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Newsome won't resign

The Associated Press

HINDMAN — Knott County Judge Executive Donnie Newsome has decided to hang on to his \$65,000-a-year job while he appeals his election fraud conviction...

Newsome, who served 16 months for buying votes in a 2002 election, has been mum about his intentions since his release on Jan. 25. However, his closest associate, Deputy Judge-Executive Mac Combs, seemed to put speculation to rest Thursday.

"He's not going to resign," said Combs, who filled in while Newsome was behind bars. "He's going to wait until his appeal is decided, and if he wins, he's in. If he loses, he's out."

In Kentucky, state law dictates that convicted felons can remain in office as long as appeals are continuing.

Steven Reed, a former U.S. attorney who is representing Newsome in the appeals process, said he doesn't know how long it will take for the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to make a decision.

"We did ask that it be expedited so that mater can be resolved as quickly as possible," Reed said.

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Woman accused of witness tampering

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Floyd County woman is facing charges after she allegedly tried to hinder witness testimony in a case against an accused sex offender.

Anita Burke, 41, of Martin, faces one

count of harassing a witness, a misdemeanor charge, according to the criminal citation issued by Sgt. Steve Little, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

According to the citation, filed Wednesday in district court, Burke engaged or attempted to engage in "misleading or unlawful conduct intended to

hinder, delay, prevent or dissuade" a witness from testifying in an ongoing criminal case against Martin resident Larry Owens.

Little alleges that Burke, a Finance Hollow resident, threatened Janet Owens, of Green Acres, to drop charges against Larry Owens, 49, who was charged last month of sexually abusing a minor female.

The case against Larry Owens was transferred to the grand jury last month after a closed hearing in District Judge James R. Allen's courtroom.

Larry Owens faces one count of first-degree sexual abuse.

Burke is scheduled to be arraigned March 16.



The Otter Creek Correctional Center awarded S.O.R.T. members who participated to a riot at a Beattyville prison last year. Pictured from left to right, back row to front row: Ofc. J. King, Warden Jerry Parker, Chief of Security Dan Devers, Asst. Warden Jeff Little, Ofc. R. Amburgey, Lt. D. Little, Sgt. D.J. Little, Ofc. L. Salisbury, Ofc. C. Johnson, Ofc. B. Sexton, Ofc. C. McCarty, Ofc. N. Little, Ofc. B. Maynard, and S.O.R.T. Commander Dwight Crowell.

Otter Creek issues awards to SORT team members

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Otter Creek Correctional Center's Special Operations Response Team (S.O.R.T.) members were awarded for their efforts Wednesday during a ceremony at the Landmark Inn in Pikeville.

Awards were handed out to 14 S.O.R.T. members who provided

service during the Lee Adjustment Center prison riot in September.

"These men are extremely well trained, they're professional," S.O.R.T. Commander Dwight Crowell said. "Their hearts are in it."

S.O.R.T. members are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Crowell said, and serve a region covering 64 prisons across the U.S.

During the Beattyville riot in Sept., Otter Creek S.O.R.T. members joined other teams from Tenn., Arizona, Minnesota, and other locations across the U.S.

Crowell said his men arrived at the prison at approximately 11:15 p.m. and assisted in getting the prison organized after the riot. Prisoners set fire to the

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Rose to get hearing in Rowan

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MOREHEAD — A Rowan Circuit court will preside over a status hearing today in an unlawful termination case that names former

Gov. Paul Patton and Robert Stephens, Secretary of the Justice Cabinet.

Gary Rose, former commissioner of the Kentucky State Police, filed the complaint in 2000 against Patton and Stephens, individually and in

their official capacities, claiming that they wrongfully terminated him "under color of the law."

Rose, a Ligon resident, claims he was fired after submitting and refus-

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P'burg Fire receives grant

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON — The Prestonsburg Fire Department is getting an upgrade, after federal funds were appropriated this week through the 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning announced Wednesday that the

fire department will receive \$26,415 in grant funding through the Response Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security.

Fire Chief Gary Dotson said the department submitted a proposal last year to obtain vehicle exhaust removal system apparatuses for truck bases in Lancer and Prestonsburg, a needed upgrade, Dotson said,

that would improve the health and well-being of Prestonsburg firefighters.

"I'm very pleased, if not excited," Dotson said. "Now I don't have to worry about the guys being down there sucking down those fumes."

The Prestonsburg Fire Station was constructed long

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The Prestonsburg Fire Department received a \$26,000 grant this week to improve operations at the Lancer and Prestonsburg fire stations.

photo by Mary Music

Deputies get their man after 2 months

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

HUEYSVILLE

Floyd County sheriff's deputies arrested a man this week who allegedly fled from a traffic stop two months ago.

Sgt. Terry Chaffins and Deputy Clayton Teel issued arrest warrants for Ivan Darrell Gunnels Jr., of Eastern, after the traffic stop incident took place in Hueysville on Dec. 17.

Gunnels allegedly fled the scene after a lengthy chase on that day, Chaffins

said, and has eluded authorities since.

Acting on rumors that Gunnels was "hanging out" at a Hueysville garage, Chaffins visited the establishment and arrested Gunnels Saturday.

"He's been hiding, trying to evade the law, unless others have been hiding him,"

Chaffins said yesterday. "We've made random checks toward his house to see if he was there and we never had any contact with him ... When I pulled up to

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Ivan Gunnels

Former treasurer told to sell home

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — A Harold couple who siphoned money from the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District for their private business must sell their home, a circuit judge ruled this week.

Judge John David Caudill filed an order Wednesday declaring the mortgage on property belonging to Glen Donovan and Delores Burgess "null and void."

The Betsy Layne Fire District, represented by attorney Craig Davis, asked the court earlier this month

for a judgment against the Burgess couple and their mortgage company, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc.

Davis claimed that the Burgess couple "directly violated" an injunction placed upon them by the court when they purchased a home on Pine Ridge 21 days after the injunction was filed.

Judge Caudill said in his judgment, considered after a hearing in circuit court on Feb. 11, that mortgage company was in default because they didn't appear to defend the motion for summary

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Odds & Ends

■ **GRAPEVINE, Texas** — J.D. the Labrador's owner may be wishing his dog wasn't such a good retriever.

Matthew Porter and two friends were in a suburban park Monday when a police officer who thought he smelled marijuana began questioning them.

As the officer was checking for outstanding warrants, J.D. waded into a nearby creek and emerged with a plastic bag filled with pot.

Porter, 25, was charged with possessing drug paraphernalia. Micah Hays, 24, was charged with marijuana possession. J.D. was turned over to the third person at the park, who was not charged.

J.D., meanwhile, may have a new job opportunity.

"People have been asking if we're going to recruit the dog for police work," said police Sgt. Todd Dearing.

■ **LAS VEGAS** — Yvette Thomas is betting that abstinence sells in sin city.

Her wholesome wares stood out at MAGIC Marketplace, an

intimate apparel trade show at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Thomas quietly hawked her company's T-shirts and panties adorned with slogans such as "Virginity Lane: Exit When Married" and "No vows, no sex," amid booths sponsored by the likes of Playboy and Pamela Anderson.

"We have so much of the opposite out there, sometimes we have to remind ourselves what our values are," Thomas said Monday. "A number of people have walked by and said, 'I like your message.'"

Thomas launched Wait Wear five years ago. Without prior fashion experience, she slowly built her Los Angeles-based company through online sales and displays at youth events.

This week marks Wait Wear's first appearance at MAGIC Marketplace, which draws 93,000 visitors and \$129.7 million in non-gambling revenue to Las Vegas. The show ends Thursday.

■ **SANFORD, Fla.** —

There's no tiptoeing around the problem. Call it flatulent footwear.

Customers complained that with every step, their shoes made the sound of someone passing gas.

"They were whoopie cushions for the feet," said Bryan Thomas, an officer with shoe maker Goosebumps Products Inc.

The Orlando-area company on Wednesday sued a supplier, accusing it of delivering the wrong chemical for an insole gel, giving the shoes an unwanted sound effect.

"It very nearly put us out of

business," Thomas said.

Goosebumps' largest distributor complained as well, and the company tossed at least 35,000 pairs at a cost of \$200,000 to \$250,000, said attorneys Robert W. Anthony and William H. Beaver II.

The suit claims Bell Chem Corp. of Longwood delivered a low-grade glycerin that was watered down in late 2002 and early 2003. That caused air bubbles to form inside the insoles, it said.

When people step down on them, the inserts produce "a flatulence-like noise," according to a report by a Goosebumps'

chemist, Richard Cavestri.

Bell Chem President John Cervo said the dispute was a matter between his insurance company and Goosebumps.

■ **COLUMBIA, S.C.** — Animal rescue workers have released about 100 birds that were treated for shock and concussions after crashing into an office building's windows last week.

The cedar waxwings were released Tuesday at the Honeywell wildlife refuge. About 30 birds remain with Carolina Wildlife Care.

Last week, the birds, intoxi-

cated on holly berries, became confused and crashed into windows. Hundreds were injured and many died.

Joanna Weitzel, executive director of the nonprofit group of volunteers, said it was important to release the birds quickly because they are in the middle of migrating.

"They flew straight up into the nearest tree canopy," she said. "They stayed in their flock."

Weitzel said she did not know when the remaining birds would be released but said the group plans to release them together.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2005. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the United States for the first time.

On this date:

■ In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died.

■ In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

■ In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

■ In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.

■ In 1960, the 8th Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon.

■ In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention.

■ In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty.

■ In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

■ In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as the 104th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

■ In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

Ten years ago: The NAACP replaced veteran chairman William Gibson with Myrlie Evers-Williams, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, after the rank-and-file declared no confidence in Gibson's leadership.

Five years ago: Iranians voted in an election that gave

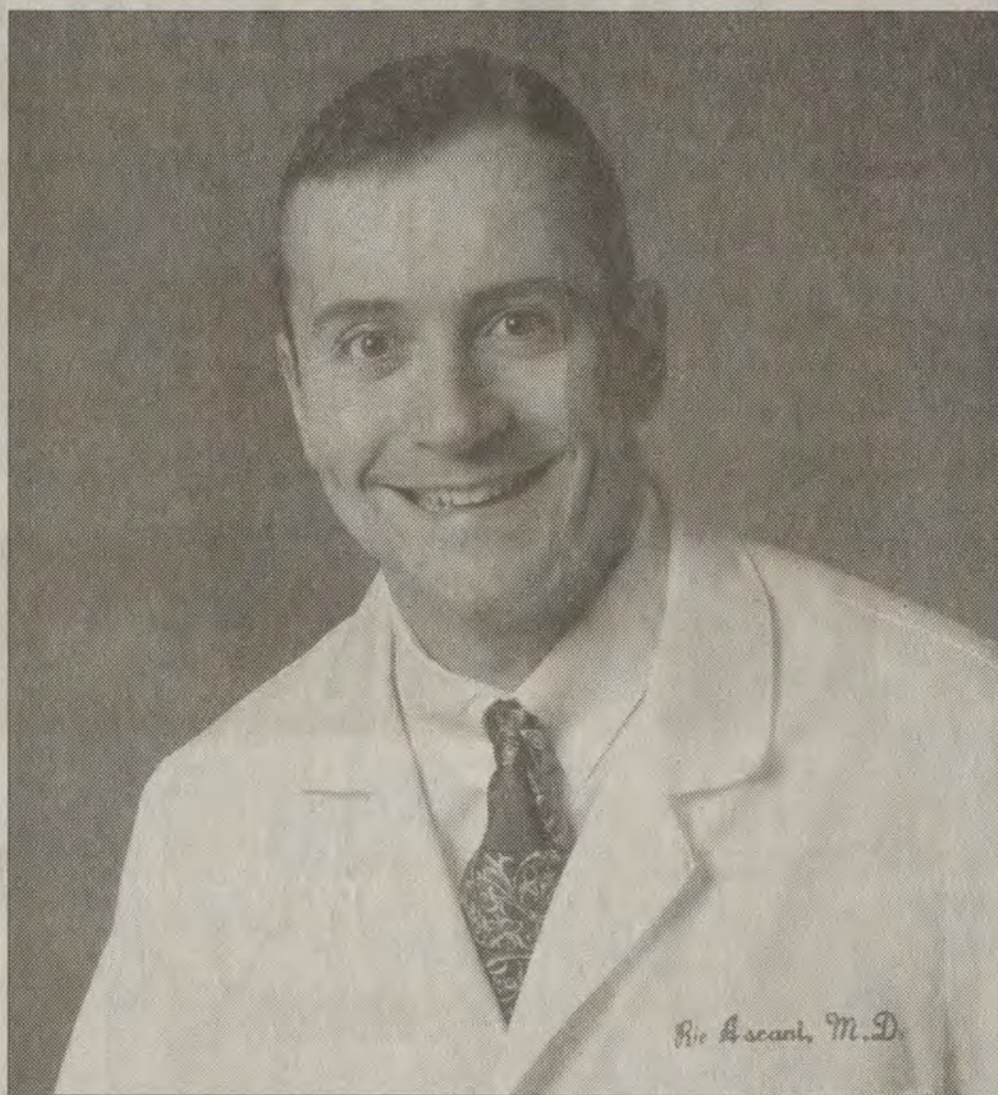
reformers a majority in the parliament, long a bastion of hard-liners. Announcer Bob Hite Sr., whose rich voice introduced "The Lone Ranger" on radio, died in West Palm Beach, Fla., at age 86.

One year ago: Howard Dean's quest for the presidency ended as the Democrat, winless in 17 contests, abandoned his bid. In Iran, runaway train cars carrying fuel and industrial chemicals derailed, setting off explosions that destroyed five villages and killed at least 200 people. Two bomb-laden trucks blew up outside a Polish-run base in Hillah, Iraq, killing about a dozen people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Palance is 84. Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 83. Actor George Kennedy is 80. Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., is 78. Author Toni Morrison is 74. Movie director Milos Forman is 73. Singer Yoko Ono is 72. Singer Irma Thomas is 64. Singer Herman Santiago (Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 64. Singer Dennis DeYoung is 58. Actress Sinead Cusack is 57. Producer-director-writer John Hughes is 55. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 55. Singer Juice Newton is 53. Singer Randy Crawford is 53. Rock musician Robbie Bachman is 52. Rock musician Larry Rust (Iron Butterfly) is 52. Actor John Travolta is 51. Game show host Vanna White is 48. Actress Greta Scacchi is 45. Actor Matt Dillon is 41. Rapper Dr. Dre is 40. Actress Molly Ringwald is 37. Actress Sarah Brown is 30. Singer-musician Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek) is 28. Actor Tyrone Burton is 26. Actor Shane Lyons is 17.

Thought for Today: "Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion." — Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, German philosopher (1770-1831).

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Arrest

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the garage in Hueysville owned by D.I. Henson, Gunnels took off up the hill. I talked him off the hill and when he came to the cruiser the only thing he would say was, 'I'm not going to jail, I'm not going to jail.' At that time, I placed him under arrest and took him to jail."

Gunnels, 24, faces two counts of wanton endangerment, one count of first-degree fleeing and evading, driving without a license, driving without insurance, failure to register transfer of a vehicle, no seat belt, and for having improper registration plates.

Prior to the Dec. 17 incident, Chaffins said he received reports that Gunnels was driving on a suspended license in the Garrett area with "dead tags" and no insurance.

"I saw the vehicle in Maytown going across Route 80 in the Turkey Creek area," Chaffins said. "The vehicle tried to hide from me and tried to run off the road and around the cruiser. He then slung another subject out of the passenger side door."

That passenger, Shawn Ousley, received only minor injuries. Chaffins said Gunnels threw Ousley out of the car because he was trying to stop the vehicle.

Ousley was treated and taken into custody for investigation purposes, and Gunnels fled in his car, which he later used, the citation says, in a near head-on collision with Dep. Teel.

"Me and Teel were looking for the vehicle," Chaffins said, "and Teel spotted him in Hueysville on Route 550. That's where he tried to hit Teel head on. At that time, the chase was back on and we continued it and finally got the car at a car wash on Route 7."

When officers arrived on scene, Gunnels allegedly fled on foot, and has eluded prosecution since that time.

He pleaded not guilty to all charges against him during an arraignment in district court Monday. He was placed under a total of \$4,000 in cash bonds and currently remains at the Floyd County Detention Center.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 23.

Senate passes bill aimed at helping youngsters struggling in math

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill passed by the Kentucky Senate on Monday is aimed at shoring up the math skills of elementary school pupils who are falling behind.

The legislation would set up a fund to train teachers to identify those youngsters who are struggling in math and help them catch up.

"You have to create a pool of teachers who have sufficient training and expertise to be able to recognize these problems in children at an early age and know how to correct the problems," said Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, the bill's

sponsor.

Kelly, R-Springfield, said the goal is to eliminate the gap between high- and low-achieving math students that, if not corrected early on, can continue into later grades.

The bill passed 35-0 and now heads to the House. The measure also would set up a fund to assist school districts to hire the teachers trained to help the pupils struggling in math.

"It's not to pay the full costs," Kelly said in an interview. "The grants are to assist local school districts who are willing to use their own resources to set up this type of intervention program."

Kelly predicted that the program would receive state funding but wouldn't predict how much.

"I think you will see money in the budget for this before it leaves the General Assembly," he said.

Before passing the bill, the Senate added language to require the state Department of Education to conduct a statewide assessment of the resources needed by each school to help every student become proficient in math by 2014.

The amendment was offered by Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville.

The bill was the second early education initiative passed this session by the Senate. The other focuses on youngsters who are struggling to learn how to read.

That plan, dubbed "Read to Achieve," would set up reading programs at elementary schools and screen pupils for literacy problems. Students found to have problems with reading would get special help, including one-on-one attention.

That bill has been assigned to the House Education Committee.

Awards

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Administration Building, but were unsuccessful in burning it down during the riot, which began at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Crowell said his team provided extra security at the Lee Adjustment Center for 5 months after the riot. The men worked in conjunction with other S.O.R.T. teams on site 7 days a week.

Jerry Parker, Warden at the Otter Creek Correctional Center, presented the awards during the ceremony Wednesday.

S.O.R.T. members also participate in community service events like the Relay for Life, Christmas for Needy Children, and Drill

and Ceremony parades for community functions.

S.O.R.T. members are certified after passing a physical test, medical screenings, and a forty hour specialized training program.

Those who received awards during the ceremony Wednesday: Ofc. J. King, Warden Jerry Parker, Chief of Security Dan Devers, Asst. Warden Jeff Little, Ofc. R. Amburgey, Lt. D. Little, Sgt. D.J. Little, Ofc. L. Salisbury, Ofc. C. Johnson, Ofc. B. Sexton, Ofc. C. McCarty, Ofc. N. Little, Ofc. B. Maynard, and S.O.R.T. Commander Dwight Crowell.

Home

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judgment. He set aside the mortgage on the home and ordered that the Master Commissioner of the Courts sell the property.

He gave the Fire District have "first, prior, and superior lien" on the property.

This latest development in the case comes after a summary judgment was issued last year. The Burgesses were ordered to pay \$239,226.34, plus 12 percent interest to the fire district.

Glen Burgess, former secretary and treasurer of the fire district, stole money and used it with his personal business, East Kentucky Printing, between

April 1995 and August 2001.

He pleaded guilty in 2003 to seven counts of theft and received five years, concurrently, on each count.

In that criminal case, Burgess was also ordered to pay the District \$15,000 annually.

Burgess was released from the Floyd County Detention Center on March 18, 2004, after serving approximately five months of the five-year sentence.

The mortgage company has 30 days to appeal the order. Judge Caudill gave the Burgess couple 20 days to dispute his judgment.

Judge

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Newsome was out his office on Thursday and unavailable for comment. He had previously declined to comment, referring questions to his attorney.

Newsome was originally sentenced to two years and two months in prison on two counts of buying votes and one count of conspiracy to buy votes, but he had time shaved off for testifying against two other men charged with election fraud. One of those men, wealthy Pikeville businessman Ross Harris, was described by prosecutors as the kingpin in a vote-buying conspiracy.

Newsome testified that Harris and one of his associates, Loren Glenn Turner, made illegal cash contributions to his campaign in 2002. Both men were convicted and are scheduled to be sentenced March 14.

Federal prosecutors have handled numerous vote-buying cases from Knott County in recent years. Fourteen people

from the rural eastern Kentucky county have been convicted of vote buying since 1998.

Despite his conviction, Newsome has steadfastly denied in court appearances that he bought votes.

Reed said Newsome also told him that he doesn't intend to resign as judge-executive unless he loses his appeal.

"That's a decision for him to make," Reed said. "He certainly has a legal right to stay on."

Grant

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before OSHA required the use of vehicle exhaust removal systems in fire stations, Dotson said. Such systems are now required in newly constructed buildings that house diesel trucks.

The exhaust removal system apparatuses are used in fire stations all over the country to safely remove diesel fumes from the atmosphere in the building.

Firefighters struggle to remove diesel fumes that clog up the air supply inside the fire station whenever they start a truck engine, Dotson said. According to him, routine checkups on the fire trucks are usually done outside the facility, a means of preventing exhaust fume buildup inside the building. Prestonsburg firefighters use a large fan, "Big Blue," to pull the exhaust out, Dotson said, but it isn't efficient and adds to the facility's heating bills during the winter months.

"The accumulation of

exhaust on the inside stays inside and that's not healthy for our people," he said. "It's an operational thing. It's a wellness thing. I don't like for my people to breathe that stuff. A lot of the times, if we're actually going to use the bay for training, we have to pull the trucks out, wait a certain amount of time to let the

exhaust fumes dissipate, but it finds its way into the living quarters, the day room, the bunk room, the offices. It's just not a healthy thing."

Dotson said the department will install the system apparatuses at both fire station locations when funds are appropriately allocated for the project.

Hearing

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ing to withdraw a memorandum that specifically outlined mismanagement, waste, and improper employee practices within KSP.

He argues that Patton and Stephens directed him to withdraw the memorandum, which was filed on August 18, 1999, or be terminated from his position as KSP commissioner.

Rose refused to withdraw the allegations, the suit alleges, and was terminated by letter eight days later.

Patton and Stephens have both denied allegations brought against them, claiming that Rose "knew" his accusations in the memorandum were false.

Both parties agreed to appoint William B. Mains as special judge in the case after Stephens argued that he couldn't receive a fair trial in Floyd County. Mains will preside over the status hearing today in Rowan County.

Last year, Luke Morgan, general counsel for the Justice Cabinet, replaced attorneys heading the case on Stephen's behalf.

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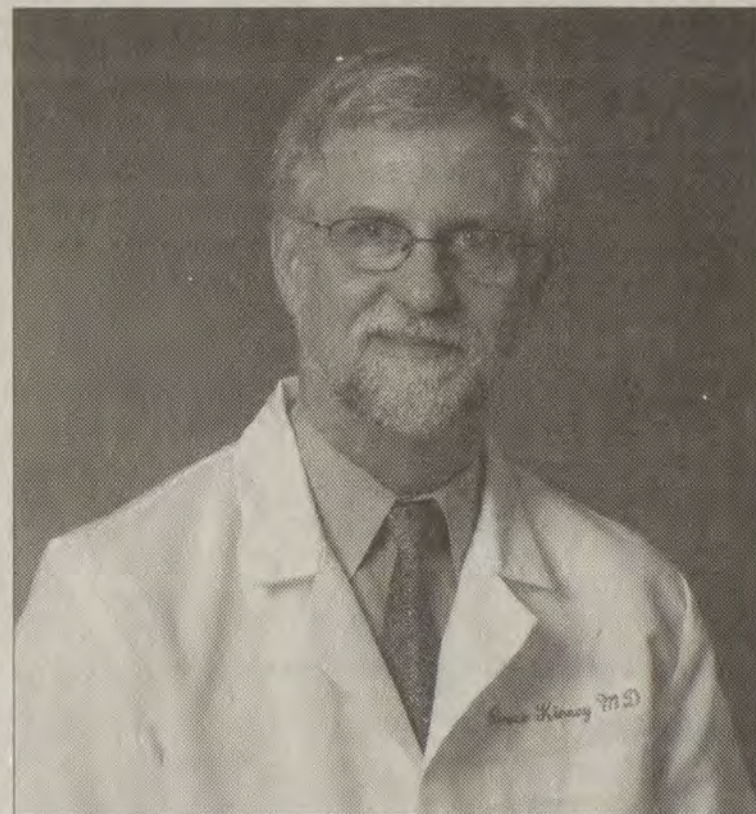
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Samuel Butler

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Herald News, West Paterson, N.J., on Howard Dean's election as chairman of the Democratic National Committee:

Before the Iowa caucuses, presidential hopeful Howard Dean was the most popular Vermonter since Ben and Jerry. Like ice cream, Dean didn't hold up well to intense heat. The former governor let out a war whoop during his concession speech in Iowa, and the media destroyed him. Rumors of Dean's political death were greatly exaggerated. On Saturday, he was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee. ...

The party chairman is not really the frontman for the party; the 2008 presidential nominee will fill that role. In the interim, Democrats need to build up local party machinery. They need someone who understands grass-roots organizations. They need someone who is willing to step back and let the candidates take center stage. Dean may be better suited for that role than Republicans think. Dean's first test will be gubernatorial races in New Jersey and Virginia in November. ...

To win back Congress and the White House, Democrats need a message that appeals to moderate, and even some conservative, voters. If successful, Democrats will have something to cheer. Dean would be advised this time around to keep his enthusiasm in check.

The Daytona Beach (Fla.) News-Journal, on the U.S. and the Kyoto Protocol:

Glaciers are retreating in mountains from Alaska to the Andes to Tibet. An age-old Antarctic ice shelf the size of Rhode Island shatters and melts into the sea. Greenland's ice, which holds enough water to raise ocean levels 21 feet, is starting to melt. ... Yet James Inhofe, the Oklahoma senator and chairman of an environmental committee, calls global warming the "greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people."

Inhofe's thinking is echoed more mildly by the White House and is winning the day in the United States for now, at least politically. On Wednesday, the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change goes in effect, but without American participation. It isn't just a failure of diplomacy characteristic of the Bush administration, which has been either unwilling to negotiate through international forums or inept at doing so. It is a failure of imagination as well. The administration's promised alternative to Kyoto has yet to coalesce in the form of policy. ...

... The United States contributes more than a quarter of the world's pollution (and greenhouse gases). Its absence from the treaty means progress on emissions will be even slower, if at all effective.

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Capitol Ideas

Lawmakers get historical perspective for current events

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT — Kentucky didn't ratify the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which officially abolished slavery, until 1976.

The General Assembly first approved Kentucky's infamous oath of office — the one where elected officials and lawyers must swear they have never taken part in a duel — back in 1821.

State lawmakers get history lessons and tidbits like that every day through the Internet and the Legislative Record that's distributed daily by the Legislative Research Commission.

"We thought it was important for the legislators to get a historical perspective of the actions of that body," said Mary Winter, director of collections and reference services for the Kentucky Historical Society. "And, it was an opportunity for us to show the historical precedence and the relevance of things that have happened before in the legislature to things that they are doing now."

The daily snippets, dubbed Moments in Legislative History, are now in their second year of production. Archivists at the Kentucky Historical Society compile them in advance of the legislative session. Each daily moment is

also illustrated with the agency's artifacts.

But they're not "this-day-in-history" types of facts. Instead, the moments are more like highlights from previous legislatures, Winter said.

And history does seem to have a way of repeating itself.

For instance, tax proposals are nothing new in the legislature.

In 1865, the General Assembly imposed a \$1 tax on every dog over six months old. Money from the tax went to support schools.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher's tax plan seems to have a tinge of déjà vu to it as well — and not just because it's the second time he's proposed it. Back in 1897, Gov. William O. Bradley asked the General Assembly to pass a revenue package that included taxes on liquor dealers and distillers, additional fees on billiards tables and special taxes on tobacco, according to the Moments in Legislative History.

Disputed elections — like the one between Republican Dana Seum Stephenson and Democrat Virginia Woodward — have been around before, too. Only they were a little more violent back then.

In 1899, there was a disputed gubernatorial election between state Sen. William Goebel, a Democrat, and William S. Taylor, a Republican. The Board of Election Commissioners at the time certified Taylor the

winner. The Democratic-controlled General Assembly contested the election.

However, Goebel was shot at the Capitol grounds before a decision had been reached. And, Taylor brought out military troops to block lawmakers from entering the Capitol.

Legislators eventually met in secret and named Goebel the governor, even though he died days later.

Rep. Teddy Edmonds, D-Jackson, said the moments are "very valuable and very special."

Last year, during the 2004 General Assembly, one item in particular caused Edmonds to make a dramatic statement on the House floor. Edmonds had read one entry that referred to the Day Law of 1904, which was named after its sponsor, Rep. Carl Day of Breathitt County.

The Day law, which was aimed at Berea College, demanded segregation in Kentucky's schools.

Edmonds apologized for his predecessor's actions.

"I just felt compelled to do that," Edmonds, a former educator, said. "God told me to do it and I did it and I'm proud I did that."

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

Letters

Family gives thanks

We would like to thank everyone that came out to look for our daughter and her friend when they went missing on Feb. 13.

I deeply appreciate all the help from the Kentucky State Police, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Maytown Fire Department, Left

Beaver Fire Department, and everyone that was there for support, everyone that was looking on foot, on four-wheelers and in their trucks, looking for my baby and her friend.

We'd like to thank all our family and friends that was there and everyone that had my daughter and her friend in their thoughts and prayers and everyone that gave us information they had.

Thank you, Trooper Layne for everything you did — staying with us the whole time, letting us know every-

thing that was going on and for using all the resources you could to find my baby and her friend. You will never know how much that meant to us.

Also, thanks to the radio stations that had their descriptions out there. The helicopter that flew out; Our girls did see it and the lights, they just didn't know how to come back off the hill because it was so dark and foggy.

Thanks everyone!
Doug and Della Cooley
and the Cooley family
Hippo

A life lesson

Friday morning. They called us and told us where they had taken her and how they had found her.

Unfortunately, Pebbles' injuries were too severe and we had to have her put to sleep. Our hearts are broken, but we are grateful to the Browns for taking the time to stop and take care of her.

This dog was our family pet. Pebbles was given to our then-7-year-old son, Nicholas, a few days after the death of his grandfather to help ease the pain of that loss. Pebbles grew up with Nick and went almost everywhere he went. She waited patiently as Nicholas found other interests while growing up, always to return for the time spent by a boy and his dog.

Nicholas is now serving in Iraq, his second call to duty there since he joined the Marines almost four years ago. He knows what has happened and is griev-

ing his loss a long way from home. He will personally thank the Brown family when he returns home.

I do not know if the person who hit Pebbles ever owned a dog or pet of any kind. I would think not, because if he or she did, they would have learned about compassion, faithful love and true friendship from the experience. It is only my opinion that the driver of the pickup possessed none of these emotions.

I hope they know now that when you hit a dog or cat on the road, it may be nothing to you, but it is something to someone. It is probably their friend, their enjoyment, a child's companion, or maybe it is the pet of a serviceman who is serving his country so that our freedom will never be challenged.

Pam Ratliff
Prestonsburg

At the Movies: 'Constantine'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

Picture the music video for Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me a River."

You remember it — the one in which Justin glides through a sleek, modern mansion in muted shades of green and gray, exacting revenge on a blonde in a newsboy cap who looks suspiciously like his real-life ex-girlfriend, Britney Spears.

Now picture the video as a two-hour movie, with Keanu Reeves standing in for Justin. And imagine that instead of being a boy-band icon, Reeves is a chain-smoking exorcist who trolls the seedy sections of Los Angeles, babbling in a sarcastic monotone about the battle between good and evil that's secretly being waged all around us.

And there you have "Constantine."

It looks fantastic — director Francis Lawrence helmed the award-winning Timberlake video and many others before making his film debut here — but takes itself so seriously, it's often laugh-out-loud funny.

"That exorcism wasn't right. Listen to the ether," Reeves says as the titular John Constantine, though he sounds



more than a little like his Neo character from "The Matrix" trilogy, to which this undoubtedly will draw comparisons.

Like "The Matrix," "Constantine" exists very much in its own fully formed dark universe (the script from Kevin Brodbin and Frank Cappello is based on the "Hellblazer" graphic novels), which you will either accept wholeheartedly or dismiss as nonsense.

Seems Constantine has always had a gift for seeing dead people — er, demons — who roam about but look like regular humans. Tormented by these visions as a young man, he tried to kill himself — and he succeeded, spending two minutes in hell, which director Lawrence depicts vividly with smoky, burnt orange intensity — only to be revived. Now in an attempt to earn an eventual spot in heaven ("cause suicide

"Constantine," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated R for violence and demonic images.

Running time: 122 minutes.
Two stars out of four.

is a no-no in the Catholic faith), Constantine tries to rid the Earth of the devil's disciples.

And they know exactly who he is. They come after him all the time.

"A demon just attacked me right out in the open on Figueroa," Constantine tells a nightclub owner and longtime associate (Djimon Hounsou), sounding as if he's quoting a Warren Zevon song.

One by one, the few friends he has get picked off, until all that's left are his eager, fast-talking sidekick, Chaz (Shia LaBeouf from the children's series "Even Stevens," providing much-needed comic relief), and police detective Angela Dodson (Rachel Weisz), who came to him for help in solving the death of her twin sister, Isabel (also Weisz).

They team up to battle bad guys who are obvious — a

flock of evil winged creatures flies toward them on the street, and when Angela pulls out her gun, Constantine deadpans, "That's really not gonna help" — as well as forces who aren't so clearly menacing. Gorgeous Gavin Rossdale, lead singer of the British band Bush, is convincingly unctuous in a chalk-stripe suit as Satan's right-hand man, Balthazar.

Also coming through with a meaty performance amid the madness is Tilda Swinton as a beautifully androgynous version of the angel Gabriel, who spars with Constantine over his desire to gain access to heaven.

Then the devil himself shows up in the form of Swedish actor Peter Stormare, dressed in crisp white, licking his lips and delivering his lines in a slightly effeminate fashion. Is he playing this climactic scene for laughs? Or just trying to be weird for weird's sake, as so often seems to be the tendency with this movie?

It is simply not worth going to multiplex and back to learn the answer to this or any other of the film's ponderous mysteries.

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Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

This week's DVD releases had a little something for everyone, with children's movies, horror stories and one lame comedy competing for your video dollar.

"Raise Your Voice" — A tired storyline gets a shot in the arm here by a game cast. Hilary Duff (of the Disney Channel's hit series "Lizzie McGuire") stars as a talented singer who gets a scholarship to a prestigious music conservatory. The conflict arises when her uptight dad won't let her go because the school is located in Los Angeles. Mom and a family friend come to the rescue and plot to deceive dad while Duff goes off to the big city. You've seen this before but Duff is an engaging performer and manages to make this all somewhat

fresh.

"Saw" — Low-budget thriller from newcomer James Wan benefits from some clever plotting and a whopper of an ending. Two men wake up in a dank basement. Each is chained to a pipe and there is a corpse between them. Investigation of the body reveals a tape recorder which reveals that the men will have to saw through their own bones if they hope to escape, and that's just the first 10 minutes. Though some of the events are farfetched, this is an intriguing thriller with an "anything can happen" vibe. A good cast doesn't hurt either with Cary Elwes ("The Princess Bride") and Danny Glover ("Lethal Weapon") on board.

"The Motorcycle Diaries" — This road trip drama is based on a true story and follows a young Che Guevara on a journey across Argentina, Brazil and

Peru, before going off to college and eventually, becoming a revolutionary leader in Cuba. Poignant drama from the director of the acclaimed film "Central Station."

"Taxi" — Improbable comedy that teams Saturday Night Live's Jimmy Fallon with rap star/actress Queen Latifah. Fallon stars as a cop who has lost his driver's license so he uses a brash cab driver, Latifah, to aid him in tracking down a gang of supermodels who moonlight as bank robbers. That plot description should be enough to save you a few bucks. Hail down another release if you want an entertaining ride.

"Donnie Darko: Director's Cut" — Director Richard Kelly's dark apocalyptic drama gets new life with this extended edition that was made possible by the film's success on home video. No studio was originally

interested in this story, which is an energetic mix of teen angst, drama and horror themes. Donnie (Jake Gyllenhaal of "October Sky" fame) is a tortured youth with visions of impending doom that are supplemented by a six-foot, gun-toting rabbit. This one keeps you guessing all the way down to its grim finish.

"Normal Life" — DVD resurrects director John McNaughton's 1996 drama that focuses on the true life tale of an ex-cop who became a bank robber to pay for his wife's treatments for schizophrenia. Luke Perry and Ashley Judd deliver solid performances in this film from the director of "Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer."

Next week look for season three of "The Shield," with season four of the series ready to air in March.

Congressman supports renaming highway after Daniel Boone

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A Kentucky congressman whose name took the place of Daniel Boone's on a prominent mountain highway is endorsing a proposal to rename another highway after the famous frontiersman.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers said he wants U.S. 25E to be renamed the Daniel Boone Wilderness Road, a move that would appease Boone's descendants, who were offended when state officials renamed the Daniel Boone Parkway for Rogers.

"That was done without my knowledge," Rogers said. "It was a surprise to me. But they have named various parkways throughout the state for people in public life ... and I was honored."

Rochelle Cochran, president of the Boone Society, said the national group has been pushing for more than a year to get Kentucky lawmakers to right what she sees as the wrong created in 2003 when former Gov. Paul Patton's administration changed the name of the Daniel Boone Parkway.

The rugged, buckskin-clad explorer's place in the history of Kentucky is legendary. Boone, who lived from 1734 to 1820, hacked out the Wilderness Road that led early settlers across the Appalachian Mountains to

points west, and he helped defend early encampments from Indians.

Rogers is a 13-term incumbent Republican with a road-building reputation himself. He's used his position to bring federal highway money to eastern Kentucky to create and pave roads through the mountainous terrain.

Rogers said U.S. 25E from Cumberland Gap to Corbin is a more appropriate roadway to bear Boone's name.

"It's the route that Daniel Boone carved when he came through the Cumberland Gap leading settlers to the bluegrass part of Kentucky," he said.

Cochran said she is pleased that Rogers has endorsed the proposal to rename U.S. 25E.

"We really believe it's an even more appropriate highway for Daniel Boone's name than the previous parkway was," she said.

Rogers said he is a Boone admirer who has steered federal dollars toward preserving Boone's historical place in Kentucky. That included commissioning an accurate portrait of Boone and a movie about him that is shown to visitors at Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. It also included a \$300 million project to build twin tunnels beneath the Cumberland Gap so that the Wilderness Road that Boone marked across the mountain could be restored.

Rogers said offering his endorsement of the Boone Society's proposal is as much as he can do.

"Naming of roads is up to the state," he said. "I have no say-so in it."

State Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, has been pushing the proposal in the legislature. He first proposed a resolution a year ago to restore the explorer's name to the parkway but with double billing: the Daniel Boone-Hal Rogers Parkway.

A compromise that would have kept Rogers' name on the parkway and given the

frontiersman recognition by renaming U.S. 25E never made it through the General Assembly. Yonts said he was uncertain whether the legislature would approve the proposal this year, even with Rogers' support.

"I just wish we could resolve the issue on Daniel Boone," Yonts said.

Cochran said she believes the majority of people in Kentucky want Boone's name on a highway.

Associated Press writer Hilary Roxe in Washington contributed to this report.

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Obituaries

Elijah B. "EB" May Jr.

Elijah B. "EB" May Jr., 81, of Prestonsburg, passed away, at Highlands Regional Medical Center on February 16, 2005.



He was born on December 28, 1923, in Ashland, the son of the late Elijah B. and Mary Barney May.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Allie Ann Moore May; five sons and their wives, William L. (Edna Lynn) May, Charles E. "Chuck" May, George D. (Sharon) May, Gary A. (Linda) May, and Leslie Brian "Bear" (Shelia) May; eight grandchildren: William L. (Terri) May, Matthew May, Patrick May, Stephanie May, Jon T. May, Sara A. May, Nickolas May and Abby May; five great-grandchildren: Zachary May, Darian May, Joshua Ryan May, Joshua Matthew May, and William Elijah May, and many family members and friends.

He was a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273 F&AM, Prestonsburg; a mem-

ber of Prestonsburg Chapter No. 182, Royal Arch Masons; a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason; and was a member of the Marine Corps, during World War II.

The funeral service will be conducted Saturday, February 19, at 11 a.m., at the Community United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

Burial will be in the May Family Cemetery.

Visitation is Friday, February 18, 12-9 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Pallbearers: sons and grandsons.

Honorary pallbearers: former scouts and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 27, Harry Burke, Bill Hall, Johnny Heinze, Frank Heinze, Don Sullivan and Adrian (A-Bo) Blackburn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Community United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

James W. Gunnells

James W. Gunnells, 81, of Stanville, died Tuesday, February 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born May 30, 1923, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Ben and Louisa Lewis Gunnells. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include a sister, Estill Gunnells of Stanville; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Leonard Gunnells, Elvis (Shorty) Gunnells, Carl Gunnells, and Charles (Fat) Gunnells; and a sister, Mae Thompson.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 18, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jack Hunt and Junior Lewis officiating.

Burial will be in the Scalf Cemetery, (Buffalo), in Endicott, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Anna Mae Garrett

Anna Mae Garrett, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, February 15, 2005, at the Riverview Health Care in Prestonsburg.

Born November 4, 1921, in Auxier, she was the daughter of the late Sherman and Emma Goble Wells. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Amram Garrett.

Survivors include a son, William Garrett of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Deanna Gillespie of Winchester, and Sandy Jones of Lexington; a sister, Sue Joyce of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren: Keith Gillespie, Kelly Gillespie, Darryl Garrett, and Beth Garrett; and one great-grandchild, Dylan Gillespie.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Larry Garrett; five brothers: Ernest Wells, Bill Wells, Delbert Wells, James (Putch) Wells, and Raymond Wells; and two

sisters: Yvonne Reatherford and Mary Elizabeth McClanahan.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 17, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bill Campbell officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

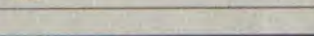
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Wanda Carroll

Madge Manns

Madge Manns, age 74, of Fairfield, Ohio, passed away, Monday, February 14, 2005, at Mercy Hospital of Fairfield.

She was born March 7, 1930, in Wayland, the daughter of E.J. and Katherine (Meade) Little.

On November 24, 1946, she married Earl Manns in Wayland.

She is survived by her daughter, Lois (Jim) Richardson-Werling of Fairfield, Ohio; a brother, Ralph Martin of Melbourne; and a sister, Georgene Turner of Hamilton, Ohio; grandchildren, Amy Nehlen and Katie Richardson; and a great-grandchild, Abby, Nehlen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Von Little; and sisters; Glenda Fields, and Olive Layne.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 18, at the Avance Funeral Home and Crematory, 4976 Winton Road, Fairfield, Ohio 45014.

Burial will be 1 p.m., Saturday, at Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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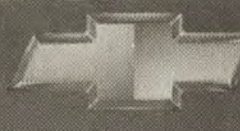
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Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information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

Stand up for a Brighter Tomorrow

A mental health conference on the emotional well-being of children and adolescents. To be held March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Hosted by Mt. Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Services Program and IMPACT Program. Lunch will be catered by the Ramada Inn. To register, call 886-4395, or register online at www.mtccomp.org. Registration is required to attend. Registration deadline is March 10. There is no charge for registration or lunch. Some fees will apply, but no fee will be collected from child care workers, foster parents, or education administrators CEU's.

John W. Hall Lodge 950 Master Mason degree

John W. Hall Lodge 950 F&AM, in Martin, on Saturday, February 26, at 7 p.m., will be raising brother Terry Spurlock to the sublime degree of Master Mason. All Masons are urged to attend.

Floyd County Historical and Genealogy Society

Next meeting to be held Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., at the Samuel May House. Guest speaker George Campbell, from Scotland, will share history of his homeland and an appreciation of poet Robert Burns. The Society encourages all to please attend. For more information, call 886-6308. The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the Samuel May House.

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: dochallparsons@charter.net.

Big Sandy 4-H Club

Is seeking new members! Do you like to have fun? Meet new people? Help your community? Then join our club! For more info., contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668.

Big Sandy Women's Symposium

To be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. Theme: "Focusing on Life's Lessons." Registration at 8 a.m., fee required. Keynote speaker, Dr. Ann Weeks. Presented by MSU East Kentucky Small Business Development Center. Call 788-6008 for more information.

Basic Computer Training

To be taught by Ray Tackett at the Martin Community Center, located on Route 80, at Martin, on Feb. 18; March 4, 11, 18; and April 1, from 1-3 p.m. Cost

\$7. This is an 8-week training series designed for those who have little or no experience using computers. Space is limited - call 886-2668 today to register!

Home-Based Microprocessing and Processing Workshop

Monday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Floyd County Extension Office. Learn about food safety, sanitation, and home canning. Registration fee required. For those interested in selling home-processed food products. Call 886-2668 for more information.

Floyd and Pike County Master Gardener Program

Volunteer training program sponsored by UK Co-op Extension Service. Designed to provide research based information to the public in regard to horticulture. Anyone may apply. Call Ray Tackett at 886-2668 or Brian Combs at 1-800-233-1390 for more info. To be held March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center, from 6-9 p.m. Enrollment fee required.

Private Pesticide Applicators Recertification/Training

To be held Feb. 17, from 6-8:30 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office. Contact Ray Tackett at 886-2668 for more information.

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Now taking applications for Spring session. Classes offered are: Basic and Intermediate computer; Word processing; Computer keyboard; Creative sewing; Knitting and Crocheting. Also, GED classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 886-0709 for more information.

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.

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Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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, Eastern 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 meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

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

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

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Crystal Anne Robbins, 19, Allen, to Randall Lee Vanhooose, 20, Allen.
 Casey M. Horton, 22, Prestonsburg, to Lew W. Collins, 25, Vicco.
 Amanda Mitchell, 45, Martin, to Roy R. Leedy, 59, of Martin.
 Kathy Lynn Burnett, 40, Martin, to Jimmy Lane Cox, 40, Banner.
 Melinda Jean Mosley, 30, Prestonsburg, to Jonathon David Shepherd, 32, Prestonsburg.
 Mary Lee Goble, 55, East Point, to Robert Lee Spears, 59, East Point.
 Kierah N. Slone, 18, Prestonsburg, to James B. Jude, 22, Prestonsburg.
 Teresa C. Collins, 30, Harold, to Richard Holbrook, 30, Prestonsburg.
 Crystal Hunter, 22, Printer, to Azzie Hall, Jr., 32, Printer.
 Paula Renee McGarey, 36, Greenwood, Ind., to Gary Lee Castle II, 36, Greenwood, Ind.

Civil Suits

Filed

Melissa Mullins vs. Joseph Mullins; divorce.
 Bank One vs. Larry and Judy Mosley and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Division for Health and Families; complaint.
 Phyliss Carol Spears vs. Willis Spears; divorce.
 Elaine Carole Hunter vs. Stephen Hunter; divorce.
 Mildred J. Lequire vs. Carmel Akers; complaint.
 Asset Acceptance Company vs. Jimmie L. Miller; complaint.
 Wilson Equipment Company vs. Robert Skeans, doing business as East Kentucky Excavation; complaint.
 Denise and Zane Boyd vs. Lorrie Howard; complaint.
 Donald Adams vs. Teresa Adams; divorce.
 Carey Lynn Adams vs. Michael Adams; divorce.

Small Claims

Filings

Ricky Newsome vs. Cardinal Country Stores; car damage.
 John C. Hall vs. Kenny Akers; car damage.
 Ina Faye Robinson vs. Intermountain Cable; property damage.
 Mary Holdberry vs. Trish Burton; debt.

Charges Filed

Frank Andrew Hamilton Jr., 35, Teaberry; first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Donnie Combs, 50, Sycamore; first-degree wanton endangerment, terroristic threatening.
 Donald Ray Newsome, 54, Teaberry; receiving stolen property.

Claudia Hall, 43, Martin, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, two counts of fourth-degree assault, one count of second-degree assault.

Kenneth Case, 48, Dana; fourth-degree assault.
 David Ferrell, 38, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Frank Hale, 49, Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespassing.
 Jody Goble, 37, Prestonsburg; harassment.
 Janice Davis, 45, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Penny Pennington, 34, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

David Chaffins, 29, Prestonsburg; misdemeanor theft (checks).

Patricia Dillion, 58, Dwayne; misdemeanor theft.

Earl Wallen, 52, Lima, Ohio; criminal littering.

Anthony Lee Mills, 23, Philpot; hunting/fishing without a license.

Charles Tony White, no age listed, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening, first-degree wanton endangerment.

Keith Hunley, 38, Salyersville; public intoxication.

Nathan Bryant, 19, Hi Hat; public intoxication.

Michael C. Goble, 25, Hippo; disorderly conduct, public intoxication, resisting arrest.

Mark A. Walters, 26, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Darrell Williams, 44, Auxier; public intoxication.

Robert Thomas Philpot, 28, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Danny G. Thacker, 38, Pikeville; driving under the influence, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription in improper container, use/possession of a police radio.

Mary Hale, 22, Martin; fourth-degree assault.

Kayla Stewart, 31, McDowell; harassment.

Shannon Burchett, 33, Minnie; harassment.

Bill D. Shepherd, 33, Prestonsburg; menacing.

Anita Burke, 41, Martin; harassing a witness.

Ivan D. Gunnels, Jr., 24, Eastern; first-degree wanton endangerment against a police officer, first-degree

wanton endangerment, first-degree fleeing and evading, no operators license, no insurance, failure to register transfer, no seat belt, improper registration plates.

Derek Ray Stanley, 25, Harold; driving under influence, driving on a suspended license, third-degree possession, possession of marijuana.

Barry Sizemore, 39, McDowell; public intoxication, third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Toby Lee Newsome, 27, Pikeville; second-degree burglary.

Connie Stanley, 38, Hi Hat; first-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault.

Rhonda Johnson, 33, Melvin; fourth-degree assault, criminal mischief.

Layne Hale, 23, Martin; second-degree assault.

Billy Ray Horne, no age listed, Inez; felony theft.

Inspections

B & C Parkway Convenient, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all refrigeration and freezer units, pet food bag stored on the floor, wiping cloth not restricted, not stored in sanitary solution when not in use, restroom doors not self-closing, garbage bin in prep area not properly covered, light in walk in refrigerator not working, chemical test strips to monitor sanitizing solution at three-compartment sink not readily available. Score: Food service 91, retail 95.

Taco Bell, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items observed stored on the floor (grease), no soap in the hand wash sink soap dispenser in the food prep area, garbage containers in food prep area not properly covered, floor tile in disrepair in the food prep and washing section, clothing item stored in contact with food equipment (purse). Score: 92.

B & C Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not properly numbered, park lacks individual garbage containers. Score: 96.

Long John Silvers, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Water supply line leaking in the

hand wash sink in men's restroom, men's restroom doors not self-closing, no soap in the dispenser at the hand wash sink in the food prep area, garbage container in the food prep area not properly covered, clothing items stored in contact with food equipment. Score: 94.

Highlands Regional Medical Center Cafeteria, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Gaskets on walk in refrigerator unit in disrepair, facility lacks a true three-compartment sink to wash, rinse, and sanitize, garbage container in the food prep area and women's restroom not properly covered, floor tile in storage in disrepair, one overhead light in washing section not operable, clothing items stored in contact with food equipment. Score: 92.

Forrest Music and Phillip Ward Mobile Home Park, Auxier, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home park lots not properly numbered, lot size not in compliance, park lacks sufficient individual garbage containers, some lots have small accumulation of debris, park lacks sufficient lighting. Score: 90.

Campbell's Grocery, Garrett, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer not easily seen in refrigerator, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth not restricted, clean equipment (utensils) stored in open, should be properly covered, prep area floors in moderate disrepair, wet mop stored on the floor. Score: food service 95, retail 98.

May Valley Elementary Cafeteria, Martin, regular inspection. Violation noted: Garbage container in food prep area without proper cover. Score: 98.

Wayland Fountain, Wayland, follow up inspection. Violations noted: Critical violation corrected from previous inspection, noncritical items from previous inspection corrected, noncritical items not corrected (wiping cloths clean, restricted, garbage containers need proper coverings, improper lighting). Score: 96

May Valley Elementary School, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Student desk in room B-06 in slight disrepair, table in disrepair. Score: 98.

Opportunities Unlimited Cafeteria, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: proper hair restraints not in use, garbage container in the washing section not properly covered, floors in disrepair, ceilings in disrepair. Score: 95.

Cardinal Mart, No. 4, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: sandwich hot display unit at 110 degrees, all contents were discarded during inspection by manager. All hot holding temperatures for potentially hazardous foods should be held at 140 degrees, thermometers not present in all refrigeration and freezer units, food item (flour) stored on the floor,

three-compartment sink has no drain board, chemical test strips not available, women's restroom without soap, men's restroom without towels, floor in food prep area in disrepair, wall in food prep area in disrepair, lights not shielded in walk in refrigerator, purse improperly stored in the food prep area, wet mop stored on the floor in the food prep area. Score: Food service 81, retail 95.

Cardinal Mart, No. 3, Prestonsburg, follow up inspection. Violations noted: critical violations from previous inspection have been corrected, non critical violation corrected, non critical violations not corrected (hair restraints, no self closing doors in restrooms). Score: 97.

Opportunities Unlimited, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Floors, walls, ceilings in disrepair, holes in walls in the girl's restroom gym and the boy's upstairs restroom, boys restroom in gym has no light, could not inspect this room, one light out in classroom 102, floor tile hallway of the new building in bad repair, furniture in room 103 in bad repair. Score: 90.

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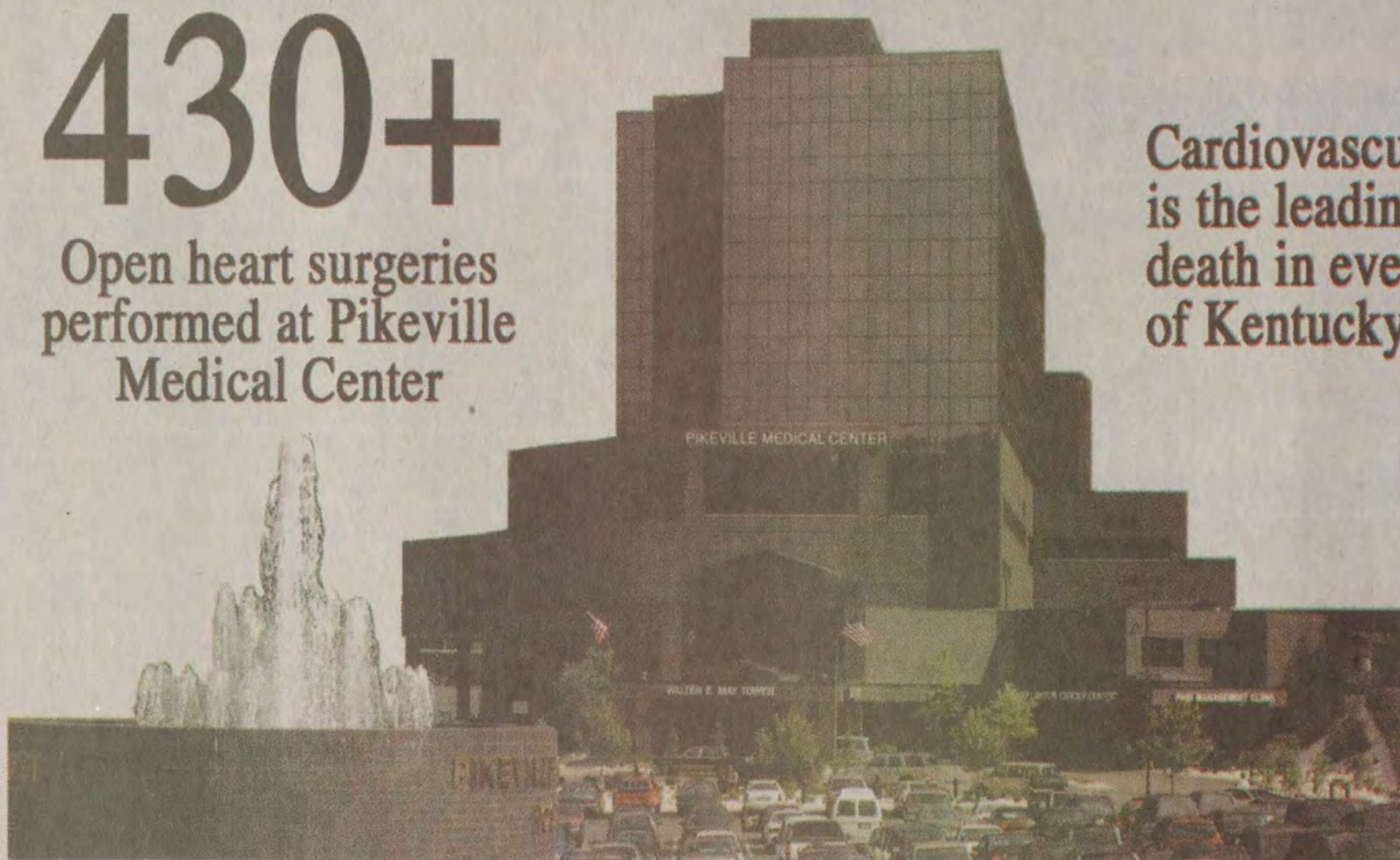
It's Time to Register for Spring Soccer!!

Floyd County Youth Soccer Association will hold registration for the Spring, 2005, recreational soccer season on Saturday, February 19, and Saturday, February 26, at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen, from 10:00 a.m., until 2:00 p.m. Any child who was at least four years old, but not yet nineteen years of age, by August 1, 2004, is eligible to participate. The registration fee is \$40.00. Contact Robin S. Smith, Registrar, at 886-9562, for more information.

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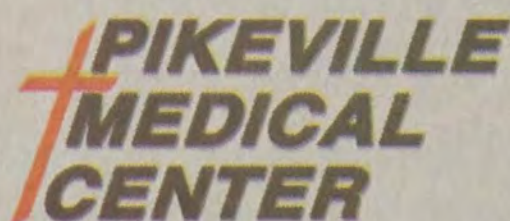
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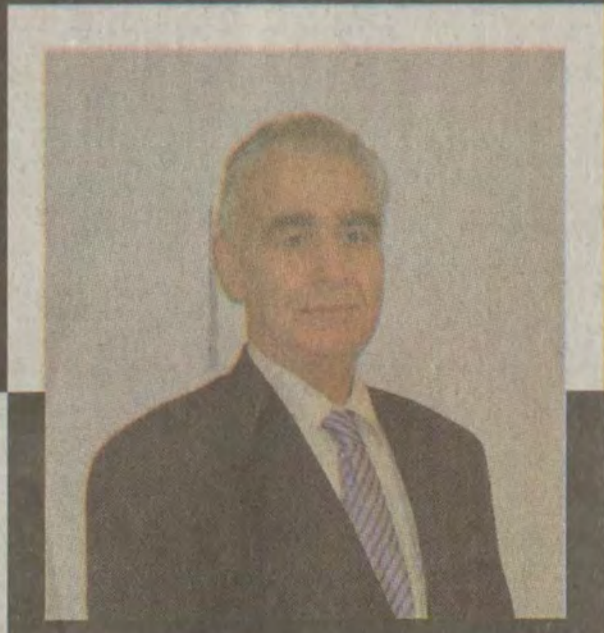
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Cumberland

Property Assessor's Office. Cameron and his wife, Pat, reside in Alcoa, Tennessee. They are the parents of three sons: Scott, Perry and Jay, and they also enjoy two grandchildren. Originally from Atlanta, Dallas spent two years as a member of Cumberland's basketball team. For his career, he scored 952 points in 74 games for an average of 12.9 points per game, leading the team in the 1978 season with a .590 field goal percentage. Dallas shot 70 percent from the free throw line and he dished out 72 assists to add to his career stats. Perhaps his most important contribution was 808 rebounds, for an average of 10.9 per game which earned him the nickname "Jumping Joe Dallas." In 1979, his final season, he helped lead his team to Cumberland's first appearance in the NAIA National Tournament. Following his graduation, Dallas returned to Atlanta and became a member of the Atlanta Police Department. He is now a 25 year veteran of the depart-

ment and he holds the rant of Lieutenant. He presently resides in Lithonia, Ga., with his wife, Pamela, a 1980 graduate of Cumberland. They are the proud parents of three children: Joseph, Christopher, and Andrea, and they enjoy their three grandsons, Cameron, Brice and Chris. Fannin had a successful career at Carr Creek High School, in Knott County. In recognition of his accomplishments, he was selected to the Eastern Kentucky High School All-Star team following his senior year. Once arriving at Cumberland College, Fannin settled in easily and began to make significant contributions to the team. Throughout his career Fannin played in 85 games, scored 1329 points averaging 15.6 points per game, made 483 rebounds and recorded a 46.8 field goal percentage and 83.9 free throw percentage. In the 1966-67's season, Fannin posted the top spot as the KIAC highest scorer in a single season game with 42 points and he fin-

ished second in the nation in free throw percentage. That same season, Fannin average 17.3 points per game and finished as the fourth highest scorer in the league. In 1985, Fannin became the head girls' basketball coach at Hazard High School. He served as the head boy's basketball coach from 1998-2001, but returned to coach the girl's team in 2002. In addition to basketball, Fannin has also served as the head volleyball coach and assistant volleyball coach. Through out his coaching career, Fannin has led his teams to the 14th regional Championship, two Class "A" State Championships, a Kentucky Sweet Sixteen State Championship and he was also named on three occasions as the 14th Region Coach of the Year. He currently resides in Hazard, Kentucky, with his wife, Frieda, and daughters, Candi and Starla. Schaufuss came to Cumberland on the heels of winning the state high school two-mile run in 1978, when he ran for Bellevue High School. Schaufuss joined a team with many other gifted runners and worked hard to make his mark. In time, his persistence began to payoff in intercollegiate competition as well as in various community sponsored road events. In the summer of 1982, he was a co-winner of the Bluegrass 10,000 meter run, along with another teammate and Hall of Fame inductee Tommy Smith. The Bluegrass 10,000 is a statewide road race held in Lexington, each summer. Smith and Schaufuss covered the 6.2 miles course and crossed the line together in 31 minutes and 46 seconds, ahead of some 3,000 other runners that combined to make the largest field in the history of the event at that time. In 1983, Schaufuss was in top six finishers of the 10,000 meter at the NAIA Outdoor Track Nationals and earned a spot as an All American. He also received All American Honors for his finish in the '83 NAIA Cross County National meet.

Following his graduation from Cumberland, Schaufuss continued his running interests by participating in local and regional marathons and later went on to set the U.S. road record for the 5000 meter. Schaufuss presently resides in Union, where he is employed as a pharmaceutical sales territory manger.

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Bentley

I'm applying my Pete Rose feelings here - if Canseco really had a story to tell, he wouldn't have sat quietly until his book was ready to hit the shelves. It's a money-making scam for him, and I'm not in the business of helping him cash in.

Apparently NASCAR kicks off its season on Sunday with the running of the Daytona 500. It'll be interesting to see if the league can have another season like last year when the final lap decided the champion. I don't follow the sport closely and likely won't be locked to

the couch on Sunday, but watching the first Nextel Cup play itself out last autumn was fun. I just hope the season goes smoothly, no lives are lost and folks like my friend Steve Mickey, my Uncle Finis and my brother enjoy themselves every Sunday.

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Eagles

quarter. The Hawks took a 32-27 lead into halftime. In the second half, Johnson Central played quite possibly its best defense of the season, limiting Pike Central to just eight points apiece in the third and fourth quarters. Johnson Central Coach Les Trimble had mixed emotions following the win, but nonetheless was happy to leave Pike County victorious. "We came out flat and played really lethargic," said Trimble. "Our bench picked us up and we pressed more than we have all year. I just wanted effort from our kids and if it takes pressing that's what we'll do."

Trimble also looked back on a time in the first half when his team dug deep and battled back. "We were down 32-20 with about minutes left in the first half," Trimble recalled. "We outscored them 30-16 after that. We fought hard for this win. It's a great win for us on the road." The Golden Eagles outscored Pike Central 13-8 in the final quarter. Stapleton was the only player to break into double figures for Johnson Central. Sophomore Josh McCarty followed with nine points, Kyle Rice and Nick Music finished with eight and seven points, respectively. Brad Lowe chipped in nine

points for Pike Central. Johnson Central, which has won three of its last four games, will be back in action tonight, on the road at cross-town rival Paintsville. Pike Central will also be on the road, traveling to Betsy Layne. Tip-off for both games is set for 7:30 p.m. JOHNSON CENTRAL (50) - Whitaker 4, McCarty 9, Stapleton 15, Hatfield 2, Blanton 2, Music 7, Meek 3, Rice 8. PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (48) - Ratliff 4, Snodgrass 21, Gibson 3, Thacker 6, Lowe 9, Charles 2. Johnson Central.....11 16 10 13-50 Pike Co. Central.....17 15 8 8-48

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



John Mark Stephens, Prestonsburg High School Boys' Basketball



Amanda Mills, Allen Central High School Girls' Basketball

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Pirates

The Pirates took a 42-25 lead into halftime and outscored Allen Central 16-10 in the third quarter. "I was very pleased with the win at Allen Central," said Casey. "Considering we had four of five starters out with the flu most of last week, I thought we did some good things." Casey was more than pleased with Young's performance. "Bruce Young was spectacular," Casey added. "I thought we played well at times on the defensive end as well. We have yet to play our best basketball - we have a lot of room for improvement. I hope we can

get better in the next 10 days or so. Allen Central is a tough place to play and any time you can get a win over Coach (Johnny) Martin at his place it's an outstanding win. I consider Coach Martin to be one of the best coaches in Eastern Kentucky as well as the 15th Region." It was Senior Night for Allen Central, but the Rebels had to settle for the loss. Josh Martin led Allen Central (3-19) with 20 points. Ryan Hammonds added 18 points for the Rebels. Tonight, Belfry is slated to host Phelps. Tip-off for the

Belfry-Phelps game is 8 p.m. Allen Central is scheduled to hit the road Saturday and travel to Raceland. Tip-off for the Allen Central-Raceland game is 7:30 p.m. Allen Central also has games remaining versus Pikeville and Hazard. BELFRY (78) - Maynard 14, Howard 10, Young 29, Jones 4, Case 3, Warren 4, Wicker 10, Bowman 2, Runyon 2. ALLEN CENTRAL (56) - Hammonds 18, Collins 4, Martin 20, Jacobs 2, Bailey 2, Joseph 5, Webb 1, Cole 2, Meade 2. Belfry.....20 22 16 20-78 Allen Central.....10 15 10 21-56

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Lady Rebels

picked back up where it had left off. The Lady Rebels took a 36-31 lead out of the third quarter. Allen Central senior center Becky Thomas, who finished with 21 points, scored seven in the third quarter. Juniors Yumekia Hunter and Alanna Cline also scored baskets for Allen Central in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Thomas made tw- of-two shots from the free throw line to give Allen Central a seven-point lead (38-31). But Perry Central wouldn't go away. Perry Central senior Britta Maggard scored a three-point play underneath and freshman guard Heather Sturdivant drained a long three-pointer to bring Perry Central within three points (39-36) at the halfway point of the fourth quarter. Perry Central's Kristen Madden scored on an offensive rebound to knot the game up at 44. Allen Central's Mara

Biliter answered with a quick basket for Allen Central to allow the Lady Rebels to take the lead at 46-44. Then the Lady Commodores did their biggest damage. Perry Central went on and scored the final six points to escape with the win. Madden led Perry Central with 23 points. Maggard followed with 12. Despite losing, Allen Central can take much from Wednesday's game against Perry Central, one of Eastern Kentucky's top girls' basketball teams. "Our girls came out and outplayed Perry Central for 30 minutes," said Martin. "Once we lost Becky due to fouls late in the fourth quarter, size then became a big factor for Perry Central. "It was just one of those games that we outworked and outplayed the other team, but it still did not guarantee a win. Give credit to Perry Central for fighting back and winning the

game." Thomas led Allen Central with 21 points. Hunter scored 10 and Mills added eight. Fouls and free throws proved to be crucial. "Again you look at the stats, if we hit our free throws we win the ballgame - period," Martin added. "We shot something around 25 for the game and could have shot a truckload more. "When the game is allowed to be as physical as this game was called it is a big disadvantage for anyone. I'm proud of the girls. We just have to bounce back and continue to improve. This group has come a long way and is gaining more confidence each night out." PERRY CO. CENTRAL (50) - Sturdivant 7, King 2, Maggard 12, Baker 4, Holland 2, Madden 23. ALLEN CENTRAL (46) - Biliter 2, Hunter 10, Thomas 21, Cline 5, Mills 8. Perry Co. Central.....10 7 14 19-50 Allen Central.....8 16 12 10-46

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Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg

SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK

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If you are the sports fan circled, you are entitled to a free 8-inch ice cream cake of your choice, redeemable at DAIRY QUEEN OF PRESTONSBURG. When claiming your ice cream cake, present this newspaper.



Above: South Floyd sophomore Heather Dean applied defense as a Morgan County player lofted a shot Wednesday evening. Morgan County held on to beat South Floyd. More on the Morgan County-South Floyd game appears inside today's edition.



Above: The South Floyd defense helped lead a rally that saw the Lady Raiders make up some ground on visiting Morgan County.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Aging gracefully

My eyes are sleepy this morning, plus I woke up with slightly sore throat. Sure hope things don't get any worse.

My high school class reunion is coming up in July. I don't really want to say how many years it's been, but most of you already know how old I am, so I guess I'll just go ahead and admit that I

can't believe 30 years have passed since that day in June, 1975 that we all tossed our mortarboards into the air.

All the years I spent in school, both elementary and high, seem like only yesterday in my mind. Funny how time moves along so swiftly, it's as though we barely notice and then one day, we look up and older folks we have loved are gone, our childhood playmates have grayed and our own children are moving toward adulthood themselves.

Our time here should be cherished. Each new day is a gift and we should always remember to treat it as such.

I learned a little something

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Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

HCTC's Linda Blair honored as faculty New Horizon winner

Hazard Community & Technical College has named Linda Blair the recipient of the New Horizon faculty award because of her excellence in teaching and her dedication to students. This is the highest award the college gives each year to faculty members and it includes an all expense paid trip to Austin, Texas to attend a national conference.

"Linda has become one of the College's consummate instructors," noted Ron Reed, division chair for Heritage and Humanities. "She blends deftly the emotional and cogni-

tive needs of our developmental students." "Linda Blair cares for students and faculty alike. She comforts us in our needs, warms our hearts when we are downcast, strengthens our resolve, laughs with us when a laugh is much needed, teaches us when we are ready to learn, ... and shows us the meaning of caring. She deserves our praise and recognition," Ron Reed stated.

Lisa Maggard, a fellow faculty member,

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Hazard Community & Technical College President Jay K. Box honors Linda Blair, the recipient of the New Horizon faculty award.



photo by Guillermo Cuenca
Mr. George Campbell, of Scotland, is currently visiting in Prestonsburg until the end of March. He will speak at the next meeting of the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society, on Monday, February 21, at the Samuel May House, at 7 p.m.

Visiting Scotsman to be special guest at historical society meeting, Feb. 21

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Sharing that he actually loves the area "very much," Scotsman, George Campbell, says that he finds the eastern Kentucky region to be "very reminiscent" of his homeland.

"Oh, yes," he said, "the area is very much like Scotland in many ways with the mountains and the deep valleys...in Scotland, we call the valleys, glens, and the lakes, lochs, but it is all very much the same." Scotland, too, he said, also has the same sort of flat farmlands that are found in the eastern, and central, Kentucky regions. "It's of no small wonder that many Scottish people decided on this land in which to settle," he said, referring to the fact that the Appalachian region is well-steeped in Scottish-Irish roots.

Mr. Campbell is visiting Prestonsburg once again as the guest of Mrs. Nancy B. Campbell, with whom he says he shares a "very loving and deep friendship."

The couple, who though unrelated, share the

same surname, met several years ago at a church convention, in Scotland. Nancy had gone there to bury a lock of her deceased husband's (the late Dr. Henry Campbell) hair. She and George then met at a church sponsored dance. While dancing together, someone attending took their picture. The picture then ended up appearing in a church publication with the caption "Mr. and Mrs. Campbell dance, though not related."

Following the dance, the two became fast friends and have since visited one another in their respective homelands on several occasions. George first visited Prestonsburg in 1999, but this year will mark the first time that he has agreed to speak publicly about his life and homeland. This coming Monday, February 21, he will speak at the monthly meeting of the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society, at 7 p.m., at the Samuel May House.

Mr. Campbell says that he plans to speak on the influence of the Scots in relation to the

American ideals of freedom. "This theme actually bears the seed of your Declaration of Independence," he said, "and many similarities to Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, as well."

He may also touch a little on the subject of feuds, as in the "Hatfield-McCoy" feud of our native region and the "Campbell-McDonald" feud in his native homeland. "The Campbell's and McDonald's were two enemy clans in Scotland," he said. "It's amusing that now, the two names both signify food giants in America."

Mr. Campbell says he has visited our area enough times now that he has seen the region in each of its seasonal glories and says that he prefers "the autumn the most." "I like the cool autumn air," he said, adding, "I also like the warm season temperatures, too. In Scotland, when we say we are having a heat wave, we are talking about temperatures in the seventies, it doesn't get as warm there as it does here."

So far, he says, he very much likes the New

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POSTSCRIPT

This 'n that

Last week one of America's greatest playwrights died. He had won all kinds of awards. His plays have been almost continuously staged throughout the world in dozens of cultures and dozens of languages.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

Yet, how was Arthur Miller most identified in all the news reports of his death? As having been married to

Marilyn Monroe for a year or so in the 1950s.

Hardly mentioned was that he had been married before Marilyn, and hardly mentioned was that he was married after Marilyn, this time for several decades.

Such is the nature of the love of celebrity in our pop culture.

It says a lot — not necessarily good — about where our priorities, as American people, are. It says, to some extent, that how we are regarded depends largely on how we are attached to a celluloid figure, a movie idol, a popular

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THINGS TO PONDER

Love in Relationships

Again, we keep in mind matters of the heart in recognition of February being "heart month." Although human beings were supposedly meant to be together for a variety of reasons, a loving and long-lasting relationship between two individuals can seem so difficult in the best of times. In order for a loved-base relationship to be maintained, there is the basic need for each person to love him/herself before having the capacity to love another. Then, there is sometimes the overwhelming task of finding that very special person, who seems to "just fit" the need for a loving relationship. At times, the other person is likely to appear by chance or fits the bill as if

ordered for the occasion. Is your partner special, loving, and the right one for you? Is it love for the long haul?

"I love you!" What does it mean to you when you hear someone say, "I love you?" What does it mean when you say it to your child and your relationship partner? Is loving your child the same as loving your spouse? Is love a feeling, a thought, an action or an energy when a person says he loves his car? Like energy, love can imply different things to different people. Robert Abel, a marriage and family therapist, wrote in The Relationship Toolbox how love applies to your personal relationships and how you can use it in a healthy or unhealthy fashion.

The value of love in a person's life. Not surprising, love is the most valuable com-

modity in the world. It is a basic need of life; life is not worth living without it and we are empowered with it. If a person is unloved, he will wither and die a slow, painful, and lonely death. Love is the very essence and mainstay of our being and provides the energy that supports and keeps who and what we are. All individuals have a deep-rooted desire to love and be loved.

There are different forms of love. Although people typically recognize love only in its emotional form, love is a spiritual form of energy that can be given or received in physical, emotional or mental forms. According to Robert Abel, love usually starts in our thoughts and then spreads to the physical world through our actions, and then it will produce the emotional feelings. In order to experience

powerful emotional feelings of love, we need to think loving thoughts and produce some loving actions. In other words, we need to be loveable to be loved.

Love has healthy and unhealthy forms. Similar to other state of feelings, love is described as an energy that can be used in a positive healthy manner or a negative, unhealthy manner. One type of love is unconditional love that is very accepting, supportive and forgiving. For example, you could unconditionally love a son using drugs, accepting his destructive behavior and hoping he does not overdose and die. A second type of love is tough love that is disciplined, authoritative, and conforming. In using this type of love with your drug-



Mable Rowe Lineberger,
Ph.D.

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Family Medicine



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Reader's friend has achoo, may be disqualified as fighter pilot

Question: Yesterday I felt a sneeze coming on, but it just wouldn't come. My nose tickled, my eyes watered, but I couldn't sneeze. A friend told me to look at the sun, which I did, but it didn't make me sneeze. She said it always made her sneeze. Why does looking at the sun make you sneeze?

Answer: Sneezing is a reflex that usually starts with an irritation of the lining, or mucous membrane, of the nose or throat and ends with a forceful burst of air through the nose and sometimes the mouth, too. This can be very bothersome but is generally not a sign of a serious problem. This complex reflex involves the abdominal muscles, the

diaphragm, the chest, neck, face and eyelids.

Sneezing helps to remove irritants from the nasal and oral passages. Fortunately, sneezing is usually not a sign of a serious medical problem.

Allergies are probably the most common cause of sneezing. Depending on what you're allergic to, you may have just a seasonal problem or year-long misery. The good news is that there are many effective treatments for allergies.

Sneezing also can be an early symptom of a viral respiratory illness such as a cold or the flu.

In addition to allergies and viral respiratory illnesses, many other things can trigger a sneeze. Certain people, like your friend, sneeze when they are

exposed to bright light, especially sunlight. This is called sun-photic sneezing. People with this problem often find relief by putting on sunglasses before they step outside. Some women sneeze when they pluck their eyebrows. Other people go through certain periods when they sneeze a lot for no apparent reason.

Sun-photic sneezing actually has an even more complicated name with a very clever acronym. It is sometimes called "Autosomal-dominant Compelling Helio-Ophthalmic Outburst." The abbreviation of which is an approximation of the sound we make when we sneeze — ACHOO!

This propensity to sneeze in the presence of bright light is hereditary and affects about 20 percent of all humans. It is passed along genetically as an autosomal dominant trait, which means there is a 50 percent chance of inheriting this condition if only one parent is affected. Again, while not generally debilitating, it can be a risk factor for combat pilots. The exact mechanism of

ACHOO is not clearly understood at present, but it is being investigated.

It is believed that the post-sneezing expression "God Bless You" started in the 6th century during the Bubonic plague epidemic. Sneezing was an early sign of the infection.

Sneezing is a very effective way of spreading germs and viruses. The average sneeze forces air and associated fluids out of the nose and mouth at about 75 miles per hour for a distance of up to 10 feet. This is why covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze is so important.

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Eyes

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about myself this past Valentine's Day. Seems I've finally gotten past the muck and mire of the past few years because I actually found myself enjoying the holiday, once again, this year.

As a matter of fact, hey, it's actually a lot more enjoyable than Christmas in the sense that

it takes a lot less to make people smile. Sure, there may be some out there that can't say they "had a good one" unless they received some big "bling-bling" of a gift, but, for the most part, I think most folks are just happy to receive a single pretty bloom, a tasty cupcake or a sweet bite of choco-

late, and maybe a thoughtful card.

I found myself, for the first time in a long time, actually enjoying myself as I picked out a few little things to surprise the ones I love.

It felt good. Think I'll hold onto that feeling for awhile.

Ponder

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using son, you would put him in a rehabilitation hospital in an attempt to save his life. Too much of either type of love, tough and unconditional, can be unhealthy.

Authentic love. Abel's perspective was that God is our role model and divine teacher for authentic love, such as using tough love or unconditional love as necessary and loving each person as they are. Authentic love was viewed as promoting the good that is within a person. In addition, it protect, uplifts, reinforces, and builds on the positive while minimizing and protecting from the negative.

There are three types of love. The first type of relationship love consists of agape considered to be on a spiritual plane (a spiritual type of unconditional love that accepts the person as he is), phileo on a physical plane (a brotherly type of friendship love), and eros on an emotional plane (a romantic type of passionate love). These types of love are usually experienced in various amounts at different stages of relationships. It is predicted that partners are drawn together at the start of their relationship by emotional love, while over time the eros develops into a deeper form of phileo (brotherly) and agape (spiritual) love.

In contrast, there are false

forms of love. Love is not the infatuation stage or the sex act. The infatuation stage of a relationship happens when the couple begins to date and is well known by its extreme powerful, passionate, and positive emotions. However, whether the lovers like it or not, this stage fades in every new relationship. In order for the two individuals to maintain a loving relationship, it is necessary for a deeper relationship between them be developed, with an increase in their ability for phileo and agape love. The emotional high of the infatuation stage are sometimes so overwhelming that individuals think the stage will last forever. They go from one relationship to the next chasing those feelings, hoping once they find "just the right person," so that the infatuation stage lasts for the rest of their lives. BUT, whoa! It will not happen, due to the impact the emotions of the infatuation stage has on the brain's chemistry, being very similar to a form of anxiety. Since bodies cannot maintain the chemical condition for a long time, eventually the high wears off and the honeymoon is over. This is when the "proof is in the pudding" as to whether or not the couple's relationship will survive with a development of deeper forms of spiritual and brotherly love

between the two. If there is not a change in the types of love, many people simply move on to another relationship, hoping always for the overpowering emotions of the infatuation stage. After a lifetime of chasing such rainbows, it is possible for one or both individuals to end up lonely and isolated. Although some folks never make the connection, the close feelings after the sex act or "making love" have little to do with the agape and phileo forms of love.

The acceptance of love is another major issue. It is not unusual for a person to give love to his partner the same way he would like to receive it. However, this manner of loving a person might not be in her best interest. There is the possibility that the gift of love is not liked and rejected, if it fails to promote the good in the other person. In other instances, individuals are likely to expect to be loved by partners in the same fashion as they were by their parents. An example might be associating loving actions only through gifts, jewelry, clothes, and expensive toys, if that was the manner in which parents made the person feel loved. As a result, such a person might not recognize the intentions of a most loving, supportive, compassionate, understanding, and caring partner.



The BSCTC Dance Team members include: Front, from left to right: Tiffany Bowen, Carla Dudley, Mary Jervis, Louann Calhoun, and back row, left to right: Brooke Johnson, Ashley Howard, and Kayla Delong.



Big Sandy Singers, front, from left: Amanda Stepp, Misty Collins, Louanna Calhoun, and back, from left: Samantha Horn, Troy Burchett, James Eason, Clayton Case and Frances Branham.

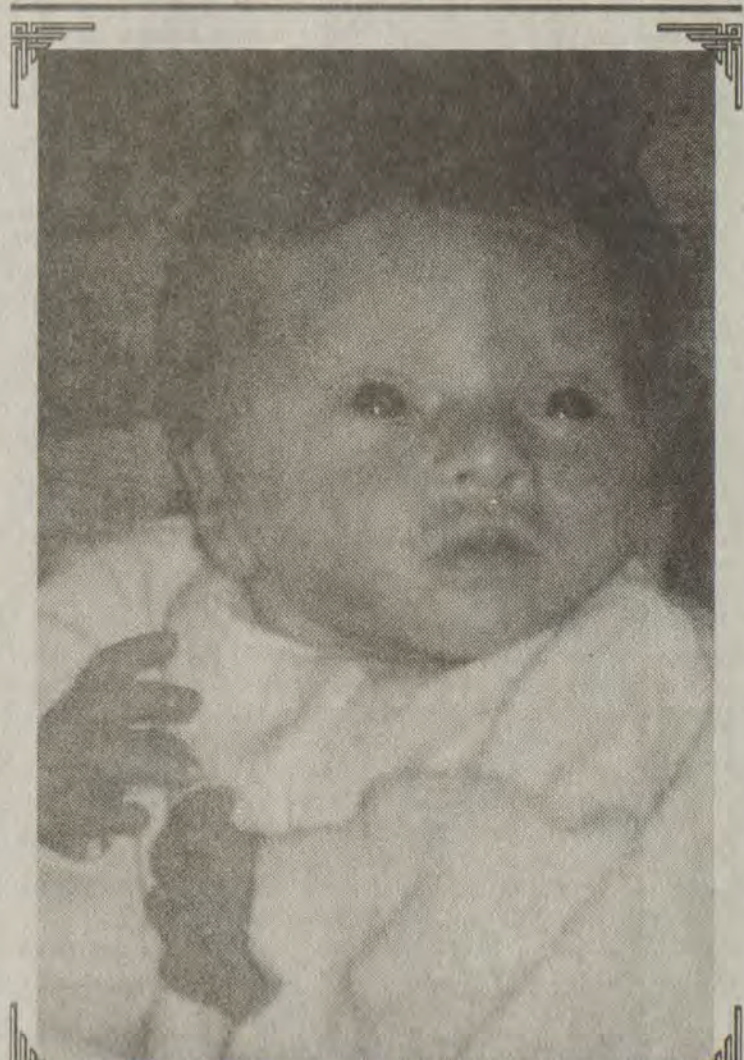
Valentine's Day day for showing talent at BSCTC

Artistic talent was evident in the presentation of a Valentine's Day Show held on the BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus on Monday, February 14 at 12 p.m., in the Student Center.

A selection of love songs was presented by the Big Sandy Singers, under the direction of Laura Ford Hall. The singers included Clayton Case, James Eason, Troy Burchett, Misty Collins, Louanna Calhoun, Frances Branham, Amanda Stepp

and Samantha Horn. The BSCTC Dance Team, under the direction of Patricia Goodman, performed a jazz dance between musical sets. Dancers included: Louanna Calhoun, Tiffany Bowen, Kayla Delong, Ashley Howard, Mary Jervis, Brooke Johnson and Carla Dudley.

Births



New Arrival

Kristian Renea Goodman was born on January 18, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital East, in Lexington, to proud parents Heather and Shawn Goodman, of Prestonsburg. She weighed 4 lbs., 8 oz., and was 18 inches long. She is the maternal granddaughter of Judy and Rabon Flanery, of Martin. Her paternal grandparents are Linda and Taulbee Goodman, of Prestonsburg. She has been warmly welcomed home by her family and friends.



Floyd County Homemakers attending the Valentine Tea, held Saturday, February 12, included, from left to right: Nancy Beiger, Joyce Allen, Brenda Brown, Susan Goins, Imogene Branham, Burieta Gearheart, Theresa Scott, Floyd County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, and Dora Slone. The ladies enjoyed wearing hats and participating in their "Wear A Hat" contest.

'Hats Off' to Homemakers Valentine Tea fun event

Theresa M. Scott
FLOYD COUNTY COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION SERVICE

Extension homemakers throughout Floyd County were invited to the Floyd County Extension Office for a Valentine Tea held Saturday, February 12, 2005. Everyone enjoyed having

tea and refreshments. Those who attended were grateful for the fellowship with one another. The group played games and had a "Wear A Hat" contest. Dora Slone, Floyd County Homemaker President and Joyce S. Allen, Floyd County Homemaker Vice President organized the

event. Anyone interested in joining the Floyd County Extension Homemakers Organization please contact Theresa Scott, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences at (606) 886-2668 for further information. New members and guests are always welcome.

BSCTC students attend professional conference

Six students from Big Sandy Community and Technical College Surveying and Mapping Technology Program attended the Kentucky Association of Professional Surveyor's Annual Conference in Louisville on February 10th and 11th. Students, Christina Adkins and Matt Roe received \$500 and \$1000 scholarships respectively. The Surveying & Mapping Program at BSCTC is the only program in the state to offer an Associate Degree. For more information contact Chris Daniel, Associate Professor, @ 788-2934 or visit us on the web at www.bigsandy.kctc.edu

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Transfer
In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that HNR Mining, Inc., 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41101, intends to transfer permit number 836-0281 to LCC Kentucky, LLC, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41101. The new permit number will be 836-0313. The operation disturbs 592.47 surface acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The application is located 2.75 miles northeast of Stanville, in Pike and Floyd Counties. The operation is approximately 2.39 miles northeast from CR-1027 and CR-1028 junction with US 23, and located along Shop Branch of Mare Creek. The operation is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission seeks bids on the renovation of the Tourism Office Building (Old Post

Office), located at 113 S. Central Avenue in Prestonsburg. Work needed includes roof repair, electrical upgrade, floor tile, added lighting, bathroom construction, loading dock enclosure, and general wall repair. Project specifications may be acquired by calling (606) 886-1341. Bids must be received by March 1, 2005. Prestonsburg Tourism Commission has the authority to accept the best bid, or reject all bids. The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission will accept statements of qualifications from consulting engineering firms for the design and other professional engineering services relating to the construction of a new 5MGD water treatment plant. Firms desiring to be considered should send one copy of a statement of qualifications, not exceeding 25 pages total, to Mr. David M. Ellis, Superintendent, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, 2500 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Statements of qualification must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 10, 2005. Statements should include a description of the firm's capabilities and experience in the field of raw water intake and water treatment plant design, résumés of individuals to be assigned to the project, a listing of similar projects completed in the past, with references, and a short explanation of the firm's familiarity with Prestonsburg, Floyd County, the surrounding area,

and Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Firms responding to this request will be ranked based on the written information submitted. In order to execute an engineering services agreement the Commission will enter into negotiations with the firm ranked the highest. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked firm will be asked by the Commission to begin similar negotiations. Once a firm has been selected, all unsuccessful firms will be promptly notified. Sources of funding for the project will include, but may not be limited to USDA/Rural Development, the Economic Development Administration, CDBG program, as well as other state and federal funding agencies. This formal solicitation of consulting engineering firms is being conducted to fulfill the require-

ments of the United States Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Instruction 1780 as well as any/all state and/or federal guidelines or requirements. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all statements of qualifications, waive any technicalities, and negotiate with the respondent who most nearly meets the project requirements. The Commission is not responsible or liable for any cost incurred by firms responding to this request. The Commission is an equal opportunity employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms. Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, the Anti-Kickback Act and Section 504 requirements.

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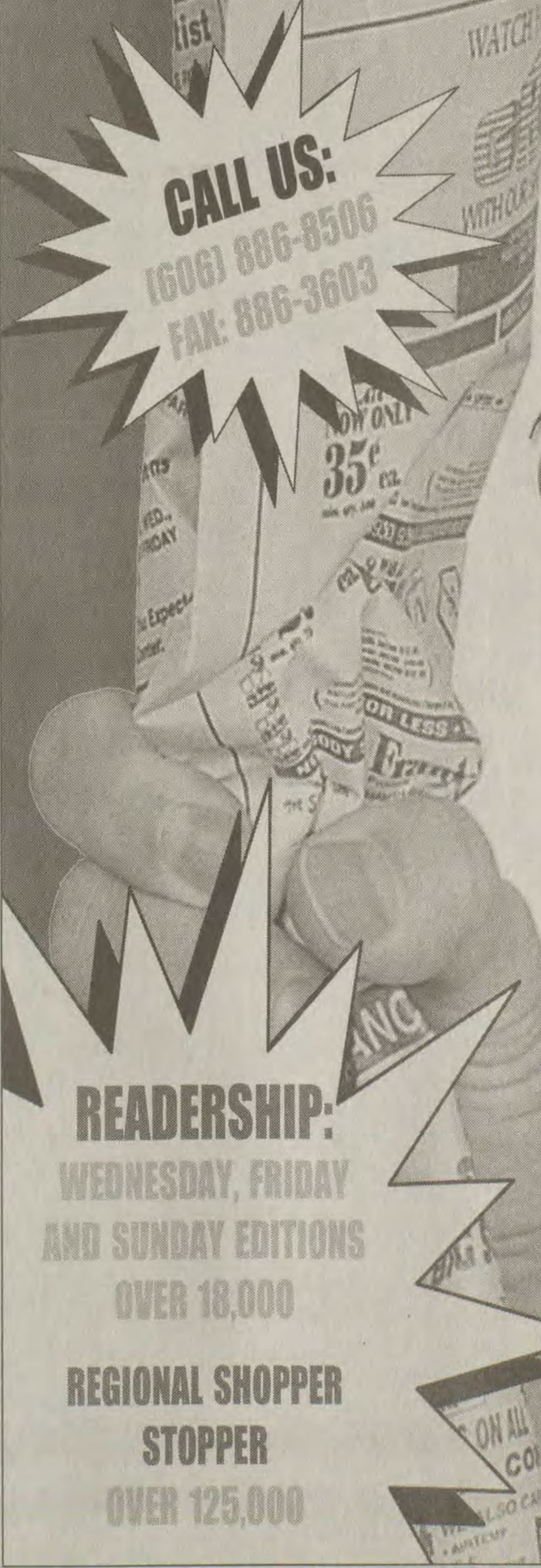
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