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LITTLE LEAGUE

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briefs

Family

sues over new road

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Four family members filed a lawsuit Tuesday charging the Floyd County Fiscal Court with failing to follow requirements before building a road through property they jointly own in Prater Creek.

Lazelle, Gladys, Marsha and James Williams charge in the suit that the fiscal court failed to follow proper procedures when they allegedly failed to post a notice of the resolution to build the road at the site five days prior to adopting the resolution and thus not giving the family a chance to challenge the decision.

They further argue that since the procedure wasn't followed that the road be declared null and void. They also ask the court to issue an order declaring the actions of the Fiscal Court to be in violation of KRS 178.115

The Williamses are asking the court to have the road removed as well as to grant them any appropriate relief and legal fees.

Venue concerns holding up blast suit

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The responsibilities and alleged negligence of three MarkWest employees and one Ivel resident are the topics of argument in attempts to change venue in the Ivel blast lawsuit.

The defendants, MarkWest Hydrocarbon Inc., Equitable Production Company and its affiliates, were named in

two separate Floyd Circuit Court lawsuits in February by 39 residents who claim the companies negligently caused the Nov. 8 explosion that demolished five homes in the Rolling Acres subdivision.

Lexington attorneys Linsey W. West and Amy Collier filed a notice of removal of the cases from Floyd Circuit Court on Feb. 24 and March 1, arguing for federal court jurisdiction in the matter. They claim that attorneys Keith Bartley and William

R. Johnson, representing the Ivel residents, have attempted to "thwart MarkWest defendants' rights" by suing individual employees in order to keep the issue in state court.

Bartley and Johnson, consolidating the two cases, filed motions, accompanied by memorandums, to remand the case back to Floyd County on March 14.

The MarkWest and Equitable defendants, who have already reached confiden-

tial settlements with three Ivel families (James and Betty Fulks, Larry and Shirley Senter, and Donald R. and Vivian Conn) filed responses to that motion in U.S. District Court last week.

In their arguments, both companies emphasize the allegations of neglect against one Ivel resident, James Dillion, and three individual MarkWest employ-

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Prestonsburg Firefighters Dave Setser, Lt. Darrell Sparks, and Jason "Carbide" Holbrook completed a swift water rescue course this month. The jet ski pictured was donated to the fire department by Honda of Prestonsburg for rescue operations.

Firefighters gear up for summer with training

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — Summer time is water time for many Eastern Kentuckians and local firefighters are gearing up for water rescue.

Three Prestonsburg firefighters attended Eastern Kentucky University's Rescue School training this month in Richmond.

Dave Setser, Lt. Darrell Sparks,

and Jason "Carbide" Holbrook each received 16 hours of instruction in swift water rescue operations at a river in the Richmond-Danville area.

Fire Chief Gary Dotson said the men focused on learning safety techniques for both shore-based and water-based rescues.

"This course always helps them in decision making," Dotson said. "They learn respect and apprecia-

tion for the dangers of moving water, or, as instructors call it, big water."

One major decision rescuers face, Dotson said, is what the Red Cross terms "shelter in place." If a victim is basically safe and in a place where water will recede, rescuers must decide if it's "prudent" to put a watercraft in the water.

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Wrongful firing suit dismissed

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A wrongful discharge lawsuit brought against Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin by ousted Mountain Arts Center director Pat Bradley was dismissed Tuesday after two days of testimony.

Attorneys for Fannin moved for a summary judgment in the matter, claiming that Bradley's lawyers had failed to make a case proving that Fannin had breached any contract or had wrongfully terminated Bradley.

Judge John Caudill upheld the defendant's

motion for a directed verdict and dismissed the case.

"This is something I don't do often," Caudill said. "I've only done it three times in my career."

The judge then proceeded to note that the plaintiff had failed to show proof that she was ever anything other than an at-will employee and dismissed the suit.

In Kentucky, an employer has the right to fire an employee without giving a reason unless some sort of formal contract has been signed by both parties.

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Missing sex offenders lead 25 indictments

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County grand jury handed down indictments Tuesday in several cases, with two sex offenders topping the list for failing to register with the Department of Probation and Parole.

Timothy Arnold II, 32,

of Harold, was charged with failing to report to parole since November, after he moved into the area from North Carolina. Jamie Junita Nash Burgess, 32, of Prestonsburg, was also indicted for failing to check in with parole since Dec. 15. Arrest warrants

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Drug awareness march scheduled for May 1

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County UNITE Coalition announced Wednesday that it is planning a public march and rally for a "Drug-Free Floyd County" on Sunday, May 1.

The event will begin in front of the Justice Center at 3 p.m. and proceed up South Lake Drive to the Prestonsburg High School stadium, where guest speakers will address the crowd.

Scheduled to attend and speak at

the rally are Attorney General Greg Stumbo, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin.

Coalition coordinator Mike Vance gave out the results of a survey of Floyd County youth and said, "Numbers don't mean a whole lot, but lives mean everything."

Vance went on to note that the event will feature all manner of speakers with messages about different challenges presented by the drug

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Ken Carriere, public relations director for the Floyd County UNITE Coalition, announced Wednesday that a public march and rally aimed at making Floyd County drug-free will be held on Sunday, May 1. The march will start at the Justice Center at 3 p.m. and proceed to the Prestonsburg High School stadium, where Attorney General Greg Stumbo will be the keynote speaker.

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Odds & Ends

■ ITHACA, N.Y. — Not just anybody can say he has a slime-mold beetle named in his honor. But George W. Bush, Dick Cheney and Donald H. Rumsfeld can.

Entomologists Quentin Wheeler and Kelly B. Miller, who recently had the task of naming 65 newly discovered species of slime-mold beetles, named three species after the president, vice president and defense secretary.

The monikers: Agathidium bushi Miller and Wheeler, Agathidium cheneyi Miller and Wheeler, and Agathidium rumsfeldi Miller and Wheeler.

According to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, the first word of a new species is its genus; the second word must end in "i" if it's named after a person; and the final part of the name includes the person or persons who first described the species.

Naming the beetles after Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld was intended to pay homage to them, said Wheeler, who taught at Cornell University for 24 years and now is with the Natural History Museum in London.

"We admire these leaders as fellow citizens who have the courage of their convictions and

are willing to do the very difficult and unpopular work of living up to principles of freedom and democracy rather than accepting the expedient or popular," he said.

Wheeler and Miller, who was at Cornell and now is a postdoctoral fellow at Brigham Young University, published the names in the March 24 issue of the Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History.

■ WEST BEND, Wis. — Larry Hoffman brought home a bargain shirt from the Goodwill store — only to find \$2,000 in cash stuffed in a pocket.

The 69-year-old retiree returned to the store the same day to report the money.

"The money certainly wasn't mine. It belonged to somebody else, obviously," Hoffman said of his April 1 find. "That person was certainly on my mind more than me."

Store manager Rebecca Johnson said customers have returned small amounts of money found in clothing, "but nothing on this scale" in the six years she's been in charge.

"If there's a one-tenth of 1 percent chance that somebody's going to claim it, they should have that opportunity," Hoffman said Wednesday.

Goodwill has no way to trace

the source of the shirt, so Johnson called West Bend police. The rightful owner has 90 days to claim the money. After that, Hoffman can claim it or else it goes in the city treasury.

Police won't disclose any details about the shirt or the denominations of the bills that were found. That information has to come from anyone seeking to claim the money.

"When we were kids, it was always 'finders keepers, losers weepers,'" Hoffman said. "But that's not really the case. You've got to keep the losers from weeping too much."

■ BROWNSVILLE, Texas — A trio of animal-rights protesters didn't find any welcome mat when they stopped at a

KFC, but the restaurant manager did turn on the sprinkler system for them.

Manager John Olivo turned the sprinklers on full blast to soak the protesters from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals who were standing by the curb. They were campaigning for more humane methods of killing.

The protesters, including one in a chicken suit, were followed by a man with a microphone who said he eats beef.

"You're not going to win, not in Brownsville," David Ingersoll shouted through his microphone at the protesters at a busy intersection. His stepchildren passed out anti-PETA pamphlets to stopped drivers.

The PETA members did not

give up on their message.

"It hasn't been quite like this in other parts of the state," said Chris Link, PETA's campaign coordinator, who is traveling to protest KFC in 12 Texas cities.

"It's a rarity that we get this," he said after being doused by the sprinklers.

■ PALM BAY, Fla. — A tornado that ripped through Geoffrey Crook's home didn't just tear away his roof. Authorities say it exposed his elaborate marijuana-growing operation.

Crook, 41, was charged Tuesday with possession and manufacturing of cannabis after police officers served him with an arrest warrant at his home. He was released on \$1,000 bond

Tuesday night.

The operation had lamps, hydroponic equipment and log books. Fifty-four marijuana plants neatly arranged in the master bedroom had a street value of about \$8,000, authorities said.

The operation was uncovered in February after a twister, with winds whipping up to 112 mph, tore away Crook's roof.

Palm Bay police and other emergency crews were searching through the debris for injured victims when they came across the 2- to 3-foot plants. Crook was not at home during the storm.

Crook had a disconnected telephone number and couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 15, the 105th day of 2005. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: In the early hours of April 15, 1912, the British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland, less than three hours after striking an iceberg. About 1,500 people died.

On this date:

■ In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

■ In 1861, three days after the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter, President Lincoln declared a state of insurrection and called out Union troops.

■ In 1865, President Lincoln died, several hours after being shot at Ford's Theater in Washington by John Wilkes Booth. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

■ In 1945, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

■ In 1945, President Roosevelt, who had died April 12, was buried at the Roosevelt family home in Hyde Park, N.Y.

■ In 1980, existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre died in Paris at the age of 74.

■ In 1989, 95 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England.

■ In 1990, actress Greta Garbo died in New York at age 84.

■ In 1998, Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 73, evading prosecution for the deaths of two million Cambodians.

■ In 2002, retired Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White died at age 84.

Ten years ago: In his weekly radio address, President Clinton asked Congress to pro-

tect a short list of key legislation, saying he was giving the highest priority to welfare reform, targeted tax cuts and a crime bill preserving the assault weapons ban.

Five years ago: The world's leading financial officials, meeting in Washington, pledged cooperation to promote global prosperity. Meanwhile, anti-globalization protesters swarmed through the heart of the nation's capital. Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles became the 24th player to reach 3,000 hits when he lined a clean single to center off Twins reliever Hector Carrasco. (The Orioles won the game, 6-4.)

One year ago: In a videotape, a man identifying himself as Osama bin Laden offered a "truce" to European countries that did not attack Muslims, saying it would begin when their soldiers left Islamic nations. Iraqi militants freed three Japanese hostages after holding them about a week. In the finale to the first edition of the NBC reality show "The Apprentice," Donald Trump "hired" Bill Rancic over Kwame Jackson during a segment that was telecast live.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Michael Ansara is 83. Country singer Roy Clark is 72. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 61. Actress Lois Chiles is 58. Actress Amy Wright is 55. Columnist Heloise is 54. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 46. Singer Samantha Fox is 39. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 37. Actor Flex Alexander is 35. Actress Emma Watson ("Harry Potter" films) is 15.

Thought for Today: "History would be an excellent thing if only it were true." - Leo Tolstoy, Russian author (1828-1910).

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Lawsuit

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ees, area manager Keith Hayes, senior pipeline technician Tim Castle, and Jeff Stark, who conducted a corrosion protection survey on the line in 2002.

Johnson argues in his supporting memorandum to remand the case back to Floyd County that the MarkWest employees did not properly maintain, repair, inspect or supervise the pipeline system, which runs from the Maytown Station through Ranger, W.Va., and terminates at the Siloam Plant near South Shore. He also argues that MarkWest employees did not educate or warn Ivel residents about the line or impending danger.

Four residents (Charles Reid, Ricky Conn, James Fulks and Jeannie Newsome) claimed in affidavits that they never knew the line was there and that MarkWest employees did not inform them about the line, how to detect a leak or what to do if a leak occurred.

In rebuttal, the MarkWest defendants argue that the employees performed their duties as assigned. Equitable claims that the fault ultimately lies in the hand of MarkWest, not its employees. Hayes swore in his affidavit that he and his son passed out calendars and information to Ivel residents in December 2003. All three employees swore that they had no knowledge of the leak until after the explosion.

Collier, representing the MarkWest defendants, and Winston Miller, representing the Equitable defendants, claim that no specific allegations have been outlined against these employees.

Collier, arguing on behalf of MarkWest, called the inclusion of the nature of the claims against Hayes, Castle and Stark "fraudulent and baseless."

"The MarkWest employees sued have been randomly picked for the sole purpose of defeating diversity jurisdiction," she wrote.

Miller called their inclusion a "transparent — albeit unsuccessful — attempt to manipulate" the court's jurisdiction.

"The individual employees were neither owners nor occupiers of the pipeline," Miller wrote. "so they're not personally subject to legal duties which may be owed by the owner or occupants to inspect and warn of dangerous conditions." Expecting employees to question their employers' safety standard or practices "imposes an unfair burden on the individual employee," he wrote.

Collier argues that the plaintiffs "have, in essence, admitted that each of the claims was without foundation" because those claims aren't supported with evidence of misacting on the

employee's behalf.

Both attorneys also argue that Dillion, whose driveway in Ivel possibly "concealed the leak" is also "fraudulently joined" because he had no knowledge of the line.

Johnson argues that if Dillion's concrete driveway had a steel rebar under the surface, it could have created an electrical current that "would possibly contribute to the corrosion process."

He also claims that Dillion did not consent to the notice of removal which was filed in Floyd District Court on Feb. 24, a violation of state law.

Attorney Ned Pillersdorf, representing Dillion, filed a motion to dismiss his client from the suit earlier this year. Dillion swore in an affidavit that he hired a contractor, Shirley Ousley, now deceased, to complete his driveway in 1971 and that he wasn't aware that the line ran through his property because it was not cited on his deed.

In addition to these arguments, MarkWest and Equitable also argue that the case should be moved to federal court because the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 and because the companies being sued are based in different states.

Interestingly, both parties take different stances on the contributing factors leading up to the leak.

Collier, referring to "V chart" reports from the Kentucky Hydrocarbon Plant in Maytown, argues that the leak occurred at 8:20 a.m. on Nov. 8, and was leaking for no more than 40 minutes prior to the explosion.

Johnson, pointing out that the pipeline was constructed between 1956 and 1957, argues that the leak occurred after years of corrosion. In his argument, he cites information in the Department of Transportation's Corrective Active Order that shows there have been at least 11 leaks in the 141-mile stretch of line over the years. The 12th, he says, was Nov. 8, and it was "probably there for an extended period of time."

The cause of the failure on the line has not been determined, the response says, but preliminary visual inspection indicates the presence of "localized external corrosion" around the failure site.

The Johnson law firm said it will file a response by the end of next week.

Johnson said Friday that there are numerous benefits for both parties to obtain their requested venue in the case.

Federal court, for example, does not award punitive damages.

A downside to the venue argument, he said, is that it prevents the parties from continuing with the discovery process.

Charges

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were issued for both.

Arnold was convicted in North Carolina of indecent liberties with a minor under 12. He has been registered as a sex offender since 1996 and had been scheduled to be removed from the registry next year.

Burgess was placed on the registry for life in 1999 after being convicted of first-degree sex abuse and unlawful transaction with a minor.

Other indictments include:

■ James Sisco, 31, of Tackett Branch, was also indicted for an October incident that charged him with assaulting Sgt. Steve Little, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Little had responded to a call from the Allen Dollar General store and attempted to arrest Sisco for shoplifting, but was allegedly assaulted by Sisco, who then tried to flee the scene. Sisco was in custody as the indictment was being returned. Sisco was arrested at the Justice Center on Wednesday when deputies stopped him at the building's metal detector and charged him with possession of marijuana, public intoxication, giving a false name and not having prescription medicine in its original container. Sisco pleaded guilty to those charges in District Court yesterday and received a seven-day sentence as well as fines and did not know at that time that he had been indicted.

■ Edward L. Caudill, 47, of Harold, was indicted on one count of bribery of a civil servant for allegedly calling Kentucky State Police Post 9 and offering money to Sgt. Darren Stapleton to not show up at a district court trial for a DUI that he had incurred.

■ Chris Arizo, 34, of Blue River, was charged with five counts of theft by deception for allegedly taking money from flood victims for house repairs that he never did. In all he is charged with taking \$22,000 from five families between October and December and then never completing the repairs. Arizo left the county as the investigation began by Sgt. Steve Little and is rumored to have flown to Florida where his ex-wife lives. Arizo's girlfriend during his stay in Floyd County, Lydia Spradlin, also was charged with one count of theft by deception. Arizo was also charged with theft of Spradlin's vehicle, which he used to leave the area.

■ Larry Owens, 49, of Martin, sexual abuse, intimidating a witness.

■ Brian Kidd, 33, of Ivel, burglary, theft by unlawful taking.

■ Delores Bentley, 45, of Harold, theft by unlawful taking.

■ Deborah L. Fitch, 38, of Paintsville, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, three counts of wanton endangerment, reckless driving, disregarding a traffic signal.

■ Chad Manuel, 19, of Langley, theft by unlawful taking.

■ Michael D. Case, 44, of

Harold, three counts of second-degree forgery, two counts of theft by unlawful taking.

■ Brian K. Tackett, 31, of Teaberry, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving on a suspended license, fleeing police, operating an ATV on a roadway.

■ Rodney D. Baker, 37, of Lackey, operating a vehicle under the influence, driving on a suspended license, driving with no insurance, driving without a seat belt.

■ Walker A. Ratliff, 23, of Prestonsburg, three counts of burglary, receiving stolen property, criminal mischief, two counts of theft by unlawful taking.

■ Ryan Allen Lykens, 22, of Salyersville, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, two counts of failure to wear a seatbelt, no insurance.

■ Derek R. Stanley, 25, of Honaker, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving with a suspended license, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

■ Randy L. Manuel, 45, of Langley, three counts of possession of a controlled substance, carrying a concealed weapon, controlled substance not in prescription container, no insurance, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

■ Christy Brown, 31, of Wayland, theft by unlawful taking, forgery, theft of identity, theft of a credit card.

■ Richard Caldwell, 29, of Salyersville, fleeing police, six counts of wanton endangerment, criminal mischief, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

■ Shelia Adkins, 31, of Tinker Fork, possession of a forged instrument.

■ Joseph R. Caines, 25, of Varney, two counts of forgery, theft by deception, theft by unlawful taking.

■ Christopher Rackey, 29, of Bevinville, two counts of wanton endangerment.

■ Ricky Short, 36, of East Bernstadt, flagrant non support.

■ Billy Ray CRAFT, 35, of Auxier, flagrant non support, persistent felony offender.

Mayor

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Bradley had introduced a letter from the MAC's management commission stating that she would be employed permanently after a six-month trial period, but Bob Meyer, who wrote the

letter as head of the committee, noted on the stand that he didn't actually have the authority and only wrote it as a courtesy.

March

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problem. Vance will also be a speaker at the event and will talk about a plan for Floyd County that the coalition has begun work on and will also solicit the active involvement of community members.

Floyd County pastors will be on hand and will jointly sign a covenant that will act as a public agreement for prayer. They will also join with substance abuse counselors at the rally to offer help and healing.

The statistics that were generated from the Floyd County Alcohol and Drug Survey indi-

cate that sixth- through 12th graders are particularly at risk.

The survey reported that 33 area high school seniors reported that they had an experience with drugs or alcohol during which they couldn't remember their actions. The survey also showed that 43 percent of seniors reported that they had abused alcohol and 14 percent reported using narcotics.

Floyd County Coroner Roge Nelson also reported that the number of deaths resulting from drug abuse rose by 50 percent between 2003 and 2004.

Training

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Doing so, he said, is a risk to the rescuer and the victim, who is removed from their "current position of safety."

The course focused on safety issues, Dotson said, to teach rescuers their limitations and to keep them from becoming victims themselves.

"If an individual witnesses someone out in the lake drowning, the first thing you should do is call 911. The Red Cross, years ago, had a phrase 'throw, row, or go' — throw something to the person, a flotation device or a rope, row a boat over to them, or swim, your last resort. The last thing you want to do is go because as instructors say, a drowning person is looking for one thing, and that's a dry spot, and the dry spot is on the top of the rescuer's head ... There have been lifeguards that have attempted to rescue and ended up being drowned by the victim."

Dotson, who trained as a personal watercraft rescue operator in St. John's County, Fla., in

December, is planning to teach a basic water rescue course this summer. The course, "for the novice," will be offered primarily to volunteer firefighters.

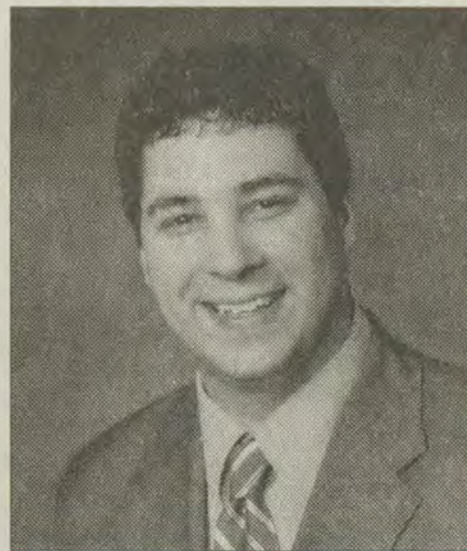
Dotson said the fire department will be working more closely with the Floyd County Rescue Squad in an effort to improve the overall safety of the community.

Though water rescue operations aren't frequently necessary in this area, Dotson said, having knowledgeable rescuers available is a benefit to the community.

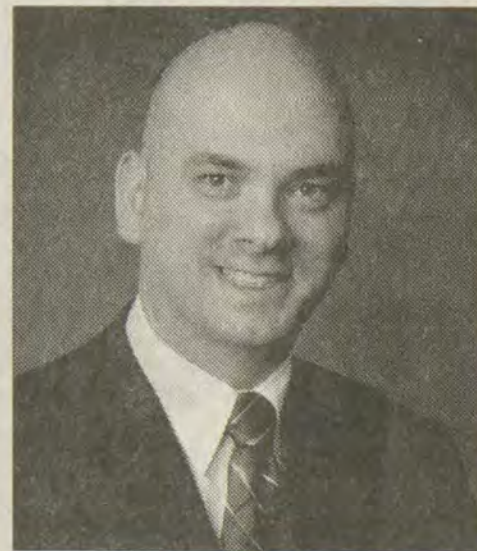
"I attended a seminar a couple of months ago where we were talking about all the many things we have to know and train on," Dotson said. "It's almost like there's so much out there that you need to cover and you're limited by time and assets. The thing of it is that we try to train and be professional and knowledgeable as much as we can because my folks, they pretty much exist to be able to help people."



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The Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids at the County Judge's office until 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. Anybody needing a bid package can contact Brett Davis at the Judge's office at (606) 886-9193. This company consists of around 1100 customers including schools and nursing homes. Most of the lines have been replaced with plastic. This is a great business opportunity. All these customers are already hooked up. The business has been there since 1953. There's no meters to be set and no regulators to be set. This business is ready to go. East Kentucky Utilities has asked the PSC for a 25% rate increase and they will probably get it.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"All animals except man know that the ultimate in life is to enjoy it."

— Samuel Butler

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

Editorial roundup

Orange County (Calif.) Register, on the progress in Iraq:

It's not as if all of Iraq's problems are solved or close to being solved. However, important steps toward Iraqi self-rule have been taken, and that should serve as a prelude for removing American troops.

... Last week Shiite leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari was named prime minister, reputedly the most powerful position in the next interim government, whose main job is to write a constitution. Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, is president. A Sunni deputy president and speaker of the parliament are in place.

The fact that tens of thousands of Iraqis turned out Saturday to demand that U.S. troops return home is a sign that increasing numbers of Iraqis are feeling more confident about being able to run the country themselves.

It is not only Iraqis in the streets pushing for a withdrawal. Iraqi President Talabani has predicted that U.S. troops will be gone from Iraq within two years. Even senior military officers and Pentagon officials interviewed by the New York Times suggest that by early next year U.S. troop levels in Iraq, now at about 142,000, could drop to about 105,000. ...

A strict timetable might be a mistake. But if the number of U.S. troops in Iraq isn't reduced significantly in a matter of months, not years, that will be a failure of American governance.

The Des Moines (Iowa) Register, on Pope John Paul II:

At St. Peter's Basilica, millions of people waited hours this week to view the body of Pope John Paul II. Those who couldn't travel to Rome paid their respects where they could ...

The huge gatherings are a fitting end to the life of a man who worked so hard to bring people together.

John Paul II was a uniter. He was the first pope to visit a synagogue. He called Jews the "elder brothers" of Christians. He also was the first pope to visit a mosque. He met with world leaders of all religions and parties and beliefs. He helped establish relations with Israel and bring down the Iron Curtain. He preached a message of peace, social justice and life.

Unlike his predecessors, he was visible. Cameras captured him skiing and hiking and surrounded by crowds of children. He was the first pope to visit Iowa, a 1979 event that drew a crowd of more than 300,000. He brought humanity to a mystical office and continued to make appearances, even as age and illness took their toll. He constantly traveled. He spoke several languages, allowing him to communicate more directly with people from diverse cultures and nationalities.

Throughout his life, he turned out to visit the world. This week, the world turned out for him.



Guest Columns

Flim-flamming CEOs walk free

by JIM HIGHTOWER
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

There's a word for people who take money from others under false pretenses. The word is: Criminal.

But this word does not apply to corporate CEOs, even if they are guilty of the kind of flimflam that would send common hucksters to prison. Instead of bilking people in Ponzi schemes, some CEOs fleece investors by claiming to have achieved enormous profits in the previous year, when the company actual-

ly made much less or even suffered a loss. These executives cook the books to make the corporation's performance (and theirs) look far better than it is, thus artificially jacking up the company's stock price and duping investors into putting more money into the scam. The executives, who get rewarded based on meeting profit goals, walk away with millions.

Take William Wise, honcho of El Paso Corporation. In 2001, this energy giant reported a \$93 million profit - and Wise cashed in with a \$3.4 million bonus plus \$6 million in other incentive pay, on top of his \$1.3 million regular salary. Two years later - oopsie-doopsie - El Paso admitted that instead of making a \$93 million profit that year, it actually had lost \$447 million.

This got Wise booted from his job, but what about that \$10 million or so he looted from stockholders by falsely claiming to have made a profit? Not only has he

avoided any prosecution, but he has not paid back a dime of his ill-gotten gain - nor has the corporation even asked for repayment.

Wise is not alone in profiting, rather than being prosecuted, from this kind of high-class hucksterism. Time Warner, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Xerox, and Qwest are among the corporations that paid fat bonuses in the past couple of years to CEOs based on false claims of profits. They let the CEOs walk, they say, because they don't want more bad publicity, or because they fear it'll be too costly to sue the CEOs for repayment.

Who says crime doesn't pay? It can pay very nicely... if the crime is in the suites.

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

Regime change was an immoral excuse for war

by JACOB G. HORNBERGER

Far be it from me to attempt to explain why Pope John Paul II, who spoke out 56 times against President Bush's War on Iraq, opposed the president's war. But whatever his reasons were, he was right to do so because President Bush's true reason for invading Iraq - regime change - was a poor and immoral excuse for initiating a conflict that has killed and maimed tens of thousands of innocent people - many more innocent people, in fact, than died on 9/11.

Unlike other U.S.-approved dictators, such as the shah of Iran, Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, and Augusto Pinochet of Chile, Saddam was not a "team player" as far as the U.S. government was concerned. Perhaps the best example of this was Saddam's decision to reject a U.S.-approved oil pipeline across Iraq, despite the fact that the U.S. government had provided him with advice and assistance, including weapons of mass destruction, in his war against Iran.

Here's how John Perkins, author of Confessions of an Economic Hit Man (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2004), put it: "The EHM [Economic Hit Man] pres-

ence in Baghdad was very strong during the 1980s. They believed that Saddam would eventually see the light, and I had to agree with that assumption. After all, if Iraq reached an accord with Washington similar to that of the Saudis, Saddam could basically have written his own ticket in ruling his country, and might even expand his circle of influence throughout that part of the world... I could not help but wonder how many other people knew, as I did, that Saddam would still be in charge if he had played the game as the Saudis had. He would have his missiles and chemical plants; we would have built them for him, and our people would be in charge of upgrading and servicing them. It would be a very sweet deal - even as Saudi Arabia had been."

But once Washington officials realized that Saddam would not see the light and become a "team player," the objective became to oust him from power and replace him with a regime that would be a "team player." But they needed a good excuse to do so, because regime change historically has not been a well-received justification for invading another country, especially when such an invasion is likely to kill and maim lots of people.

Regime change was the objective behind the cruel and brutal sanctions that the U.S. government and the UN maintained against Iraq throughout the 1990s, which contributed to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children. (See the articles posted in the Feb. 9, 2004, issue of FFF's Email Update.) Although the

ostensible excuse for the sanctions was to persuade Saddam to "disarm," U.S. officials emphasized that the sanctions would never be lifted so long as Saddam Hussein remained in office, making it clear that regime change was the real objective of the sanctions. (Given the manifest love that the pro-life Pope had for children, it does not come as a surprise that he was also an ardent opponent of the sanctions, unlike U.S. officials, who claimed that the deaths of the Iraqi children were "worth it.")

The attacks on 9/11 provided new impetus for regime change in Iraq, despite the fact that neither the Iraqi people nor their government had had anything to do with those attacks. But Bush knew that 9/11 had generated tremendous fear within the American people and that people placed tremendous faith in the federal government after those attacks: Americans were unlikely to question anything he said or did with respect to foreign policy.

Because he undoubtedly knew that regime change as the reason for invading Iraq would encounter resistance among people who place a high value on human life, Bush developed his wide range of alternative justifications (WMD, ties to terrorists, dangerous dictator, liberation, democracy-spreading, etc.) for invading Iraq. But all those alternative justifications were nothing more than false and fallacious covers for the decades-long policy of the U.S. government to extend its power around the world through the support and

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Weber Art Gallery features senior art show

PIKEVILLE — The Marguerite Weber Art Gallery is currently featuring the works of Pikeville College seniors Victoria LeSeguillon, of Pikeville, and Jessica Christian, of Big Rock, Va. The senior art show will be on display through May 10 and includes works in oil, clay, water color, graphite and charcoal and pen and ink.

Some of LeSeguillon's pieces are spiritual in nature, portraying images the artist hopes are enjoyable to look at

and inspirational to the soul. "My work at this time includes some faith-based pieces, as well as other pieces I have done for fun or technical development," said LeSeguillon, an art major. "My goal is to do something exceptional. To be exceptional, the piece must be able to convey a message, move the viewer emotionally, and be technically refined."

LeSeguillon's show includes pieces titled "The Father's

Hand," "A Family that Plays Together," "Vic's Kaleidoscope," "The Last Supper," and "Daisy Head."

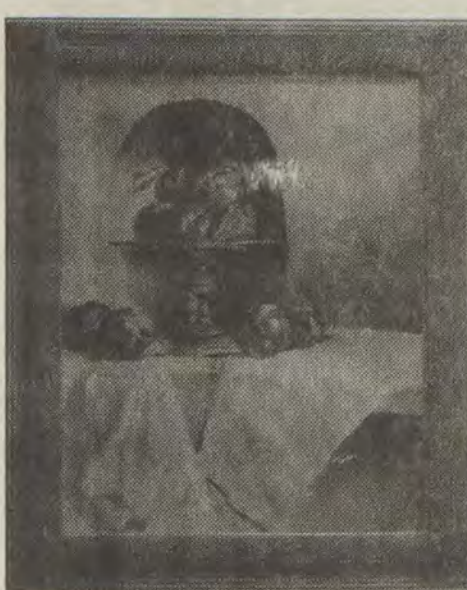
"I hope that my faith-based pieces will allow others to see the love and promise I find in my faith, and I will encourage others to explore their own ideas of faith," LeSeguillon said. "If my art moves only one person to think about what inspires them, then I am successful."

Jessica Christian's artistic inclinations began at the tender age of two after her mother gave her a green permanent marker and a sheet of notebook paper.

"It was messy and fun and I loved it and could not be stopped hence forth," Christian said.

Christian is majoring in art and psychology — fields of study she hopes will be "neatly entwined" in her life.

"I have aspirations of being an art therapist," Christian wrote in her artist's statement. "An artist expresses more than their opinions through their artwork. They express their mood, their emotions, as well as mental health, and it's all there to be



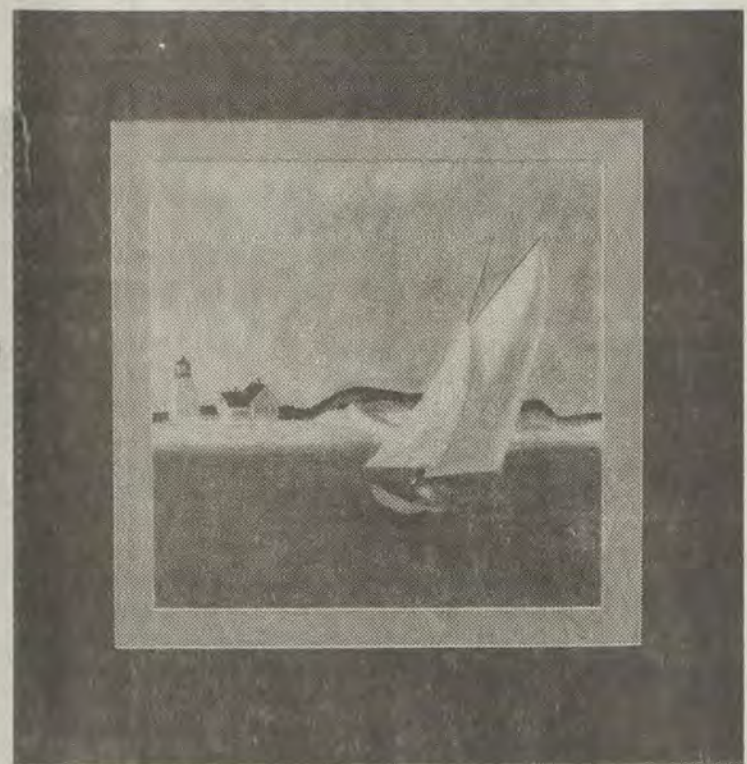
"Three Hues After Hopper," by Victoria LeSeguillon

seen in subject, line and color."

Christian's works include pieces titled "5 second lollipop," "The Face," "The Escher Attempt," "Clay Head," and "Trinity."

There will be a reception for LeSeguillon and Christian on Monday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the gallery, which is located in Record Memorial Building, level two.

The Weber Art Gallery at Pikeville College is free and open to the community. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.



"Three Hues After Hopper," by Victoria LeSeguillon

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The second week of April was rife with new releases, with the emphasis on drama. Entertainment fans were not forgotten with a sequel to "Oceans 11" hitting the racks, as well as a thriller about serial killers which failed to ignite at the box office but will probably play better on the home screen.

"Oceans 12" — The cast of "11" is reunited here and the story picks up with the Ocean gang hiding out in Europe from the casino mobster they ripped off in the first film. This one's lighter than air but provides for an amiable two hours in front of the TV. The whole gang is back with George Clooney, Matt Damon, Brad Pitt and Don Cheadle top lining and making room for new cast members which include Catherine Zeta Jones and French film star Vincent Casell ("The Crimson Rivers"). The plotting is a little thin but the cast is in fine form and the exotic locations (Rome, Paris and Amsterdam) are eye catchers.

"Hotel Rwanda" — Don Cheadle also stars in this release which earned him a best actor nomination for his role as the real-life owner of a hotel who intervened and saved over 1,200 guests during the brutal campaign waged against the Tutsi people by the Hutus in Rwanda, circa 1994. This particular piece of recent history has been largely ignored by Hollywood up till now. Last month HBO premiered the film "Sometimes in April" which is an even more intense experience than this

film. Cheadle does an extraordinary job here of portraying a mild man who is forced into action by circumstance. Nick Nolte also fares well as a United Nations officer who lends him some support.

"Bad Education" — Pedro Almodovar ("Talk to Her") is back and this time he seems to be channeling Alfred Hitchcock with a tale that reunites two men who share a dark secret from their boyhood. The story offers a lot of twists and a fair amount of flashbacks to tell the tale of two men who meet as adults after spending a lifetime trying to forget a tragic incident from their past. One is now a bigwig at a film studio and is torn when his friend shows up with a burning desire to tell their story with a film. This one packs a few surprises and is most definitely an adults only feature and is rated NC-17.

"The Woodsman" — Kevin Bacon stars in this little-seen drama which focuses on a pedophile trying to readjust to society. This one courts controversy by putting a human face on an unspeakable crime

and then casting an actor of Bacon's stature in the lead. The subject matter makes this a tough one to recommend but adventurous viewers should seek this one out.

"Suspect Zero" — The serial killer genre of thrillers has had a fair amount of duds lately ("Taking Lives") and the trend shows no sign of slowing down with this leaden effort. Aaron Eckhart stars as an FBI profiler who comes up against a killer who kills other serial killers. This has been done before and about the only thing this one has going for it is yet another intense performance by Ben Kingsley ("Sexy Beast").

Next week offers another sequel, "Meet the Fockers," and the martial arts action adventure "House of the Flying Daggers."

Movie fans might enjoy this year's "Wonderfest" convention being held in Louisville from May 28-29 at the Executive West Hotel. The two-day affair offers dealer tables selling all manner of movie memorabilia including rare videos and DVDs, posters, models and clothes.

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Hampton Inn planned for Pikeville

PIKEVILLE — H&W Management Company today announced plans to construct and operate a new 120-room Hampton Inn in Pikeville.

Design work on the new inn, to be located in the 800 block of Hambley Street, is now in progress. Construction will start as soon as the design work is completed and a contractor has been selected. Hilton Hotels, the parent company of Hampton Inns, has granted a franchise for the inn.

The development of the new Hampton Inn Pikeville is the result of an initiative started by Mayor Frank Justice and the Pikeville City Commission.

About 18 months ago when Donovan Blackburn was just beginning his duties as city manager, he and Justice agreed that Pikeville needed a downtown hotel to complement the new Civic Center. They envisioned a hotel as the missing piece of what Pikeville needs to promote tourism.

"We knew this would not be an easy task and decided to assemble an informal team of community leaders to assist in the project," Blackburn said. "This project would not

have happened if not for the efforts of our business and civic leaders, including Donna Damron, Director of the East Kentucky Civic Center; Kitty White of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce; Terry Spears and Leslie Combs of Pikeville College."

The group worked closely with Blackburn to create a presentation to persuade a major hotel franchise to open a hotel in Pikeville and found a perfect downtown location near the Civic Center to build the facility.

Don Howard, president and CEO of H&W Management, said he was impressed by the presentation.

"I frequently hear about communities wanting to attract a lodging facility, but when I start talking to them they most have very little data to support building a hotel. This was not the case in Pikeville, they had done their homework," Howard said.

H&W is a regional hotel development, brokerage and professional management company based in Lexington. Since 1985, H&W has operated several hotels in the region. The company current-

ly operates hotels franchised by Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn & Suites, Best Western, Days Inn and Super 8.

"Hampton Inn is a perfect fit for the Pikeville market," Howard said.

The Hampton Inn Pikeville will offer a complimentary breakfast bar, complimentary local calls and a complimentary in-room movie channel.

All rooms will feature coffee makers, irons and ironing boards and complimentary copies of USA TODAY in the lobby. All-day services will include coffee and tea in the lobby, as well as front desk messaging and fax services.

Howard said final details of the Hampton Inn Pikeville are not yet available because "every hotel must be designed to meet the needs of the community where it is being located and also to the land available to build."

Michael Stephenson, director of marketing for H&W, added that "This is a very demanding project; we must design the hotel not only to meet the requirements of traditional business and leisure guests, but also for the groups the Civic Center will attract."

UK lecturer's book on mountaintop mining to be published next year

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — A book about strip mining in Eastern Kentucky is getting some national attention.

"Death of a Mountain: Radical Strip Mining and the Leveling of Appalachia" is a 19-page excerpt of the book that appears in the April issue of Harper's Magazine.

The book, by Erik Reece, describes what Reece and other environmentalists call the most destructive form of mining — mountaintop removal.

It uses explosives to blow the top off a mountain and

then, layer by layer, removes dirt and coal until the mountain is leveled. It leaves a plateau of dirt devoid of vegetation until and unless it is reclaimed.

The book traces how mountaintop removal mining in 2003 and 2004 affected Lost Mountain in Perry County.

Reece, 37, a lecturer in English and writing at the University of Kentucky, said the process is mangling the landscape, but people don't realize how destructive it really is.

"I'm trying to help people see the beauty of this landscape because people don't destroy what they love," Reece

said.

The book, which is being published by Riverhead Books, is due out in the summer of 2006.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association and a sharp critic of most of Reece's article, took issue with many details and technical matters in the book. For instance, Caylor said mountaintop removal mining creates much needed level land for residential, commercial and other development.

Caylor, however, agreed that the book could prompt renewed debate about Eastern Kentucky's future.

Skeans earns financial planning certificate



OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Dawn Skeans, a planning assistant with Hobson Yoder Financial Group, recently

received her Certificate of Financial Planning from the Professional Career Development Institute School of Financial Planning.

Skeans was enrolled in the Professional Financial Planning Specialist Program, in which six months and 19 courses of study led to the certificate. She said the program helped her gain a deeper understanding of the financial planning process to support her work in the industry.

After receiving her certificate from the nationally accredited institute, she will continue to develop her skills in the financial planning industry with ongoing studies which will include the com-

pletion of the Certified ParaPlanner course from the College of Financial Planning. She also holds a Tennessee life, accident and health insurance license.

Skeans and her husband, Johnny, are residents of Jacksboro, Tenn., along with their three sons. She is the daughter of Delbert and Susan Goins, of Langley, and the granddaughter of the late Claude and Helen Webb, also of Langley.

Hobson Yoder Financial Group offers comprehensive fee-based financial services, including asset management, estate and life planning, elder care planning, tax-efficient investing and retirement planning.

Obituaries

Nadine Newsome

Nadine Newsome, 44, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at her residence.

Born December 8, 1960, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Teddy Roosevelt and Florence Adkins Newsome. She was disabled, and attended the Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Pruitt.

Survivors include one son, Wendell Scott Hiday of Melvin; three daughters: Wendy Hiday, Melissa Hiday, and Amy Sullivan, all of Gas City, Indiana; five brothers: Bee Bob Newsome of Ligon, Teddy Newsome of Grethel, Randall Newsome of Bakersfield, California, Wynndale Newsome of Hazard, and Eddie Newsome of Grethel; four sisters: Alpha Hamilton of Teaberry, Lois Newsome of Albion, Michigan, Mindy Stanley of Teaberry, and Brenda Tucker of Beaver; two half-brothers: Donald Ray Hall of Teaberry, and Bert Newsome of McDowell; one half-sister, Bertha Rummel of McDowell; three grandchildren: Shelby Lynn Sullivan, Curtis Sullivan, and Blake Austin Denter; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Viola Johnson and Verda Mae Newsome; two half-brothers: Emery Newsome and Gordon Newsome; and a half-sister, Maggie Akers.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 16, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m. (Paid obituary)

Rose Marie McCoy

Rose Marie McCoy, 59, of Auxier, died Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born April 11, 1946, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Martha Meade Craft of Prestonsburg, and the late Robert Craft Sr.

Survivors, in addition to her mother, include a son and daughter-in-law: A. J. McCoy Jr., and Linda of Auxier; a daughter and son-in-law: Jamie Marie and William Blair of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Bill Craft of Thealka, and Jimmy Craft and Eddie Craft, both of Prestonsburg; two grandchildren: Brandy McCoy and Alexis NaCole Blair; two great-grandchildren: Haven Nicole Kilburn, and Ryan Christopher McCoy; her former spouse of 30 years, A. J. McCoy Sr., of Prestonsburg; and a step-granddaughter: Stacy Hunt.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Craft Jr., and a sister, Kathy Ann Robinson.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 16, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial will be in the family cemetery at Twin Branch in Cow Creek, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Harry Mullins

Harry Mullins, 73, of McDowell, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 6, 1932, in Perry County, he was the son of the late Jim and Nova Slone Mullins. He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Columbia Tackett Mullins.

Other survivors include six sons: Kennis Mullins (Lorraine) of Florida; Jimmy Mullins, Tony Mullins (Mel) and Roy Todd Mullins, all of McDowell, and Johnny Dean Mullins (Carol) and Harry Scott Mullins, both of Bowling Green; a daughter, Lilly Sue Bell (Bill) of McDowell; three brothers: James Mullins of Indianapolis, Indiana, Selton Mullins of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Mack Mullins of Indiana; five grandchildren: Selena, Kenny Scott, David, Paul and Ryan; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Alger Mullins and Tim Mullins.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 16, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery (Frasures Creek) in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Jimmy "Dickie" Stumbo would like to express our deepest thanks to all those who helped in any way during our unexpected loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, food, prayers, comforting words, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to the Pilgrims Rest Church, their ministers, the staff at McDowell ARH emergency room, Left Beaver Rescue Squad, their EMT's, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, the Sheriff's Department, and all the workers who helped us in any way. It was with great generosity that you reached out to us, and we will forever remember all the kind things that were done to help comfort our family.

THE FAMILY OF JIMMY "DICKIE" STUMBO

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The family of Tom Dillion would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one.

We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family.

We especially want to thank Tim McClanahan and Phillip "Randy" Keathley and the Regular Baptist preachers for their comforting words. Also the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for such nice and compassionate services. To anyone we failed to mention, thank you so much.

With love and prayers,
THE FAMILY OF TOM DILLION

Letcher County drops plans to name facility for lawmaker

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG —

Depending upon who's speaking, it was either a case of political backlash or political gamesmanship.

Either way, the Letcher County Fiscal Court dropped plans to name a new medical helicopter facility for a Republican legislator from Whitesburg.

Magistrates voted this week to rename the Howard Cornett Medevac Helicopter Service for Letcher County. They cited as a reason Cornett's sponsorship of a failed bill that would have allowed gravel and sand trucks to haul the same heavy

loads now limited to coal trucks.

Local leaders and activists began criticizing Cornett when he sponsored the bill, which died during the last legislative session.

Cornett, 52, helped obtain \$350,000 for the helicopter project two years ago.

The facility, which includes a landing pad and a building containing a helicopter garage, office and dorm for employees, is still under construction.

Magistrate Wayne Fleming — whose son was killed in a coal-truck crash — made the motion Monday to rename facility. Letcher Judge-Executive Carroll Smith and

magistrates Randall Caudill and Terry Adams voted with Fleming.

Cornett said he didn't think the vote was political backlash. Instead, he said Smith wanted to embarrass him because Cornett may run for county judge-executive in 2006.

"I think it's also a political maneuver on the part of some folks to make sure that, should I decide to run for county judge, that they're going to have me beat down to a point where I wouldn't have any opportunity to do that," Cornett said.

Smith did not deny political overtones in the vote.



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Community Calendar

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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.

Shelton-McSurlley reunion

A meeting will be held Saturday, April 16th, at the home of Eddie Shelton. Everyone interested is urged to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Pat Shelton at 859-421-8755. The reunion will be held Saturday, June 11th, at Minnie Ball Park, beginning at 9 a.m.

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.

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: phs_class_of_1984@yahoo.com, or call 606-638-3941.

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.

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•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: [d ochallparsons@charter.net](mailto:dochallparsons@charter.net).

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.

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

•**Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children** - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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

•**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

•**PARENTS!** - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

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

Future well-being of leadership for East Kentucky women to be discussed at conference

PAINTSVILLE — The women of Eastern Kentucky are invited to participate in a discussion on the future of women leadership opportunities in the region at a free early bird session at the 18th Annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference on Friday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville. First Lady Glenna Fletcher has been invited to welcome the women of the region to this important discussion.

Michal Smith-Mello, will

address the status of women in Kentucky since the 1999 report "The Future Well-Being of Women in Kentucky," particularly on trends affecting the leadership of women. Smith-Mello is a senior policy analyst with the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center. In that capacity, she was principal author of the Center's 1994 biennial trends report, "The Context of Change," as well as reports on rural development, workforce development, and, with Michael Childress, on

entrepreneurship. She created the Center's quarterly publication, Foresight, and continues as an editor. Smith-Mello has written or edited numerous articles, reports, and publications.

Following Smith-Mello's program, a facilitated discussion will be centered on the status of leadership programs and their focus on increasing the capacity of women for leadership roles. Local women's groups and leadership programs are encouraged to

attend and update the group on their organization's progress in moving the region forward in improving the status of women in the region by focusing on leadership opportunities for women in the region.

Special recognition will be given to Hilda Gay Legg and Betsy Nowland-Curry.

Legg was the 15th Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration-Rural Utilities Service and the first woman to serve in that position. Legg, a native of

Somerset, was appointed by President Bush and confirmed by a unanimous vote of the U.S. Senate Sept. 27, 2001. As administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a part of the Rural Development Mission at USDA, Legg has been responsible for the infrastructure programs providing electric, telecommunications, water and waste disposal systems for rural citizens and communities. Legg left that position last fall.

Nowland-Curry, former

executive director of the Kentucky Commission of Women will be recognized for her contributions in the establishment of East Kentucky Women in Leadership (EKWIL). The Kentucky Commission on Women is one of the oldest continuously running state-sponsored groups dedicated solely to representing women's interests.

Glenda Woods of Grayson will be welcomed and recognized as the present executive director of the commission.

Appalachian Wireless names new CEO

PRESTONSBURG — Appalachian Wireless, a division of East Kentucky Network and the leading provider of high quality wireless telecommunications products and services in Eastern Kentucky, announced Wednesday a new CEO and general manager.

Gerald Robinette, of Harold, was promoted to the new post by the board of East Kentucky Network, LLC, parent company of Appalachian Wireless.

Robinette, 57, has served Appalachian Wireless as director of outside plant since 2001 and has been employed by the company since its inception in 1990. Robinette brings nearly 40 years of experience to


telecommunications and has overseen the infrastructure buildout of the company.

"In my early years with Appalachian Wireless, our original intent was to provide cellular telephone service to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and Northwestern Virginia, this was something that did not exist here and at the time was thought to be unworkable. After the first towers were turned up, we soon learned how important cellular service was to the economy and well being of all the people. We want to continue the build out of our service. Keeping up with all the latest technologies is a top priority of ours. We want the people in our area to have

everything that is available to anyone else in America. We truly appreciate our customers and meeting their needs", Robinette said.

"We are pleased to have Gerald move into the role of CEO and the board has shown confidence in his ability", said Paul D. Gearheart, board president. Gearheart further said that "having someone with the knowledge and experience like Gerald Robinette is invaluable".

Robinette replaces Laura M. Phipps of West Liberty who leaves the post after four-and-a-half years. Phipps will be staying in telecommunications after taking a position with a company in New Mexico.



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Marriage Licenses

Rachel Brianne Powers, 19, to Ronald Clinton Hubert Jr., 19, both of Prestonsburg.
 Teresa Slone, 29, of Martin, to Ezra Jr. Allen, 49, of West Prestonsburg.
 Rhea Lynn Kendrick, 25, of Willard, Ohio, to Terry Green Jarrell, 31, of Jackson, Miss.
 Diana Hunter, 33, of Martin, to KENNIE Wireman, 49, of Lackey.
 Erica Elaine Garrett, 25, of Wabash, Ind., to William Hayes Vance, 24, of Martin.
 Gwendolyn A. Crace, 19, to Trevor L. Harris, 21, both of Prestonsburg.

insurance; complaint.
 Lazelle Williams vs. Floyd Fiscal Court, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Magistrates Gerald Derosssett, Larry Stumbo, Jackie Owens and Allan Williams and County Attorney Keith Bartley ; complaint.
 Darvin Spencer vs. DG Truck and Equipment Sales; complaint.
 Rebecca Slone vs. Jack Slone; divorce.
 Kelly Combs vs. Kendall Combs, divorce.
 Ollie Shepherd vs. Gwendalou Shepherd; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Charges Filed

Rhonda Johnson, 33, Melvin; third-degree criminal trespass.
 Albert R. Osborne, 55, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Andy L. Osborne, 20, Melvin; harassment, harassing communications.
 Terrie D. Howell, 46, Paintsville; third-degree criminal mischief.
 Ronnie Dillion, 53, Pikeville; menacing.
 Jeffrey Jones, 20, Prestonsburg; harassment.
 Lisa Hagan, 27, Langley; fourth-degree assault.
 Sherman Poston, 46, McDowell; public intoxication.
 Billy Tackett, no age listed, Harold; third-degree criminal trespass, terroristic threatening.
 Kevin Lester, 20, Pikeville; public intoxication, resisting arrest.
 Wallace Reckly, 27, Allen; public intoxication.
 Terry Castle, 47, Allen; resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault.
 Dana Thompson, 40, Pikeville; fourth-degree assault.
 Jackie Hall, 32, Garrett; misdemeanor theft.
 Jessica Brown, 23, Langley; fourth-degree assault.
 Zachary Brown, 29, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Joey Griffith, no age listed, David; violation of a protective order.
 Teresa Adams, 39, McDowell; hindering prosecution or apprehension.
 Chad Allen Frasure, 29, Grethel; disorderly conduct, public intoxication.
 Brenda Allen, 36, Prestonsburg; possession of marijuana.
 David Matthew Meek, 18, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Joe D. Stumbo, 54, Drift; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Nicholas Evans, 25,

McDowell; disorderly conduct, public intoxication.
 Lynn Coleman, 18, Allen; public intoxication, possession of alcohol by a minor.
 Virginia Evans, 26, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage by a minor.
 Jim Gayheart, 36, McDowell; first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Teresa McKinney, 38, Harold; felony theft (auto).
 Sam Clifford Bradley, 23, Garrett; first-degree criminal mischief.
 Glenn Shepherd, 34, Prestonsburg; receiving stolen property.
 Tavis Colley, 32, McDowell; fleeing or evading the police, disorderly conduct, assault on a

police or probation officer, third-degree criminal mischief, menacing, harassment, public intoxication, terroristic threatening.
 Sean Sutherland, 23, Rineyville; no operator license, felony theft (auto).
 Charles Mullins, 20, Weeksby; second-degree assault.
 Greg Mullins, 19, Weeksby; second-degree assault.

Inspections

James Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Parking not in compliance, lot size not in compliance. Score: 96.
 Forrest Music and Phillip

Ward Mobile home Park, Auxier, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, parking not in compliance, lot sizes not in compliance, several lots have debris. Score: 92.
 Dollar General, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Refrigeration and freezer display units lack conspicuous thermometers, snack food display should be six inches off floor, several floor tiles in disrepair. Score: 96.
 Snack Shack, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in refrigerator and freezer units, food items not properly covered. Score: 97.
 The Market Place,

Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided in all refrigeration and freezer units, several food items observed stored on floor, proper hair restraints not in use, several floor tiles in disrepair. Score: Food 94, Retail 95.

Property Transfers

Gary and Brenda Hunter, Maye Hunter, Bobby Carter, Darrell Hunter, Steven and Margaret Hunter to Larry and Loretta Hunter, property located at Trace Branch of Little Mud Creek.

Civil Suits Filed

John and Le Ann Baker vs. Michael and Donna Monk and Americorp Inc.; complaint.
 Community Trust Bank vs. Patricia Ristner, her spouse, American General Finance and Floyd County; complaint.
 Nellie Pitt vs. Rainbow Trucking, Kenneth Reed, Sentinel insurance company; complaint.
 Appalachian Leasing Services vs. Johnny Pennington; complaint.
 Dennis Keathley vs. Leta Jo Griffith; petition for health care insurance.
 Pamela Hall vs. James Hall; petition for health care insurance.
 Chad Rogers vs. Renee Rogers; petition for child support and health care insurance, divorce.
 Ruby Chaffins vs. Samuel Chaffins; petition for health care insurance.
 Joshua Rudd vs. Edward Belcher; complaint.
 Matilda Halash vs. Bernece Wise; complaint.
 Patricia Fitch vs. Paul Fitch; divorce.
 Diana Kaye Fish vs. Jimmy Dale Fish; divorce.
 Bobby Music vs. Terry Music; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Aaron Tucker vs. Samantha Tucker; divorce.
 Dale Mullins vs. RJ Wells Service Company; complaint.
 Great Seneca Financial Corporation vs. Anna Frazier; complaint.
 Frances Byrn vs. Richard Hagan; complaint.
 Remit Corporation vs. Jenni Harris; complaint.
 Joshua Bailey vs. Pat Moore; complaint.
 Carol Bryant vs. Robert Bryant; divorce.
 Evenell Justice vs. Wanda Stevens and Hartford Casualty

Letters

installation of U.S.-approved regimes. Those who "play ball" with the U.S. Empire, whether democratically elected or not, will be installed in power or supported with financial and military aid. Those who don't will inevitably find themselves the targets of regime change, no matter how much it costs in terms of money and in terms of lives.
 That's the real reason —

regime change — that more than 1,500 U.S. soldiers and countless Iraqi citizens, both civilian and military, are now dead or maimed. I sometimes wonder whether that was why the Pope called Bush's War a "defeat for humanity."

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

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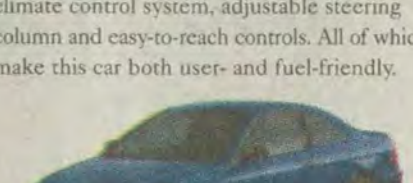
Civic Sedan Strong acceleration, power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering, a 60/40 split fold-down rear seatback and standard dual-stage, dual-threshold front airbags (SRS) await. The Civic Special Edition sets the bar even higher with unique alloy wheels, a rear spoiler and a 6-disc, MP3-compatible audio system.



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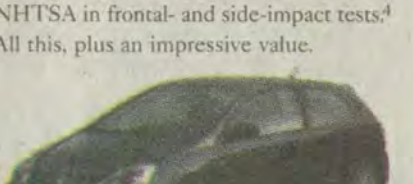
Civic Coupe Quick-revving and ultra-responsive, the Civic Coupe delivers comfort with deeply bolstered front sport bucket seats and an impressive flat back floor. It's also comforting to know the class-leading features earned a 5-star crash-test safety rating from NHTSA in frontal- and side-impact tests.⁴ All this, plus an impressive value.



CR-V It doesn't just find adventure, this SUV makes it. The cavernous 72 cubic foot interior handles plenty of cargo,⁶ or gives five people plenty of space. Either way, the nimble CR-V has a reputation for safety: NHTSA gave it their highest crash-test rating.⁸ Itching for more? Try the CR-V Special Edition with leather trim, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and heated front seats.



Accord Sedan People love it. Critics rave about it. Competitors aspire to it. The 2005 Accord Sedan offers more refined styling and driver-friendly features such as heated front seats on every leather-trimmed model, self-illuminating gauges and XM® Satellite Radio.² For a safer ride, every Accord comes with front, front side and side curtain airbags, while all V-6 models have traction control.



Civic Si You can feel four decades of Honda's raceway success the minute your foot hits the accelerator. The 160-hp i-VTEC® engine, close-ratio 5-speed manual transmission and the Euro-tuned suspension ensure you'll never have a dull moment. And race-inspired front seats prepare you physically and mentally for G-forces galore.



Pilot This thrill-seeker has been featured in *Car and Driver* as one of the "5Best Trucks" in the Large SUV category three years in a row.⁹ With seating for eight, an upgraded 255-hp V-6 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission and the on-demand 4WD system, the Pilot has everyone singing its praises. Just imagine how the available DVD Entertainment System could minimize the number of times you hear, "Are we there yet?"



Accord Coupe It's everything you look for in the sedan, but with an exhilarating style all its own. The available 240-hp, VTEC V-6 engine with traction control does not shy away from power. Choose the 6-speed manual transmission and available Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System with voice recognition, and soon, long stretches of highway will be calling your name.



S2000 Honda's racing DNA flows through this roadster's 240-hp, 2.2-liter engine and 162 lb.-ft. of torque. No wonder this powerhouse has made the *Car and Driver* "10Best" list.⁵ So lower the electrically powered soft top, and grab hold of the 6-speed manual transmission. Soon you'll have visions of a checkered flag ahead.



Insight As the original gas-electric hybrid in America with the top EPA highway rating of 66 mpg,¹⁰ the Insight more than lives up to its name. Not surprisingly, both the Sierra Club and the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy have honored this forward-thinking automobile. Add a stylish interior with sport bucket seats and an ergonomic design, and suddenly, it's more than a car—it's an innovation.

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Cumberland sweeps Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WILLIAMSBURG – The Cumberland College baseball team continues to show its strength. Last week, Cumberland swept Pikeville College, taking four games from the Bears. Pikeville, coached by Paintsville resident and former Major League Baseball player Johnnie LeMaster, stayed within three runs of Cumberland, but couldn't get any closer.

Cumberland beat Pikeville 10-5, 11-8, 14-0 and 3-0. The Patriot baseball team

seemed to gain momentum throughout the series.

In the first two games, offense carried Cumberland. The Patriots pulled together and put together a pair of commanding shutout performances in each of the last two games.

In the first game, a 10-5 Cumberland win, three different Patriots had multi-hit games.

Roman Cox (.374-8-33) went 2-for-3 with two doubles, two runs batted in and two runs scored. Junior Adam Walker (Oak Ridge, Tenn.) tossed a complete game striking out six. In the second game, the Bears

jumped out to four run lead that held until bottom of the fourth. The Patriots fought back with a five-run inning, highlighted by a two run double from junior Chris Wood (Tallahassee, Fla.) and a two out RBI double by junior B.J. Foley (Corbin). The Patriots then added five more in the sixth inning, with back-to-back homeruns by junior Chris Cartas (Russellville) and Cox.

Freshman Patrick Miller (Lenoir City, Tenn.) picked up his team-leading fifth win of the season. The Patriots mustered 14 runs



photo courtesy of Cumberland College
Pikeville College's Adam Collins looked to put a tag on Cumberland's Dan Guttridge. In high school, Collins starred at Paintsville.

(See SWEEPS, page two)

Not as simple as black and white

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Do this for a living, and one thing you learn pretty quickly is you're going to hit on some controversy from time to time.

Most of the time, it'll be when you mention someone and leave someone else out. That's kind of a minor controversy, meaning it won't be picked up on the news at 6, but it's pretty major to the person you omitted.

Other times, however, you're flat going to get into some hairy issues. You're going to say a coach was let go for the wrong reasons. You're going to criticize a kid and therefore his parents for transferring because one school's basketball team is better than another's. You're going to take a stand – it's what I, as a columnist, am charged to do. We're paid to examine things, and sometimes when you do that, folks won't like the things you see, or choose to shine the spotlight on.

But there are some topics that are flat out taboo. Actually, there is one. You'd think it would be to be critical of your own employer. That, I've discovered, isn't the case. There is one subject, however, that I have avoided. I have never broached it, not in print, not for the entire world to see, in my entire career, which began one cold January night in the winter of 1988.

Until, that is, today.

The subject is race.

The reason I don't touch it is that it's a no-win situation. You cannot be successful when discussing it. You always come across as an idiot. You cannot help it. Try it, and you'll see. The person to whom you talk will look at you and think one word: Idiot.

It's also something I don't talk about because I am not a racist. And that sentence is used by everybody who talks race, and the person to whom they talk will look at them and think one word: Idiot.

But I have a lot of friends who are of color, students who work for me who are of color, athletes over whom I'm charged are of color, and it never changes how I feel about them. The primary reason for that is that roughly 98 percent of the people I meet on a daily basis are my own race, and I happen to know a good number of them are idiots.

I don't think color makes one wrong. I think actions handle that chore.

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ON DECK... Area Little League charters set to open new season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

It's time for Little Leaguers in several Eastern Kentucky counties to play ball.

Prestonsburg Little League will hold its annual opening day on Saturday. The festivities are scheduled to get underway at 10 a.m. This year, opening day prizes will include a DVD recorder, laptop computer and Playstation 2. Tickets remain available. The public is invited

to attend Saturday's opening day. All Prestonsburg Little League teams are slated to be in action Saturday, playing shortened exhibition games.

Paintsville Little League will also get its 2005 season underway Saturday, starting again with its annual parade. All players will meet around WSP FM, and beginning at noon, march down Euclid Avenue to the Paul B. Hall Major League field where coaches and players will be introduced. T-Ball, Rookie, Minor, Major and Girls' Softball division games are then scheduled to follow.

Nice, welcoming weather has been forecasted for Saturday. Little League International is introducing a new way to access baseball and softball regulations, playing rules and tournament rules – Little League E-Rules.

These electronic rulebooks allow users to search the rules electronically, making it easier and faster than ever for district and league officials, managers, umpires and others to find the information they need.

Using Adobe Reader technology, E-rules are available from the Little League Store for just \$10 per CD. The CD provides access to baseball rules in English,

Spanish and French; softball rules in English and French, the Little League Operating Manual in English, and "A Year in the Life of Hometown Little League" in English.

E-rules are not printable, nor are they transferable. The user must have the CD in the computer to be able to view the text and/or search for keywords.

Just like the printed rulebooks, the E-Rules expire at the end of the year, when Little League issues updated rulebooks for the coming season. As with printed rulebooks, the Little League E-Rules are available only to those authorized to purchase them by the district or local Little League. (Must have district or league ID number.)

District administrators worldwide will each receive one free E-Rules CD.

To order a CD of Little League E-rules, call the Little League Store toll-free at 800-874-2852 and ask for item No. 130 or log on to the Little League Data Center and order online.

The Little League age determination date has been changed from July 31 to April 30, for the 2006 season.

In Little League Baseball and Softball, for the remainder of the 2005 season and 2005 tournament play, a player's league age remains his/her age as of July 31, 2005.

In 2003, the Little League International Board of Directors expressed support for the April 30 date.

The July 31 date has been used in Little League for nearly 60 years. In the 1950s, most baseball organizations followed Little League's lead in adopting the date, so that there would be a seamless transition if

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Akers choices Pikeville College volleyball

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Breann Akers has been an integral part of several championship teams during his time as a Betsy Layne High School student-athlete. Akers, who most recently helped the Betsy Layne High girls' basketball program win its second 15th Region title in three seasons, wants to play college volleyball. She won't have to stray far from her high school either. Akers is scheduled to sign today with nearby Pikeville College. A signing ceremony has been slated for Monday, April 25.

Akers played her senior volleyball season under the tutelage of Christina Crase. She remains busy under the watchful eye of Crase, playing in what is looking to be a very promising senior softball season.

"Breann was part of an excellent (volleyball) team, consisting of six seniors," said Crase. "In fact, four of our

starters were seniors. We ended the season with a 21-1 record, we were never taken to three matches. Breann has started every game since her freshmen year. We always opened our games with her serving. She had an excellent serve, we could count on at least 5-7 points off her serve. Bre was a player who had the ability to spike the ball, as well as set the ball. This allowed for some interesting plays. She is an all around athlete. She is an exceptional volleyball player. Bre was one captain for our team. She always took it upon herself to motivate the team, help the younger players improve their game, and she always gave it her best. Just like I told



Breann Akers

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Blackcat baseball riding seven-game win streak

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – Prestonsburg-After stumbling out of the gates in the season opener against Sheldon Clark, the Prestonsburg High baseball team has caught fire and started to play excellent baseball. Victories over Cordia, Phelps, Jenkins, South Floyd and Belfry are some of Prestonsburg's most recent wins. Prestonsburg possesses one of the region's most reliable leadoff men in Brandon Campbell. With his speed and timely hitting, the Blackcats have a solid leadoff man.

Josh Rodebaugh, as a freshman, is in his second season as a starter for Prestonsburg. Rodebaugh plays first base and also pitches for Prestonsburg, but is well known for his powerful bat. Tyler Layne gives the cats a strong arm at catcher, which limits opposing teams chances on the bases.

Newcomer Brenton Hamilton has given Prestonsburg a big lift on the mound. Hamilton transferred from Pikeville, where as a sophomore, he was one of the top pitchers in Eastern Kentucky.

Nick McGuire anchors the Prestonsburg infield and the senior has a very strong arm as well as a good bat. Bobby Hughes, Andrew Shepherd and Cory Tincher are players that have given Prestonsburg a lift early in the season.

Johnathan Powell, Dalton Taylor and Dustin Fitch have earned playing time as well for the Blackcats.

P'burg will travel to South Floyd tonight for a rematch of last week's game with the Raiders, a game in which the Blackcats came away with the win.

Prestonsburg is coached by Bob Shepherd. Now in his first season at the helm of the Prestonsburg baseball pro-



photo by Jamie Howell

Junior Nick McGuire is back as a pivotal member of the Blackcat baseball team.

Kinzer finishes second in Volunteer Speedway feature

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – Volunteer Speedway and Bull's Gap, Tenn. are quite familiar destinations for the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team. The Late Model race team returned to the Volunteer State last weekend, racing in the Don Smith Ford Super Late Model Spring Fling 40, a feature race event paying \$3000 to win. The race, due to rain, was postponed from the previous weekend.

The Allen-based race team was one of only 27 Super Late Models present for the season-opening event at Volunteer Speedway.

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April 16 Eldora Speedway
April 22 Murphy's Speedway
April 23 Atomic Motor Speedway
April 30 Bluegrass Speedway or Talladega Short Track

Reid signing with Union

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – For the third time this year, a South Floyd High School senior student-athlete is set to sign to play volleyball at the next level. Sabrina Reid, one of the 15th Region's top volleyball players this past season, has made her college choice known. Later today, Reid will make it official, signing with Union College. She and her high school teammates put together a very successful 2004 season, playing under the watchful eye of Raider head coach Keith Smallwood.

Reid is scheduled to sign this morning between 11:30 and noon.

During her senior season, Reid

earned both All-Conference and All-District honors. She had quite a senior season, finishing with 121 kills, 108 digs and 15 blocks. Reid had a serving percentage of 75.

Reid will enter a Union College volleyball program that has a new head coach calling the shots.

David Nicholson is the new Union College head volleyball coach. He comes to the program at Division I Western Carolina (N.C.) University.

"I'm excited about being here, chomping at the bit to getting started," Nicholson said. "I am looking forward to working with the girls that's on the team now and bringing in new players to add

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Bentley

Which brings me to the comments of Indiana Pacers center Jermaine O'Neal, who this week opined that the NBA's desire to raise the minimum age from 18 to 20 is racism.

That is going to qualify as one of the eight or 10 dumbest things I heard this week.

O'Neal, who entered the league straight out of high school himself, said it was racism because it was allowed in other sports where athletes aren't primarily of color. He meant tennis, primarily, I suppose, along with many sports generally referred to as minor or Olympic sports.

Apparently Mr. O'Neal hasn't taken a good look at the sisters' Williams, the two biggest stars in the tennis world. Nobody said to them, "Wait, you're black and most tennis players are white, so you need to go to college."

What O'Neal should be complaining about is the lack of a proper minor league system in his sport, and please, don't get me started on the CBA or the NBDL. Had he made that his objective, and then said even a

single-tier minor league would allow players to become pros straight out of high school, we'd be easily on his side.

Former UK standout Rex Chapman told Dan Patrick this week that a minor-league system is exactly what the NBA needs. "I don't see the delay," he said. And he's right.

The real reason the age limit needs to be raised at this point is to protect two very specific groups: The owners and the players.

Owners are in favor of this so the league will protect them from themselves. O'Neal is one of the top 15 or 20 players in the league, but he wasn't as a rookie. In fact, he was in about his third or fourth season before he blossomed — or, for most his age, about to leave college.

But the real people who need protected are the high school athletes who are being told they're ready for the NBA. One report says as many as 16 high school kids could declare for the draft this season. That's amazing! If they all got picked, it would be a full quarter of the total draft.

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Here's the real problem, though: If 16 declare, no more than six or eight would be taken.

And then what happens to the other eight or 10? They can't go to college, they've declared themselves professional. They can't play in a real minor-league, one doesn't exist.

O'Neal was right on something. A change needs to be made.

But he was wrong on what it is. The NBA doesn't have a race issue. It, perhaps more than any other professional league, is about as integrated as it can be, with players, coaches, general managers and owners of color.

What the league needs is a minor-league system, where teams are affiliated with NBA franchises, and players can learn and grow and not have to charade themselves as college students.

That's not racism, but it surely would allow kids straight out of high school the opportunity to be professionals at a more reasonable level, both talent-wise and expectation-wise.

Where this is concerned, that's what the NBA needs.

Reid

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to the fold.

"Everyone in the athletic department has been great, bending over backwards to help as I am trying to settle in."

Nicholson comes to Union after spending the past two seasons as an assistant at Western Carolina (N.C.) University, a NCAA Division I program. During that time, the Catamounts went 28-33 overall. In 2003, Western Carolina finished 26th in the NCAA in

digs per game with 17.85 per contest. Also, Kellyn Thaut was named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year, which marked the first time in WCU volleyball history that a Catamount has received the honor.

"The goal of a coach never changes, so it doesn't matter at what level you're at," Nicholson said. "You always want to bring in the best possible players you can to help you

succeed. My goal here will be no different than it was at Western, which was to push players to be the best they can be and create an atmosphere where we can be successful."

Union College went 15-19 overall last season and was 12-8 in Appalachian Athletic Conference play, placing the Lady Bulldogs fifth. In the conference tournament, Union placed fifth, winning its first match before being eliminated

Kinzer

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Local racer Vic "The Thrill" Hill posted the fast time. Kinzer and race team set fourth fastest time, securing a outside row two start in the 40-lap feature event.

Kinzer was able to hold his own. However, on lap five, the Floyd County racer decided to make a move forward. On the fifth lap, entering turn three, he dropped to the inside of Hill, the race's polesitter.

On lap 13, Kinzer passed second-place driver Joe Arnes and started his pursuit of then

race-leader Brad Hall, Kinzer was able to close on Hall at times during the event when he was mired in lap traffic. Nevertheless, Hall held the lead and went on to take the feature checkers.

Kinzer finished second, claiming the fourth top-five finish of the still very young 2005 race season.

"I could close on Brad when he was stuck in lap traffic. When the track was clean, he had the better car," Kinzer said. "We were just a little off

tonight, but very happy with a second place finish."

The No. 18 Kinzer Drilling, Barry Wright Racecars, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Alert Oil & Gas, Commonwealth Chiropractic, Allstar Performance, Tim Short Automotive, Panther Motorsports Design Dodge Intrepid SXT will be back on the road this weekend, traveling to Eldora Speedway for a \$2,000 to win Sunoco ALMS series show. ONLINE: www.brandonkinzer.com

Sweep

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on six extra base hits in the third game in the most offensive game of the series and senior Isaiah Ruffner (Kingston, Tenn.) pitched extremely well, throwing a shutout while striking out six Pikeville players.

The series finale was sparked by junior Josh Blanton (London) throwing a one hit shutout while striking out seven Bears. Senior Matt Mikolajczyk (Glasgow) had two RBI, including a successful suicide squeeze in the bottom of the sixth for the final insurance run.

The future of Cumberland College baseball appears to be very bright. Johnson Central High School senior Adam Blanton, arguably one of the state's top prep pitchers, signed with the Patriots earlier this year.

Josh Schultz, Cumberland College Sports Information Assistant, contributed to this article.

Akers

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all my seniors and my team after the loss against Belfry, we had an exceptional season. We were 21-1. We were never taken to three matches. The girls played their hearts out and no one should have any regrets. Bre as well as the rest of our seniors should hold their heads up high because their achievements last season are something to be proud of."

In softball, Akers is off to a great start that consists of a 3-1 pitching record. The all-around athlete played her high school basketball under Cassandra Akers.

The Pikeville College volleyball program includes several former area high school volleyball standouts. Anna Bevins (Belfry), Vicki Hall (Belfry), Amanda Shepherd (Magoffin County) and Kelley Neace (Hazard) all play volleyball for the Mid-South Conference school.

Robert Staggs recently completed his second season as the Pikeville College volleyball coach. He has put in close to 15 years as a coach at the college. Staggs, a graduate of both Pikeville High School and Pikeville College, also coaches the school's softball team. Pikeville College returns all of its players from the 2004 season. The Bears played volleyball last season without the help of any seniors.

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Breann Akers, Betsy Layne High School Softball



Brenton Hamilton, Prestonsburg High School Baseball

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players moved from one program to another.

The main reason for the April 30 date is so that most players on a team will spend the majority of the regular season at the same chronological age as their league age. Currently, players with May, June or July birth dates spend most or all of the season at a specific league age, despite the fact that they have not yet reached that age chronologically.



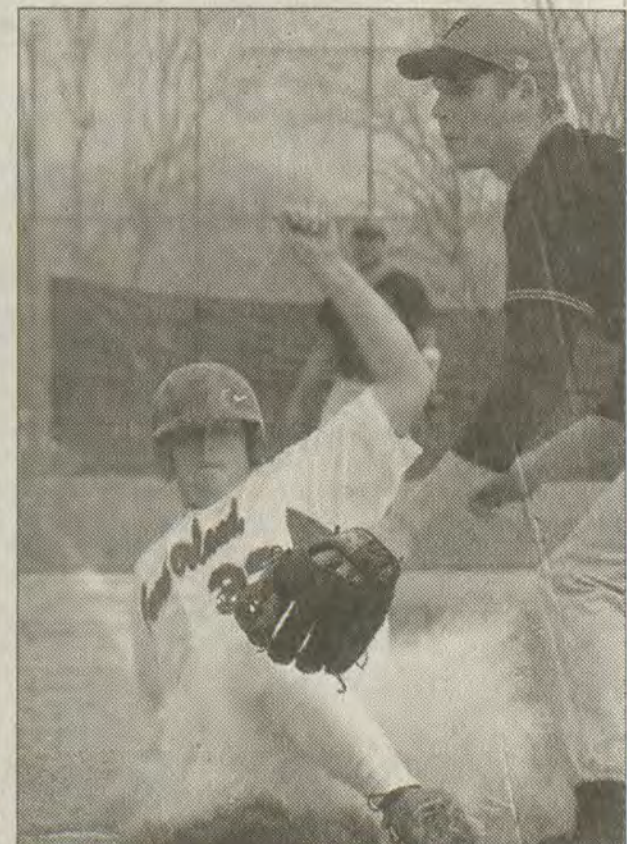
Sara Shafer, Paintsville, competed in the three races that comprise The Louisville Triple crown of racing on March 12, 26 and April 9. She will receive a certificate and T-shirt. Shafer is a Doctor of Physical Therapy student in Louisville and works to promote a healthy lifestyle.

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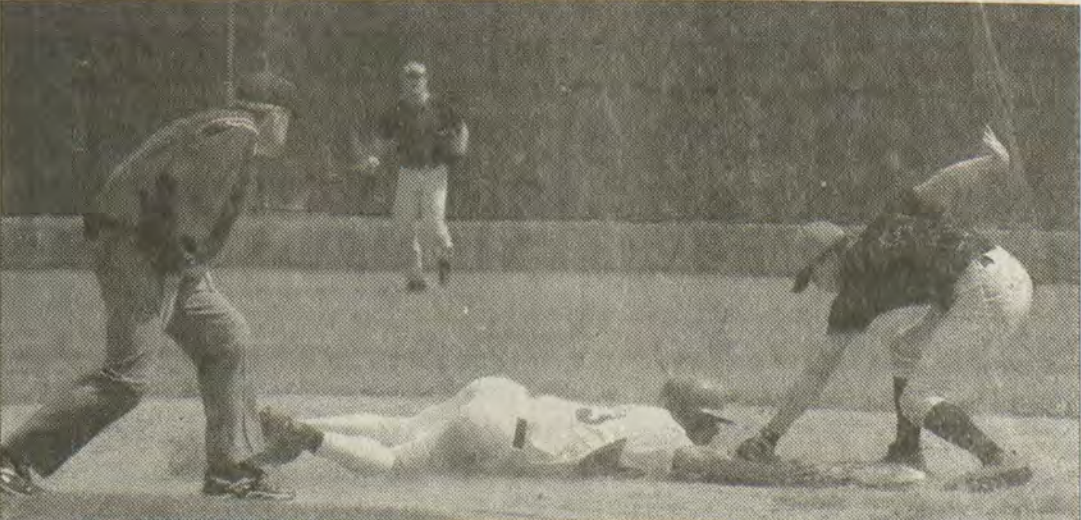
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AUTO RACING

Tony Stewart shares NASCAR lessons with college class

by PETE IACOBELLI
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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tony Stewart has gotten many lectures during his time in Nextel Cup. Giving them? Now, that's something new for the former NASCAR champion.

"All right everybody, straighten up," Stewart, a grin on his face, told the 30 students as he began his guest professorship Tuesday in NASCAR Marketing at the University of South Carolina.

Stewart's time in NASCAR has been marked by skilled driving and a hair-trigger temper. It's hard to say where the 2002 Nextel Cup champion has visited more — Victory Lane or the NASCAR trailer for a post-race talking to.

Stewart shared all aspects of his insider's experience — at times perhaps a little too inside — with the prospective motorsports marketers.

"I don't know how much you're really going to learn from me," Stewart said. "I barely graduated high school. You're in college. You're a lot smarter."

Stewart answered about two dozen questions — everything from his biggest struggle in the sport (finding adequate funding) to his coolest experience so far (when Kid Rock brought Pamela Anderson by Stewart's trailer in Bristol a few years back).

"This has been my entire life since I was 8," Stewart said.

The class is taught each spring by members of Darlington Raceway's staff. So far this year, car owner Ray Evernham and NASCAR chief spokesman Jim Hunter have appeared.

Stewart, though, is the focus of a semester-long project.

Darlington public relations

director Cathy Elliott assigned students her actual PR budget of \$200,000 and asked them to design a publicity campaign for the upcoming Dodge Charger 500 around Stewart.

Stewart quickly seized on a couple of ideas he hated. One called for him to spend six hours working in Darlington's ticket office. "Not going to happen," he said.

Another had Stewart at the wheel of the No. 20 Home Depot school bus picking up first and second graders a couple of mornings.

"You two guys are flunking this course something awful," Stewart said. "You thought you were going to get praise for it, didn't you?"

Stewart didn't hold much back. He said relationships between drivers are better than you might think, calling NASCAR "the Waltons on steroids. ... It's 43 brothers every weekend that race against each other, unless Shawna Robinson makes the race and it's 42 brothers and one sister."

"But she normally doesn't last long," he said, to scolding catcalls and laughter.

"Hey, check the record books," he countered. "Actually, Shawna's one of the coolest ones of the group because she's cute. She's better than looking at Jimmy Spencer all day."

Then Stewart recounted how his pal, Jimmie Johnson, knocked him out of the running at this year's Daytona 500.

Stewart told the students he felt like "killing" Johnson and went right up to him, saying "That was pretty stupid for sixth place." Johnson answered, "But it's the last lap of the Daytona 500."

They yelled at each other "before NASCAR could even take us in the principal's office"

and got it settled, Stewart said.

Still, the two were brought to NASCAR's trailer to make sure it didn't linger past Daytona Beach.

"I think (NASCAR president) Mike Helton knows if I get mad at somebody it might last awhile," Stewart said.

Stewart recalled how he punched a photographer after the Brickyard 500 during his championship season. "He took his shot and I gave him a shot of my own," he said.

Or how during his first try at finishing the Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on the same day, he steered with his knees during a caution period of the latter race as he tried to cram a melting piece of a protein bar under his helmet for some quick nourishment.

Stewart also flashed his humility, remarking how he was struck that the Coke machine he used as a young racer now carries his picture on it; and his vulnerability, regretting that he'd seen his nearly 2-year-old niece only three times because of his racing schedule.

Throughout the session, though, Stewart brought out the fun he has in racing.

"It's just amazing that someone like Tony Stewart can come here and talk to us," said Stewart Blanchard, a junior from Charleston.

At the end, Stewart was presented with a plaque commemorating his guest lecture from Tom Regan, who heads the university's Department of Sport and Entertainment Management.

Stewart was thrilled.

"I'm just honored you called me professor," he said.

Then he was off to Texas Motor Speedway, where his racing family reconvenes this weekend.

"Good luck with your class, you guys," he said.



file photo by Steve LeMaster

NASCAR veteran Ricky Rudd signed autographs during a Nextel Cup race held at Bristol Motor

Rudd, 48, not retiring type just yet

by HANK KURZ Jr.
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MARTINSVILLE, Va. — With a NASCAR-record 757 consecutive starts in stock car racing's premier series, Ricky Rudd had to sweat out qualifying just to make No. 758 at Martinsville Speedway last weekend.

His team arrived 37th in points, having crashed in four races and suffered a freak mechanical failure in the other, and there were whispers that maybe Rudd could better serve his legacy by joining fellow NASCAR greats Rusty Wallace and Mark Martin in their 2005 retirement tours.

But, at age 48, Rudd is more like a guy with a secret than one on his way out, and he and his Wood Brothers Racing team went into the sixth race of the season hoping to change their luck and show what they could do.

"I guess we're sort of in a low-profile position here right now," he said before Sunday's race, "and we'll show up one day — maybe it's today — and run up front or win a race and all of a sudden, it's like, 'Where did they come from?'"

Rudd and his team started 13th, finished a solid seventh despite driving more to protect his spot than improve it and moved into the top 35 in points, guaranteeing his team a spot in this week's field at Texas.

"It doesn't sound like a big accomplishment, but it is because it frees up the opportunity to go work on race setup," said Rudd, now 34th in points.

He also had his share of good luck for a change, several times avoiding crashes that could have ruined his day on the tight oval.

"The waters sort of parted for us and it was just luck," he said.

He expects that success to be only the beginning, provided he gets continued chances to race his car — rather than having to repair it.

"I can't ever remember a season in all the years I've been running that I would have cars that would run well and have so much bad luck," said the 25-year veteran, who has 845 starts overall. "It's a crazy deal."

It started with an accident and a rally to a 24th-place finish in the Daytona 500. He crashed very early the next week at California, finishing 41st, and on the seventh lap at Las Vegas, finishing 37th.

At Atlanta, he was running in the top five and gaining on the leaders when a wheel bearing broke, causing him to limp home in 33rd.

The Wood Brothers team has been racing since NASCAR started, and team co-owner Eddie Wood said it was their first broken wheel bearing.

"Nothing trick about it," he said. "It just decided, 'Let's get them today.' You can't press it. You can't panic. You can't change stuff."

"You just put something in your pocket and hope it goes away."

That something was a 1921 silver dollar given to Wood by a friend, a good luck charm that the team hopes will put Lady Luck on its side. Rudd has no doubt a little luck would silence his critics, and that good fortune is the only thing in the way of proving he's got fast cars.

"The results will come. The cars are there," he said. "A year ago, we weren't running good. We just weren't competitive and we would finish and run all day, but we just weren't running good."

"Now the cars are running good and not finishing because

of wrecks. Either way, it's frustrating, but if I had a choice, I'd much rather be in a position where we're running well than running slow all day."

A big reason for the team's high expectations comes from the reunion of Rudd with Michael "Fatback" McSwain, his crew chief with Robert Yates Racing. McSwain's hiring last August was a no-brainer, Wood said.

"There's not a lot of combinations since the beginning (of NASCAR) that really are magic, and this got two of those back together," he said.

So deep is the team's respect for the tandem's chemistry that McSwain called a race by telephone from North Carolina, where he was recovering from back surgery, when the series raced in Fontana, Calif., in February.

Rudd said McSwain understands his language better than anyone else.

"I don't know how to explain it, but it works," Rudd said. "When I give him a description of the car, he's able to take that and adjust the car and next time I go out on the race track, I usually see the results."

For McSwain, it's a matter of being able to translate what Rudd tells him into mechanical adjustments that solve the problems.

"When you have a conversation with anyone, just because they say something's red doesn't mean that's what they mean. It may just appear red to them," he said. "I try to listen to what he's really trying to say, to look beyond the words and see what's in his mind, basically."

As for those fans waiting for a retirement announcement?

"People are going to think what they may," Rudd said. "I know that as a driver and as a team, we can still get it done here."



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During a lecture to a college class, Tony Stewart noted the time that Kid Rock and Pam Anderson (pictured) visited him prior to a Cup race in Bristol, Tenn.

Sadler isn't in a hurry, until he's on the track

by STEPHEN HAWKINS
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FORT WORTH, Texas — Elliott Sadler's primary passions outside his job are deer hunting and golf.

And when not driving his race car, Sadler's everyday vehicle has to be "something big and bulky and slow," like a truck or sport utility vehicle. He hasn't had a sports car since he was 16 and wrapped his first car, a brand new black Ford Mustang GT, around a tree while driving 95 mph through the neighborhood.

These days, Sadler only worries about being fast where it counts — on the track behind the wheel of the No. 38 M&Ms Ford.

Sadler was somewhat of a surprise participant in the inaugural NASCAR Nextel Cup 10-driver championship chase last

season, having never been higher than 20th in points his five full seasons before then. Now he's driven to prove that his sudden success wasn't a fluke.

"I'm feeling a lot of pressure, a bunch. Nobody's putting it on me but me, because I do want to show everybody we have a great team," Sadler said. "We know people have us under the spyglass wondering if we can do it again because we were a surprise.... We've shown that we can be a top-10 team. We just want to show everybody that we are for real, that we can do it again."

The 30-year-old Sadler is off to an impressive start through six races in 2005. He is third in points, 182 behind leader Jimmie Johnson and 22 behind Greg Biffle, after consecutive top-10 finishes at short tracks Bristol and Martinsville. He has finished lower than 11th only

once while completing all but two laps.

Now Sadler gets to go to his favorite track, the 1 1/2-mile Texas Motor Speedway, where he got one of his two wins last year. He even saved his best car, the same one he drove to Victory Lane last spring, for the Samsung/RadioShack 500 on Sunday.

Sadler's surge of success has come since moving from the Wood Brothers team to Robert Yates Racing in 2003 and being paired with crew chief Todd Parrott.

The demanding chief spent almost 10 years with Rusty Wallace, and was with Dale Jarrett in 1999 for Yates' only NASCAR championship. He's been a good match for Sadler.

"He's pushed me to a different level," Sadler said. "Every time I try to explain something to him, he asks me another ques-

tion, another question, and he keeps running in circles until pinpointing what we think the problem is. I wish I would have had him when I was 20 or 21 years old. I would be a lot better race car driver now."

Parrott spent some time as general manager of the Yates team before returning to the pit box with Sadler in August 2003. The crew chief and driver used the end of that season to get to know each other.

"He was going to a race team that had won races, been successful, and he had to perform," Parrott said. "On the other hand, I was coming back from some time off and I had to prove to myself and the people that I could still do it. So we both have had a point to prove."

Just nine races into his first Yates season, before Parrott joined him, Sadler had five top-10 finishes and was 10th in

points. But he then had three straight finishes of 33rd or worse to drop to 20th, and never recovered.

With Parrott all last season, Sadler won twice and had 14 top-10 finishes. He made it into the final 10-race championship chase, a task he thought would be the hardest part in NASCAR's new system.

"Man, were we sadly mistaken," he said. "That 10-race format is absolutely the hardest thing that a race car driver can possibly go through. It's stressful with the lack of sleep, or no sleep at all. I was putting the full court press on in a lot of places that we probably shouldn't."

The format, which sent the championship contenders into the final 10 races separated by just 45 points, was new to everyone. There were plenty of lessons learned.

"We went in there with guns

blazing ... and basically we fell on our face the last four or five races," Parrott said. "Basically, we have learned as a team that we've got to be around at the end to be closer to the front in points."

Sadler was up to fourth in the standings halfway through the 10-race chase. He then crashed at Martinsville to finish 32nd, and came across the line better than that only one more time (in 23rd place). He was ninth in the final standings, 482 points behind champion Kurt Busch.

What hasn't changed is the approach in the first 26 races.

"We're going to try to do the same thing this year in the first 26 that we did last year," Sadler said. "That's our every single lap, race the racetrack, stay out of trouble and see every checkered flag that we can."

So far, things are going just as planned.

Corbin Speedway opens 2005 race season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CORBIN – The 2005 racing season at Corbin Speedway got off to a big start on Saturday evening, with Keith Royalty of Cynthiana, Doug Callebs of Hinkle, Cliff Partin of Corbin, Roger Meadors of Williamsburg, Duck Hart of Corbin, Cecil Griffith of Williamsburg, and Robbie Sands of Knoxville, Tenn., taking feature races.

LATE MODEL DIVISION –

Jason Jones of London, in the Jones Racing No. 8 Monte Carlo, started from the pole and led the first 12 laps of the main event before pulling off while leaking oil. That left Royalty and his Hill Electric No. 24 Monte Carlo out front, and he kept the top spot for the rest of the way, holding off a challenge from Mike Bargo of Corbin and the Bargo Racing No. 22 Monte Carlo.

Jim Foley of Williamsburg, finished third in the Quality Care No. 69 Monte Carlo, followed by Brian Roberts of London and his Roberts Racing No. 23 Monte Carlo and Marty Taylor of Keavy, in the Taylor Reporting No. 53 Monte Carlo.

Roger Parker of London was the fast qualifier at 13.825 seconds but was unable to make the feature because of mechanical

problems. Jones won the trophy dash.

HOT ROD BARN SPORTSMAN SERIES – Callebs just picked things up where he left off last October, as the defending series champion set fast time, won the trophy dash, and led every lap of the feature in the Smith & Callebs Drywall No. 55 Camaro.

Second went to Kevin Yount of Williamsburg in the Yount Racing No. 4 Camaro. Third was Doc Moore of Waynesburg, and his Moore Racing No. 41 Camaro.

Rounding out the top five were Bart Taylor of Lexington in the Love's Truck Stop No. 3 Camaro and Sam Mull of Jeffersonville, Ind. in the Mull Accounting Services No. 44 Camaro.

Callebs' quick time in qualifying was 14.416 seconds.

CHEVETTE DIVISION –

Partin was the fast qualifier in 15.856 seconds, then won the trophy dash and also led every lap of the feature in the Rick's Auto No. 1 Chevette.

Second in the feature was Zach Karr of Corbin in the Karr Family No. 6, followed by Anthony Wagers of Barbourville, and his Wagers Auto Parts No. 17, Ray Dugger Jr. of London in the Webb Racing No. 161, and Clifford

Lane of Pikeville, and the U.S. Bancorp No. 74.

SUPER TRUCK DIVISION – Murray kept the trend going with fast time in the division of 14.876 seconds, a win in the trophy dash, and a wire-to-wire victory in the feature in the NAPA No. 62 Chevrolet S-10.

He had to contend with Tim Hollis of Pioneer, Tenn., and his Hot Rod Barn No. 22 Ford F-150 in the early laps, but a red-hot brake rotor which eventually caused a wheel or tire to fail left Hollis spinning down the back stretch. The Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department, whose members had been watching the wheel intently, were on the spot quickly under the resulting caution.

Finishing second to Murray was Steve Martin in the Martin Racing No. 7, with Rodney Hale of Williamsburg third in his No. 23 S-10.

Fourth and fifth in order went to Greg Pennington of Williamsburg in the Day's Barbecue No. 70 S-10 and Don Hollis of Williamsburg and the Hot Rod Barn No. 17 F-150.

QUALITY CARE PURE STREET SERIES – This one saw another double winner as Meadors set fast time at 15.730 seconds, won the trophy dash, and rang up his first feature win of the season with the Meadors Racing No. 27 Camaro.

Tim Hollis finished second in the Interstate Truck Service No. 02 Camaro, followed in order by Jason West of Williamsburg and the West Racing No. 35 Camaro, Greg Alsip of Barbourville in the No. 8 Firebird, and Glenn Martin of Corbin in the No. 13 Camaro.

SLAMMER DIVISION –

Hart was the fastest qualifier at 17.156 seconds, and also went on to win the trophy dash and feature in his Cobra Coal No. 99 Impala, but not without a real tussle in what developed into the most competitive feature of the night.

Bo Gilley of Poplar Creek, started outside on the front row and the two ran the first four laps of the quarter-mile paved oval side-by-side, with Gilley pulling ahead by a hood length at the start-finish line.

When the caution came out for a spin after four laps, track officials put Gilley in front for the single-file restart.

Hart tried the outside for two laps after the restart, before deciding to try the inside.

Coming out of the fourth turn on the 12th lap, Hart tapped the rear of the Gilley Racing No. 3 Monte Carlo slightly, causing the leader to slip slightly. Hart immediately went to the inside trying to take the lead, but Gilley swerved down and forced him

into the infield. The resulting contact and spinning brought out the caution again, and because Gilley had initiated the contact which caused the yellow flag, he was sent to the rear for the ensuing restart.

Hart went on to win, with most of the crowd's attention on Gilley as he worked his way back to the front. He got as far as third place with the white flag coming out. He was finally awarded second when the No. 741 Malibu driven by Sam Hatfield of Williamsburg, which finished second on the track, was disqualified because of an unapproved carburetor.

Cody Dotson ran third in the Dotson No. 65 Chevelle, with David Jones fourth and Keith Lovitt fifth.

MINI-SLAMMERS – The new class drew only two cars for its first appearance at Corbin, with the promise of more which are currently being prepared for the new season.

The field was set by a blind draw, and Cecil Griffith of Williamsburg won both the trophy dash and feature in the No. 00, and Kyle Parker of London was second in the No. 0.

TENNESSEEMOUNTAIN-CLASSIC CAR SERIES –

Sands and the Flynn Carpet No. 17 were the class of the field on this night, setting fast time of

15.194 seconds and winning both the trophy dash and feature.

Fred McArthur of Maryville, Tenn., was second in the Rarity Bay Communities No. 28, with Brett Baer of Greenback, Tenn., third in the Baer Racing No. 24. Brady Baer of Greenback took fourth in the Brady No. 59, and Dave Rowland of Knoxville was fifth in the Rowland No. 19.

NEXT EVENT –

All classes will be back in action next Saturday evening at Corbin Speedway, with gates to open at 1 p.m., qualifying to

Crew chief fined for Martinsville violation

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – NASCAR announced Tuesday that Robert Temple, crew chief for the No. 7 Chevrolet driven by Robby Gordon in the Nextel Cup Series, has been fined \$5,000 for a rule violation that occurred last week at Martinsville Speedway.

During opening day inspection on April 8, the No. 7 was found to have an unapproved deck lid, a violation of Section 12-4-Q of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series rule book. That also violated Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing).

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Kentucky adds third 7-footer to squad

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON – Kentucky signed 7-foot-2 center Jared Carter to a letter of intent on Wednesday, giving the Wildcats three players who stand 7-foot or taller.

Carter, from Georgetown, attends Scott County High School. He chose Kentucky over North Carolina, Illinois and Georgia Tech.

He'll join 7-foot Lukasz Obrzut and 7-foot-3 Shagari Alleyne on the Kentucky roster. Obrzut and Alleyne will be juniors next season.

"We're very happy that Jared will be joining our program," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "He's a talented player who will fit well into our system. It's always exciting when we can bring in a young man from Kentucky who understands how important Wildcat basketball is to this state."

The 230-pound Carter was only a role player for Scott County as a junior, but developed into a star as a senior, leading the Cardinals to a 27-4

record. He averaged 16.3 points, 9.8 rebounds and 6.4 blocked shots per game. His 200 blocks set a Kentucky prep record.

Carter will be the sixth 7-footer to play for Kentucky. The others are Obrzut, Alleyne, Bill Spivey (1950-1952), Tom Payne (1970-1971) and Sam Bowie (1980-1984).

Carter will join Adam Williams in Kentucky's freshman class. Williams, from St. Albans, W.Va., signed with Kentucky in the fall of 2003 and attended prep school this past season at IMG Academy in Florida.

Also Wednesday: n Marqise Wright and Tyler Holloway signed with Murray State. Wright, a 6-foot-6, 220-pound forward from Gainesville, Ga., was that state's top prep scorer last season. He averaged 31.8 points, 15.1 rebounds and six assists per game.

Holloway, a 6-foot-1 guard, is from Huntsville, Ala.

Joel Campbell signed with Western Kentucky. The 6-foot-1 point guard spent the past two seasons at Northwest Mississippi Community College, leading that team to consecutive 30-4 records and a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I tournament both seasons.

As a sophomore, Campbell averaged nine points, 5.7 assists, 3.1 steals and 2.9 rebounds per game.

Antwan Sibert signed with Morehead State. The 6-foot-6, 225-pound forward from Baltimore played the past two seasons at Gulf Coast (Fla.) Community College.

"He brings athleticism and rebounding ability to our team, two areas that we need to improve in," Morehead State coach Kyle Macy said.



Jared Carter

MSU Track and Field

competes at Cumberland Invitational

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Morehead State had three individual winners at the Cumberland College Invitational this past Saturday in Williamsburg. Marcus Johnson captured the high jump, Josh Sheets won the 1500m and Alessa Velez topped the 3000m steeplechase as Morehead State's men finished second and women seventh in the team standings at the meet.

Host Cumberland College won the men's crown with 126 points to beat out MSU (109.50) and 14 other schools. Bellarmine scored 135 points to capture the women's title. MSU (50 points) finished behind Cumberland College (125), Centre (83), Northern Kentucky and Lindsey Wilson (61) and Bethel-Tenn. (59) among the 13 teams competing.

Johnson and teammate TR Hannan each leaped 6'06.00" in the high jump, but Johnson won the event based on fewest misses at the height. Johnson was successful on his first attempt.

Sheets continued his winning streak in individual events this spring by edging out Mike Veatch of Cumberland to cap-

ture the 1500m. Running in his only individual event of the meet, Sheets crossed the finish line in 3:56.02, just ahead of Veatch in 3:56.64. Sheets' time is the fastest in the Ohio Valley Conference this spring. He is one of only four league runners to break four minutes in the event this season.

Velez won the 3000m steeplechase with a dominant performance. Her winning time of 12:05.79 was over 15 seconds faster than the runner-up, Anita Lawson of King College.

Several other Lady Eagles scored in their events, including Nicole Dodd in the 200m (fourth in 27.84) and high jump (third in 4'10.00"), Kim Reiland in the 1500m (third in 4:58.85), Alicia Brown in the 5000m (third among collegiate runners in 19:53.45), Molly Duchemin (2nd in 2:60m) and Stacie Beyer (seventh in 2:15m) in the pole vault and Jessica Bodimer in the long jump (sixth at 14'11.50").

Among the MSU men who scored were Todd Chisley in the 100m (fifth in 10.90) and 200m (sixth in 22.38), Scott Combs in the 200m (seventh in 22.45) and 400m (seventh in 50.78), Hugh

Denbow in the 400m (fifth in 50.44), Mike Erwin in the 800m (second in 1:57.66), Alex Hagan (third among collegiate runners in 15:37.71) and Vic McHenry (fifth among collegiate runners in 15:56.07) in the 5000m, Jose Solis in the 3000m steeplechase (eighth in 10:07.90), Marcus Hundley in the high jump (tied for seventh in 5'08.00") and triple jump (seventh in 39'02.50"), Scott Davidson (second in 3.95m) and Joey Pence (third in 3.80m) in the pole vault, Johnson in the long jump (eighth in 19'09.75") and triple jump (third in 42'09.50"), Daniel Fultz in the shot put (fourth in 42'03.00"), and Justin Dillard in the shot put (fifth in 40'09.00") and javelin (sixth in 42.14m).

Morehead State also placed in its relays. The women's 4x100m was seventh in 54.92 and the 4x400m was sixth in 4:27.41. The men's 4x100m took fourth in 42.75, the 4x400m was third in 3:26.65 and the 4x800m was fifth in 8:21.57.

Morehead State takes a week off of competition before returning for the EKV Invitational on April 22 at Richmond.

Bluegrass DirtCar Series readies for Paducah event

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The next event for the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts will be Saturday, April 23 at John Tidal's Paducah International Raceway

The 2004 season included the first ever visit to the western Kentucky high-banked, 3/8-mile clay oval for the state's premier Dirt Late Model sanctioning body. Although he led all 40 laps of the feature, the win didn't come easy for Scottsburg, Ind. native Mike Jewell, who fended off several challenges from Tyrel Todd, Scott James, and Whitney McQueary.

A full racing program for

the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series will be on tap on April 23 complete with Racing Optics Time Trials, VP Racing Fuels Makin' Power Heat Races, B-Mains, and the O'Reilly Auto Parts A-Main paying \$3,000 to win.

Paducah will be the third stop for the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts. The first two events, held on March 25-26 at Union's Florence Speedway, saw 72 different drivers compete with Rookie of the Year candidate Rick Combs claiming the season opener and Sullivan, WI veteran Dan Schlieper winning the following event.

Directions to Paducah International Raceway are as

follows: Interstate 24 to exit 11, then south on Husband Road (St Rd 1954), then east of Lydon Road (St RD 3075), the south on Oaks (St Rd 450), then west on Shemwell Lane (near the airport). For further information please visit the track's website at www.paducahinternationalraceway.com. The track phone number for race day information is 270/898-7469.

Glasgow's Michael England currently leads the race for the 2005 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Championship over Mike Jewell, Rick Combs, Jerry Rice, and Steve Casebolt Jr.

Additional information can be obtained online at www.naradirtcar.com or the Series Office at 859/271-4501.

Eagle golfers finish 13th in Scottsdale, Ariz.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – The Morehead State University golf team, playing in its final regular season tournament Monday and Tuesday (April 11-12) at the University of Wyoming/Cleveland Golf

Cowboy Classic being played at Talking Stick Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz., finished 13th in a strong field of 20 teams

MSU shot 292-293-286-871. Texas-El Paso won the tournament with an 840 total.

MSU individual totals were Kyle Litter (tie 26) - 75-70-70

215; Matt Gann (tie 47) - 74-75-70 219; Ryan Martin (tie 54) - 72-75-73 220; Casey Wade (tie 63) - 71-73-77 221; Lee Chaney (tie 89) - 75-81-73 229.

The Eagles will participate in the Ohio Valley Conference Championships next Monday-Wednesday in Decatur, Ala.

Patriot football releases 2005 signees

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG – The Cumberland College football program has announced its signings for the 2005-2006 school year as of April 13, 2005. More signings are anticipated over the next few months.

Among those signees are Kentucky natives Tyler Ayers of Williamsburg, Ronnie Bowling of Corbin, Adam Chaplin of Monticello, Spencer Crutchfield of Lancaster, Travis Cutter of Radcliff, Josh Frosch of Williamsburg, David Grant of Radcliff, Will Hill of Williamsburg, Brad Lawson of Williamsburg, Scott Miller of Erlanger, Shea Moody of Harlan, Eddie Partin of Siler, Paul Schmidt of Inez, Chris Tucker of Stearns, and Luke Watson of Pine Knot.

Tennessee natives: Andrew Bacon of Cleveland, Eric Bievens of Soddy Daisy, Cory

Boatman of Charleston, Dane Dienethal of Powell, Jason Ewing of Knoxville, Adam Hale of Blountsville, Steven Hensley of Oliver Springs, Matt Henson of Hopkinsville, Zach Jacobs of Kingsport, Bo Kidd of Oneida, Hunter Lawhorn of Soddy Daisy, Shaun Lyon of Corryton, Caleb Moore of Seymour, Dale Moore of Knoxville, Josh Morris of Cleveland, John Page of Cleveland, Kevin Torrence of Chattanooga, and Josh Ward of Soddy Daisy.

Georgia natives include Ben Griffin of Senoria, Jamie Jeffers of Lawrenceville, Marlon Jones of Valdosta, Shawn Loggins of Canton, Cedric Mason of Adel, Mac McCoy of Burford, RJ Pierce of Dalton, and Eric Tisdol of Eastman.

Other signees are Tyler Baily of Goshen, Ohio; Andrew Blevins of Kissimmee, Fla.; Jordan Colvin of Miamisburg, Ohio; James Elisme of Florida

City, Fla.; Kurt Hansen of St. Cloud, Fla.; JR Harbin of Elkmont, Ala.; Kyle Izor of Franklin, Ohio; and Kyle King of St. Cloud, Fla.

"We are very excited about our 2005 recruiting class," Cumberland College Coach Chuck King commented. "Our coaches have worked very hard at building this Cumberland College program for years to come. I believe this will be one of the best classes we have had in our short time here at Cumberland College. We have been able to address many of the question marks left vacant from last year's senior class. We are still working hard at finishing this recruiting year. I do realize we must get to the grass in August before we really find out what we have, but the potential is pretty good. I am looking forward to the 2005 season and many of these guys have a great chance to make an impact."

Former Cards to appear at Red-White Game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – For the second straight season, the University of Louisville Annual Red-White Spring Game, presented by UPS and Chase Bank, will be more than just a football game, it will be an event.

The kickoff for the Red-White game is scheduled for Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, and will be televised live by ESPNU with Eric Collins, Kelly Stouffer and Kent Taylor calling all the action. Tailgate lots will be available

to Cardinal fans starting at Noon, while the gates to the Stadium will open at 4 p.m. Live radio remotes by KISS, WQMF and WAMZ are slated from 5-7 p.m. and will provide fans with music and entertainment, while the Kid's Zone will have inflatable games for kids of all ages.

Concession stands will be open throughout the Stadium and food will also be available outside of PJCS.

Head coach Bobby Petrino will announce team awards from the 2004 Liberty Bowl and Conference USA Championship

season at halftime, and the outgoing senior class will be presented their game jerseys by former Cardinal and NFL greats. Former Louisville and NFL players scheduled to return are: Dave Ragone, Klaus Wilmsmeyer, David Akers, Dewayne White, Frank Minnifield, Lenny Lyles, Otis Wilson, Ernest Givins and Chris Redman.

Following the game, players and coaches will be made available to sign autographs for 30 minutes on the field and a post-game concert by Nappy Roots will also follow.



Smith glad to be back playing football

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LXINGTON – Bo Smith feels right at home at his cornerback position, as the University of Kentucky junior is participating in spring practice after missing last season because of an injury.

"It's a dream come true, to be able to be back on the field with my teammates," Smith said following Monday morning's practice at Commonwealth Stadium.

Smith is resuming what had been a bright career. He showed great promise as a reserve cornerback and on special teams as a freshman in 2002. A year later he broke into the starting lineup, grabbed his first collegiate interception against Florida, and emerged as a fine cover corner.

Smith was expected to be a

leader of the 2004 defense before being sidelined. Fortunately, he was able to use the season as a redshirt year. He has worked hard to get back into shape and has returned to his playing weight of 197 pounds.

Smith has resumed practicing, with a goal of regaining his starting job, and he thinks the time off won't affect him on the field.

"I expect to be where I was before I got hurt, maybe better," Smith said. And, that's good news for Kentucky fans.

Holt to sit out remainder of the spring: Wide receiver Glenn Holt sustained a separated shoulder in Monday's practice and will miss the remainder of the spring as a precautionary measure, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Holt is expected to be at full

strength when practice resumes in August. Last season, Holt ranked second in the Southeastern Conference in receptions per game, catching 49 passes for 415 yards and three touchdowns. His top game was nine receptions for 87 yards and both TDs in the win over Vanderbilt.

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

Wednesday – Practice, 9-11 a.m.
Friday – Practice, 9-11 a.m.

Saturday – Practice (scrimmage), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday – Practice, 9-11 a.m.
Wednesday – Practice, 9-11 a.m.

Friday – Practice, 9-11 a.m.

Saturday, April 23 – Blue/White Spring Game, 1 p.m., Commonwealth Stadium

Runyon wins Douglas Lake tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Last weekend, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its second tournament of the 2005 season on Douglas Lake in the Great Smokey Mountains. There was a strong turn out for the two-day tournament, 18 boats competed in the event.

Douglas Lake was about six to eight feet low. The TVA is filling to summer pool and the water was coming up 12 to 16 inches a day. The water was in good shape with a temperature of 60 to 65 degrees, and was stained in the middle section from Dandridge to the 40 bridge and cleared up in both the lower and upper ends.

Weather for the tournament was perfect with sunny skies,

light wind and air temperatures around 80 degrees

The fish were in prespawn patterns, most of them were staging on main lake flat points with deeper water nearby. Some fish were caught on bluff walls leading into the creeks. As the water warms in the next week the secondary points and points leading to spawning flats will get real good.

The main pattern for this tournament was to find the right kind of point with fish.

Casting a crankbait and Carolina rig on these points was the winning pattern. Several fish were also caught on spinnerbaits as well as small worms cast to steeper banks.

The top finishers were as

follows.

1. Kevin Runyon – 17.90 lbs.
2. Mo (Name withheld) – 15.69 lbs.
3. Ralph Taylor – 12.28 lbs.
4. Larry Hopson – 11.67 lbs.
5. Pops (Name withheld) – 11.40 lbs.
6. Mark Compton – 11.23 lbs.
7. Johnny Webb – 10.54 lbs.
8. Barry Rice – 10.25 lbs.
9. Mike Hackworth – 9.76 lbs.
10. Brandon Staten – 8.02 lbs.

For more information about the Tug Valley Bass Anglers, go online to

www.setel.com/~tugvalleyanglers.

Club meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the John's Creek Elementary School.



Family Academy of Martial Arts students recently completed certification. Individuals pictured are Zachary Link (middle, left), Prestonsburg; Ryan Crum (middle, right), Pikeville, and Phil Cornett (left), Prestonsburg. Instructor Mike Gambill is also pictured.

P'burg basketball banquet set

The Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball program will hold its annual banquet on Sunday, April 24 at 5 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

H.S. ATHLETICS

Highlands to appeal KHSAA sanctions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT THOMAS – Fort Thomas Highlands will appeal sanctions issued by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association that included the forfeiture of 12 wins.

Highlands finished 14-1 on the field and won the Class 3A title. But the KHSAA ruled this week that because the Bluebirds used an ineligible player, they had to forfeit 12 of the wins.

The penalties also included three years' probation and a \$1,500 fine. Coach Dale Mueller was suspended for the Bluebirds' two preseason scrim-

mages and first two regular-season games this year.

Highlands was allowed to keep its state title. The player in question, leading rusher Mike Mitchell, did not play in the championship game, in which the Bluebirds beat Boyle County 22-6.

The KHSAA ruled the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Mitchell ineligible after he transferred to Highlands in January 2004 from Covington Catholic.

A judge issued an injunction in August that allowed Mitchell to play during the season, but a series of court rulings in the days before the Dec. 4 championship game left him ineligible to play.

Highlands will appeal the KHSAA decision by a Friday deadline, Fort Thomas School District attorney Don Ruberg said.

"(The) Fort Thomas (school district) is a member of the KHSAA. When the judge told the KHSAA the Mitchell boy was eligible, we played him. When the judge said he wasn't eligible, he didn't (play). All we're doing is abiding by the court orders."

Mitchell since has been granted a permanent injunction ruling him eligible. The KHSAA has appealed that decision.

Mitchell has signed to play at Ohio.



In recent Floyd County soccer action, Madyson Nunnery of the U12 Tide vied for possession of the soccer ball with midfielder Jimmie Greene of the U12 Galaxy. The Tide won the game between the two Floyd County teams. Soccer play across Eastern Kentucky resumes this Saturday.

Fast-pitch tourney returns to Jeffersontown in 2006

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LXINGTON – At its March meeting in Bowling Green, the KHSAA Board of

Control awarded the City of Jeffersontown and Skyview Park the 2006 and 2007 Fast-Pitch Softball State Tournaments. Jeffersontown hosted the 1998,

2000 and 2001 KHSAA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments.

Owensboro will host the 2005 event, June 10-11, at Jack C. Fisher Park.



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THROUGH MY EYES

Fizzled, frazzled and keepin' it simple

Brain's gone into overload, nerves are fried and emotionally, well, let's just not even go there. Hasn't been one of my best weeks, folks. So, forgive me, and accept the following little internet goodie to fill this space. And send some prayers along my way that the days to follow will get a bit brighter. See ya next week, long as the demons remain at bay...

Cajun Commandments (Keepin' it REAL simple)

1. God is number one... and das' All.
 2. Don't pray to nuttin' or nobody... jus' God.
 3. Don't cuss nobody... 'specially da Good Lord.
 4. Yo mama an' yo daddy dun did it all... lissen to dem.
 5. When it be Sunday... pass yo'-self by God's House.
 6. Killin' duck an' fish, das' OK... people - No!
 7. God done give you a wife... sleep wit' jus' her.
 8. Don't take nobody's boat... or nuttin' else.
 9. Don't go wantin' somebody's stuff.
 10. Stop lyin'... else yo tongue gonna fall out yo mouf!
- And, once mo', das' all...

POSTSCRIPT

All abloom

I do so love these hills in winter-time when the trees shed their leaves and allow us to see what's really there — the shelves of rock, the undulations of the skyline, the differences between peaks and ridges.

But, oh, I do so love these hills right now as the colors burst through. You can drive along a road today, the same as yesterday, but today it's different. It's alive.

The redbuds — quite possibly the most beautiful of all trees — popped into bloom overnight, it seems.

Scarcer than before, but still awe-inspiring, the dogwoods lighten the greyiness.

In yards, we see forsythias spreading their yellow wings skyward, in what appears to be pure joy.

Flowering pear trees line streets and driveways, fulfilling their only apparent purpose.

Daffodils — my favorite flower — are among the earliest of spring

(See POSTSCRIPT, page eight)

Eighteenth annual Paintsville Lake Clean-Up Contest another success

As a part of both the National "Keep America Beautiful" Program and Kentucky's "PRIDE" Program, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Paintsville Lake sponsored their 18th Annual Clean-Up Contest on Saturday, April 2, 2005. Despite 40 degree temperatures and rain, forty-nine people volunteered their time and services for this year's Paintsville Lake Cleanup Contest.

This year's contest resulted in the removal of approximately 2.4 tons of trash and debris. This brings the total to 90.4

tons of trash and litter that volunteers have picked up and removed in this yearly one day event from park lands since the program's inception in 1987.

Four groups competed in this year's clean-up event: Dr. John Shiber's Prestonsburg Community College Biology Class, Magoffin County's Boy Scout Troop #862, The Paintsville Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Paintsville Walmart.

(See CLEAN-UP, page seven)



Volunteers Kelly Shepherd (foreground) and Ken Williams with the Paintsville Kiwanis Club help Boy Scout Troop 862 pick up trash and litter during 18th Annual Paintsville Lake Cleanup Contest.



photos by Kathy J. Prater

Things were busy at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, in Jenny Wiley State Park, this past Saturday as the Floyd County office of the UK Cooperative Extension Service sponsored the "2005 Home & Garden Expo" for the public. Agents Theresa Scott, Ray Tackett and Charles Stamper were all in attendance to answer questions and offer guidance.

2005 Home & Garden Expo

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The Floyd County Extension Service agents, along with community helpers, pooled their resources on Saturday, April 9, to present the 2005 Home & Garden Expo at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Theresa Scott, Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences, Ray Tackett, Extension Agent for

Agriculture & Natural Resources, and Charles "Chuck" Stamper, Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development, partnered with several area businesses and services to bring together a day filled with information and learning experiences. Educational session topics included lawn care essentials, "all-American" flower varieties, tasty beef treats, home landscaping, and creating painted floor coverings. Presenters included Richard Helton, Martin County Extension,

Lori Bowling, Boyd County Extension, Christy Honaker, Pike County Extension, Russell Sparks, Magoffin County Extension, Brooke Jenkins, Magoffin County Extension, and Theresa Scott, Floyd County.

Participating vendors included: Food City Florists, Signature Events, Floyd County PRIDE, Kentucky Beef, Christina's Flowers & Gifts, Ecoquest Air and Water Purification, Morgan Stanley Investments, Loans and Mortgages,

Floyd County Soil Conservation District, Floyd County Extension Homemakers, UK ATV Power Equipment Education, and the Maytown Fire Department.

Free seeds and door prizes were given out, along with a wide variety of informational materials.

For more information on activities and educational opportunities available through the Floyd County Extension Service office, you may contact either Scott, Tackett or Stamper at 886-2668.

THINGS TO PONDER

Can children have caring feelings?

By Dr. Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Again, the media has recently described how a youngster displayed unreal violence and cruelty to others, such as the shooting at a high school a few weeks ago. Citizens' concerns about school violence have lead to the "no tolerance" policy in most school systems, while parents reassure themselves, "My son wouldn't do anything like that!" In an effort to prevent violent outbursts, major questions become,

"What makes kids care about each other? How can gentleness to each other in a violent world be taught?"

During the hour-to-hour activities, everyone working with children and teenagers have observed the various ways which young people are inappropriate to each other. At times, it seems that students are frequently most cruel to each other when there is a lack of acceptance of differences among them. There comes to mind the 10-year-old student that was resistant to disclose how her classmates were treating her. However, her mother quickly went to tell how her daughter's classmates were different this year. "There's a half mix," was her mother's way of describing the portion of students in the class, based on their parents' financial standing. While

at a school function, the mother said that one of her daughter's classmates said to her, "Bet you buy all of her clothes at (an expensive store out of town)." The girl's mother concluded that her daughter's classmates had been making remarks about her daughter's clothing and were socially isolating her from the group.

After a child has been the "victim" of inappropriate behaviors/actions of classmates, she is likely to show a change in behaviors. While the fourth grader described above had been an "A" student with many friends before that particular class, she began consistently expressing an extreme dislike for school, having physical complaints on school day mornings, having a decline in grades, and showing a change in behaviors. It is not unusual for a

source of violence and cruelty in adolescence to occur in emotional, verbal, and physical abuse among dating teens. Also, the experience has been that boys are likely to abuse girls more often than vice versa. Parents are prone to be unaware of these circumstances until typically the girl stops dating the boy and spills the beans. Not unexpected, these couples show characteristics similar to spouse-abuse, when all of the details are told. Needless to say, parents and society are very concerned about what can be done to prevent such circumstances and be aware of what is happening while it is occurring.

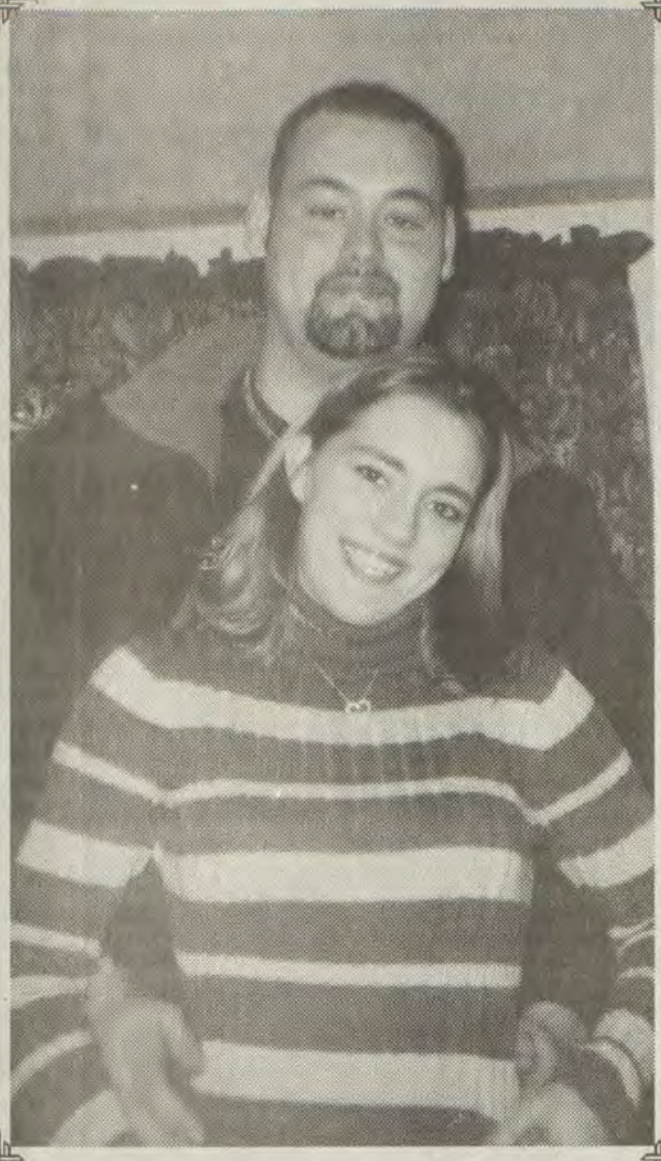
As we all know, parents cannot completely control all of the things that affect

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Weddings/Engagements



Crace-Harris

Trevor Harris and Gwen Crace are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding ceremony, to be held Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Clean-Up

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First place was captured by Boy Scout Troop #862. Members of the group picked up approximately 0.72 tons of trash. Their prize was \$200 which was donated by McDonald's of Paintsville. Their organization's name will be engraved on a plaque to be displayed in the Corps of Engineers Office/Visitor Center at Paintsville Lake.

Second place winner was Dr. Shiber's Prestonsburg Community College Biology Class with 0.78 tons of trash. Their prize was \$150 in cash donated by Big Sandy R.E.C.C..

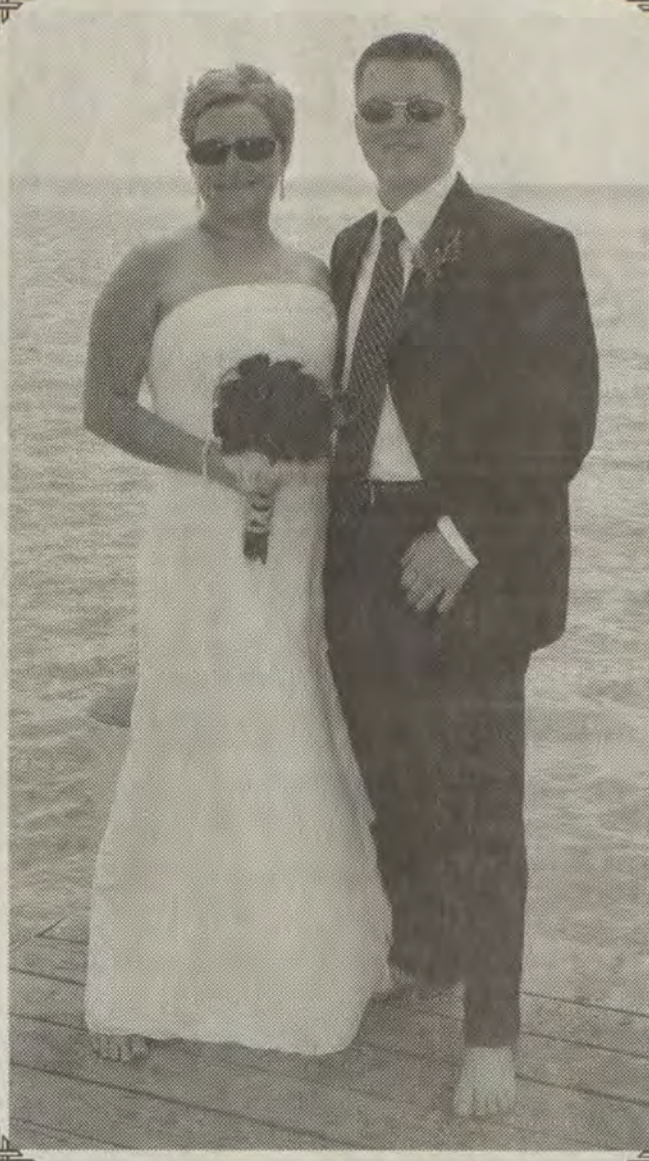
Third place was taken by Walmart of Paintsville whose members picked up approximately 0.45 tons of trash. Their

prize was \$125 which was donated by Bailey's Carpet and Hardware of Salyersville.

Fourth place was the Paintsville Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, whose members picked up 0.42 tons of trash. Their prize was \$100 in cash donated by ETA Engineering Consultant's of Cattlettsburg.

A cookout prepared by Ronnie Wells and Dip Stafford of Paintsville was held for the participants after the contest.

The staff at Paintsville Lake would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's contest. The success of this program is attributed to the volunteers' dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work.



Shepherd - Stanley

Mr. and Mrs. David and Melissa McCarty Shepherd, of Hager Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. James David and Annabell Burgett Stanley, of Belfry, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Rebecca Cheryl Shepherd and James Steven Stanley. The couple were married on March 15, 2005 at West Bay Beach in the Cayman Islands. The bride is the granddaughter of the late Melvin and Lola Mae Shepherd, of Prestonsburg, and the late Hershel and Ida Mae McCarty, of Wheelwright. She is a 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Rebecca is employed by the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center as a registered nurse. The groom is the grandson of the late Milton and Antha Stanley, of Belfry, and the late Gabe and Frankie Burgett of South Williamson. He is a 1993 graduate of Belfry High School, and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations. James is employed by Kentucky River Medical Center as Director of Marketing and Public Relations. The couple reside in Winchester.

Births/Birthdays



New Arrival

Mya Alison Danielle Burgess was born on March 11, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to proud parents Mary and Mark Burgess, of Prestonsburg. She weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19 and one-half inches long. She is the granddaughter of Harold and Alice Burgess, of Staffordsville, and Henderson and Mary Bays, of Prestonsburg.



Kyle is 2!

Kyle Sturgill will celebrate his second birthday on March 18, 2005, with a party attended by family members and friends. Kyle is the son of Arnold and Linda Sturgill. He is the grandson of Donna and Bert Sturgill, of Betsy Layne, and Ronnie and Wanda Stevens, of Toler Creek.

Old Photographs Restored

<p>BEFORE</p>	<p>Have those irreplaceable photos repaired now, before further deterioration. Creases, specs, tears, and stains removed. Also prints made from photos.</p> <p>Phone 886-1545 886-3562</p>	<p>AFTER</p>
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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.

Allen Central Middle School

April 15-16 - Science Olympiad State Competition trip.
 April 15 - KATS pep rally.
 April 18 - SBDM meeting, 5 p.m.
 April 30 - Money due in for Beta Club trip.
 The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

Call now to learn about Kindergarten registration at Allen Elementary, 874-2165. AES is a "Great Place to Learn."

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further infor-

mation, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

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

Duff Elementary

Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

April 28 - May Valley Family Resource Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. Open to public. For more information, call Donna, at 285-0321.

May 5, 6 - Kindergarten registra-

tion for 2005-06 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If possible, new students should accompany their parents to the registration process. For more information, call the school at 285-0883.

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

GED classes offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the Family Resource Center. Call 377-2678 for more information.

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

May 24, 25 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-2006 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in school auditorium. The following information is required before enrollment: Student's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, physical exam, and eye exam. Please bring these documents the day you register your child.

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

Walking track open to public. The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center.

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness. "Lost & Found" is located in the

FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks, become the property of the FRC.

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

Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).

Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

McDowell: Mon., Wed. - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2678.

For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.



Family Medicine



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

Allergies to area pollens can take years to develop

Question: Now that spring is here, my nose is starting to run, and I am sneezing. I have never had this before. I moved to this area about five years ago. What can I do about these symptoms? Why did they just start?

Answer: Allergies can happen year-round. For many people, spring causes the most symptoms, while for others, their allergy season is in the summer and early fall. And, for some unlucky souls, allergies are a year-round phenomenon. Before answering your question directly, let me explain a bit about allergies and what is happening in your

body. Foreign substances, such as pollen, mold or animal dander, to which you have an reaction are called allergens. When one of these allergens enters your body — in your case, through your nose — the immune system reacts. First, your immune system acts as though it's being invaded by a germ or other harmful substance and, therefore, produces antibodies that circulate in the blood. These antibodies then attach themselves to special mast cells located throughout your body — but in greater numbers in the nose, throat, lungs and gastrointestinal tract. (You'll recognize these as common sites of allergic reactions.)

The mast cells then release various chemicals — most notably histamine. It is the histamine that causes the runny nose, itchy eyes, wheezing and other symptoms. The tendency toward allergies runs in families and affects more than 35 million Americans. For many people, allergies develop slowly over time. It is not unusual for a person, like yourself, living in a new area to take four or five years to develop seasonal allergies. About 10 million people in the US have allergies year-round, not just in certain seasons. There are several things that can be done about allergies. First, you should visit your doctor to see if allergy testing is needed to find out exactly what's causing your allergic reaction. For people with severe allergies, including wheezing, getting shots to help minimize your reactivity can be very help-

ful. For others, using medications shortly before and during a certain pollen season can be adequate treatment. If you have determined that you have a seasonal allergy, here are few other things that can help:
 ■ Sleep with windows closed at night — the night air can let pollen into your bedroom;
 ■ Minimize outdoor trips and activities on days when the pollen count is high;
 ■ Use an air conditioner — even just a room unit can dramatically decrease the levels of pollen;
 ■ Don't hang clothes outside to dry but use a clothes dryer instead (while they may smell fresher outside, they can collect pollen);
 ■ Wipe pets with a damp cloth after they have been outside as they can bring pollen in on their coats;
 ■ Avoid doing yard work, but if you

must, wear a mask; and
 ■ Take your medications as directed. There are many newer medications that can relieve many of the allergy symptoms without such side effects as drowsiness, so consult your physician to see what might be best for you. Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicine-news.org.

Ponder

their children's lives. After all, children have to spend much of their time away home and in the "real world," a place that can often be harsh and uncaring. The numbers are told over and over again in the media: extreme incidences of violence, almost three million crimes, occur on or near school campuses every year, to equal about 16,000 per school year or one every six seconds. In regards to date abuse, national data has revealed that many high school boys thought it was OK for a boy to strike his girlfriend if she angered him. Was this the basic attitude of nearly 17,000 people being killed by their domestic partners, during the early 1980's?

Although children had previ- ously been thought not to develop a sense of real caring about others until they reached adulthood, researchers (Waxler, Yarrow, and King) found that even very young children developed a fairly good sense of empathy, an ability to understand another's feelings. When a parent had a headache or was crying due to receiving bad news, 2-year-old toddlers were observed to react with concern. They showed a desire to "fix" the problem and offered comfort and compassion to distressed parent. Other studies and news reports have told about older children organizing ways to respond quickly and with concern to a classmate, friend, family neighbor, or to a stranger,

needing assistance. In addition, children have a natural affinity for animals and a desire to help them, such as a young teen beginning a shelter for unwanted dogs. Another study (Magen and Aharoni) supported that teenagers, helping others, felt very positive about their lives and had high hopes for their own futures. Parents can try to encourage their children to become caring, just, and responsible, to counteract the children's exposure to violence, on television and on the streets. Similar to other behaviors that need shaping by parents, a basic issue is for the parents to be frank, honest, and upfront with the behaviors you like or don't like. Let children

know how much it means to you by your behaving with kindness and responsibility: speak up in a firm and honest fashion, as soon as you see them doing something inappropriate; and keep your focus on the behavior and not on the child personally, such as "What you did is not very nice!" versus "YOU are not very nice!" It is so important to let your children know how highly you regard their kind behaviors toward others. "I saw how you helped the boy who fell and how thoughtful you were. I felt so proud of you!" This is definitely an area where the parents' actions speak louder than words. Since children observe their parents and other adults' behaviors and atti-

tudes, it is more likely that your children will be caring and compassionate, if you are consistently. Again, as in other circumstances, "Do as I say, not as I do" just does not work, especially when it comes to teaching about caring. Although there is not always time to do everything that you want, whenever and however you can, try to do small acts of caring that can be part of your family's life. Examples would be doing a favor for a neighbor, helping with a church project, and speaking up when someone is being treated cruelly. Another great idea is to have other caring people around your children so that they have several role models. Also, find some way, orga-

nization, church, or hospital, where your children can volunteer. In addition, one study found that children who see kindness on television tend to copy the same behaviors. How would you rate the children in your family with regard to their level of caring for others? Remember that experts have pointed out that when children feel a more secure base at home, they're more likely to venture out, and pay attention to others. It's when they feel deprived of love and nurturing from parents that they focus on themselves and their own needs. Furthermore, the parents having nurturing behaviors toward their children is a way for them to show positive role modeling for children.

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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.

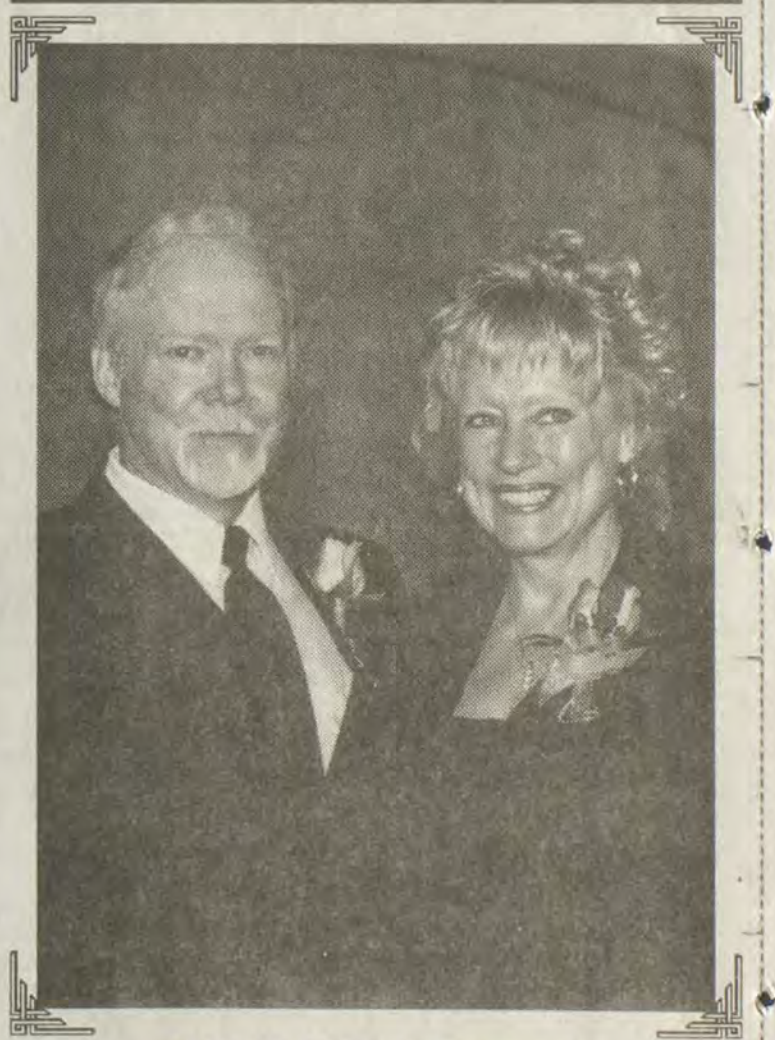
Send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tiusa.net.

We will be waiting to hear from you!

Postscript

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 blossoms, and the last of them are still holding up. They share my yard with tulips. I always forget when I'm putting in tulip bulbs how short-lived the blossoms are. But I still believe they're worth the effort. In my yard, there's evidence of other breakthroughs. The green foliage of bleeding heart plants gives proof to the concept of rebirth — mums, likewise. Just last week, the hostas pushed their spears through the ground and shook their heads. Deep red peony shoots are gaining strength, and astilbes put forth their lacy leaves overnight. My climatis, climbing hydrange and rose bushes have all come to life. They are reaching for the warming sun through new shoots and leaves. Alas, all is not well with this burst of spring. The violets, clover, dandelions, assorted wildflower weeds and the occasional clump of dog-manured grass are all growing — at double speed, it seems. I spent last Saturday afternoon running the weed eater over the front and side yards of the house. I dare not attack the weed-infested, sloped backyard. I still have to find someone to do that awful chore. Right now, though, the hill behind the house is not unattractive, despite the growth. Lawn perfectionists would not approve, but the violets are oozing a veritable sea of purple, reminiscent of an impressionist painting, more valuable than dollars can measure. I even hesitate to cut the dandelions, now living up to their name. I have wildly mixed feelings about what to do with a yard. From my orderly grandmother, I get the urge to tame it, to have only recognized flowers covering the surface, with appropriately swept pathways. From somewhere even deeper (or could it be lazier?), I want to set it free, to let grow what will grow, to see what happens, to hide behind and within the outcropping. Perhaps for another week or so, I'll let the two desires work together.

Anniversaries



25th Wedding Anniversary

Lowell and Rita Brock, of Abbott Creek, Prestonsburg, will celebrate "25 years of Bliss" as they observe their 25th wedding anniversary on April 18, 2005. Mr. and Mrs. Brock have two children, Sheena Brock Walton, of Sharonville, Ohio, and Lowell Brock Jr. Sheena is a teacher of the hearing-impaired and resides in Sharonville with husband, Gary. Lowell Jr. is a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University, in Richmond. He is pursuing a double major in art and graphic design. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Brock, on your successful marriage!



We remember

The daffodils are in bloom at Hazard Community & Technical College behind the J. Marvin Jolly Classroom Center. Faculty member Sabine Globig and students planted 3,026 daffodils — one for each victim of the September 11, 2001 attack on America. The beautiful flowers serve as a reminder.

Floyd County Devotional Page

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Woshp, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.
 home phone 285-3385

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CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

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Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., is currently accepting proposals for Financial Audit Services for the contract period of November 1, 2004, through October 31, 2005. Proposals are subject to terms and conditions of the Request For Proposal. Copies of this Request For Proposal may be obtained in the Accounting Department at the address below, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prior to the time and date specified for bid opening.

Proposals must be mailed or delivered to James Michael Howell, Executive Director, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, 3rd floor Johnson Country Courthouse, Paintsville, Ky. 41240. All envelopes must clearly be marked on the outside of the envelope, "FINANCIAL AUDIT PROPOSAL". Proposals will be

accepted until April 22nd, 2005, and will be opened at 11 a.m., on April 25th, 2005. All proposals must be received by the time designated in the invitation, and none will be considered thereafter. Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., cannot assume responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver bids on time. Proposals will be opened and read at the time and location stated above.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION NO. 836-5423

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 18:120, Section 3, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, (304) 743-8617, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 124.53 acres, located 3.20 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed amendment area begins at the intersection of KY Route 1929's junction with Buckhorn Fork Road, and is located within Buckhorn Fork of Frasure Creek, and also at the head of Frasure Creek. The mine site is located at latitude 37°24'20" and longitude 82°41'35".

Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur Sunday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset, from April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2006.

Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Post detonation access to the blasting area will be allowed, only after an inspection has determined that no hazards exist.

After personnel are cleared from the area, a pre-detonation warning, consisting of a one minute series of long blasts of a siren will be given. The blast signal will consist of a one minute series of short blasts of a siren prior to detonation. The all-clear signal will consist of a prolonged blast sounded on a siren, following the inspection of the blast site. These signals will be audible over a minimum distance of one-half mile.

All blasting will be scheduled from Sunday through Saturday, from sunrise to sunset. If in the event that unscheduled blasting is unavoidable, then the audible signals described above will be used to notify all persons within one-half mile of the blasting site. The applicant must document the reason and conditions for the unscheduled blast with any required seismograph report. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than those scheduled, include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions which involve personnel, operational, or public safety.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION NO. 836-5441

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 18:120, Section 3, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, (304) 743-8617, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 169.58 acres, located at Beaver, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The area begins at the intersection of KY 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road, and is located within Mitchell Branch of Mud Creek, and also lies along Mud Creek at Latitude 37°24'27" and Longitude 82°39'24".

Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur daily, sunrise to sunset, from April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2006.

Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area, and stopping traffic along public roads, when applicable, at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Post detonation access to the blasting area, and release of traffic on public roads, will be allowed, only after an inspection has determined that no hazards exist.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5466, RENEWAL

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 367, Allen, Ky. 41601, has applied

for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation. The proposed operation will disturb 10.13 surface acres, and will underlie 504.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 514.13 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.9 mile south of KY 80's junction with KY 777, and is located 0.1 mile east of Turkey Creek. The latitude is 37°30'59" and the longitude is 82°47'13".

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Harold Ray Hagans and William B. and Debra Hagans. The operation will underlie land owned by Harold Ray Hagans, J.B. Ellis, Charles and Joyce Gibson, Lynn M. Parrish, Jerry Donald Hagans, Larry Edgar Hagans, Oakie Shepherd, Stephen D. and Deborah Bailey, Teddy Gibson, Lovel and Cendia Hall, James and Melinda Stumbo, Ellis Little, Dave and Leila Harvey, Earl Edward and Mary Webb, Earnest Hayes, Mable Willis, Minnie Irizary et al., Delbert Glen Goins, Marion Jr., and Claudia Hayes, Sidney Jean Hayes, Virgil and Sandra Moore, Mander Moore, C. M. and Edith Wise, Marie Stelbasky, Gordon Neil and Belinda Carrol, Joey Wells-Adams, and Leo C. Harmon.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS-REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED BIDDERS FOR THE SALE OF: FLOYD COUNTY GAS SYSTEM

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders for the sale of a NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, owned by Floyd County, Kentucky, by and through the Floyd County Fiscal Court, and operated and managed by East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., pursuant to a lease agreement. The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System until 4:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, April 21, 2005.

S Y S T E M DESCRIPTION:

The Floyd County Gas System consists of a natural gas distribution system furnishing natural gas to customers in the communities of Allen, Dwale, Estill, Garrett, Hueysville, Lackey, Middle Creek, Minnie, and Wayland, and their outlying vicinities in Floyd County, Kentucky. Documentation regarding the sale of the Floyd County Gas System may be examined by scheduling an appointment with David Layne, II, or John Allen, Jr., during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time, Monday through Friday, at the offices of East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., located at Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky [Telephone (606) 886-2431; FAX: (606) 889-9196], and having the mailing address of P.O. Box 408, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

BID PROCESS:

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System at the Office of the Floyd County Judge Executive, located on the 2nd floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 [Telephone (606) 886-9193] until 4:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, April 21, 2005. The sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System will be opened and an award of the bid made to the highest and best qualified bidder at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, to be held in the County Courtroom, located on the 2nd floor of

the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

A qualified bidder will be required to provide all necessary proof of the bidder's financial, technical, and managerial ability to purchase, operate, and maintain the Floyd County Gas System. An award of the bid and the sale of the Floyd County Gas System shall be contingent upon the approval of the system's transfer by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids or any bid not submitted with the necessary documentation shall not be considered. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Submission of a bid shall be construed as evidence and confirmation that the bidder has reviewed all necessary documentation, has made all necessary site visits, and has conducted sufficient due diligence to allow its submission of a bid and bona fide offer for the system.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0294, AMENDMENT 1

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, Inc., 25 Clydean Drive,

Leburn, Kentucky 41831, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining operation, located 1 mile southeast of Weeksbury, in Floyd and Pike counties. The amendment will add 31.22 acres, and will delete 2.15 of surface disturbance, making a total of 639.97 acres within the amended permit boundary.

(2) The proposed amendment area is approximately 1 mile southeast from Kentucky Route 466's junction with Caleb Fork County Road, and is located on Pine Fork of Caleb Fork, in Floyd County, and Abel Tackett Fork of Long Fork, in Pike County. The latitude is 37 degrees, 19 minutes, 09 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 41 minutes, 01 seconds.

(3) The proposed amendment is located on the Wheelwright USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed under the amendment is owned by Collins and Mayo Collieries Company, Joyce N. Johnson, Clinton & Eva Little, and Joe & Mary Tackett. The operation will use the surface area method of mining.

(4) The amendment application has been

filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will accept sealed bids until Friday, April 22, 2005, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., for the following:

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Prospective bidders may submit sealed bids for the specified amount and type of water line, either in

person or by postage delivery, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, located on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 [Telephone: (606) 886-9193], during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until Friday, April 22, 2005, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m. No further bids will be accepted after Friday, April 22, 2005, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest and/or best bidder at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court to be held on Friday, April 22, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the County Courtroom, located on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Mason Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles east of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.63 surface acres, and will underlie 130.38 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 134.01 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.2 miles southeast from Ky. Rt. 194's junction with Ky. Rt. 1428, and located on Cow Creek. The latitude is 37°38'07". The longitude is 82°39'27".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer/Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sarah B. Allen. The operation will underlie land owned by Sarah B. Allen and Woodrow W. Burchett Jr.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for CIAP KY36P157-5 0 1 - 0 4, 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Glenda Rogers of 145 Sturgill Branch, Harold, KY 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a bridge across Toler Creek. The property is located 2.2 miles upstream of Toler Creek's confluence with Mud Creek on KY State Route 1426, at Sturgill Branch of Toler Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: KY Division of Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5457 MAJOR REVISION NO. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO, INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The

major revision will add an additional 188.69 acres of underground mining area, making the total area within the revised boundary 230.23 acres.

The operation is located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.50 mile southwest from KY Route 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37°30'56" and the longitude 82°48'32".

The proposed major revision is located on the Martin, U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The major revision will underlie land owned by Ned Hall, Willard Hicks, Gregory Cooley, Roger & Freda Tackett, Myrtle & Jobe Cooley, Ronald & Daphne Reid, Robert Martin & Joan S. Flanery, Ralph & Glenda Barnett, Allen Central High School, and Forrest & Cindi Hughes.

The major revision proposes to add an additional 188.69 underground acres to the existing permit.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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