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briefs

Wife charged in Pike slaying

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

SHELBY GAP — Roy Cantrell, 59, of Shelby Gap, was found dead in his home by Kentucky State Police troopers who were responding to a call of domestic violence that originated from his residence. Officers have charged Cantrell's wife, Carolyn, with his murder and lodged her in the Pike County Detention Center while Det. Joey Howard investigates the incident. KSP Post 9 received the call at 1:34 a.m. regarding domestic violence at the couple's Shelby Gap home. When they arrived at the scene they discovered Mr. Cantrell's body which had been shot multiple times. Preliminary reports indicate that the police believe Carolyn Cantrell shot her husband after a heated argument. Assistant Pike County Coroner Denver Bailey pronounced Cantrell dead at 4:15 a.m. Cantrell was arraigned yesterday and placed under a \$1 million cash bond. She was also ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation before any other motions are filed. Det. Howard was assisted at the scene by the KSP, which included Sgt. Claude Little and Troopers Wes Sandlin, Brad Hamilton and Bryan Layne.

FedEx refusing to deliver drugs to East Ky.

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — FedEx has stopped delivering packages from online pharmacies to portions of Eastern Kentucky where prescription drug abuse has become widespread. "We don't tolerate the use of our system

for illegal purposes," said Ryan Furby, a spokesman for the global shipping giant based in Memphis, Tenn.

Drug dealers and abusers have increasingly turned to ordering prescriptions from unlicensed Internet pharmacies since law enforcement agencies began cracking down on local doctors, sending some to prison for prescribing pills without legiti-

mate medical reasons.

The problem has become so pervasive that state legislators are pushing a bill aimed at regulating online sales of prescription drugs, which Attorney General Greg Stumbo called a cancer in Kentucky.

The legislation would make it a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison, for distributing drugs shipped into Kentucky

by unlicensed Internet pharmacies. It also would allow authorities to seize prescriptions ordered from unlicensed online pharmacies.

Furby said he doesn't know when FedEx will resume deliveries in the portions of eastern Kentucky hardest hit by

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Michal Smith-Mello, of the Kentucky Health Insurance Research Project, conducted an open forum on health insurance concerns with area residents Tuesday at the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Forum seeks input on health insurance troubles

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Health Insurance Research Project, a federally funded effort aimed at understanding the growing numbers of middle-class workers struggling with rising health insurance costs, came to Floyd County Tuesday

for a public forum on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Though the forum saw sparse attendance, those who did turn out were more than willing to openly discuss health insurance issues and included middle class laborers as well as area health care professionals.

Michal Smith-Mello, of KHIRP, hosted the event and began the evening with a brief overview of the program's goals. The idea is to try to understand the problem, which sees 14 percent of Kentuckians currently getting by without health insurance.

Mello noted that it is a problem

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Locals among those owing most in back taxes

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The names of eight local individuals and 10 local businesses are among 300 that appear on a list of the state's alleged worst tax delinquents published this week on the Kentucky Department of Revenue's website.

Local businesses Elk Fork Mining, in Martin; Don V. Bryson MD, Paintsville; Robinson Auto Sales Inc., Regina; CC Enterprises Inc., Salyersville; Sure Coal Inc., in Prestonsburg; Eagle Ridge Mining Inc., Prestonsburg; Chele Energy, of Banner; East Kentucky Transportation Inc., Allen; and Big Foot Trucking, Ivel, collectively

owe the state more than \$730,000 in delinquent taxes.

Only one of those businesses, Don V. Bryson, MD, is still operational. The others, according to the secretary of state's web site, are inactive businesses. Many of them have been out of business for several years. Several filed their last annual reports in 2000.

The Revenue Cabinet was unable to determine, by press time, the actual percentage of delinquent businesses statewide that are no longer operational. The local individuals on the list owe nearly \$371,000 in delinquent taxes. Bruce Little, a Langley resident who owes the state nearly \$144,000;

(See TAXES, page three)

Intruder charged with attacking cops

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A somewhat strange encounter Monday afternoon at an apartment complex in Martin turned threatening for local police officers.

The incident began when Michael D. Brown, 30, of Langley, allegedly entered a Pageant Hills apartment and began swinging a broom at residents living there.

Authorities assumed Brown, who did not know the residents of the apartment, was intoxicated because he "could not stand up without swaying back and forth," and "had no idea

what day or time it was," according to the citation.

Residents contacted authorities after Brown refused to leave the premises.

When Martin police officer Chris Hunter and Police Chief James Slone arrived, the situation escalated.

Brown allegedly assaulted officers at the scene. According to the citation, filed by Officer Hunter, Brown "jumped" at him and "wrestled" with him as they were coming out of the apartment door.

Hunter alleges that Brown repeatedly threatened to kill him if he did not

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Judge offers class to volunteer lawyers

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Family Court Judge Julie Paxton is backing a program aimed at increasing the amount of pro bono cases in the county.

"It's a win-win," she said.

"Besides the refresher course on domestic relations, which is a plus, these attorneys will be able to give back to the community."

Paxton announced plans last week to sponsor a continuing education course for attorneys who provide free or reduced priced services to indigent Eastern Kentucky resi-

dents.

The push for the program came from the Volunteer Lawyers for Appalachian Kentuckians, an affiliate of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund (Appalred), and is headed by Director Will Snyder.

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Martin to step up enforcement of downtown parking ban

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Martin City Council members are taking steps to ensure that area drivers who've disobeyed city parking policies will change their parking strategies on Main Street.

The city closed parking on Main Street during daytime hours last year when the city's reconstruction plans got under way, but area drivers have ignored the change, Mayor Thomasine Robinson said.

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Martin city council members met in regular session Tuesday to discuss parking restrictions along Main Street, employee sick day policies and the purchase of a new police vehicle.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **CHACO CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK, N.M.** — This natural wonderland made it onto a list of 10 favorite hidden parks — but the list hid it even more, by locating it in Arizona.

The Coalition of National Park Service Retirees this

week released a list of members' favorite parks, but accidentally listed the archaeological site in Arizona instead of Chaco Canyon.

The 400-member group discovered the mistake and fixed it, said coalition coordinator Bill Wade.

"That mistake slipped through several reviewers, but really, we know it's in New Mexico," Wade said. "Having been there myself, I know how beautiful it is."

Chaco Canyon is home to massive ancestral Pueblo Indian ruins that date from A.D. 850 to A.D. 1250. Archaeologists consider it one of the most important sites in the Southwest.

"Sometimes people actually think we're in another country," said G.B. Cornucopia, a guide at Chaco for 19 years. "We also sometimes get confused with Canyon de Chelly, which really is in Arizona."

■ **MILFORD, Neb.** — It took nearly four months, but to the relief of neighbors for miles around, a burning manure pile has been extinguished.

David Dickinson, owner and manager of Midwest Feeding Co., said Wednesday that several weeks of pulling

the 2,000-ton pile apart proved effective by late last week.

"We got far enough through it, that it quit," Dickinson said. Dickinson's feedlot, about 20 miles west of Lincoln, takes in as many as 12,000 cows at a time from farmers and ranchers and fattens them for market.

Byproducts from the massive operation resulted in a dung pile measuring 100 feet long, 30 feet high and 50 feet wide. Heat from the decomposing manure deep inside the pile is believed to have eventually ignited the manure.

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality told Dickinson that his smoldering dung pile violated clean-air laws and it worked with him to extinguish it.

■ **EDINBURGH, Scotland** — A blind man who allegedly bit his guide dog has been charged with animal cruelty.

David Todd is accused of sinking his teeth into the animal's head in a busy street,

Scottish police said Thursday.

A police spokesman said: "Any attack on a defenseless animal, particularly one trained to help people, is appalling."

An eyewitness reported seeing the 34-year-old bite the dog and kick it repeatedly at a shopping mall on Feb. 8, a spokeswoman for Lothian and Borders Police said.

Officers arrested the suspect on Feb. 10 and charged him with animal cruelty and breach of the peace, the spokeswoman said.

Police took the Labrador/retriever mix into protective care and handed it to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Colin Gallagher, a district team manager for the association, said: "This is the first case of its kind I have known of in 11 years in this job."

■ **KEY WEST, Fla.** — A prosecutor who may have had a little too much to drink thought it would be funny to run naked across a parking lot and hop

into a friend's car.

It was funny, until he jumped into the wrong car.

Albert Tasker, who works for the Monroe County State Attorney's Office, apparently got in the back seat of a car occupied by a woman waiting for her boyfriend.

The woman screamed and her boyfriend appeared. After the woman called 911, a Key West police officer found the naked Tasker in the middle of the parking lot.

Tasker, 28, was arrested Monday morning and faces charges of disorderly intoxication and indecent exposure, both misdemeanors. He has been placed on administrative leave without pay and his office is conducting an internal review of the incident.

"It's terribly embarrassing for both him and for us, and we'll wait to see how the facts unfold," said J. Jefferson Overby, the chief assistant state attorney for Monroe County.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2005. There are 309 days left in the year.

■ **Today's Highlight in History:** On Feb. 25, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

On this date:  
■ In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

■ In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

■ In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

■ In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.

■ In 1943, during World War II, U.S. troops reoccupied the Kasserine Pass.

■ In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

■ In 1964, Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach, Fla.

■ In 1973, the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater.

■ In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

■ In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

■ **Ten years ago:** Former President Jimmy Carter wound

up a 54-hour visit to Haiti, denying he'd been given a chilly reception by Haitians whom he'd helped save from a potentially bloody U.S.-led intervention.

■ **Five years ago:** A jury in Albany, N.Y., acquitted four white New York City police officers of all charges in the shooting death of unarmed African immigrant Amadou Diallo.

■ **One year ago:** The Supreme Court ruled states don't have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry. The Mel Gibson film "The Passion of the Christ" opened in more than 3,000 U.S. theaters on Ash Wednesday.

■ **Today's Birthdays:** Country singer Ralph Stanley is 78. Musician Tommy Newsom is 76. Actor Tom Courtenay is 68. CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 68. Actress Diane Baker is 67. Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 62. Actress Karen Grassle is 61. Movie director Neil Jordan is 55. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm) is 46. Actress Veronica Webb is 40. Actor Alexis Denisof is 39. Actress Tea Leoni is 39. Actress Lesley Boone ("Ed") is 37. Actor Sean Astin is 34. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 32. R&B singer Justin Jeffre (98 Degrees) is 32. Rock musician Richard Liles is 32. Actor Anson Mount is 32. Actress Rashida Jones is 29. Actor Justin Berfield ("Malcolm in the Middle") is 19. Actors James and Oliver Phelps ("Harry Potter" movies) are 19.

■ **Thought for Today:** "If people behaved in the way nations do they would all be put in straitjackets." - Tennessee Williams, American playwright (1911-1983).

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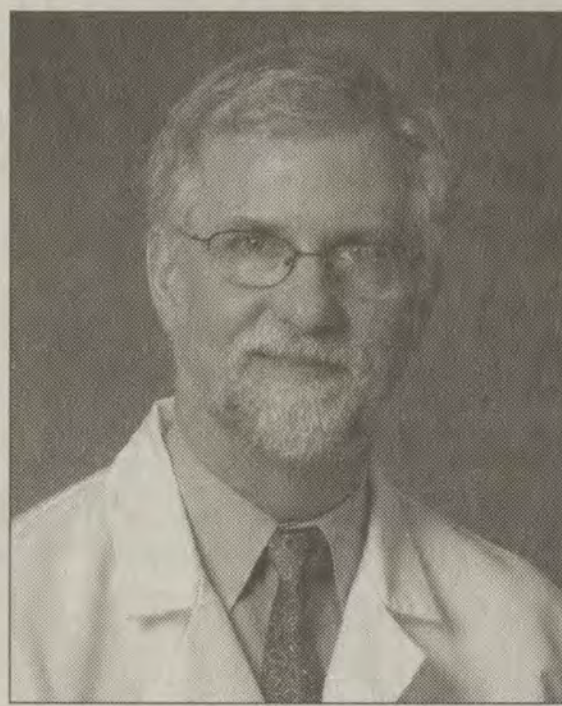
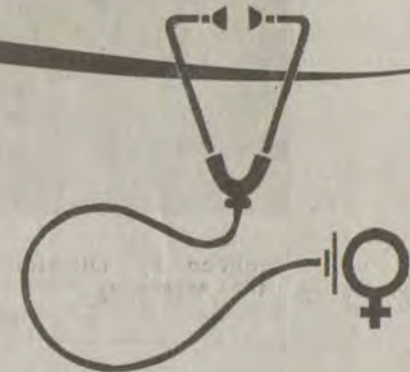
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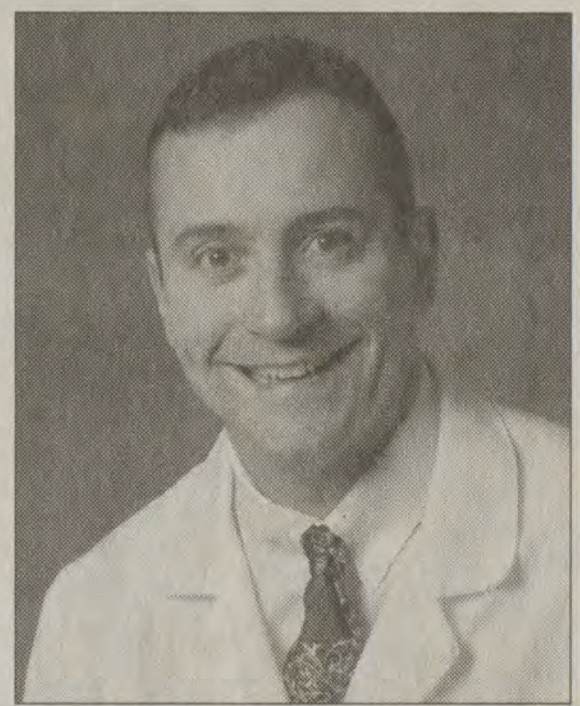
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**Drugs**

the prescription drug epidemic. He said the deliveries were stopped "because of the sensitivities of where they're originating and the possible contents of the packages."

People who order drugs online must go to a FedEx station in London to pick up their shipments in person.

"This is just an added measure that we think provides a level of safety and security for our employees and our customers," Furby said.

Letcher County Sheriff Danny Webb said drivers for companies like FedEx and UPS could have dangerous jobs in parts of Eastern Kentucky if addicts think they're hauling drugs from online pharmacies.

"I've had reports of at least 10 people gathered around a UPS truck picking up their packages," Webb said. "If a driver goes up one of these hollows and comes up on six or eight people who know he has drugs on there, they may decide to take them. There's a legitimate concern there."

Webb said his deputies arrested two people for public intoxication at the Ermine post

office in Letcher County earlier this week while they waited for a delivery truck to arrive with a package from an Internet pharmacy. Later, officers from the Operation UNITE drug task force arrested more people outside a UPS facility in Perry County, where they were allegedly awaiting packages from online pharmacies.

"It's just a monumental problem," Webb said. "It's just every day I receive more complaints."

Webb said he understands why FedEx is refusing to deliver drug shipments. However, he said it could create a hardship on people who order drugs for legitimate reasons, especially if UPS follows suit.

"You've got people who get insulin and medicine that is non-narcotic," he said. "I just hope it doesn't hurt senior citizens about getting their legitimate medications."

Furby said FedEx hasn't made deliveries in some communities for the past two weeks.

"We want to be the most responsible shipper in the industry," he said. "That's why we have taken on this additional measure."

**Georgia man pleads guilty to child abuse**

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Georgia man pleaded guilty this week to criminally abusing a child in a business parking lot in Prestonsburg.

Mark Yates, 23, was arrested Tuesday and charged with third degree criminal abuse of a minor child.

According to the citation, filed by Prestonsburg Police officer Ralph Frasure, Yates was seen hitting a 4-year-old child in the face at the food stamp office parking lot.

Yates pleaded guilty to

the charge in district court Wednesday.

Following his arrest, Frasure also served Yates with a citation outlining charges currently pending against him in Boyd County, where his had an outstanding warrant for speeding, driving on a suspended license and not wearing a seat belt.

In that case, active since 1998, Yates was also cited for marijuana possession. That charge, however, was not listed on the citation.

He is scheduled to be sentenced by District Judge Eric Hall today.

**Attack**

return him back to the apartment.

"The subject stated that officer C. Hunter and J. Slone would die tonight, Feb. 21, 2005," the citation says.

Brown was arrested and charged with third-degree assault, third-degree terroristic threatening, menacing, disorderly conduct, public intoxication, second-degree trespassing and resisting arrest.

Brown pleaded not guilty to the charges during an arraignment in district court Monday. He was given a \$5,000 cash bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Monday.

Brown's criminal history shows that he pleaded guilty last April to misdemeanor theft (checks) and third-degree possession of a forged instrument. He was placed on probation for 90 days and ordered to pay restitution for those crimes.

The Floyd County

**Insurance**

that affects the middle class and wanted to hear from those in attendance about their issues with health insurance. The ultimate goal of the program is to use knowledge derived from public forums to come up with a list of possible strategies and solutions for the state to consider before the issue reaches critical proportions.

The discussion that followed indicated that the middle class is paying more for health insurance because Medicaid and Medicare are not paying the going rate for medical procedures. This leaves the burden of health care costs to be passed on to the working class.

One laborer noted, "I have worked all of my life and I am one gall bladder operation away from losing everything I've built for my family."

The most radical solution to the problem was advanced by Dr. Edgar Lopez, of Louisville, who noted that, "A national health insurance program is no longer optional; it's necessary."

**Taxes**

refused to comment, as did Stanley Osborne, of Virgie, who owes more than \$61,000. Phone numbers were either disconnected or unlisted for the remaining names.

Last year, the state collected \$136 million in delinquent taxes. This year, the state is owed approximately \$700 million, according to Jill Midkiff, Finance Cabinet spokeswoman. The Revenue Department's website was developed to expedite the process of collecting those taxes.

"If we can collect even a portion of what is owed, which we estimate to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, we will have done what is right for the law-abiding taxpayers of this commonwealth," Finance and Administration Cabinet Secretary Robbie Rudolph said in press release.

Midkiff said the majority of delinquent tax dollars are owed by businesses who have not turned in sales taxes paid by consumers or by businesses who have not forwarded the state money they've withheld from employee paychecks.

Delinquent individuals cited online include:

- Bruce Little, Langley; \$143,782.
- James A. Dennis, Pikeville; \$84,966.86.
- Stanley Osborne, Virgie; \$60,713.16.
- Robert Damron, Allen; \$44,395.29.
- Sidney L. Meade, Harold; \$39,503.03.

Lopez pointed out that the problem stems from how health care is handled in the country, saying, "Here, health care is a commodity. People get rich from illness."

Lopez responded to concerns about the government's ability to manage health care by stating, "When the international community needs assistance managing an outbreak, they always turn to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. That is a government-sponsored health program that demonstrates how well the United States can manage affairs."

Lopez is one of 12,000 physicians who have formed a group to sponsor health care reform. They call themselves the Physicians for a National Health Program and have done extensive research of countries that offer free health care. They have been following the KHIRP forums across the commonwealth and hope that their voice is heard when the final report on what was learned from the public forums is turned over to Frankfort later this year.

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- Mary Dotson, Sidney; \$34,384.97.
- Norma Coleman, Phyllis; \$33,096.22.
- Mike Williams, Mouthcard; \$32,714.18.
- Delinquent businesses cited online include:
- Elk Fork Mining Inc., Martin; \$207,087.39.
- Don V. Bryson, MD, Paintsville; \$111,807.79.
- Robinson Auto Sales Inc., Regina; \$82,798.25.
- Sure Coal Inc., Prestonsburg; \$68,900.19.
- CC Enterprises Inc., Salyersville; \$67,735.93.
- Eagle Ridge Mining Inc., Prestonsburg; \$60,669.56.
- Chele Energy Inc., Banner; \$55,526.96.
- East Kentucky Transportation Inc., Allen; \$44,251.24.
- Big Foot Trucking Inc., Ivel; \$34,355.49.

A Prestonsburg business, Reno's Roadhouse Inc., was initially listed on the web site for delinquent taxes, but the company, having paid in full, was taken off the list Tuesday afternoon.

The site is updated on a daily basis and can be accessed at [revenue.ky.gov](http://revenue.ky.gov).

**ATV chase suspect pleads guilty, gets no jail time**

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Melvin man who was arrested last year after he and his wife, a Floyd County teacher, allegedly eluded authorities during an all-terrain vehicle ride, changed his plea last week in circuit court.

The change came after the commonwealth offered Jarred Hall, 31, of Hen Pen Hollow in Melvin, a probated sentence on the charges against him.

Hall was arrested in May, along with his wife, Michele, a South Floyd teacher, after leading Vehicle Enforcement officers on an approximate 6-to-8 mile chase on Route 979 in Teaberry, where they pulled off onto Dry Branch Road, which leads to a local strip mine.

Vehicle Enforcement officers initially charged Hall with 20 offenses, including five counts of first-degree wanton endangerment for endangering the lives of four officers and his wife, a passenger on the ATV, during the chase. Officers charged Hall with first-, second- and third-degree drug possession after they confiscated Oxycontin, Lortab, Xanax, alprazolam and other unidentified "white" pills in his possession.

They also charged the couple with public intoxication. The charge against Michele Hall was later diverted in district court at the behest of the County Attorney's Office, which cited her work with the Floyd County Board of Education as a contributing factor in their decision.

The couple routinely denied the incident and alleged that officers at the scene unnecessarily abused them during the arrest. Jarred Hall said he had prescriptions for every pill in his possession that day.

He initially pleaded not guilty to the crimes, but that

changed last Friday when the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office offered Hall a reduced sentence.

That same day, Hall requested to be arraigned on the charges and entered a guilty plea in return for a suspended sentence.

The commonwealth recommended a 12-month sentence, suspended for 12 months, after amending the wanton endangerment charge against him. That sentence runs concurrently with a fleeing and evading charge (12 months, suspended 12 months), a disorderly conduct charge (30 days, suspended 30 days), a resisting arrest charge (12 months, suspended 12 months) and two other misdemeanor charges (13 months, suspended 13 months).

Three counts of drug possession against Hall were dismissed by the commonwealth.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said yesterday that Hall's attorney brought proof that Hall had prescriptions for pills in his possession that day.

Turner said that the commonwealth offered Hall the option to do "straight pleas" on the misdemeanor counts or to plead to felony charges and be placed on pretrial diversion, which would allow him, after the completion of the diversionary period, to have those charges erased from his record.

He chose the former option. "It's a kind of run of the mill, fling type case and a lot of time that's going to be the kind of sentence you're going to see," Turner said.

The "complexion" of the case changed after the commonwealth was given proof that the Halls were not "massive drug abusers," Turner said.

Hall was ordered to report to the probation and parole office Wednesday. He has been placed under a two-year probationary period.

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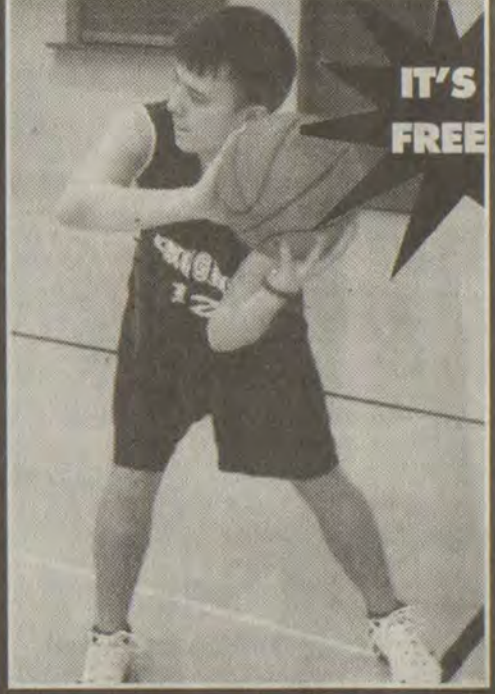
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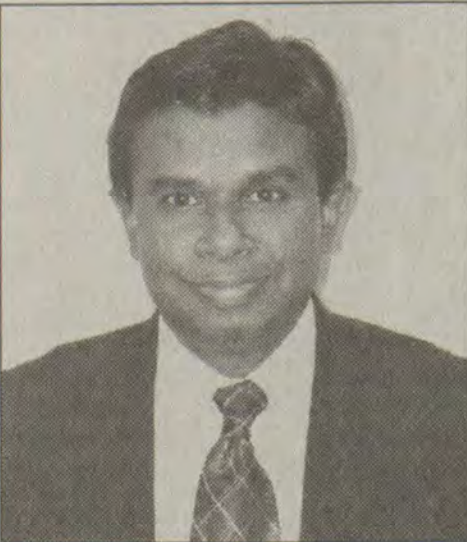
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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Samuel Butler

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## Guest View Editorial roundup

Los Angeles Times, on the FCC and PBS:

War is hell, unless the Federal Communications Commission has a say in the matter. Then it is reduced to heck, as occurred during Tuesday's broadcast of a "Frontline" report about U.S. troops fighting in Iraq. Fearful of being hit with stiff FCC indecency fines, the nonprofit PBS distributed a censored copy of a report chronicling U.S. soldiers charged with keeping Iraq's main highway open. The crew of "Frontline" showed a small group of soldiers who did their best under tough conditions, and who reacted in entirely human ways when their lives were threatened by the enemy. But some viewers, including those who watched on Los Angeles station KCET, saw the censored version of the report, which presented the remarkable fiction of soldiers in battle watching their language.

This country is awash in reality TV, except from the war front, where real-life portrayals are most needed. It's a shame that "Frontline" has become the latest casualty in an increasingly ugly culture war waged by conservative zealots eager to hijack the airwaves. ...

Chicago Tribune, on Hunter S. Thompson:

One of the great phenomenons of the 2004 presidential campaign was the rise of "The Daily Show," a cable TV satire that exposes the hypocrisy of American politics with a mix of fact and fiction and steady laughs.

Brilliant, yes. Entirely new, no. Anyone who read the "gonzo" journalism of Hunter S. Thompson from the 1972 presidential campaign could recognize the original.

Thompson, who committed suicide at his Colorado home on Sunday, was his own best character. He thrust himself into events, be it a presidential campaign, a car race or a ride with the Hell's Angels. Over the years, though, the character dissolved into caricature. Thompson's embrace of gambling, boozing, drugs, firearms and his utterly bizarre personality drew more attention to him than his writing did. ...

Thompson was one of the original, brilliant practitioners of New Journalism, that hazy blend of the techniques of the reporter and the novelist that, at its best, found truths that standard journalism couldn't draw out. Thompson, for a time, had a rightful place alongside Tom Wolfe, Truman Capote, Norman Mailer and other pioneers of the craft. ...



## Guest Column Some bankers rich beyond reason

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Let's take another peek into the "Lifestyles of the Rich ... and Cranky."

Poor Lloyd Blankfein. He's the chief operating officer at the Wall Street giant, Goldman Sachs, but it's reported that he made "only" \$600,000 in salary last year. That's truly sad, but before you send a check to the Blankfein Relief Fund, note that at the end of the year, Goldman Sachs put a little something extra in Lloyd's stocking: A bonus of \$20 million.

He's but one of the top Wall Streeters who've danced into this New Year with a total of \$15.9 billion in executive bonuses! While wages of America's highly-productive workers are being held beneath the rate of infla-

tion by the corporate elite, these Wall Street darlings are porking up, with top investment bankers hiking their annual bonuses by some 15 percent over the previous year's haul.

You'll be delighted to know that this showering of corporate largesse on themselves has led the fortunate bankers to "rediscover conspicuous consumption," in the words of one news report. Manhattan's dealers in luxury goods are experiencing a surge of giddy impulse buyers. Six-million-dollar apartments on Manhattan's toney Upper East Side are suddenly in demand, as are such show-off cars as the Maybach, an exclusive line of Mercedes Benz autos with sticker prices starting at \$315,000.

There is a sense of entitlement

among those wallowing in this wind-fall. After all, they say, we work hard. Of course, migrant farm workers work hard, too, but ... oh, well, never mind.

Even the super-rich bankers who try to be what they think of as modest are lost in his culture of excess. As one said: "I have a sailboat, a motor boat, an apartment, an SUV. What could I possibly need? He paused a second, then said: "Maybe a little Porsche for the Hamptons house."

Money. It's all a matter of perspective... and fat bonuses.

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

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## Letters

### Concerns far from frivolous

In a 2000-01 action that defies logic, the Floyd County Board of Education saw fit to prohibit students of any age from exiting school buses without visual contact with a parent or officially designated adult. Said action was then thankfully ignored until some poor soul with a related problem brought it back to the board's attention in December. Five years after adoption, midway through the academic year, with no official announcement, explanation or consideration for parents, the "Bus Drop-off Policy for Idiots" has arrived and is being enforced like anti-terrorist security measures at the White House.

Needless to say, there have been complaints. This seems to have caught Supt. Paul Fanning by surprise, which is itself disturbing. Dr. Fanning has since gone on the defensive, publicly scolding disgruntled parents as if they were whiny adolescents. "The policy was not oriented on convenience; it was oriented on safety." "The policy was not adopted on a frivolous whim and it will not be changed on a frivolous whim."

Excuse me? Concerns about unexpected loss of after-school transportation are neither self-indulgent nor trivial. The enactment of this so-called safety-oriented policy has thrown some families into crisis and created major problems for many others. I would like to inform board members who favored such a measure and anyone else in need of a reality check that the year is 2005, not 1955. Women are no longer fascinated

by the sparkle in their toilet bowl, and Beaver Cleaver doesn't live here anymore.

Obviously, children need adequate supervision. Usually, they are better off when Mom and Dad stay together. But the majority of parents today simply do not have a choice when it comes to working, and two-parent homes are no longer the norm. Most of us cannot be present at the end of the school day because we are out earning the money it takes to keep food on the table and a roof overhead, not because we're lazy, irresponsible or unconcerned about our children's safety. And our ability to keep food on the table and a roof overhead could be seriously compromised by the urgent need to drop everything every day at 3 p.m.

Already over-stressed parents trying to beat the last bell or bus home; homes which could be an hour or more away given traffic and the size of this county; children roaming the streets or desperate to catch a ride because parents are late or had work emergencies; families with reduced income due to job loss or complications ... this is a recipe for disaster, not safety enhancement.

The only things being effectively addressed here are potential liability issues for the school board. If safety concerns were as paramount as Dr. Fanning insists, concerns so great that board members felt compelled to extend drop-off restrictions to young people of all ages, why has there been no corollary expansion of after-school child care services?

In fact, these services are not provided past elementary school and private child care programs do not accept older children. The general social consensus is that youngsters over a certain age can function without adult supervision for

limited periods of time, hence the lack of Child Protective Services prohibitions in this regard. Requiring families to make drastic and unnecessary adjustments in the absence of available resources is as unfair as it is unreasonable. And denying them access to transportation is discriminatory.

Again, no one disputes the importance of safety or supervision. Contrary to Dr. Fanning's opinion, parents are generally quite concerned about these issues. We are also typically capable of making appropriate child care arrangements. For instance, we know that the needs and abilities of a 6-year-old and those of a 16-year-old are vastly different ... a distinction which has apparently eluded the entire Floyd County Board of Education.

Board members will be meeting again on Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the Betsy Layne Elementary School auditorium. Non-idiots and disgruntled parents are urged to attend.

Stacye McQueen  
Prestonsburg

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# Feeling blue: 'NYPD Blue' ends after 12 years

by LYNN ELBER  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Sure, the nudity was startling. But the proof that "NYPD Blue" would be a bold and unsettling new force on TV was police Detective Andy Sipowicz's snarled insult.

"Ips0 this, you pissy little —" he told an attorney spouting legalisms at him in the 1993 debut episode, emphasizing the b-word with a crotch-grabbing gesture.

"NYPD Blue" — which ends its 12-year run 10 p.m. EST March 1 — had no intention of being polite. Building on creator Steven Bochco's "Hill Street Blues," it was an in-your-face saga of cops whose lives were as troubled as the streets they protected.

The new drama went a step — a leap — beyond with frank sexuality that included bare skin and an emotionally raw, adult approach to life's complexities: Alcoholism, racism and more were part of the case-load along with crime.

As the show nears its end, it's clear "NYPD Blue" was able to shift boundary lines but not obliterate them. Another flash of skin — from Miss Super Bowl, Janet Jackson — has networks cowering under threat of federal indecency fines.

"We all thought television would stay shook up" after the success of "NYPD Blue," Bochco said. But in readying the new series "Blind Justice," which debuts March 8, he's

become acutely aware it hasn't. "Same time slot, same genre, same attention to grittiness and detail, and yet the battles I'm fighting with broadcast standards are totally retro, if you will," Bochco told The Associated Press.

While the social impact of "NYPD Blue" may be in question, its legacy as one of TV's outstanding dramas is secure.

With intense co-creator David Milch ("Deadwood") crafting scripts, "NYPD Blue" bored into the men and women of New York's 15th Precinct, especially Sipowicz. He was etched with brutish grace by Dennis Franz as the detective evolved from tortured soul to self-acceptance and became, as Bochco says, the heart of the series.

The flesh and blue language initially frightened off major advertisers and some ABC affiliates, who refused to air it. But viewers decided — surprise, surprise — that dramatic excellence counted for something and helped "NYPD Blue" trump timidity.

Landing in Nielsen's top 20 at the end of its first year, the program earned a best-actor Emmy for Franz for the first season and won a best drama series Emmy for the second.

Bochco wanted "to tell adult stories to adults in an adult manner," said Franz. "He wanted more tools to tell them with and asked for those liberties to be given him by ABC. They took a chance on us and it paid off."

With the initial shock worn

off, the show settled comfortably into its long run. (Milch left after seven seasons.) For its final season, it's ranked 49th in the ratings and is averaging 9.7 million viewers weekly — about half of its peak audience.

The buzz it generated through the years (besides conjecture on the tush-of-the-week) involved cast changes: David Caruso bolting to seek elusive movie stardom (and ending up back in another crime drama, "CSI: Miami") and the ensuing parade of partners for Sipowicz.

Jimmy Smits was on board from 1994 to '98, then received a protracted, 24-hanky send-off when his character became fatally ill. (Smits made a recent ghostly comeback to help a troubled Sipowicz.)

Two one-time kid actors joined the squad, with Rick Schroder ("Silver Spoons") followed by Mark-Paul Gosselaar ("Saved by the Bell"). "NYPD Blue" was so sturdy it absorbed the oddball casting and gave the newcomers a chance to shine.

Besides Franz, Gordon Clapp was the only other featured cast member on hand from the beginning, providing a welcome sense of continuity as schlubby Detective Greg Medavoy.

Compelling in their blemished individuality, the detectives stood for something larger.

"What I thought we always focused on was fleshing out the men and women who do police work for a living as having vulnerabilities, having flaws, having home lives, having losses, tragedies," Franz said. "I also

think we paid respects to the difficulty of police work and the effects the job can have on individuals," he said.

In the season so far, Sipowicz has assessed his life at midpoint and reluctantly made the jump up to sergeant and a desk job.

Is that where his journey, and the show, ends?

Bochco said "NYPD Blue" will conclude without a bang, and he means that literally: A contrived and melodramatic finale was quickly ruled out.

"You don't want a bomb to go off in the building," he said. "What we finally settled on was to try to end this show in a way that implies that the life of the precinct doesn't end. It's just that you don't get to visit it every week."

Franz, 60, is ready to try something new, maybe even a movie comedy. "I spent all my 50s here. I'm the most appreciative guy on earth for this opportunity. It was wonderful, but it's time to move on now."

As for the series' ultimate impact, Bochco suggests it may have helped fuel the backlash against changing cultural standards. The reaction was building, he said, with the 2004 Super Bowl just the tipping point.

"That said, in the long view, you just can't put the genie back in the bottle," he said. "It's not going to happen, notwithstanding the fact that broadcast television in these days has become an extremely conservative and frightened medium."

## Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

February came whimpering to a close for renters this week, with only one new film hitting the racks, though a fair amount of older films and television series were released to make up the difference.

"I Heart Huckabees" — Cult director David O. Russell ("Three Kings") is back with this comedy which frustrated film critics. It's a cerebral affair focusing on the existential angst of two men, played by Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Schwartzman, who are challenged by living in the 21st century. Not for all tastes but fans of the film should enjoy the two-disc edition which features 22 deleted scenes and a host of other extras.

"Class of Nuke'em High" — A boxed set containing all three sci-fi comedies in this Troma Films series which focuses on a high school that is within spitting distance of a nuclear power plant. The plant leads to all manner of trouble for the student body who are slowly mutating into all manner of critters while a beast roams the halls that is more dangerous than a creepy janitor. All this and a giant rodent is also on hand to chow down on students and teachers alike. This three-disc special edition offers all three films in the franchise and a ton of extras that include deleted scenes, interviews, bumper stickers and even a Troma Intelligence Test.

"Get Shorty" — A two disc special edition of the gangster comedy that featured John Travolta, hot off of his co-starring role in "Pulp Fiction," as a Miami gangster dying to get into the movie business. The film is adapted from Elmore Leonard's novel and features Danny DeVito as a diminutive actor/prima donna who always had to be in control. His character was reportedly based on Dustin Hoffman. Gene Hackman also shows up here as a hack producer and all but steals the film. Television fans will also enjoy appearances by stars who are currently starring in top-rated shows. Dennis Farina (a former Chicago cop) has a great bit as a loan shark/gangster whose vocabulary consists of words he can't use now on TV's "Law and Order," while "Sopranos" star James Gandolfini is also on board as a monosyllabic body-guard who is totally devoted to

his precocious daughter. Extras include a deleted scene with Ben Stiller as a director hired by Hackman to direct a low-budget horror movie. Fans may want to check this one out before the release of "Be Cool" in theaters next week. "Cool" is the sequel to "Get Shorty" which is, once again, based on a book by Leonard. Travolta returns in a bid to take over the music business, which pits him against the likes of Harvey Keitel (who plays himself briefly in the original film) and wrestler/action movie star The Rock.

"Heat" — Michael Mann's ("Collateral") 1995 heist melodrama gets the special edition treatment here. Extras include a mini-documentary on the real-life thief and cop whose stories inspired the film. There is also a featurette on the long road the film took to getting made as well as deleted scenes and a featurette on the legendary scene between Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino which occurs at the halfway point in the film and is the only scene the actors share despite having also starred in the "Godfather Part

Two."

"Strangers When We Meet" — DVD continues to dig up films that have fallen by the wayside and that is very true of this 1960s suburban melodrama. Kirk Douglas and Kim Novack star as neighbors who enter into an affair that shakes up their quiet neighborhood. Pretty good of its type with a screenplay by Evan Hunter (who also writes the "87th Precinct" mysteries under his pseudonym of Ed McBain). Walter Matthau is excellent here as a nosy neighbor who figures everything out and comedian Ernie Kovacs is also on hand in a rare dramatic turn as Douglas' confidante.

"The Shield: Season Three" — Michael Chiklis is back with his corrupt squad of cops in this breakout hit from the FX channel. These 13 episodes pack a big punch as the squad falls out over money they ripped off from the Armenian mob, while the

station's captain copes with a sexual assault which leaves him thirsting for revenge which could upset his chances for obtaining political power. Rough stuff here that would probably qualify for an R Rating theatrically.

"The Commish: Season 2" — Chiklis is back in this early 1990s cop drama but plays a totally different type of guy. Here he is well cast as a small town police commissioner who is devoted to his family and incorruptible. Look for Chiklis this summer in the big screen adaptation of Marvel Comics "The Fantastic Four." He will be featured as Ben Grimm, who mutates into The Thing and busts villains with his stony fists alongside Mr. Fantastic, The Invisible Woman and the Human Torch.

Next week look for more classics to hit DVD with the Howard Hawks farce "Bringing Up Baby" and the Disney classic "Bambi" landing on area shelves.

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# Obituaries

## Shane Eric Brown

Shane Eric Brown, 33, of Langley, died Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at the residence of a brother at Langley.

Born October 17, 1971, in Dayton, Ohio, he was the son of Janice Patton Jackson of West Liberty, and the late Mitchell Thomas Brown. He was an electrician for Blevins Electric.

Survivors include a daughter, Megan Messer of Langley; three brothers: Clarence Brown, and Heath Brown, both of Langley, and Mitchell Brown Jr., of Brandenburg; two sisters: Sherri Mullins of McDowell, and Tonya Howell of Vine Grove; his maternal grandmother, Norma Patton of Langley; the love of his life, Teresa Hagans of McDowell; sons at heart: Steven Conley, and Ryan Crager; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Harry Patton; and paternal grandparents, Clarence and Zola Brown.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 27, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jerry Manns, and Earl Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Brown Cemetery, at Turkey Creek, Langley, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is Friday, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## I.W. (Mac) McCormick

I.W. (Mac) McCormick, 82, of Lexington, formerly of Allen, died Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at his residence.

Born July 17, 1922, at Appomattox County, Virginia, he was the son of the late Leonard and Nora Stephens McCormick. He was a retired C&O railroad employee; a U.S. Army Veteran; a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273 F&AM, Prestonsburg; and a member of the Allen Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Proffitt McCormick.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Garrett of Lexington; a brother and sister-in-law, Otis and Lillie McCormick of Gladstone, Virginia; and a grandson, Darryl Garrett of Lexington.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in

death by a son, Michael (Mickey) McCormick; a brother, Oscar McCormick; and a sister, Elizabeth Woody.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 26, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is Friday, February 25, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Dr. Robert Marshall, Jimmy Ray Key, Jim Bill Frasure, Tony Childers, Dan Branson, Gene Davis, Delano May, and Greg Shepherd.

Honorary pallbearers: Leo Watts, Ramon Childers, Lloyd Crum, Mike Boyd, Archer D. Boyd, Richard Reynolds, and Kenneth Leslie. (Paid obituary)

## Jay Conley

Jay Conley, 90, of Garrett, died Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born August 8, 1914, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Tom and Lorraine Conley. He was a military and postal retiree, a U.S. Army, World War II and Vietnam veteran; a member of the Masonic Lodge in Eco, Alabama; and a member of the Garrett Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Reese Conley.

Survivors include two sons: Darrel Conley of Prestonsburg and James Douglas Conley of Lowmansville; a daughter, Helen Louise Conley of

Garrett; and two granddaughters: Tina Louise Woods, and Jennifer Dawn Nicole Ramey.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Claude Conley and Clarence Conley; a twin sister, Mae Conley and a great-granddaughter, Jasmine Renee.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 25, at 10 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

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## Russell Ray "Pug" Pack

Russell Ray "Pug" Pack, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, February 21, 2005, at the Riverview Health Care Center.

Born February 4, 1919, in Van Lear, he was the son of the late Rennie Pack and Angeline Webb Pack. He was a coal miner for Beth Elkhorn Coal Co., in Deane, a member of Van Lear Masonic Lodge No. 885, and attended the Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn Selvage Pack.

He is survived by his second wife, Gertrude Neeley Pack.

Other survivors include two sons, Anthony Erwin Pack of Van Lear, and John Michael Pack of Paintsville; two brothers: Duncan Pack of Dayton, Ohio, and Herman Pack of Wabash, Indiana; one sister, Dorothy June Meade of Winston Salem, North Carolina; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 24, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Harry Frisby officiating.

Interment was at Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

**Editor's note:** To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: [features@floyd-countytimes.com](mailto: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.

### 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.

### Retired Teachers Association to meet at Jenny Wiley lodge

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet March 3, at Jenny Wiley Lodge at 10 a.m.

SCS extension agent, Theresa Scott, will have a presentation on Colorectal Health.

### HRMC Comm. Calendar - March

Mar. 8 - Mended Hearts, Meeting Place A&B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 5-6 p.m.

Mar. 12 - Childbirth classes, Meeting Place A&B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg.

Mar. 15 - Senior Advantage, Meeting Place A&B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mar. 31 - Living Well with Diabetes, Meeting Place A&B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 5-6 p.m.

For more information, call 886-7424.

### Comm. Focus Group Session

To be held Tuesday, March 1, from 7-8 p.m., at BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus student center, room 203B. Purpose of forum is to allow community members to have input into the 2006-2010 Strategic Plan for the college. Information gathered will be used to help draft the new plan.

### 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.mtcomp.org](http://www.mtcomp.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.

### 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: [dohallparsons@charter.net](mailto:dohallparsons@charter.net).

### Belfry Class of 1970

Is planning a mini-reunion for May 28. Classmates will be responsible for their own meal. Reservations are required by May 1. Contact Nancy Varney Bryan by calling 433-9200 or 433-0820. You may also write to: P.O. Box 101, Pikeville, KY 41502 or email to: [nbryan@setel.com](mailto:nbryan@setel.com). It's been 35 years, classmates, let's have a little fun!

### 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.

### Basic Computer Training

To be taught by Ray Tackett at the Martin Community Center, located on Route 80, at Martin, on 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.

### 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.

### Age 55 or older?

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

### External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday, from 4:30-8:30. Contact Andy Jones at 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

### PARENTS!

Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

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 care-givers.

**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.

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

**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](mailto: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.

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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Crystal Hunter, 22, of Pikeville, to Azzie Hall Jr., 32, of Martin.  
 Teresa Case Collins, 30, of Pikeville, to Richard Holbrook, 30, of Warsaw, Ind.  
 Kierah Nicole Slone, 18, of Fort Campbell, Tenn., to James Brandon Jude, 22, of Sandusky, Ohio.  
 Dana Lee Stamper, 36, of Morehead, to James Michael Henderson, 32, of Prestonsburg.  
 Patricia N. Davis, 29, to David S. Bentley, 38, both of Langley.

## Civil Suits Filed

Ricky Smallwood vs. Deborah Smallwood; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Rodney Stepp vs. Amanda Stepp; divorce.  
 Remit Corporation vs. William and Amy Branham; complaint.  
 Bank One Delaware N.A., vs. Leshia Ison; complaint.  
 Kentucky Farm Bureau vs. Robert McAninch Jr. and the Liability Mutual Insurance; complaint.  
 Sandra Donohoe vs. Randy Donohoe; petition for health care insurance.  
 Samuel Howell vs. Brandie Howell; divorce.  
 Thelma Carter vs. Clyde Johnson and Kirk Law Firm; complaint.  
 James Porter and Leo Skaggs vs. David Daniel, Velocity Trucking, and Allstate Independent Company; complaint.  
 Karen Harris vs. Dwayne Harris; divorce.  
 Melissa Newsome vs. Hermit Newsome; divorce.  
 Dave Dean Jr. vs. AEP Coal; complaint.  
 Floyd County and the Kentucky Secretary of State vs. Carolyn Prater; complaint.  
 Debra Belville vs. Highlands Regional Medical Center; complaint.  
 Sharon Case vs. Loretta and Larry Hunter; petition to set aside deeds.  
 Christopher Robinson and

Randy Johnson vs. Curtis Roberts; complaint.

## Small Claims Filings

Jeremy Childers vs. Dennis Vanderpool; damages from an automobile accident.  
 Janice Davis vs. Big Sandy RECC and the Federal Rural Electric Insurance Exchange; property damages caused by power surges.  
 William Slone vs. Trena Flannery; delinquent car payments.  
 Janice Davis vs. Brian Chaffins; car repair damage.  
 Hattie Sturgill vs. Marvin Lee Jr.; damages from an automobile accident.

## Charges Filed

Linzie Goble, 22, Prestonsburg; harassment.  
 Melinda Rogers, 29, Harold; public intoxication.  
 Kevin J. Whitaker, 28, Hueysville; fourth-degree assault, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal trespass.  
 Dennis Whitehead, 46, McDowell; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.  
 Randy Michael Osborne, 48, McDowell; two counts of public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.  
 James Phillips, 36, Grethel; public intoxication.  
 Jessica Music, 22, Martin; public intoxication.  
 Jessica Tackett, 20, Harold; public intoxication.  
 Michael Phillips, 52, Pikeville; public intoxica-

tion.  
 Jennifer Addington Gibson, 29, Elkhorn City; second-degree hindering prosecution.  
 Little Joe Lester, 36, Ragland, W. Va.; theft of gas.  
 Timothy Jacobs, Jr., 37, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.  
 Robert Howard, 35, Salyersville; public intoxication.  
 Randall Carroll, 48, Harold; public intoxication.  
 Larry Mullett, 52, Prestonsburg; carrying a concealed deadly weapon, public intoxication.  
 William Horn, 45, Prestonsburg; violation of a emergency protective order.  
 Gerald Maynard, Jr., 39, Endicott; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, harassment.  
 Mark Yates, 23, Acworth, Ga.; second-degree criminal abuse.  
 Tammy Maggard, no age listed, Ivel; misdemeanor theft (checks).  
 Ronald C. Conley, no age listed, Elkhorn City; flagrant nonsupport.  
 Michael D. Brown, 29, Langley; disorderly conduct, public intoxication, second-degree criminal mischief, resisting arrest, third-degree assault of a police officer, third-degree terroristic threatening, menacing.  
 Rick Bunch, no age listed, Pikeville; flagrant nonsupport.

## Inspections

Save A Lot, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Walk-in refrigerator door in disrepair, restroom doors not self-closing, floor tile in disrepair, ceilings in disrepair, walk-in freezer light in disrepair, clothing items observed on the floor.

Score: 93.  
 Meade's Stop and Go, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items observed stored on the floor, proper hair restraints not in use, single service articles stored on floor, restroom door not self-closing, light in walk-in not properly shielded. Score: Food 96, Retail 97.  
 Speedway, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not located in all freezer and refrigerator units, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use unrestricted, lights in walk-in not properly shielded, cleaning equipment improperly stored, lights in walk-in not properly shielded. Score: Food 92, Retail 98.  
 McDonald's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use unrestricted, work gloves stored on shelf with food items. Score: 94.  
 Allen Double Kwik, U.S. 23, follow-up inspection. all critical items corrected, all but one non-critical item corrected. Score: 99.  
 Hot Rod Pizza, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided

for all refrigerator and freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface in need of repair, floor tiles in disrepair. Score: 93.  
 Skeans Marathon, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Sandwich display refrigerator not holding food at required temperature, thermometers not provided in all fridge and freezer units, potentially hazardous food stored at room temperature, leak noted at three-compartment sink, no towels at hand wash sink, toxic items improperly stored (cleaning agents should be stored separate from food), mop stored on floor. Score: Food 83, Retail 97. Follow-up required.  
 Redi Mart, Lackey, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Potentially hazardous foods held at lower than required temperatures, leak at three-compartment sink, restroom doors not self-closing, ceilings in disrepair, floor tile in disrepair, lights in food prep area improperly shielded, clothing items stored in food prep area. Score: Food 84, Retail 95. Violations must be corrected in 10 days, follow-up required.

## Property Transfers

Joan O. Blackburn to Gregory D. Hall, proper located at Otter Creek.  
 Kathleen Keithman to Nora P. Martin, property located at Left Beaver.  
 Ronald Spurlock to Roy and Violet Spurlock, property location undisclosed.  
 John and Angela Walters, Jennifer Walters to Ashland and Linda Gearheart, property located at the Richmond subdivision.  
 Ruby A. Deskins to Jerry Lee and Annette Deskins, property located at Mare Creek.  
 Darlene and Richard Collins to Jonas Hamilton, property located at McDowell.  
 Diane and Don Holbrook to Vina Crider, property location undisclosed.  
 Samuel D. Stephens to William and Patricia Burke, property located in West Prestonsburg.  
 Phillip and Christine Simpson to Crystal Lawson, property located in Prestonsburg.  
 Catherine and Benjamin Akers to Marty Johnson, property located at Left Beaver.  
 Glenn C. Patrick to Danny and Sharon Stumbo, property located at Martin.

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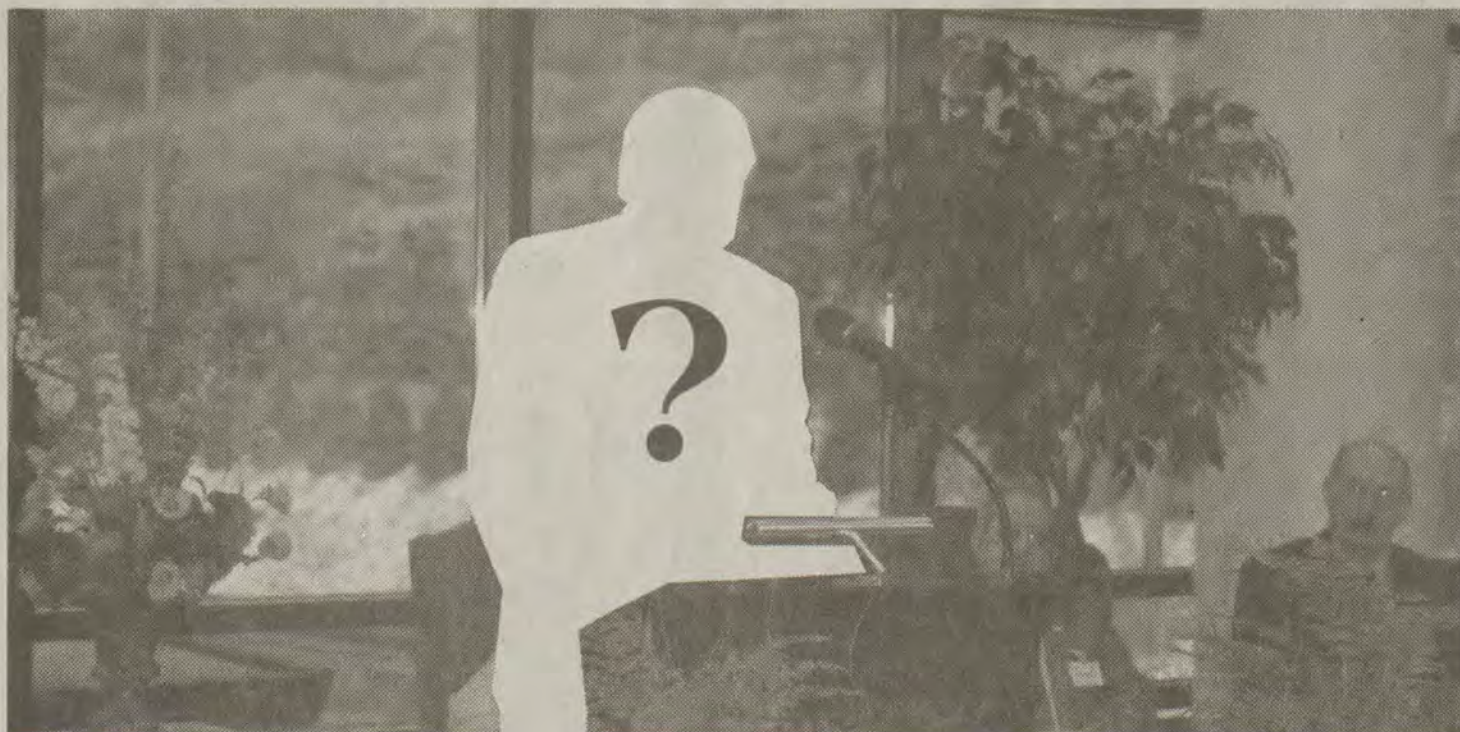
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## Outgoing judge hopes replacement will live in Eastern Kentucky

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — U.S. District Judge Karl Forester said at least seven lawyers are interested in filling his seat when it opens in May.

Forester, the chief judge for Kentucky's eastern district, said he will take senior, or part-time, status on his 65th birthday, May 2.

Currently, no federal judge lives in the eastern Kentucky mountain region. Forester, a Harlan native who lives in Lexington, said the opening will be based in Pikeville and the next judge should consider living there.

"Of course, it goes without saying that it would be excellent to have somebody who would commit to staying in Pikeville," Forester said. "That's what we

active judges hope will happen."

Four of the six judges in the Eastern District now live in Lexington.

"It's time for a local person," said Pikeville lawyer Larry Webster, a former Republican nominee for lieutenant governor.

Forester identified a list of possible candidates:

Edward B. Atkins, 42, of Pikeville; First Assistant U.S. Attorney Frances E. Catron, 45, of Frankfort; Mark David Goss, 45, of Harlan; Assistant U.S. Attorney Martin Hatfield, 46, of Somerset; Family Court Judge John David Preston, 54, of Paintsville; Marco M. Rajkovich Jr., 49, of Lexington; and U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove of Lexington.

"These are the names I've heard," Forester said. Most of

them listed Forester as a reference, he said.

Forester was appointed to the federal bench in Pikeville in 1988 after another federal judge from Harlan, G. Wix Unthank, suffered a stroke. Two weeks later, Judge Scott Reed stepped down from the federal bench in Lexington, and Forester took his place.

Those on Forester's list declined to comment on the opening seat.

U.S. Sens. Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning have scheduled interviews with applicants in Lexington on Monday. Bunning and McConnell will recommend candidates to the Senate Judiciary Committee before they are voted on by the U.S. Senate.

Bunning and McConnell also declined comment.

## Police finally arrest frequent fleeing suspect

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Billy J. Shepherd, 32, of Hager Hill, is set for a preliminary hearing Monday in district court for various offenses that resulted in two warrants already being issued on him before he was finally arrested Wednesday for his latest brush with the law.

Shepherd had violated the terms of his probation when he allegedly piloted a vehicle that was fleeing from the police in January. His brother Thomas was a passenger in the car and was subsequently arrested when the pair split up and Thomas was found hiding in a garage by its owner, who sum-

moned police to his residence.

Shepherd was arrested that evening for the chase as well as his alleged involvement in a meth lab a month earlier. Shepherd allegedly fled arrest for that charge, too, when the Kentucky State Police officer who was set to arrest him collapsed after being exposed to fumes from the meth-related materials he had in the vehicle.

Billy Shepherd remained at large for that case and a previous one from last Christmas Eve when he managed to escape from Martin Police Officer Steve Montgomery.

Shepherd could not outrun authorities on Wednesday when they arrested him for

reckless driving, having no tail lights, operating on a suspended license and disregarding a traffic light.

Shepherd was being held in the Floyd County Detention Center when Martin Police arrested him for the December offense. Officer Montgomery was able to charge Shepherd at the detention center for his Christmas Eve offenses, which added up to wanton endangerment, assault of a police officer, fleeing police and resisting arrest.

Shepherd's criminal history goes back to 1992 and includes several charges of drug possession, resisting arrest and theft. He is being held on a \$5,000 cash bond.

## House passes plan aimed at helping faith-based and nonprofit organizations

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky House passed a measure Wednesday aimed at helping faith-based and nonprofit organizations in the state secure federal funding.

"This is an effort to bring money into the state to organizations that are deserving," said Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville.

The measure cleared on a 92-2 vote. Riner, the bill's sponsor, said the office would help such organizations get the expertise needed to land some federal grant money. The new agency would be set up specifically within the governor's office under the proposal and serve as a central information clearinghouse for nonprofit organizations.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-

Lexington, said the plan created another level of bureaucracy within state government. Stein, who voted against the plan, said it was "irresponsible" and duplicated services already available to nonprofit organizations.

"This bill will not bring extra faith-based money from Washington," Stein said.

The measure heads to the Senate for consideration.

## Woman charged with lying to police

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — An Elkhorn City resident is facing charges after she allegedly lied to police.

Jennifer Addington Gibson, 29, is accused of second-degree

hindering prosecution.

The charge came about after Floyd County sheriff's deputies arrived at a Wheelwright residence in search of Michael D. Crager.

Deputy Keith Prater said in the citation that Gibson told him and Sgt. Gary Tackett that

Crager was not in the residence.

They both later exited the residence, the citation says, and Gibson then changed her story.

She is scheduled for arraignment in district court on March 8. She posted a \$200 cash bond following her arrest.

### Martin

Council members reported that 10 to 15 cars are sometimes parked along the street during the day, which makes the transfer of dirt from the blasting site all the more dangerous for local drivers.

"It's an accident waiting to happen," council member Charles Justice said.

The city placed several warning signs along the street, reminding drivers that Main Street is now a tow-away zone, but enforcing the rule is another challenge.

Martin Police Chief James Slone said that he has been issuing "courtesy notices" to drivers who violate the policy.

"We were trying to give everybody time to get used to it," he said.

During a meeting Tuesday, the council voted to amend a resolution in the city's policy concerning parking along those Main Street businesses. The current policy does not specify a specific length of time each week that the road will be closed to parking.

Council members voted to amend the policy, labeling the street as a no parking zone between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. from Monday to Saturday.

Courtesy notices previously handed out to those violating the policy will be replaced by mandatory fines, the council decided.

Currently, the city has no parking fine limits categorized in its legal code. City attorney Stacy Marshall recommended that the council compare and assign fine amounts based on similar fines assigned in other city precincts.

The council accepted his recommendation.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineer representatives Mike Maynard and Richard Thomas gave updates on the city's reconstruction during the meeting.

Maynard said that the hillside excavation project is "probably" ahead of schedule.

So far, Maynard said, workers have completed approximately 10 percent of the excavation, which is at least 4 percent

ahead of the proposed excavation schedule.

Maynard said 15 to 16 trucks are moving, at best, 4,000 cubic yards of dirt each day.

The excavation is expected to be completed in March 2007.

During the meeting, the council also authorized the purchase a new or used vehicle, up to \$20,000, for the city's police department.

Additionally, they amended a resolution in the city's personnel policy to specify sick day allotments for city employees. The policy now reflects that city employees will receive one day paid sick leave per month, but that day will not be accrued until after the last day of the month.

Council member Mike Robinson opposed the amendment and council member Mahandra Varia abstained from voting because he said he could not understand what council members were trying to do with the policy.

Council member Mark Judd was not present during the meeting.

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### Judge

Appalred has assisted indigent individuals in 37 Eastern Kentucky counties for 35 years. When the program began, and particularly during the 1980s, funds were available to support a staff of 48 attorneys. Over the years, however, the amount of money available to Appalred has been "constantly reduced," Snyder said. The organization now employs only 27 attorneys.

The decrease in available services led to the development of the pro bono program, in which private attorneys provide legal services to indigent individuals at free or reduced prices.

The pro bono program is backed by the American Bar Association and the Kentucky Bar Association. Both organizations have "aspirational goals" that each attorney provide at least 50 pro bono hours annually to assist indigent individuals.

Attorneys routinely fall under the mark, Snyder said.

In Kentucky, only 14 percent of private attorneys participate. In Floyd County, home to 110 practicing attorneys, the numbers are lower.

Snyder said that less than 10 percent of private attorneys in Floyd County provide pro bono services.

"What that means is that all the indigent people who used to have access to legal services now do not have that opportunity," Snyder said. "There are still hundreds of

people who need legal services because Appalred can't provide attorneys and private attorneys are not willing to step up to the plate. These people are essentially locked out of the courthouse."

To saddle the problem, Paxton agreed to teach a continuing legal education class, free of charge, to attorneys who pick up at least one pro bono case this year.

"If attorneys are willing to accept just one lousy case in 2005, it wouldn't solve the entire problem, but it would alleviate some of it," Snyder said.

Snyder said local attorneys who don't participate in the program claim that they can't argue cases in family court because they don't understand family court laws. Many of them haven't practiced family law in years.

In an effort to address those obstacles, Judge Paxton will focus the class on various aspects of the family court system. Topics that will be covered during the seminar include Kentucky Revised Statutes, family law overview, Floyd County Family Court rules, compliance check list and the rules time line.

Each participating attorney will receive a manual detailing this information and a CD packed with all necessary family law forms.

The class fulfills ethics requirements and other requirements recognized in the mandatory continuing legal statute. An

additional bonus affiliated with the program, Snyder said, is that attending attorneys will not only get information about family court law, they will get it directly from the family court judge, so they'll know exactly how Paxton expects things to be done in her courtroom.

Snyder says attorneys who are hesitant to serve their "moral obligation" to the community should also realize that most pro bono cases aren't as complicated as other cases heard in family court. Most indigent Eastern Kentucky residents don't have long lists of property or other belongings that need to be appraised, he said. The major complication in these cases usually concern the placement of children, and, according to him, that issue is usually less complicated.

"The gist of it is that our legal system is premised upon a free, open exchange of problems, ideas and arguments in order for a judge to make a decision," Snyder said. "When one segment of our population does not have access, they cannot provide the court with their side of the issue. That is a disservice to our system ... If poor people can't do that, then justice isn't served."

The class will take place on March 18, at the Floyd County Justice Center. It begins at 9 a.m. and is expected to last until noon.

Similar classes will be held throughout Eastern Kentucky.

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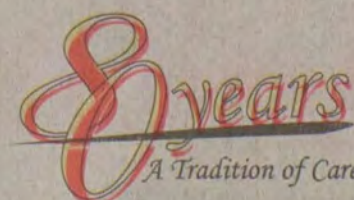
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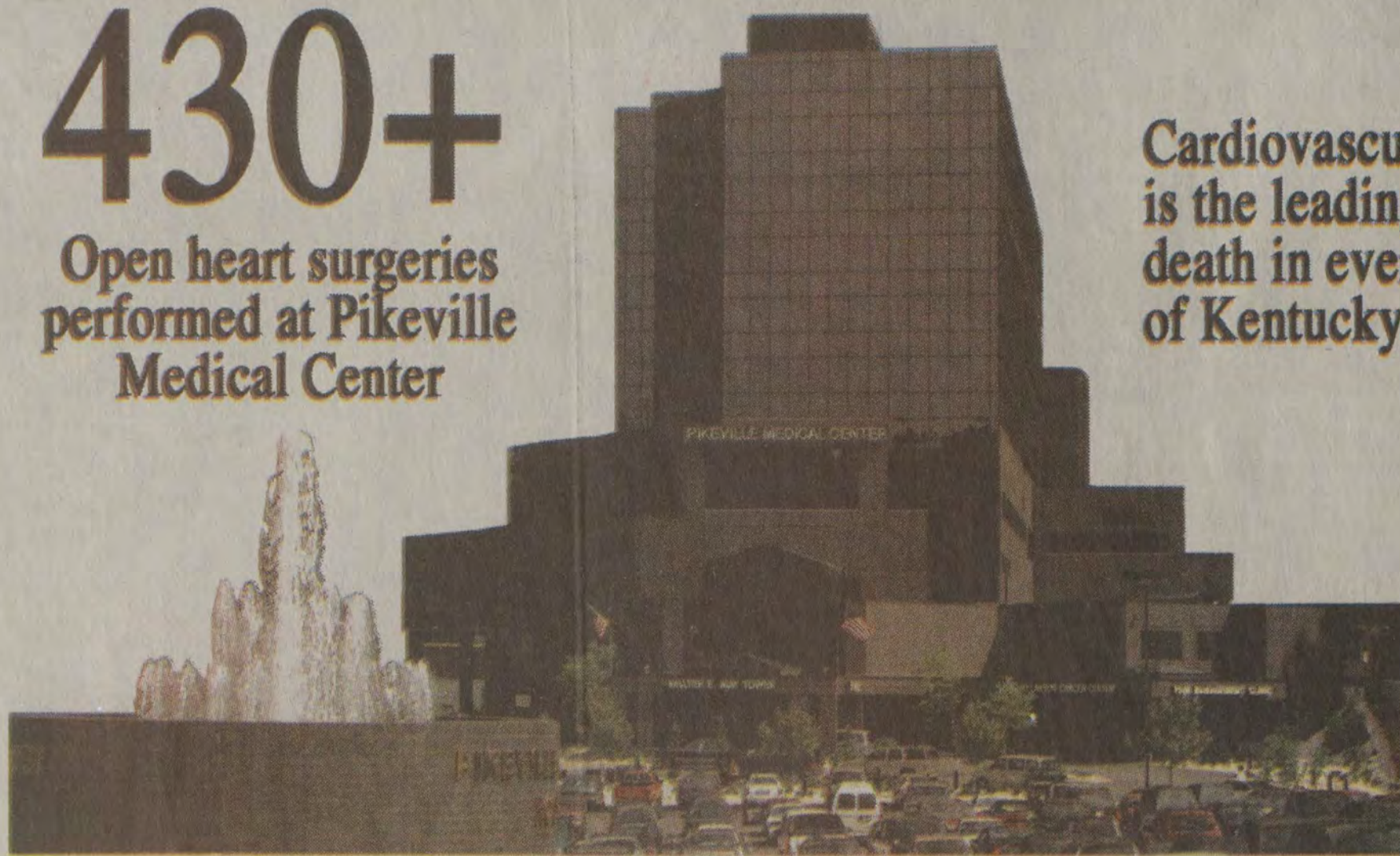
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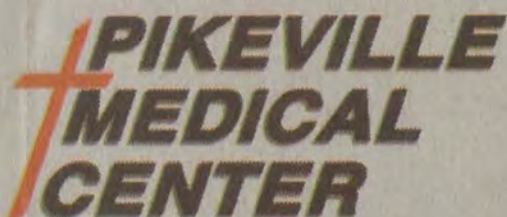
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## Michaels painted lasting picture

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

I don't know about you, but I have a difficult time remembering what I had for lunch yesterday. I can't really remember off the top of my head who qualified for baseball's playoffs last October, the score of last week's Bears game or the name of the guy I met five minutes ago.



Rick Bentley

But I tell you something I can remember: Feb. 22, 1980.

Twenty-five winters ago, a town I'd never heard of was permanently burned into my mind by a sport I rarely follow and a game I'll never forget.

A quarter of a century has gone by since the hockey game was played that will forever be known as the Miracle on Ice. It made famous names like Herb Brooks, Mike Eruzione and Jim Craig, and made infamous a man named Al Michaels, then a relative unknown but now considered the top sports announcer of all time.

In fact, it is my belief that it is Michaels and not Jack O'Callahan or Mark Johnson that made this hockey game something we still consider a turning point in our country's history.

In 1980, the US wasn't as cock-sure as it once or is today. Inflation was through the roof, Americans were being held hostage in Iran and gas was as valuable (and nearly as costly) as gold.

It wasn't exactly a stellar time in our nation's history.

And it wasn't a time of glory in the sports world, either. Magic Johnson and Larry Bird had not yet begun to turn the NBA into a front-page league. ERA's and batting averages were very low in baseball and boxing had lost its most famous face, Mohammad Ali.

It was hardly a time for us to walk around with our chests puffed out.

And rest assured the hopes of our country didn't rest on 20 young hockey players as the Lake Placid Olympiad began. Three days before the start of the games, the US was blasted by the Soviets 10-3. Most figured they would finish middle of the pack in the qualifying round and the Russians would take the gold for the fifth straight Games.

That's how Michaels got this assignment to start with. Had he been the marquee announcer he is today, he'd have assisted Jim McKay as host or been rink-side for figure skating. No, Michaels was little-known on the national landscape when the world turned to Lake Placid, best known as a decent baseball broadcaster and then mostly on the radio.

But when the flame was doused two weeks later in the tiny New York town, hockey of all things was knocking hostesses and presidential candidates off the front page, and Michaels was on his way to the upper echelon of broadcasting legends.

I've been asked a couple of times this week why this is such a big deal that ESPN has devoted several hours to recalling it. I've tried to explain the impact it had on our society at large, not limiting it to just a sports story, and, for the most

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## Lykens named to AAC All-Freshman Team

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Alice Lloyd College true freshman Whitney Lykens has been named to the Appalachian Athletic Conference All-Freshman Team. Lykens, a graduate of Betsy Layne High School, quickly established herself as a strong contributor for the Alice Lloyd women's basketball team this past season, earning a starting position and

adjusting quickly to the college game. Lykens made a smooth transition from high school to college basketball and earned the respect of opposing coaches and teams.

Rhonda Adams (Johnson Central), Devon Reynolds (Betsy Layne), Shannon Sizemore (Allen Central) and Belicia Mullins were all named to the AAC All-Academic Team.

On the men's side, Alice Lloyd's K.J. Waterman was named to the

AAC All-Freshman Team.

The Alice Lloyd student-athletes were presented their awards during a conference banquet held Tuesday evening prior to the start of the AAC post-season.

Both the AAC men's and women's basketball tournaments got underway Wednesday at King College. Both Alice Lloyd College teams lost in the

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WHITNEY LYKENS

## Blackcats KO Paintsville



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Kyle Ousley pulled up for a shot over Paintsville's Shane Grimm. Ousley came in off of the bench and scored six points for the Blackcats.

## P'burg overcomes slow start, turns back Tigers

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Playing in front of what was thus far the largest crowd of the regular-season Tuesday night, host Prestonsburg didn't disappoint its fans. A large portion of the crowd was the Prestonsburg High School student body. All in attendance saw the Blackcats defend their home floor and beat rival Paintsville 68-53. Prestonsburg won the game, despite a slow start that saw Paintsville enjoy a near double-digit lead as early as in the first quarter.

The inside game of Prestonsburg punished Paintsville. Everyone knew rebounding would be key in the 15th Region battle. And it was. Prestonsburg senior center John Mark Stephens and senior forward Jesse Chaffin led the way for the Blackcats with 13 points apiece. Stephens also hauled in 10

rebounds. Kyle Ousley and Lewis Barnett, both of whom came in off of the Blackcat bench, also added pop inside, scoring six points apiece.

The Prestonsburg bench accounted for 25 of the team's points. Brooks Herrick was three-of-seven from beyond the arc and added nine points for the Blackcats. Junior starting guard Michael Stephens added eight points.

Prestonsburg, a team that has struggled shooting free throws for most of the season, connected on 13 of 17 tries in the win over Paintsville.

Early on, despite a rough start from leading scorer Landon Slone, Paintsville jumped out in front and led 15-8 at the end of the first quarter. Slone, a freshman who came to Paintsville from Mountain Christian Academy, was held to just one point in the opening quarter. He ultimately missed his first

six shots from the floor before warming up to the Prestonsburg goals.

Paintsville freshmen J.D. VanHoose and Shane Grimm each connected on a three-pointer in the first quarter and combined for 11 first-quarter points.

The Tigers extended their lead in the second quarter, before Prestonsburg got going late and took a 24-22 lead into the halftime break.

Slone's slow start was quickly erased in the second half. One of the state's most talked about players, Slone helped Paintsville stay close in the second half. He finished with a game-high 22 points. But VanHoose and Grimm were each held to two points in the second half. VanHoose went into halftime with a team-high 10 points.

Prestonsburg outscored

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## Bobcats clip Sheldon Clark Simon scores 23, leads Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BLACKLOG – Betsy Layne took a 14-point lead into halftime Tuesday night

on the road at Sheldon Clark and eventually won by the same margin, beating the host Sheldon Clark Cardinals 68-54.

Senior Preston Simon shot nine-for-10 from the free throw line and hit a pair of three-point field goals on his way to a game-high 23 points for the visiting Bobcats.

Betsy Layne led 24-10 at the end of the first quarter and kept a distance between itself and the host team for the remaining three quarters.

The win was Betsy Layne's fourth straight.

The Bobcats got in a nice, even offensive flow early on during the win over Sheldon Clark (6-17). Betsy Layne hit its shots and attacked the Sheldon Clark defense.

"We shot the ball well and moved the ball against their zone as well as we have all year," said Betsy Layne

Coach Brent Rose. "Our team seems to be gaining confidence each game. I think our kids expect to win right now and they have bought into playing defense and rebounding as the formula for success."

Betsy Layne (15-9) got to the free throw line 25 times and hit 17 of its attempts. The Bobcats hit four three-pointers. Like Simon, junior guard Brandon Thacker also connected on a pair of three-pointers.

Brandon Kidd added 12 points for the Bobcats, while Thacker scored 11 and Nathan Lafferty flipped in eight. Pat Stapleton tossed in six points, while Derek Case, back from an injury, and Trai Witt, both scored four apiece.

Betsy Layne led 35-22 at halftime. Sheldon Clark cut into the Betsy Layne lead in the third quarter and trailed by 11 points to start the final quarter. But the

(See BOBCATS, page two)



Preston Simon



Brandon Thacker

## Kinzer Motorsports team returns from Fla. Speedweeks

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – The familiar purple Brandon Kinzer Motorsports hauler returned home to Floyd County this week from Florida Dirt Late Model Speedweeks at Volusia County Speedway. For the Kinzer team, the six days of racing started on Sunday, Feb. 14 and ended Saturday, Feb. 19. All events were sanctioned by either the

World of Outlaws Late Model Series or U.M.P. (United Midwest Promoters).

Kinzer's qualifying attempts were stellar throughout the week in the Barry Wright Dodge, posting times good enough for the following positions; 15th, 12th, 4th, 8th, 2nd, and 14th.

However, quality finishes were hard to come by, due either to the track surface or some racing luck that just

wasn't there. Brandon Kinzer and his team posted finishes of 23rd, 20th, and 12th.

"We have had the typical Brandon Kinzer luck down here in Florida," said Kinzer. "On Thursday night, we were running in the transfer spot in the consolation race and a tire went flat, ruining our chances for a good finish. Things like that have held us back all

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Cleveland, Tenn., SAS/ \$5,000  
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- Note: Race dates are subject to change.  
More dates may also be added.



South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac presented senior Tab Trammell with a game ball, commemorating her reaching the 1,000-point milestone. Trammell was honored Wednesday night when South Floyd hosted Cordia.



## Bentley

part, failed.  
I think the best example I've given, or at least the one that got the reaction I was looking for, was when I told someone that the enormity of the upset was so significant that it would be the equal of South Floyd beating UK in basketball. It just wasn't supposed to happen.

But that's not why it's recalled so lovingly 25 years later, or why Hollywood made one of the best sports movies of all time about it.

Make no mistake, without the players and more specifically Coach Herb Brooks this would not have been a story. Had this team played up to its collective talent, it would have probably gone 3-2 or 2-3 in the qualifying round and went home early.

But Brooks wouldn't allow that to happen and sent that message nearly a year before the team arrived in Lake Placid. He had a vision, the perfect game plan, and knew what it

would take to topple the mighty Soviets. And it all began with conditioning.

Brooks skated these young men into the ground during the summer and fall of 1979, fulfilling his promise that the Americans may not be the best team in Lake Placid but it would be the one in the best shape.

And he instilled in them the belief that he knew how to beat the Russians. The key, he said, was not to simply defend them, but to attack them with their own game.

Brooks burned with intensity because of his own Olympic experience. The truth is his desire to coach the Olympic team was born in 1960. That year, he was the leading scorer on the US team throughout its pre-Olympic schedule, but only days before the Games began, he was the last player cut from the squad.

He then sat at home with his father and watched his teammates win the gold medal.

A generation later, he fulfilled

his dream by leading an improbable team to the medal round and then pulling off a 4-3 win over the hated Russians. The cherry on top came two days later when they knocked off Finland to win the gold medal.

It's what the Olympics are all about ... and we haven't even mentioned the revenge factor from the 1972 men's basketball tournament when the Russians got three chances and finally handed the Americans their first loss in Olympic history.

All of that is well and good, but none of it is why the event is cherished 25 years later.

That reason is simple: It is Al Michaels. No, he never donned a skate, never scored a goal or suffered the torture of a drill the players call simply "a Herbie." But it was his work behind the microphone that made this the top sporting event of the 20th century, and thus, of all time.

Michaels opened the broadcast with this quote: "Most of the people crammed in here don't know the difference between a blue line and a clothesline: It's irrelevant." And he was right.

That line set the tone for perhaps the perfect broadcast, with Michaels overcoming his limited experience with the sport with tons of homework that he displayed easily over the course of the evening.

He expressed the disappointment of the Soviets' first goal, the excitement that came when Johnson tied the game with one second left in the first period. And after Eruzione gave the US the lead with 10 minutes remaining, Michaels built the telecast to its ultimate crescendo, which came as the final seconds ticked away.

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## Kinzer

week."

The No. 18 team will take a couple of weeks off and return to action at Cherokee Speedway, in Gaffney, SC, March 5-6 for a Southern Allstars \$10,000-to-win event. Following the race at Cherokee

Speedway, the team will travel to Volunteer Speedway in Bull's Gap, Tenn. for a \$5,000-to-win show on March 12.

For more information on the No. 18 Tim Short Automotive, Kinzer Drilling, Barry Wright Racecars, Ranger Contracting,

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## Bobcats

Bobcats closed the deal, handing Sheldon Clark its seventh straight loss.

Brandon May led Sheldon Clark with 18 points. Jeremy Preece also reached double figures with 13 points. Freshman point guard Jaryd Crum and Seven Howell just missed double figures as each scored nine points. Damien Hensley and Shawn Johnson finished with three and two points, respectively.

Sheldon Clark hasn't won since Jan. 27 when it beat 15th Region favorite Shelby Valley

in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic. That game, played at Pikeville, proved Sheldon Clark has a talented team capable of knocking off any opposing 15th Region squad.

The Cardinals, coached by J.R. Hammonds, rode a seven-game losing streak that dates back to the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic into Phelps last night for a regular-season finale against the host Hornets.

Betsy Layne will be back in

action tonight. The Bobcats will go on the road to Pikeville tonight for what is a regular-season finale for both teams.

### BETSY LAYNE 68, SHELDON CLARK 54

BETSY LAYNE (15-9) - Simon 23, Stapleton 6, Thacker 11, Lafferty 8, Case 4, Kidd 12, Witt 14.

SHELDON CLARK (6-17) - May 18, Preece 13, Crum 9, Hensley 3, Johnson 2, Howell 9. Betsy Layne.....24 11 13 20-68 Sheldon Clark.....10 12 15 17-54

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# ATHLETES

## OF THE WEEK



Brandon Thacker, Betsy Layne High School Boys' Basketball



Tab Trammell, South Floyd High School Girls' Basketball

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## Lykens

opening round. In the women's tournament, Tennessee Wesleyan beat Alice Lloyd 87-54. In the men's tournament, in a game that went into overtime, Covenant outlasted Alice Lloyd, winning 88-81.

The Appalachian Athletic Conference is a 12-member conference sanctioned by the

NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics). The AAC, which includes schools from the states of Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, participates in Division II in men's and women's basketball. The AAC sponsors six men's and women's sports

Member schools include Alice Lloyd College, Bluefield College, Brevard College, Bryan College, Covenant College, King College, Milligan College, Montreat College, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Union College, The University of Virginia at Wise and Virginia Intermont College.

## Blackcats

Paintsville 23-17 in the third quarter and 21-14 in the final period.

Sub-par free-throw shooting didn't help Paintsville's cause. The Tigers finished 18-for-38 from the stripe. Slone was nine-for-14 and VanHoose five-for-eight.

Nine different Prestonsburg players scored in the winning effort. All had four or more points.

Senior guard Trevor Compton added five points for

the Blackcats. Sean Leslie and Joe Blackburn each had four.

Paintsville is scheduled to conclude regular-season play tonight at home against visiting Tug Valley, W.Va.

Tuesday's contest against Paintsville began for Prestonsburg a three-game home set that will end tonight with a regular-season concluding game against Belfry. The Blackcats played host to Magoffin County on Wednesday night. More on that game

appears inside today's edition.

### PRESTONSBURG 68, PAINTSVILLE 53

PAINTSVILLE (12-12) - Slone 22, Grimm 7, Williams 5, VanHoose 12, Hensley 5, Keaton 2.

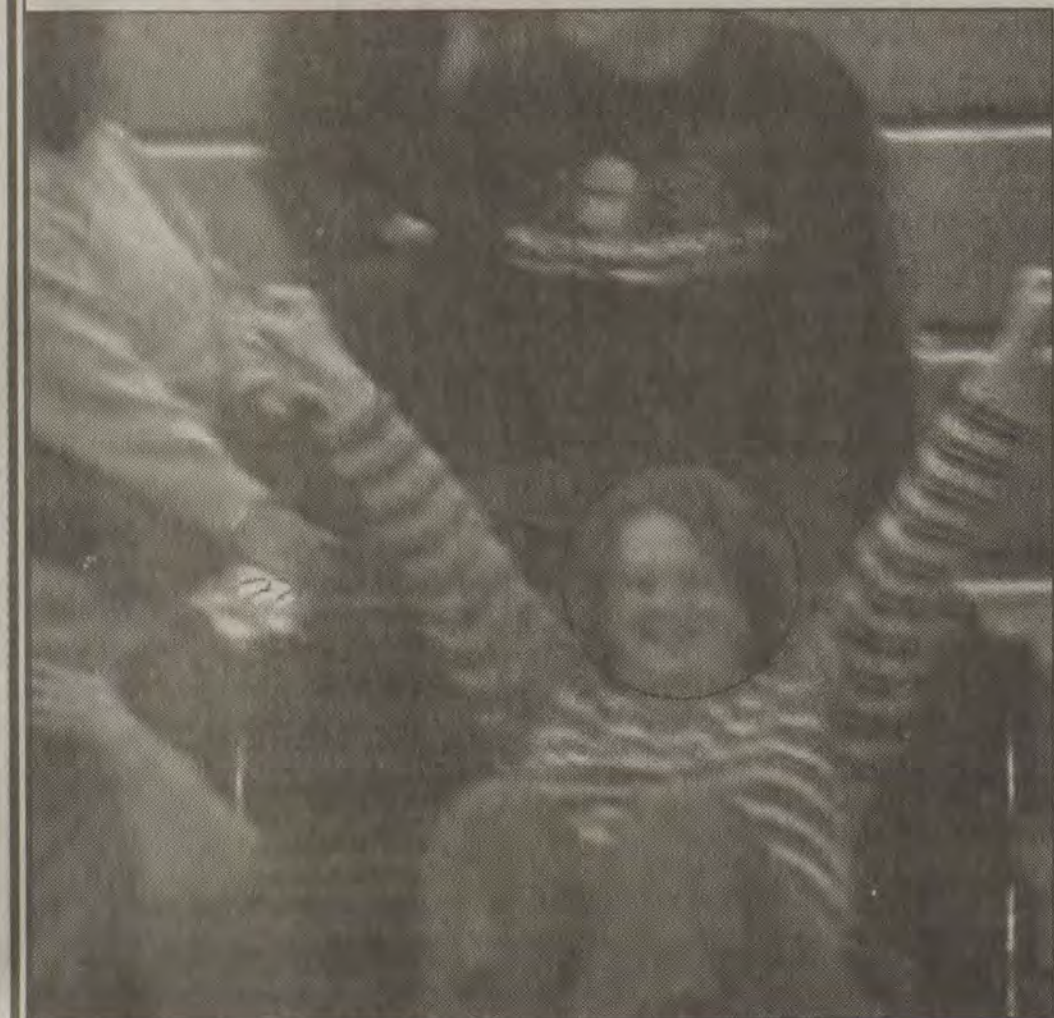
PRESTONSBURG (14-9) - Herrick 9, M. Stephens 8, Ousley 6, Chaffin 13, Barnett 6, Compton 5, Blackburn 4, Leslie 4, J. M. Stephens 13. Paintsville.....15 7 17 14-53 Prestonsburg.....8 16 23 21-68

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McDowell's boy's varsity cheerleaders won first place in the Floyd County C-Team Tournament held recently at John M. Stumbo Elementary.



Allen Central High School held its 32nd Basketball Homecoming on Saturday, Feb. 12. Amanda Varia Tackett was crowned Queen by Brittany Bailey, 2004 Basketball Homecoming Queen. Britta Deneene Fraley was presented a trophy and flowers as first runner-up. Pictured from left to right, seated: Kayla Moore, Britta Fraley, Amanda Tackett, Kortney Osborne, and Kayla Crace. Standing: Megan Adams, Ashley Madden, Whitney Slone, Aleshia Hall, and Courtney Hall.



# Johnson Central 74, Belfry 69

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Playing at home Tuesday night, on Senior Night, no less, Johnson Central came through in the clutch. The Golden Eagles, playing host to Belfry, arguably one of the 15th Region's top boys' basketball teams, put together a late rally and sent the Pirates away with a loss. Johnson Central outscored Belfry 21-15 in the final quarter and beat the Pirates 74-69.

For Belfry, Tuesday night's loss snapped a three-game winning streak.

Johnson Central senior big-man Josh Stapleton had a double-double effort of 11 points and 11 rebounds, Stapleton also dished out a team-high five assists.

Senior point guard Nick Music added 15 points, four rebounds and three assists for the host Golden Eagles.

Kyle Rice led Johnson Central in scoring with 19 points. Since returning from an injury, Rice has fit in particularly well with a Johnson Central team that looks to make it back into the post-season following a first-round loss to Magoffin County last season in the 57th District Tournament.

Rice and senior Tony Hatfield shared team-high

rebounding honors with six rebounds apiece. Sophomore Jamie McCarty added 14 points and five rebounds as the Golden Eagles got back on the winning track. Hatfield also had nine points and three assists for Johnson Central.

Johnson Central Coach Les Trimble was pleased to see his team get back on the winning track following a 12-point loss to rival Paintsville. In the end, Johnson Central just out-matched the strong, physical Belfry team.

"We're very happy the way our kids bounced back after the loss," said Trimble. "We shared the ball well and the decisions we made down the stretch won the game for us. Kyle (Rice) and (Josh) Red (Stapleton) dominated in the paint – they both had big games. They are a very good rebounding team on both ends of the floor. We challenged our kids to keep them off the offensive boards and they did. That was the difference. We limited their second chance opportunities in the second half.

Belfry led 34-29 at halftime. In the second half, Johnson Central held the advantage. The Pirates took a slim 54-53 lead into third quarter. But things ultimately looked up for the host team. Johnson Central got a

boost in the third quarter from some key free-throw shooting.

Tyler Whitaker and Jesse Meek rounded out the Johnson Central scoring with four and two points, respectively.

Senior Doug Howard, a student-athlete who recently announced that he would attend nearby Pikeville College and play football for the Bears, led Belfry with a game-high 24 points. Matt Maynard scored 14 for the Pirates and David Jones, a University of Kentucky football signee, added 10.

Both Belfry (15-7) and Johnson Central (16-8) will play in final regular-season games tonight. Johnson Central is scheduled to play at home tonight against defending 15th Region champion East Ridge.

Belfry will be on the road tonight at Prestonsburg. Tip-off for both games is set for 7:30.

## JOHNSON CENTRAL 74, BELFRY 69

BELFRY (15-7) – Howard 24, Jones 10, Maynard 14, Wicker 4, Young 6, Case 5, Warren 6.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (16-8) – Whitaker 4, McCarty 14, Stapleton 11, Hatfield 9, Music 15, Meek 2, Rice 19.

Belfry.....13 21 20 15-69  
Johnson Central.....13 16 24 21-74

# Pikeville dismantles Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Host Pikeville took Allen Central out of everything it wanted to do offensively Tuesday night and cruised to an 81-41 win over the Rebels.

Pikeville raced out to an early advantage and led 18-8 at the end of the first quarter. The Panthers held Allen Central to 13 points or less in each quarter. Pikeville took a 38-21 lead into the intermission break and

picked back up where it had left off in the second half, outscoring Allen Central 20-7 in the third quarter.

Freshman Tim Honaker, who played his junior high basketball for Betsy Layne Elementary, paced Pikeville with a game-high 22 points. Seniors Robert Shurtleff and Jesse Parrish followed with 14 points apiece. Ten different Panthers scored. Jacob Sword narrowly missed double figures, finishing with nine points.

Pikeville ended the game on a strong note, much like how it got started in the opening quarter, outscoring Allen Central 23-13 in the final quarter.

Senior Ryan Hammonds led Allen Central with 15 points. Ryan Collins and Justin Jacobs both finished with seven points.

Allen Central was playing on the road last night against Hazard. Pikeville is set to host Betsy Layne tonight.

# Lady Raiders corner Cordia

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

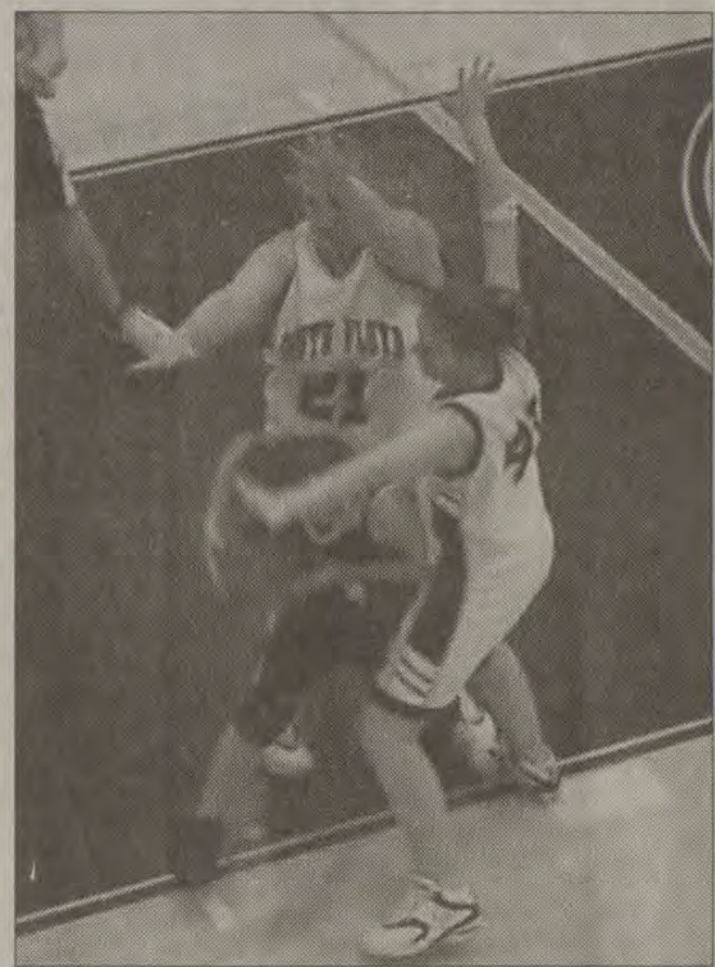
HI HAT – The South Floyd High girls' basketball team returned to the win column Wednesday night with a 53-34 win over Cordia. South Floyd defeated a Cordia team that came out on top in a meeting between the two schools back on Feb. 14. Looking for some momentum heading into next week's 58th District Tournament, South Floyd got out in front Wednesday night and kept on keepin' on. The Lady Raiders led 13-10 at the end of the first quarter and went into halftime leading 29-16. In the second half, South Floyd's first-half advantage held up.

"As far as overall, that's the best we've played all year," South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac said, reflecting on the win. "It's the most complete game we've gotten from our team."

South Floyd's effort was balanced. Senior Tab Trammell, who was presented with a game ball, commemorating her joining the 1,000-point club, led South Floyd with 17 points and 18 rebounds. Trammell's points and rebounds gave her a pair of game-high totals. But she wasn't the only Lady Raider to register notable numbers. Miranda Gregory had 15 points, six rebounds, four steals and two assists. Danielle Tackett had eight points, while Courtney Blocker finished with six points and 15 rebounds. Heather Dean, one of the 15th Region's most promising sophomore girls' basketball players, added four points, 16 rebounds and a game-high four blocks. Candice Hall chipped in five points for the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Raiders wiped the glass clean for most of the night as they pulled down 68 rebounds. Much to Isaac's liking, South Floyd had just 19 turnovers, while handing out 10 assists. As a team, the Lady Raiders finished with nine blocks.

South Floyd was 16-for-28 from the free throw line. The Lady Raiders helped cement the win over Cordia in the second by outscoring the Lady Lions 13-7.



The South Floyd Lady Raiders bounced back in winning fashion Wednesday night, beating Cordia 53-34. Tab Trammell led South Floyd with 17 points and 18 rebounds. Heather Dean and Courtney Blocker had 16 and 15 rebounds, respectively.



On several occasions three three-pointers and added 11 points for the Lady Lions. Cordia finished nine-for-19 from the free throw line.

The Lady Raiders needed to action last night in their final regular-season game. South Floyd (7-15) was playing on the road at Letcher (1-18).

Roseanne Napier led Cordia with 15 points. Jamie Noble hit

# Blackcats keep rolling with win over Magoffin County

Three finish in double figures as Cats improve to 15-9

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – After knocking off one of the schools biggest rivals, Paintsville, on Tuesday evening, one had to expect the Prestonsburg Blackcats to come out somewhat sluggish against a 4-20 Magoffin County Hornet squad. Wednesday evening was Homecoming Night at Prestonsburg and the Blackcats came out of the gate slowly, before pulling together and coming away with a 56-43 win over the Hornets.

Visiting Magoffin County scored the first five points of the game before Prestonsburg got on the board on two free throws from junior Sean Leslie. The Blackcat defense stepped up and forced the Hornets into back-to-back turnovers midway through the first quarter and two quick buckets from Trevor Compton gave Prestonsburg a 6-5 lead.

Magoffin County went cold from the field and put only three more points on the board in the first quarter as Prestonsburg built a 14-8 lead after one quarter of play. Michael Stephens came in off of the Blackcat bench in the second quarter to toss in 10 of his game-high 17

points as Prestonsburg built an eight-point halftime lead.

Magoffin County attempted to get close early in the third quarter as Brad Marshall tossed in four quick points to cut the lead to four, but Prestonsburg responded and outscored the Hornets 18-15 in the quarter to take a 45-34 into the fourth quarter.

The two teams exchanged points in the final quarter before Prestonsburg eventually came away with a hard fought win. Leslie and Compton both finished with double figures as Leslie netted 11 and Compton tossed in 10 for the winning team. Senior center John Mark Stephens continued to play well despite being saddled with early foul trouble and ended up with seven points, while also pulling down 11 rebounds.

Lewis Barnett came in off of the bench and pitched in four points for Prestonsburg.

Brooks Herrick added three points for the Blackcats and Jesse Chaffin finished with two. Joe Blackburn rounded out the scoring for Prestonsburg with two points.

Brad Marshall led Magoffin County with 10 points and Devin Rice followed closely with nine. Eric Arnett and Wes

Helton pitched in six each in the losing effort.

Prestonsburg improved to 15-9 with the win and will host the Belfry Pirates tonight at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse in the final regular-season game for each of the two teams. Tonight will be Senior Night at Prestonsburg.

Senior Kelly Key was crowned homecoming queen prior to Wednesday's game against Magoffin County.

JV: Prestonsburg 51, Magoffin County 42: In the junior varsity game played before the varsity contest, host Prestonsburg defeated Magoffin County 51-42.

Prestonsburg was led in scoring by Jordan Hall, who tossed in a game-high 21 points. Lincoln Sloane tossed in 15 points to help lead Prestonsburg to the win.

Trevor Patton finished with nine points and Nathaniel Stephens rounded out the scoring with six.

Prestonsburg trailed 27-23 at the half before outscoring Magoffin County 14-8 in the third quarter to take a 37-35 lead into the final quarter.

Magoffin County was led in scoring by Jordan Montgomery with 11 points.



photos by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg junior forward Sean Leslie worked his way along the baseline against Magoffin County.



Junior Michael Stephens (5) led Prestonsburg in scoring.



photos by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg senior guard Trevor Compton glided to the basket for a lay-in during the game against Paintsville.



Kelly Key was crowned the 2005 Prestonsburg High School Basketball Homecoming Queen.



# No. 5 Kentucky 81, Auburn 73

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kelenna Azubuikwe was a prolific scorer in high school, racking up over 3,500 points. The 6-foot-5 junior swingman had shown only glimpses of that offensive ability since arriving at Kentucky.

But against Auburn on Wednesday night, Azubuikwe posted career highs with 30 points and 11 rebounds to lead the fifth-ranked Wildcats to a surprisingly tough 81-73 victory. "I wanted to be aggressive the whole game," Azubuikwe said. "I tried to get to the boards, go to the basket and get fouled. I kept trying all of those things, and it worked out tonight."

Kentucky (21-3, 12-1 Southeastern Conference) didn't pull away until the final minutes against Auburn (12-14, 3-10), the last-place team in the SEC West. Still, the Wildcats clinched at least a share of the SEC East title.

The division title is the sixth straight for the Wildcats, who have finished no worse than second in the division since the league expanded in 1992.

Kentucky moved two games ahead of No. 16 Alabama in the overall SEC race with three games remaining. Kentucky will visit the Crimson Tide on Saturday.

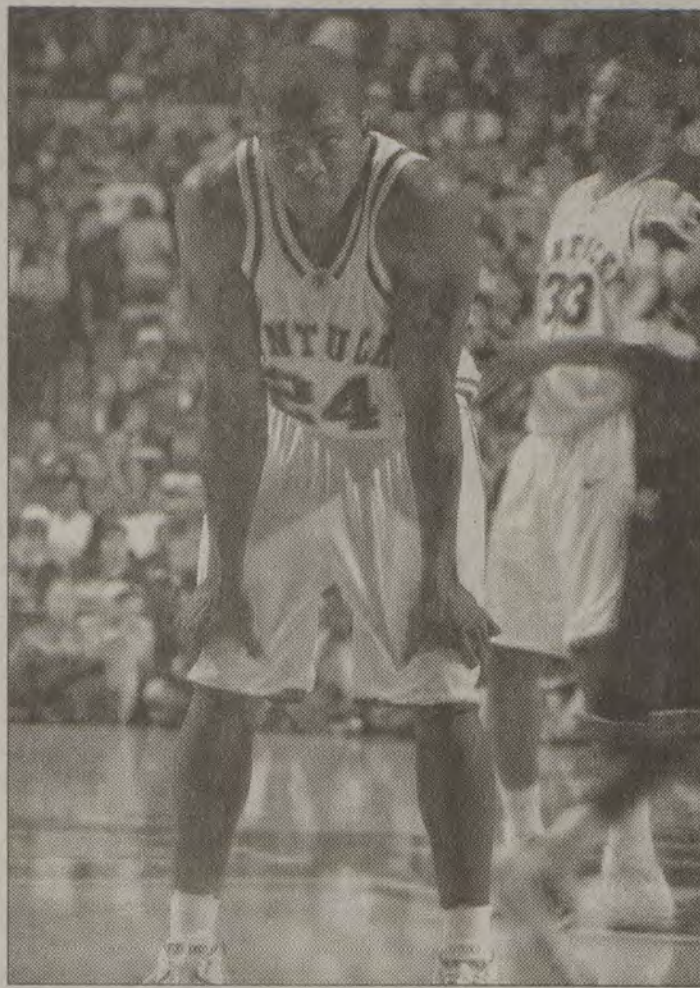
Freshman Rajon Rondo, the Wildcats' starting point guard, left the game in the second half with a bruised rib after getting seven assists. Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said Rondo's status was day-to-day.

At Kentucky, Azubuikwe has tried to fit into Smith's defense-first system and also has deferred offensively to older teammates. Now Azubuikwe is one of the Wildcats' veterans and he's starting to realize scoring is one of his responsibilities.

Azubuikwe entered with a 14.3-point scoring average, tops on Kentucky but not even in the top 10 in the SEC. The latter should change after the first 30-point performance by a Kentucky player since Gerald Fitch scored 36 against Tennessee Tech on Nov. 28, 2003.

Azubuikwe finished 9-of-11 from the free-throw line and 9-of-17 from the field. He also tied a career best with two blocked shots while recording his second career double-double.

"He makes jump shots," Auburn coach Jeff Lebo said. "He's got explosion and a first step to the basket. He's got the ability to get fouled. He's an excellent offensive rebounder. He can score in every way. He gets to the foul line and then he can go back and make the 3.



photos by H. Allen Bolling  
Kentucky junior Kelenna Azubuikwe (24) had career-highs in both scoring and rebounding as the Wildcats held on to beat visiting Auburn.



He's so explosive around the basket area."

Kentucky needed Azubuikwe's strong outing to extend its winning streak against SEC West teams to 22 games.

Auburn, a team with little depth and without a player taller than 6-6, tied the game at 51 with 11:02 left on two free throws by Quinnell Brown.

Freshman guard Ramel Bradley started a 9-0 run by Kentucky with a 3-pointer, and ended it with an assist to seldom-used 7-foot center Lukasas Obrzut, who scored to give Kentucky a 60-51 lead with 7:38 left.

Auburn, which ranks second in the SEC in 3-pointers attempted and made, stayed close thanks to a 12-of-28 effort from behind the arc and a 40-35 rebounding advantage.

"The way we play, we shoot a lot of 3s, obviously," Lebo said. "We will rebound a missed 3 at a higher percentage than we will a missed 2. It's hard to box us out sometimes because we're coming from the perimeter. It's an odd thing."

The Tigers were as close as 72-66 with 1:40 left, but Kentucky then went 9-of-10 from the foul line. Azubuikwe made five of those free throws.

"I thought he was active, aggressively taking the ball to the basket and putting the ball on the floor," Smith said of Azubuikwe. "Defensively, he did some good things. You see 11 rebounds, that's his best effort on the boards this year."

Freshman guard Toney Douglas led Auburn with 21 points, all in the second half, and went 5-of-9 from 3-point range.

# Slone pitching for Marshall

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Paintsville High School graduate Jeremy Slone is playing NCAA Division I baseball as a member of the Marshall University Thundering Herd baseball team. Slone, now in his first season as a member of the Marshall baseball team, came to become a member of the Thundering Herd squad after a stint at St. Catherine College, home to one of the nation's most respected juno baseball programs.

Slone, a right-handed pitcher, went 8-0 with a 1.97 ERA at St. Catherine College as a freshman and ranked seventh in the JC (Junior College)

pitcher poll. The former Tiger was recognized as one of the "Players to Watch" in a collegiate magazine. His eight wins and 1.97 ERA were both school records.

Slone, who served as the team captain at St. Catherine, played for the Front Royal Cardinals of the Valley League in 2003.

Slone had a stellar high school career, going 8-2 with a 0.74 ERA.

He played on the East-West All-Star Team and helped lead Paintsville to four district championships and two regional crowns.

At Marshall, Slone has already seen action on the mound, working out of the Herd bullpen.

Slone, who is majoring in Marketing, is the son of Chuck and Brenda Slone.



Jeremy Slone

# Shelby Valley 84, Piarist 30

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROBINSON CREEK — Host Shelby Valley flexed its muscles Tuesday night. The home-standing Wildcats took visiting Piarist out of the game early on. Shelby Valley led 24-8 through one quarter and held the Knights to a collective two points over the next two periods. Holding a 49-13 lead at halftime, Shelby Valley went on to win in commanding fashion, 84-30.

Senior guard Kris Bentley paced Shelby Valley with a game-high 27 points, nearly outscoring the entire Piarist team. Patrick Tackett and Cade Riddle each had 10 points.

Everyone healthy and in a game uniform played and contributed for Shelby Valley.

Senior Kelsey Friend flipped in seven points for the Wildcats.

Jacob Moak led Piarist with nine points. Matt Doyle added seven points for the Knights.

PIARIST (1-19) — Doyle 7, Moak 9, Ousley 5, McKinney 2, Friend 1, Baker 6.

SHELBY VALLEY (21-5) — Friend 7, Bentley 27, Johnson 4, Tackett 10, Price 2, Bryant 3, Justice 3, Jackson 3, Adkins 2, Potter 11, Smith 2, Kinney 2, C. Riddle 10.

Piarist.....8 5 7 10-30  
Shelby Valley.....24 25 17 18-84

# EKU 69, MSU 61

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MOREHEAD — Michael Haney had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead Eastern Kentucky to a 69-61 win over Morehead State on Tuesday night.

Haney was 8-of-12 from the field and 5-of-5 from the free-throw line for the Colonels (18-8, 10-5 Ohio Valley Conference). Ben Rushing scored 14 points, and Matt Witt added 13. Alonzo

Hird had 11 rebounds.

Chad McKnight led Morehead State (11-15, 5-10) with 16 points. Ramon Kelly and Quinton Smith scored 10 apiece.

Eastern led 40-31 at half-time and began the second half by pushing the lead out to 11 points. Morehead State pulled to 63-61 with 26 seconds to play, but the Colonels shot 6-of-6 from the line in the closing seconds to seal the victory.

Eastern Kentucky outrebounded Morehead State 41-28.

# Morehead State announces 2005 football schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — Challenging would be the optimum word to describe Morehead State University's 2005 football schedule released last week.

The three-time Pioneer Football League South Division Champions will face their three divisional rivals — Austin Peay, Davidson and Jacksonville — and PFL North Division opponents Butler, Dayton and Valparaiso. The remaining five opponents on the 11-game slate are all scholarship programs and include NCAA Division I-AA power Georgia Southern.

"We're excited about our schedule for the 2005 season," said MSU Interim Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson. "It provides fitting challenges for our football program and will be entertaining for our fans."

"We want to continue to play at the highest level possible with our non-conference schedule, and that will prepare us to compete annually for the PFL Championship. Coach Matt Ballard and his staff continue to do an outstanding job of attracting quality student-athletes to our campus and of preparing them to be successful on the field and in the classroom."

MSU will open the season at Saint Francis (Pa.) on Sept. 3. The Eagles will open the home portion of the season against first-time opponent Newberry on Sept. 10 (7 p.m. EDT). Next will come three consecutive games against PFL North members. MSU will travel to Valparaiso on Sept. 17, play host to Dayton on Sept. 24 (7 p.m. EDT), then journey to Butler on Oct. 1.

MSU's three PFL South Division games begin with a trip to Jacksonville on Oct. 8. Austin Peay will visit on Oct. 15 (1 p.m. EDT) for the University's Homecoming '05 contest. Davidson will play at Jayne Stadium on Oct. 22 (1 p.m. EDT).

MSU and Tiffin will renew their series in Morehead on Oct. 29 (1 p.m. EDT). The Eagles will make their first ever trip to Missouri-Rolla on Nov. 5. And, the regular season will conclude with a trip to Statesboro, Ga., on Nov. 12 for a match-up with perennial power Georgia Southern.

The Pioneer Football League Championship Game will be played at the site of the North Division winner on Nov. 19.

# Junior comes up short in bid for Daytona double

by PAUL NEWBERRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. couldn't pull off the Daytona Double.

He sure had fun trying. Coming from as far back as 30th, Earnhardt overcame an ill-handling car and seized the lead near the end of Sunday's Daytona 500.

The massive crowd — many wearing Earnhardt red — was delirious when the No. 8 car surged to the front. The sport's most popular driver was just a few laps from back-to-back victories in the biggest race.

It didn't last, though. Jeff Gordon stormed back for his third Daytona 500 victory. Earnhardt settled for third — a couple of car lengths short but OK with the outcome.

"I'm not too disappointed," he said, having missed a chance to become the fourth back-to-back 500 winner. "I know I can't win them all."

Earnhardt spent most of the day wrestling his car, more concerned with keeping it off the wall than trying to win a second straight Daytona 500. Even so, the leaders kept glancing nervously in their rearview mirrors, figuring Junior would show up sooner or later. They were right.

That Earnhardt even had a chance to win was a testament to the dogged perseverance he inherited from his father, a seven-time NASCAR Cup champion who died at this track in 2001.

"We struggled all day with the car," Junior said. "We tried to get it to handle, but it wouldn't turn. We were terrible."

But Earnhardt remained patient and his new crew kept working on the car, finally sorting out the problems with some minor tweaking to the chassis set-up and a new set of tires.

"They did exactly what I needed," he said. "I had one of the best cars out there at the end of the race."

Suddenly, Earnhardt was a force to be reckoned with, roaring past all those cars in front of him. Up ahead, Gordon wondered where Junior had been all day.

"When the cautions came out, I would look in my mirror or look on the board to see how far back he was," Gordon said. "I thought maybe Junior was having engine problems or handling problems. Then he flipped a switch there at the end. I was like, 'Oh, here he is.'"

Earnhardt took his first lead of the race just five laps from the scheduled finish, slipping by Tony Stewart. In a bit of

gamesmanship that would have made his father proud, Junior told his crew to pass along a message to Stewart's people: Stay on the inside and they could team up.

Instead, Earnhardt saw his opportunity to pass on the outside — and he took it.

"Once I got a run going, it was time for me to think about winning the race," he said. "I had a chance to be a back-to-back Daytona 500 champion. That would have been awesome."

Stewart reclaimed the top spot on the next lap, then Earnhardt got by him again. With another victory in sight, Junior couldn't keep his car in front. Gordon found a burst of speed going down the long backstretch, clearing Earnhardt as they barreled into turn three.

"He went by so fast, I couldn't even scratch the side of his car," Earnhardt said. "At that point, I felt lucky just to be in second."

Even though a late caution added three laps to the scheduled 200-lap distance, Junior never made another serious challenge for the lead. In fact, he couldn't hold off Kurt Busch for the runner-up spot.

No problem. Considering how far he'd just come, Earnhardt was satisfied with

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# H.S. SCOREBOARD

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

(Tuesday's Games)

Bell Co. 92, Everts 54  
Betsy Layne 68, Sheldon Clark 54  
Clay Co. 66, Middlesboro 62  
Estill Co. 60, Lee Co. 56 OT  
Garrard Co. 69, North Laurel 64  
Harlan 62, Lynn Camp 61  
Hazard 85, Cordia 48  
Holmes 67, Mason Co. 51  
Johnson Central 74, Belfry 69  
June Buchanan 71, Jenkins 66  
Lawrence Co. 75, Fairview 66  
Madison Central 81, Berea 55  
Menifee Co. 75, Owsley Co. 70  
Morgan Co. 59, Raceland 56  
Oneida Baptist 85, Riverside Christian 26  
Paul Blazer 46, West Carter 43  
Pike Co. Central 86, Jackson City 63  
Pikeville 81, Allen Central 41  
Pineville 71, Cumberland 56  
Powell Co. 66, Magoffin Co. 65  
Prestonsburg 68, Paintsville 53.  
Pulaski Southwestern 94, Knox Cent. 74  
Rockcastle Co. 70, Somerset 54  
Rowan Co. 61, Montgomery Co. 47  
Shelby Valley 84, Piarist 30  
South Charleston, W.Va., 80, Boyd Co. 59  
South Laurel 87, Boyle Co. 59  
(Wednesday's Games)  
Prestonsburg 56, Magoffin Co. 43

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

(Tuesday's Games)

Boyle Co. 67, Pulaski Co. 55  
Breathitt Co. 63, Fleming-Neon 43  
Jenkins 59, June Buchanan 30  
John Hardin 56, Marion Co. 35  
Knott Co. Central 66, Hazard 28  
Lex., Catholic 78, Madison Central 37  
Lex. Christian 78, Powell Co. 40  
Magoffin Co. 82, Shelby Valley 69  
Monticello 71, Berea 53  
Oneida Baptist 62, Letcher 31  
Owsley Co. 57, Menifee Co. 56  
Pikeville 60, Phelps 45  
Raceland 70, Elliott Co. 42  
(Wednesday's Games)  
South Floyd 53, Cordia 34  
Whitesburg 73, Jackson Co. 28

# Players named to the 2005 McDonald's All-American teams

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A list of the players named Wednesday to the 2005 McDonald's All-American High School Basketball teams, with their hometowns and which college they have committed to.

## BOYS

**East**  
Korvoyn Barber 6-9 230 Manchester, Ga. Auburn  
Eric Boateng 6-10 240 London, England Duke  
Andrew Bynum 7-0 300 Plainsboro, N.J. Connecticut  
Brandon Cosner 6-9 230 Montclair, N.J. N.Carolina St.  
Eric Devendorf 6-4 175 Bay City, Mich. Syracuse  
Danny Green 6-6 205 No. Babylon, N.Y. N.Carolina  
Gerald Green 6-8 200 Houston Oklahoma St.  
Richard Hendrix 6-9 255 Athens, Ala. Alabama  
Josh McRoberts 6-10 235 Carmel, Ind. Duke  
Tasmin Mitchell 6-8 235 Denham Springs, La. LSU  
Greg Paulus 6-2 185 Manlius, N.Y. Duke  
Louis Williams 6-3 185 Snellville, Ga. Georgia  
Coach Jack Keeler, Lawrence North H.S., Indianapolis, Ind.

**West**  
Jon Brockman 6-8 245 Snohomish, Wash. Washington  
Mario Chalmers 6-2 180 Anchorage, Alaska Kansas  
Micah Downs 6-8 192 Bothell, Wash. Kansas  
Byron Eaton 5-11 200 Dallas Oklahoma St.  
Monta Ellis 6-4 189 Jackson, Miss. Mississippi St.  
Bobby Frasor 6-3 190 Blue Island, Ill. North Carolina  
Tyler Hansbrough 6-9 225 Poplar Bluff, Mo. N.Carolina  
Amir Johnson 6-9 215 Los Angeles Louisville  
Calvin Miles 6-6 207 Dallas Texas  
Marcell Webster 6-7 235 Edmond, Wash. Washington  
Julian Wright 6-9 215 Chicago Heights, Ill. Kansas  
Luke Zeller 6-11 245 Washington, Ind. Notre Dame  
Coach Al Rhodes, Logansport (Ind.) High School

## GIRLS

**East**  
DeWanna Bonner 6-4 130 Fairfield, Ala. Auburn  
Erica Brown 5-9 165 Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. Georgia  
Marissa Coleman 6-1 174 Cheltenham, Md. Maryland  
Carrem Gay 6-2 180 Valley Stream, N.Y. Duke  
Crystal Goring 6-3 185 Port of Spain, Trinidad Richmond  
Rashanda McCants 6-2 165 Asheville, N.C. N. Carolina  
Renee Montgomery 5-7 120 Saint Albans, W.V. Connecticut  
Angel Robinson 6-5 183 Kennesaw, Ga. Georgia  
Tiffany Shives 5-10 165 Lansing, Mich. Michigan St.  
Kristi Toliver 5-8 125 Harrisonburg, Va. Maryland  
Kia Vaughn 6-4 205 Bronx, N.Y. Rutgers  
Katrina Wheeler 6-4 180 Washington, D.C. Undecided  
Coach Anna Jackson, Murrsh (Miss.) High School

**West**  
Erika Arrarun 5-10 155 Norco, Calif. Texas  
Crystal Boyd 5-11 135 N. Little Rock, Ark. Texas  
Alexis Gray-Lawson 5-8 150 Oakland, Calif. Calif.  
Devane Hampton 6-2 190 Oakland, Calif. California  
Ashley Paris 6-2 190 Piedmont, Calif. Oklahoma  
Courtney Paris 6-4 245 Piedmont, Calif. Oklahoma  
Lindsay Schrader 6-0 170 Bartlett, Ill. Notre Dame  
Kirsten Thompson 6-6 200 Snohomish, Wash. Arizona St.  
Abigail Waner 5-11 150 Highlands Ranch, Colo. Duke  
Juanita Ward 6-0 160 Jackson, Miss. Mississippi  
Eamnesia Williams 6-0 159 Sapulla, Okla. Texas  
Christina Wirth 6-1 175 Mesa, Ariz. Vanderbilt  
Coach Kelly Flynn, South Sioux City (Nebr.) H.S.



# Bulls never trail, beat Marshall 68-55

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Buffalo senior guard Turner Battle scored a game-high 21 points to lead the Bulls to a 68-55 win over Marshall Wednesday evening at the Cam Henderson Center.

The Bulls improve to 18-7, 10-6 in the MAC, while Marshall falls to 5-19, 2-13 in league play.

Buffalo opened the game on a 6-0 run and never trailed the rest of the way. Marshall got within four points at 24-20 in the first half, but the Bulls immediately responded with an 8-3 run to close out the half and take a 31-23 lead into the break.

In the second half, the Herd got within five points at the 12:36 mark in the second half on a Tre Whitted (Wilmington, N.C.) basket to make the score, 42-37. But back-to-back turnovers provided the Bulls with two open three-point attempts in transition, and

Buffalo guard Roderick Middleton made the most of the opportunities, knocking down both shots to put UB up 11, 48-37, with 11:02 remaining. Marshall never got closer than eight points the rest of the way.

"We just didn't have that zip in our step tonight," said Marshall head coach Ron Jirsa. "They got some transition three pointers and key offensive rebounds, and we couldn't counter that."

Buffalo out-rebounded Marshall, 41-29, and 19-11 on the offensive glass for the night. The Bulls also canned 53.8 percent (7-13) of their three-point attempts for the game, compared to only 20 percent (3-15) for Marshall, with both teams hovering around 42% overall from the field (Buffalo, 41.9 percent; Marshall, 42 percent). The Bulls' bench also outscored their Herd counterparts, 38-16, in the game.

"We knew those guys could get in there and rebound, and

that was the case tonight," said junior center Mark Patton (Barboursville, W.Va.).

"I don't think we were sharp to start the game," said senior guard A.W. Hamilton (Georgetown). "We gave up simple plays in the beginning, and I think that was from a lack of concentration. We just weren't mentally there to start the game."

Hamilton led the Herd with 12 points, while Patton and Whitted each adding 11 points. David Anderson (Levittown, P.R.) led the Herd on the boards with seven.

Buffalo guard Turner Battle was the game's leading scorer with 21 points. Roderick Middleton added 14 points, while Mark Bortz contributed 12 tough points.

Marshall continues MAC play when Ohio comes to town on Saturday evening. The game is slated for a 7 p.m. tip-off, and can be seen live locally in Huntington on WSAZ-TV.



Below: Garrett Christian Coach Jerry Manns talked with his team during a timeout in a state tournament game last week. Left: Tyler Slone has emerged as one of Garrett Christian's top players.



## Archer to stay at Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky defensive coordinator Mike Archer has announced that he has withdrawn from consideration for a position on the coaching staff of the Miami Dolphins.

Archer was interviewed last week about a possible return to

the National Football League. Archer was the line-backers coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers for seven years, 1996-2002, before returning to UK in the coordinator's role the last two seasons.



Mike Archer

GRAY LEAVES UK STAFF: Michael Gray, defensive line coach at the University of Kentucky, has resigned at UK in order to accept a coaching position at another

school, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Gray came to UK in Jan. 2003 and spent two seasons with the Wildcats. Under his guidance, defensive end Sweet Fea Burns led the Southeastern Conference in tackles for loss in 2003 and was named All-SEC.

In addition, nose tackles Lamar Mills and Ricky Abren were named Freshman All-America in 2003 and 2004, respectively.

"Michael did a very good job for us. We're sorry to lose him and wish him well," Brooks said

## Illness forces Adkins away from court

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLSVILLE — Campbellsville University has announced that men's assistant basketball coach Bryan Milburn will direct the Tiger team for the remainder of the 2004-05 season.

"Keith Adkins, our head men's coach, will not be back on the bench this season due to a serious medical condition," said Rusty Hollingsworth, Campbellsville University's Director of Athletics. "I want to make clear that Coach Adkins remains as our head coach and that over the next few weeks Bryan Milburn will be filling in until the time that Coach Adkins can return," he added.

Milburn has guided the team in nine games this season since January 11 and has been an integral part of the Tiger basketball staff for four years. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Milburn was part of the 1995 SEC regular season championship team and helped guide the Commodores to a 28-6 record as a player that season.

"I feel very comfortable with Coach Milburn's leadership and coaching. He is very knowledgeable about the game and we're fortunate he's been

with us for four seasons. Our players are all familiar with him and I think that is important as the team prepares for its final three regular season games and the Mid-South Conference Tournament" added Hollingsworth.



Keith Adkins

"However, most important to us is that Coach Adkins takes care of himself and we look forward to his return to the program in the near future," concluded Hollingsworth.

Adkins, a native of Paintsville, spent six seasons as a college assistant at Campbellsville, UNC-Greensboro and Pikeville.

## Junior

the outcome.

"It was a real exciting race today," he said. "I saw a lot of it out of my front windshield. It looked like a lot of fun. And it was fun for me at the end when I was able to get up there."

Earnhardt's victory last year became an emotional tribute to his dad, who needed 20 tries to win his first Daytona 500. Three years later, the intimidator lost

his life in the same race, the victim of a crash on the final lap.

Along came Junior, who helped fill the sport's enormous void. Junior won Daytona on just his fifth attempt, living up to the enormous expectations of his red-clad fans — many of whom switched their allegiance from father to son.

With that out of the way, Earnhardt can focus on winning

his first series championship. During the offseason, he switched crews with Dale Earnhardt Inc. teammate Michael Waltrip. Clearly, the new arrangement seems to be working out.

"It's just a super-relaxed deal we've got going," Earnhardt said. "There's no pressure to be No. 1 all the time. I'm pretty happy with the results."

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## LPR adding new division for young teens

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COEBURN, Va. — The sport of auto racing is appealing to people of all ages.

With the start of a new season, Lonesome Pine Raceway is making another addition to its race program. During the upcoming season at LPR, young teens, ages 13-15, will be able to compete in the new Hornet Division of the Pure 4 class. Young racers ages 13-15 will run a separate 10-lap race as part of the new weekly program.

The off-season has welcomed much promise for the Virginia asphalt track. LPR General Manager Morris Copley thinks the addition of the Hornet Division may be the last building block needed for a breakout season after a winter that has brought many changes to the track.

"We feel that this new division will help bring the much needed younger people to our sport," said Copley. "Kids that fall in this age group are looking for a way to either get into racing, or move in from the ever-

growing sport of kart racing. We have got to provide them the proper avenue or they will turn their interest to other things."

The first open practice dates at Lonesome Pine Raceway have been scheduled for early-April. The first race of the season is scheduled for Saturday, April 16.

The Hornet Division will join the Ladies Pure 4 in using the same rules as the regular Pure 4 Division. For more information, go online to [www.lpraceway.com](http://www.lpraceway.com), or call 276/395-5001.

## Weber looking to revive career with Cincinnati

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — At this point in his career, right-hander Ben Weber holds nothing back.

Carpal tunnel syndrome left the reliever unable to pitch last season, threatening a meandering career that took him to an independent league and to Taiwan before he made it to the majors.

Now recovered, Weber is hoping to re-emerge as one of the majors' most dependable relievers, this time with the Cincinnati Reds.

"My mind-set is to throw every pitch like my last one, because it could be, considering where I've come from," Weber said.

His career has included a lot of out-of-the-way stops. He spent his first three pro seasons in Class A. He didn't make it to Triple-A until his fifth year. Then, Toronto released him, and he ended up playing for

Salina in the independent Western League.

Weber spent the next two years in Taiwan, where a hitting coach for the San Francisco Giants saw him and gave him one more chance to revive a career that appeared to be in its final stage.

"I thought my last pitch was in independent ball 10 years ago," Weber said. "And then I thought it was in Taiwan eight years ago. So I just go 100 percent every time out and whatever happens, happens."

He finally made it to the majors with the Giants in 2000 — his 10th professional season. That's when he started to blossom. Weber became one of Anaheim's most valuable relievers in 2001-03, and helped the Angels win the World Series in 2002. Carpal tunnel sidetracked him last year and left him looking for a team to give him another chance.

Weber, 35, signed a

\$600,000 contract with the Reds, who brought him in as part of an offseason overhaul of their pitching staff.

"Cincinnati has given me an opportunity, and I plan on taking full advantage of it," Weber said. "I think most people realize, though, that I was hurt (last year) and if I regain my form that I had in Anaheim, I'm pretty much a steal. I hope I prove them right."

Closer Danny Graves is back, but the Reds need relievers who can pitch out of threats in the seventh and eighth innings. The bullpen had a 5.12 ERA last season, second-worst in the majors.

Weber would be a perfect fit if he can get back to pitching the way he did before he was hurt.

"Take away the injury factor last year and look at his numbers the year before — he was a tremendous setup guy," manager Dave Miley said.

## Rijo, Davis voted into Reds' Hall

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Outfielder Eric Davis walked into the visitors' clubhouse in St. Louis that day in 1984, as excited as any rookie getting his first call-up to the major leagues.

It didn't take long for the Cincinnati Reds' hotshot prospect to figure they weren't quite as excited to see him.

"I got called up and I don't know if they told (the clubhouse manager) that I was coming or not," Davis said. "When I got there, I made my appearance in my first game with no name or number on my back."

"I guess I caught them by surprise. I felt I had to make a name and find me a number."

From now on, his name will be listed among the greats of Reds history.

Davis and pitcher Jose Rijo — the driving forces behind Cincinnati's 1990 World Series sweep of Oakland — were voted into the team's Hall of Fame on Wednesday, the culmination of two careers that crossed at the right moment.

Davis' homer in the first game of the 1990 Series set the tone for a 7-0 drubbing at Riverfront Stadium. Rijo won that game, and the clinching fourth game as well, the highlight of his injury-shortened career.

Both repeatedly overcame

health problems to prolong their careers, earning the esteem of fans and players alike. But it was their one championship season together that will always link them.

Rijo was the MVP of the series, shutting down a powerful Athletics lineup led by "Bash Brothers" Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire. Davis was the leader with his first-game homer and diving catch in the fourth game that sent him to a hospital with a lacerated kidney.

"It was definitely special for more than one reason," Davis said Wednesday. "It had been (11) years since they'd been to the playoffs. To be part of something that brought glory back to a city that had pretty much dominated for years, that was special."

Davis spent nine of his 17 seasons with the Reds, from 1984-91 and again in 1996. In 1987, he became the first player in Reds history to hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases in a season. He also played for Los Angeles, Detroit, Baltimore, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Besides the World Series title, Davis got to see Pete Rose break Ty Cobb's hits record in 1985 and Tom Browning pitch a perfect game in 1988.

"My career in Cincinnati was a never-ending saga of great things that happened," Davis said.

Davis made two notable

comebacks. He retired following neck surgery in 1994, but resumed his career with the Reds two years later. He also overcame colon cancer in 1998.

Rijo also made a remarkable comeback, overcoming five major elbow operations and a six-year absence from the majors. He rejoined the Reds in 2001 as a reliever, and was back in the rotation a year later. He started the final game at Cinergy Field in 2002, and more elbow problems finally ended his career a year later.

Rijo was returning to the Dominican Republic and unavailable for comment on Wednesday.

Unlike past years, when the local baseball writers voted for Reds Hall of Fame candidates, the club let fans do the choosing this year. Nearly 12,000 ballots were cast, with Davis and Rijo getting the most votes.

Harry and George Wright, who helped establish baseball's first professional franchise, also will be inducted. Harry, the older of the two brothers, was the Red Stockings' manager in their inaugural season of 1869. George played shortstop and was elected into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1953.

The four inductees will be honored before a game against Baltimore on June 11.





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### THROUGH MY EYES

The week has flown right by, in large part, I suppose, to school getting back on track, doing away with those leisurely mornings of last week. In the haste and hurry of things returning to normal, I have to admit that I am hard pressed this week to find anything of substance of which to write (as if I ever do, but that's another topic). Anyway, got this little offering in by way of "girlfriend" email and just thought I'd share. Hope everyone, male and female, can get a chuckle or two out of it.

### THE THIMBLE

One day when a seamstress was sewing while sitting close to a river, her thimble fell into the river. When she cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "My dear child, why are you crying?" The seamstress replied that her thimble had fallen into the water and that she needed it to help her husband in making a living for their family.

The Lord dipped His hand into the water and pulled up a golden thimble set with pearls.

"Is this your thimble?" the Lord asked.

The seamstress replied, "No."

The Lord again dipped into the river. He held out a silver thimble

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### POSTSCRIPT

## True or false?

I had a, ahem, well-deserved vacation last week in Georgia, and I'm not of a mind to come up with anything original just yet.

But, I did receive a fascinating email message from a friend in Pennsylvania that I hope you'll enjoy, as well.

Can you guess which of the following are true and which are false?

1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
2. Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a belly button.
3. A pack-a-day smoker will lose approximately two teeth every 10 years.
4. People do not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more.
5. When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop, even your heart!
6. Only seven per cent of the

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## Hazard television station contributes to Mountain Arts Center

WYMT-TV Sales Manager, Jim Boggs (pictured right) presents a \$10,000 check to Keith Caudill, Mountain Arts Center Director of Operations, in support of the MAC's ongoing efforts to both educate and entertain Eastern Kentuckians.

WYMT's contribution in part will assist in the promotion of MAC educational programs, including a new video production seminar designed for area high schools which will give students a hands-on education in direct-

ing, shooting and editing video. And through programs such as these, today's MAC video production students may go on to become tomorrow's WYMT news producers.

Boggs remarked, "We have long believed that there is a natural marriage between WYMT-TV and the Mountain Arts Center. Both organizations strive to better the region in which they serve, and as such, we are delighted to make this contribution to the MAC's continuing efforts."



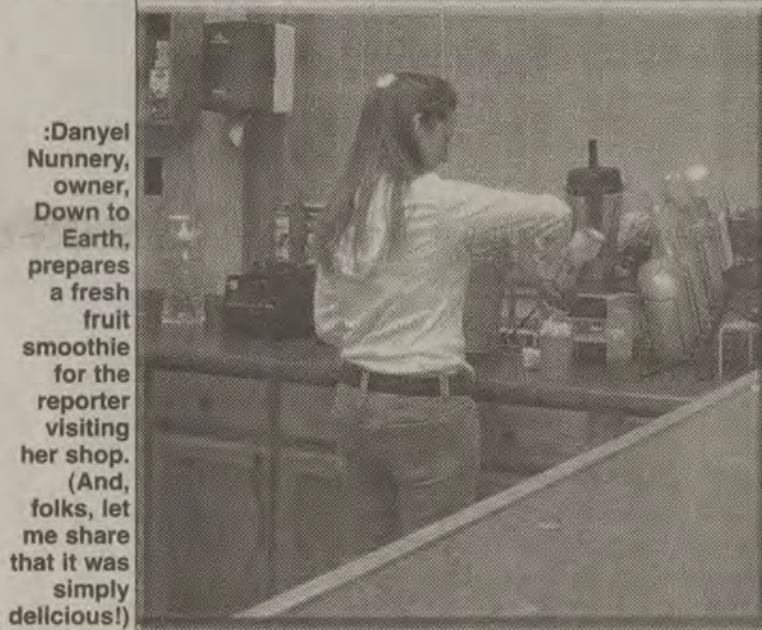
Keith Caudill, left, Director of Operations, Mountain Arts Center, accepts a check in the amount of \$10,000 from WYMT-TV Sales Manager Jim Boggs.



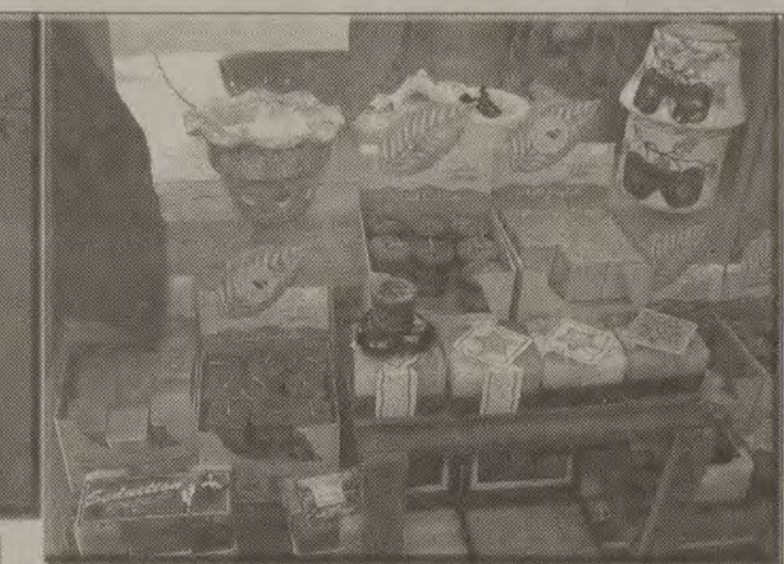
Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor



photos by Kathy J. Prater  
Down to Earth carries a complete line of Burt's Bees products.



Danyel Nunnery, owner, Down to Earth, prepares a fresh fruit smoothie for the reporter visiting her shop. (And, folks, let me share that it was simply delicious!)



Attractive displays like this one are scattered throughout the shop. From the candles shown here to all natural soaps, baby products, essential oils and a wide selection of teas, the shop is chock full of eye-catching and attention grabbing products.



Call it beatnik, Bohemian, hippie-style or just plain "cool," the free spirit in you will be well pleased with the tunics, sandals, headgear and accessories available at Down to Earth.

## Down to Earth making unique statement in downtown area

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

If you happen to be a child of the 60's or 70's, or just maybe one of today's new and improved free spirits, you're gonna love one of Prestonsburg's most unique shops, "Down to Earth," located on Court Street, in the heart of downtown.

Danyel Nunnery, owner of the store, which features all-natural health and beauty products, says that she got the idea for just such a shop "years ago, while visiting Key West." Nunnery said that she visited a similar establishment and liked the all-natural approach and laid back atmosphere and is now happy to be the proprietor of just such a shop herself.

Since its opening last May, customers have been able to enjoy fine lines of all natural products such as the Burt's Bees product line, Badger balms, a wide variety of teas and organic food products, Gypsy rose all natural clothing and accessories, as well as an entire

line of homeopathic home remedy products.

A local cardiologist, Dr. Rodney Handshoe, requested that Nunnery stock her shelves with the Nordic Naturals Omega-3 product line of fish oils, recommended by the American Heart Association to help fight heart disease and stroke. "It's been a very popular product so far," Nunnery said.

Also along the lines of doing what's healthy, visitors to the shop can purchase fresh fruit smoothies, handmade while they wait. This reporter highly recommends the peach smoothie, but several other flavors such as blueberry, strawberry, mango, wildberry and more, are also available. "We make them with fresh fruit, too," Nunnery added. "No artificial flavors in this shop, folks!"

"Everything in the store is all natural," the owner said. "We have a lot of products that are also organic, but everything is all natural. Except, of course, for the cappuccino's. You can't really get an 'all natural' cappuccino, there's always some added sugars, but I had so

many requests for cappuccinos that I had to incorporate the item into the store. We do carry organic coffees, though." Frozen cappuccino flavors include double fudge mocha, french vanilla, mocha glacier and frosted latte. Protein, energy and vitamin packs can also be added to any drink.

And, while you're at it, why not add a fat-free chocolate, blue bran, multi-bran, or other all natural, no preservative vita-muffin? What a great and healthy start to any day!

Down to Earth also boasts a complete line of all-natural baby products, as well, to keep baby's skin soft, healthy and blemish-free.

There's a lot to experience at Down to Earth. From tasty things for the tummy to products to help keep you feeling and looking your best, once you step inside and inhale that patchouli incense, you'll be transported back in time to a simpler lifestyle of healthy living. Yep, no doubt, Down to Earth will have you

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### THINGS TO PONDER

## 'Relationship in Process'

One might think that a lot has been said about relationships during February, "heart month," and wonder what else there is left to say. A basic major point has been that each of us needs to love him/herself before being able to really love another person. The stress of finding "just the right person" for a special relationship is often high and cannot be forgotten. After all, love is the most valuable commodity in the world. In the midst of our search for that "real find," there are the various types of love in rela-

tionship that need our concerns, such as agape, (a spiritual type of unconditional love that accepts the person as he is and sometimes so hard to do,) phileo, (a brotherly type of friendship love,) and eros (a romantic type of passionate love). Once you have found a partner that seems suitable for that long-sought-after relationship, how are you going to make it, what skills might be required, and how will you recognize a healthy relationship, when you see one?

Because most folks do not know how to make sure that a new relationship will meet both partners' needs, a predictable cycle of three periods is typically recognized: the Honeymoon often lasts for one to three weeks; the Struggle might be up to three years or more; and then there is

Negotiation and Peace or Breakup. But never fear, a couple can avoid this cycle and hopefully create a nourishing relationship for each of you by taking time for a deep, extended conversation. This process might require many conversations over weeks or months. The best time to have these discussions is when both of you are interested in doing so and want to get on with the relationship. It's never too late to have these talks about such things as: what are your expectations of each other on the emotional, mental, and physical levels; what actions, words, and feelings do each of you need from the other for both to thrive; and what do each of you refuse to tolerate in a relationship. By all means, each person needs to listen carefully to other and frequently repeat what the other

person said. Be sure there is mutual understanding, sharing of thoughts and feelings, without reactions to what the other said. Everyone has the right to his or her opinion. There's nothing like starting a loving relationship with your eyes open and knowing what to expect. These kinds of talks decrease the chance of power struggles and help to build harmony.

Making a "real" relationship can have its difficult points, but can be less painful if each person tries to use the most appropriate approaches or skills possible. First of all, sharing thoughts, feelings, and needs is the best method for becoming emotionally close to someone. "I" statements are always of value. "I feel sad that I won't be

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.



Eyes

ringed with sapphires.  
 "Is this your thimble?" the Lord asked.  
 Again, the seamstress replied, "No."  
 The Lord reached down again and came up with a leather thimble.  
 "Is this your thimble?" the Lord asked.  
 The seamstress replied, "Yes."  
 The Lord was pleased with the woman's honesty and gave her all three thimbles to keep, and the seamstress went home happy.

Some years later, the seamstress was walking with her husband along the riverbank, and her husband fell into the river and disappeared under the water.  
 When she cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked her, "Why are you crying?"  
 "Oh Lord, my husband has fallen into the river!"  
 The Lord went down into the water and came up with Mel Gibson. "Is this your husband?" the

Lord asked.  
 "Yes," cried the seamstress.  
 The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"  
 The seamstress replied, "Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to Mel Gibson, you would have come up with Tom Cruise. Then if I said 'no' to him, you would have come up with my husband. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given me all three.

Lord, I'm not in the best of health and would not be able to take care of all three husbands, so THAT'S why I said 'yes' to Mel Gibson."  
 The moral of this story is: Whenever a woman lies, it's for a good and honorable reason, and in the best interest of others.  
 That's our story, and we're sticking to it.  
 (See ya next week!)

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Postscript

- population are lefties.
- 7. Forty people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
- 8. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
- 9. The average person over 50 will have spent five years waiting in lines.
- 10. The toothbrush was invented in 1498.
- 11. The average housefly lives for one month.
- 12. 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
- 13. A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
- 14. The average computer user blinks seven times a minute.
- 15. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than

- any other time of day.
- 16. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep.
- 17. The REAL reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water.
- 18. The only two animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot.
- 19. John Travolta turned down the starring roles in "An Officer and a Gentleman" and "Tootsie."
- 20. Michael Jackson owns the rights to the South Carolina state anthem.
- 21. In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
- 22. Prince Charles and Prince William

- NEVER travel on the same airplane, just in case there is a crash.
- 23. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburetor.
- 24. Most hospitals make money by selling the umbilical cords cut from women who give birth. They are used in vein transplant surgery.
- 25. Humphrey Bogart was related to Princess Diana. They were seventh cousins.
- 26. If coloring weren't added to Coca-Cola, it would be green.  
 Here's the kicker: They are all true.  
 (Columnist's note: Please note this disclaimer. I cannot attest to or explain any of this.)

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Ponder

seeing you until...It's hard to wait so long when you are interested in... I am happy that you came...(versus) You know it's nice when others show up when they are expected." It is best not to avoid questions about yourself or joke about it or change to something less personal. Although "being friends first" is heard so often, it really does help to become relaxed around someone and to not disclose personal details about yourself prematurely. Also, avoid criticism whenever possible and offer support first and suggestions later, if they are requested.

What do healthy relationship look like? How will you know one when you see it? One writer (Nancy Wesson, Ph.D.) suggested 15 traits of a healthy relationship. (1) Partners can manage conflict and differences without despair or threats. (2) Both partners protect and nourish the relationship and make it a priority (and one is not addicted to a substance or work). (3) Both partners know how to be responsible for own needs and also for the care of the relationship. (4) Both partners feel "special to the other. Arguments or fights do not lead to abuse or threatened break-ups. (5) Both partners can communicate wants, needs, feelings, and emotional issues with little or no shame. (6) There is unconditional love if not unconditional agreement. (7) The relationship feels and is mutually, comfortable, and fun. (8) Both partners attend to the needs of each other willingly and lovingly. (9) The sexual relationship

works well and is mutually satisfying. (10) Both partners can and do keep agreements (maturity). (11) Both partners are honest. (12) There is no abuse - physical, verbal, emotional (ignoring), or sexual. (13) Both partners have boundaries: a. each person can say "no" to requests from partner if necessary without feeling guilty and tell their partner when something feels not right or hurts them; and b. people pleasing is kept to a minimum and neither one feels they are making a "great sacrifice" to stay in the relationship. Each person is able to do their work, attend to their children, and care for other aspects of their life without threatening the relationship. (14) Partners can hear feedback from each other that they may be projecting old relationship fears onto the current one. (15) There is commitment: exits are blocked.

Now, that you have more knowledge about how to have a more successful relationship, be sure to avoid the 10 ways to blow a relationships, as suggested by another writer (Rinatta Paries). (1) Assume the person is your soul mate right from the start or in a short time. Look for all the signs that you were meant to be together by faith. (2) Forget about your life, your friends, and your self-care. Ask yourself why you need a life beyond having a soul mate. (3) Reveal everything and see if your "new" partner will tolerate your worst behavior. Let it all be seen, since a soul mate will love you, no matter what. (4) Be sexually active right away, since

you are supposed to be together for the rest of your life. (5) Don't pay attention to anything your "new love" does that is not matching your values, lifestyle, or belief system, because true love can conquer all differences. (6) Do lots of drama together and see that crises bring together relationships. (7) Remember to spend as much time together as possible and don't let the other out of your sight, due to it being true love. (8) Just go ahead and ignore behavior that jumps your boundaries or hurts your feelings, since it is true love, you know. (9) Make sure that you dump a huge amount of attention on your partner and expect the same for you in return. (10) Above all, shove the relationship forward and demand that it be even deeper, no matter what your partner thinks emotionally. You have the right to have "things" perfect and how you want the relationship. You deserve it and the other person owes it to you.

Although you might try as hard as you can, by being honest, communicative, clear about your needs and boundaries, and a good listener, your relationship is apt to end no matter what you or anyone else does. Being fearful that your relationship will not be successful makes the end more likely. To let go of this fear, let go of the attachment that he is THE right person. Just be with the person, one day at a time. If you go from one abusive, controlling relationship to another, find out why. You are a very special person and you deserve a much better relationship.

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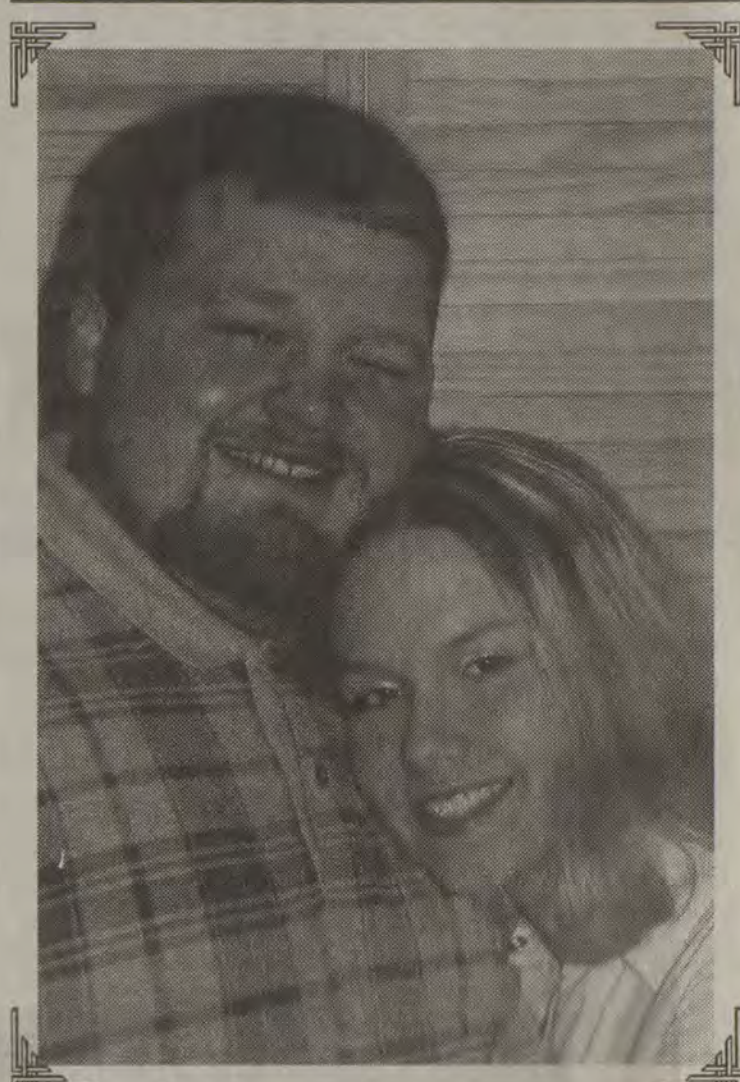
Down to Earth

walking on air! Stop in and visit Danyel and helpers Hope Tackett, Amy Caldwell and Gail Curry anytime you feel like taking a break from life's stresses. If you have questions about

any of Down to Earth's products, just give the ladies a call at 886-9919. The shop is open Monday thru Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., but hours may vary according to season.

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Wedding



Goebel-Jarrell

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit and Mary Goebel Baldrige and Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Linda Jarrell are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Tara Lynn Goebel and Michael Brandon Jarrell, who will be wed on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg. A reception will immediately follow at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

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

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in Food City receipts and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!

The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

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

Clark Elementary

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly

and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

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

Duff Elementary

School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.

Feb. 25 - "Dollars & Sense" program, for 5th grade, at the Martin Community Center.

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

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

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family

Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

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

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!

Watch school marquee for posting of OPEN HOUSE event for SFHS and SFMS. Event scheduled to be held same week in February that progress reports are mailed out.

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

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

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

Feb. 25 - "Dollars & Sense," 5th grade, at Martin Community Center.

March 4 - "Career Exploration Day," 8th grade, at Martin Community Center.

March 10 - "Wulfe Brothers," K-8th.

March 11 - "Good Touch, Bad Touch," Melissa Perry, grades K-3.

March 17 - "Tobacco Prevention," Our Lady of the Way Hospital, 1 p.m., for 5th grade.

March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all Floyd County parents, grandparents and guardians, at Mountain Arts Center.

March 24 - "Let's Talk About Drugs," Our Lady of the Way Hospital, 1 p.m., for K-3.

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

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness.

Feb. 25 - "Dollars & Sense" program for Floyd County 5th grade students. To be held at the Martin Community Center (tentative).

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

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

Wesley Christian School

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

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

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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





# Family Medicine



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

## Reader's pre-hypertension needs treatment to avert complications

**Q**uestion: I went to the doctor last week and he said my blood pressure was too high. It was 130/85!! Last year that was a fine blood pressure; now it is too high. Can you give me more information about what my blood pressure should be?

**A**nswer: You are right to be a bit confused about your blood pressure reading. In the past your reading was considered "a little high" but not something that would be treated — just watched. But new guidelines have come out concerning the management of blood pressure and the level at which a reading is considered to be high blood pressure.

Let me give you an overview of the

current recommendations, bearing in mind that these may change again as scientists learn more about how various levels of blood pressure affect our health.

The new guidelines for blood pressure consider a blood pressure to be normal if it is BELOW 120/80 mmHg. Both the systolic (top number) and the diastolic (bottom number) need to be lower than 120 and 80, respectively. There is even a push to consider a normal blood pressure to be 115/75 mmHg. The reasoning behind these new lower levels is that your risk of cardiovascular damage may increase at levels as low as even 120/80.

There is a new classification called "pre-hypertension" for people whose blood pressures are between 120 and

139 systolic and 80 and 89 diastolic. In your case, both of the numbers you report are in this pre-hypertension range. However, according to the guidelines, you are

considered pre-hypertensive even if you have only a single number in one of these ranges. Therefore, you are at increased risk for a cardiac event, and you should be treated.

Pre-hypertension is treated in many different ways. Lifestyle modifications, such as a low-salt, low-fat diet and physical exercise, such as brisk walking 30 minutes daily, are great places to start. If you are overweight, losing weight is a must. If you are over 50, your physician may

want to start you on blood pressure medications while you are getting up to speed on the lifestyle changes. People who are pre-hypertensive are much more likely to develop hypertension — persistent blood pressure over 140/90. Keeping the blood pressure lower and having an active lifestyle may prevent or delay the development of hypertension.

You should have your blood pressure checked at least every six months and work with your physician to maximize your lifestyle changes. In the past, physicians used to "watch" your blood pressure until it got into the truly hypertensive range. The recommendation now is to treat blood pressure problems early to prevent complications later.

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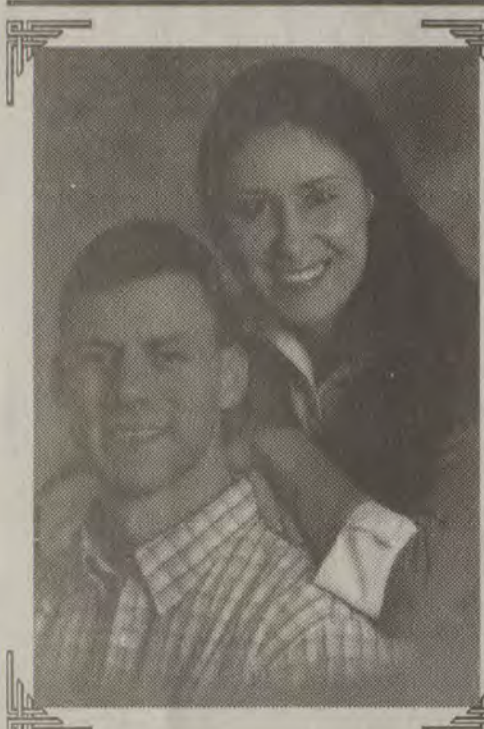
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## Wedding

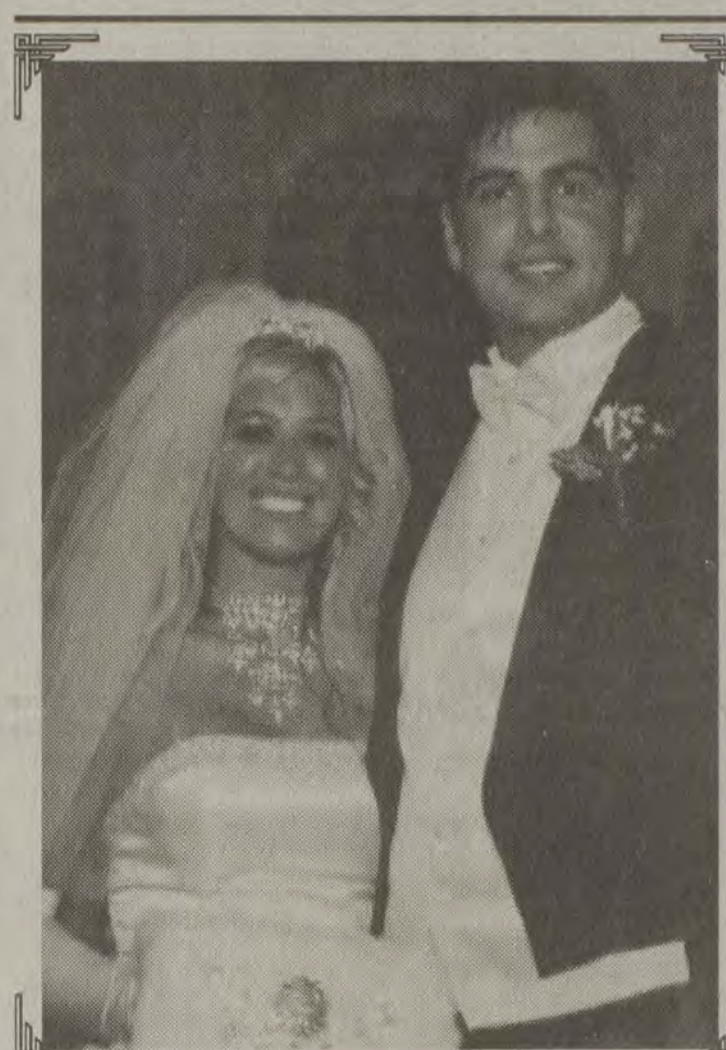
RECTIFICATION

### GREENE-LANE

Julia Nicole Greene, 26, of Chillicothe, Ohio, the daughter of Mark and Lisa Greene, of Minford, Ohio, and Timothy Lee Lane, 29, also of Chillicothe, Ohio, the son of Lenora and John Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, and Richard Lane, of Lancaster, Ohio, will be united in marriage on April 2, 2005, in Chillicothe.



## Wedding



Ms. Amy Faye Hayes and Mr. Jeffrey Arthur Brassow were joined in marriage on November 26, 2004, in a candlelit ceremony held in Greenfield Village's Martha Mary Chapel, in Dearborn, Michigan.

Amy, of Detroit, Michigan, has family roots in Floyd County. She is a well-known professional boxing ring announcer. Jeffrey, who has been a resident of Lexington for the past 14 years, was a standout player for the UK Wildcats basketball team in the 1990's. With over half of the wedding party and guests in attendance hailing from Kentucky, the new Mr. and Mrs. Brassow deemed it only fitting that the Kentucky theme be incorporated into their wedding and reception. The bride marched down the aisle to the strains of "My Old Kentucky Home" and after being whisked away from the chapel in a white horse and carriage, the newlyweds entered their reception to the sounds of the University of Kentucky fight song blaring from speakers as over 200 guests shook UK blue and white pom poms. Amy's pet cat, Aslan, was also in attendance with his white ears having been tipped blue and wearing a royal blue bowtie.

Both the wedding and reception were named in honor of Amy's late aunt, Faye Kemp-Reynolds, formerly of Ligon, who died of breast cancer, as well as for her cousin, Bridgette Flannery, of Grethel, who recently underwent radical breast cancer treatment and is currently fighting the disease. During the reception, Amy changed from her traditional white wedding gown into a pink gown and veil in an effort to raise awareness of the fight for a cure for this deadly disease. Following, the newlyweds danced a traditional "dollar dance," raising over \$500 for breast cancer research. Amy tossed a pink bouquet for the ladies in attendance, as well as a stuffed pink puppy for the little girls in attendance. Jeffrey's aunt, Betty Haynes, a 15-year breast cancer survivor, was also in attendance at the joyous event.

## Births/Birthdays



### New Arrival

Tim and Amanda Delong are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Randi Junay Delong, who was born on January 17, 2005, at Pikeville Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 20 and 1/2 inches long. She is the maternal granddaughter of Green and Naomi Samons, of Martin. Her paternal grandparents are Teddy and Judy Delong, of Hager Hill.

## New Arrivals

### BRING New Arrivals



February 7, 2005

A daughter, Geneva Christine Music, to Charity and Alfred Music

February 8, 2005

A son, Buford James Slone, to Artie and Buford Slone  
A son, Steven Lawrence Thomas Brackett, to Teresa Lynn Brackett

A daughter, Katherine Abigail Collins, to Summer Collins  
A daughter, Aiyah Monique Burke, to Doris Ann Ramey

February 9, 2005

A son, Kyle Thomas Hale, to Christie Lynn and Daniel Nocoma Hale

A son, Morgan O'Bryan Jackson, to Shannon and Clifford Jackson

A daughter, Celina Faith Mullins, to Savannah and Dale Mullins

February 10, 2005

A daughter, Katlynn Ann Bell, to Crystal and Robert Bell  
A daughter, Arabella Shauanne Holbrook, to Allison L. Meek

February 11, 2005

A son, Grayson Andrew Marvin Estep, to Sarah Rebecca and Jeremy Kirk Estep

February 12, 2005

A son, Garland Mitchell Gambill, to Virginia and Tony Gambill

February 13, 2005

A daughter, Kristian Pantera Rayne Brooks, to Ginger Marie Stanley

A son, Ryan Daniel Bailey, to Lisa and Randy Bailey  
A son, Bryston Xavier Ray Carty, to Tausha and David Carty

A son, Jacob Thomas McKinney, to Heather Robinson

February 14, 2005

A daughter, Aubrianna Cadince Crum, to Amy and William Crum

A son, Christopher Elwood-Scott Hughes, to Chayla Joanna and Randall Scott Hughes

February 15, 2005

A son, Tanner Jason Martin, to Tina Rena Hamilton

February 16, 2005

A son, Jacob Bradley Mollett, to Debbie Sue and Earl Michael Mollett

A son, Joshua Wess Pennington, to April Meggan and David Leslie Pennington

## Floyd County 4-H Community Theatre for Teens and the Mountain Arts Center Present Two To Go, by Molly Bass

Do you want to see a play produced by the young people in our community? Then you need to come see this production. Fun for the entire family!

Two To Go combines two one-act plays about what it takes to survive as a teenager in today's world. There's the jock, the brain, the pretty-one, and always the drama queen. Hear and see about the issues that teenagers are facing today and how they handle them. This celebrates the 5th year of the Community Theatre for Teens. This play is produced by the Floyd County 4-H Council and the Mountain Arts Center Education Department. There are lesson plans on the Floyd County

4-H website for teachers to use before coming to the production. These can be accessed at <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/floyd/youthdev/>. Admission is \$4.00 per person.

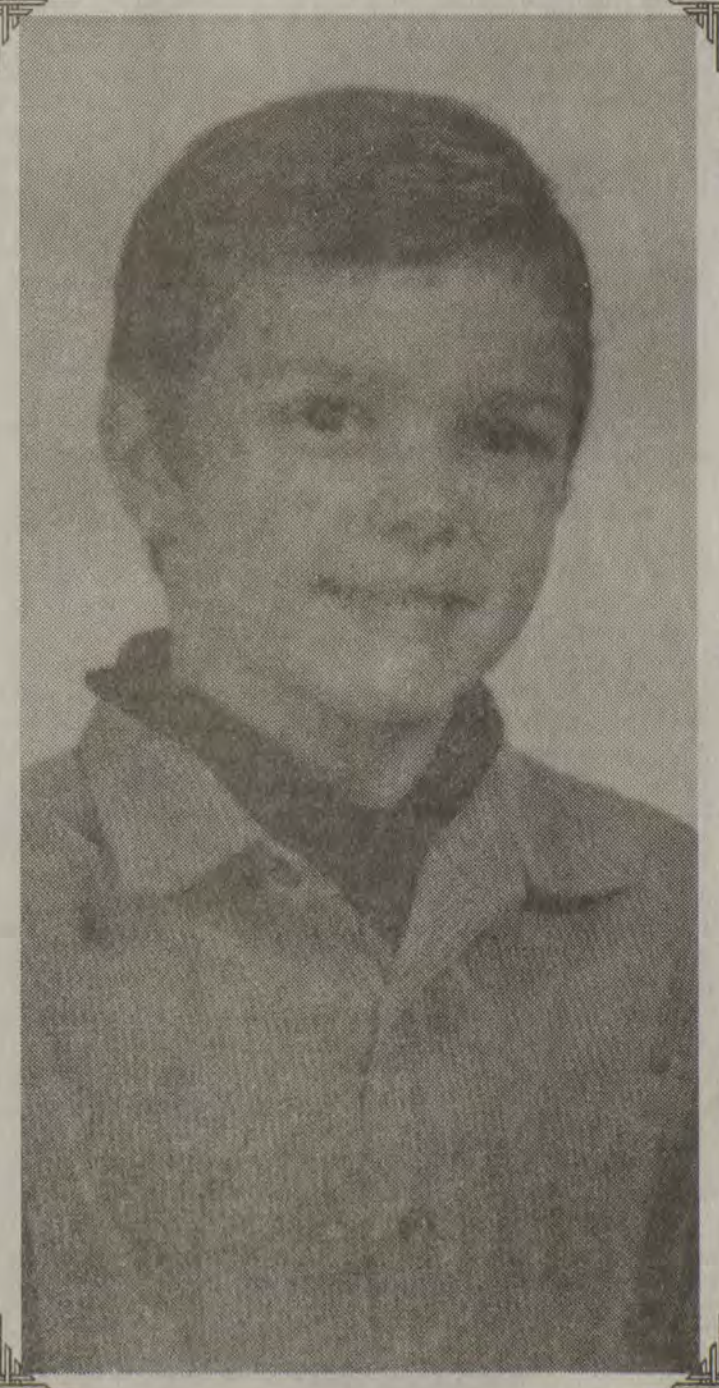
Dates and times for the performances:

Thursday, March 24, 2005  
7:00 p.m. (Public Performance)

Friday, March 25, 2005  
10:00 a.m. (School Performance)

Tickets can be ordered by calling the MAC at 886-2623 or 888-MAC-ARTS

Two To Go is produced by special arrangement with Baker's Plays, Inc.



### Happy 9th Birthday!

Darren Dwayne Tackett will celebrate his ninth birthday today, February 25, 2005, with a party attended by his family and friends. Mom, Bobby, Nanan, Papaw Roger and brother Andrew Paul Tackett are all eager to make his day extra special!



# Floyd County Devotional Page

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

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**First Assembly of God, Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

**New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

**Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

**BAPTIST**

**Allen First Baptist, Allen;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

**Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

**Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

**Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

**Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102;** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

**Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

**Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

**Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne;** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

**Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

**Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.

**Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Services:** Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

**Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

**Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.

**Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

**Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork;** Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

**Prater Creek Baptist, Banner;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

**Rock Fork Freewill Baptist;** Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

**Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett;** Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.

**Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Huesville;** Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.

**Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.

**Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch;** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

**The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers);** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

**Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist;** Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

**Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist;** Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

**United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Huesville;** Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

**Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

**CATHOLIC**

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

**CHRISTIAN**

**First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

**Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett;** Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.

**Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.;** Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

**Church of Christ, South Lake Drive;** Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.

**Harold Church of Christ, Harold;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.

**Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Huesville Church of Christ;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

**Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.

## Return to your Bible

The woman said,  
*I know that Messiah, called Christ, is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.*  
Then Jesus declared,  
*I who speak to you am he...*

Leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, *Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?*



JOHN 4:25-28  
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**Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Martin Church of Christ, Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

**Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley;** Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

**Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

**Weeksbury Church of Christ;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

**CHURCH OF GOD**

**Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

**Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

**First Church of God;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

**Garrett Church of God, Garrett;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

**Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

**Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point;** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

**The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

**EPISCOPAL**

**St. James Episcopal;** Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

**LUTHERAN**

**Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville;** Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland Bentrup, Minister.

**METHODIST**

**Auxier United Methodist, Auxier;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

**Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

**Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen;** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamaster, Minister.

**Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.);** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.

**Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

**Emma United Methodist, Emma;** Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.

**First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue;** 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

**Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier;** Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

**Martin Methodist;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

**Maytown United Methodist, Langley;** Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

**Salisbury United Methodist, Printer;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

**Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

**Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

**Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold;** Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

**Drift Pentecostal, Drift;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

**Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

**Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

**Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton;** Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

**Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton;** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

**Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David;** Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.

**Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line;** Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

**Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

**Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale;** Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift;** Worship Service, 11 a.m. First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

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**Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market);** Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Slukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

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**Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

**Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

**Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.;** Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

**Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Conley Fork of Spurlock, Prestonsburg;** Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

**Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.;** Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

**Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin;** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

**Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

**Town Branch Church;** Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

**The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

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**The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Laborer.** This is a full-time position with health insurance, retirement and other benefits. Applications will be taken at the Green Acres Office located at 12 Blaine Hall Street, Prestonsburg, KY, between the hours of 1:30pm and 4:30pm each day, through March 9, 2005. Knowledge and experience of general partment and grounds maintenance and upkeep are preferred.

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**INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0306**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.50 mile west of Hi Hat, in Floyd County. The proposed operation, will disturb 40 surface acres, and will underlie 2,736 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2,758.5 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 mile west of KY Route 979's junction with KY Route 122, and located 0.50 mile west of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed

is owned by The Elkhorn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elkhorn Coal Co., LLC, Progress Land Company, Eneropro, Inc., Day Gayheart, Green & Hellen Gayheart, Lonnie Akers, Millard Caudill, Lizzie Ann Hamilton, Alvin Gayheart, Ricky D. & German Blevins, Michelle Blevins, Ronnie & Mildred Blevins, Ernest & Delores Blevins, William Howell Heirs, Myrtle Paige, Virbil & Jean Hall, Hank Jr. & Velvie Osborne, Anthony Newsom, Woodrow Caudill, Benji Caudill, Elanor Pike, Garlis Caudill, Troy & Mary Howell, Teddie Howell, Bee Howell Estate, Teddy Howell, Rita Varney, Billie J. Isaac, Guy & Flotina Jones, Perley Howell Heirs, Emmitt Blevins Estate, Freda Bentley, Juanita Knott, Jack Akers, Pink & Esta Elliott, Lesley & Joyce Hamilton, Charles T. and Janet G. Vance, Laura Caudill Heirs, McKinley Osborne Heirs, Burton Farris

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Newman, Winston Eugene David Mosley, Jr., Ed Mosley Jr., James Kent & Rita Dye, Kennel Dye and Jared Hall. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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# 'There was a lot of fire in our hearts'

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — You could walk the length of this oval two times and be hard pressed to find anyone connected to the sport who wouldn't call this one fitting.

Yet even if team owner Rick Hendrick wins another five Daytona 500s every bit as exhilarating as the one that Jeff Gordon brought back to the garage Sunday, it wouldn't erase the hurt of a plane crash last fall that killed his son, Ricky, his only brother, John, and eight others who were part of the Hendrick family, or close enough to feel like kin.

But in a sport where tragedy always casts a lingering shadow, a sliver of late-afternoon light bathed Victory Lane in a warm glow and let Hendrick feel joy again for a few moments — even if he can't ever forget.

"There was a lot of fire in our hearts. Every race we come to now, I think about all those people," Hendrick said. "And this is the Super Bowl of racing, so coming down here, you always want to do well. You want to start the year off well."

"We feel like it's a way to honor those that we lost and we love and we miss. And so," he

added, "sure, it's a great win."

Sitting to Hendrick's left, Gordon struggled for something to add. Hendrick knew the 33-year-old driver once labeled "Wonder Boy" was something special after watching Gordon turn a couple of laps at a Busch race at Atlanta nearly 15 years ago. They have been almost as close as father and son since.

"You know they're looking down smiling," Gordon said finally. "It doesn't get any better than that."

Long before Gordon won here for the third time and delivered the fifth title for Hendrick's operation, the boss was known as the nicest guy in the business. That never kept Hendrick from also being one of the best. It's been 19 years since he won his first Daytona 500 with Geoff Bodine behind the wheel, but it remains every bit as vivid as this latest one.

"The picture that I probably treasure with Ricky more than any other ... was when he was on my shoulders here back when Geoff won," Hendrick recalled.

That was the start of the kid's apprenticeship. Ricky was never interested in the first empire that Rick built, turning a single car dealer-

ship into one of the nation's largest retail chains. The plan was always for Ricky to take over more and more of the show, so the old man could go down to the Florida Keys more often and do some fishing. Toward that end, the two of them oversaw the building of a state-of-the-art facility atop a hill in Charlotte, N.C., their side-by-side offices overlooking the rest of Hendrick Motorsports complex.

Everything was on course when the plane went down in October, en route to Martinsville, Va., to join the rest of the team for a race. After that, Rick

thought about quitting. Slowly, he summoned the strength to get back to work, leaving the office alongside his empty to remind him of the dream they both planned to fulfill.

His team rededicated itself even faster. Jimmie Johnson pulled into the winner's circle in Hampton, Ga., the very next week, the pictures of his 10 lost friends splashed across the hood of the car. He and Gordon roared through the rest of the season as though on a mission, finishing second and third, respectively, to Kurt Busch in the closest-ever race for the NASCAR season title. Then

came the start of this one.

"I'm happy for Rick. It's a great win," owner Jack Roush, who claimed second at Daytona with Busch and is Hendrick's toughest rival in NASCAR, said on his way back to the garage.

"Partly because of the tough things he's been through. But he deserved it, too, because he had the best car and a great strategy — the same things he always does."

Even with a fast car at his command, and the patience and experience to know when to pounce, it still took some steely nerves for Gordon to get past Dale Earnhardt Jr., who was lead-

ing until the end and wound up finishing third. Great as his disappointment must have been, even Earnhardt felt good about seeing the "W" wind up in Hendrick's column. After losing his father in a last-lap crash at the Daytona 500 just four years ago, Junior understands how tough it can be to get back to the racetrack.

"I don't know if you could be human," Earnhardt said, "and not feel something for Rick."

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## NASCAR Performance returns to SPEED on Saturdays

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR fans will once again get an all access pass to the latest strategy and technology inside the NASCAR garage when NASCAR Performance returns to SPEED Channel on Saturday. This weekly program, which will broadcast trackside Saturdays, 6:30-7 p.m. EST, provides a sophisticated crew chiefs' perspective on the hottest NASCAR topics live from the SPEED stage each week.

NASCAR crew chiefs Chad Knaus and Robert "Bootie" Barker will join the weekend's Nextel Cup pole-winning crew chief to discuss the technical side and the team side of Nextel Cup racing. In addition to originating trackside from the SPEED stage venue, also new to the show this year is veteran NASCAR analyst Dick Berggren. Berggren, who will serve as host for the show, brings over thirty years of motorsports experience as a driver, journalist and broadcaster.

"We are excited about moving NASCAR Performance to the SPEED Channel stage live from every Nextel Cup Series event this

season," said Rick Miner, SPEED Channel Senior Vice President Programming/Production and Executive Producer. "We believe great talent from an energized location will make for a strong and fan friendly program in the 2005 NASCAR TV lineup on SPEED."

The show format — a lively roundtable debate — will consist of crew chiefs debating current NASCAR competition aspects and answering listener questions. Each episode will also include Mark Salem, NASCAR Performance's "Consumer Crew Chief," with a Be Car Care Aware Tip of the Week educating NASCAR fans on ways to take better care of their vehicles.

"NASCAR Performance not only highlights the incredible work and technology that crew chiefs and crew members put into winning at the NASCAR Nextel Cup level," said Odis Lloyd, NASCAR's managing director of automotive licensing. "This show will also close the loop in how that technology relates back to the cars our fans drive every day. NASCAR is proud to continue to do our part in supporting and addressing the car care needs of our 75 million fans"

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