Ford Hall at (606) 886-3863 ext. 67227 or laura.hall@kctcs.edu.

### Big Sandy Community and Technical College continues to meet needs of the coal industry

State Representative Hubert Collins and Senator Ray Jones were on hand at the Hager Hill Campus of BSCTC, Tuesday, April 5, to mark the start-up of the reorganized truck driving program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC). Responding to the expressed needs of the coal industry in eastern Kentucky for more and better prepared truck drivers, the truck driving program has been reorganized under the direction of David Pelphrey, Dean of Community, Economic and Workforce Development for the college.

"Truck driving has long been a staple career choice for many men and women in eastern Kentucky. Training and CDL certification have become a necessity as more and more commercial vehicles are needed to transport everything from vegetables to coal. BSCTC has responded to that need with classes designed to fit the needs of students who have a desire to drive the big rigs or need training for CDL certification," stated Pelphrey.

Truck driving student Susan Davidson from Morehead, KY said, "I am a wife, mother of 5 children and grandmother of 3. I have driven my husband's truck and now I am here to learn and get my CDL license so I can drive with him." Calvin Bates, another student from Jenkins, KY, said he wants to be a truck driver to be able to earn a better living for his wife and two children.

Bobby McCool, Vice

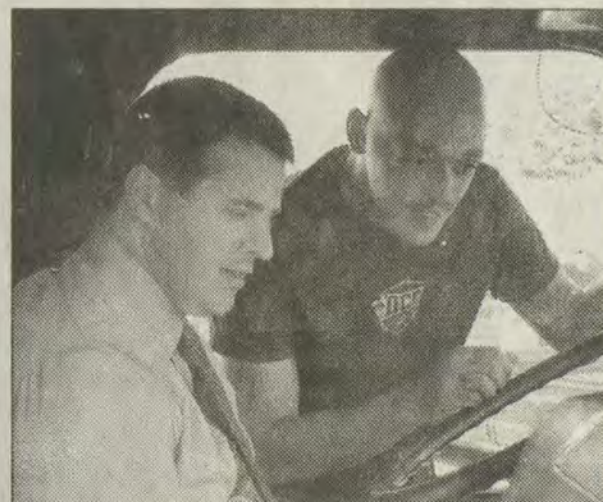
President of Institutional Services said, "Legislators like Collins and Jones have been instrumental in passing laws to improve the opportunities for education like that offered by BSCTC and for providing funding to make it possible to keep abreast of business and industry needs. Men of vision like these are necessary in government, if we are to keep

Kentucky strong and our workforce ready to meet the challenges of today's economy."

The truck driving program at BSCTC is a short term program. Anyone interested in taking the course should call the office of Community, Economic and Workforce Development at 606-789-5321 ext. 82844 for information on the next enrollment.



Representative Hubert Collins, student Susan Davidson from Morehead, and Senator Ray Jones.



Student Calvin Bates shows Senator Ray Jones how the "Big Rig" works.

## Let us show off your family pet!

*Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask!"*

*You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to:*

*features@floydcountytimes.com.*

*Send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tiusa.net.*

*We will be waiting to hear from you!*

### Sacred Winds Ensemble Children's Choir

The Sacred Winds Ensemble announces openings for the Sacred Winds Ensemble Children's Choir. The choir, to be featured on the 2005 Summer Concert, will perform David Holsinger's setting of Jesus Loves Me.

To participate, each member must be between the ages of 4 & 12; attend the two rehearsals at Bowman Methodist Church (701 High Street, Hazard) from 7:00-8:00 p.m., on May 24 and May 26; and attend the dress rehearsal with the Sacred Winds Ensemble on Saturday, June 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the First Federal Center, Hazard Community and Technical College. There are no financial obligations, but members are required to have a sponsor/chaperone at every rehearsal. The enrollment deadline is April 11, 2005. For additional information, please contact Kathy Ivey by telephone at 606-436-4721 or by e-mail at kivey@hazard.k12.ky.us.

The Sacred Winds Ensemble will present their ninth annual Summer Concert on Sunday, June 5. The concert will begin at 2:30 p.m. at The First Federal Center on the campus of the Hazard Community and Technical College. Admission is free and all are invited.

### New Arrivals



**March 22, 2005**  
- A daughter, Megan Lynn Gayheart, to Sarah and Michael Gayheart

**March 23, 2005**  
- A daughter, Jasmine Gail Scott, to Anna and Erik Scott  
- A daughter, Amber Rose Moles, to Joshalyn Charleen Roberts  
- A daughter, Leith Abigail Conway, to Geneva Diane Boyd  
- A daughter, Brooklyn Lexis Paige Francis, to Paula Renee Francis  
- A son, Devin Alan Marsilett, to Rhonda Lynn and Timothy Marsilett

**March 24, 2005**  
- A daughter, Aliyah Lexis Newsome, to Nichelle Lynn Newsome  
- A son, Andrew Jayden Osborne, to Carla Dawn and Anthony Shawndan Osborne

**March 25, 2005**  
- A daughter, Kaylee Madison Boyd, to Jennifer Dawn and Steven Edward Boyd  
- A son, Benjamin Jacob Moore II, to Julie Lynn May





**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids for CIAP KY36P157-01-04 Modernization, will be received by The Floyd County Housing Authority, thru Friday, April 29, 2005, at 2 p.m., (local time), and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of: Remodeling of 62 bathrooms and 20 one-half baths with new PVC Tub/Shower Liners, Lavatories, Toilets, Faucets, and Vinyl Floor coverings.

The Information for Bidders, Bid Form, Form of Contract, Drawings, Specifications, and forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

The Floyd County Housing Authority, 402 John M. Stumbo Drive, Langley, KY 41645, 606-285-3833; Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 859-255-1021.

Additional information is provided in the bidding documents. Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained at the following location:

The Floyd County Housing Authority, 402 John M. Stumbo Drive, Langley, KY 41645, Telephone 606-285-3833; Fax: 606-285-3835, Attention: Harry Bennett, Capital Grants Coordinator.

Copies must be obtained from Mr. Harry L. Bennett at the office of the Floyd County Housing Authority, 402 John M. Stumbo Drive, Langley, KY, 41645, Telephone (606) 285-3833. Partial sets will not be issued. Bid Bonds and Performance and Payment Bonds must be secured by a guaranty or surety company listed in the latest issue of U. S. Treasury Circular 570 and shall be within

the maximum amount specified for such company in said Circular 570. The "Bid Bond" and the "Performance and Payment Bond" must be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the state where the project is located, and must be listed in U. S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

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231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for April 21, 2005, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY  
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways, in the Division of Contract Procurement on the 3rd floor, and/or the Auditorium, located on the 1st floor of the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10 a.m., Daylight Saving Time, on the 29th day of April, 2005, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of: VARIOUS COUNTIES STP-NH 3000 (572): Various Routes in Districts 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Pavement markers & reflectors. The Department of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this

advertisement, Disadvantaged Business enterprises, will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bid proposals for all projects will be available at the Division of Contract Procurement until 3 p.m., Daylight Saving Time, preceding the day of the letting of Friday, April 29, 2005. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittance, payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, must accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED TO PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS.

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