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briefs

Pike man killed in ATV crash

The Associated Press

SHELBIANA — A Pike County man was killed when the all-terrain vehicle he was driving on collided with a truck on Route 2552.

Shane Newsome, 37, of Shelbiana, was traveling east on the highway Thursday night without his headlights on, state police said. The crash occurred around 8:30 p.m.

Newsome's Honda ATV hit a vehicle driven by Jennifer Coleman head-on. Newsome left the roadway and tumbled over an embankment, police said.

He was pronounced dead by the Pike County Coroner.



photo by Tom Doty

Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning, Carol Stumbo and Jeff Stumbo listened while Mickey McGuire questioned the practices of site-based council elections at area schools at a school board meeting on Monday.

School board member raises questions about promotion

by TOM DOTY and MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITERS

MARTIN — One of the defendants in the lawsuit brought by parents of May Valley Elementary special education students who alleged mistreatment of their children at the hands of a teacher's aide has been promoted.

Tanya Williams, former assistant principal at the school who was listed as a defendant in the May Valley abuse case in 2003, is now serving as

the school's principal. She replaces interim principal Fonzo Akers, who took principal Carole Combs' position after she retired this year.

"I thought the board had a nepotism policy," board member Mickey McGuire said yesterday. "Five or six of her family members work at May Valley."

Williams' promotion came after the board spent "millions," according to McGuire, in a confidential settlement agreement in January against her and six other employees at the school, including now retired

principal Carole Combs. McGuire, who said he's been "threatened" by the board to release any information regarding the suit, initiated a brief but heated discussion about the hiring — without mentioning Williams' name — during the school board meeting Monday night.

"We don't need to hide our head in the sand on this," McGuire said, asserting his opinion that it isn't right for the board to promote an

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Board, principals talk attendance

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — School board members and local principals focused on strategies for increasing student attendance during the board's regular meeting Monday night at Adams Middle School.

Area principals discussed methods that worked and a consensus was reached that parent involvement in school activities was key to maintaining student interest.

A presentation was also made by Adams school resource coordinator Rebecca Hicks. She highlighted what the school is doing to better prepare students for academic testing. Among the innovations she discussed was switching test formats at the school to multiple choice so that they mirror the testing methods employed by standardized testing.

Hicks also illustrated that recent innovations at the school include adding algebra for eighth-graders who exceed the skill levels required

of most eighth-graders and said that keeping children challenged will also keep students interested in the curriculum. She also talked about training for teachers and announced the success of a "Learning Skills Inventory" test which alerts teachers to the strongest learning skills of their students by indicating which students learn best by audio, visual and inquiry based teaching.

The evening was also a chance

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Board settles another suit in secret

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A lawsuit against the Floyd County Board of Education was dismissed Monday, after the court accepted a confidential settlement in the case.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill signed an order dismissing a civil suit brought out in 2002 against the board and Adams Middle school teacher and coach Charles R. Collins.

In the suit, Nancy

Bieger, mother of a former Adams Middle School student, asked for compensatory damages after her son was injured while playing tackle football in the school hardwood gymnasium during physical education class on Nov. 8, 1999.

Collins was supervising the child, Bieger argued, and shouldn't have allowed the sport to take place on the hardwood floor.

Bieger's attorney, Tom Anderson, of Pikeville,

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Wife pleads not guilty to involvement in shooting

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sheila Dotson, 49, of Paintsville was arraigned Monday in circuit court on charges that she was complicit in the shooting of her husband, Donald.

Donald Dotson was shot in Auxier last July and his brother-in-law Michael Lester, Sheila's brother,

has been charged with that incident and is scheduled to go to trial on April 25.

Sheila Dotson was also charged with three counts of intimidating witnesses scheduled to appear at the trial of her brother. She pleaded not guilty Monday.

Judge Danny Caudill set Dotson's bond at \$225,000 cash, which was recom-

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Topmost man killed in wreck on U.S. 23

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jamey Wicker, 31, of Topmost, was killed Monday evening when his 2003 Ford Mustang collided with a 2002 Dodge pickup driven by Billy J. Osendott, 43, of Inez.

The incident occurred around 6 p.m. on U.S. 23 during a heavy downpour.

According to a witness, Wicker was proceeding south near the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg, when his vehicle began hydroplaning. Wicker's vehicle lost traction on the road and barreled onto the northbound lanes, where it collided with Osendott's truck.

Wicker was pronounced

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Doctor gives up getting money for proofreading mistake

City shows half-million-dollar surplus

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city announced a surplus in revenue of nearly \$500,000 during a regularly scheduled meeting Monday, but members still refused to pay a local doctor for an alleged \$1,019.50 proofreading mistake.

Dr. Phillip Simpson, former

owner of C & S Signs, asked for a reimbursement of his personal expenses during a March 14 city council meeting. He returned in front of the council Monday, armed with rubbings of the Prestonsburg High School's Reatherford-Salyers Memorial Plaque, to point out that city council members did not properly proofread the rubbing before the plaque was

produced. The interlude during the meeting Monday was a bit heated, at times, with Simpson laying fault against Mayor Jerry Fanning and newly appointed council members who weren't on board at the time of the alleged mistake.

The council argued that Simpson was made aware of all mistakes prior to the production of the plaque, which

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Dr. Phillip Simpson asked city council members for the second time Monday to reimburse him for an alleged "proofreading mistake" he says they made last year. City council members, arguing that there were no mistakes, turned him away.

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Promotion

employee that, he said, cost the district "millions" as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Stumbo said, "It's easy to make accusations without one shred of proof."

Board member Sherry Robinson argued that the board currently has "no system of checks and balances" on site-based committee elections and actions. The school site-based council oversees hirings and firings at the school.

At the meeting, McGuire, questioning the logic behind Williams' appointment, challenged the board to do something about site-based council elections.

McGuire implied that site-based councils are unchecked and that it appears that positions on such councils are often given out and that restrictions may be necessary. He further argued that the board should have representatives at the elections but was shot down by Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning, who argued that such a presence by the board at elections could be seen as interfering.

The issue seemed to divide the board with members Dr. Chandra Varia and Robinson agreeing with McGuire while Carol Stumbo and Jeff Stumbo appeared to want to table the issue for later discussion.

McGuire noted, "I think it shows corruption in our system. It's very disturbing."

The lawsuit, filed by Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, targeted Marty Mullins, 33, a former instructional aide accused of abusing seven behavioral disorder students between January and September 2003. It also named Williams, as vice principal, former principal Combs, three May valley staff members and two unspecified school employees.

Students, ranging in age from 5 to 11, allege that school officials were aware of and "deliberately indifferent" to a brutal campaign of mental and physical abuse inflicted on them by Mullins, who now faces criminal charges for the alleged incidents.

The children all claim to have witnessed or experienced Mullins, shove, push, kick, punch, pinch, twist their arms behind their backs, twist their wrists, use pressure points to bring them to their knees, slam them against walls, sit on them or

lock them in the bathroom as punishment.

One 11-year-old claimed that "Mr. Mullins has made many threats to cut my [expletive deleted] head off."

The student reported the alleged abuse to his teachers, including special education teacher Mattie Donta. Donta did not respond to the complaint and Mullins denied the abuse, the lawsuit claimed.

On at least six occasions either one of the children or the child and a parent reported abuse to Combs and/or Williams, the suit says. The alleged victims claim principal Combs refused to investigate, saying that Mullins was "like a big teddy bear" and that he "loves kids". Combs and Williams allegedly told the student's mother they were "tired" of the complaints and that they did not believe the reports.

"I'm sure they [my clients] are disappointed," Pillersdorf said yesterday. "We wouldn't have filed a lawsuit against Mr. Mullins if we felt there were no basis to do so. We dismissed several defendants out of the lawsuit, including Dr. Fanning, but we did not dismiss her [Williams]. We settled all claims and she only left when the case was resolved."

Part of the settlement in the case specified a call for change in incident report filing procedures.

The Floyd County Times has filed a second open records request with the board of education to view the mutual release and settlement agreement from this lawsuit. The board contends that the compensatory damages awarded to the seven families affiliated with the lawsuit are confidential.

But former Attorney General Ben Chandler and his assistant, James M. Ringo, filed an opinion on August 30, 2001, saying that a school district settlement, sealed or unsealed, is public record and cannot be withheld from public disclosure.

Supt. Paul Fanning was not available for comment yesterday.

Williams did not return inquiry calls.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said yesterday that criminal allegations against Mullins have not yet been presented to a grand jury.

Council

cost the city \$5,400 in two installments.

At one point, Fanning told Simpson that he would pay the money out of his own pocket if Simpson could prove that a city council member "signed off" on the mistakes.

Simpson left dissatisfied with the council's reaction.

"Well, never let it be said that I am going to beat a dead horse. Apparently, the horse is dead," he said before "agreeing to disagree" and leaving the meeting.

In other news, member Don Willis, who sits on the council's financial and revenue committee, reported that the city has a surplus of \$492,469.

Council members, prompted by a proposal made by member Gormon Collins, also passed a motion to " earmark" delinquent taxes owed to the

city for recreational fields at Stonecrest. City clerks are now compiling delinquent taxes owed by city residents over the past seven years, Fanning said.

The council passed a motion to place all collected delinquent tax money into a special account that would go toward finishing the Stonecrest recreational complex.

The city also opened bids during the meeting from two local companies opting to construct two horse barns at Stonecrest, where a horse ring has already been constructed.

Members voted to accept the lowest bid — \$186,500 for labor and materials from Hi Tech Construction in Prestonsburg — but agreed to have a local architect look

over the bids before accepting it officially.

In other news, the council:

■ Passed a motion to lease-to-own a \$73,000 back hoe for the city.

■ Announced this year's PRIDE cleanup schedule. The city will pick up only one truckload per household this year. They will only accept calls for pickup from April 9 to April 23.

■ Appointed former council member Robert Allen to the city's ethics committee and reappointed C.J. McNally and Linda Howard.

■ Discussed the need to provide a skating park for area skateboarders. Mayor Fanning said that the city can obtain a grant for up to \$30,000 through AEP to construct the skating ramp, but due to insurance purposes, the ramp must have a fence around it and

allow no more than a three foot jump.

■ Passed a motion for city police officers to enforce parking problems on Court Street. Council members said the most of the problem comes from employees of the businesses.

"Businesses complain, we go up there and write tickets and then the businesses complain that we run all the people off," Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Omerod said during the discussion. The council passed the motion after he said his department would have no problem enforcing parking regulations.

■ Announced the advertisement for a new golf pro manager at Stonecrest.

■ Held the first reading of an ordinance to allow American Electric Power to renew its franchise agreement.

Wreck

dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson, and a passenger in Osendott's vehicle was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center and later airlifted to Cabell Huntington Hospital.

An investigation into the accident has been opened by the Prestonsburg Police Department.

The Prestonsburg Police were assisted at the scene by the Prestonsburg Fire Department, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.

That stretch of U.S. 23 between Allen and the Holiday Inn has seen a fair share of accidents over the years. Police Chief Mike Omerod observed, "We've had an abnormally high frequency of accidents there."

Nelson observed that he has been called to several wrecks on that stretch of U.S. 23 that passes the Holiday Inn. Nelson noted that he had pronounced 11 accident victims dead from the area over the last year.

The road there was resurfaced last year, which may have combined with other elements to make that stretch of road more treacherous during heavy rains.

Nelson observed that there was a lot of water running across the road on Monday and that one should drive cautiously when proceeding through the area, especially during storms.

Wife

mended by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor. Taylor said that it was appropriate as it was the same bond that her brother is being held on. A motion was also made by Taylor to consolidate the cases against Lester and Dotson.

Judge Caudill set a pretrial conference for Friday on the matter which involves several issues.

Defense counsel Steve Owens has a quandary as he represents both Dotson and Lester. He will argue on Friday to keep the matters sep-

arate as it will provide an opportunity for a conflict of interest if the two are tried together.

The problem for Owens is that dual representation for the pair could cause a conflict if representation of either client means entering evidence that could hurt the other. Owens will also argue for a bond reduction for Sheila Dotson.

The commonwealth will be arguing that the cases are linked in that the charges against Dotson have to do with intimidating witnesses who could hurt her brother's case.

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Viewpoint

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Our View

Annexation: Good or bad?

Today we had hoped to give you all of the information you need to decide where you stand on the issue of the City of Prestonsburg annexing Highlands Regional Medical Center. In order to do that, we asked for Kathy Rubado, director of public relations for HRMC, and Jerry Fannin, mayor of Prestonsburg, to present the pros and cons of this annexation and how it affects the city and the hospital.

If you are like me, you were left somewhat wanting. To begin with, instead of the 500 to 550 words we asked for, both Ms. Rubado and Mr. Fannin exceeded their target by a pretty hefty margin. We also asked that both sides be presented plainly, only discussing the specific pros and cons to their respective side. Unfortunately, we still got some negative rhetoric and rebuttal which continues to cloud the issue. We did get some thought-provoking material not aired before (you just have to look a little harder for it).

Obviously, foremost in this debate is the city tax. Naturally the city wants to increase revenue, and, just as naturally, the employees at the hospital don't want to pay it. (We don't blame you; we don't like paying it either!) But this issue goes deeper than the money. Are there specific benefits to HRMC with annexation? Specific drawbacks? How about Prestonsburg? Are there other benefits besides tax revenue for annexation? Are there any long-term drawbacks to this move?

What we can tell you so far is that we don't think it's all been answered. To listen to the city's side, it's all peaches and cream. To hear the hospital tell it, it's all gloom and doom. We will say that we don't think it was handled well by the city when they dropped this bombshell with no input from the hospital. We also think it was over-the-top for the hospital's initial reaction to be "we'll sue".

Come on folks, can't this be done a little more professionally on both sides? A meaningful dialog between the two parties is the best course of action, searching for a middle ground that ultimately benefits the citizens of Prestonsburg, Floyd County and the surrounding areas.

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BOTH SIDES BOTH SIDES?

At issue: Prestonsburg's proposed annexation of Highlands Regional Medical Center

FOR

Working together benefits everyone

by JERRY FANNIN
PRESTONSBURG MAYOR

In the late 1960s, a group of community leaders and health care professionals had a dream, a dream that would take health care to a higher level in Prestonsburg, Floyd County and surrounding areas.

With the help of citizens of Prestonsburg and men like Dr. George Archer, Burl Spurlock, Marvin Music, Ed Music and Chalmer Frazier, to name a few, that dream became a reality. That reality was Highlands Regional Medical Center.

From the beginning, the intention was to enhance the community and the region by providing quality health care and by belonging to the community, but the dream fell short of fulfillment. We have a modern, quality health care facility, but now that we are asking those who run it to be a part of our community, they are not interested. This was not the dream of those whose vision created Highlands Regional Medical Center.

I would like to take this time to respond to some of the questions and concerns raised by Highlands Regional and their employees.

The Public Service Commission does not franchise or set territorial boundaries for water companies.

When annexation takes effect, HRMC would have water from Prestonsburg City Utilities at a savings of over \$80,000 annually. HRMC is correct in assuming that Auxier Gas Company would still supply natural gas, since the PSC does franchise

and set boundaries for companies that supply natural gas.

HRMC claims to pay premium rates for sewer service. The truth is they pay the same rate as everyone outside the city limits. Upon annexation of HRMC, their sewer rates would be lower, providing them additional savings. Savings in water and sewer rates would amount to approximately \$100,000 annually.

HRMC claims they constructed the sewer system and gave it to the city. In reality, this sewer system consisted of a 6-inch sewer line and a pump station, for which they receive partial grant money for their cost. As with any development, HRMC ran a line to tie in with the city system. When completed, they turned it over to the city to relieve themselves of any future upkeep or maintenance costs. Prestonsburg City Utilities is currently doing \$1.2 million in water line upgrade, including a new water tank to serve HRMC. When completed, HRMC will no longer have to maintain their own water tank, resulting in money saved.

No law enforcement agency is "back-up" for a security company. HRMC has security guards that perform tasks that law enforcement does not. However, they have no authority to enforce laws, make arrests or to deal with situations that require intervention by the police. Security guards perform important functions in facilities security and situations such as labor disputes. But don't be led to believe they take the place of professionally trained, certified police officers or deputies. If they did, the Prestonsburg Police Department would not be called to HRMC on occasions when the Floyd County Sheriff's Department or Kentucky State Police are unable to respond.

The City of Prestonsburg does not contract with the county to provide fire suppression in the North Floyd Fire District. This is a service paid by tax levied by the county. Highlands Regional Medical Center does not pay this tax because Highlands Regional Medical Center does not pay property tax. HRMC does not pay for their fire service. Everyone in the North Floyd Fire District and those who live and work in

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AGAINST

Annexation not a benefit for hospital

by KATHY RUBADO
HRMC DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Highlands Regional Medical Center believes annexation by the City of Prestonsburg is not in the best interests of the medical center or the city.

Highlands Regional Medical Center was established in 1973 as a not-for-profit regional medical center designed to provide health care services for the residents of Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties regardless of their ability to pay. For this reason, Highlands was constructed as near the junction of county lines as possible and not in the City of Prestonsburg. Each year, Highlands provides between four and five million dollars in uncompensated charity care to the area.

Highlands purchases water from the Auxier Water Company and gas from the Auxier Road Gas Company, Public Service Commission franchised companies not managed by the City. Police protection is provided by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police.

Highlands does use city sewage services and pays the city a premium price. Over twenty years ago, Highlands constructed sewage lines from the Medical Center to the National Guard Armory and donated them to the city, allowing other residents along the way to access sewage services. The donated line has rendered the city revenues for many years. Highlands recently

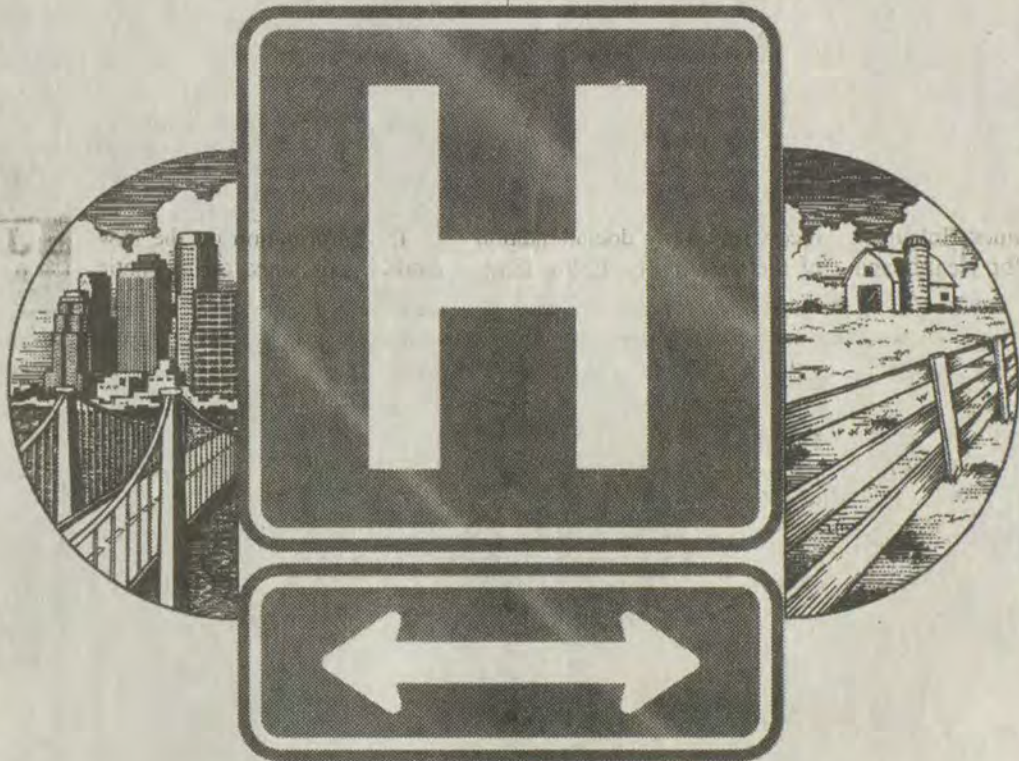
allowed the city to construct a new water tower on Medical Center property and never charged the city for the use of the property.

Highlands receives fire protection services from the North Floyd Fire District who pays the city nearly \$100,000 a year for the service and the funds go directly into the city's general fund and are not even earmarked for fire protection. In the event of a fire at the Medical Center both Auxier and Prestonsburg Fire Departments would respond. The big ladder fire truck was originally purchased by the City to service the Highland Terrace Apartment complex so the city's fire rating would not go up. Since then, other "tall" buildings have been built in the city that require them to keep a ladder truck. If annexed, providing coverage for the Medical Center, which is located five miles from the center of town, could affect the fire rating of the City and drive the need for additional fire stations and equipment, resulting in higher taxes for City residents.

The Mayor has stated that it is time Highlands stepped up to the plate and provide some benefit to the community. In the past three years, Highlands has given over \$165,000 to more than 100 Prestonsburg based organizations. These gifts have been as direct giving or sponsorships to diverse organizations such as the Jenny Wiley Drama Association, the Mountain Arts Center, the local school organizations, Stonecrest Golf Course, various food pantries, police and fire department projects, Big Sandy (KCTCS), sports programs, the Floyd County Rescue Squad, and many, many others.

Highlands was unaware of annexation plans until the morning after the ordinance was read at the March 14 City Council Meeting. It is Highlands' understanding that annexation had not been discussed in any prior meeting of the current city council. The Medical Center would have preferred to be notified in order to be present at the meeting and discuss the issues involved. Highlands would never provide care to a patient without the patient's consent and would think that before a city ordinance was invoked that would impact all

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Health Extra

Sandwich and bowl of cereal meets government guidelines

by LIBBY QUAID
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Go ahead, have a piece of bread. Have three. Make it whole-grain, and you'll be following government advice for eating right.

Three servings of whole grains each day will reduce your risk of heart disease and type 2 diabetes. It doesn't have to be bread. Brown or wild rice, oatmeal, cold cereal flakes, popcorn — without the salt and butter — and even trail mix will do.

Of all the new advice in the government's new dietary guidelines, eating enough whole grains may prove the easiest.

But if eating whole grains is so easy, then why aren't people doing it now? Most Americans are eating one serving or less each day, according to the Agriculture Department.

One reason may be that a little sleuthing is needed to figure out which foods have whole

grains. Just because a bread slice is dark, or a cracker looks grainy, doesn't mean the whole grain is there. They could be darkened by molasses or other coloring.

You need to look on the ingredient list to make sure you've got whole grains. The words "whole" or "whole grain" should come before the grain ingredient. And that should be the very first thing listed.

Food companies are trying to make it easier. General Mills Inc. last year converted all its breakfast cereals to whole grain and now puts a big "Whole Grain" logo on the front of the box.

Some companies are using a black-and-gold label shaped like a postage stamp for identifying products that contain whole grains. Bruegger's Bagels, Kashi, Gardenburger and Snyder's of Hanover are among those using the stamp, which was developed by Oldways Preservation Trust, a Boston-

based think tank that specializes in food issues.

Once purchased, eat three ounce-equivalents a day. It's not hard to do. These measurements equal about an ounce:

- A half-cup of cooked cereal, rice or pasta.
- A slice of bread.
- 1 cup of cold cereal flakes.
- An ounce of dry pasta or rice.

"If you have a cereal high in whole grains, and you have a sandwich with whole grain bread for lunch, you can get your number of servings right there," said Joanne Lupton, a Texas A&M University nutrition professor who helped write the guidelines.

Mark Andon, technical director for nutrition at Quaker, said a cup of oatmeal for breakfast counts as two servings of whole grains.

"When you think about a snack, think about trail mix. It's not weird food," said K. Dun Gifford, president of Oldways.

This effort may seem to contradict the thinking behind popular low-carb diets such as Atkins and South Beach. But while both of those diets insist that people eliminate most carbohydrates in the first two weeks, after that it's all about choosing "good" carbs, such as whole grains.

Scientists don't quite understand how and why whole grains are good for you.

"It would be nice if we knew the answer to that question; unfortunately, we don't," said Lupton. "It's not just the fiber. It's something in addition to that that has to do with having the whole grain."

A whole grain is the entire seed or kernel — from grains like wheat, oats, corn or rye. They are packed with fiber, protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, and besides helping guard against heart disease and diabetes, they also contain cancer-fighting antioxidants and other nutrients.

They lose the good stuff when grains are refined or processed. Manufacturers generally fortify their food with nutrients, but it's not the same.

To promote Pepperidge Farm's new line of whole grain bread, the company signed up celebrity chef and Food Network host Bobby Flay to create sandwich recipes. Among his recommendations are whole wheat with grilled salmon salad and lemon mayonnaise, or grilled eggplant, zucchini and

roasted red pepper with roasted garlic mayonnaise.

In his Manhattan and Las Vegas restaurants, Flay serves dishes made with more exotic whole grains, such as quinoa and faro. But he thinks most people will tune out if you try to interest them in foods they aren't used to eating.

"I wouldn't tell people to go out and make faro salad. If they can just open up a loaf of bread and make a sandwich, they're more apt to do that," Flay said.

State to replace monthly Medicaid cards

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky is replacing its inconvenient, often invasive and occasionally embarrassing Medicaid cards with a lifetime credit-card sized plastic version that officials say will save money and headaches.

There are about 685,000 Kentuckians on Medicaid who will be receiving the card in the coming months, replacing the monthly sheets that were costly and cumbersome.

The cards should help reduce some of the stigma for Medicaid patients who seek treatment, said Secretary James Holsinger of the Cabinet for Health and

Family Services. It should also help providers, who can use a card-reader or access the cabinet's Web site to determine patient eligibility for Medicaid.

Medicaid, which is financed with state and federal funds, pays for health care for the poor and disabled. Medicaid also pays for long-term care for the elderly.

Holsinger and Gov. Ernie Fletcher, during a news conference to announce the initiative, said it is expected to save about \$1.3 million in postage and staff time.

Medicaid recipients now receive monthly documentation of their eligibility. Entire fami-

lies are included on the sheets of paper.

As it is, one family could end up with as many as seven different Medicaid cards for the various facets of coverage. And they are not really cards at all, but ordinary sheets of paper with about a third of each sheet color-coded to reflect coverages.

The information on the sheets included all the family members, causing an array of problems all by itself, Holsinger said. The sheets also displayed numerous items of personal and medical information about all the eligible family members.

The information on the new cards is contained on magnetic

strips.

About 100,000 of the cards are already in the hands of Medicaid recipients in Fayette and Clay counties. Jefferson County Medicaid patients, except those in the Passport program, will get theirs in April. About 258,000 patients in eastern and northern Kentucky will follow in May with the remaining patients in western and southern Kentucky to follow in June.

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Celebrates 93rd Birthday

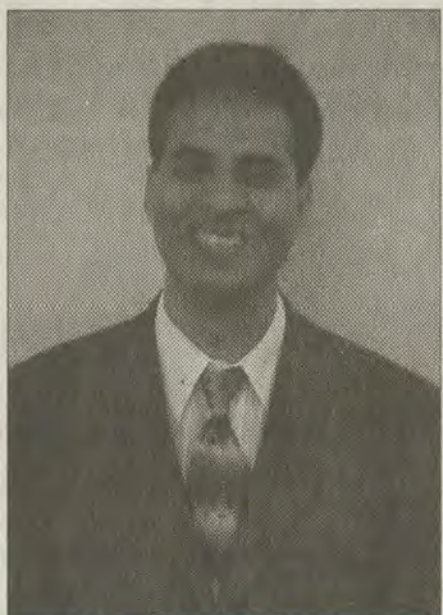
Grace Flanery, widow of the late Parley B. Flanery, daughter of the late James and Emma Frasure Ousley, sister of Willard (Lillian), Orville (Alvie), and Dewey (Winnie) Ousley, all of Prestonsburg; and mother of Bill (Judy) Flanery, Jackson, Mich.; Eunice (Arnold) Hall, Martin, KY; Joe (Barb) Flanery, Scott's Depot, WV; Nora (Gerald) Tomberlin, Weaverville, NC; Doris (Charles) Porter, Unicoi, TN; Emma (Alger) Pigman, Hindman, KY; Mavis (Elman) Blair, Lexington, KY; Bryan (Joan) Flanery, Ashland, KY; and Flo (Bartley) Bartrum, St. Louis, MO; celebrated her 93rd birthday with a party on March 5, 2005, at the Martin Senior Citizen's Center. The party was attended by more than 80 friends and relatives who enjoyed lunch and birthday cake. Mrs. Flanery received many beautiful and useful gifts.



Several photo albums containing old pictures of Mrs. Flanery, her family and friends, were on display. The attendees and Mrs. Flanery reminisced about her life, including her career as a school teacher, mainly in one-room schools, sometimes riding a horse across a mountain in all types of weather. Her neighbors discussed her role as a community leader, offering tutoring to the children at no cost. Many terms papers would not have been written without access to her set of encyclopedias, the only ones on Bucks Branch at that time.

The Mayor of Martin, Thomasine Robinson, presented Mrs. Flanery with a proclamation designating March 5 as "Grace Flanery Day" in the town of Martin, recognizing her contributions to the community. Mrs. Flanery would like to extend her gratitude to her family and friends for making the day so special to her.

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'End of life issues' can be wrenching and complex

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The title of the seminar at the University of Kentucky medical center — "End of Life Issues" — belies the often wrenching and complex decisions that must be made when you or someone close is approaching death.

"It's very difficult to look their loved one in the face and say, 'What would you want?'" said Patricia Ryan, a nurse and associate in the program for bioethics at the medical school.

The seminar, and public attention across the U.S., has focused on the topic as the bitter debate rages about the fate of Terri Schiavo, a brain-damaged Florida woman in a persistent vegetative state for nearly 15 years. Schiavo's husband and parents have been in a protract-

ed legal and political debate over whether her feeding tube should be removed.

The panelists Tuesday agreed that a written statement of an individual's wishes, sometimes called an advance directive or a living will, can help resolve such disputes or prevent them from happening.

Ironically, some members of the panel, which included a neurologist, medical director of a hospice, two medical ethics specialists and a philosopher, did not have their own such signed directives.

Sherry Weisenfluh, a social worker at the Hospice of the Bluegrass, said if anything good comes from the Schiavo spectacle in Florida, it will be to force people to think about such things.

"It's not easy," Weisenfluh said. "What's underneath that

are really values."

Dr. Terry Gutzgell, medical director of the Lexington-based hospice, said the Schiavo case is the exception. Hospitals, families, doctors and hospices routinely take people off ventilators, withdraw or never start feeding tubes.

"It happens every day in this country," said Gutzgell.

The dying process, as Gutzgell called it, is widely misunderstood. Properly cared for, even people in persistent vegetative states who have their food and water withdrawn do not suffer.

"Patients do enter a state of profound calm and peacefulness," Gutzgell said.

Dr. Charles Smith, a professor of neurology and an aging specialist, said someone in a persistent vegetative state can exhibit such things as open eyes

and movement that can be mistaken by lay people for consciousness. In fact, he said, such patients have no awareness of self or the environment.

"These are automatic processes that occur in the nervous system," Smith said. "It's an illusion."

Withholding food and water, unlike something like disconnecting a ventilator or other artificial life-extending machine, is viewed differently among the general public, Weisenfluh said.

"Food equals love," she said. Sara Rosenthal, director of the bioethics program at UK, said there is still a debate about

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Prestonsburg pay it for them. In 1985, the Prestonsburg Fire Department purchased a ladder truck to service First Commonwealth Bank, Highland Terrace and Highlands Regional Medical Center. The replacement value of this piece of equipment alone is \$500,000.

HRMC is not beyond the five-mile ISO guideline for a Class 4 fire insurance rating. Even if they were, their rating would not affect the rest of the city. The ISO can establish more than one fire class within a city. For example, Thunder Ridge does not affect the ISO rating for the rest of the city.

Occupational tax is based on 1.5 percent of gross wages. If this would be such a burden on employees, HRMC could offset the tax on employees with the money it will save on water and sewer.

The City of Prestonsburg

operates on a regional concept. Without water and sewer service from this city, areas in the county could not grow. The sign at U.S. 23 and Route 114 says, "Welcome to Prestonsburg and Floyd County." The community extends beyond the limits of city boundaries. HRMC needs to start paying for their share of the community's future.

Prestonsburg continues to grow and since my administration, no payroll tax increase has been voted for, it is only fair to spread the tax rather than increase taxes on existing employees within Prestonsburg.

I am asking the citizens of Prestonsburg and those in the region to support the annexation of Highlands Regional Medical Center. The growth and development of our community relies on revenues. Revenues collected in Prestonsburg provide signifi-



cant funds to assist in the operation and marketing of the Mountain Arts Center, Kentucky Opry, Jenny Wiley Theatre, Stonecrest Golf Course, Archer Park and Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center. These facilities are not just to the benefit of Prestonsburg residents; they are utilized and enjoyed by citizens from our surrounding region. It is vital to consider Prestonsburg as a progressive community with the potential to expand. Other communities benefit from the employment and revenues generated by their respective health care facilities. Highlands Regional Medical Center is one of the only medical facilities in the state of Kentucky that is not within corporate city limits. The City of Prestonsburg welcomes the partnership with Highlands to enhance and foster continued economic growth.

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involved parties, the Mayor would have had the courtesy to inform the Medical Center and engage in a productive dialogue concerning the issues for both sides and prevent the possibility of a lengthy legal challenge.

Highlands will oppose the annexation in court if necessary. A number of proven cases support the theory that corridor annexation is not legal and other cases show that a city cannot annex a company, or institution, to simply obtain tax revenue. Contrary to what Council has been told, the League of Cities will not provide legal counsel for the City in this matter. They only provide legal counsel for liability cases. This case will not be decided in the local court system with local attorneys and the Medical Center will prevail.

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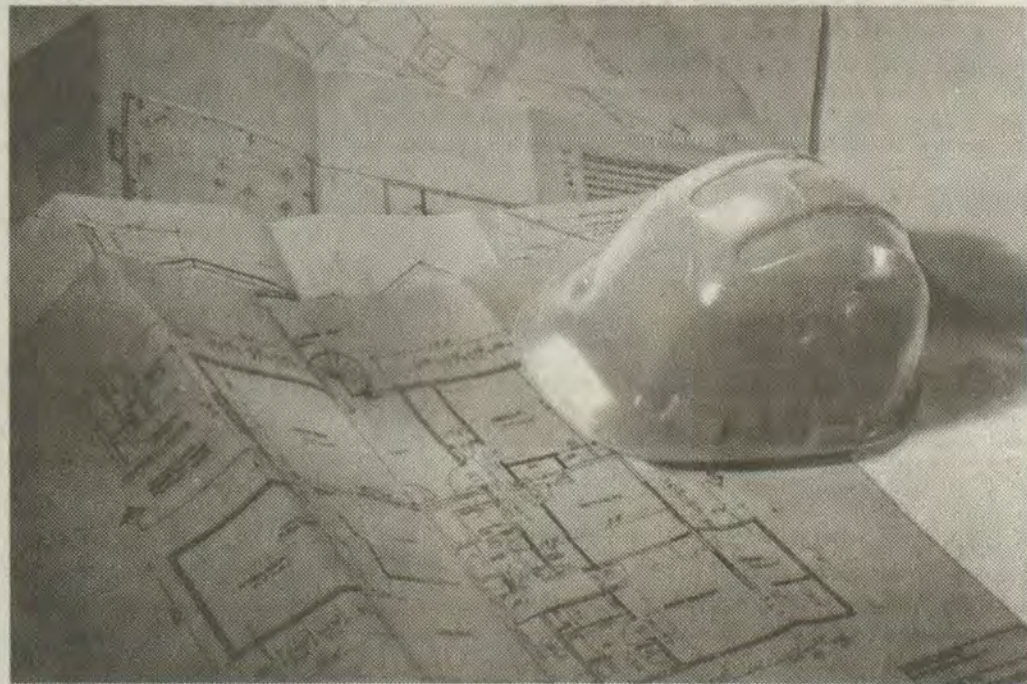
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No movement in lawsuit that sparked debate on overweight trucks

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Lawyers have made no moves yet to restart a lawsuit that sparked debate among legislators about whether truckers should be allowed to haul heavier loads of sand, oil, gravel and other natural resources.

Pike County Circuit Judge Eddie Coleman left the lawsuit in limbo more than four months ago to give the General Assembly time to deal with the issue. However, legislative efforts stalled earlier this month, shortly before the General Assembly adjourned for the year.

Jon A. Woodall, a Lexington attorney representing D.R.T. Trucking of Pikeville, said he plans to meet with his client next week to discuss what action to take now. The company claims in the lawsuit that Kentucky's weight limits unconstitutionally favor coal haulers.

"I suspect when we sit down and talk about this that a decision will be made one way or the other, either to go forward with the lawsuit or simply to walk away from it," Woodall said. "Frankly, my gut feeling is we will go forward with it."

Bill Caylor, president of the

Kentucky Coal Association, said the next step in the case is up to the trucking company.

"For the record," he said, "I'd like to see the plaintiff not pursue this lawsuit."

State Rep. Howard Cornett proposed a bill that would have allowed loaded trucks hauling natural resources to weigh 60 tons, instead of the 40 tons currently allowed under state law.

The legislation, Cornett said, was intended to give truckers hauling sand, gravel, rocks, oil and natural gas the same leeway that coal

haulers already receive.

Only coal trucks with permits are allowed to exceed the 40-ton weight limit under current law.

The Kentucky Coal Association took no position on the failed legislation, even though it had serious ramifications for the coal industry, especially if it failed. That's because a judge could rule that the exemption granted to coal haulers is unconstitutional and should be discontinued.

"A lot of people feel like, if that lawsuit is pursued, we could lose everything," Caylor said.

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whether food and water should be considered medical treatment.

Under Kentucky law, it is possible to withhold food and water and unusual medical treatment from someone who cannot make his or her wishes known. In order of priority, those who can make such a decision are a judicially appointed guardian, the spouse, an adult child of the patient or a majority of the children, the parents and then other relatives.

The courts have also said a person's comments about future medical care can be taken into account, even if there is no written directive.

Rosenthal said the entire discussion is difficult because it raises questions about mortality that are uncomfortable. Nevertheless, "We're all just a car accident away from a persistent vegetative state," Rosenthal said.

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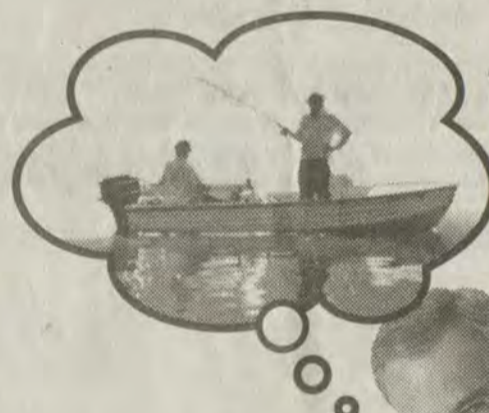
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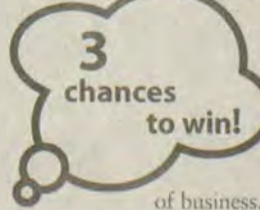
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13 plead guilty to UNITE drug roundup charges

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Operation UNITE's last drug roundup, executed Dec. 8, moved into the court phase this past week with 13 defendants entering guilty pleas to trafficking charges in circuit court.

In all, 43 years in recommended sentences were agreed to as the latest roundup took on a human face as each defendant appeared before Circuit Court Judges John David and Danny P. Caudill.

Monday saw five of the defendants appear in Danny Caudill's court for a grueling eight-hour session which was necessitated by other defendants appearing as well as the fact that many of the defendants were nervous and had a hard time responding to queries from the judge.

Danny Caudill treated each defendant with individual attention. Everyone who came before the bench was subjected to a set of questions to make sure that each fully understood what legal rights they were giving up by entering pleas.

Several defendants were obviously nervous while others seemed confounded by court language. The judge wound up breaking down his questions into simpler language for most of the defendants and several broke down in tears when they realized that pleading guilty to a felony meant having to go to jail to await formal sentencing.

Most defendants were in their 20s and 30s and had no significant history with the court. Several young mothers were present with their babies while one young man, whose plea didn't get entered until late in the day, was asking people during a

recess what might happen if he changed his plea at the last minute.

Each received the same treatment from Judge Danny Caudill, who later noted that it was paramount that people entering pleas understand the rights they are giving up.

"If there is any hesitancy or indication that they don't fully understand what they're doing, we make a renewed effort," Danny Caudill said. "We don't want anyone entering a plea unless it's of their own free will."

Entering a plea means that the defendant is forgoing several rights guaranteed to them in the Constitution, which include the right to a speedy trial and the right to file an appeal later.

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for May Valley to show off its colors and several students who have entered academic meets were applauded for their efforts, which were posted throughout the library where the meeting was held. Exhibits studying various topics from history to physics, which were prepared by students, were on display and represented hours of work by students who were required to submit project proposals, keep logs of their activities and present their final works with an emphasis on clearly communicating their ideas.

Eighth-grade teacher Lisa Pelphrey highlighted the efforts of students and made sure to recognize projects that were entered in area fairs regardless of whether or not they won prizes.

Secret

filed a motion to approve a confidential settlement in the case on March 11.

That motion notes that both parties reached a confidential settlement during a March 2 mediation hearing.

Anderson wrote in that motion that the terms of the settlement are "fair and equitable considering all factors."

He did not return inquiry calls yesterday.

The Floyd County Times submitted an open records request to obtain information about the settlement. Former Attorney General Ben Chandler

and his assistant, James M. Ringo, filed an opinion on August 30, 2001, saying that a school district settlement, sealed or unsealed, is public record and

cannot be withheld from public disclosure.

Supt. Paul Fanning was unavailable for comment.

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In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will destroy noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass, giant foxtail, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, multiflora rose, black nightshade, wild cucumber and kudzu.

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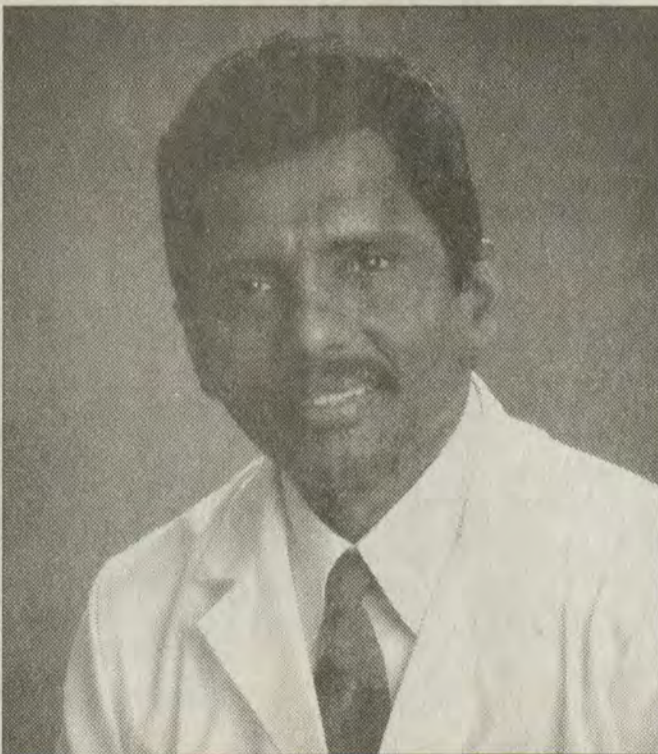
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Authorities crack down on Knott County drug trade

The Associated Press

HINDMAN — Police began rounding up alleged drug dealers in Knott County on Monday, capturing 22 of 37 people named in indictments.

Detectives from Operation UNITE, the anti-drug task force in eastern Kentucky, led the roundup that began at 7 a.m. EST.

Mike Luttrell, who heads Operation UNITE's investigations in the Kentucky River area, said the roundup was a first in Knott County and was the result of months of undercover investigations conducted with assistance from the local sheriff's office.

"This day's been a long time coming," said UNITE Executive Director Karen Engle. "This is law enforcement's grand open-

ing. We're making it known we're alive and well in Knott County."

Engle said getting drugs off the streets in eastern Kentucky requires everyone to work

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Many miles I followed him, My legs so short and small, When I would tire and fall behind, His helping hand I would find.

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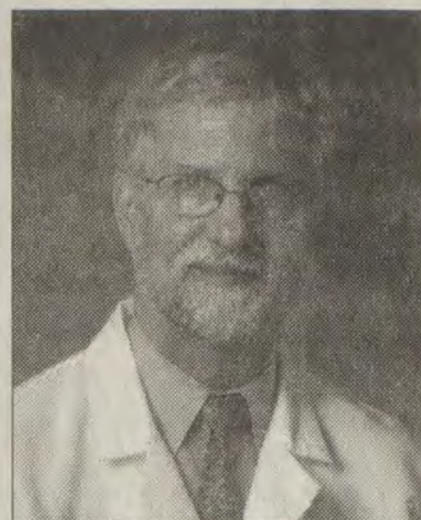
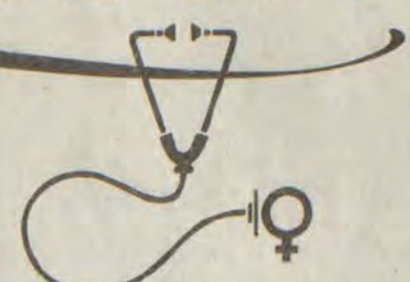
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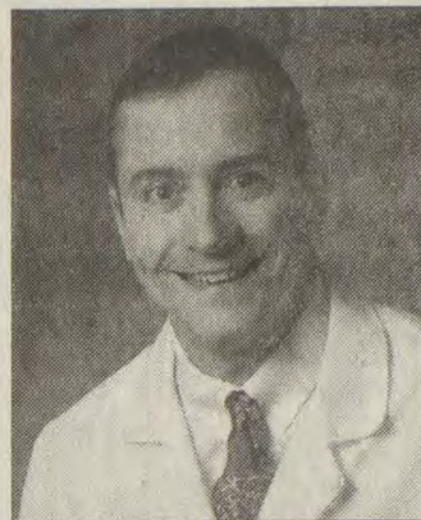
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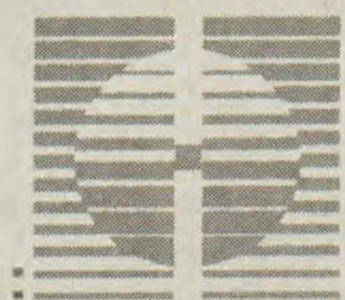


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Lexington Catholic 59, Clinton County 54

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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BOWLING GREEN – Three years in the making, the girls state high school basketball championship was worth the wait for Lexington Catholic.

The Lady Knights had reached the title game the previous two years, but lost both times to powerful Sacred Heart. This time, Lexington Catholic was the heavy favorite and had to withstand a record-setting shooting performance by Clinton County to end its championship drought.

But the Lady Knights did it, capping a 29-game season sweep of in-state competition with a 59-54 win over the Lady Bulldogs on Saturday.

"It's definitely better on this end," said Knights' guard Nikki Davis.

Tournament Most Valuable Player Anaris Sickles scored 12 of her 16 points in the second half for the Lady Knights (36-1), also the 1999 and 2001 state champions.

This title game was hardly the foregone conclusion many thought it would be as the Lady Bulldogs sank a tournament record 11 3-pointers and led 54-53 entering the final minute.

Sickles scored inside with 59 seconds left to put Lexington Catholic up 55-54. The ball barely cleared the rim.

"Praise the Lord, it went in," Sickles said.

On Clinton County's next-to-last possession, Jessica

Cummings got open in the corner 20 seconds later, but fired an airball.

Sickles coolly sank two free throws with 20.7 seconds remaining for a 57-54 Catholic lead.

With the final seconds ticking off, Amber Guffey shot an off-balance 3-pointer from the top of the key. It thudded off the side of the rim and Shannon Novosel corralled the rebound. She hit two foul shots with 3.5 seconds left to finally put the game out of reach.

"We had to bring our A-plus game to finish that game out," said Lexington Catholic coach Greg Todd.

As the buzzer sounded, the Lady Knights rushed to mid-court, dancing and hugging, as confetti poured onto the court. Most of the Lady Bulldogs sobbed as they watched the celebration from their bench.

"We shot the ball well," said Clinton County coach Ronnie Guffey. "But their press just kept wearing and wearing on us. They've just got so many players that can play."

Amber Guffey scored 20 points and twin sister Paige Guffey added 14 as the Region Four Lady Bulldogs (32-6), who broke their own single-game tournament record for 3-pointers in a game, going 11 of 23 from beyond the arc.

Clinton County was playing in its first championship game in any sport, and about 2,000 residents made the 100-mile drive to Bowling Green.

They had plenty to cheer

about at the start, as the Lady Bulldogs jumped to a surprising 6-0 lead. The lead ballooned to nine, at 22-13, before the Lady Knights stiffened their defense. They still trailed 2-22 at half-time, the only time they trailed at the break in the tournament.

The lead changed hands six times in the third quarter as Lexington Catholic attacked the basket and Clinton County continued to sink 3-pointers.

"We knew each possession was precious," Sickles said.

The Lady Knights generated 17 points off 13 Clinton County turnovers in the first three quarters, but the Lady Bulldogs were a sharp 9 of 17 from 3-point range.

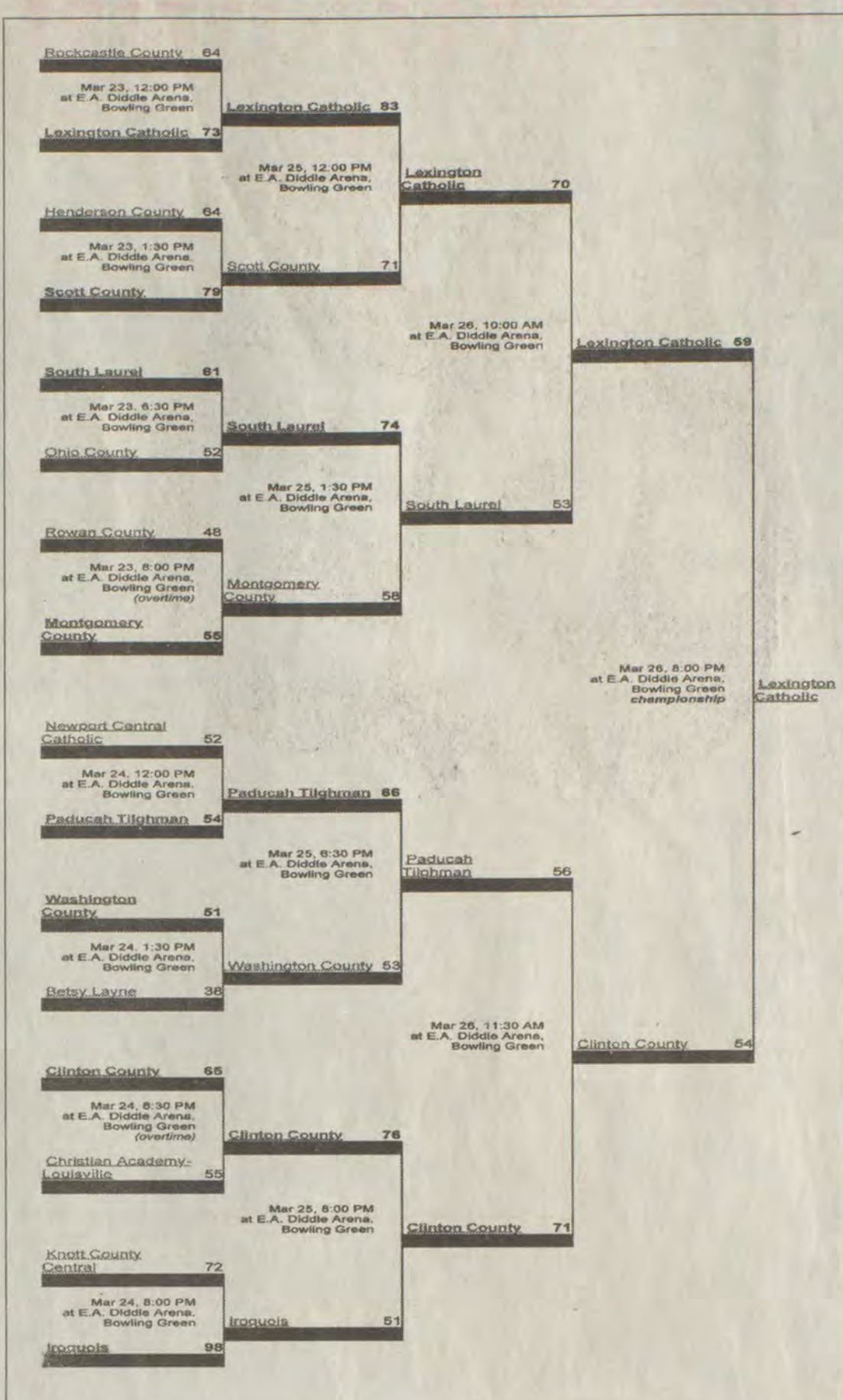
Paige Guffey sank Clinton County's 10th 3-pointer of the game 20 seconds into the fourth quarter as the Lady Bulldogs' lead swelled to four.

Sickles scored twice in the lane to guide Lexington Catholic back to the lead. The Lady Bulldogs kept answering, though, taking a 50-49 lead on Paige Guffey's 3-pointer with 2:19 left in the game, Clinton County's record-setting 11th of the game.

"If you stay close, you never know how somebody is going to react," Ronnie Guffey said. "We did that and we had a shot."

But they needed one more and couldn't get it, as the Lady Knights surged to their third state title in seven seasons.

"We kept telling the kids to just stick to the game plan and finish," Todd said. "That was one of the higher-level finishes I've seen."



New Mexico State hires Theus

by PETE HERRERA
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Louisville assistant Reggie Theus confirmed Saturday night he has accepted the head coaching job at New Mexico State.

"I think that job has great potential," the former NBA star said shortly after Louisville advanced to the Final Four with a 93-85 win over West Virginia in the Albuquerque Regional championship game.

New Mexico State has scheduled a news conference Monday to announce Theus' hiring.

Theus, who has been on Rick Pitino's staff for two years, said details of his contract with New Mexico State are still being worked out.

This will be Theus' first head coaching job in Division I. He expressed excitement and confidence that he can turn around a program that finished 6-24 last season, the Aggies' worst season since 1966.

"What sells that program for me is you can sell the future," Theus said.

Theus said New Mexico State is committed to improving all of its athletic programs under the leadership of athletics director McKinley Boston. Boston, a former athletics director and vice president at the University of Minnesota,

was hired by NMSU in December.

"It's going to be a new beginning," Theus said. "I know everybody is on the same page, or I wouldn't have taken the job."

Theus would not comment on the length of his contract or the salary, but noted that the details that need to be worked out are "relatively small."

He said he will accompany Louisville to St. Louis for the Final Four, where the Cardinals will play Illinois. He said he does not expect to meet with the NMSU players until after the Final Four.

Theus, 47, joined Pitino's staff in 2003. Before that he was a volunteer assistant for a year at Cal State Los Angeles. He also was head coach of the Las Vegas Slam of the ABA during the 2002 season.

Theus said he has learned much from Pitino about the game and about being a head coach.

"I've had conversations with coach Pitino about when he's taken over programs," Theus said. "I've had some great words of wisdom from him."

Theus also said Pitino supported his decision to take the job with the Aggies.

"When coach hired me, he asked me, 'Reggie do you want to be a head coach?'" Theus said. "I said absolutely. He said, 'Good, I hire future head coaches, not assistant coaches.'"

Theus, who played for Jerry Tarkanian at UNLV from 1976-78, spent 13 years in the NBA with Chicago, Kansas City, Sacramento, Atlanta, Orlando and New Jersey. He was a two-time All-Star with the Bulls in 1981 and 1983 and is one of only five players in NBA history to score at least 19,000 points and have at least 6,000 assists.

Theus takes over a program that operated this past season under interim coach Tony Stubblefield. Stubblefield took over after longtime coach Lou Henson was stricken with viral encephalitis last September.

Henson, 73, was left partially paralyzed by the disease.

Unable to walk on his own and in a wheelchair, Henson retired in January, 21 wins shy of becoming only the fifth coach in Division I history to win 800 games.

Henson has battled a series of health problems in recent years. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer, two years ago. The cancer is now in remission.

Henson was the Aggies' coach from 1966 to 1975 and from 1997 until his retirement. He also spent 21 seasons at Illinois and led both the Aggies and Illini to the Final Four. Henson's first team at New Mexico State in 1966-67 finished 15-11 and went to the NCAA tournament. The previous year NMSU was 4-22.



On February 19, Prestonsburg Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 409 went to Lexington and Memorial Coliseum to see the University of Kentucky LadyCats play Missouri. Before taking in the game, the local troop had lunch at Rupp and took a tour of the arena.

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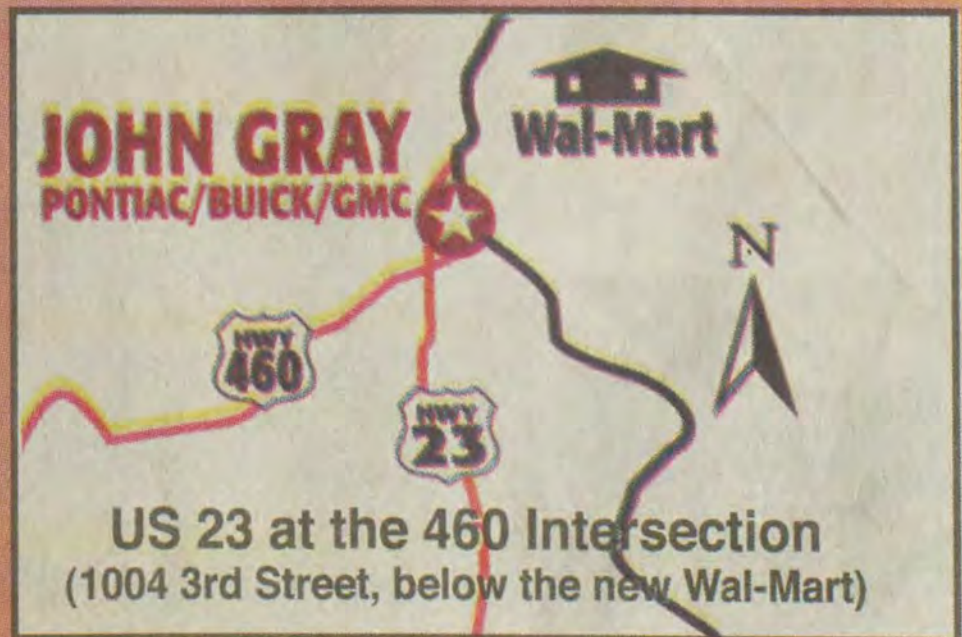
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Final Derby preps begin this weekend; Sun King still No. 1

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
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NEW YORK — Let the final auditions commence for the Kentucky Derby.

High Fly and Bandini, the 1-2 finishers in the Fountain of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream Park, are ready to go at it again in Saturday's \$1 million Florida Derby.

And with the 1 1/8-mile race just five weeks before the Derby (May 7), it's unlikely any of 3-year-olds in the field will compete again before the run for the roses.

In the past, the Florida Derby was held the second weekend of March, allowing trainers the option of one more prep race. Now, most trainers agree there's not enough time to throw in another one.

For history buffs, the last horse to win the Kentucky Derby off a layoff of five weeks or more was Needles in 1956. Nick Zito, who trains High Fly, calls the new placement of the Florida Derby "no man's land."

Nonetheless, Zito also will send out Noble Causeway in the Grade 1 race.

Bandini is trainer Todd Pletcher's top Derby hope, and the colt moves into this week's Run to the Roses' Top 10 at No. 9. Pletcher's Proud Accolade fell off the Derby trail after a fourth-place finish in the Rushway Stakes at Turfway Park on Saturday, but the trainer may have another prospect in Flower Alley, surprise winner of the Lane's End Stakes.

Next stop for Flower Alley is either the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland or the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park — both April 16. "We're on a tight schedule," Pletcher said.

Zito's Sun King remains No. 1 this week, with Rockport Harbor a shaky No. 2 after trainer John Servis called in a blacksmith to work on the colt's bothersome right rear hoof.

A few Derby hopefuls were on the move over the weekend: Tampa Bay Derby winner Sun King and trainer Bobby Frankel's Louisiana Derby winner High Limit were among dozens of horses shipped to Churchill Downs from Palm Meadows Training Center in Florida after an outbreak of strangles (a contagious disease).

It was an unlucky week for trainer Patrick Biancone, who saw two Derby prospects drop from Derby contention. Scipion, winner of the Risen Star at the Fair Grounds, fractured a bone in his right rear leg, and San Rafael Stakes winner Spanish Chestnut was a dismal sixth in the Lane's End.

This week's top 10, with Derby future wager odds (set March 12):

1. Sun King (Nick Zito, trainer; Edgar Prado, jockey): Now at Churchill Downs after leaving Florida due to outbreak of contagious disease (strangles) in nearby barn at Palm Meadows Training Center ... Tampa Bay Derby winner is 2-for-2 this year ... Next start: Blue Grass (April 16) ... Odds: 10-1.

2. Rockport Harbor (John Servis, Stewart Elliott): Blacksmith flown in to work on bothersome right rear hoof ... Still on Derby trail ... Next start: Arkansas Derby (April 16) ... Odds: 14-1.

3. High Fly (Zito, Jerry Bailey): Slight fever canceled weekend workout plan ... Moves to Gulfstream from Palm Meadows for final tuneup early this week. Next start: Florida Derby (April 2) ... Odds: 21-1.

4. Sweet Catomine (Julio Canani, Corey Nakatani): Eclipse Award-winning filly still on target to test the boys ... Santa Anita Oaks winner has five victories in six career starts ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby (April 9) ... Odds: 16-1.

5. Consolidator (D. Wayne Lukas, Rafael Bejarano): San Felipe winner likely headed to Kentucky for final prep ... Next start: Blue Grass ... Odds: 44-1.

6. High Limit (Bobby Frankel, Ramon Dominguez): Also shipped to Churchill from Florida ... Won Louisiana Derby off 4 1/2-month layoff to boost his record to 3-for-3 ... Next start: Wood Memorial (April 9) or Blue Grass ... Odds: 9-1.

7. Greater Good (Bob Holthus, John McKee): Not most impressive 3-year-old, but consistent with three straight wins ... Next start: Arkansas Derby ... Odds: 28-1.

8. Survivalist (Shug McGaughey, Richard Migliore): Trainer hopes to have first Derby starter since Saarland finished 10th in 2002 ... Next start: Wood Memorial ... Odds: 6-1 (mutuel field).

9. Bandini (Todd Pletcher, John Velazquez): Pletcher had 34 Derby nominees; this may be his lone hope ... Finished strongly behind High Fly in Fountain of Youth ... Next start: Florida Derby ... Odds: 14-1.

10. Bellamy Road (Zito, Javier Castellano): Also shipped to Churchill from Palm Meadows over the weekend. Next start: Wood Memorial ... Odds: 6-1 (mutuel field).

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Casey turns into Reds' top recruiter

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Sean Casey's offseason routine went something like this: Pick up a bat and take a few swings, pick up the phone and make a few calls.

The first baseman honed his swing and his sales pitch. He helped persuade free agents to choose the Cincinnati Reds over teams that had higher profiles and bigger payrolls. The phone bill jumped and the roster filled up.

In an offseason when he supplanted Barry Larkin as the face of the Reds, he also became their best recruiter, helping general manager Dan O'Brien convince free agents that Cincinnati was the place for them.

"I told Dan, 'I need to get a separate check as assistant general manager,'" Casey joked Saturday.

Casey doesn't need another check — he's got two years left on a \$28.9 million contract that is the second-biggest on the team, trailing only Ken Griffey Jr.'s nine-year, \$116.5 million deal. For peace of mind, what Casey really needs is a trip to the playoffs.

Since he came to Cincinnati from Cleveland on the eve of the 1998 season opener for starter Dave Burba, Casey has made the All-Star team three times and missed out on the playoffs every time. The closest he came was 1999, when the Reds lost a one-game playoff to the Mets for the NL wild card berth.

The Reds haven't even come close to the postseason since 2000, giving Casey a growing sense of urgency. At age 30, he

knows there are only so many chances left.

So, he worked the phones over the winter, trying to help the front office improve a team that has had four straight losing seasons, its longest such stretch since 1945-55. He chatted up starter Eric Milton, relievers Kent Mercker and David Weathers, third baseman Joe Randa and shortstop Rich Aurilia, all of whom signed on.

Closer Danny Graves and starter Paul Wilson also made courtesy calls on behalf of their team in the offseason, but no one did it with quite the same gusto.

"I want to win here," Casey said. "The only way to do that is to get quality players to come to Cincinnati. That's the ultimate goal. We're all in this together."

"You can only play for so long. For me, it's like, 'Hey, I've got a few more good years left, hopefully we'll win.' That's the thing everybody wants. In '99 we were one game short, and I'd like to get back to that atmosphere."

Casey will have a lot to do with how it turns out.

When the club decided not to offer Larkin another contract at the end of his 19th season in Cincinnati, Casey became the position player with the most tenure in Cincinnati. Only closer Danny Graves has been around longer — he came to the Reds a year earlier.

When Casey looks across the clubhouse this spring, he sees pitcher Jeremie Robertson in the

locker that Larkin had for so many years, a reminder of the changing times.

"I've never been in the clubhouse without Barry, so it's different," Casey said. "It's just weird. The Cincinnati Reds without Barry Larkin — it hasn't been that way for about 20 years."

Now, it's Casey's turn.

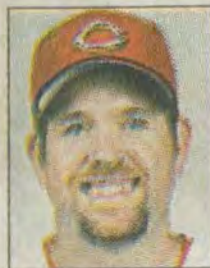
Over the last few years, the affable infielder has gradually assumed a bigger role in the clubhouse. He'll do a celebration dance in the clubhouse after a win. He'll give advice on how to deal with a setback.

"The longer you're here, the more guys are going to come to you and ask you things like, 'What's going on here?'" Casey said. "Anyone who's here is going to take on a leadership role."

When he was a budding major leaguer, Casey was nicknamed "The Mayor" because he'd chat with opposing players at first base, sort of like a politician who knew everyone. When he'd cross the basepaths with one of the game's biggest stars, he might call him "Mr." in wide-eyed respect.

In another indication of his changing role, Casey finds himself on the other end of the adulation these days.

"Sometimes you'll be in conversation with the young guys, and you can tell," he said. "Anytime you're young and in the big leagues, you're in awe of the whole thing. I don't know if anyone comes across like, 'Hey, I'm talking to Sean Casey,' but there's that fresh exuberance of being there."



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POISON OAK

The young and the shoeless

These days, young people just don't seem to enjoy the one activity that we coal camp kids looked forward to most, with the coming of spring and the impending summer: going barefooted.

Just as soon as Mom felt the ground was "warm enough," off those shoes would come. Her decision usually resulted not from the use of a thermometer, but from little brother Joe's asking her at least 20 times a day (I put him up to it) what the temperature was. Finally, she'd relent, probably thinking that even if we took a cold it would be better than the constant aggravation she was having to endure.

Actually, it was kind of silly on our part, because a 1940 coal camp was fraught with danger for the young and shoeless. Broken glass, sharp rocks, sand briars, not to mention fresh cow manure, were just lying in wait, ready to ambush our tender soles, when we found ourselves too preoccupied, with some sort of devilment, to look where we were going. It wasn't more than a day or two after we'd been set free from the bonds of stiff leather, that at least two or three kids in the camp would be wearing old socks, which, more often than not, were fighting losing battles while attempting to hold in place a turpentine-saturated rag that our moms had tied, when we'd sliced

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KIM'S KORNER

Blessed Day

Here's hoping everyone's Easter Sunday was as blessed and joyful as ours.

We attended Easter Services at my brother and sister-in-law's church, Garrett First Baptist.

Talk about a "Full-House" it was a "Full" House!

Pews packed side by side, chairs along the walls, yes people and little one's everywhere.

The singing was beautiful, and young Zack Bragg blessed our socks off with the most heartwarming, tear jerking song so perfect for the day's occasion.

Pastor Randy Osborne's sermon was such a blessing, and then during the altar call; three lives were dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ. Two of which, were a Mother and Daughter adding such a special touch barely a dry eye was left in the place.

Colby and Kennedy looked like absolute dolls! Kennedy made her rounds telling everybody "Happy

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Women in History

Linda James



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Though Linda James stays busy with her business, LJ Productions, God and family remain the top priorities in her life.

Recording Floyd County's history

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

You've seen her all over town - filming our children engaged in school activities and community events and playing their hearts out to score a victory for their school team. She records our town's parades and festivals, church worship services, community holiday get-togethers, weddings, graduations, and public meetings. Her name is Linda Davis James and she is at work each day, recording Floyd County's history

and creating an audio/visual memory book of our daily lives.

"I only do good news," she says with an engaging smile. "There's enough other people covering all the bad - I only want to cover the good stuff."

Linda, married to Freddie James, Director, Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, for over 30 years, shares that though she loves her business and enjoys working with all the people she comes in contact with through its operation, that the priorities of her life lie in her service to God and family.

"To me, that's what life is about," she said. "Nothing is more important than knowing God and being close to family."

Linda, a 1969 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, began dating Freddie James her sophomore year. Following graduation, the two enrolled in school at Eastern Kentucky University, in Richmond. Afterwards, the couple moved to Frankfort and while Freddie worked in a state agency department, Linda made a decision to forego a career in option of being a stay-at-home mom.

"I have never regretted that decision," she said. "Home is where I wanted to be. I didn't want to send my boys off to day care or to a babysitter, I wanted to be there for them and I'm glad that I was able to be. My most important job has been raising my family."

"I have a great husband," Linda said. "He supports me, he doesn't boss me, he gives me good advice, and, he doesn't get mad if I don't take it." After more than three

(See LINDA JAMES, page three)

CRITTER CORNER

Defining the Problem

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

"Only 42% of cat guardians and 39% of dog guardians are aware of the pet overpopulation problem." Can this possibly be true? I found this quote from the Massachusetts SPCA survey of 1993, and it reinforced an article I read somewhere recently. The article basically said that people who work with animals all the time don't realize that many pet owners, let alone John Q. Public, have no idea that a problem even exists.

If that's true, then it means that much of what we say falls on deaf ears, because the average person may have no concept of the scope or even the existence of pet animal overpopulation. I am probably preaching to the choir here, because most people who take time to read this column already know

what's going on. But maybe, just maybe, someone who would normally never read this is sitting in a hospital lobby, or in a parking lot waiting to pick the kids up after practice, or is killing time before the ballgame comes on TV. For whatever reason, someone may be reading a pet article for the first time. This one is for you.

Please stay with me. This is depressing, this is heartbreaking, but this is real. Ignoring it will not make it go away. In fact, the only way for us to get control of the problem is to understand it. So I am not going to go into graphic details; I just want to present the facts. Trouble is, the numbers are so high that it is difficult to make them seem real. Until you have seen them first-hand, it is hard to think of them representing individual animals.

Did you know, that in the United States, we kill around 350 healthy, adoptable ani-

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This is "Cool Hand Luke," a Basset Hound owned by Maranda Sturgill, of Dwale. According to his owner, Luke likes to play with "those cute little quacking duck toys that we buy him at Wal-Mart." He also enjoys burying his doggie biscuits outside.

In Honor of Women in History Month

The Times salutes all our women featured in this month's special Segment

"That's what life is all about. Nothing is more important than knowing God and being close to family... it's what will save us."

- Linda James

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

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

Allen Central Middle School

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Ser-

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

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

Clark Elementary

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

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

Duff Elementary

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18

years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

May Valley Elementary

■ May 5, 6 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-06 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If possible, new students should accompany their parents to the registration process. For more information, call the school at 285-0883.

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

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

McDowell Elementary and

Family Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ April 4 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 3:15 p.m., in FRC office.

■ April 11 - Last day to turn in Food City receipts!

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

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides

services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

■ Walking track open to public.

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

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center.

■ April 6 - Child Abuse Awareness Month - Booth will be set up in school lunchroom and Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, will be on hand for questions and comments.

■ April 11, 12, 13 - Free computer class, beginners and advanced, 5:30 to 7:30, in school computer lab. If interested, call FRC center to sign up.

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

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness.

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

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

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

March 29 and 31, 1995

Three Prestonsburg attorneys have filed a class action lawsuit seeking refunds of over \$800,000 paid to the Floyd County Fiscal Court for a 911 service...Floyd County's solid waste commissioners want a representative from the state auditor's office to explain to them, and the public, why \$2.5 million in "user fees" cannot be accounted for...Inez May Richmond Hereford, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Monday night of complications from injuries she received in a car accident, in which her husband, Thomas May Hereford Jr., was killed on March 17, near Ashland...Kentucky State Police have apparently begun a review of Prestonsburg City Council records, but a spokesman for the agency declined to comment on the issue, Tuesday...Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill denied a request, Monday, that he recuse himself from the case of a Floyd District Court Clerk accused of holding two state policemen at gunpoint, and ordered that the clerk take a leave of absence from her duties...Prestonsburg's effort to cut waste and control garbage disposal costs through a recycling program is expanding, Mayor Jerry Fannin said Monday. Fannin said city sanitation crews have begun picking up cardboard, and will soon add newspapers to the list of waste that city residents may separate for recycling...Floyd County businessman Paul Gearheart has been named first runner-up, Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)...Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond filed suit, Thursday, asking the court to decide if the county may retain funds received over the last five years from a monthly surcharge for implementation of a county-wide 911 service...Five years and 500 tons later, residents who are against Medisin Inc., still don't have the action or the answers they are seeking; which is to shut down the company's incinerators...Monday morning could be quite busy at the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, became the 1994 property tax bills will be mailed over the weekend. Workers in the sheriff's office have been spending the last week or so stuffing thousands of envelopes so that tax revenues can begin to be collected by April 3...Spring is the air and the City of

Prestonsburg is getting ready to do some spring cleaning. For the month of April, Prestonsburg Public Works will pick up all those odds and ends in and around your house, free of charge...Members of a Prestonsburg planning commission quadrupled acreage needed for a proposed 18-hole championship golf course, to include a recreation complex that could be bigger than the city. At a meeting, Saturday, of the Prestonsburg Golf Course Board, board members expanded the proposed 150-acre project, first studied by the city for the golf course to 637 acres for the new plan...There died: Lima Jean Mastin, 81, of Lawrenceburg, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, March 28, at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Lawrenceburg; Anderson Hatfield, 97, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, March 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Inez May Richmond Hereford, 80, of Prestonsburg, March 27, at King's Daughters Medical Center; Emma Thomas Nelson, 54, of Ivel, Monday, March 27, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland, following injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Estel Story, 82, of Teaberry, Saturday, March 25, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Alice Hazel Sammons Rose, 84, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, March 25; Howard Rose, 71, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, March 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Carl G. Ford, 82, of Berea, Sunday, March 26, at Berea Hospital; Dewey "Cube" Howard, 91, of Banner, formerly of Leslie County, Friday, March 24, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Burnard Conley, 60, of Martin, Sunday, March 26, at Knott County Nursing Home; Delbert Haley, 70, of Wheelwright, Monday, March 27, at Knott County Nursing Home; James Rayburn Stone, 55, of McDowell, Thursday, March 23, at his residence; Wilburn Page, 46, of McDowell, Saturday, March 25, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Bessie Dutton, 62, of Weeksbury, Thursday, March 23, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Oscar King, 71, of Green Cove, Florida, formerly of Harold, Saturday, March 25, at Specialty Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida; Harold Baldrige, 65, of Garrett, Monday, March 27, at his residence; Mabel Frazier, 78, of Noblesville, Indiana, Sunday, March 26, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville; Joe Jack Daniels, 70, Sunday, March 26, at King's Daughters Medical Center; Barbara Allen Bent-

ley, 61, of Langley, Tuesday, March 28, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Plina Jane Hicks, 83, of Honaker, Tuesday, March 28, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; James "Jim" Cooley, 69, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, March 29, at the V.A. Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia;

Twenty Years Ago

March 27, 1985

Two poachers received stiff penalties in Floyd District Court, last week, in a case that was closely watched by area sports clubs and conservationists...Union miners of the National Mines Corporation may have scored a sizable victory in the tentative agreement that could return 275 back to work...There died: Ruth Ann Compton Sturgill, 93, of Harold, March 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Charles Allen Layne, 68, of Mays Branch, March 19, at Veterans' Administration Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio; Sarah Turner, 73, of Garrett, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sarah Hunt, 90, of Stanville, March 22, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Dollie Woods, 73, of Emma, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ella A. Sisco, 73, of West Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Phillip Ernst, 75, of Abbott Creek, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Agness Stewart Music, 78, of Auxier, March 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago

March 26, 1975

Preparation of the Jenny Wiley campground has been underway more than a year. The work there involved construction of 128 camp pads, a water and sewage system...Prestonsburg police reported that an estimated \$1,500 worth of "hard" drugs were taken in the burglary of Reid's Pharmacy in the Archer Clinic building here...The McDowell Daredeviltes lost to the Sheldon Clark girls in the championship game of the 15th regional girls' basketball tournament...James A. Murphy, 45, of Langley, died early Monday afternoon of injuries in the wreck of an auto in which he was a passenger...There died:

Vertie Slater, 81, of Garrett, Tuesday, March 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Evaline Johnson, 81, of Martin, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Isaac Hall, 68, formerly of McDowell, Sunday, at his home in Beech Grove, Ind.; Robert McKinney, 68, Sunday, at his home at Harold; Frank Kidd, 90, of Honaker, last Tuesday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Hiram Gibson, 75, of Wayland, March 18, at Methodist Hospital, in Pikeville; Grover Caudill, 63, of Topmost, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jessie Goble, 73, at her home at Ivel, last Thursday; John Henry Bryant, 51, of Wellington, O., formerly of Orkney, last Wednesday, at Allen Memorial Hospital, in Wellington; Minnie Emily Witten, 79, of Wittensville, Sunday, at her home; Press Shepherd, 70, of Hueysville, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Forty Years Ago

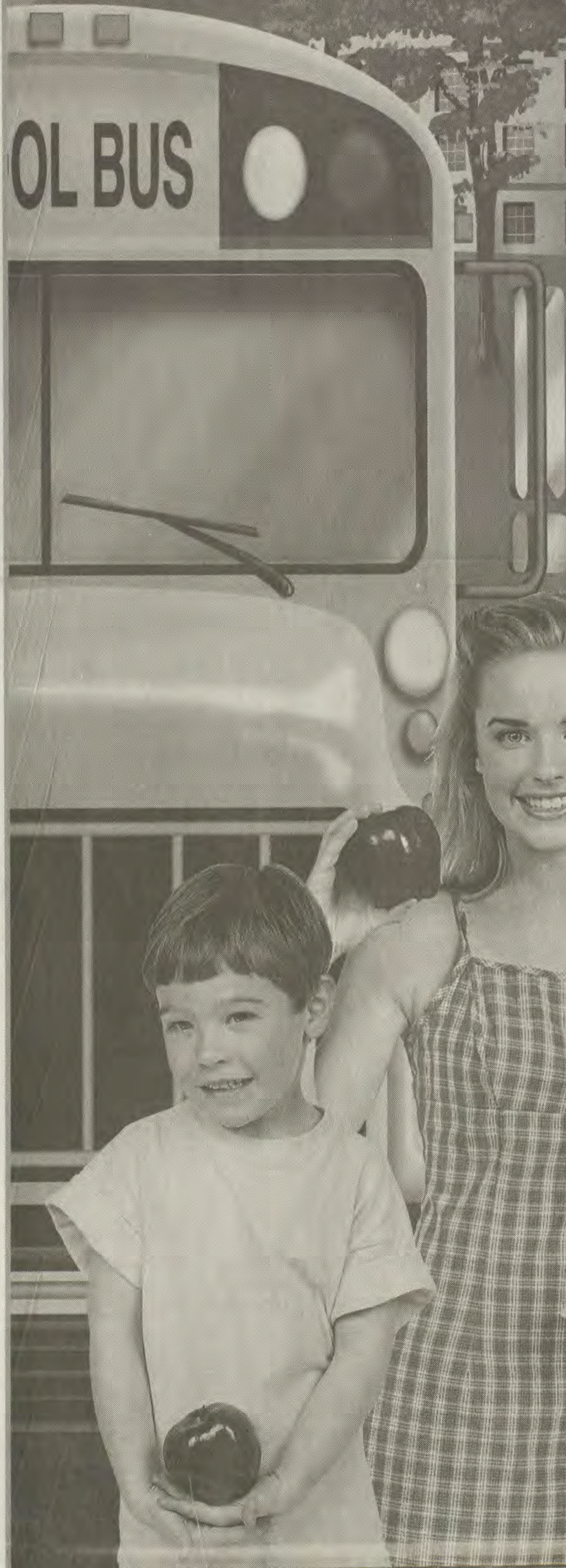
March 25, 1965

Tragedy struck twice on Middle Creek, at almost the same hour, Tuesday, claiming the lives of Curtis Fitzpatrick, 53, of Garrett, who died of burns suffered at David, and Mack Howard, 31, of Flat Gap, who was fatally crushed as a truck was being unloaded near the intersection of the Mountain Parkway and the David road...A two-day hearing on the application of Prestonsburg businessmen for a bus franchise to serve a large portion of the county, and connect several areas with Prestonsburg, ended...An investigation made this week by members of the police department into the poisoning of a number of dogs, has uncovered the names of purchasers of poisons, it was learned, Tuesday...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Campbell, a son, Joseph Wesley, March 15, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Jobie Click Jr., of Martin, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, March 16, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bussey, of Northport, Long Island, New York, formerly of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Kelly Anne, February 20...There died: H. T. Allen, 63, Wednesday, at his home here; Austin Hall, 82, of Topmost, Tuesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; James Allen, 66, of Hueysville, last Thursday, at the home of a sister at Hueysville; Samuel E. Ho-

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A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

Children First



March 2005

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Adams Middle School

Academic and Future Problem Solving



District 75 Academic Meet, AMS Future Problem Solving team: Pam Gibson, Micaya Canterbury, Jessica McKinney, Brittney Compton.



District 75 Academic Meet, first place team: Cody McCoy, Tyler Gayheart, Felicia Keathley, Pam Gibson, Tara Rohr, Mrs. West, Jessica McKinney, Danielle Ousley, Mason Holbrook, Michelle Ellis, Brittney Compton, Mrs. Marsillett, Jordan Baldrige, Micaya Canterbury, Adam Kimbler, Vincent Hayes, Shane Williamson.

Regional Academic Winners advancing to State Competition: Felicia Keathley, Michelle Ellis, Tyler Gayheart, Adam Kimbler.



Pennies For Price

In memory of Reba Price, the students of Adams Middle School chose Abraham Lincoln's birthday to collect

pennies for charity. The penny drive was called "Pennies for Price" in remembrance of a wonderful teacher and friend. May the colors of

Mrs. Price's life be remembered by each of us in our daily lives. The school collected \$833.11, which will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"Cell-ebration"



Students in Carole Bentley's 7th grade science class at Adams Middle School had a "Cell-ebration" after their research and study of plant and animal cells. As a culminating activity, students constructed a model to depict the organelles contained in both types of cells. Students had the opportunity to construct their model in various ways. Some students chose to use styrofoam, boxes, etc., while others chose to construct an edible cell. After the presentation of the model and submitting of the key which accompanied the model, students shared their "cells" with the rest of the class in a "Cell-ebration" party. Row 1—Josh Blackburn, Scotty Morgan, Brittany Peppi, Brittany Rose. Second Row—Amnber Hall, Kim Chaffins, Danese Chaffins. Row 3—Sherman Hackworth, Everett Haney, Beth Collins, Amber Yates, Brooke Meade, Heather Joseph, Emily Baldrige, Nick Stone



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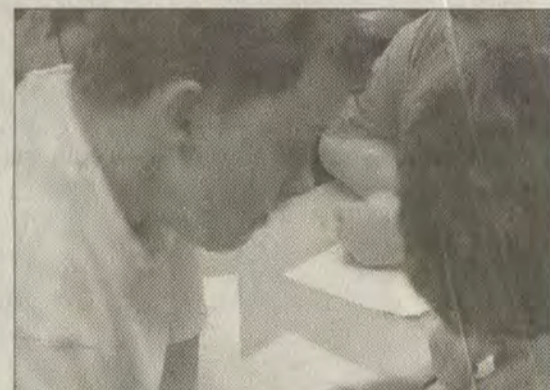
Students chose either a plant or animal cell and constructed the cell from various materials. Some students chose to construct their cell out of edible products, which they later shared with the rest of the class in a "Cell-ebration." It was a "sweet" party that will hopefully stay in the minds of the students FOREVER!!! Rachel Webb, Destiny Akers, Jonna Craft, Brittney Coyer, Josh Craynon, Nick Conn, Brandon Hall. Second row—LaToshia Ferrell, Austin McKinney, Mason McCoy, Nikki Bradley, Kate Herrick, Jessica Pennington, Brad Hicks. 3rd row—Michael Burchett, Shenna Bays, Brooke Taylor, Dixie Shepherd, Brittney Compton, Felicia Keathley, Ashley Coburn, Brad Stanley, Cody McCoy.



AMS students experience the past while visiting the Van Lear Museum.



AMS students toured the Van Lear Historical Museum to learn information on Coal Camps and the heritage of East Kentucky.



Students are working in cooperative groups on a cookie mining activity where students practice using economy concepts and information related to coal mining.

Coal — Our Heritage

Adams Middle School students recently participated in a unit entitled "Coal — Our Heritage, Our Future". Through research, guest speakers, class activities, and a trip to a local historical museum, the class gained an awareness of the great impact the coal industry has made in

our lives, and in all America. Students learned of the impact of the coal industry in the future, both in jobs and as a needed resource. Using the knowledge gained, students created projects and presented a coal fair so all of the students in the school could learn more about coal.

Projects were presented in the areas of Math, Technology, Literature, Social Studies, Art, and Music. Project winners will go on to the Cedar Coal Fair in May. Thanks to everyone involved, students, parents, community members, and teachers.

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The ACHS Good Sam's Club honored the Future Problem Solving Team for finishing first in the district and the ACHS Academic Team for their accomplishments in the academic season.

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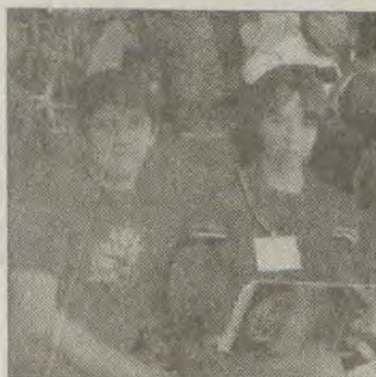
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Math Club π Day

The ACHS Math Club sponsored its second annual π (pronounced "pi") Day celebration on March 14. This day is celebrated as π Day because the approximate value of π is 3.14.

President Brock Kidd, Vice President Josh McKinney, Secretary Lyndsey Frasure and Treasurer Kayla Sheppard

made daily announcements of π facts during the week leading up to March 14. Facts were gathered from a variety of resources, including several websites.

Math Club funds were used to purchase apple pies from McDonald's for everyone at ACHS. Math students brought in posters with π facts for display around the school.

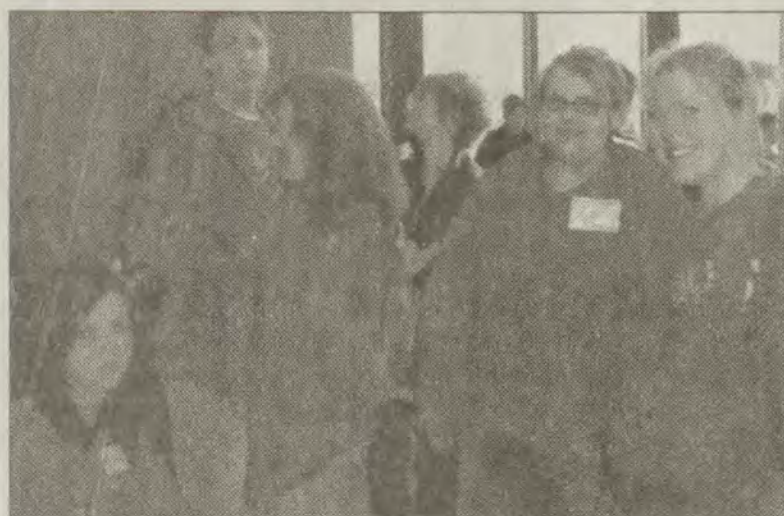
A question requiring the use of π was posted at the office for students to answer. Students who answered correctly got the chance to throw a pie at a math teacher of their choice. Congratulations

to Chris Branham for nailing Mrs. Moore with a pie!

There was a contest to see who could memorize the most digits of π . Josh Lawson and Tiffany Owens both gave it a good try, but Kayla Sheppard beat their efforts by memorizing 81 digits.

ACHS Math Club would like to thank McDonald's Restaurant and Eddie Hamilton for their efforts to help us make the day a success.

Additional activities and news for the Math Club can be found at www.achs.floyd.k12.ky.us/mathclub.htm



Science Olympiad

Allen Central High School's Science Olympiad team participated in regional competition at Big Sandy Community and Technical College on March 12.

Team members who received awards at the regional level are Tiffany Owens and Brittany Waugh, first place in tower building; Brittany Frasure and Melissa Noble, first place in cell biology; and Courtney Hall and Kayla Sheppard, first place in chemical identification. These first-place winners will advance to state competition April 16 at Western Kentucky University.

Second-place winners are Jared McKinney and Brandy Parsons, in astronomy; Courtney

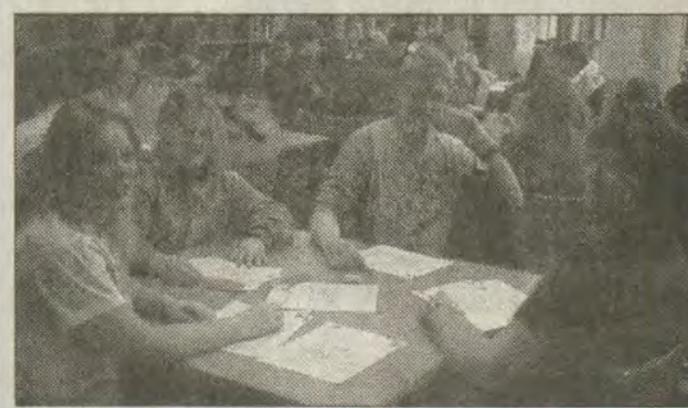
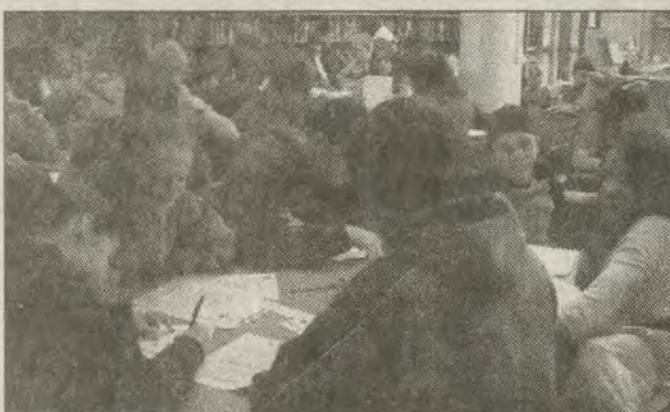
Hall and Brittany Crisp, in forensics; Michael Duff and Sabrina Howard, in dynamic planet; Kayla Moore and Kim Osborne, in disease detectives; and Zach Griffith and Josh Manuel, in fossils.

Third-place winners are Brittany Frasure and Melissa Noble, in practical data gathering; Shane Kinzer and Ben Reed, in bottle rockets; Michael Duff and Sabrina Howard, in dynamic planet; Lyndsey Frasure and Kortney Osborne, in mission possible; and Michael Duff and Sabrina Howard, in forestry.

Allen Central's Science Olympiad teams are coached by Patricia and Robert Mayton.



On March 4, Mrs. Gayheart's class went on a community-based instruction trip. The lesson for the day was learning community resources and shadowing job occupations. They made several visits to different area businesses and resources. In the city of Martin, they visited the new site of the new flood project and were thrilled to job shadow with Joan Wright, the flag lady at the site. She was so nice and helpful to the class. From there they went to visit Mountain Comprehensive Care Greenhouse, Wal-Mart, McDonald's and back to school



G/T Leadership Workshop

ACHS ninth-, 10th- and 11th-grade G/T students attended a workshop at PHS. The workshop was filled with different hands-on activities and discussions.



The Allen Central High School Future Problem Solving Team finished first in district competition. The team is coached by Sandy Mullins. Pictured from left to right are Brock Kidd, Courtney Hall, Kim Osborne, Kayla Sheppard and Josh McKinney.

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"SNOW WHITE" By Theatre IV, Tues, Oct 12, 9:30 am & Noon, Grades K-5
"BOSTON TEA PARTY" By Mainstage, Thurs, Oct 21, 9:30 am & Noon, 2-12
"LEWIS & CLARK" Presented By GMT Productions, Mon, Nov 1, 10 am & Noon, all ages
"THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW" By Theatre IV, Fri, Nov 12, 9:30 am & Noon, K-5
"A CHRISTMAS STORY" By Jenny Wiley Theatre & Mountain Arts Center
Tues/Thurs, Nov 16 & 18 - 9:30 am & Noon, \$6 students, \$8 teachers; all ages
"NUTCRACKER" By Dance Etc. & MAC, Wed/Thurs, Dec 1/2, 9:30am & Noon, K-12
"THE JUNGLE BOOK" By Theatre IV, Fri, March 4, 9:30 am and Noon, K-5
"MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" By GMT, Tues/Wed, March 8/9, 9:30 am & Noon, 7-12
"The Odyssey" By Tales & Scales, Thurs, March 17, 9:30 am and Noon, K-5

Ticket price for all shows \$4, teachers or students. The exception is "A Christmas Story" priced at \$6 students/\$8 teachers. These matinees are for schools or home schooled children only. Please call 886-2623 to schedule your classes or for more information.

Allen Central Middle School



Elizabeth Howard, first place English composition



Clyde Hamilton, second place math



Michaela Tussey, fourth place social studies



Winning team

Regional Academic Competition

Allen Central Middle School students represented their county and school admirably in the Regional Governor's Cup Competition. In the area of mathematics Clyde Hamilton placed second, in the area of English Composition

Elizabeth Howard placed first, and in the area of social studies Michaela Tussey placed fourth. The Future Problem Solving team placed third. This team consisted of Staci Carriere, Elizabeth Hughes, Evan Lawson, and Lauren Moore. The

quick recall team placed fourth. Competing for ACMS in quick recall were Clyde Hamilton, Michaela Tussey, Keith Williams, and Evan Lawson. ACMS was awarded third place overall in the competition.

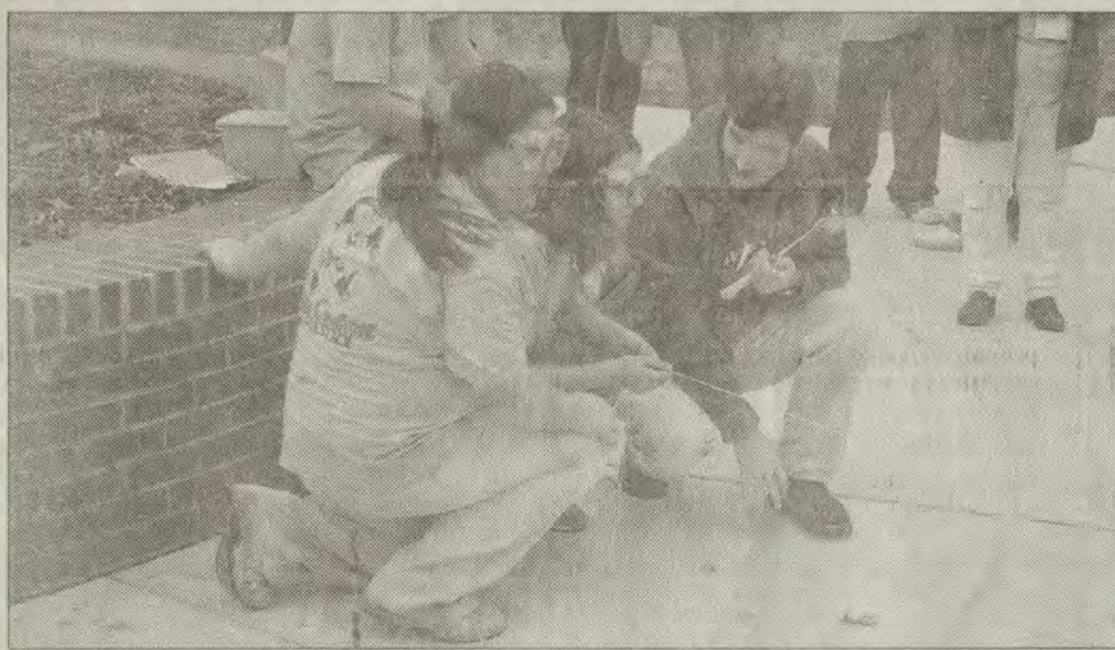


ACMS shines at Regional Science Olympiad Competition

Allen Central Middle School was elated with their performance at the Regional Science Olympiad competition. They placed first overall with multiple awards in the various categories. The Science Olympiad Team is coached by Mr. Greg Nichols, Mrs. Rebecca Coleman, Mr. Coley Martin, Mr. Larry Begley and Mrs. Ashley Rosen. Assisting in events were Mrs. CC Prater and Mrs. Lynn Handshoe.

Awesome Aquifer: Second, Keith Williams/Jon Hudspeth
 Bottle Rocket: First, Zac Goble/Clyde Hamilton; second, Breanna Duff/Brittany Clark
 Bridge Building: Second, Josh Davis/Tiffany Clark; third, Christian Francis/Blake Meade
 Compute This: First, Staci Carriere/Evan Lawson; second, Keith Williams/Clyde Hamilton
 Experimental Design: Second, Lauren Moore/Brianna Castle; third, Evan Lawson/Liz Howard/Erika Crager
 Meteorology: First, Keith Williams/Keisha Reid
 Mission Possible: Third,

Christian Francis/Blake Meade
 Road Scholar: First, Chelsie Cordial/Elizabeth Hughes
 Robo-Billiards: Second, Josh Davis/Brendon Ousley
 Science of Fitness: First, Brittany Johnson/Lauren Moore; second, Liz Howard/Elizabeth Hughes
 Sounds of Music: Second, Staci Carriere/Jordan Duff
 Water Quality: Third, Evan Lawson
 Write It/Do It: First, Elizabeth Hughes/Chelsie Cordial



Allen Central Middle School Progresses to State Governors Cup Competition

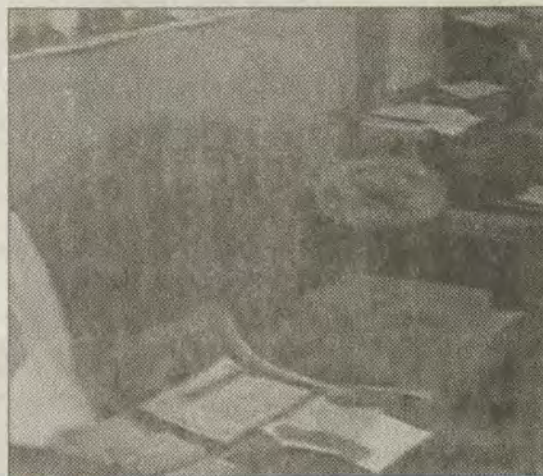
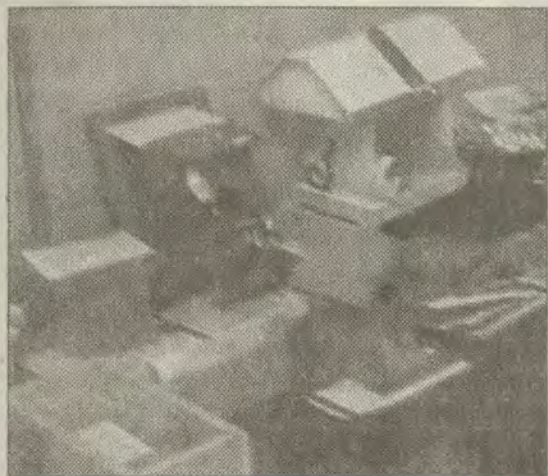
Allen Central Middle School was delighted that three students progressed on

to state academic competition. Clyde Hamilton will represent ACMS in mathe-

tics, Elizabeth Howard will represent ACMS in English Composition, and

Michaela Tussey will represent ACMS in Social Studies.

Allen Elementary



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Allen Elementary Science Fair Winners



Fourth grade: Jamila Donta, Chase Thacker and Rebecca Salyer.



Fifth grade: Kristian Waugh, Lakyn Keathley and Brittany Hurd.



Sixth grade: Laura Isaac, Cody Boyd and Devon Delpont.



Seventh grade: Erica Meade and Samantha Williams



First-place winners, grades 4-7, Samantha Williams, Jamila Donta, Kristian Waugh and Laura Isaac.

Academic Team

On Saturday, Feb. 26, the Allen Eagles elementary academic team competed in the Governor's Cup District Academic Meet, held at Betsy Layne Elementary.

The following students placed in written assessment and moved on to compete at the regional meet March 19 at Carr Creek Elementary.

Pictured left to right are:

- Zachary Rowe, second in math.
- Aaron Griffith, third in social studies.
- Bryson Williams, fifth in science and second in writing composition.
- Abby Goodman, first in language arts.



■ Kelly Garrett, first in arts and humanities and fifth in writing composition.

The future problem solving team finished in first place and the quick recall team came in first place by

winning all four rounds of quick recall.

Overall, the team came in first place, making them the elementary district champions for 2005.

The team is coached by Amy Banks.

Celebrating St. Patty's Day



Anita Vanover's kindergarten class celebrated St. Patrick's Day by having green eggs and ham. She also read "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss to them.



Character Education

Each home room in our primary elected two representatives for excellent character during the month of January. Winners were:

- Kindergarten: Emily Hunt, Cory Goble, Wright, Stevie Boyd, Agripina Grace and Steven Robinson.
- First grade: Clydea Conn, Tera Music and John Wesley Cooksey.
- Second grade: Brandi Castle, Noah Tackett, Whitney Innis, Codie Jarrell.
- Kindergarten: Emily Gillespie, Dustin Howell and Katalin Marsillett.
- Third grade: Montana Lemaster, Cody Bradley, Lakeisha Jervis, Joshua Adkins, Allie Adkins and Nick Hall.
- Fourth grade: Ashley Justice, Cassidy Frasure, Sonjia Meade and Cody Jarrell.

Pennies for Patients



Allen Elementary students collected \$547.60 for Pennies for Patients. This money goes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Mrs. Rita Crisp's second-grade class collected the most money for grades K-4 and Mrs. Tammy Noble's fifth-grade class collected the most money for grades 5-8.



Quick Recall Team

Pictured is the Allen Elementary Quick Recall Team. They are coached by Amy Banks.



Spelling bee winner

Emily Bryant, seventh-grade student at Allen Elementary, was the school spelling bee winner and went on to district competition.



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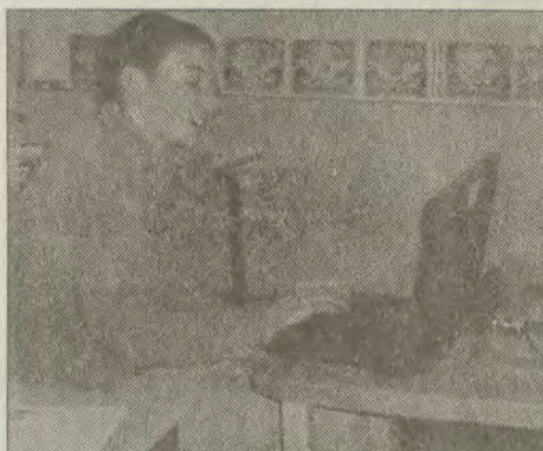
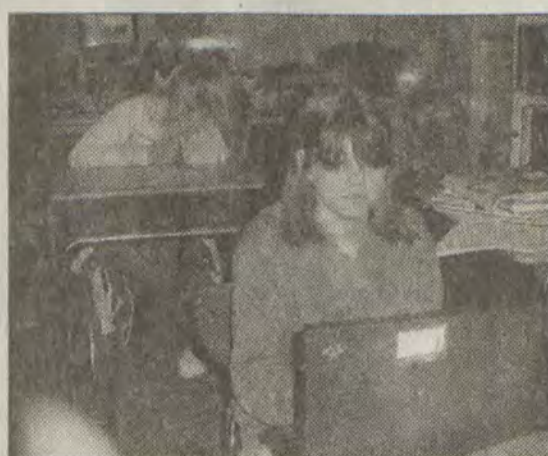
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Creating Slide Shows in Powerpoint



Sixth-grade students do assignments using powerpoint slide shows, assisted by lab instructor Mrs. Daniel, classroom teacher Mrs. Bradley, and TRT Patricia Adkins.



Third grade science teacher Dana Tackett and students working with crystals.



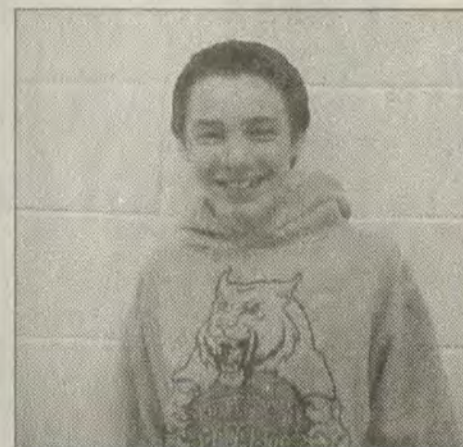
The forensics team placed first in the region. The team is coached by Connie Newsome.



Sixth-grade student Taylor Watkins was the school spelling bee winner.



Math Counts



Math Counts Team coached by Mrs. Kelly Alter. Jordan Tackett qualified for state competition.

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Betsy Layne High School



Betsy Layne High School named Central Kentucky Blood Center's High School of the Year

Russ Cassady, Donor Recruitment Specialist From Central Kentucky Blood Center presents Betsy Layne High School the Award of Excellence as they were named Central Kentucky Blood Centers Regional School of the Year.

Overall this past year, Betsy Layne High School collected 128 units of blood for patients in hospitals across Central and Eastern in just three drives at the school - an impressive number for any sponsor.

However, this year, that number also translated into both making Betsy Layne the highest-collecting school in CKBC's East Kentucky Mobile area, but also making it one

of the highest-collecting sponsors in the area.

To give you some idea of their accomplishment, the East Kentucky Mobile area includes nine counties, encompassing Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Letcher, Perry, Knott and Breathitt.

In a letter from Russ Cassady, Donor Recruitment Specialist from the Central Kentucky Blood Center he stated, "Let me stress that lives across Central and Eastern Kentucky were saved or sustained because of the efforts you choose to undertake and the willingness of our donors to share the lifesaving gift of blood....You have made a difference in many lives."

Designing a Coat Of Arms



Betsy Layne High School Students Design Departmental Shields

Betsy Layne High School art students have been working on designing a Coat of Arms for each of the departments within the school. According to teacher Shannon Shepherd, after a discussion of the history of Heraldry and Coats of Arms and the relationship of our school crest and how it represents us, the students were assigned to teams

and given a job. Their job was to treat the assignment as if they were employed by an advertising agency and they were hired to design and create a crest for their assigned department. The students used all sources of media to explore images that could be used for the shields. They consulted with their respective departments to get ideas for color, design, and more

before actually beginning the project. Rough drafts/layouts were completed and once the final designs were decided the design was drawn on plywood. The plywood was then cut out with a gig-saw, sanded, and the wood was prepared for painting. The finished Coats of Arms will be hung with pride throughout Betsy Layne High School.

Clark Elementary

Clark Elementary students participate in Science Fair

Forty-three students at Clark Elementary created exhibits for the school's Science Fair, held February 23, 2005. The main purpose for hosting a Science Fair was to give students the opportunity to apply scientific knowledge. Students used scientific inquiry methods to conduct an experiment of their choice. The experiment was done at home under parental supervision. Students followed steps that included: developing a question, forming a hypothesis, conducting the experiment, keeping a log or journal as they collected data, reviewing their findings,

and interpreting the data to draw conclusions. Some of the scientific terms students learned include: hypothesis, dependent variable, independent variable, data, findings, and scientific inquiry.

Two school winners, Chris Cook, a fifth grade student from Mrs. Starr's room, and Dalton Shepherd, a fourth grade student from Mrs. Madden's room, were chosen to represent Clark Elementary at the regional Science Olympiad held at the East Kentucky Science Center in Prestonsburg.



Overall grade level winners at Clark Elementary's Science Fair received ribbons for distinction of their work. The following students were school grade level winners: Fifth grade winners were: 1st place, Chris Cook, Mrs. Starr's room; 2nd place, Victoria Hammonds, Ms. Osborne's room; 3rd place, Chase Baldrige, Mrs. Starr's room; fourth grade winners were: 1st place, Dalton Shepherd, Mrs. Madden's room; 2nd place, Sean Ly, Mrs. Parsons' room; and 3rd place, Patrick Pitts, Mrs. Madden's room; third grade (P4) winners were: 1st place, Terry Adams, Ms. Wicker's room; 2nd place, Elizabeth Campbell, Ms. Wicker's room; and 3rd place, Blake Baldrige, Ms. Wicker's room; second grade (P3) winners were: 1st place, Jordan Slone, Mrs. Hunsucker's room; 2nd place, Garrett Hammonds, Mrs. Hunsucker's room; 3rd place, Jackie Kidd, Mrs. Blanton's room; first grade (P2) winners: 1st place, Thomas Ross, Mrs. Blanton's room; 2nd place, Jared Little, Mrs. Blanton's room; 3rd place, Brianne Hatfield, Ms. Key's room; and the

kindergarten (P1) winner was Christopher Little from Mrs. Barrows' room.

The following students participated in Clark Elementary's Science Fair. At fifth grade: Kelsey Boyd, Tyler Monday, Victoria Hammonds, Sammantha Howard, Barry Hall from Ms. Osborne's room; Adam West, Chase Baldrige, April Spears, Kelli Wright, Chris Cook, Jamie Sherman, and Bethany Thornsby from Mrs. Starr's room; Fourth grade: Allison Rowe, Daphne Shae Cook, Sean Ly, Josh Stambaugh, Megan Ward, from Mrs. Parsons' room; Salena Coburn, Tahlia Holland, Lemanuel Ousley, Patrick Pitts, and Dalton Shepherd from Mrs. Madden's room; Third grade (P-4) students: Terry Adams III, Joshua Ousley, Elizabeth Campbell, Drew Wright, Candace Whited, Blake Baldrige, and Christopher Dingus from Ms. Wicker's room; Rachel Williamson, Michaela Parsley, Bradley Ousley, Gabrielle Waddles, Mrs. Campbell's room; Second grade (P-3) students: Jackie Kidd, Tamera Tuttle from

Mrs. Blanton's room; Daniel Ousley, Jordan Slone, Garrett Hammonds, from Mrs. Hunsucker's room; First grade (P2): Brianne Hatfield, from Ms. Key's room, and Jared Little, Nash Holbrook, Thomas Ross from Mrs. Blanton's room; and Kindergarten (P1): Christopher Little from Mrs. Barrows' room. Also, participating were Ms. Allen and Mr. Ippel. Coordinating the celebration event was Mrs.

Deborah Darby.

Each student received a certificate of recognition, a ticket to the East Kentucky Science Center, a kite, refreshment and a little time to share conversation about their science projects with their classmates.

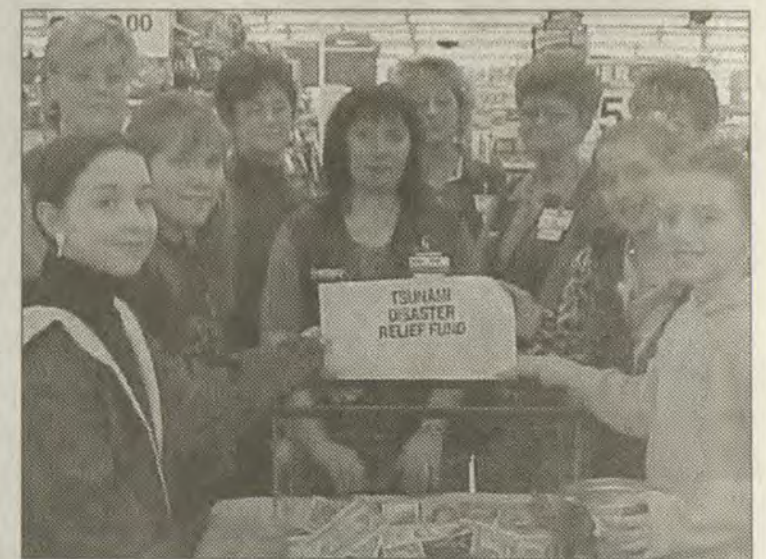
Judges rating Clark Elementary students' exhibits were: Rebecca Blanton, Donna Dyer, Angela Marshall, and Pam Meyer.



Scientific Inquiry: Checking Plant Growth and Bread Mold

Chris Cook, a fifth grade student from Mrs. Starr's room, did an experiment using scientific inquiry procedures to learn about plant growth. Chris posed the question: Which of three different plants - Morning Glory, Petunias, and Impatiens - grow fastest in Miracle Grow? Dalton Shepherd, a fourth grade student from Mrs. Madden's room, did an experiment to check growth of mold. Dalton's

scientific inquiry question was: Which type of white bread - Betsy Ross or Heiner's - moistened with (warm or cold) water will mold the fastest and in what environment? Both Chris and Dalton's work represented Clark Elementary at the regional Science Fair hosted by the East Kentucky Science Center. Their work was part of 122 other science projects from schools throughout the region.



Clark Elementary donates money for tsunami victims

Southern Asian people were hit hard by the Tsunami. Fifth grade students at Clark Elementary decided to help.

Victoria Hammonds, Kelsey Boyd, Samantha Davis, and Sammantha Howard got busy collecting money for this disaster that affected so many people. Money donations were given by the students and faculty at Clark Elementary. They collected a total amount of \$336.36. The money is being donated to the Tsunami fund at our Local Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg.

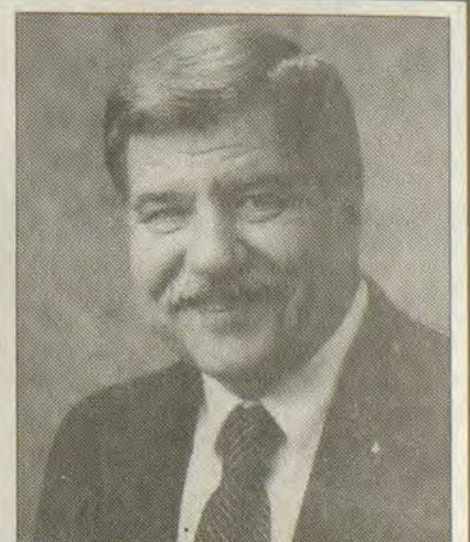
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The David School



Students from St. Ambrose University remove rocks that were washed onto The David School baseball field during summer floods.



Students from The David School, St. Ambrose University and Notre Dame University worked together to collect litter from the mouth of Route 404.



David School and St. Michael's College students relax one afternoon to watch UK defeat EKU in round one of the NCAA Tournament.



Junior Amanda Smith and St. Michael's College student Kate Lesniaski timeline volcanic eruptions in science class.

March Madness in David

Across the state this month, thousands of Kentucky residents have been focused on March

Madness and UK's pursuit of excellence. Here in Floyd County, The David School has its own version of March Madness. Since its inception, The David School has relied upon volunteers in order to subsist and grow for over 30 years. Every spring, students and staff look forward to the arrival of college groups, coming in service to David in lieu of other spring break destinations. This March has been no different.

Groups from St. Ambrose in Iowa, Notre Dame in Indiana, St. Michael's in Vermont and Edgewood College of Wisconsin descended upon the campus for a week of hard labor and education.

As always, the hard working college groups were open to whatever work the school needed done. Some were able to lend their skills to teaching in the classroom and tutoring students. Others

assisted with community beautification including collecting garbage along Route 404. Still others painted, cleared rocks left by summertime floods and assisted in the daily lunch preparation.

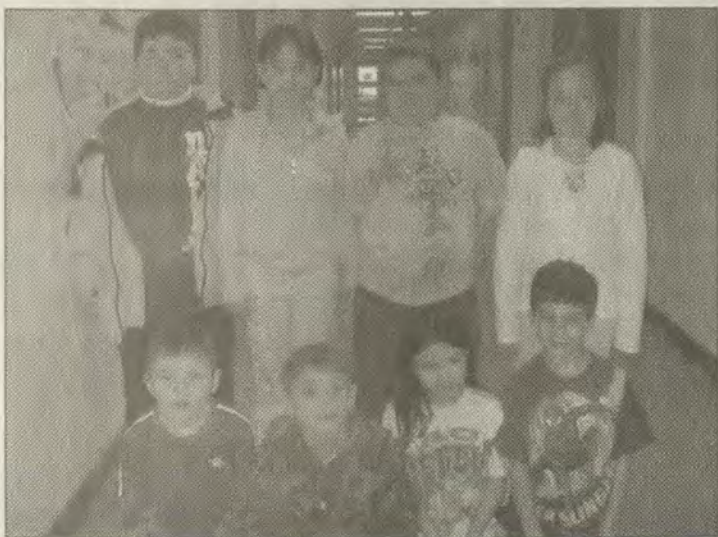
But, it wasn't all work and no play. During the weeks, college students challenged David School students to basketball or card games. On one particular evening, local caller, Ron Vanover, enter-

tained our visitors with a night of genuine square dancing.

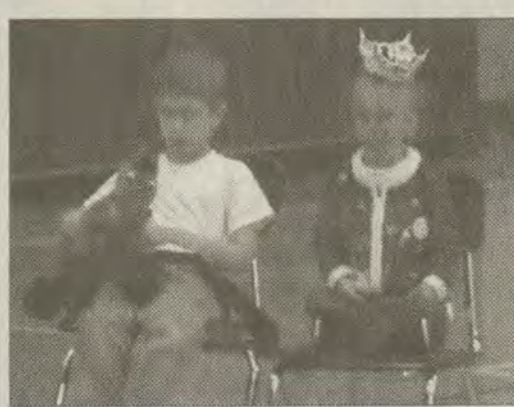
David School students also benefited greatly from the interaction with these college students. Working with volunteers in community projects our students learned about other cultures, leadership skills, risk taking, etc. They put in action learning beyond the confines of classroom walls. The interaction with college students

of dissimilar backgrounds enabled David School students to have reflective conversations with other students who are not as different as what was initially thought. Our students grew in ways from the experience that cannot be measured by paper and pencil. Their horizons were broadened beyond the boundaries of Eastern Kentucky and they developed skills and memories that will last a lifetime.

Duff Elementary



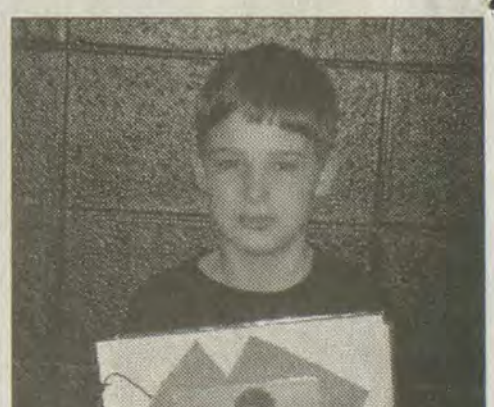
Students from Mrs. Duncan's 2-3 primary class read Accelerated Reader books to reach their reading goal. They received a coupon for a free personal pizza from Pizza Hut. Pictured: top row: Joe Little, Kasey Tackett, Tyler Manns, Kayla Johnson Bottom row: Willis Hunter, Brian Coburn, Chelsea Martinez, Jordan Cole



Maria Maldonado, Miss Kentucky 2004 visited Duff Elementary and gave a motivational speech on setting goals in life. Duff students Matthew Combs and Jordyn Hansford were chosen to represent Duff as King and Queen for the presentation.



Mrs. Ratliff's 4th grade class has been exploring their family heritage. Students collected pictures and researched their family tree. They took that information to art class and created a scrapbook collage. Their scrapbooks included pictures of their family and themselves, along with their family tree. Pictured are Latasha Whitaker and Austin Salisbury.



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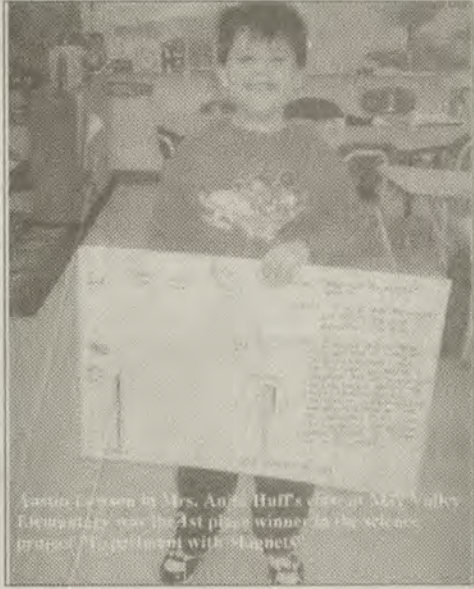


Dylan Shepherd, Duff Elementary fifth-grade, first place Science Fair Winner. Science Project: How Much Will It Hold? (Soil water absorption)



Gary Arnett, Duff Elementary fourth-grade student, first place Science Fair winner. Science Project: How Do Barometers Work? Gary also won second Place in the Regional Science Fair.

May Valley Elementary



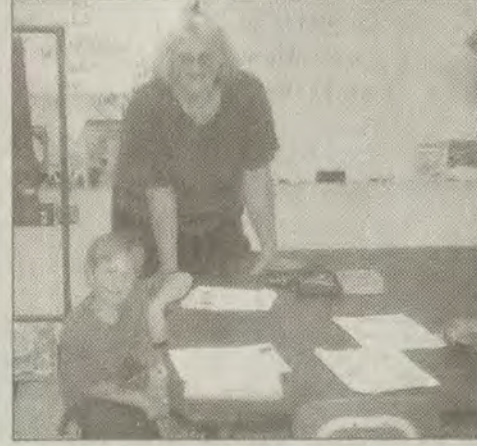
Yasmin Lawson in Mrs. Anita Huff's class at May Valley Elementary was the 1st place winner in the science project "Experiment with Magnets".



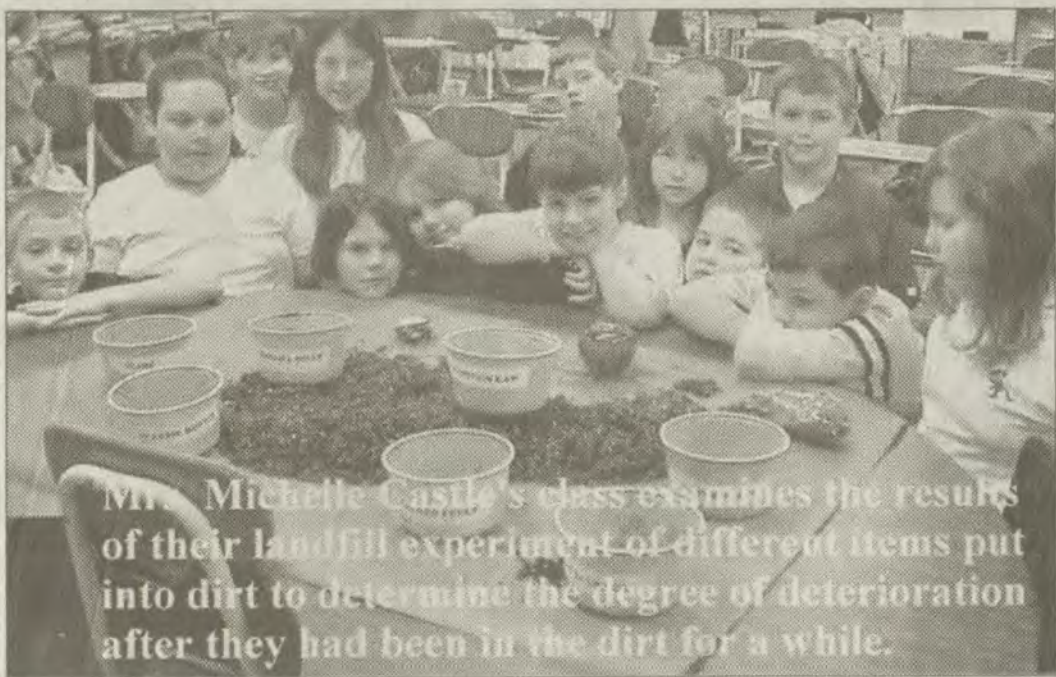
Easter Wallen in Mrs. Anita Huff's class was the 2nd place winner in the science project "Volcano Experiment".



Hannah Dingus in Mrs. Anita Huff's class was 3rd place in the science project "Make a Cloud".



Science experiments in Mrs. Anita Huff's class showed students in our white objects floated and which liquids kept their shapes.



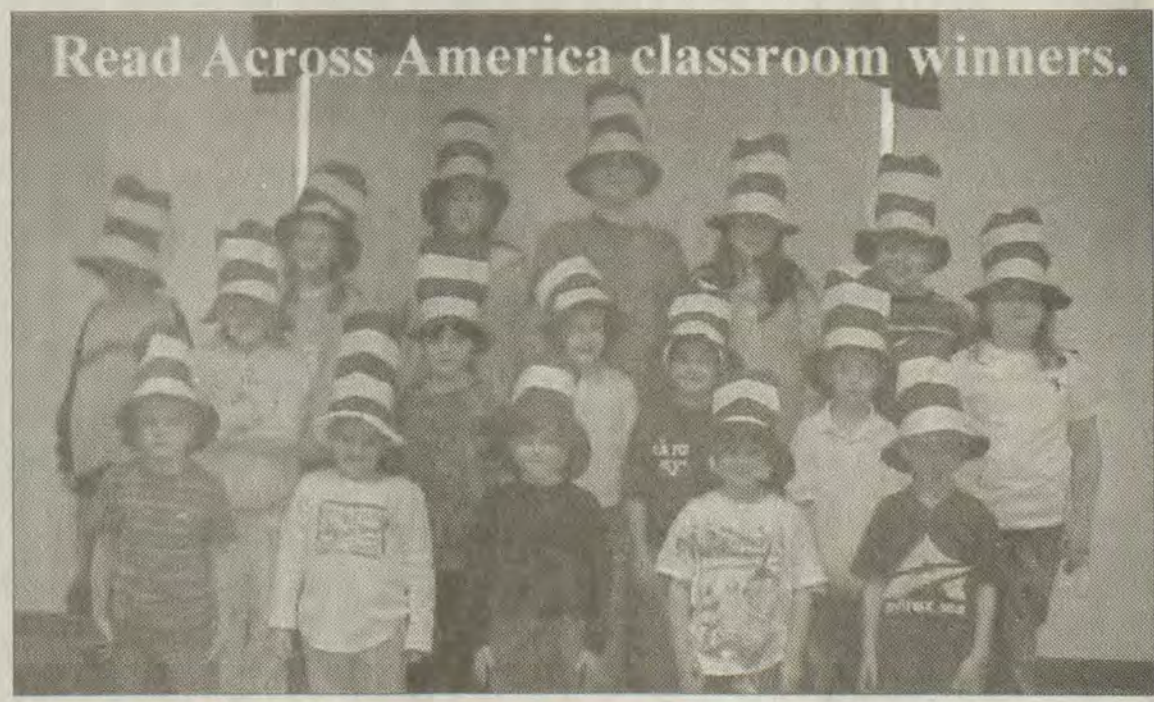
Mrs. Michelle Castle's class examines the results of their landfill experiment of different items put into dirt to determine the degree of deterioration after they had been in the dirt for a while.



Read Across America in Mrs. Anita Huff's class



Mrs. Carole Combs retires with a Mustang Quilt from Mr. Martins class and Rita Kidd.



Read Across America classroom winners.



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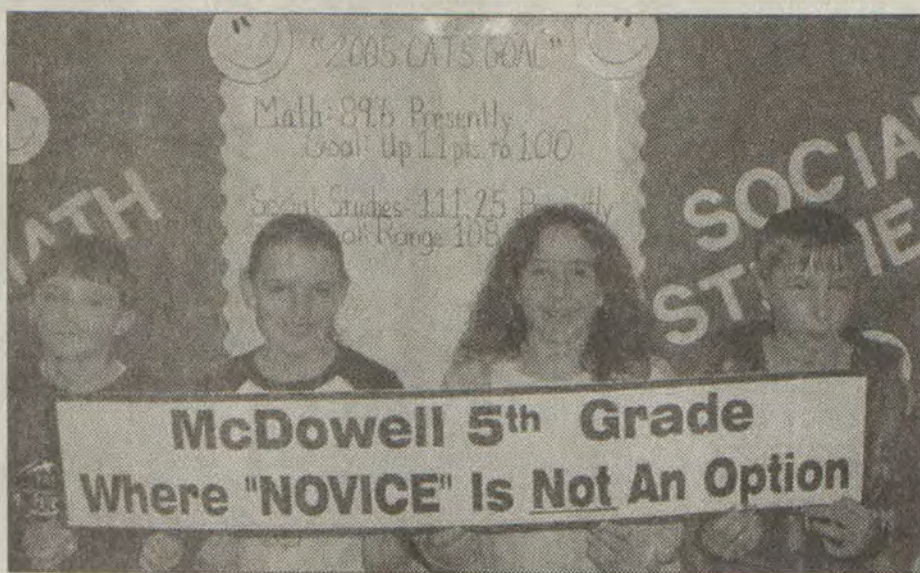
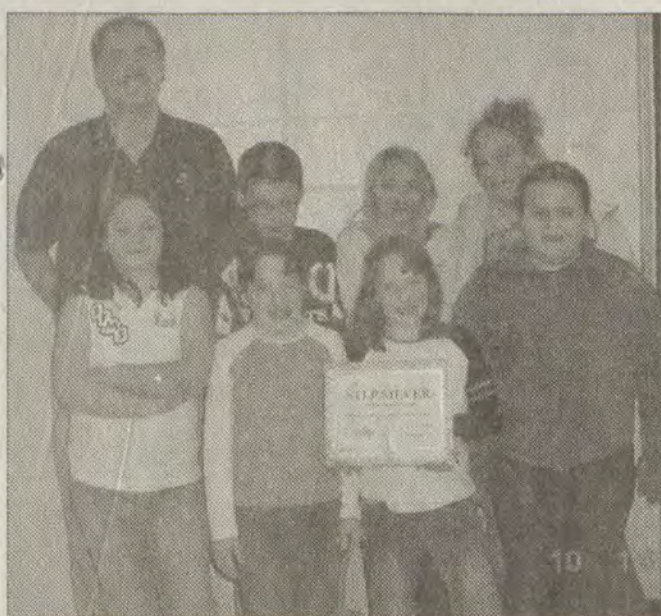
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McDowell Elementary



McDowell fifth-grade students are ready to do their best on April's upcoming assessments. They have come up with their own class motto to motivate them: "McDowell fifth grade: Where NOVICE is not an option."

Wicker's World

We would like to congratulate the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) Computer Club for having a great year. After a slow start, the club grew to seven members and took part in the Regional Showcase at Jenny Wiley State Park. They also completed a Hillbilly Jeopardy computer game that can be used by all classes in the school to help further the study of our heritage. In addition to having a great year, the club was honored at the Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference (KTLC) in Louisville on March 4, 2005. The club was given the Silver Award for Outstanding STLP Computer Clubs. Less than 200 schools across the Commonwealth received this award and the McDowell Club was the only Floyd County School to receive such an award. The STLP Club is sponsored by Mr. Bernard Shayne Wicker. The members of the club are Savannah Huff; Sabrina Collins; Savannah Collins; Kennedy Hall; Casey Stewart; Tiffany Sanders; and Andrea Hamilton.



Three members of the South Floyd High School basketball team, Stephen Stanley, Burnett Little and Matt Little, read to first-grade students during Read Across America Week.

Mountain Christian Academy



MCA's 4-H Project Winners



MCA's Elementary Academic Team Are Regional and District Governor's Cup Champions



MCA Middle School Academic Team

Mountain Christian Academy's Middle School Academic team Placed 3rd in Quick Recall and 5th in Future Problem Solving. MCA also won the Sportsmanship Award. Elizabeth Davis Placed 1st in Arts and Humanities and Shikha Sachdeva placed 5th in Math. Both girls will advance to the state competition.

MCA placed 1st in Overall and 1st in Quick Recall in the District and Regional Academic Competitions. They placed 3rd in Future Problem Solving in the District. Individual Winners for Regional: Swathi Gutti placed 1st in Language Arts and 2nd in Science. Aanchal Saraf placed 1st in Arts and Humanities and 3rd in Math. Cameron Love placed 2nd in Language Arts. Ashley Heywood Placed 5th in Arts and Humanities. Individual Winners for District: Swathi Gutti placed 1st in Arts & Humanities and 1st in Math. Swathi Gutti placed 1st in Science. Cameron Love placed 2nd in Language Arts. Jacob Bartley placed 3rd in Math. Ashley Heywood placed 5th in Arts and Humanities. Sam Kilburn placed 6th in Science.

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Geography Bee



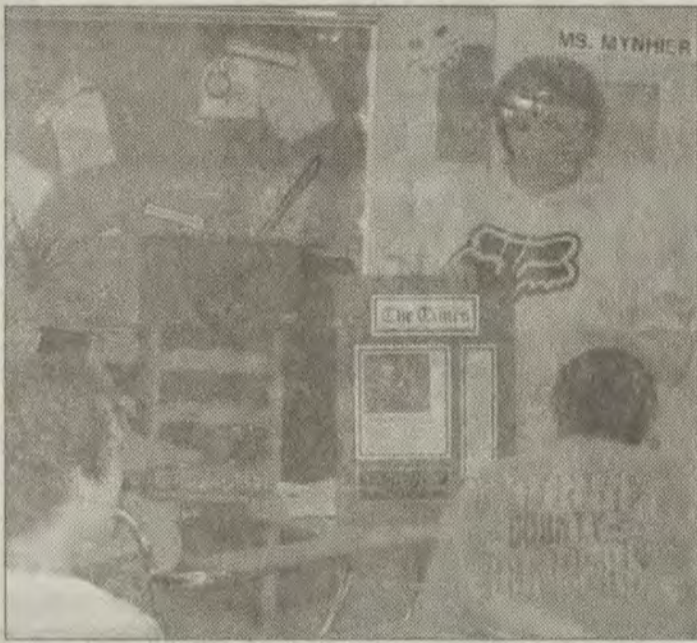
Elizabeth Davis has qualified to compete in the National Geographic Bee. The State finals will be held in Bowling Green on April 1st.



Miss Campanella's 8th Grade Science

MCA's 8th graders are studying about the human body in Miss Terri Campanella's Science class. They did an experiment to find out how much skin covers the body by wrapping someone in newspaper and then measuring it.

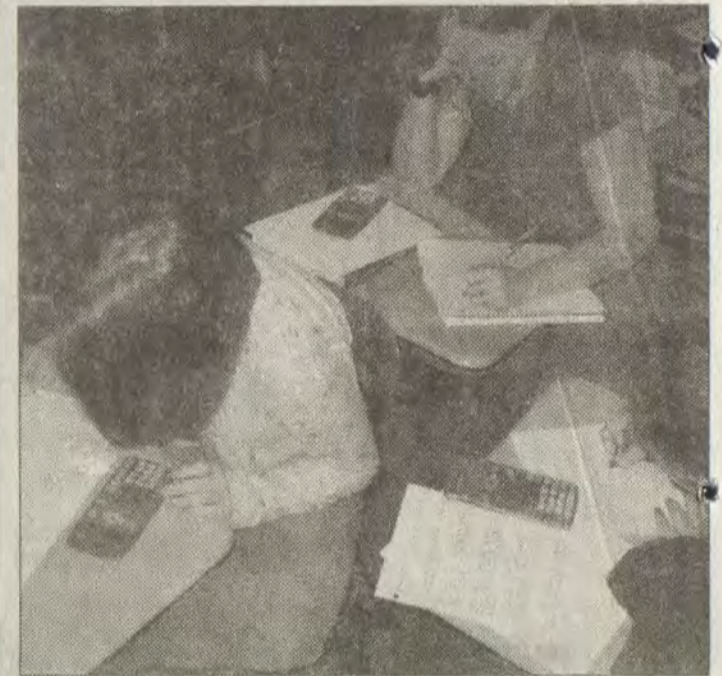
Opportunities Unlimited



Bertha Wright shares information about her motorcycle racing accomplishments with Mrs. Mynhier's class. The students are working on self-selected research projects and Mrs. Wright's input was used to gather information.



Students busy themselves working on a project which incorporates geometry and art.



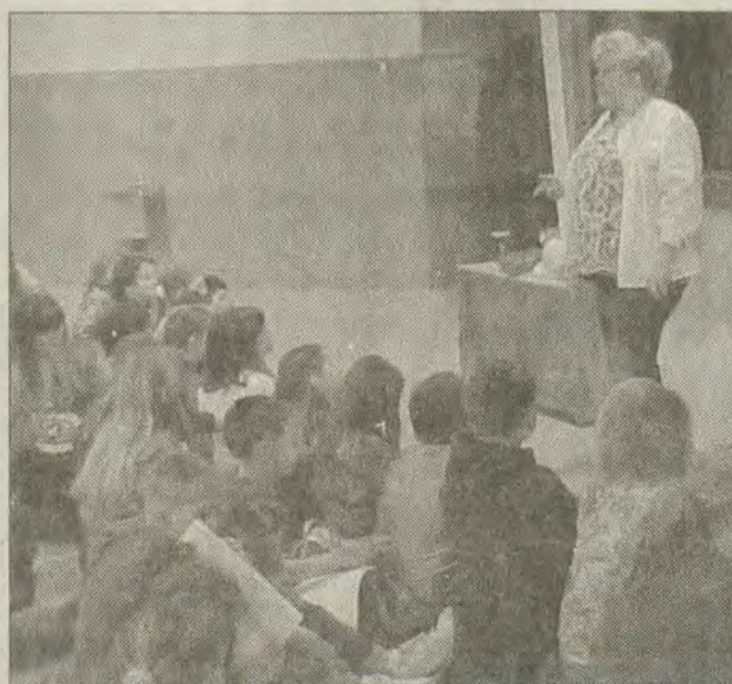
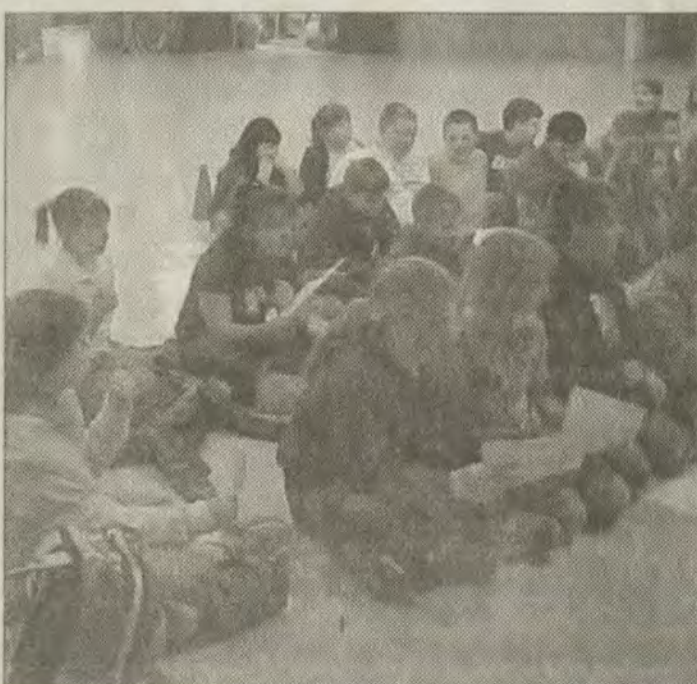
Students are hard at work using various forms of technology to enhance their learning.

Supporting Heart Disease Awareness For Women

Staff and students at OU wear red to support awareness of heart disease for women.

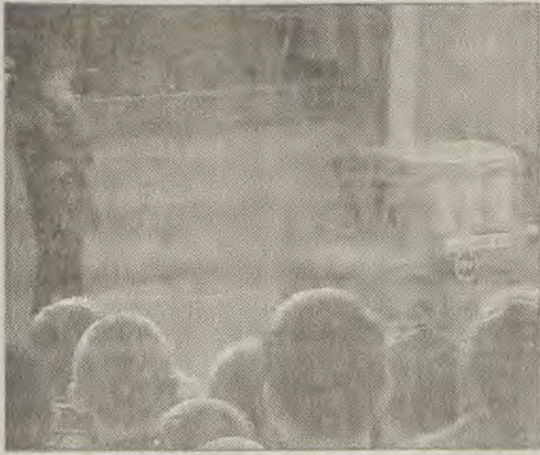


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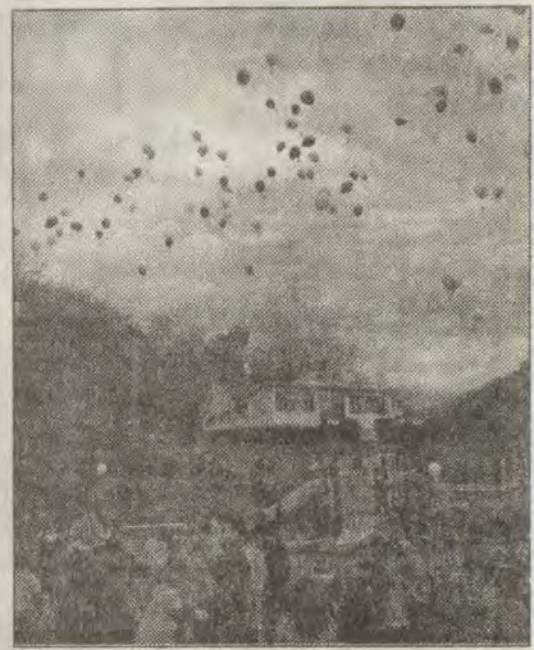
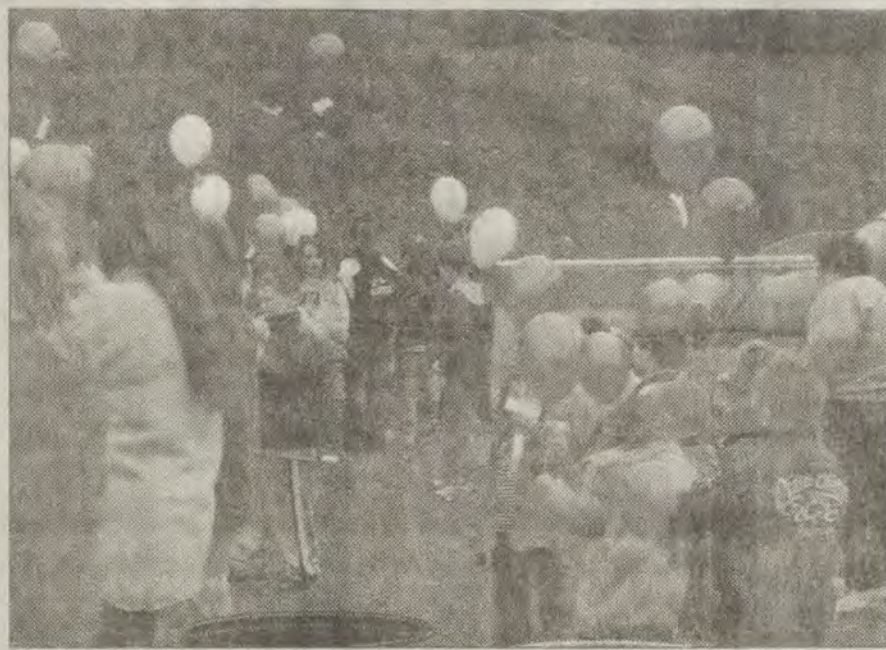
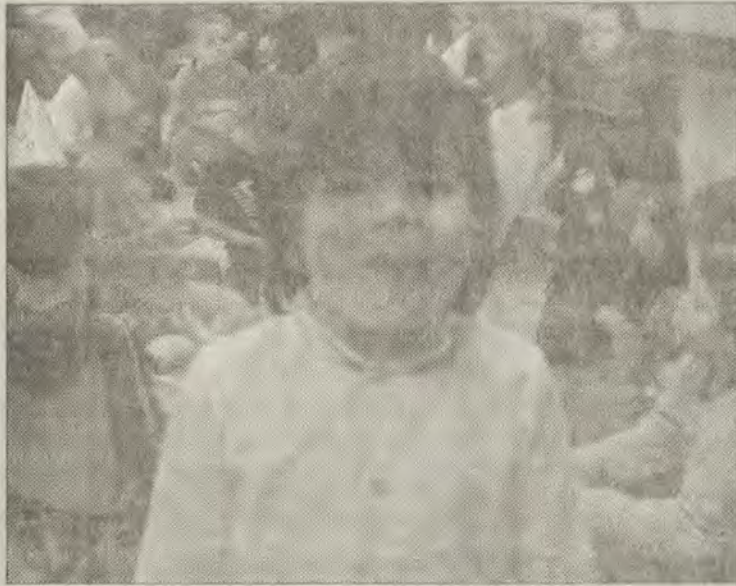


Our fourth grade students were also presented with the program about heart health and the proper way to administer CPR.

Osborne Elementary



The Floyd County School's Department of Transportation brought Buster the Bus to Osborne Elementary on Monday, March 14, to do a safety program for our students. Buster asked students several questions pertaining their safety while walking at the bus stop, riding the bus and how/where to exit safely from the bus. Buster also answered students questions about safety concerns. Buster then entertained the students with a little bit of dancing. Not only did students review safety issues, they also enjoyed talking with Buster the Bus. We would like to thank the Department of Transportation for this program.



OES students launched red and white balloons to celebrate Dr. Suess week. A tag was placed on each balloon with the school's address. We have received cards from Claudeville, Va., Hillsville, Va., Draper, Va., Newhall, W.Va., and Cedar Point, N.C.

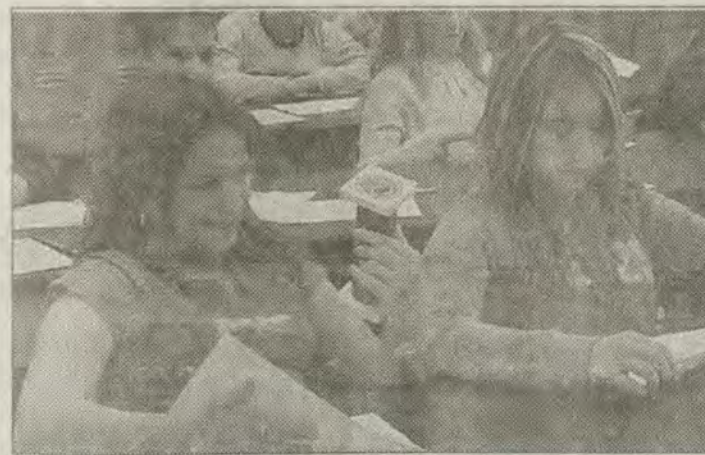
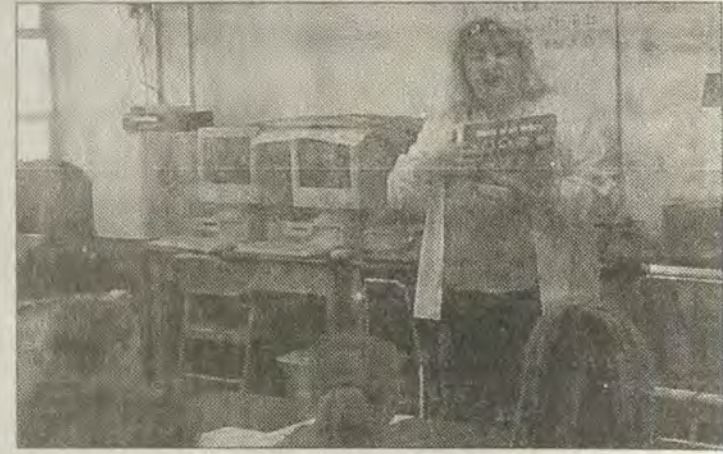


OES students celebrated 100 days of school. The students participated in counting items equaling 100. They celebrated with party decorations and punch and cake.

OES primary students celebrated Dr. Suess week by decorating a white glove to resemble a book character. The designs ranged from Goldilocks to Humpty Dumpty.



Alice Osborne from the Drift Women's Club donated books to the OES library. Thank you Mrs. Osborne and the Drift Women's Club!



Kim Sanders, with Our Lady of The Way Hospital's educational department, gave a presentation to our sixth grade classrooms on heart health and also demonstrated the proper way to administer CPR. She used several resources to teach the students, such as pamphlets, artery/heart charts, the skeletal system and a video. The students had many questions. Their teacher Mrs. Joyce Johnson was also very interested and helpful concerning this subject.



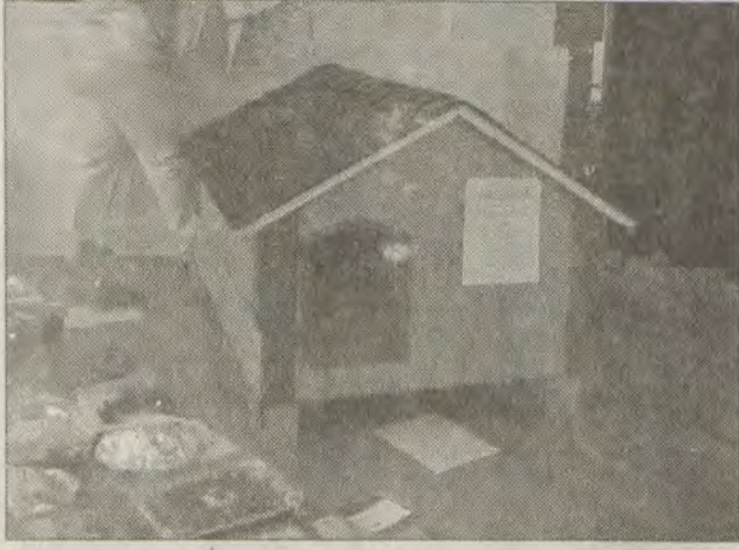
Spelling Bee

The spelling bee room winners from OES are Kendra Hall, Tabitha Allen, Sydney Little, Tyler Hall, Dakota Justice, Courtney Stone, Leann Tuttle, and Rebecca Branham. The overall school winner was Tabitha Allen.



These students participated in W.D. Osborne's Science Fair in February. Each student project had to include the Scientific Method and involve collection of data over time. Chris Tackett, Tylan Branham, and Erica Tackett went on to compete in the Regional Science Fair held at the East Kentucky Science Center held on the campus of the Prestonsburg Technical College. Shown are Erica Tackett, Allie Hall, Cheyenne Sloan, Chris Tackett, Sara Caldwell, Tylan Branham, Meshawna Ray, Jasmine Parker Not pictured are Leah Johnson, Kaitlin Daniels.

Prestonsburg Elementary



4-H News

The third- and fourth-grade classes presented their 4-H project for judging on March 15. Many students received first place ribbons for their outstanding work. The following students submitted a 4-H project:

Third Grade
Mrs. Turner: Cathryn Calhoun, Allison Hale, Kaylee

Collins, Austin Bailey, Kaitlyn Campbell, Samantha Lafferty, C. J. Ousley, Rachel Layne, Christian Lafferty, Brandon Hicks, Destinee Stewart, Stratton Rorrer, Allyson Collins, Galen Greene, Summer Ousley, Tyler Honeycutt
Mrs. Conn: Allison Hackworth, Mitch Fields, Jordan Bach, Nick Gibson, Destiny Olcott, Shayla Bray, Joshua Coahran, Marissa Thompson, Jackie Goble, Eric Collins, Kendra Hayden, Brittany Hayden, Johnathan Boyd, Aaron Sanders
Jennifer Wells: Kayanna Mullins, Britney Sparks, Seaton Hall, Aaron Crider, Ashley

Case, Samantha Hall, Elizabeth Hitchcock, Kierra Shelton
Mrs. Little: Austin Bertrand, Hunter Brown, Haley George, Taylor Hackworth, T.J. Hager, Makala Jones, Jenna Little, Jordan Marcum, Macy Minix, Chastity Sizemore, Allyson DeRossett, Brooke Hatfield, Katelyn Rose, Nathan Blackburn, Zachary Blackburn, Kaegan Dove, Kelsey Hall, Haley Howell
Mrs. Justice: Griffin Baker, Christopher Jacob Blair, Kendra Gambill, Weston Martin, Josh Crider, Ashleigh Hayton, Nickey Hitchcock, Bethany Johnson, Brittany Jones, Jessica Powell, Kristen Hall, McKinzie

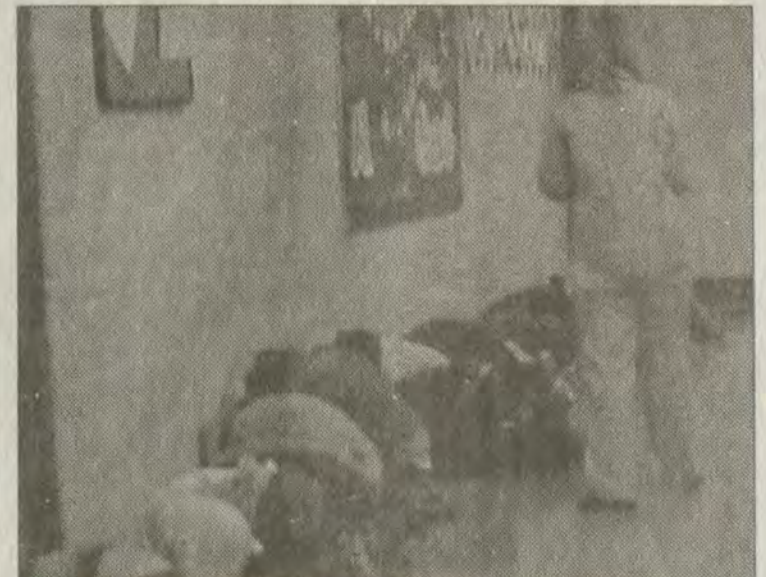
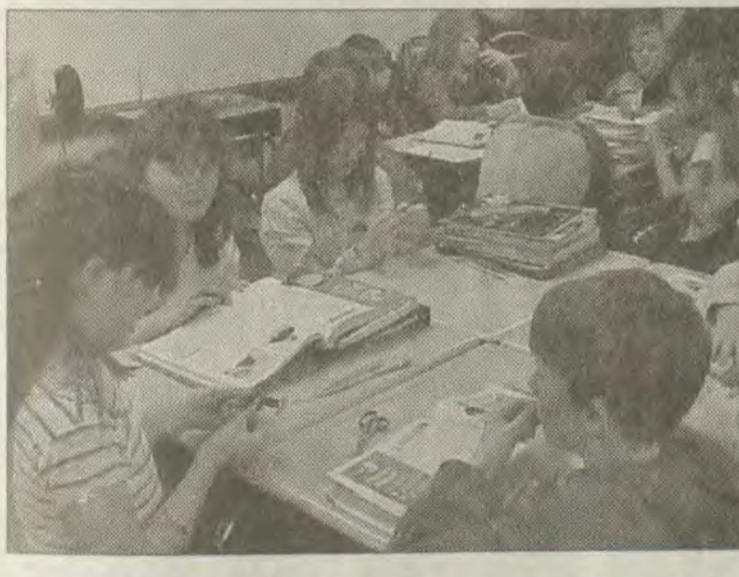
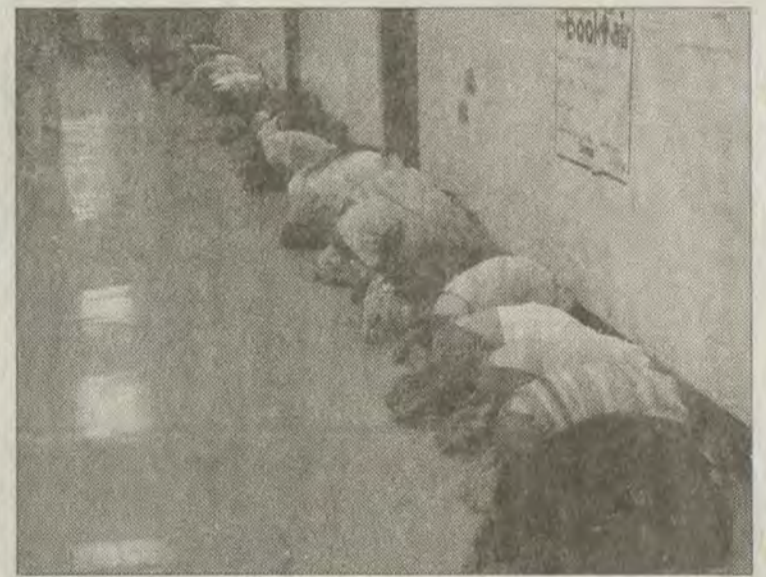
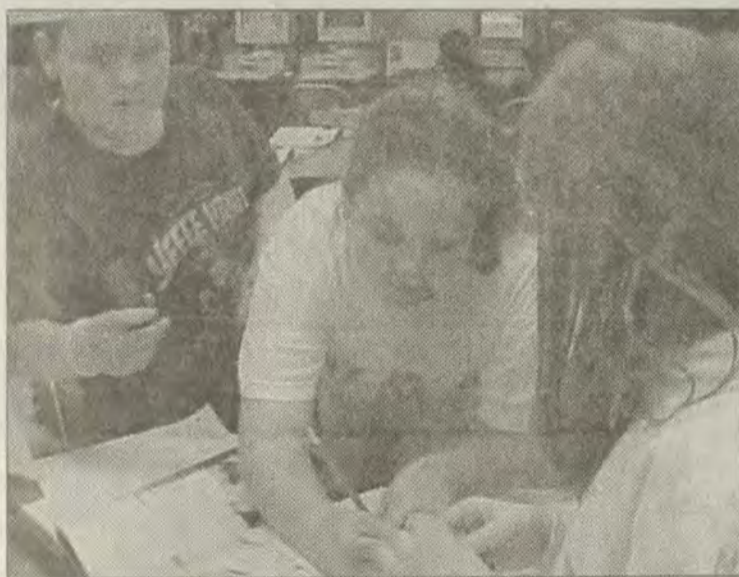
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Fourth Grade
Mrs. Goble's Room: Derek Newsome, Chelsea Dickerson, Lisa Ratliff, Clarissa Bryant, Jessica Harris, Andrew Noble, Royce Compton, Taylor Goble, Chase Shepherd, Jonathan Murrell, Rachael Hall, Tori Nairn, Hannah Hitchcock, Jimmy Brown
Ms. Minix's Room: JD Adams, Nathan Armstrong, Allyson Branham, Savannah Bryant, Derick Burchett, Paige Caudill, Rachel Dingus, John Gullett, Britani Hall, Morgan Haywood, Caitlyn Horne, Clay Lemaster, Mckinley Minix,

Elexius Spurlock
Mrs. Cornett's Room: Bethany Scarberry, Elizabeth Collins, Nick Hites, Andrew Combs, Carlos Garza, Shelby Blackburn, Cody Holbrook
Fifth grade Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Combs
Blue Ribbons-Amber Childers, Drew Diddle, Alex Garner, Joseph Jamerson, Kim Jarrell, Kelli Martin, David Patrick, Makayla Hitchcock, Charlie Joseph (2), Jessica Lafferty, Chad Ousley, Kristany Wills (2), Austin Newsome, Zachary Romans, Evan Bays, Hannah Hackworth, Mickale

Roberts, Clara Potter, Emily Hammonds, Ashton Sizemore, Megan Newsome, Hayley Slone.
Red Ribbons-Natasha Burchett, Myles Minix, Corey Lewis, Lisa Bray, Leanna Goble (2), Jessica Russell, Kristany Setser, Anthony Collins, Casey Hall, Robert Osborne, Kevin Owens, Amanda Phillips, Amy Rice, Olivia Setser.
White Ribbons-Cole Allen, Storme Collins, Danny Conn, Tyler Shelton, Amber Childers, Lauren Fitch, Hope Goble, Kim Jarrell, Stella Spears, Jamie Wallen.
Green Ribbons-McKinna Blackburn, Ashley Jervis.



Senator Johnny Ray Turner presented the forensics team with certificates for placing 2nd place in the regional competition and qualifying for state. Team members are (L-R) Clay Lemaster, Hannah Spurlock, Amber Hayden, Leanna Goble, and Cody Holbrook. The team is coached by Melissa Turner. The Forensic Team presented their speech and drama pieces for the students and teachers at Prestonsburg Elementary. They will compete at the Kentucky High School Speech League State Competition in Bowling Green, Ky. Leanna Goble tells the Appalachian Folk Tale, Soap, Soap, Don't Forget the Soap, which she will compete with at the state level.



Mrs. Goble's fourth grade Science classes have been studying magnets. Students used bar magnets and button magnets to investigate how they attract and repel.

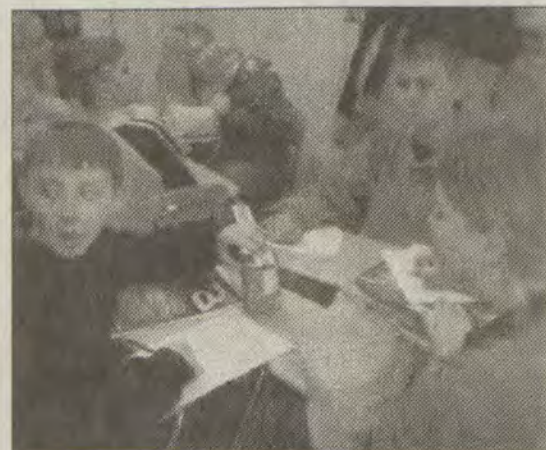
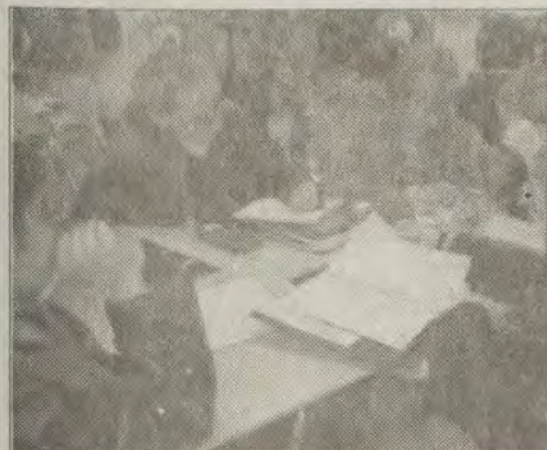
Prestonsburg Elementary celebrated Read Across America with our Cat in the Hat, Clara Potter.

A tornado drill was held at Prestonsburg Elementary on March 11.



Mrs. Jennifer Wells' third Grade class at Prestonsburg Elementary looks on as they participate in a science experiment that included the creation and eruption of their very own volcano.

South Floyd Middle School



π Day

Students in the seventh and eighth grades at South Floyd Middle School participated in Pi Day. The activities included finding the volume and surface area of cylinders and spheres. Two of the eighth-grade classes assisted two seventh-grade classes in finding surface area and volume, since they had not had it before. There was collaboration between Mr. Huff (seventh-grade teacher) and Mrs. McKinney (eighth-grade teacher). The language arts teacher in the seventh grade also participated by reading Sir Cumference (Pi) to her language arts classes. All students participated, including all special needs students.

Recently, in Mrs. Joann Mullins' language arts class, students completed a unit on various conflicts throughout history. Students wrote poetry, created feature articles, interviewed community members and used technology to illustrate their learning by creating PowerPoint presentations. Students were asked reflect upon the past in order to understand the world today and the changes that have taken place.

Mrs. Joann Mullins' language arts class

Soldier of War

by Zach Brown

I see it all in my eyes
The hate, the bloodshed and
despise
I see the beaches as I walked
With so many but seemed so
alone
I think of my cause and why
I'm here
I think about home and shed
a tear
I see his face, an evil man
Hitler shaking the Devil's
hand
We will win this war, I know
we will
I see my friend in the dis-
tance
He's lying still
I hear a shot and then I fell
A wound to my heart
Death I can feel
I close my eyes, I lay still
I was just another number
shot down
In the reach for world peace
A soldier whose blood
washed a foreign beach

How Did We Get Involved?

by Ethan Gayheart

Vietnam, halfway across the world and we still end up getting involved. How exactly? Well, it all erupted in 1961, when the United States decided to aid southern Vietnam leader Ngô Đình Diem in the war between North and South Vietnam. Though knowing his regime to be corrupt and tyrannical, the United States agreed to provide Diem with the requested aid because, as unsavory as he might be, he was an anticommunist and was fighting against communism, a political ideology that the United States had long opposed.

The fighting got worse through the years, so the United States gave more and more military assistance to the South Vietnamese cause. Air forces started to bomb

North Vietnam. Then the United States began to dispatch troops to the conflict.

By 1961, over half a million Americans had been committed to the fighting. This caused much controversy back at home, especially in teens. They despised going to war and risking their own lives for a useless cause. The Vietnam War came to be known as the most hated war in United States history.

By the time all was said, the United States would pour a staggering \$150 billion into the conflict. The outcry reached such proportions, both at home and abroad, that the United States began a gradual withdrawal of its troops in 1969. Then, in 1973, upon the signing of a ceasefire pact with the North Vietnamese, all the remaining United States troops

departed. After all the fighting and all the destruction, many humans died. The toll added up to more than 55,000 servicemen killed, 153,000 wounded, and upward of 3,000 missing in action. We, the Americans, paid an extreme and terrible price for a war that we never should have been involved in.

It's 2005, the Vietnam War has been long since over. It may have ended over 30 years ago, but still to this day, there is a large amount of brave soldiers missing in action. It seems like the government has long forgot about them. No matter what we do, we can never change the past, but we are still able to change the future by looking towards the future for answers. By this, I pray that America never has to suffer such losses again.

The Divided Is Reunited

by Savannah Kristian Bartley

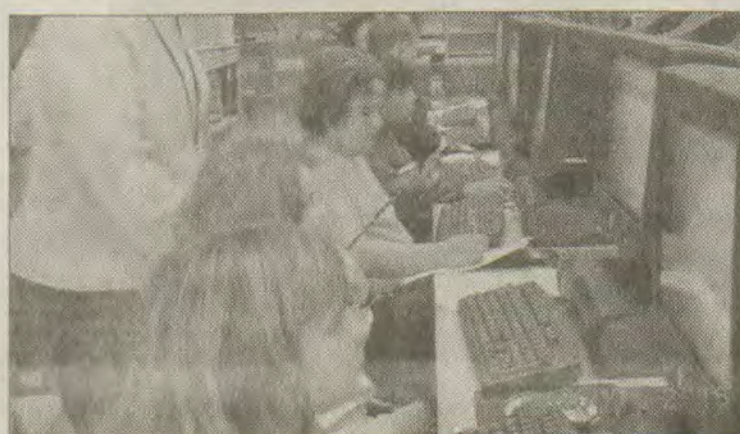
I'm happy now, yes, I am free.
For the first time in 20 years
I get to see my family.
The tears I've cried,
The sorrow I've felt,
Those feelings left me
When that hated wall fell.
Now tears fall down my face,
As this great miracle has taken place.
The guards and soldiers stood in awe,
As we knocked down the Berlin Wall.

No More War

by Misty Dawn Hill

It's been awhile since I've seen home
I feel like I am all alone
Sitting here with nowhere to go
So when I fight I stay low.
I can't wait till it ends
So I can start my life again.
Go home to my family
Where I can live happily.
But those plans were over
As I feel into green clover.
Lying there suffering
I thought no more war.

Stumbo Elementary



Exploring the Solar System

3 ... 2 ... 1 ... Blastoff! The third grade classes at Stumbo Elementary are blasting off into outer space. Students got to explore and get an in depth look at the planets of our solar system by using the Internet. The students then created a post card about one of their favorite planets by using the information that they found.

Stumbo Elementary



Students at Stumbo Elementary celebrated Read Across America despite the weather conditions. Our Middle School teachers read to the primary classes and the Primary teachers read to the upper grades. The Cat in the Hat visited the primary and distributed books to our students. Red Across America shirts were worn as we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday as well as other exciting activities.



John M. Stumbo Elementary Academic Team

The John M. Stumbo Elementary Academic Team competed in the District 115 Governor's Cup competition on February 26, 2005 at Mountain Christian Academy. Pictured above is: Zak Tackett who placed 2nd in science, Courtney Taylor who placed 5th in Language Arts, and Ashley Gillespie who placed 4th in English Composition. The Stumbo Future Problem Solving team also placed 4th at this competition. Schools that are included in the District 115 competition include: Mountain Christian Academy, May Valley, McDowell, Duff, and Stumbo Elementary. The following students from Stumbo Elementary competed: Nakeia Hall, Tanner Martin, Crit Mitchell, Zak Tackett, Courtney Taylor, Ashley Hamilton, Hunter Bailey, and Ashley Gillespie.

News at JMS

■ Wulfe Bros. come to John M. Stumbo Elementary and provide students with a social studies program about the wild west. This program was sponsored by the Mud Creek Family Resource Center. (see next email for pictures).

■ Three teachers from Stumbo Elementary (Suzanne Spencer, Melissa Little, Lisa Slone) visit Louisville to participate in the Kentucky Reading Project's Share Fair where teachers across the state come together to learn more about how to better assist their students with reading and language arts skills. These teachers participated in a two week long program

last summer and other meetings throughout the year.

■ The Mud Creek FRYSC scheduled with Ranndi Jarrell from the Floyd Co. Health Department presented Dental Hygiene program for

students at Stumbo Elementary.

Students received toothbrushes and toothpaste to help reinforce concepts learned during the program.

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Wesley Christian School



Abby James and Lauren Nelson enjoy learning about dental health. Mrs. Geneva discusses dental flossing by using a glove, peanut butter and yarn.



Kindergarten class enjoys a visit from the tooth fairy, courtesy of Dr. Lee Boyd.



Mrs. Geneva's kindergarten class enjoys learning about dental floss.



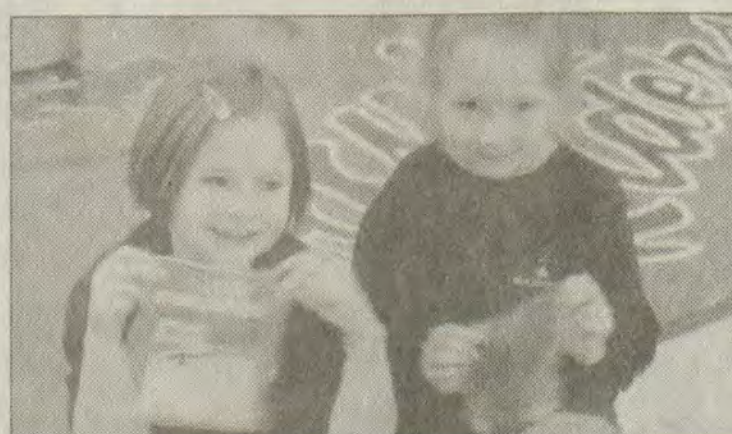
Morgan and Ben enjoy making sundaes.

Editor's Note

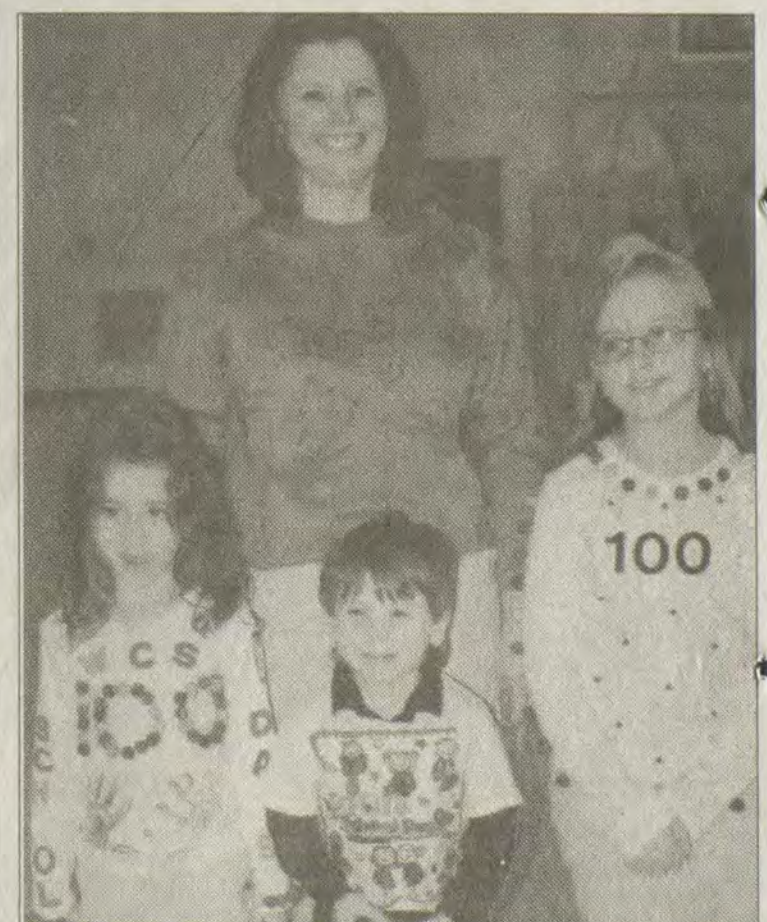
The Floyd County Times would like to extend its deepest apologies to Wesley Christian School for repeated omissions from Children First. While the school had submitted material for the section, it was not printed due to internal problems at The Times.



Mrs. Geneva explains to the students why it is important to help others. The students gave 100 pennies each to help out with tsunami relief aid.



Grace and Hannah show their 100 pennies. The students placed the pennies in the middle of the gym floor before counting them all.

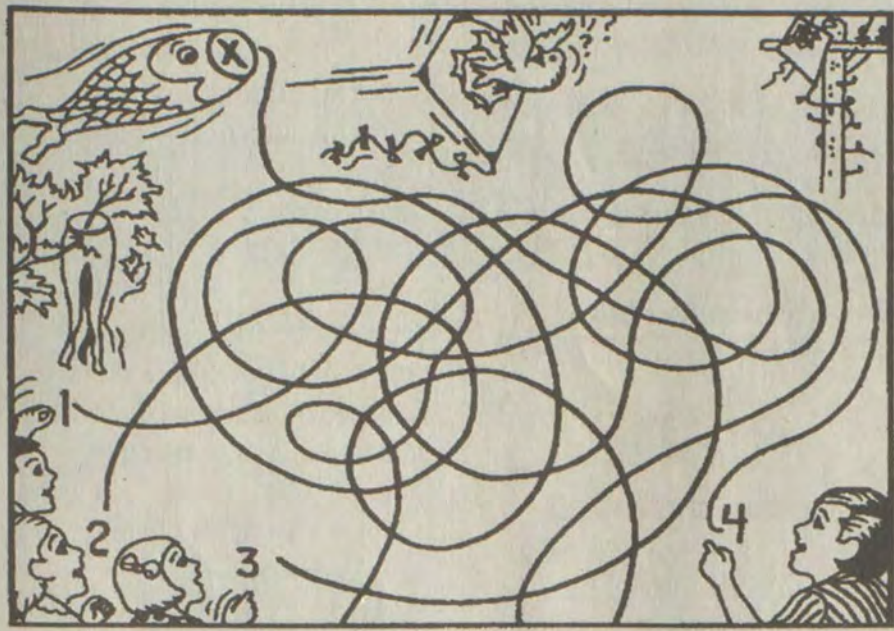


100th Day of School

Wesley Christian School celebrated the 100th day of school. The students ended the day by doing 100 exercises, bringing in

100 pennies and making sundaes. The pennies were counted and the money was given to the tsunami relief aid.

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STRUNG UP! See if you can trace through strings to find a path that reaches the kite still in one piece above.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

			'02
	'00		
'03			
		'01	

BRIDGING THE YEARS WITH NUMBERS

HERE'S your chance, in a manner of speaking, to bridge the years with numbers. Contractions of four consecutive upcoming years, beginning with '00, are in place at left. You are asked to fill the blanks with numbers 4 through 15 so that each row, column and corner-to-corner diagonal totals exactly 30.

As an aid, let it be known that numbers in diagonal top left to bottom right are 13, 00, 10 and 7 (total 30). And as a further clue, practically a giveaway, number in bottom left corner is 8. Take it from there.

Top row, across: 13, 11, 4, 02; next row: 8, 14, 01, 7.

FACE VALUE! Are you observant? Here's a test: On which side — front or back — of most U.S. coins is the coin's value given? Can you answer? If you don't know, guess.

Value usually is on the back.

NOTE SO FAST! Our turtle friend at right is deciphering a brief message left for him by Mr. Hare, his fleet adversary in a foot race. Aside from a put-down salutation, which simply reads backwards, the message consists of four short words whose letters are scrambled and need to be rearranged.

Let's see how quickly you can unscramble the letters and have the message make sense.

Time limit: 60 seconds or less.



Message read: "Slo-mo: Will wait for you. H."

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In 1889, the first coin-operated pay phone was installed in a bank in Hartford, Conn.

Until the 1940s, most pay phones did not use coins; they only accepted tokens. Today, many pay phones only accept credit cards.

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Sound waves of a person singing

Sound waves from a human voice are complex because we modulate both frequency (i.e., pitch) and amplitude (i.e., volume) simultaneously.

TELEPHONES

Alexander Graham Bell

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. His mother, who was deaf, was a portrait painter and musician. His father taught the deaf to speak and wrote textbooks on visible speech.



Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922)

In 1870, the family emigrated to Brantford, Ontario, Canada. The following year, Bell moved to Boston, where he lectured and taught elocution to deaf teachers and students. In 1873, he became a professor at Boston University.

In 1874, while visiting his father in Brantford, Bell realized that to transmit speech electrically he would need an "induced undulating current" or, in layman's terms, continuous electrical waves of the same form as sound waves.

On his return to Boston, Bell continued to work on his idea of improving the telegraph by making it talk. On Feb. 14, 1876, Bell's friend and associate Gardiner Hubbard filed a patent for the talking telegraph. The patent was issued on March 7, 1876. Three days later, on March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell succeeded in speaking the first sentence ever transmitted via electricity: "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you."

The first telephone company, the Bell Telephone Company, was established on July 9, 1877.

Bell always said that he would rather be remembered as a teacher of the deaf. But his invention of the telephone was so important that it will always overshadow his teaching accomplishments.

The word "telephone" is derived from the Greek words for "far" and "sound." Telephones are a vital communication link for people around the world. Today, cellular phones and the Internet have revolutionized personal and business communications. It is estimated that 94 percent of American households have telephones, but a third of the world's population has never used one.

A telephone has three main parts: a dialing mechanism, a transmitter and a receiver.

Earpiece

Electric currents from the caller produce a magnetic reaction. This magnetic force causes a magnet in the earpiece to vibrate. The vibrations travel along fine wires to the diaphragm, which creates sound.

Telephones are connected through a network of computers, wires and buried cables, radio transmitters, receivers and satellites.

The telephone is really a simple device. Today's phones may be smaller and have more bells and whistles, but the basic technology has not changed much since its invention more than a century ago.

Speaking into the mouthpiece creates an electric current. This electric copy of your voice travels by wire or by radio waves to another phone.

Mouthpiece or microphone

Vibrating diaphragm

Magnet, fine wires and a diaphragm

Radio waves

Cordless phones have two parts: the base and the handset. The base is plugged into the telephone jack in the wall. When a call comes in, radio waves are sent to the handset.

Keypad circuit board

Liquid-crystal display

Touch-tone buttons control switches on the circuit board. A wire coil makes an electric current when the armature (moving part of an electromagnetic device) vibrates.

Electronic components are linked by metal tracks.

The keypad is attached to a circuit board. Components and tracks create pathways used by electronic currents.



Phone fun!

Use string and two paper cups to make a telephone. Put holes in both cups and thread the string into the cup. Tie knots so the string won't fall out, or use paper clips to keep the string from slipping out. Have a friend take a cup and you take the other. Stretch the string tightly and listen while a friend talks. Take turns.

Experiment with different supplies, and log your experiments in a notebook.

Try using thick yarn, nylon or metal string. Use different lengths of string. Does it make a difference?

What happens if you use tin cans or plastic yogurt cups instead of paper cups? Do foam cups work as well?

Does it matter if you whisper or speak in a normal or louder voice?

Touch the string while a friend is talking. What is happening?

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Inc.; AT&T; Bruce County Museum (Ontario); www.telephonymuseum.com; about.com; The Telephone, Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Looking back: A brief overview of form and function

Since its invention, the telephone has undergone many transformations. Some changes dealt with using new technology. Other changes have focused more on fashion, design and form.

1877 The first commercial telephone was about the size of a shoe box.



By the end of 1880, 47,900 telephones were in use in the United States.



1882 The Western Electric "three box" telephone

The earliest telephones came with instructions such as "When you are not talking, you should be listening."

The 1878 "coffin" style phone used a wooden handle to transmit and receive. In 1879, the "Blake" transmitter was installed in thousands of phones. It used a battery instead of a wooden crank.

1905 The "automatic" electric Strowger telephone



By the end of the 19th century, telephone design became less decorative and more practical.

In the early 1920s, upright or "candlestick" telephones were popular in urban areas and wood-wall phones were favored in rural areas.

The one-piece handset was introduced in Europe as early as the 1890s, but did not become popular in North America until well into the 1920s.

In 1927, the first Cross-Atlantic phone service began (at a cost of \$75 for the first three minutes).



1920s The Western Electric upright dial telephone



1940s Western Electric desk telephone in classic black



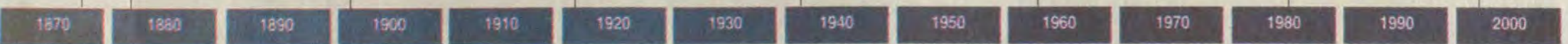
1964 Standard touch-tone phone



1980s Fax machine



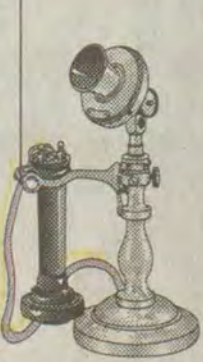
2004 Cell phone



1878 The "coffin" style telephone



1890s Western Electric common battery telephone



Mid-1890s Nickel-plated desk telephone

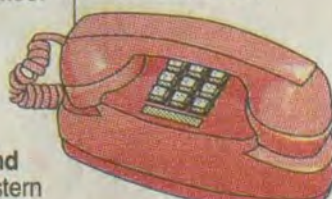
By the mid-1890s three different systems were being used to signal the operator or party. The **magneto** system sent an electric signal by turning a crank. The **common battery** system signaled the operator when the receiver was taken off the hook. And the **automatic** system used buttons or a dial to directly signal the party (which eliminated the need for an operator).

In the 1930s, phones began to incorporate the ringer, network and handset into a single unit.



1920s and '30s Western Electric desk telephone

In 1948, there were 30 million phones in service in the United States.



1956 Princess phone

In 1971, there were more than 100 million phones in service in the United States.

In 1958, AT&T introduced the first commercial modem. In 1962, the Telstar I communications satellite was launched.

The first U.S. commercial cellular system went into operation in 1983. The same year, the Bell System was divested and split into "Baby Bells."

By 2002, most phones around the world were cell phones.

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