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Board settles

another suit

in secret

by MARY MUSIC

STAFF WRITER

A lawsuit against the Floyd

Education was dismissed

Monday, after the court

accepted a confidential set-

David Caudill signed an

order dismissing a civil

suit brought out in 2002

against the board and

Adams Middle school

teacher and coach Charles

In the suit, Nancy

Circuit Judge John

tlement in the case.

County

R. Collins.

PRESTONSBURG -

Board

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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 occured 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.

3 DAY FORECAST

High: 80 · Low: 53

High: 68 · Low: 49

High: 65 • Low: 34

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Thursday

Mostly



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.

principal at the school who was listed as a defendant in the May Valley against her and six other employees abuse case in 2003, is now serving as at the school, including now retired

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

Williams' promotion came after the board spent "millions," accord-Tanya Williams, former assistant ing to McGuire, in a confidential settlement agreement in January

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

(See PROMOTION, page three)

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.

Bieger, mother of a former Adams Middle School stu-

dent, asked for compen-

satory damages after her

son was injured while

playing tackle football in the school hardwood gym-

nasium during physical

education class on Nov. 8,

the child, Bieger argued,

and shouldn't have allowed

the sport to take place on

Anderson, of Pikeville,

Bieger's attorney, Tom

(See SECRET, page ten)

the hardwood floor.

Collins was supervising

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-

(See WIFE, page three)

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

(See WRECK, page three)

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

(See BOARD, page ten)

Doctor gives up getting money

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

Dr. Phillip Simpson, former bing before the plaque was

The interlude during the meeting Monday was a bit heated, at times, with Simpson laying fault against Mayor Jerry Fannin 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

(See COUNCIL, page three)



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.

for proofreading mistake

City shows half-million-dollar surplus

by MARY MUSIC

proofreading mistake.

owner of C & S Signs, asked for a reimbursement of his per-

sonal 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 rub-



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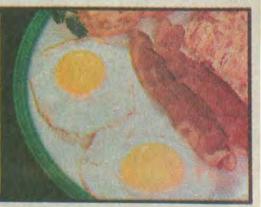
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Odds & Ends

■ ENTERPRISE, Ala. -A 7-year-old who apparently wanted to play with friends couldn't wait.

He drove off in his father's truck, eventually running it into a ditch before police officers managed to coax him out of the vehicle.

The boy was driving the big, dual-wheel truck erratically along Highway 27 when other drivers called police Thursday morning, saying they couldn't see anyone behind the wheel.

The boy apparently got the keys while his father, who was not identified, was sleeping, and he was trying to drive to an Enterprise day care center, police said.

Capt. Mike Lolley said the boy was near a convenience store when the vehicle swerved into a ditch.

The boy rolled up the windows and locked the doors as police approached. He pressed the gas pedal and the truck sent mud and dirt flying but didn't move.

Officers coaxed him out by telling the child they would take him to play with his friends, then took him to the police station.

■ FARGO, N.D. - You remember the Chicago cows? The Cincinnati pigs? The giant frogs in Toledo, Ohio?

Some think maybe it's time for Fargo to get into the act

The Associated Press

30, the 89th day of 2005.

There are 276 days left in the

History: On March 30, 1981,

seriously injured outside a

Washington, D.C., hotel by John

W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded

Service agent and a District of

■ In 1822, Florida became

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W.

Long of Jefferson, Ga., first

used ether as an anesthetic

of State William H. Seward

reached agreement with Russia

to purchase the territory of

Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's

■ In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution, giv-

■ In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during

■ In 1955, "On the

Waterfront" won the Academy

Award for best picture of

1954, while its star, Marlon

Brando won best actor; in an

upset, Grace Kelly won best

actress for "The Country

Girl," beating out Judy

leading member of the British parliament, was killed by a bomb planted by the Irish National Liberation Army.

■ In 1979, Airey Neave, a

■ In 1986, actor James Cagney died at his farm in

In 2002, the Queen

Stanfordville, N.Y., at age 86.

Mother Elizabeth of England died in her sleep at Royal

Lodge, Windsor, outside

London; she was 101 years

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refugees, fleeing violence in

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World War II.

■ In 1867, U.S. Secretary

Columbia police officer.

a United States territory.

during a minor operation.

On this date:

Folly.

Today is Wednesday, March

huge fiberglass bison.

Martha Olsen, executive director of the Lake Agassiz Arts Council, is talking with local businesses and artists to try to gauge community sup-

"We would want to make it as big and fun as it can be,"

A similar project -"Sunny in DL," using sunfish as the theme - was a success in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Teri Nelson was one of the organizers in Detroit Lakes, and the Detroit Lakes Cultural Center aided in fundraising efforts. Nelson said the cultural center initially expected to have 20 fish, but ended up selling 50.

Olsen said the sale or sponsorship of the bison sculptures would benefit the local arts community.

■ VILLE PLATTE, La. -Judge Thomas Fuselier didn't have far to go to report for jury duty - he just walked across the hall.

Fuselier was summoned for possible jury duty in the trial of a Morrow couple accused of killing and then dismembering a Texas couple.

The only other judge in the 13th Judicial District is the one presiding over the trial -Judge Larry Vidrine.

Fuselier spent all of Monday afternoon Vidrine's courtroom, waiting with a public art display of to be called for questioning,

Today in History

encyclical of his papacy in

which he condemned abortion

and euthanasia as crimes that

no human laws could legit-

campaign, Vice President Al

administration, saying he sup-

ported legislation to allow 6-

year-old Elian Gonzalez to

case. Russia's Alexei Yagudin

won his third title in the World

One year ago: In a rever-

sal, President Bush agreed to

let National Security Adviser

Condoleezza Rice testify pub-

licly and under oath before an

independent panel investigat-

ing the Sept. 11 terrorist

Skating

Today's Highlight in midst of the 2000 presidential

President Reagan was shot and Gore broke with the Clinton

were White House press secre- remain in the country while

tary James Brady a Secret the courts resolved his custody

Figure

Championships.

Five years ago: In the

but he wasn't selected.

Of the 75 people called for the first jury selection, about 50 actually showed up, including Fuselier. The judge handled his courtroom matters before walking across the hall to his colleague's courtroom for jury service. Vidrine even offered to excuse his fellow judge, but Fuselier refused.

"I ask people to show up for jury duty, and I will do the same," he said.

Eleven of the 12 jurors for the trial were seated, and the Tuesday.

■ YARMOUTH, Mass. One of Yarmouth's most popular couples returned to town earlier this month to find that their home had been washed out to sea.

Don't worry. They are rebuilding.

Oscar and Olive, a pair of ospreys who have made Grays Beach their home for a number of years, found that the nest they have been building over that time, was gone when they showed up earlier this month.

The nest was built on a platform atop a town-installed pole at the beach. But sometime during this harsh winter, the pole was knocked down. The town put the pole back up, but the nest was gone. On Monday, Oscar and Olive started construction.

"Essentially, they're start-

caster Alistair Cooke died in

Singer Frankie Laine is 92.

Actor Richard Dysart is 76.

Actor John Astin is 75. Game

show host Peter Marshall is

75. Actor-director Warren

Beatty is 68. Rock musician

Graeme Edge (The Moody

Blues) is 64. Rock musician

Eric Clapton is 60. Actor

Robbie Coltrane is 55. Rap

artist MC Hammer is 42

Singer Tracy Chapman is 41

Actor Ian Ziering is 41. Singer

Birthdays:

New York at age 95.

Today's

Jones is 26.

Prize-winning

Natural Resources Officer Bill Bonnetti said.

Ospreys, also known as fish hawks, tend to mate for life, Bonnetti said. They winter in warm places and usually come back to the same spot in the spring to raise their

"They're very territorial," said Dottie Segerman, 70, whose house overlooks Grays

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - A selection resumes jail inmate swallowed what could have been his key to freedom.

> During a sweep of the high-security wing of County Jail, deputies discovered that inmate Jose Angel Juarez had swallowed a handcuff key. Lt. Craig Wilson said Juarez set off the metal detector during a walkthrough screening.

At first, deputies weren't sure what set off the metal detector, but they knew it was in Juarez's midsection, so he was taken for an X-ray. A 1 1/2-inch handcuff key could be seen in Juarez's belly.

"It's our belief that the inmate would be using this to escape from custody," Wilson

Juarez, 29, is awaiting trial on felony charges of conspiracy, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, robbery and carjacking, stemming from a Dec. 18, 2003, robbery of Farm Fresh Produce.

His alleged partner in the robbery, Francisco Antonio Alvarado, 25, pleaded guilty in October to robbery, conspiracy, assault and receiving stolen property and was sentenced to 10 years, four months in prison.

It wasn't known where Juarez got the handcuff key. Deputies waited for the key to eventually emerge.

■ LA PINE, Ore. — A bit of the big city is coming to La

The town south of Bend is getting its first traffic light, according to Deschutes County officials. But because of a land survey discrepancy, the light won't be installed at





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ing from scratch," Yarmouth the intersection of Huntington Road and First Street until next year.

> "I think the light is going to have a real impact... especially on people's perceptions of La Pine," said Gary Judd, traffic engineer for Deschutes County. "La Pine is a very fast-growing area, and some people just don't understand that it's becoming a little

La Pine is a rural town of about 5,800 residents just under 30 miles south of Bend.

Four-way stop signs will be installed at the intersection this summer to address traffic problems until the stoplight is installed.

Patti Oatman, a receptionist at the La Pine Community Clinic - on the northeast corner of the intersection - said something needed to be done.

"It's the worst spot ever,"

The county plans to widen both Huntington Road and First Street to allow for leftturn lanes. But first, land survey discrepancies that were discovered in the 1970s must be resolved.

there's nothing special about U.S. Postal Service workers being terrorized by dogs, the size of one here is raising

Mail carriers said they were recently unable to deliver mail to homes along a section of Guyer Street in this northwestern Indiana city because of a 4.5-pound Chihuahua named Bobo.

The little Chihuahua was 10-foot tall when he was on the street," said Florence Page of the Hobart Humane Society, which picked up the dog twice for running loose. know, but after a while it's not any more."

She said there were no reports of the dog actually biting anyone, however.

Police have nonetheless ticketed the dog's owner, Vicki Seber, twice in recent weeks for violating a city ordinance requiring pet owners to keep their animals restrained.

Hobart police officer Ron Schalk said he had no option but to cite Seber for allowing the dog to run loose.

"The biggest thing I was concerned with is there were a lot of residents that week who couldn't get their mail," he said. "The little Chihuahua was running around being aggressive and trying to bite people's ankles."

■ FARGO, N.D. - Three men got into a lot of trouble when they appeared to have more spare change than they could handle.

The men, ages 18, 19 and 20, rolled a water cooler jug full of coins into a Union State Bank on Tuesday to cash in the money, police said. Inside was \$1,800 worth of coins.

"I don't know how they got ■ HOBART, Ind. — While it out of the trunk," said Henry Wegter, the bank's vice president and branch manag-

The men couldn't lift the jug to the counter, so the bank gave them bags to help get it to a coin sorter. Someone at the bank later called police to tell them about the strange episode.

Police believe at least one of them stole the jug on Tuesday from a home.

The three men were arrested Wednesday in a parking lot. Inside the suspects' vehicle, police found a handgun, ammunition, a small amount "It's kind of comical, you of cocaine and marijuana, said Lt. Tod Dahle.

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Promotion

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

"I 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 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.'

lawsuit, filed by Prestonsburg attorney 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

■ Continued from p1 lock them in the bathroom as pun-

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

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

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 disclo-

Supt. Paul Fanning was not available for comment yesterday.

Williams did not return inquiry

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 city for recreational fields at over the bids before accepting installments.

At one point, Fannin told Simpson that he would pay the money out of his own pocket if Simpson could prove that a The student reported the alleged 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

Stonecrest. City clerks are now compiling delinquent taxes owed by city residents over the past seven years, Fannin said

The council passed a motion to place all collected delinquent tax money into a special account that would go toward finishing 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 Construction Prestonsburg - but agreed to have a local architect look

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Nelson observed that he has

the area over the last year.

heavy rains.

have combined with other ele-

ments to make that stretch of

road more treacherous during

was a lot of water running

across the road on Monday and

that one should drive cautious-

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Nelson observed that there

it officially.

In other news, the council: Passed a motion to leaseto-own a \$73,000 back hoe for

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 Fannin 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

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allow no more than a three

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 busi-

"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 Part of the settlement in the case Regional Medical Center and later airlifted to Cabell Huntington Hospital.

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

> The Prestonsburg Police were assisted at the scene by Prestonsburg 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



Wife

been called to several wrecks Assistant mended by on that stretch of U.S. 23 that Commonwealth's Attorney passes the Holiday Inn. Nelson Wayne Taylor. Taylor said that noted that he had pronounced it was appropriate as it was the 11 accident victims dead from same bond that her brother is being held on. A motion was The road there was resuralso made by Taylor to consolfaced last year, which may idate the cases against Lester and Dotson.

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

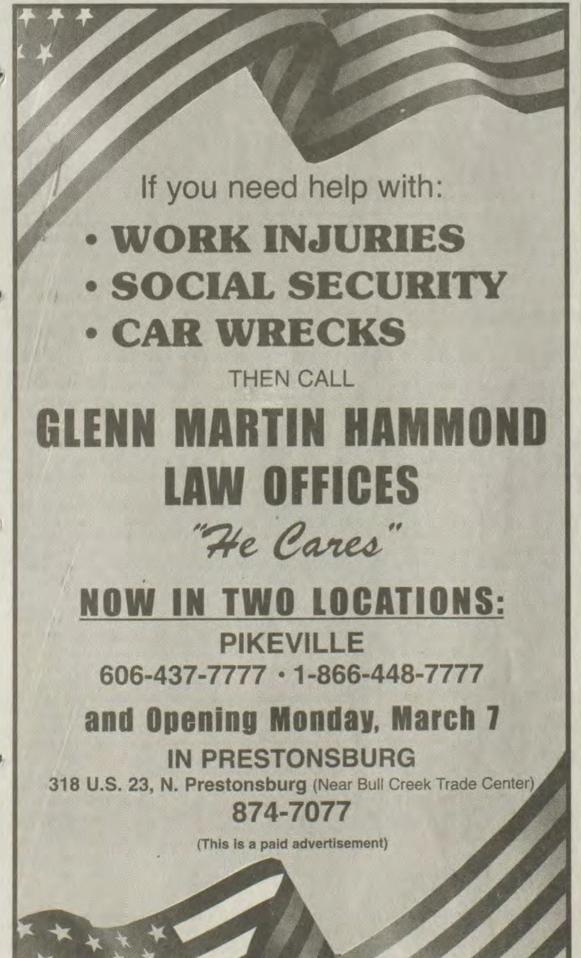
Defense counsel Steve Owens has a quandary as he represents both Dotson and Lester. He will argue on the area, especially during Friday to keep the matters separate as it will provide an opportunity for a conflict of interest if the two are tried

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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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- John Greenleaf Whittier

Our View

Annexation: Good or bad?

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

Working together benefits everyone

by JERRY FANNIN PRESTONSBURG MAYOR

n 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 employ-

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 (See FOR, page seven)

AGAINST

Annexation not a benefit for hospital

by KATHY RUBADO HRMC DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

ighlands 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

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

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

(See AGAINST, page seven)

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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 wholegrain, and you'll be following government advice for eating

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

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 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 Bostonbased 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

"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

"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

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

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

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

Family Services. It should also lies are included on the sheets of

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 colorcoded 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

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



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

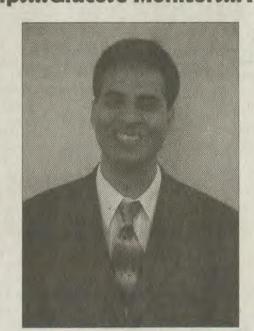
Several photo albums containing old pictures of Mrs. Flanery, her family and friends, were on display. The attendees and Mrs. Flanery reminisced about her life, including her career as a school teacher, mainly in one-room schools, sometimes riding a horse across a mountain in all types of weather. Her neighbors discussed her role as a community leader, offering tutoring to the children at no cost. Many term 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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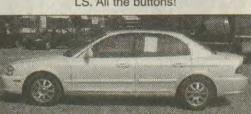
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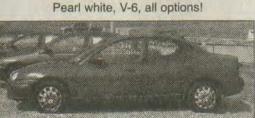
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Obituaries

Nannie "Nan" Newman

Nannie "Nan" Newman, age 89, of Grethel, wife of the late Robert Newman, passed away Friday, March 25, 2005, at her residence.

She was born May 30, 1915, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late John Tackett and Margaret Hamilton. She was a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel.

She is survived by four sons: Travis Newman, Melvin Tackett, Willis Newman, and Kenneth Newman, all of Grethel; two daughters: Lizzie Branham of Harold, and Margaret Wright Hall of Grethel; two brothers: Emmitt Tackett of Ivel, and Bert Tackett of Albion, Michigan; 19 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandchil-

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Raymond Newman; one daughter, Inis Newman; five brothers: Charlie, Evan, Willie, Andy, and Kenis Tackett; and one sister, Pearl Hunt.

Funeral services for Nannie "Nan" Newman were conducted Monday, March 28, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Regular Baptist ministers, and Elders Clinton Moore, and Jimmy Hall officiating.

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

Visitation was Saturday, at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church in McDowell; and Sunday, at the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel.

Kenneth Pallbearers: Newman II, Willis Dean Newman, James Branham Jr., Travis Scott Newman, Timmy Newman, Kelly Newman, Kevin Newman, Donnie Newman, Jason Randal Newman, and Jeff Newman. (Paid obituary)

Daniel Kevin Hatfield

Daniel Kevin Hatfield, 28, of Hi Hat, died Friday, March 25, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room.

Born February 22, 1977, in McDowell, he was the son of Letty Mullins Hatfield Moore of Hi Hat, and step-father, Terry Moore. He was disabled.

In addition to his mother and step-father, survivors include one son, Daniel (D.J.) Hatfield of McDowell; two brothers: Ray Hatfield of Price; and Terry Eddie Moore of Hi Hat; one step-brother, Daniel Motherwell of Hi Hat; two step-sisters: Holly Motherwell, and Kayla Motherwell, both of Hi Hat.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Hatfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 29, at 1 p.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Jerry Neil Tackett

Jerry Neil Tackett, 48, of Beaver, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

Born January 9, 1957, in Martin, he was the son of Rebecca Baldridge Tackett of Beaver, and the late Willie Tackett. He was a disabled coal miner, and a member of the Tackett Fork Freewill Baptist Church, where he was a former pastor.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Light Tackett.

In addition to his mother and wife, other survivors include four sons: Jerry Dwayne Tackett of Ligon, and Anthony Craig Tackett, Joshua Ray Tackett, and Dustin Ryan Tackett, all of Beaver: four brothers: Andy Jack Tackett of Somerset, and Douglas Keith Tackett, Larry Dwayne Tackett, and Arthur Boyd Tackett, all of Beaver; three sisters: Luetta Miller of Tipp City, Ohio, Judy Gail Vance of Beaver, and Debra Hall all of Grethel; and three grandchildren: Gage, Austin, and Gabrielle.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one sister, Glenda Gaye Tackett; and one grandson: Taylor Chance Tackett.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, at 1 p.m., at the Tackett Fork Freewill Baptist Church, at Beaver, with Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Elva Case

Elva Case, 60, of Ky. 191, Campton, died Sunday, February 27, 2005, at his resi-

Born in Honaker, Floyd Kentucky, County, Tuesday, May 2, 1944, Elva was a son of the late John Henry and Nancie (Adams)

In addition to his parents, Elva was preceded in death by one grandson, Keith Hunter

He was a farmer and coal miner, a member of Stillwater Holiness Church, at Campton, and served in the U.S. Army as a private. in the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Bolen Case; two sons: Samuel M. Case and wife, Christina, of Los Angeles, California; and John Dwayne Case and wife, Shirley, of Campton; four daughters: Jewel Boyd and husband, Phillip, Amy Jarrel and husband, Ronnie, and Elizabeth Taulbee and husband, Merrell, all of Campton, and Evelyn Kidd and husband, Brian, of Harold; three brothers: Lowell Case of Louisa, and Edessel Case and Timothy Case, both of Honaker; two sisters: Glena Damron of Honaker, and Jewell Kidd of Cannel City; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, at Stillwater Holiness Church, with Bro. Harold Damron officiating.

Interment followed in the Taulbee Family Cemetery, at Campton, with Porter and Son Funeral Directors, Campton, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Merrell Taulbee, Sam Boyd, Nicky Kidd, Wayne Fannin, Phillip Kidd, Todd Kidd, Ronnie Brewer, and John Case.

Mike Wireman

Mike Wireman, age 37, of Hueysville, passed away on Saturday eyening, March 26, 2005, at his residence.

He was born December 24, 1967, in Columbia City, Indiana, the son of Ondie and Kathleen Whittaker Wireman.

He was a member of the National Guard, and attended the Quicksand Upper Free Pentecostal Church at Hueysville.

Surviving are his parents, Ondie and Kathleen Wireman of Hueysville; one brother, Chris Wireman of Hueysville; two sisters: Athlene (William) Patton of Versailles, and Kim (Brian) Tussey of Kendalville, Indiana; three nephews: Jason (Mallory) Patton, Daniel Tussey, and Andrew Tussey; one niece, Hannah Patton; and nine aunts, four uncles, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 30, at p.m., in the Hall Funeral Chapel, in Martin, with Roger Bolen, Earl Miller, and Bill Tussey Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in the Shepherd Cemetery, at Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral

fort to our family.

Everett "Hoe Handle" Crisp

Everett "Hoe Handle" Crisp, 53, of Martin, died Sunday, March 27, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born June 8, 1951, in Martin, he was the son of the late Everett and Geneva Thacker Crisp. He was a disabled veteran, also a member of the VFW Chapter 5839, Prestonsburg.

Survivors include one brother: Robin Michael Crisp of Martin; one sister, Sheila Lee of Martin; and several nieces Jamie and Haley Shepherd. and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his Jr. grandparents: Bill and Sarah Samons Crisp, and Noah and Rosa Click Thacker; and two sisters: Jane Sharon Crisp and Rose Carol Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 30. at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chuck Hall offici-

Burial will be in the Crisp Family Cemetery, Arkansas Creek, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary) home (Paid obituary)

Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born September 23, 1981, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of James and Wilma Allen Shepherd of Prestonsburg. He was disabled.

In addition to his parents, survivors include one brother, Gregory (Amy) Shepherd of Prestonsburg; and two nieces:

He was preceded in death by one brother, James Shepherd

Funeral services were con-

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Lonnie Gene Shepherd

Lonnie Gene Shepherd, 23, ducted Tuesday, March 29, at 1 p.m., at the Father House Church at Abbott, in Prestonsburg, with Jeanette Wright officiating.

Burial was in the McGuire Cemetery, Big Branch, Abbott, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Missy



With the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my brother, Tom Dillion. Tom was born February 24, 1972, and left this world on March 22, 2005-making his stay here on earth (33 years and 26 days). He was the son of Ronnie Lee and Caroline Dillion. He was married to Melissa Keathley on August 19, 1990, and unto this union was born one child (Austin-Tomas-Craig Dillion).

Tom made friends wherever he went, and he was loved by each of them. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. But most of all by his son, Austin, who was always with his dad.

I know that we did not come here to stay forever, and that we all must die, but when death comes so unexpectedly-it is really hard to deal with. I ask myself, why? Why my brother? Only God knows the answer!!!! I pray that God will give us the strength and the courage to go on without him. Most of all, I pray that he is resting in the arms of Jesus!!!! By the grace of God we will all meet again someday.

Tom, I know that you always looked out for me when you were here on earth, and now I know I have an angel in Heaven looking out for me, and our family!!!

> Written by: His loving sister, Steffy

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand And said my place was ready in heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do, It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad. I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized that this could never be, For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home, When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden

He said, this is eternity and all I've promised you, Today your life on earth has past, but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. You have been faithful, so trusting and so true, Though there were times you did some things you knew you

But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free, So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

A Burial Fund has been established at Community Trust Bank. All donations may be made out to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and are greatly appreciated by the Dillion Family.

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ciation to all those who helped in any way during our time

of sorrow. We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and

all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We would like

to send a special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist minis-

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Home, and the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in

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THE FAMILY OF RAY LAYNE

for their caring and professional services.

The family of Orville "Porchie" Clark would

The family of Julia Ann Boyd would like to express their heartfelt appreciation during this difficult time. We thank all those who brought food, sent flowers, or spoke kind, comforting words. A special thank-you to the Prestonsburg Church of Christ for their flowers, food, and excellent service; to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their services; and the Sheriff's Department. Also, special thanks to the pallbearers: Joe Ryan, Paul Jarrell, Oscar Rice, Mike Hall, Kennis Hall, and Micky Meade.

FROM THE FAMILY OF MARVIN BOYD



The family of Arnold Chaffins Sr., would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and all the kindness expressed. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your acts of kindness were a great comfort to our family.

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The many acts of kindness shown during the illness and upon the assing of Louise Williamson Carey will be forever in our hearts. We are deeply grateful to those who visited with her, sang hymns, cared for her needs, and lifted her in prayer. She had a host of wonderful neighbors and faithful friends.

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THE FAMILY OF LOUISE WILLIAMSON CAREY CAROLYN WILLIAMSON, LYNN AND JOHN POLK

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The family of Macel Elizabeth Thornsberry would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or spoke kind words. We would like to send a special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF MACEL ELIZABETH THORNSBERRY

'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-

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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

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

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are really values."

Dr. Terry Gutsgell, 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 Gutsgell.

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

"Patients do enter a state of profound calm and peacefulness," Gutsgell 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

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taken by lay people for consciousness. In fact, he said, such patients have no awareness of self or the environment.

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general public, Weisenfluh said.

Sara Rosenthal, director of the bioethics program at UK,

Against

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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.



and movement that can be mis-

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

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

"Food equals love," she said. said there is still a debate about

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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

Bill Caylor, president of the



Kentucky Coal Association, said haulers already receive. 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

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

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.

Dr. Gopal

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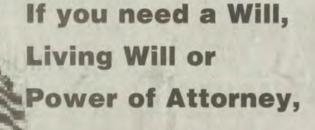
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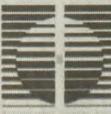
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13 plead guilty to UNITE drug roundup charges

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 neryous 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

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

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

"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."

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colors and several students who fidential settlement in the case. have entered academic meets on March 11. were applauded for their efforts, which were posted parties reached a confidential throughout the library where settlement during a March 2 the meeting was held. Exhibits mediation hearing. studying various topics from history to physics, which were prepared by students, were on tlement are "fair and equitable display and represented hours considering all factors." of work by students who were required to submit project pro- calls yesterday. posals, keep logs of their activities and present their final submitted an open records works with an emphasis on request to obtain information clearly communicating their about the settlement. Former

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

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for May Valley to show off its filed a motion to approve a con-

That motion notes that both

Anderson wrote in that motion that the terms of the set-

He did not return inquiry

The Floyd County Times Attorney General Ben Chandler Ringo, filed an opinion on August 30, 2001, saying that a school district settlement, sealed or unsealed, is public record and

and his assistant, James M. cannot be withheld from public disclosure.

Supt. Paul Fanning was unavailable for comment.

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LEGAL NOTICE 7 The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

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

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Applications and addresses of each district office will be located at state highway garages.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005 AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT 1688 HWY 1428 - PRESTONSBURG IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a three bedroom wood siding home on public water and private sewer. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, and a laundry room. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property will be \$10,050.00.

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at 1:00 pm., at the property site, at 1688 Hwy 1428, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$36,199.23 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$33,689.07 plus interest in the amount of \$5,903.26 as of July 15, 2004, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$9.4215 per day from July 15, 2004, until the date of Judgement, plus interest on the Judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 2.14% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 04-65 DCR on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on October 1, 2004, in the case of United States of America vs. Carmel Kidd, the Unknown Spouse of Carmel Kidd, Draxie Kidd and the Unknown Spouse of Draxie Kidd, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder: House and Lot located at 1688 Hwy 1428 Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY.

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Inquiries should be directed to: THOMAS W. KEETH, Rural Development Manager Rural Development

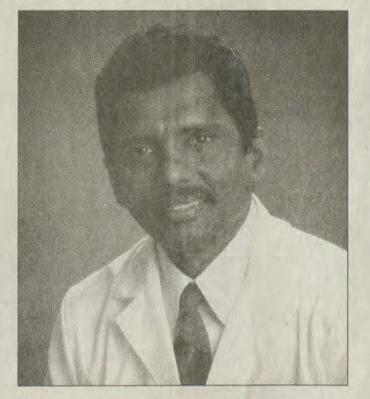
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Authorities crack down on Knott County drug trade

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

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



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i see his hands so rough and worn, His face so brown and wise, But most of all, when I look back, I see his smiling eyes.

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

Time passes on and as I grow old, I can sometimes clearly hear my fathers voice, Still calming all my fears.

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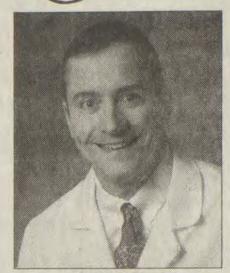
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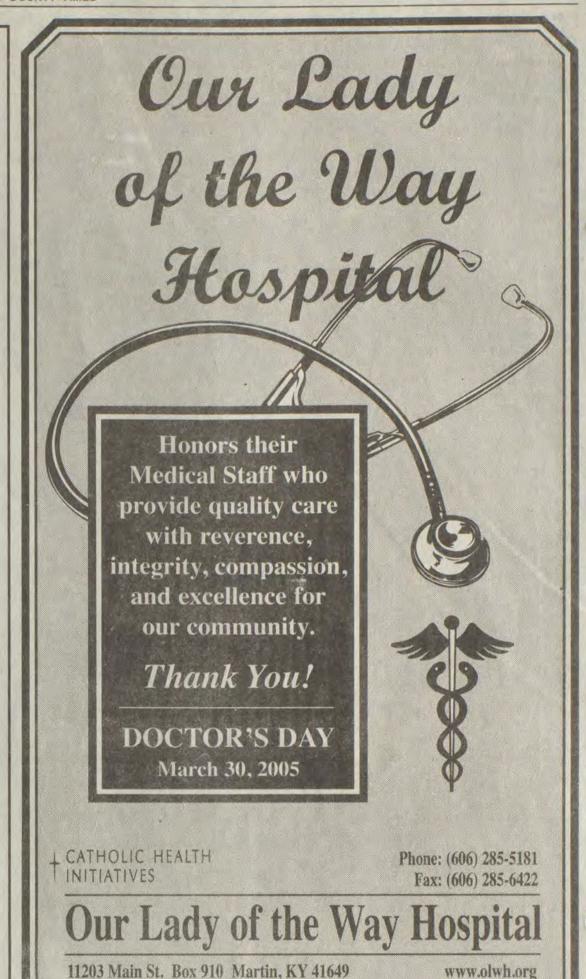
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National Doctors Day was chosen to tumor. Long performed only six surgeries over the next two years and received little recognition for his discovery. However, when a notable physician in Boston discovered the same use for ether, great recognition was given him and with Boston being a busy port city the news spread throughout the world within a year. In 1935 the Southern Medical Association first celebrated Doctors Day in Long's memory and the tradition has continued to this day.

At Highlands Regional Medical Center, Doctors Day is celebrated each year to recognize the dedicated efforts of Highlands Medical Staff. Highlands salutes these men and women for their commitment to medical excellence, to alleviating human suffering, and to improving the quality of life by providing the best in high quality care and service for their patients and the community.



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Rain halts many H.S. baseball, softball openers

Rain returned in the area Monday, forcing several high school baseball and softball teams to postpone games. Many area teams will play few or no games this week before getting busy with contests next week during the first full week of April. In high school baseball last night, Prestonsburg was playing host to Sheldon Clark.

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"The BEST source for local and regional sports news" Kinzer team races to third-place finish at Cherokee Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - The newly-acquired Southern All Stars-East Series, part of the Southern All Stars (SAS) Series visited Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney, S.C. over the weekend for a 40-lap, \$4,000-to-win feature race. The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team was in attendance as Cherokee Speedway has become a home away from home of sorts for the Floyd County-based Late Model race team. The Kinzer team has been quick to

venue, and this past weekend was utilized as an R&D Test as of sorts.

Just as is the case in the SAS events, the SAS-E series top-16 qualifiers locked themselves into the feature event. Of the 16 cars present, the Kinzer team posted the sixth- fastest time, securing itself an outside third row starting spot.

In typical Brandon Kinzer fashion, the Allen driver wasted no time in moving forward. At the expiration

find success at the Gaffney, S.C. of the 40 laps, the No. 18 Kinzer changes to make the car competitive. Drilling, Barry Wright Racecars, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Alert Oil & Gas, Commonwealth Chiropractic, Allstar Performance, Tim Short Automotive, Panther Motorsports Design Dodge Intrepid SXT finished in third place.

> 'We came down here with intentions of trying several new things," said Kinzer. "The track surface did some things that we weren't ready for and we had to hurry up and make some

I'm happy with how things turned out, now we're for ready next weekend."

The next scheduled races for Brandon Kinzer Motorsports roll up later this week - Friday and Saturday - at Volunteer Speedway. The pair of events are unsanctioned and pay \$3,000 to win on Friday night, and \$10,000 to win on Saturday.

For more information on Brandon Kinzer Motorsports, go online to

www.brandonkinzer.com



photo courtesy of Brandon Kinzer Motorsports Brandon Kinzer raced his way to a third-place finish over the weekend at Cherokee Speedway.

Magrini leads Horsemen past Greyhounds

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Paced by rookie wide receiver Eric Magrini's first three career touchdowns, the Lexington Horsemen scored early and often Saturday evening on their way to a 63-62 win over border-rival Ohio Valley in Rupp Arena in Lexington's 2005 home opener.

Prestonsburg High School grad Nathan Leslie is in his first season with the Horsemen. Last season, Leslie played for the Greyhounds. Leslie plays along the Lexington offensive and defensive lines.

The Horsemen (2-0), who raised the 2004 national championship banner prior to kickoff,



Nathan Leslie

were led by quarterback Dusty Bonner, who completed 17-of-29 passes for 196 yards and six touchdowns. Running back Derek Homer rushed for 36 yards and

two touchdowns, while rookie Randy Bell rushed for 35 yards and a touchdown, and caught four passes for '56 yards and a touchdown.

Magrini finished the game with 33 yards receiving and kicker Justin Hutton connected on his only field-goal attempt, a 39-yarder in the second quarter.

Lexington got on the board early to begin the game as Bonner found Magrini in the end zone from two yards out less than three minutes into the game to take a 7-0 lead at the 11:45 mark of the first quarter. On the Horsemen's second possession of the game, Bonner threw to Bell, who broke free for a career-high 40-yard run with 6:52 remaining in the first quarter to push' Lexington 's edge out to 13-0.

Ohio Valley 's Lamonte Coleman ran it in from the 4-yard line with 4:45 left in the opening period to cut the Greyhounds' deficit to six, 13-7, with 4:39 left in the opening quarter, but Lexington used an illegal formation call against Ohio Valley to score their third touchdown of the quarter. Homer's 1-yard run put the Horsemen up 20-7 at the 55-second mark.

The Greyhounds opened the second quarter with a touchdown and followed with another TD on their next possession. The Horsemen were only able to manage a field goal during that stretch and Ohio Valley pulled to within two, 23-21, at the 5:11 mark of the second quarter.

Two Lexington touchdowns late in the second quarter allowed the Horsemen to take a 37-27 advantage into the locker room at halftime after Magrini caught a two-point conversion toss from Bonner to cap Homer's 1-yard touch-

Magrini completed the hat trick to begin the third quarter with a touchdown with 13:01 left in the period to give the Horsemen a 44-27 lead. Ohio Valley scored twice in the third quarter to narrow Lexington 's advantage to 44-41, but Bonner had different plans for the Horsemen in

(See HORSEMEN, page two)

BRISTOL MOTOR SPEE





photos courtesy of Above: Scott Riggs and Southwest Virginia native Eric McClure sped past the start/finish line during a testing session.

Middle: Morgan McClure Motorsports and driver Mike Wallace hope to return to Victory Lane at BMS in the Food City 500. MMM claimed its first career victory at Bristol in 1990 with driver Ernie Irvan.

Left: Scott Riggs looked on as crew members make adjust-

Many locals head to Bristol for spring race

SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The upcoming weekend will prove to be one of the biggest weekends of the year for area racefans. Several area NASCAR fans, many here in Floyd and surrounding counties, hit the road each spring and fall and travel to Bristol Motor Speedway. Some even purchase and often renew season ticket packages. Many often load up their camper or RV of choose and head to Southwest Virginia, and then on into Tennessee.

This spring's NASCAR Busch Series race, the Sharpie Professional 250, has been scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Start time for the Busch race

is 2:05 p.m. Tickets for the Busch race remain available.

The NASCAR Nextel Cup race, the Food City 500, which is again sold out, will be held Sunday

Kentucky roots run deep at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Kentucky native Darrell Waltrip, with 12 victories, still has the most career wins at Bristol. Waltrip, a native of Owensboro, won seven straight races from 1981-84. Rusty Wallace has nine wins at the Bristol track.

Before his untimely passing, Dale Earnhardt

(See BRISTOL, page two)

Pike Countian Sanders claims Super Pro win

12 races, 12 winners highlight opening round of Sunoco Bracket Series Action

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn.. - Winning in the Sunoco Bracket Series at Bristol Dragway never comes easy as the opening weekend's doubleheader start to the 2005 season proved. A dozen racers claimed victories in the 12 races and only one of them was able to combine a win with an additional appearance in finals.

The opening weekend races, held March 12-13, included several area racers, including a Pike County racer who claimed a season-opening victory.

Three-time defending champion Mike Gill was able to do just that en route to dominating the Smith Bros. Pro Bike class, winning on Saturday and finishing in the runner-up position on Sunday.

Gill, who hails from Elizabethton, rode his 1992 Suzuki to the Saturday win over Jon Swafford of Candler, N.C., and followed the win with a runner-up finish to Morristown's Dustin Lee on Sunday, Gill's identical reaction times of .043 in the finals on both days were the best of the three racers making it that far. His victory came after posted an elapsed time of 5.860 at 114.26 mph compared to Swafford's .058 reaction time, 6.298 elapsed time and 107.13 mph. Lee was able to top Gill on Sunday by overcoming a .078 reaction time with a 6.659 ET and 102.72 mph run.

Scott Sanders, of Hellier in Pike County, claimed the Super Pro win on Saturday of the opening weekend, getting off the line in .017 seconds with an ET of 5.039 and speed of 135.36 mph. Charles Patterson of Rockwood, Tenn. drove his 1967 Plymouth to 105.87 mph after a .027 reaction time and a 6.398 elapsed time to claim Sunday's victory. Mike Ridge of Powell, Tenn. and Don Brandon of Johnson City finished second on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

In other action on Saturday, former track champ Neal Church of Boone, N.C., continued his momentum from 2004 by winning the Hayworth Tire Pro class on Saturday. Church, who recorded two runner-up finishes in 2004, cut a .022 light with a 6.103 ET to beat Jerry Moore of Princeton, W. Va. Brandon Bailey of Glade Spring, Va. outran Piney Flats' Michael Buckles on Sunday with a .078 reaction time and 6.659 ET to claim the victory in race No. 2 of the season.

Other winners on Saturday were Jason Nelson (Bluff City, Tenn.) in Sportsman, Avery Denton (Bristol, Va.) in First Class Travel Junior Dragster Division 1 and Andy Bayless (Clinton, Tenn.) in First

(See SANDERS, page two)

Megan Harris moving on to Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College women's basketball program has added another talented Eastern Kentucky player. A local standout who had quite a year in her only season at Pikeville High School will play collegiately at Pikeville College.

Megan Harris, a 5-11 senior who led Pikeville High School to the All "A" Classic state tournament this season, signed a scholarship agreement last week.

Harris averaged 13.3 points and 10.4 rebounds per game for the Lady Panthers in her lone season in maroon. Harris sat out her junior campaign after transferring from Allen Central High School. Despite missing that season, she still scored 924 points in her high school career.

Harris, a two-time all-58th District performer while playing in Floyd

County, shot 46.0 percent from the field this season and hit 34.5 percent from the arc. For the season, she connected on 72.2 percent of her free throws.

"We think Megan has tremendous upside and can be a terrific asset to our program," said Coach Bill Watson of Pikeville College. "We've watched her development through the years and think she will be very valuable to the

(See HARRIS, page two)

Elite Eight run, deep bench bode well for Kentucky's future

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - The Kentucky Wildcats entered the basketball season a mystery of sorts, with three new starters, including two freshmen. They finished as one of the favorites for national honors next season.

That didn't make their exit any less frustrating. For the second time in three years, the Wildcats entered a regional final as the favorite, only to lose. Two years ago, it was Marquette that stunned Kentucky. This time, Michigan State edged the Wildcats 9488 in double overtime on Sunday. "It was a great game, and some-

times you get it and sometimes you don't, Kentucky senior forward Chuck Hayes said after his standout career ended one game shy of his ultimate goal.



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Harris

Lady Bear program for the next four years. We're very pleased to add her to the family."

The Lady Bears finished the 2004-05 season 17-14 in Watson's eighth season as head coach of the women's basketball program.

Harris will join two other signees as freshman on the 2005-06 roster. Pikeville has already signed Whitesburg teammates Camille Cook and Whitney Hogg, who also helped their team to the All "A" Classic state tourna-

During her sophomore year of high school, Harris received recognition at the University of Tennessee camp by being chosen for the All-American All-Star Team. She received district and regional honors for all-tournament teams and has been recognized at the Blue Chip All Star Camp as the 3-Point Shooting Champion and Free Throw Champion.

She is the daughter of Annette Ward of Banner, and Gary Harris of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Florene and Taylor Harris of Prestonsburg and Warnie and Madge Spurgeon of Hager Hill.

Harris has played basketball for 13 years.



MEGAN HARRIS

Sanders

Class Travel Junior Dragster Austin Olinger (Kingsport) in Division 2. Division 2. Sunday's winners Junior Dragster Division 1 and

were Mack McMillan Michelle Black (Winston will resume action on Saturday, (Clinchco, Va.) in Sportsman, Salem, N.C.) in Junior Dragster April 9.

The Sunoco Bracket Series

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Bristol

also visited Bristol's victory lane nine times.

April 1 marks the anniversary of Earnhardt's first NASCAR victory, which came on that date in 1979. The 1979 season was Earnhardt's rookie year on the NASCAR racing circuit.

Cale Yarborough is a third driver with nine Bristol wins.

Featured on the cover of this spring's Food City 500 are NASCAR veterans Wallace, Mark Martin and Terry Labonte, all of whom are either retiring this year or cutting back on their schedules after long and successful careers.

Individual stories will profile the careers of all three drivers, highlighting their accomplishments at Bristol Motor Speedway. All three were

named in 1998 as one of 50 greatest drivers in NASCAR history and have experienced success at BMS' half-mile the program in a protective oval. Wallace has found his plastic sleeve, a 1:64 scale way to victory lane nine times while both Martin and Labonte have each picked up a pair of wins. This will be the last spring race for Wallace and Martin, both of whom are giving up their NEXTEL Cup rides at the end of 2005, while Labonte is running 10 races both this year and next.

Track and NASCAR information, including schedules, seating charts, past winners, and entry lists is also included in the program. Scanner frequencies for both NEXTEL Cup and the Busch Series also will be included.

The program will be available during the event and will sell for \$15, which includes event die-cast car and a t-shirt. The program alone may be purchased for \$10.

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There's many stories to follow at this year's Bristol spring race.

Wallace is expected to make his 675th career start in Sunday's Food City 500. Martin is expected to make his 550th consecutive start.

Future

figure if you give everything you have and with all the hard work, you know you will get the result that you want."

That Kentucky (28-6) would be in position to play for a Final Four berth seemed somewhat improbable in November, as the Wildcats entered the season with three new starters.

While junior guard Patrick Sparks, a transfer from Western Kentucky, was somewhat of a known quantity, two starters were freshmen _ point guard Rajon Rondo and center Randolph Morris. Rondo and Morris joined guards Joe Crawford and Ramel Bradley to form one of the nation's most touted freshmen classes.

None of the freshmen became immediate stars, and for a week in January in a dispute with coach Tubby Smith over playing time. But by season's end, all four players had made significant contributions, and Rondo had set a single-season school record for steals with 87.

It wasn't just the freshman class that developed. The team's four sophomores - centers Shagari Alleyne and Lukasz Obrzut and forwards Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas - also became part of Smith's deep playing rotation.

The 7-foot-3 Alleyne received most of the early headlines, as he scored in double figures in three of the team's first six games. His playing time

dwindled as the season progressed because of academic issues, but the 7-foot Obrzut emerged late in the season as a contributor.

With Morris in foul trouble during a regional semifinal, Obrzut and Alleyne teamed to frustrate Utah All-America center Andrew Bogut, keying the Wildcats' 62-52 win.

Thomas missed the season's first month after surgery to remove a tennis ball-sized benign tumor in early October. He returned by mid-December and helped Perry spell Hayes along the frontline.

Bradley, Crawford, the four sophomores and junior walk-on Ravi Moss each averaged between 6.4 and 12.3 minutes per game.

Kentucky's light early sched-Crawford even left the team ule - Coppin State, Ball State, Georgia State and Tennessee Tech - resulted in a 4-0 start, but a trip to North Carolina on Dec. 4 gave the Wildcats their first loss, 91-78.

> A highlight of the season came Dec. 18, when the Wildcats rallied from a 16-point halftime deficit to win 60-58 at eventual Final Four qualifier Louisville. Sparks became an instant legend by making three free throws with less than a second left to win the game.

Kentucky's only home loss. came Jan. 9 as Kansas - without standout Wayne Simien - beat the Wildcats 65-59. Kentucky then reeled off a nine-game winning streak before talk of an undefeated Southeastern Conference campaign ended with ■ Continued from p1

a 73-61 loss at South Carolina. A 78-71 win at then-No. 16 Alabama on Feb. 26 clinched Kentucky's 43rd SEC title - and its fifth in Smith's eight seasons

at the helm. A loss to Florida in the SEC tournament final cost the Wildcats a No. 1 NCAA tournament seed, but as a No. 2 seed, they beat two nearby rivals -Eastern Kentucky and / Cincinnati - and dispatched Utah before the loss to Michigan State.

Four starters will be back next season, assuming Azubuike, the team's leading scorer at 14.7 points per game, doesn't try to jump to the NBA. The 6-foot-6 junior swingman said after the game Sunday that "I really haven't even thought about that now."

The Wildcats should return 11 of their top 13 players and will lose only two seniors - 6-6 forward Hayes and reserve Josh Carrier.

Hayes averaged 10.9 points and a team-high 7.7 rebounds per game this season and started every game beginning midway through his freshman season _ 110 straight, matching the school record set by Alex Groza from 1946 through 1949.

Hayes finished 35th on Kentucky's career scoring list (1,211 points), seventh on the school's rebounding list (910), ninth in blocked shots (128) and eighth in steals (170).

"He understands what sacrifice means and commitment means." Smith said. "He is a living example for all players to follow."

Horsemen

the fourth quarter.

Bonner threw an 11-yard pass to former Ohio Valley player John Kendall Cooper to begin Horsemen began to pull away, 50-41 with 14:30 remaining in the game. Though the Greyhounds would score again to come within two, 50-48, Bonner found Magrini for his fourth touchdown of the game, giving Lexington a 56-48

minutes left.

Ohio Valley evened the score at 56 with just over six minutes remaining before a four-play the fourth quarter as the drive by Lexington resulted in a 2-yard rush for touchdown to give the Horsemen a 63-56 lead with 2:11 left, but the Greyhounds, staying true to form, struck back with a touchdown with 18 seconds remaining. The two-point conversion would be intercepted as the advantage with just under 10 Horsemen held on for the win.

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The Horsemen return to action Saturday when they travel to Evansville, Ind., to face the Evansville Bluecats. Kickoff is slated for 8 p.m. and the game will be carried live on Supertalk 96.1 FM with Gary Ball and Bill Ransdell handling the play-byplay and color commentary

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AUSTIN, Texas - To everyone who has ever chided Michigan State's upperclassmen for being soft, weak and underachieving, the Spartans now have the perfect rebuttal: a gutsy, tough, double-overtime win over Kentucky _ and a ticket to St. Louis to show for it.

And, get this, after knocking off Duke and Kentucky to get to the Final Four, their next foe is North Carolina, giving seniors Alan Anderson, Kelvin Torbert and Chris Hill the chance to really go out in style.

"We had plenty of potholes and valleys - even black holes during this journey," Hill said. "We have been through it all, but here, at the end of the day, we are still standing."

He was talking about his career, but could've been talking strictly about Michigan State's 94-88 victory over Kentucky, which took two overtimes and featured some of the most dramatic moments in a weekend filled with them.

The Wildcats forced the first overtime with a 3-pointer that bounced four times on the rim before falling through, then took five minutes before being declared good. The referee knew Patrick Sparks let it fly in time, he just wasn't sure whether the tip of Sparks' right foot was behind the line. After asking CBS for a zoomed-in replay, he flashed the last three fingers on each hand.

Kentucky Rejuvenated. scored the first four points of overtime - then fizzled. Tied in the final minute, leading scorer Kelenna Azubuike missed badly on an ugly shot, got the ball back but was still holding it when time expired.

Michigan State (26-6) went ahead 4 seconds into the second OT, and that was it. The Spartans led the rest of the way, protecting it by hitting 11 straight free throws to secure their fourth Final Four in seven years - but first for this group of 1999-2001, winning it all in

"After what these guys have been through, this one is the most satisfying," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said.

The Spartans will take on North Carolina, which topped Wisconsin 88-82 on Sunday in the final of the Syracuse

Izzo boosted his reputation by more than upping his Final Four total. He's motivated and calmed this club the last few weeks with tricks that would even impress Final Four counterpart Rick Pitino, who has written books on leading and succeeding.

He started on Selection Sunday by taking a hammer and bashing videotapes of their last two games, a victory over Penn State and a loss to Iowa in the Big Ten tournament.

"We said it was going to be a new season," said Anderson, who missed key free throws against Iowa and happened to be

players. MSU also went from sitting next to the films when Izzo began slamming away. "It was either put up or shut up."

Izzo struck again during the delay. While officials reviewed Sparks' shot, Izzo got busy. He told his team to presume it was good and start focusing on what to do next. Holding his clipboard, he told his huddle, "Now let's beat them a second time."

This was the third of four regional finals that needed overtime this weekend. Only once, in 1992, had even two games this round gone to OT.

The young Wildcats (28-6) were supposedly a year away from greatness. While they'll be expected to go even further next year, that's too late for their best player, Chuck Hayes, the lone senior lost from the top of their deep rotation.

Hayes, who played for Izzo on the U.S. Pan Am team two years ago, hugged Torbert, Hill and Anderson, then shook hands with Izzo on his way to the bench with a few seconds left. He began crying and didn't stop until the start

"You figure if you give everything you have, you get what you want: But sometimes, you don't," said Hayes, who ends his career tied for the most consecutive starts in school history yet never got past the regional finals.

Since winning the championship in 1998, coach Tubby Smith's first year in Lexington, Kentucky is 0-for-3 in the round of eight. The Spartans also eliminated them in '99. This loss also deprived the Bluegrass state of having two teams in the Final Four; only Louisville will be there now.

Instead, there's the chance for a title-game matchup between a different set of regional rivals: Michigan State and Illinois, the only team that finished ahead of the Spartans in the Big Ten this season.

The Spartans were led by sophomore Shannon Brown, whose 24 points on 8-of-10 shooting with five 3-pointers helped earn a Final Four reunion

with high school teammate Dee Brown of the Fighting Illini. Maurice Ager added 21 points for the Spartans, while Paul

Davis had 15 and 11 rebounds. Randolph Morris Kentucky with 20 points and Hayes had 16 points and five rebounds. Sparks scored 15, all on 3-pointers. The Wildcats had been 19-0 when he made at least

Notes: Kentucky's Ramel Bradley collided with Anderson in the final minute of regulation and had to be taken to the locker room. He returned with a huge bandage on his chin just before the start of overtime. ... This was the sixth time the teams have played since 1999. All have been decided by seven points or less. ... Brown made his first eight shots and the Spartans made their first eight of the second half. ... The Wildcats shot 45 percent, the first time they were under 50 in the tournament. ... Michigan State made 10 3-pointers, matching its total for the first three rounds.

Plenty of anxious moments waiting for officials' ruling on Sparks' shot

by JAIME ARON ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas - The wait, everyone agreed, seemed to take forever. And that was just to see whether Patrick Sparks' buzzer-beating shot was going to fall into the net.

Then, the real drama began. With a Final Four berth on the line for Kentucky and Michigan State, referee James Burr and his crew wanted to take their time to make darn sure they were right before ruling whether Sparks had just made the most miraculous shot in an NCAA tournament already overflowing with signature moments or if it was simply too good to be true.

And, boy, did they ever take their time: 6 minutes, 25 seconds, according to a stopwatch review by CBS on Monday.

"It seemed like it lasted for an eternity," Wildcats coach Tubby Smith said.

After a zoom shot of Sparks' right blue-and-white sneaker 16,239 fans turned silent, as showed that the tip of his toe did many living rooms and was not clearly on the line, Burr flashed the last three fingers on each hand, making it a 3-pointer that tied the game at 75, forcing overtime. The Wildcats rode the momentum to a quick lead, but couldn't hold it and the Spartans wound up winning 94-88 in two overtimes.

Regardless of what happens in St. Louis this weekend, the college basketball world will be buzzing for quite a while over this one, a shot that's guaranteed to be a staple of March Madness moments for generations to come because it featured so many elements, from the rim action to the long delay. Especially the long delay.

"I was just praying and hoping that from the angle they were seeing it was a clear-cut 3-pointer," Kentucky star Chuck Hayes said. "I didn't want it to end like that."

While Wildcats fans tried consoling themselves Monday, there was a lot of back-patting in the NCAA offices. The folks who set up how to handle these types of situations credited officials for a job well done, regardless of how long it took.

"You have to get the play right, whatever it takes," said Hank Nichols, the NCAA's national coordinator of officials. "I thought they did a good job."

Ed Bilik, editor of the men's basketball rules committee, called it "probably the most critical call we've had made with replay because it was in the regional finals - and it was exactly/right.'

The NCAA has no time limit, unlike the NFL, which gives officials 90 seconds to make up their mind. A big difference, however, is that this was at the end of the game, while NFL replays most interrupt the flow of action.

Bilik said he didn't recall a time limit ever being discussed. It may come up now, he said, "but I'm not sure that's going to amount to anything." NCAA officials pointed out

reviewed are whether the shot beat the buzzer and whether it was worth two or three points. So for any overzealous Kentucky fans or pessimistic Spartans fans who thought officials also might've been considered tacking on a foul against defender Kelvin Torbert, it never happened.

Inside the Erwin Center on Sunday evening, everyone was just trying to get a grip on what they'd seen, much less sort out the technical details.

Immediately after the ball dropped, Sparks was the calmest man in the building. He walked away slowly, his right index finger pointed ... then went wild, even going over to press row to smack the hand of CBS announcer Billy Packer before being mobbed by teammates.

Directly across the court, officials already were kneeling around a monitor. Once the attention focused on them, the instant, Sparks' shot became the basketball equivalent of the hanging chads from the 2000

election. Among the sights during those nervous minutes:

- Fans frustrated that the overhead scoreboard was showing the NCAA logo, and not the CBS feed, pulling out their cell phones to get reports

that the only things that can be from friends watching TV. Among those holding a phone with one hand and gesturing wildly with the other was Saul Smith, son of the Wildcats coach, who apparently liked what he was told because he left his seat next to Kentucky fan-actress Ashley Judd and leaned over the railing to shout advice to the officials.

- Judd went from bouncing up and down to fiddling with an extra Kentucky T-shirt, draping a blue one over the white one she was wearing. She tucked it into her collar, then pulled it back out.

- Spartans coach Tom Izzo stood with his hands on his hips, then hitched his pants and crossed his feet. He looked up, collected his thoughts, and began pacing. Players had pulled onto the court the stools they use during timeouts, but

only a few were sitting. Remembering overtime games lost because he hadn't re-energized his team, Izzo grabbed the white dry-erase board he uses to diagram plays, sports bars in the country. In an huddled up his players and said, "Now let's beat them a

second time." They did. But the lasting memory will be what happened the first time.

AP sports writers Michael Marot in Indianapolis, Jim Vertuno in Austin and Connor Ennis in New York contributed to this story.

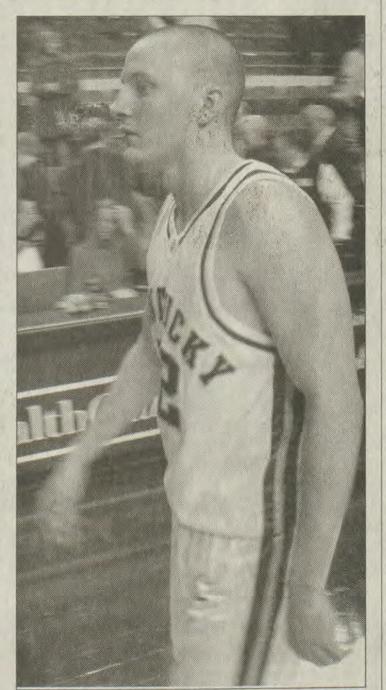


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Junior Patrick Sparks hit the shot to force the UK-Michigan State game into a first overtime,

Pitino has Cardinals on 'a great ride'

by CHRIS DUNCAN **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LOUISVILLE - Rick Pitino is right on schedule.

College basketball's great rebuilder needed four seasons to guide Louisville from crumbling decay to the Final Four, just like he did at Kentucky in the early 1990s. He got Providence there in two years in coach to take three

teams this far in the NCAA tournament.

The Cardinals (33-4), in their first Final Four since they won it all in 1986, play Illinois (36-1) in St. Louis on Saturday.

"It happens so fast," Pitino said. "The NCAA starts,

the season ends so abruptly. It anything. We haven't really been able to catch our breath. It's been a great ride."

It nearly ended in Albuquerque, where hot-shooting West Virginia put Louisville in a 20-point hole and led by 13 at halftime.

Pitino wasn't sure the Cardinals would come back, but they defied the 5,300-foot altitude and rallied from a doubledigit deficit for the fourth time this season in a 93-85 victory.

"They're very resilient, very tough-minded," he said of his team. "Whatever has made them tough, they're tough. I'm just a pussycat following their coattails. I just sit back and marvel at what they accomplish."

And Pitino sees them only getting better. The Cardinals have won 22 of their last 23 and new stars keep emerging.

guard Larry O'Bannon scored 24 secondhalf points against the Mountaineers and has averaged 18.6 points in Louisville's last nine games, all victories. Freshman forward Juan Palacios had 11 rebounds in the second-round win over Georgia Tech and has averaged nine rebounds in the postseason. Sophomore Brandon Jenkins played 24 minutes last Saturday and blocked a shot in the final seconds of regulation.

"Our players have been like a blue-chip stock. They've just been going like this the whole time," Pitino said, lifting his right arm.

The potential seemed pretty shaky early in the season. Before it even began, Pitino was kicking himself for recruiting high school stars Sebastian Telfair and Donta Smith, who jilted him to jump straight to the NBA. Another incoming prep phenom, Brian Johnson, missed the season because of a recurring knee problem that required surgery.

At some point during the year, every Cardinal endured

an injury. The maladies literally ranged from head to toe - from Palacios' scratched cornea to the stress fractures in Otis George's right foot.

Somehow, the Cardinals kept

"That's what makes this season so fulfilling," Pitino said. "Everything you believe in as a coach, every principle, every dream, has come true. You have the mid-1980s and is the first to overcome injuries and most of

> "This year, the guys wouldn't take any losses."

the times, you lose.

Pitino planned to meet with his players on Monday night and explain what they should expect * from the busy week.

He wasn't going to offer any profound advice.

"Have fun, enjoy it. It's a goes on, and you don't expect once in a lifetime experience, Pitino said. "It's like being a great pianist and going to Carnegie Hall. It's a great act going to Broadway. It's what we all dream about."

Rick Pitino

Pitino will be coaching in his fifth Final Four, but the first without his brother-in-law and best friend, Billy Minardi, who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Several family members will meet Pitino in St. Louis. Pitino's wife and Minardi's sister, Joanne, made sure Billy Minardi wasn't forgotten as the Cardinals were dueling West Virginia.

Joanne Pitino was watching from the family's Louisville home, where a portrait of her brother hangs in the living room. When Pitino returned from Albuquerque on Saturday night, he noticed the portrait was sitting in a chair. The next morning, Pitino

asked his wife why she had taken the picture down. She said she propped it up in the chair, facing the television. "She said, 'They were shoot-

ing so well and you guys were out of it. Only he could pull us through this," Pitino said.

Pitino said Monday he had already broken down six tapes of the Illini and joked he would need the whole week to devise a game plan. Pitino has never met Illinois coach Bruce Weber but admires the job he's seen on film.

"He runs great offensive sets, he gets his players spaced properly, they play hard defensively," Pitino said. "If it wasn't for a step-back shot at Ohio State, they would've had a perfect season, which is unheard of in this day and age. They're a hell of a basketball team."



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Improbable victory puts Pitino back in Final Four

by EDDIE PELLS ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -Rick Pitino has coached more dramatic games. He has coaxed teams to bigger comebacks. He has never, though, been through anything quite like the kind of win that earned him a ticket to this year's Final Four.

Trailing by 20 against a West Virginia team on a practically unheard-of shooting streak, all Pitino could do was hope his Louisville team still had a chance once the Mountaineers finally cooled off.

The Cardinals did, and now one of the best coaches in the game has added yet another impressive entry to his resume: He is the only men's coach to take three different programs to the Final Four - Providence, Kentucky, and now, Louisville.

"It is one of those nights that makes legends," Pitino said after the come-from-behind 93-85 overtime win Saturday. "I've been involved in maybe the greatest NCAA game ever. You have to walk off the court and have a feeling inside that is indescribable. If you're in this game long enough, you will see the victorious side.'

Pitino wasn't on the victorious side in the "greatest game" Kentucky's 104-103 loss to Duke in 1992 - the Christian Laettner game.

And while Saturday's clas-

sic in The Pit might not have lived up to that game, it was close - and Pitino liked the result much better.

In notching his 449th career win, Pitino gets credit for pushing his players to their limit, scrapping the 2-3 zone he used much of the season when his team was injured and undermanned, and insisting that the game wasn't over.

"I looked at Coach, and he's been in that position before," said Taquan Dean, whose 3point shooting kept Louisville in range. "He told us to stay calm. We're still going to stay in this game."

Back in 1994. Pitino's Kentucky Wildcats trailed LSU by 31, only to pull off the best comeback in college hoops history for a 99-95 win. That comeback came in February, though, not March, and it was against a so-so team, not one playing the way West Virginia was.

The Mountaineers made 18 of 27 3-point shots, a mark second only to Loyola Marymount for the most in tournament history. They made shots from 30 feet, banked them in off glass, talented team.'

he speaks of. That was watched them bound high off the rim and scoot through the hoop.

Pitino said he wasn't as concerned about all those shots dropping, as what the shots did to his team's confidence.

But to ask a seven-man rota-- minus star player Francisco Garcia for the final 9:02 - to press and trap like that - at 5,300 feet in Albuquerque, no less? On most nights, it would have been too much to ask. Yet somehow, the Cardinals kept answering.

"To have no substitutes and do that, is why it's so incredibly remarkable to me," Pitino

Next, a trip to St. Louis and a matchup in the national semifinals against Illinois. The Illini are already established as 2 1/2-point favorites, and by many accounts, they've got the more talented squad.

Louisville has talent, too, though. And as amazing as the comeback was, Pitino said he always thought the Cardinals had the stuff to win a champi-

"Sometimes I think overachieving means you go beyond your capacity to try and win," he said. "And I think these guys have done that all year, but I think they're a very

So close to Final Four, Mountaineers return as heroes

by JOHN RABY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -The 3-pointers came at a nearrecord pace. A few more might have gotten West Virginia into

the Final Four. Instead of second-guessing what could have happened in a 93-85 overtime loss to Louisville in the NCAA regional finals, the Mountaineers savored their tournament run and returned to Morgantown on

Sunday as heroes. making the tournament less to earn one of the conference's than three weeks ago received NCAA tournament bids. a berth for the first time since 1998 and made its best showing since Jerry West's 1959 squad went to the national title

The team returned from Albuquerque on Sunday night and was greeted by thousands of well-wishers at the WVU Coliseum to the cheers of "Thank you, Mountaineers."

"The only way we lost in this game was on the scoreboard. We did not lose in any other way," Coach John Beilein told the crowd. "Our team and our coaching staff, we've hurdled so many battles over these three years. The kids behind me, we worked very hard for each other. It's been a great run."

The players can be enthusiastic about what's in store in 2005-06.

Leading scorer Tyrone Sally, center D'or Fischer and reserve Duriel Price were the went 24-11 and stole the hearts maddening March run.

Kevin Pittsnogle, who didn't start until the season's midpoint and led the Mountaineers in scoring in half their games after that, will be the centerpiece. West Virginia also returns starters J.D. Collins, Mike Gansey and Joe Herber and key backup Patrick Beilein.

But next season also marks the beginning of a tougher Big East that welcomes Louisville, Cincinnati, Marquette and DePaul. That certainly will make A squad on the brink of not it more difficult for West Virginia

After what happened since early February, anything is possible.

"We could be in a situation next year where we are struggling and back on the bubble again," Beilein said after the game Saturday night. "I completely expect that is going to be like that because our league is so difficult."

Whether the coach will be back is a more pressing question. When he took the job in April 2002, Beilein said he planned to stay in Morgantown "for a very, very long time - as long as WVU will have me."

Lately, though, his name has been floated as a candidate for the vacant job at Virginia.

Beilein and WVU athletic department officials deflected talk about his job status last week to concentrate on the tournament.

"I don't have any thoughts, only seniors on the team that other than I have a contract with West Virginia and I plan about in the Mountain State for of West Virginians with their on coaching there," said

Beilein, who is signed through the 2009-10 season.

One thing is clear. He did a splendid job in 2004-05.

There was the 10-0 start, including wins over ranked teams George Washington and North Carolina State. There was a puzzling loss to Marshall that started a five-game losing

Then came the turning point, a Feb. 5 overtime win over a ranked Pittsburgh team in which Pittsnogle started in place of an ill Fischer and scored a career-high 27 points. jump-started the Mountaineers' stretch drive that brought wins in 12 of their final 16 games.

They beat Providence, Boston College and Villanova in the conference tournament.

They needed Sally's lastsecond dunk to beat Creighton in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Gansev's 19 points after regulation to outlast Wake Forest in double overtime, and Pittsnogle's 22 points and late free throws to eliminate Texas Tech.

Against heavy favorite Louisville, West Virginia made 18 3-pointers, the second most in the history of the tournament. But Louisville switched from a zone to a man-to-man defense and overcame a 20point deficit.

"I guess it is real tough to sink in with what happened," Gansey said after the game, "but I mean we had a great

One that will be talked a long time.



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Louisville 93, West Virginia 85, OT

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -The Louisville game plan? Hah! West Virginia's hotshot shooters turned that into little more than a cheesy souvenir.

Louisville's trip to the Final Four? That looked like a lost cause, too.

The master motivator himself, Cardinals coach Rick Pitino, admitted he was lying when he told his players at halftime that he was sure they were going to win.

Almost every road to a championship takes at least one unexpected twist, though, and none was more astonishing than the second-half rally the Cardinals staged Saturday to earn a 93-85 overtime win and a trip to college basketball's biggest stage.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," Pitino said.

Cramping, limping, barely able to run, Larry O'Bannon scored 24 points and Taquan Dean had 23 to lead fourthseeded Louisville (33-4) back from a 20-point deficit to the scintillating victory in the Albuquerque Regional final.

West Seventh-seeded Virginia (24-11), trying to make the Final Four for the first time since 1959, went home despite making 10 3-pointers in the first half and sending Pitino and the Cardinals into shock.

"I've never abandoned a whole scouting report at halftime," he said. "But it had to be abandoned."

Pitino instructed his players to scrap its zone defense, start trapping and pressing, and play more aggressively on offense. They followed his directions and, in doing so, they helped him make history - becoming the first coach to take three men's programs to the Final Four.

First it was Providence, then Kentucky three times, and now this. The Cardinals will play Arizona or Illinois next Saturday in St. Louis.

"Certainly, having been to three different schools, I have nothing but respect for him because I know how difficult it is," said Vivian Stringer, who did it on the women's side, with Cheyney, Iowa and Rutgers.

Mountaineers took a 38-18 lead.

And it wasn't just that coach John Beilein's team made 11 of its first 16 field-goal attempts, or that it shot 10-for-14 from 3point range in the first half, or that it made a total of 18 from long range, second to only the 1990 Loyola Marymount team in the history of the tournament.

It was also the way some of the shots fell.

Beilein's son. banked one in from an awkward angle in front of the Louisville bench. He made another from the 'B' in the New Mexico "Lobos" logo set about 30 feet from the basket.

"They were falling out of bounds, shooting from halfcourt and banking them in," Pitino said. "You've got to give them all the credit in the world."

Pitino spent much of the first half in an unfamiliar pose - sitting on the bench, watching shot after shot fall and hoping that when the wave ended, his team would still have a chance.

Turns out, the Cardinals did "That's the beauty of this game - expect the unexpected," John Beilein said.

Louisville pulled within arm's distance many times in the second half, but on every occasion, Johannes Herber or Kevin Pittsnogle (six 3-pointers, 25 points) made 3s to keep the Mountaineers ahead.

Not until O'Bannon, the region's most valuable player, slithered through the defense and made a layup with 38 seconds left did Louisville tie it at 77 _ the first tie since 3-all. And not until overtime began did West Virginia finally start missing.

"I wouldn't say we were worn out," Pittsnogle said. "We still had a lot of gas left. We just couldn't make the key plays when we had to make them."

Led by Dean's seventh 3pointer and four free throws by O'Bannon, the Cardinals opened it up in overtime.

When the buzzer sounded, Pitino started hugging players, and O'Bannon chucked the ball toward the ceiling at The Pit, which hosted a game almost as exciting as the 1983 final when

to pack it in after the State won their improbable

championship. "Just to come out and accomplish something ... of this magnitude just makes it that much

sweeter," O'Bannon said. Louisville made its eighth Final Four despite playing the final 4:02 of regulation and overtime without arguably its best player, Francisco Garcia, who couldn't avoid the fouls as the Cardinals started trapping, pressing, doing whatever they could to disrupt the torrid Mountaineers.

Both teams had chances to win in regulation. J.D. Collins had his 10-foot jumper swatted by Brandon Jenkins, then in transition, Dean got a good look with about 3 seconds left, but the shot rimmed off.

Once Louisville's domination of overtime was complete, the stats didn't seem so lopsided. Sure, the Mountaineers made more 3s - 18-to-11 to combine for an NCAA tournament record - but the overall field-goal shooting was 55.3 percent for West Virginia to 55.2 to Louisville. Percentages like that almost always guarantee victory in modern-day hoops.

Only one team could win, though, and the Mountaineers were sent home, coming oh, so close to their first trip to the Final Four since Jerry West donned the gold and blue.

"The scoreboard is the only place we lost today," Beilein said.

Louisville, meanwhile, is moving on. The Cardinals made it back to the Final Four for the first time since 1986, when Denny Crum and Pervis Ellison led them to their second national title.

Now, it's Pitino trying to bring his second national championship back to the Bluegrass but this time to Louisville, not Kentucky.

'My pride level for this basketball team is as high as it has ever been," he said.

Notes: The 33 wins match Louisville's high for a season. The Cardinals won 33 en route to the national title in 1980. ... The last No. 4 seed to advance to the Final Four was Ohio State in 1999. ... West Virginia was trying to become the highestseeded team to make the Final Louisville had every reason Jim Valvano and North Carolina Four since LSU (11th) in 1986.

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North Carolina State 65, Connecticut 62 At The Gaylord Entertainment Center Nashville, Tenn. Villanova 76, Florida 65 At The Ford Center Oklahoma City Wisconsin 71, Bucknell 62 Semifinals Friday, March 25 At The Carrier Dome Syracuse, N.Y. Wisconsin 65, North Carolina State 56 North Carolina 67, Villanova 66

Illinois 67, Fairleigh Dickinson 55

Oklahoma City Oklahoma S. 63, Southeastern Louisiana 50

Southern Illinois 65, Saint Mary's, Calif. 56

Wisconsin-Milwaukee 83, Boston C. 75

Oklahoma State 85, Southern Illinois 77

Illinois 77, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 63

Arizona 79, Oklahoma State 78

Illinois 90, Arizona 89, OT

Kentucky 72, Eastern Kentucky 64 Cincinnati 76, Iowa 64

AUSTIN REGIONAL

Thursday, March 17

At The McKale Center

Tucson, Ariz. Oklahoma 84, Niagara 67

Utah 60, Texas-El Paso 54

Vermont 60, Syracuse 57

Duke 57, Delaware State 46

Kentucky 69, Cincinnati 60

Michigan State 72, Vermont 61

Duke 63, Mississippi State 55

Friday, March 25 At The Frank Erwin Center

Michigan State 78, Duke 68

At The Frank Erwin Center

Michigan State 94, Kentucky 88, 20T ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL

Wake Forest 70, Chattanooga 54

West Virginia 63, Creighton 61 At Taco Bell Arena Boise, Idaho Pacific 79, Pittsburgh 71

Washington 88, Montana 77 At The McKale Center Tucson, Ariz. Gonzaga 74, Winthrop 64

Texas Tech 78, UCLA 66

Second Round

Saturday, March 19

At Taco Bell Arena

Sunday, March 20

Nashville, Tenn.

Thursday, March 24 At The Pit

Albuquerque, N.M.

Saturday, March 26

At Edward Jones Dome

National Semifinals

Monday, April 4

Carolina-Michigan State winner

At The Pit

St. Louis

FINAL FOUR

Semifinals

Boise, Idaho

At The Wolstein Center

Washington 97, Pacific 79 At The McKale Center

Texas Tech 71, Gonzaga 69

Louisville 76, Georgia Tech 54

Louisville 93, Washington 79 West Virginia 65, Texas Tech 60

Albuquerque, N.M. Louisville 93, West Virginia 85, OT

Saturday, April 2 Illinois (36-1) vs. Louisville (33-4), 6:07 p.m.

N. Carolina (31-4) vs. Michigan S.(26-6), 8:47 p.m.

Illinois-Louisville winner vs. North

Friday, March 18 At The Gaylord Entertainment Center

Louisville 68, Louisiana-Lafayette 62

Georgia Tech 80, George Washington 68

West Virginia 111, Wake Forest 105, 20T

At The Gaylord Entertainment Center

Kentucky 62, Utah 52

Championship Sunday, March 27

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First Round Thursday, March 17 At The Wolstein Center

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UAB 82, LSU 68

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Arizona 85, UAB 63

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Semifinals Thursday, March 24

Boise, Idaho

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Rosemont, Ill.

Championship Saturday, March 26

At Allstate Arena

Indianapolis Illinois 71, Nevada 59

Boise, Idaho Arizona 66, Utah State 53

knocking in seven runs. Cheney went four-forfour at the plate and had two Sunday, March 27 three-run home runs and a At The Carrier Dome Syracuse, N.Y. sacrifice fly to account for North Carolina 88, Wisconsin 82 seven runs batted in to power CHICAGO REGIONAL First Round Morehead State to a 12-8 win Thursday, March 17 over Austin Peay on At The Wolstein Center Saturday and to a sweep of Cleveland Wisconsin-Milwaukee 83, Alabama 73 Boston College 85, Pennsylvania 65 At The RCA Dome the three-game Ohio Valley Conference series. Indianapolis Nevada 61, Texas 57

MSU is now 10-13 overall, 3-0 in the OVC, while Austin Peay fell to 11-10 overall and 0-3 in the league.

Cheney's three-run home runs came in back-to-back innings, the seventh and eight, when MSU was break-

ing open a close game. The Eagles also got a two-run home run from Bryan Ingram. MSU starter Lance Johnston pitched five innings and raised his record to 3-2 on the season.

MSU's Cheney named

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

State University sophomore catcher Donald Cheney, one

of only 37 collegiate catchers

on the Johnny Bench Award

watch list, is this week's

Ohio Valley Conference

sweep of conference presea-

son favorite Austin Peay,

Cheney had six hits in 10 at

bats with four runs scored on

double, two home runs and

eight runs batted in. The

Cridersville, Ohio, native had

a 1.000 slugging percentage

and a .571 on base percent-

age. In MSU's 12-8 win on

Sunday, he had two three-run

home runs and a sacrifice fly,

In MSU's three-game

Player of the Week.

MORHEAD - Morehead

OVC Player of the Week

Cody Youngblood and Jared Walked each knocked in two runs for the Governors. APSU starter Devin Thomas (2-3) took the loss.

MSU committed only one error in the three-game series.

Morehead State used outstanding pitching and timely hitting to sweep a doubleheader from Austin Peay in the Ohio Valley Conference opener for both teams Friday (March 25) at Allen Field. MSU won the opener 4-2, then took the scheduled seven-inning nightcap 4-3 in eight innings.

In the opener, Adrian Duran (4-2) pitched seven and one-third innings of fivehit baseball to pick up the win for MSU. Dan Klausmeier pitched the final inning and two-thirds to get his third save of the season. Senior second baseman Lance Seasor knocked in two of the Eagle runs and scored the other two.

Klausmeier (1-0) got the win in the second game with two innings of one-hit relief. Starter Shane Lucci allowed five hits in his six inning of

West Virginia 80, Kentucky 75, 20T

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - West Virginia ended its offensive drought just in time against Kentucky.

West Virginia squandered a 22-point second-half lead, but rode a 31-point, 11-rebound performance by Meg Bulger to an 80-75 double-overtime win over Kentucky in the semifinals of the Women's NIT on Monday night at Memorial Coliseum.

West Virginia (21-12)extended its longest postseason run ever and will play Southwest Missouri State on Thursday in the tournament's title game.

"Every time they took the lead, one of our young ladies came down and hit a big shot," West Virginia coach Mike Carey said. "I'm very proud of that. This was a tough place to play, probably the loudest place we've played in all year."

West Virginia was scoreless for more than 11 1/2 minutes in the second half and lost its sizable lead before rallying and outscoring Kentucky 14-9 in the second overtime.

Bulger, a sophomore guard and the leading scorer in the Big East Conference, had eight points in the second overtime and went 4-of-4 from the freethrow line in the final 26.8 sec-

"She took the ball to the basket more," Carey said. "I after scoring 32 and 31 points in

thought in the second overtime. we finally started pushing the ball on a miss.

"It seemed like when we got the 22-point lead, we played not to lose. We didn't play to win. We were a little bit tentative. Finally in that second overtime, I said, 'Let's push it,' and we were able to get six points off the break."

West Virginia shot 11-for-23 from 3-point range. Sherell Sowho led the way, going 5-for-7 and scoring 21 points. Bulger, who set a school record with her fifth 30-point game of the season, shot 4-for-9 from 3-point range.

West Virginia led 49-27 with 16:43 left, but didn't score again until 5:09 remained. After Sowho's 3-pointer put the Mountaineers ahead by 22 points, West Virginia had just three baskets and nine points in the final minutes of regulation.

"That's not a pretty stat," Bulger said of the scoring drought. "It's something you never, ever want to happen in a game. But luckily we pulled together in the end, and our defense kept us in it when we weren't scoring."

Kentucky (18-16) took its first lead at 53-52 with 2:27 left in regulation. West Virginia regained the lead before Sara Potts made a 6-footer with 7.8 seconds left to tie the game.

"I don't think this team has ever given up during a game," said Potts, who scored 29 points Kentucky's two previous games. Entering the WNIT, the senior guard's career high was 30 points.

After a West Virginia turnover, Kentucky freshman Samantha Mahoney missed a well-guarded 3-pointer at the

The teams traded the lead in the first overtime. West Virginia went just 4-of-8 from the line, and Potts made two free throws with 15.9 seconds left to tie the game at 66. Yolanda Paige missed at the buzzer for West Virginia.

Kentucky didn't score for the first 3 minutes of the second overtime. Bulger scored with 1:53 left to give West Virginia a 72-66 lead, and Mountaineers shot 6-for-8 from the line to help seal the win.

"We had to exert a lot of energy in the game," Kentucky coach Mickie DeMoss said. In the second overtime, "it may have caught up with us."

Freshman center Sarah Elliott finished with 14 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots for the Wildcats, who matched their season high with 23 turnovers and completed their longest postseason run.

Kentucky hit just 3 of 17 shots from beyond the arc, including 2-of-10 by Potts.

Paige had 12 assists for West Virginia, giving her 892 in her career and tying the senior for eighth on the NCAA Division I career list.

No. 26 Cards top William & Mary 5-2 Clark wins in singles, doubles play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. -The University of Louisville men's tennis team defeated host William & Mary 5-2 Saturday at the College's Busch Tennis Courts. The 26th-ranked

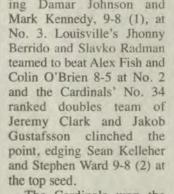
Cardinals improve to 15-8 on the season.

William & Mary opened the contest by winning the first completed doubles match, with Jeff Kader and freshman

Alex Cojanu outlast-

the top seed. No. 5 singles match for a 2-0

Jeremy Clark



Nicodim. U of L went on to respectively.

win the next three completed matches as Jhonny Berrido topped Fish 6-3, 6-4 at No. 6, Radman defeated O'Brien 7-5, 6-3 and Gustafsson beat Kelleher 7-6(4), 6-3 at the three-spot to clinch the team victory, before Kader, ranked

60th in the nation in singles, closed out the contest with a 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 win over the Cards' No. 54 ranked Johnson at the top seed.

"William & Mary is a very tough and NCAA tournament experienced team," said U of L head

ing Damar Johnson and coach Rex Ecarma. "We played with purpose and passion and we are on a mission to be successful. It took everything we had to beat this team and I' m proud of our players who won both singles and doubles. Slavko Radman. Jakob Gustafsson, Jeremy Clark and Jhonny Berrido put in a full day's work and I applaud their efforts."

U of L will play host to The Cardinals won the IUPUI and Morehead State in a doubleheader today at lead. Cojanu got the Tribe on the Bass-Rudd Tennis the board with a 6-4, 6-2 win Center. Matches are schedat No. 4 over Octavian uled for 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

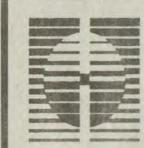
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Cardinal Football to open spring practice Thursday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The University of Louisville football team will kick off its 2005 spring drills with a 4:00 p.m. workout on Thursday at the Papa John's Football Complex.

The Cardinals' workouts are open to the public, but spectators are encouraged to call the U of L Sports Information Office.

The Cardinals will have 15 practices between Thursday and April 22 when the team will conclude spring drills with the annual Red & White Spring Game at 7:30 p.m.

Louisville is coming off a memorable 11-1 season that included a trip to the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and a school record No. 6 AP ranking. The Cardinals defeated No. 10 Boise State, 44-40, in the Liberty Bowl to cap one of the best seasons in school history.

Offensively, the Cardinals

return 10 players who started at least one game in 2004 and lost five starters. The offensive line will be one of the key positions with four of five starters returning. On defense, the Cardinals bring back seven players with starting experience from a year ago, but did lose six starters. Louisville has 45 lettermen returning.

> Practice times for the spring:

March 31 - 4 p.m. April 1 - 3:30 p.m. April 2 - Noon April 3 - Noon April 6 - 4 p.m. April 8 - 3:30 p.m. April 9 - 10 a.m. April 12 - 4 p.m. April 13 - 4 p.m.

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April 19 - 4 p.m. April 21 - 4 p.m. April 22 - 7:30 p.m.

(Spring Game)

Lexington Catholic 59, Clinton County 54

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

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-topossession, Jessica

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

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 midcourt, 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 halftime, 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

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New Mexico State hires Theus

by PETE HERRERA ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -Louisville assistant Reggie Theus confirmed Saturday night he has accepted the head coaching job at New Mexico

"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.

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

"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 under interim coach Tony 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 Theus, who has been on staff in 2003. Before that he 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 twotime 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 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 was a volunteer assistant for a 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.



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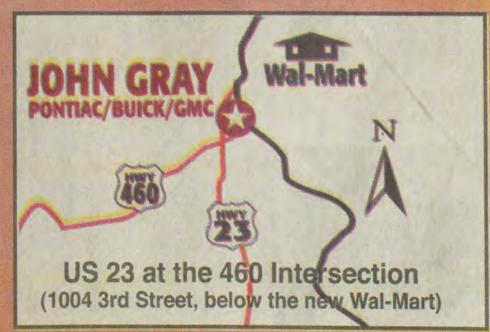








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Final Derby preps begin this weekend; Sun King still No. 1

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 Rushaway 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).-1.

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 few₁swings, 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

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.

Sean Casey

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 Jeriome 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

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

"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 nick-named "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



Clyde Pack

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 tem-

perature 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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blessed

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and joyful as

attended

Easter Services at my

brother and sister-inlaw's church, Garrett First Baptist.

Talk about

House" it was

"Full-

ours.

KIM'S KORNER

Blessed Day

Here's hoping everyone's Easter Sunday was



Kim Frasure

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 alter 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."

"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

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

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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

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 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 appoint-

Betsy Layne Elementary ■ The Betsy Layne Elemen-

tary 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 wellchild 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

■ 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 appoint-

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 appoint-

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 pro-

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

■ Walking track open to pub-

■ 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 interest-

ed, 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 sustaind 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 Baldridge, 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 Daugh-

ters 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 Prestonsaburg, 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 Daredevilettes 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 Hospis

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. Hot

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ton, 84, of Garrett, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Bertha Combs Branham, 60, Floyd County native.

Fifty Years Ago March 24, 1955

Prestonsburg High School, as operated by the Prestonsburg independent school district, will cease to exist as of August 15, this year...The City Council at a special meeting, Wednesday night, named Harry Sandige to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor here till the November election. Curtis Clark resigned the post to take the office of U.S. Marshall for the Eastern district of Kentucky...Auxier High School was given a reprieve from suspension as an accredited school, Wednesday, when Mark Godman, head of the bureau of instruction, declared he is certifying the school as an emergency High School...Last year's rumors that there are huge cottonmouth moccasins in Dewey Lake, and a more recent rumor that the Dewey Dam has sprung a leak, were called "fantastic" by J. R. "Red" Weaver, reservoir manager...Detailed plans are

being worked out for the possible administration of polio vaccine to approximately 3,400 first and second grade school children in this county...Dick Davis, 49, Prestonsburg Gas & Water System superintendent, and his wife, Lucille, 44, were seriously injured, Sunday, when their auto was involved in a smashup near Lexington...Wayland's Kelly Coleman established a new all-time eastern Kentucky individual scoring record with 1,174 points in 36 games:..Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crisp, of Martin, a son, Phillip Derae, March 14; to Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Arthur Hughes, of Prestonsburg, a son, March 20, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin...There died: William Meadows, 69, of the Katy Friend section, Wednesday, at the home of a son at West Prestonsburg; Sallie Bentley, 84, Monday, at her home at Garrett; John Boyd, 84, last Sunday, at his home at Dana; Alice Wolfe, 44, of Wayland, last Saturday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Rev. Malcolm Hubbard, 84, former Floyd County Magistrate, March 9, at his home near Oakhill, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago

March 22, 1945

Surfacing of the remaining eight miles of the Left Beaver highway, from Gearheart to Wheelwright, was approved, this week, by the War Production Board...The week's casualty report: The dead-Astor Salisbury, of Mud Creek, Palmer Moore, of Gearheart, Clark Mills, of Melvin; T-5 Mitchell Ousley, of Langley; Charles L. Brooks, formerly of Betsy Layne; Wounded-Pfc. Melvin (Nick) Martin, of Wayland, T-5 Paul Burke, of the Middle Creek Road; Pfc. Jack Pitts, of Pyramid; Pvt. Earman Bayes, of Brainard; Pvt. Oval D. Pack, of Drift; Elige Goble, of Woods; Charlie Jones, of Hueysville; Pfc. Jim Stumbo, of McDowell...Henry Cline, 47, former Prestonsburg man, was burned to death, Monday, in a blaze which destroyed his home near Catlettsburg...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Smiley, March 19, their third daughter...There died: Wendell Spurlock, 36, Saturday, at his home here; Rev. Sam G. Rice, 67, Monday, at Banner; Frank Smith, 30, of Tram, Saturday, at a Pikeville hospital; Sarah Baker, about 75, Monday, at Lancer; Gypsie

Continued from p2 Belle Pitts, 39, and her newborn son, Wednesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Seventy Years Ago

March 22, 1935

Eleven school buildings-six of the one-room variety—are planned by the Floyd County Board of Education, County Superintendent Ballard Hunter announced this week. The largest will be a four-roomer at Clear Creek...The Inez Indians lost in the semi-finals of the state basketball tournament, last Xavier to St. Louisville...Home of George W. Allen was destroyed with almost all its contents, at Maytown, by fire, Friday noon. A day later, the home of Levi Rupe at Knotley Hollow went up in flames, with all the belongings of a family of 15...There died: W. R. Hurd, 73, March 15, at Banner; the Rev. James Fraley, 71, at Wayland; J. W. (Willie) Hatcher, 65, at Allen, Saturday; Vernie Hall, 9, formerly of Halo, March 12, at Myra, Pike County, when hit by a truck.

School

- or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

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Schedule

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

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

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Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

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

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

■ McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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

Korner

Easter" and when it's coming from the mouth of a two year old there is no sweeter sound on earth, especially when she looks · like an angel.

Our girls had gone separate ways visiting with their husband and boyfriend's families, but made it to our house for Easter dinner.

Having Mamaw Judy visiting for the holiday weekend

made it special too. Just as we had finished eating, the men in the house found

Now sitting still to watch a ball-

game on TV is not my cup of tea.

No matter how much I love the Cats, there's laundry, dishes, yadaa, yadaa, yadaa!

Well, not this time! Why, I've never seen so much commotion, screaming, and yelling in my living room in my life.

Two over-times, and one nerve wracking ballgame!

I couldn't help but smile as l looked around the room and felt so blessed to have the girls, Robert, Larry, Spouse and Mamaw Judy all around and having such a good time.

Something happened all of

sudden (that I missed) the guys were jumping to their feet, and Mamaw Judy was fanning herself with none other than a Sun-

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day edition of the Times. It was hilarious! I couldn't help but think how many people in this entire state were sitting on the edge of their chairs in such excitement.

And though our beloved Cats lost, still I couldn't help but feel so blessed to have such a wonderful day.

Til Next Week May God Bless...

the "Game"!

"Linda James

decades together, Linda and her taping local events and family husband still share loving glances as they exchange words of endearment, evidence that they not only still love one another after all these years, but that they have a committed

respect for one another, also.

"Family is what it's all about," says Linda. "I grew up with a mother and daddy who Traught ine a good work to ethic...with family who got together often for reunions and holidays. I thank God for that. I give God the credit for anything I've ever been able to do, for this business, for everything. I thank God that I'm a Christian, that I'm saved and that I know I'm going to Heaven. In the meantime, I hope that I continue to carry on to our family traditions and help people like my aunts, who are in their 80's, still do today.'

Linda and Freddie left Frankfort to return to Floyd County in 1986 where Freddie has overseen the tourism commission and where Linda began working part-time for Charter Communications. "I started out just working two days a week, helping with the first of the month things, payments and that sort of thing. Then I got the opportunity to begin learning about videotaping...that got to be more timeconsuming that I intended - I still had a son in school at that time - so eventually, I was able to set up an office in my home. That way, I could still do the work, and take care of my fami-- ly at the same time," she said.

In 1992, Linda started her own business, L J Productions, and has found her services in high demand ever since. Video-

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activities, Linda says that she takes pride in offering a service that enables those who are unable to leave their homes due to illness, lack of transportation, or other hindrances, to still participate in church worship services, school ballgames and civic meetings. "The greatest compliment I ever receive," she said, "is when someone tells me, 'Thank you' for filming a game, a church service or whatever because if I hadn't been there.

be there' either." "I film the city council, fiscal court, and board of education meetings because I know that people are busy and that they can't always be there. That way, they can watch the meeting and make up their own minds about what they think, " she continued. "I like to think as myself as being the eyes of the people who can't get out, I'm the eyes for the community.'

they wouldn't have been able to

Linda also shares that without the cooperation of Charter Communications, her daughter-inlaw Dannette, son Allen, Freddie, and friend Darrell Leslie, who helps with sports commentary, that she would "be crazy." "I couldn't do it without each and every one of them," she said. "They're all a part of it."

Linda is the daughter of Maycel and the late Wayne Davis, of Allen. She has two sisters, Waynette Davis Keebaugh and Ocie Davis May. She and husband Freddie have two sons, Allen and Brett. Allen and wife, Dannette, have blessed them with three beautiful grandchildren, Abby. 5, Anna, 4 and new arrival Freddie Allen James, IV or "A. J." as his family affectionately calls him. Son Brett has also blessed them with beautiful granddaughter,

Haley, 3 1/2. "It's all about family," says Linda as she summarizes her beliefs on what life is all about. "Family and the stripes of Jesus - that's what will save us."

Congratulations, Linda, for being one of Floyd County's Women in History. It's an honor well deserved.

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AFTER

Oak

our instep on a broken Clorox bottle...or had taken off a toenail on a big rock.

When we went to church, of course, we had to wear our shoes. The same rule applied when we went to town on Saturday mornings to the show. Mom would say she didn't want people to think we didn't have shoes. But when it came to her insisting we wear shoes to town, there was no argument from us. Our chief mode of transportation was our feet. Walking the railroad tracks through Greentown on a hot summer day was pure torture, even with our shoes on, and I doubt there were enough shady spots on the sidewalks of Paintsville, to have kept us from blistering our feet.

However, I can remember one negative to her iron-clad rule about "no shoes, no town." To this day, I don't know how the final episode of the cliff-hanging serial "Undersea Kingdom" turned out. Crash Corrigan had gotten himself into a terrible pickle, and we'd talked about the possibilities of his escape, off and on, all week long. But wouldn't you know, come Saturday morning, Joe, having stepped on a rusty nail earlier in the week, had such a wad of bandage on his foot that he couldn't get his shoe over it. Rules were

rules. No shoes, no town. No town, no show. Of course, there was no way on earth that Mom would let me go without him.

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We tried to find out what happened to Crash, but everybody we asked who had seen that final episode, knowing we really wanted to know, either wouldn't tell us, or would just say that Crash got killed. We didn't believe that, of course, but as far as we were concerned, he might as well have met his demise. We never knew the difference

For the most part, though, going barefooted in the summertime was a perk we coal camp kids really enjoyed.



Members of the Drift Woman's Club met in January at the Viola Bailey Community Center. Here they are shown with several of the books that the club will donate to area schools. From left to right are: Ruby Akers, Jan Gallenett, Celia Little, Sherry Hall, Mary England, Mable Littleton, Kathie Keithman, Tootsie Akers, Alice Osborne and Sue Jones.

GFWC-KFWC Drift Woman's Club News

The GFWC-KFWC Drift Woman's Club meeting was held on January 17, at the Viola Bailey Community Center Building. Presiding President Alice Osborne read a poem entitled "A New Start." Hostess Shirley Belcher gave the blessing and Tootsie Akers followed in leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Jan Gallenette displayed a table of books that will be donated to the McDowell Elementary School, Osborne Elementary and South Floyd Middle School. The cost of the 136 books is valued at \$1,444.

President Osborne then presented Kathie Keithman, a retired Johnson County teacher. Keithman spoke on the topic "Life's Lessons," sharing five lessons that she had learned over the years. She used personal illustrations from her own life to

punctuate her presentation.

Keithman credited her parents in their decision to have her dedicated to the Lord as an infant. She shared that her parents took her to church as a child and taught her about Christ. She says that this teaching formed the basis of her life and her service to the Lord. She warned of Satan and how he seeks, like a lion, to devour. She advised that young people should not allow themselves to be unequally yoked with unbelievers. She reflected on how God has kept her free from inadvisable relationships.

The importance of studying the Bible was emphasized and the scripture II Timothy 3:16 was read. She concluded her talk by stating the importance of becoming a living sacrifice in order to serve God. Keithman, who has been struggling

with cancer for the past three years, shared her belief that God allowed the cancer in her life for a reason. She shared that she counts her trials a joy. Taking a scripture from the book of James, chapter one, she began a ministry of writing gospel tracts, which are now being translated into Spanish.

Keithman also serves others by making beret style hats (650 thus far) to be given to cancer patients who have lost their hair. She praised God for what He has done in her life.

Following, the monthly business, secretarial and treasury reports were given. Newspapers were also collected to be taken to the Floyd County Animal Shelter. Members also turned in the proceeds thus far collected from sales of the Kentucky Hospitality

Critter

mals EVERY MINUTE? Now don't go blaming the shelters for that. Those animals are the lucky ones. They were given a chance for adoption, and many found new homes. As for the others, they were cared for and well-fed and their lives were numanely ended. We don't have statistics on the others that were abandoned, lost, or otherwise unaccounted for. Litters of puppies are set off beside the road. (Sometimes this is done by misguided owners who fantasize that they will toddle off to find good homes. Other times it is done by a person who just wants them out of sight and out of mind.) Barn cat populations get out of hand and go feral. Roaming dogs join up to form packs that are more wild than domesticated. Many of these animals live short, miserable lives and meet a violent death.

The sheer reproductive ability of our domestic pets is staggering. For every person born today in the country, seven puppies and kittens will also be

born. This discrepancy makes it obvious that there are just not enough homes to go around. Most dogs go through two heat cycles per year, producing an average of 6-10 puppies per litter. In six years' time, one female dog and her offspring can theoretically produce SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND dogs. Cats are even more prolific-able to produce three, and sometimes four, litters per year with 4-6 kittens per litter. That has the potential to become FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND cats within seven years.

So what, you say-you don't even have a pet. It doesn't concern you. Well, actually it does - on the average, it costs around \$100 to capture, house, feed, and eventually kill a homeless animal. Guess whose taxes pay for this? And if you've ever had your garbage knocked over by stray dogs or endured the sound of roaming cats fighting and mating under the house, you've been affected directly by the problem.

So, now that you're aware of this, what can we do about it? Obviously, responsible care of our own pets is the first step. Don't let them roam, and have them fixed. In fact, spaying and neutering as many animals as possible is the single most effective thing we can do-shut down those kitten and puppy factories!

Public education is important, too. So now that you're conscious of the problem, make others aware-talk about what you can do to help. Call your local shelter, rescue organization, vet's office, or just the neighborhood "cat lady". You'll be surprised at the number of ways you can be of assistance. They can put you in touch with programs and organizations you may not have even known existed. You don't have to scoop poop or deal with injured or homeless animals if it distresses you too much. You can help with a fundraiser, drive your elderly neighbor to the vet to keep her cat's spay

appointment, drop off a book of

■ Continued from p1 stamps or some copy paper to the SNOOP folks. You might be able to transport a furry passenger with you on your next trip for the TRAIN organization. Buy a Spay/Neuter license plate for your vehicle instead of a regular one. Borrow a live trap and help the man down the road catch the feral cats he's been feeding so he can have them fixed (so they don't turn

into 420,000 felines!) If we know about a problem, we can face it, and if we face it we can fix it. It's going to take time and it's going to take cooperation, but we can do it. We have to, if we call ourselves

I ask for the privilege of not being born... not to be born until you can assure me of a home and a master to protect me, and the right to live as long as I am able to enjoy life ...

not to be born until my body is precious and men have ceased to exploit it because it is cheap and plentiful

author unknown

Eastern Kentucky sites featured on map of Appalachia by National Geographic Society and Appalachian Regional Commission

Frankfort - Thirty tourist sites in the Appalachian Region of Eastern Kentucky are featured on a map appearing in the April 2005 issue of National Geographic Traveler magazine as part of a major tourism proect of the Appalachian Regional Commission and the National Geographic Society. The proect represents a "first-of-itskind" collaborative effort between the two organizations to promote Appalachia and its 'undiscovered treasures."

"I have never found an area as beautiful or as scenic as the great Commonwealth of Kenparticularly Appalachia area," said Governor Ernie Fletcher. "I am proud that Kentucky and Appalachia are being recognized in National Geographic Traveler. While Kentuckians have always known the area is a treasure, now the nation will be informed as well."

Randy Fiveash, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Tourism, stated, "This map project represents a great partnership between the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the National Geographic Society and all the ARC member states. It is a partnership that has provided a significant marketing tool for Kentucky as it showcases our rich history and cultural heritage by way of the thirty sites. It is marketing projects like this that will help Kentucky in our efforts to increase tourism to our state."

The Kentucky map locations range from tourist attractions such as Mammoth Cave National Park and the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea to festivals, scenic byways, restaurants, crafts shops and historic sites. The Kentucky Department of Tourism, along with the help of local tourism commissions, Area Development Districts, Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Eastern Kentucky University and the Kentucky Artisan Heritage Trails identified and recommended potential sites from the state. National Geographic made the final selections and in all, 356 sites are listed across the 13state Appalachian region.

The tourism project consists of a printed map, including the 30 Kentucky sites, which will be inserted in the April issue of National Geographic Traveler magazine and delivered to more than 900,000 subscribers nationwide and read by over four million people across the country. An additional 300,000 maps will be distributed by the state tourism offices of the ARC's 13 states to targeted traveler mailing lists, regional welcome centers, and tourism trade shows. The ARC will also distribute the maps to schools, libraries, and civic organizations throughout Appalachia. Additionally, an online version of the map is available at www.nationalgeographic.com http://www.nationalgeograph- ic.com/> . Kentucky sites may also be accessed through the Kentucky Artisan Heritage Trails at www.kaht.com .

THE MOUNTAIN ARTS CENTER, home of Kentucky Opry in Prestonsburg is among 32 Kentucky sites featured on an exclusive full-size map of Appalachia in the April issue of National Geographic.

Keith Caudill, Operations Director of the Mountain Arts Center, expressed great pleasure at being among those chosen by National Geographic's editors and featured in the national publication. "We have an impressive tourism product in Appalachia - it's just a matter of getting more people to discover it," Caudill remarked. "We're proud to be listed on the map with all the other wonderful attractions and hope that we'll see more visitors dropping by and staying for a while.

Kentucky sites on the map include arts centers, historic inns and bed and breakfasts, handmade craft shops, scenic and historic parks and attractions.

The Kentucky Department of Tourism, an agency of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet, exists to promote The Commonwealth as a travel destination, to generate revenue and create jobs for Kentucky's economy.

Jenny Wiley AARP, 3528 **Elects Officers for 2005**

3528, AARP, held an election was discussed. The workshop of officers at the meeting which was held on Friday, March 18, at the Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg.

The meeting was called to order by the president, James E. Goble, and all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Marie Goble read the minutes of the last meeting, and Garnett Fairchild presented the treasurer's report. Both of these reports were approved.

The matter of the severe weather warning radios, presented by Jessica Runyon at the last meeting was discussed, and the president will pursue this.

The 2005 annual workshop

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. for Kentucky AARP chapters was conducted, and the folwill be held on October 24th, 25th and 26, in Louisville.

> Renewal of the chapter's corporation status was discussed, and Gwen Miller was named to the Board of Trustees to replace Sarah Laven who is ill.

Burieta Gearhart reported on the Tax-Aide program which is currently in progress. She reported that they had assisted more than 100 elderly and low income taxpayers.

John Rosenberg addressed the group, and spoke of predatory lending; he also encouraged the chapter to become more active in the community and in the matters of the state office.

The election of officers

lowing were elected: to serve the chapter for 2005:

James E. Goble, president Irene Hester, vice-president Elizabeth B. Castle, treasurer Marie Goble, secretary

These officers will be installed at the meeting to be held Friday, April 15.

John Rosenberg agreed to be the chairman of the chapter's Legislative Committee, and Garnett Fairchild agreed to become a chairperson.

Present at the meeting were James E. and Marie Goble, Royce and Nola Mayo, Norman and Gwen Miller, Elizabeth B. Castle, Jane Back, Hester, Garnett Fairchild, and a guest, Marissa Thompson.

VICA competitions held on Mayo campus

Skills USA VICA held its regional competition on the Mayo Campus, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, on Friday, February 18. High school students from five area technology centers competed in skill and leadership contests. Winners from each competition will compete in Louisville in April. Area schools represented were Belfry (Pike), Floyd County, Magoffin County, Martin County, and Millard (Pike).



S. Ward, principal, Belfry Technology Center, presents award to a student winner.

Annette

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writing

If I Were President

by Kasey, 3rd grade

If I were president, I would change some laws. I would make Bible and recess longer. I would also make a lot of shelters for the homeless. I would give \$1000 a week for the tsunami Relief Aid.

That's what I would do if I were president.

The Woman I Admire Most

by Logan, 6th grade

The woman I admire most is my mother because no matter what, she stands by me. Even when I get into trouble. I love her very much and she does the same.

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Volunteers needed to clean up Civil War Battlefields and historic sites - April 2

Washington, D.C. - The Civil War began as a struggle between armies of untrained but enthusiastic volunteers. Seven generations later, another army of volunteers is about to descend on America's Civil War battlefields - only this horde of dedicated men and women will be armed with paint brushes, trash bags and weed whackers.

On Saturday, April 2, 2005, history buffs and preservationists of all ages will join forces to clean and restore Civil Warrelated battlefields, cemeteries and shrines. The nationwide effort - dubbed Park Day - is underwritten with a grant from The History Channel. Park Day is also recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a "Take Pride in America" event. More than 90 historic sites in 24 states are expected to participate in Park Day 2005.

'Civil War sites are often the victims of their own popularity," noted Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) President "Without James Lighthizer. proper maintenance, battlefields can suffer from the ravages of both time and tourism. Our goal is to spruce up these links to America's past so they can be enjoyed by all."

Now in its ninth year, Park

Day is an annual hands-on preservation event created by CWPT. Volunteers gather at designated Civil War sites to help with routine repairs and maintenance. Activities can range from raking leaves and hauling trash to painting signs and trail building. In exchange for their hard work, participants receive Tshirts and have an opportunity to hear local historians describe the significance of the site.

Among the sites that will be benefiting from Park Day activities this year are: Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield in Georgia, Perryville Battlefield in Kentucky, and Chancellorsville Battlefield in Virginia. "These are the hallowed fields where our ancestors gave their lives. We cannot allow them to fall into disrepair," remarked Lighthizer.

With 70,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its goal is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War sites and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. CWPT's website is located at www.civil-

For a list of the participating Park Day sites, visit http://www.civilwar.org/parkday.htm.



ACHS student granted USAA award

Bianca Lyn Hynes, of Way- es, counselors, and other qualiland, has been named a United States National Award Winner due to honor roll achievements at Allen Central High School. Bianca was nominated for this award, an honor achieved by fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students by her counselor, Laura Kidd.

Bianca will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, a national publication.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coach- wood Beach, New Jersey.

fied sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection include a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Bianca is the daughter of Doreen Hynes, of Wayland. She is the granddaughter of Frank and Carol O'Connor, of Cliff-

New Arrivals



- A daughter, Hale Danielle LaShea Howell, to Rosanna & Jerry Howell March 16, 2005

- A daughter, Kylie Dawn Elste, to Charlette & George Elste

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO APPLICATION** NO. 836-0294, AMENDMENT 1 (1) In accordance

with KRS 350.070,

notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Drive, Clydean Kentucky 41831, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining operation, located 1 mile southeast Weeksbury, in Floyd and Pike counties. The amendment will Condition, \$425 per add 31.22 acres, and will delete 2.15 of surface disturbance, making a total of 639.97 acres within the amended permit

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

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

(4) The amendment application has been for public inspection at the Department Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Office, South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, 41653. Kentucky Written comments, objections, requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CIVIL ACTION NO: 00-CI-00469

Frankfort, Kentucky

40601.

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY PLAINTIFF VS:

Willie A. Delong, unknown spouse of Willie A. Delong, Estate of Eula Ann shall fill bond for no Delong, Brian Neal Delong, unknown spouse of Brian Neal Delong. unknown spouse of Bill unknown purchaser's payment Delong, spouse of Connie of all cost of sale and Reffett, and First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Inc. Defendants **AMENDED** OF SALE

By virtue of an any Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, rendered at the November 17, 2004, term, in the above styled action, I, the undersigned Special Master Commissioner, shall proceed to offer for sale, on the steps of the Old Floyd County Avenue, Prestonsburg, as a whole, to wit:

ty and improvements, Any delinquent Floyd situated in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more par- ed from the sale profollows:

BEGINNING

Highway 404, runhill to the top joining Harminson Slone Line, thence around hill with Slone Harminson and down the hill with Harminson Slone hill to Highway 404, thence the road with Highway 404 to the starting point, Containing 3 acres

more or less. Being the same land conveyed to Grantor by Eula Ann Delong and being of record in Deed Book 269, page 445, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk. Also Affidavit Descent on Eula Ann Delong recorded in Book 453, page 555 in the Floyd

County Clerk's office. amount of money to be raised this sale shall advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for con-

ducting this sale. The purchaser shall 236, be required to pay the sum of 10% of the bid price down in cash at the time of the sale with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days at the of 12% per annum. Further, the purchaser shall be required to execute a bond or bonds with sufficient surety or sureties thereon, which shall have the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property in order to secure payment of the balance of the purchaser price. A purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or any part of the purchase price or paying said bond or bonds before maturity by paying the bal-

ance of the principal,

thereon at the rate of

12% per annum from

the date of sale until

accrued

with all

interest

paid. In the event that the successful bidder is an owner of an undivided interest in the property herein, then and in that event, said person shall take credit against the balance due on his or her bid for the interest owned in the property and the more than Norwest remainder of the purchase price after Trustee, Assignee of applying such credit, Oceanmark Financial subject however to

Further, the success-RE-NOTICE OF ful bidder shall be required at bidder's ER'S expense to obtain fire and extended coverage insurance upon Judgment and Order insurable of Sale of the Floyd 800-201-TALK VISIT Amended Default improvements from Circuit Court, entered or \$5,000.00 of purthe date of the sale on the 12th day of chase price, with the until the purchase April, 2004, in the balance on credit for price if fully paid, to Floyd Circuit Court, in thirty (30) days, and the extent of the the Court appraised action, in the princivalue of the improve- pal sum ments or the balance \$350,857.00, togeth- unpaid of the purchase price, er with interest, costs price of said property, whichever is less, and fees, I shall pro- if any, bearing interwith a loss clause ceed to offer for sale est at the rate of to the at the Old Floyd twelve payable Special Master County Courthouse (12%)) per annum Commissioner of the door, South Central from the date of sale Courthouse, (behind Floyd Circuit Court. A v e n u e , the Floyd County Upon default of said Prestonsburg. Justice Center), 3rd deposit or posting of Kentucky, (behind Judgment. bond, by the pur- the new chaser, the Special County Kentucky, to the high- M a s t e r Center), to the high- to any easements est and best'bidder, Commissioner shall est bidder, at public at public auction, on immediately resell auction, on Thursday, the 31st day of the property upon the the 7th day of April, March, 2005, at the same terms and con- 2005, at the hour of hour of 9:00 a.m., ditions set out herein. 9:15 a.m., the followsame being a day of The purchaser shall ing described real the regular term of be required to estate, located at 526 the Floyd Circuit assume and pay all South Lake Drive, America, and/or the Court, the following real property taxes Prestonsburg, Floyd record owners theredescribed property, assessed for the tax County, Kentucky, of. year 2001, and all Certain real proper- subsequent years. described as follows: Parcel No. 1 County real property taxes will be deduct-

Floyd ticularly described as ceeds. All bidders Kentucky, on South erty taxes for the must be prepared to Lake on comply with these described as follows: subsequent years, erms.

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of March, 2005. CLYDE F. JOHN-SON Special Master Commissioner Floyd Circuit Court 193 East Court Street

Prestonsburg, KY 41653 CERTIFICATE OF

SERVICE a true and correct 'copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, to the follow-Hon. John E. Hinkel, Jr., 300 West Lexington, KY 40507; Mr. Willie A. Delong, Blue River. KY 41607 Delong, Blue River, 61 Old Post Office Martin, KY 41649: Ms. Connie Reffett. 4352 South Hannial Way, Apt. Aurora, CO 80015; Mr. Brian Neal Delong, P.O.

Box 203, Blue River, KY 41607 This 17th day March, 2005. HON. CLYDE F. JOHNSON

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT **DIVISION NO. II** C.A. NO. 99-CI-359 FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY PLAINTIFF VS.

Edward M. Kuss. Rebecca S. Kuss, Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Wickes Corp., Lumber Company, City of Prestonsburg Defendants COMMISSION-

BY VIRTUE OF above-styled Floyd and more particularly

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in County,

precedence No. 23 at the cross Place, corner of line HAND, this 17th day of Reba H. Mayo, et from the sale proal; thence up said ceeds. highway with line of said state highway a southerly direction to a stake 552 feet from the beginning corner and opposite the prefence of Anna B. straight line up the hill parallel with line of said Reba H. Mayo, et al., to center ridge between Mayo Branch and Big Sandy River to a stake 613 feet from corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al. and J.D. Mayo; thence up the ridge with center of same 613 feet to said corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al, and J.D. Mayo; thence down the hill with said line of Reba H. Mayo, et

> al, to the beginning. Parcel No. 2 Situated on the waters of the Big Sandy River in the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky

> Being Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3 shown upon that certain plat dated July 17, 1953, and prepared by Salisbury, Engineer,

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and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court. These lots are adiacent to and adjoin the property now owned by Duran Moore, in South Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on U.S. Highway #23.

Being the same property conveyed to Edward M. Kuss and Rebecca S. Kuss from Mason Moore, et al by deed dated February 17, 1988, of record in Deed Book 318, Page 617, in the office of the Court of Floyd Clerk County, Kentucky. TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash required to execute a bond with good sureof ty thereon for the purchase until paid, having the force and effect of a

(b) The property Justice shall be sold subject and restrictions of record in the Floyd Office, and such right exist in favor of the United States of

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real prop-Drive, year 2005, and all Beginning at a which are not yet due ning with Irvin Slone Announcements on stake in the right of and payable. Any and line, thence up the the day of sale shall way of U.S. Highway all delinquent Floyd County and City of known as the Seibert Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid

(d) In the event the Detendant/Cross-Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to fees and costs of the M aste Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the

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> Hon. Kristen J. Mudd Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480

> Plaintiff's Attorney:

William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC SALE** The following item will be offered at public sale on March 31,

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

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

SYSTE DESCRIPTION: The Floyd County Gas System consists of a natural gas distribution system furnishing natural gas to customers in the communities of Allen, Dwale, Estill, Garrett, Hueysville, Middle Creek, Minnie, and Wayland, and their outlying vicinities in Floyd County, Kentucky. Documentation regarding the sale of the Floyd County Gas System may be examined by scheduling an appointment with David Layne, II, or John Allen, Jr., during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time, Monday through Friday, at the of East Utilities, Kentucky Inc. located at

Prestonsburg Kentucky [Telephone (606) 886-2431; FAX: (606) 889-9196], and having the mailing address of P.O. Box 408, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. BID PROCESS

The Floyd County

Fiscal Court will

receive sealed bids

for the sale of the

Floyd County Gas

System at the Office

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

A qualified bidder

will be required to

provide all necessary

proof of the bidder's

financial, technical,

and managerial ability to purchase, operate, and maintain the Floyd County Gas System. An award of the bid and the sale of the Floyd County Gas System shall be contingent upon the approval of the system's transfer by the Kentucky Service Commission. later than the time specified for receipt submitted with the necessary documentation shall not be considered. Bids received after the scheduled time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Submission of bid shall be construed as evidence bidder reviewed all necessary documentation has made all neces sary site visits, and has conducted sufficient due diligence to allow its submission of a bid and bona fide

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OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-01212 U.S. BANK, NA (SUCCESSOR BY **MERGER TO** FIRSTAR BANK, NA)

VS. Tackett, Lester Audrey Tackett, Citifinancial Services, Inc., Commonwealth of Kentucky and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants

PLAINTIFF

NOTICE OF COMMISSION-ER'S

SALE BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of January, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum \$55,345.68. together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue Prestonsburg Kentucky, (behind Floyd the new Justice County Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the

following described

real estate, located at

23235 KY Route 122,

Melvin, Floyd County,

Kentucky, and more

particularly described

as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Abner Fork of Left Beaver Creek and being all of First Party's interest in and to the foldescribed lowing property and obtained by deed Darcus Newsome and Monroe Newsome, her husband, bearing date of March 30, 1964, and recorded in Deed Book 184, Page 554, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk, and more particularly

described as follows,

to wit: Beginning on a stone marked near the center of the thence a creek, straight line across bottom with the Newsome Epison line to a stone at the county road, thence up the road 50 feet, thence on up the State Highway to Harris line, Willie thence across the bottom with Willie Harris Line and wire fence to center of Abner Fork or Creek. thence down the center of the creek to the beginning so as to include all land in said boundary and

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both lots.

COMMONWEALTH tions, all rights of tenants in possession, and all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable.

> Being the same property conveyed to Lester Tackett and Audrey Tackett by deed recorded in Volume 249, Page 85, of the Floyd County, Kentucky,

records. *Consists of housing unit and lot.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%)) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the

Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd Clerk's County Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners there-

force and effect of a

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd Kentucky, County, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property. for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the

real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter

contained Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Septtimous

Taylor 4830 Towne Square Court

Owensboro, KY 42301 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268

Prestonsburg, KY

41653

ADVERTISE-MENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the housing Modernization Project KY36P035-501(04) will by The received Housing Authority of Prestonsburg Kentucky, on April 14, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., prevailing time, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of:

Asbestos Tile Abatement, Concrete Pads, Garbage HVAC Upgrades, and Electrical Service Upgrades.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Drawings Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the following

C S Design, Inc. 401 West Main Street, Suite 318 Lexington, KY 40507 The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg #12 Blaine Hall

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Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Additional information is provided in the bidding documents. Copies of the bidding documents may be purchased at the fol-

lowing location: Lynn Imaging 328 Old Vine Street Lexington, KY 40507

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www.lynnimaging.com Pre-Bid Conference will be held on April 5, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., (local time) at the Housing Authority's main office for purposes of answering Bidders' questions, and to consider any sugges-

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg By: Brenda Harris, **Executive Director**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO APPLICATION** NUMBER 836-8027

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KRS 350.055, notice the David and Martin is hereby given that U.S.G.S. FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 minute quadrangle Mountain maps. The operation Road, Pikeville, KY will use the contour 41501, has applied strip, area mining, for a renewal of a and highwall/auger permit for a coal pro- methods of mining. facility, affecting 34.25 acres, owned by CONSOL located 0.10 mile of Kentucky Inc., Carl east of Ligon, in Reed, Jimmy & Carl

Floyd County. The proposed facility is approximately et al., Delphia M. 0.5 mile south from State Route 979 junction with Clear Creek Road, and located 0.75 mile south of Ligon post office. The latitude is owned by 37°22'09". The longitude is 82° 40' 28"

The proposed facility is located on the McDowell and Wheelwright inspection at the 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Alma Land Company, Gordon Meade, The Coal Horn Corporation, Slone Heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Written comments. objections, requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO** APPLICATION NO. 836-0315

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765. 436 Daniels Creek Road. Pikeville. Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 205.7 acres, and will underlie an additional 14.4 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek, and Grassy Creek of Licking River.

The proposed operation is located on

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NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take excep-

Fiduciary Date Filed Case Number Estate Of: 02-14-05 03-P-00422 Margaret Tackett Final James Tackett 02-22-05 04-P-00072 James Clevenger Brenda Clevenger 03-P-00079 Amos Vaughn Pauline Vaughn 02-23-05 Final 02-24-05 04-P-00273 Carl Goble Jr. Maxine Goble Final Peggy A. Steele 02-24-05 03-P-00315 Millard Hamilton Final Charles Dutton 02-25-05 02-P-00241 Chester Dutton Final 03-03-05 Final 01-P-00150 Geraldine Allen Brent Allen Final 04-P-00230 Elva Wnek John Wnek 03-11-05 03-18-05 04-P-00197 Hobert Hurt Donald Hurt Final 03-11-05 01-P-00339 Jeffery Fleming Lena Fleming Final 03-14-05 Final 03-P-00424 Hattie Mitchell William Meade Monroe & Myrel Samons 03-21-05 Final 02-P-00308 Nell B. Samons

tions to said settlements must do so on or before April 30, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
02-08-05	05-P-00044	Charles Jason Slone	Melisa R. Slone	
02-18-05	05-P-00056	Lee New	Debra (New) Belville	Jerry Patton
02-24-05	05-P-00057	Alex Prater	Velvia Prater	
03-01-05	05-P-00061	Shane Eric Brown	Janice Carol Jackson	Jerry Patton
03-03-05	05-P-00062	Louise Carey	Myra Lynn Williamson Polk	
03-03-05	05-P-00063	Wendell Meade	Nellie L. Meade	
03-03-05	05-P-00064	John T. Chaffins	Roger Chaffins	
04-04-05	05-P-00067	Auddie Hall	Teresa Frasure	
03-04-05	05-P-00068	Margie Collins	Copa Hansford	Dwight S. Marshall
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			Phillip Collins	
03-07-05	05-P-00070	Alan Mae Robinson Ryan	Claude A. Ryan	Ralph B. Stevens
03-11-05	05-P-00074	Denis Martin	Freda Martin	
03-09-05	05-P-00075	Wanda L. Tackett	Wade D. Tackett	
03-11-05	05-P-00078	Delmer Tackett	Delores Tackett	Anthony C. Davis
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03-15-05	05-P-00081	David M. Hall	Geneva G. Hall	
03-17-05	05-P-00082	J. E. Bentley	Melissa Jameson	
03-18-05	05-P-00083	Arthur Lewis	Teressa L. Lewis	
03-22-05	05-P-00084	Orleen Flanery	Merleen Combs	Thomas Moak
03-22-05	05-P-00085	Carl Baldridge	Jennie Baldridge	
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Michelle Ellis,

Tyler Gayheart,

Adam Kimbler.

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





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, Baldridge, Micaya Canterbury, Adam Kimbler, Vincent Hayes, Shane Williamson.



Pennies For Price pennies for char-ity. The penny bered by each of us in our

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

"Pennies for Price" in remembrance of a wonderful teacher the and friend. May the colors of Foundation.

drive was called daily lives. The school collected \$833.11, which will benefit Cystic Fibrosis

"Cell-ebration"



Students in Carole Bentley's 7th grade science class at Adams Middle School had a "Cellebration" 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 Baldridge, Nick Slone





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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 "Cellebration." 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



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

Coal — Our Heritage

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 the coal industry has made in learn more about coal.

dents recently participated in Students learned of the the areas impact of the coal industry in Technology, the future, both in jobs and as knowledge gained, students created projects and presented a coal fair so all of the stu-

Adams Middle School stu- our lives, and in all America. Projects were presented in Social Studies, Art, and a needed resource. Using the Music. Project winners will go on to the Cedar Coal Fair in May. Thanks to everyone involved, students, parents, awareness of the great impact dents in the school could community members, and

Allen Central High School









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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Allen Central High School











Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad team partici-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

Allen Central High School's Hall and Brittany Crisp, in forensics: Michael Duff and Sabrina pated in regional competition at Howard, in dynamic planet; Kayla Moore and Kim Osborne, in disease detectives; and Zach Griffith and Josh Manuel, in fos-

> 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.



The Allen Central High School Future Problem Solving Teach 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.





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







chase 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

Math Club funds were used to pur-

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



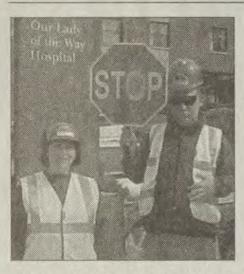


to Chris Branham for nailing Mrs. Moore with a pie!

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.flovd.k12.ky.us/mathclub.htm







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.

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"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.

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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 Governoris 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 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, Williams/Keisha Reid Keith Williams/Jon Hudspeth

Bottle Rocket: First, Zac Goble/Civde 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 Second, Lauren Moore/Brianna Castle; third, Evan Lawson/Liz Howard/ Erika Crager Meteorology: First, Keith

Mission Possible: Third, Cordial

Christian Francis/Blake Meade Road Scholar: First, Chelsie Cordial/Elizabeth Hughes Robo-Billiards: Second, Josh

Davis/Brendon Ousley Science of Fitness: First, Johnson/Lauren Brittany Moore; second,

Howard/Elizabeth Hughes Sounds of Music: Second,

Staci Carriere/Jordan Duff Water Quality: Third, Evan Lawson Write It/Do It: First,

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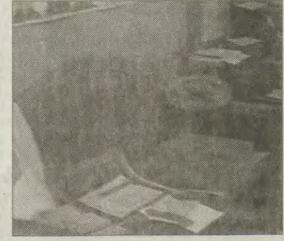
Allen Central Middle School Progresses to State Governors Cup Competition

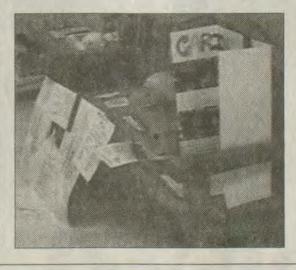
three students progressed on represent ACMS in mathe- English Composition, and Studies.

Allen Central Middle to state academic competi- matics, Elizabeth Howard Michaela Tussey will repre-School was delighted that tion. Clyde Hamilton will will represent ACMS in sent ACMS in Social

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Allen Elementary 4-H projects



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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

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

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 composi-

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.



Character Education

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

Kindergarten: Hunt, Cory Goble, Haley Boyd, Wright, Stevie Agripina Crace and Steven Robinson.

First grade: Clydea Conn, Tera Music and John Wesley Cooksey.

Second grade: Brandi Castle, Noah Tackett, Whitney Innis,

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, Kassidy Frasure, Sonjia Meade and Cody

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.



Quick Recall Team

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

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



Spelling bee winner

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



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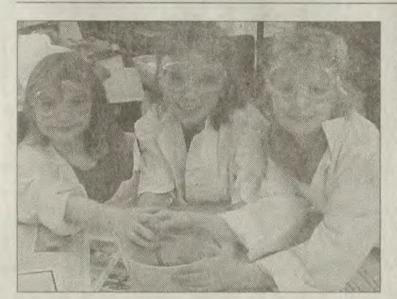




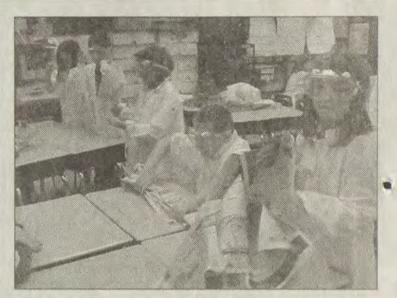




Sixth-grade students do assignments using powerpoint slide shows, assisted by lab instructor Mrs. Daniel, classroom teacher Mrs. Bradley, and TRT Patricia Adkins.







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



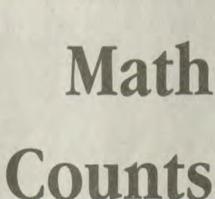
The forensics team placed first in the region. The team is coached by Connie Newsome.







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







Math Counts 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

Cassady, 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

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 Betsy Layne the highest-collecting school in CKBC's East Kentucky Mobile area, but also making it one in many lives.

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> 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 also translated into both making undertake and the willingness of our donors to share the lifesaving gift of blood....You have made a difference

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,

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 the students were assigned to teams 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

Clark Elementary

Clark Elementary students participate in Science Fair

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,

Forty-three students at Clark and interpreting the data to draw conclusions. Some of the scientific terms students learned include: hypothesis, dependent variable, independent variable, data, findings, and scientific

Two school winners, Chris Cook, a fifth grade student from 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.



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 Baldridge, 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 Baldridge, 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

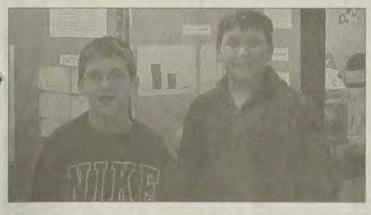
Overall grade level winners at kindergarten (P1) winner was Christopher Little from Mrs. Barrows' room.

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 Baldridge, April Spears, Kelli Wright, Chris Cook, Jamie Sherman, and Bethany Thornsbury 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 Baldridge, and Christopher Dingus from Ms. Wicker's room; 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 class-

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



Scientific Inquiry: Checking Plant Growth and Bread Mold

dent from Mrs. Starr's room, did an experiment using scienabout 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

Chris Cook, a fifth grade stu-scientific inquiry question was: Which type of white bread -Betsy Ross or Heiner's tific inquiry procedures to learn 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 check growth of mold. Dalton's 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 students 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.

To the Students of Floyd County:

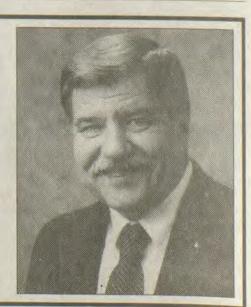
On behalf of the Floyd County Board of Education, I want to say how proud the board members are of the students of Floyd County and your achievements. The work that you do each day to meet your goals and those set by your teachers and coaches is important to us. It is why we serve on this board. Congratulations. Keep setting higher goals for yourselves. You can reach them. We believe in you.

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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



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 thousands

Madness and UK's pursuit of Groups from St. Ambrose in assisted with community excellence. Here in Floyd County, The David School has its own version of March Vermont and Edgewood 404. Still others painted, Madness. Since its incep- College of Wisconsin cleared rocks left by sumtion, The David School has descended upon the campus mertime floods and assisted relied upon volunteers in for a week of hard labor and order to subsist and grow for education. over 30 years. Every spring, ward to the arrival of college open to whatever work the

As always, the hard work-

Iowa, Notre Dame in beautification including col-Indiana, St. Michael's in lecting garbage along Route in the daily lunch prepara-

But, it wasn't all work and students and staff look for- ing college groups were no play. During the weeks, college students challenged been focused on March has been no different. and tutoring students. Others caller. Ron Vanover, enter- action with college students that will last a lifetime.

dancing.

the interaction with these ent as what was initially college students. Working thought. Our students grew David in lieu of other spring were able to lend their skills basketball or card games. On ing beyond the confines of Kentucky and they devel-Kentucky residents have break destinations. This to teaching in the classroom one particular evening, local classroom walls. The inter-oped skills and memories

tained our visitors with a of dissimilar backgrounds night of genuine square enabled David School students to have reflective con-David School students versations with other stualso benefited greatly from dents who are not as differwith volunteers in communi- in ways from the experience ty projects our students that cannot be measured by learned about other cultures, paper and pencil. Their horileadership skills, risk taking, zons were broadened beyond groups, coming in service to school needed done. Some David School students to etc. They put in action learn- the boundaries of Eastern,

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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Duff Elementary



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







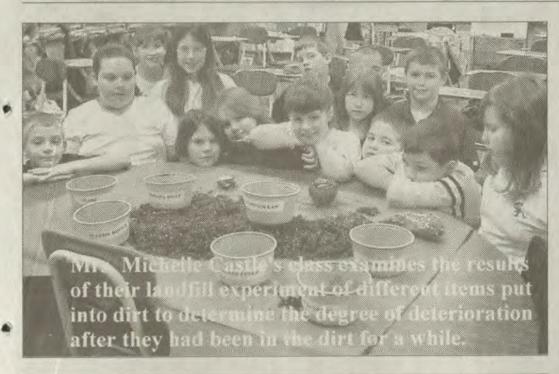




















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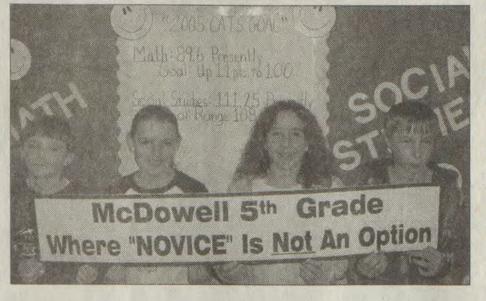
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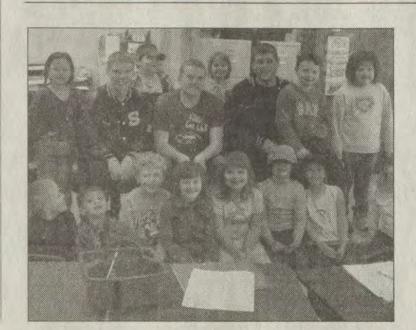
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We would like to congratulate the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) Computer Club for having a great year. After a slow start, the club grew to seven members and took part in the Regional Showcase at Jenny Wiley State Park. They also completed 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.



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



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

Mountain Christian Academy



MCA's 4-H Project Winners



MCA Middle School **Academic Team**

Christian Mountain 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

Both girls will advance to the state competition.



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

MCA placed 1st in in Science. Overall and 1st in Quick Recall in the District and

Regional Academic Competitions. They placed 3rd in Future Problem 2nd in Language Arts. Solving in the District.

Individual Winners for Regional:

Swathi Gutti placed 1st in Language Arts and 2nd

1st in Arts and Humanities and 3rd in Math.

Cameron Love placed in Science.

Ashley Heywood Placed 5th in Arts Humanities.

Individual Winners for District:

Aanchal Saraf placed Aanchal Saraf placed 1st in Arts & Humanities

and 1st in Math. Swathi Gutti placed 1st

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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Mountain Christian Academy

Geography Bee



Elizabeth Davis has qualified to compete in the National Geographic Bee. The State finals wil 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

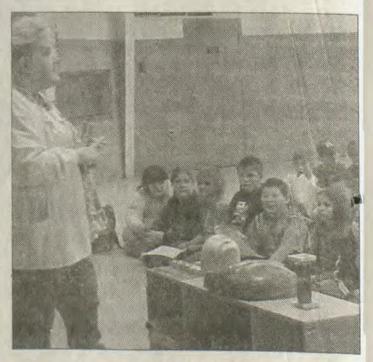
Staff and students at OU wear red to support awareness of heart disease for women.



Osborne Elementary

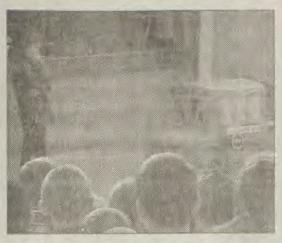






Our fourth grade students were also presented with the program about heart health and the proper way to administer CPR.

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





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

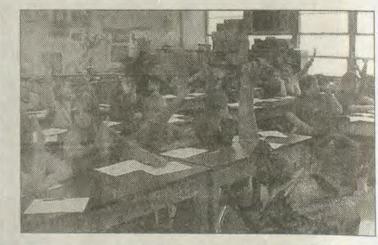


Alice Osborne from the Drift Women's Club donated books to the OES library. Thank you Mrs. Osborne ad the Drift Women's









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

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The spelling bee room winners from OES are Kendra Hall, Tabitha Allen, Sydney Little, Tyler Hall, Dakota Justice, Courtney Slone, 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



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 Turner: Cathryn Calhoun, Allison Hale, Kaylee

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't 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



Collins, Austin Bailey, Kaitlyn Case, Samantha Hall, Elizabeth Spears, Quentin Click Hitchcock, Kierra Shelton

> Mrs. Little: Austin Bertrand, Hunter Brown, Haley George, Taylor Hackworth, T.J. Hager, Makala Jones, Jenna Little, Jordan Marcum, Macy Minix, DeRossett, Brooke Hatfield, Katelyn Rose, Nathan Blackburn, Zachary Blackburn, Kaegan Dove, Kelsey Hall, Haley Howell

Gambill, Weston Martin, Josh Bryant, Derick Burchett, Paige Crider, Ashleigh Hayton, Caudill, Rachel Dingus, John Nickey Hitchcock, Bethany Gullett, Brittani Hall, Morgan Johnson, Brittany Jones, Jessica Powell, Kristen Hall, McKinzie

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Goble's Room: Derek Newsome, Chelsea Dickerson. Lisa Ratliff, Clarissa Bryant, Jessica Harris, Andrew Noble, Chastity Sizemore, Allyson Royce Compton, Taylor Goble, Chase Shepherd, Jonathan Murrell, Rachael Hall, Tori Nairn, Hannah Hitchcock, Jimmy Brown

Ms. Minix's Room: JD Mrs. Justice: Griffin Baker, Adams, Nathan Armstrong, 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, Christopher Jacob Blair, Kendra Allyson Branham, Savannah Charlie Joseph (2), Jessica Lafferty, Chad Ousley, Kristany Setser, Trinity Stewart, Rheagan Wills (2), Austin Newsome, Zachary Romans, Evan Bays, Hannah Hackworth, Mickale

Roberts, Clara Potter, Emily Hammonds, Ashton Sizemore, Megan Newsome, Hayley Slone.

Ribbons-Natasha Red 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.

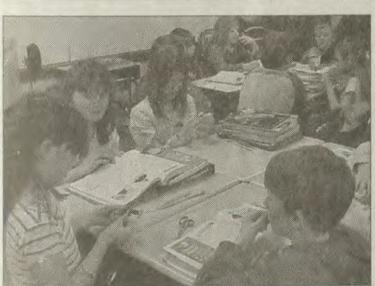






Senator Johnny Ray Turner presented the forensics team with certificates for placing 2nd place in the regional competition and qualifying for state. Team members are (L-R) Clay Lemaster, Hannah Spurlock, Amber Hayden, Leanna Goble, and Cody Holbrook. The team is coached by Melissa Turner. The Forensic 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.



Students from Mrs. Allison's room help celebrate Read Across America by wearing hats.



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





A tornado drill was held at Prestonsburg Elementary on March







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.

Soldier of

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

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 distance 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

Mrs. Joann Mullins' language arts class

War How Did We Get Involved?

by Ethan Gayheart

Vietnam, halfway across the world and we still end up getting involved. How exact-1961, when the United State decided to aid southern Vietnam leader Ngo Ninh 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

ly? Well, it all erupted in committed to the fighting. 153,000 wounded, and 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

North Vietnam. Then the departed. After all the fight-United States began to dis- ing and all the destruction. patch troops to the conflict. many humans died. The toll By 1961, over half a mil- added up to more than lion Americans had been 55,000 servicemen killed, 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

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

... 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 Gillepie 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

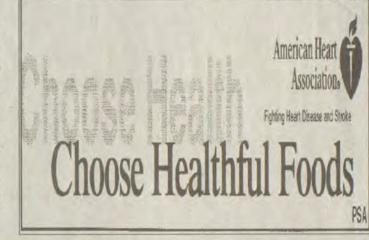
John M. Stumbo Elementary and provide students with a social studies program about the wild west. This program Creek Family Resource Center, (see next email for pictures).

■ Three teachers from Elementary Stumbo (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

Wulfe Bros. come to last summer and other meetings throughout the year.

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

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



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



Morgan and Ben enjoy making sundaes.

Editor's Note

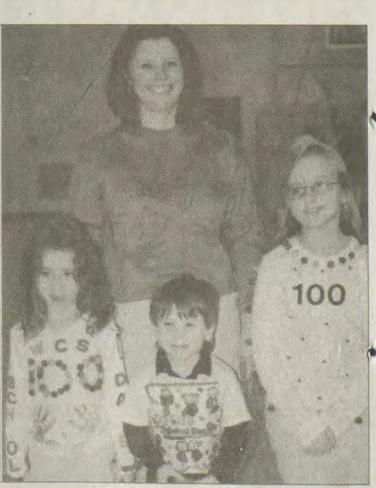
The Floyd County Times would like to extend its deepest apologies to Wesley Christian School for repeated omissions from Children First. While the school had submitted material for the section, it was not printed due to internal problems at The Times,



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.



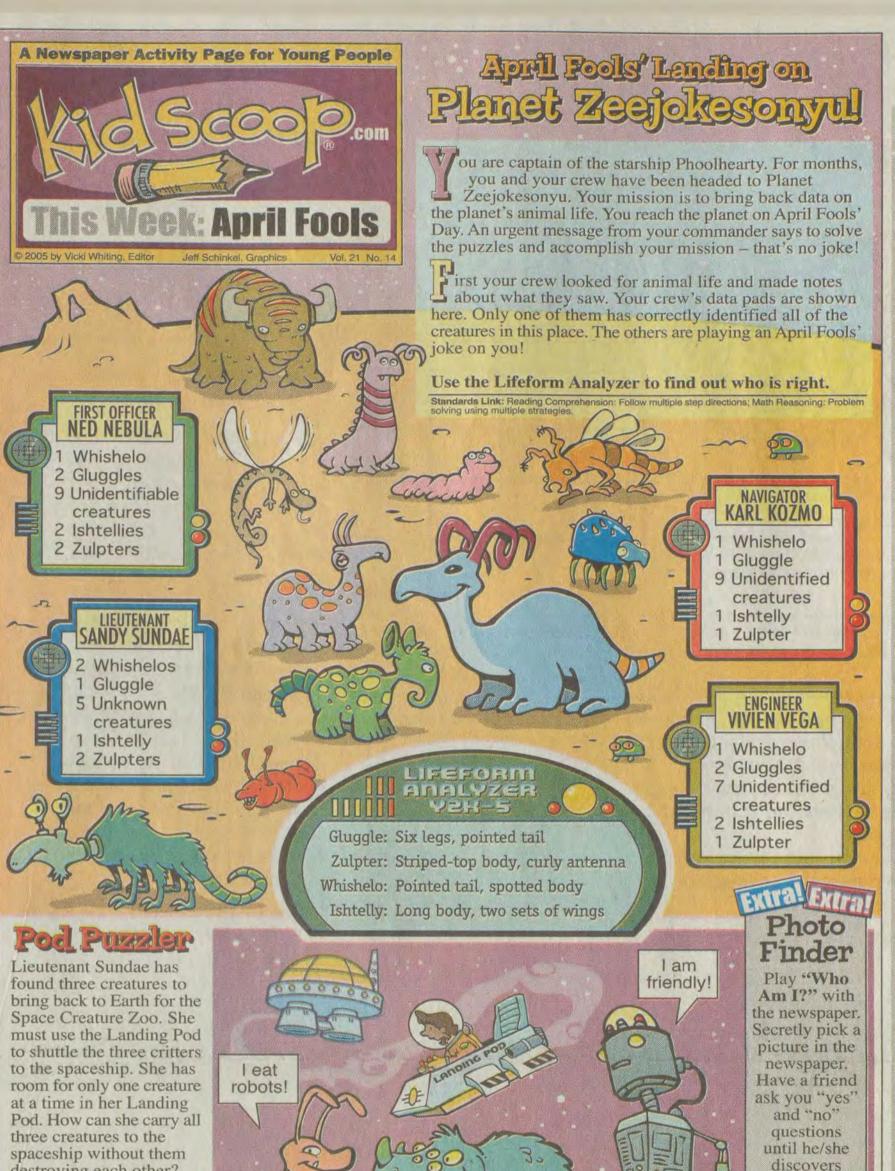
Grace and Hannah show their 100 pennies. The students placed the pennies in the middle of the gym floor before counting them



100th Day of School

Wesley Christian School cel- 100 pennies and making sunebrated the 100th day of school. The students ended the day by doing 100 exercises, bringing in tsunami relief aid.

daes. The pennies were counted, and the money was given to the



Peculiar Patterns

destroying each other?

WARNING: Read what

each creature is saying!

Standards Links: Mathematical Reasoning: Use problem solving strategies, skills and concepts to find solutions.

In each row, circle the creature that should come next.

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CREW

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

which picture you picked.

Standards Link:

Language
Arts/Speaking: Ask
questions for clarification
and understanding.

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GLUGGLES CREATURE

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Fool Around with Words

Look through the newspaper for five words that you don't know. Write each word on a piece of paper and look up the definition. See if you can use the words in your conversations.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Use a dictionary to find the meaning of words; Research: Understand the purpose of a dictionary.



I attack

spotted

creatures!

What planet can we see best without a telescope?

ANSWER: Earth!

Weekly Writing Corner

Riddle Roundup

I'm gray. I have a trunk, a tail and four legs. What am I? A: A traveling mouse!

> Maya 6th Grade

A box without hinges, key or lid, yet golden treasure inside is hid.

A: An egg.

Dariella 6th grade

It cannot be seen, cannot be felt, cannot be heard, cannot be smelled. It lies behind stars and under hills, and empty holes it fills. It comes first and follows after, ends life and kills laughter.

A: Dark

Daniella 6th grade

We are a pair, we dart here and there, although we always stay in one place. We can smile or shed tears, show our pleasure or fears and you'll find us on everyone's face.

A: Eyes

Jerri 6th grade

What word starts with and ends with only one letter? A: Envelope!

4th grade What has a neck but no head? A: A bottle!

A: A multiplication table!

What kind of table has no

Lindsay 5th grade

What has four legs and flies? A: Two pairs of pants!

> Harsh 6th grade

A Harry Potter riddle: What do you get when you cross Hogwarts with a bowl of cereal?

A: Snape, Crackle and Pop!

3rd grade Why do seagulls fly over the

A: Because if they flew over

the bay, they would be bagels!

6th grade

What do Alexander the Great and Kermit the Frog have in common?

A: Their middle name!

6th grade

Knock, knock. Who's there? Candy. Candy who? Candy cow jump over the moon?

Pedro 6th grade

Riddle Roundup

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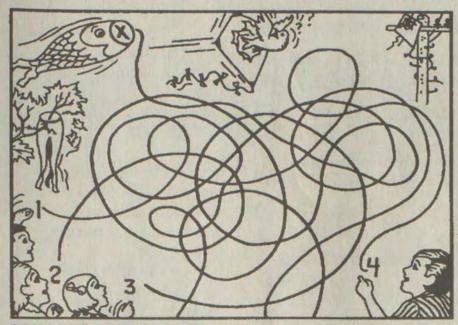
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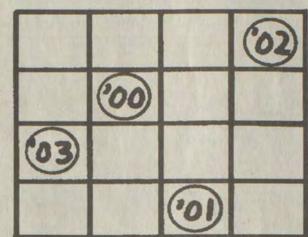
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GOLORING PAGE



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

Junior Whirles by Hal Kaufman



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.

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."



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: 6,'00,15,9; next: '03,5,10,12; bottom: 8,14,'01,7;

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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Count Your Change

One dime is the same amount of money as 10 pennies. Color 10 pennies to show how many equal one dime.



Two nickels equals one dime.

Color 2 nickels to show how many equal one dime.



My name:

My Rhyme Time

Who has time
To find my dime?
Found your dime
Under the lime!

My Letters D is for Dime d is for dime

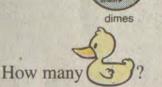
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Learning Buddles: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter D. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the **D** sound like the word **dime**?

My Numbers

How many



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



A dime rolled

Right

Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter D in the word dime.

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number 10 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Dime Words

Have your child find words in the paper that have 10 letters. Start by selecting a word and counting each letter with your child. Then say. "That word is like a dime. It has 10 letters!"

Wednesday

Big D, Little d

With your child, find every uppercase letter **D** on one page of the newspaper. Draw a small circle around each one.

Then try to find a lowercase letter **d** for each uppercase letter **D**. Draw

a line to connect the

Thursday

A Dime is a Circle!

Show your child a dime and explain that its shape is a circle. Then look through the newspaper for more pictures that are circles.

Friday

Newspaper Cut-Ups

Cutting newspapers is a great way for children to dévelop small motor skills. Give your child safe scissors. On a sheet of newspaper, draw a large circle. Have your child cut along the lines to cut out the circle.

Saturday

My Name Dot-to-Dot

On one sheet of newspaper find the letters that spell your child's name. Make a dot next to each of the letters. Number the dots in the order that spells your child's name. Then let your child connect the dots!



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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 5 18 19

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Consecutive digits in ascending order
 The last digit is the sum of

- the other digits
 5. 1-Down plus 11-Down
- 7. Five times 8-Down 9. Six times 10-Down
- 11. Three times 3-Across
 14. Four times 18-Across
- 17. Two more than 14-Down18. The first digit is the sum of
- the other digits
 19. Nine less than 6-Down
- 19. Nine less than 6-Do
- 1. One-fourth of 15-Down
- 14-Down minus 11-Down
 Consecutive digits in ascending order
 13-Down minus 13-Down

Rational

Numbers

answers

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12 426 27

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- 4. 13-Down minus 12-Down5. Two times 1-Across6. 3-Down plus 14-Down
- 8. Nine more than 10-Down10. The last digit is the sum of the other digits11. The last digit is three times
- the first digit

 12. 3-Down minus 2-Down

 13. Consecutive digits in
- ascending order

 14. Same digit repeated

 15. 19-Across minus 11-Down

16. Sixty less than 13-Down

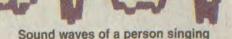
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Until the 1940s. most pay phones did not use coins; they only accepted tokens. Today, many pay phones only accept credit cards.

World of Wonder



MANAHALON

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

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.

In 1870, the family emigrated to Brantford, Ontario, Canada. The following year, Bell moved to Boston, where he lectured Alexander Graham Bell 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 soundwaves.

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

(1847-1922)

The telephone

simple device.

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

another phone.

creates an electric

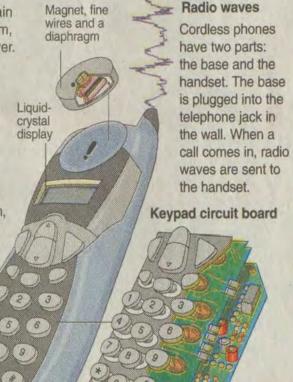
is really a

Today's

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.

current. This electric copy of Mouthpiece or your voice travels microphone by wire or by Vibrating radio waves to diaphragm



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

Electronic

are linked

by metal

components

String Use a knot or paper clip to keep the string from slipping through Paper the hole. cup 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?

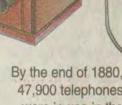
Touch the string while a friend is talking. What is happening?

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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.



47,900 telephones were in use in the United States.

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.

Touch-tone

outtons control

circuit board.

switches on the

A wire coil makes an

armature (moving part

of an electromagnetic device) vibrates.

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.

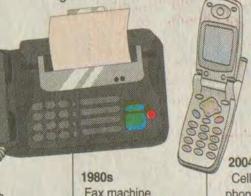
In 1927, the first Cross-Atlantic phone service began (at a cost of \$75 for the first three minutes). In the 1950s, telephone companies began offering phones in different colors. In some cases they simply painted the old phones new colors.

The 1960s saw the introduction of the "touch-tone" phone in both desk and wall versions. At this time people did not buy their phones; phones were rented from the telephone company.

In the 1970s, "modular" connections allowed phones to be plugged into a jack. This resulted in people buying phones and a boom in telephone design and fashions.

As early as the 1930s, fax machines were being used by news services to transmit (via telephone wires) photographs and printed material. The word "fax" is from the word "facsimile," which means an exact copy. In the 1980s, fax machines became smaller, faster and more affordable, leading to wide use in business.

Cell phones made their debut in the mid-1980s. At first they were quite large contraptions, but over the years they evolved into pocket-sized phones combined with computerized technology for transmitting photos and facsimiles, text messages and storing data.



1882 The Western Electric "three box" telephone

1920s The Western Electric upright dial

1940s Western Electric desk telephone in classic black

1964 Standard touch-tone phone

Fax machine

Cell phone

2000

1878 The "coffin" style telephone

1890s Western

Electric common

battery telephone

Mid-1890s Nickel-plated 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. incorporate the ringer, network and handset into

a single unit.

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

1920s and

30s Western

Electric desk

telephone



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

phones in service in the United States.

same year, the Bell System was divested and split into "Baby Bells." By 2002, most phones around the world were Princess

The first U.S. commercial

cellular system went into

operation in 1983. The

cell phones.

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