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briefs

Governor signs sex offender bill

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Potentially hundreds of registered sex offenders would have to move farther away from schools, under a sweeping change Gov. Ernie Fletcher signed into law Tuesday.

An elementary school in Franklin County served as the backdrop for Fletcher's ceremonial signing. Fletcher billed the new law as a toughening of how Kentucky handles its sex offenders.

"This is what our bill is all about," Fletcher said, pointing to about 30 Peaks Mill Elementary School pupils seated behind him. "To protect these young folks."

Currently, state law prohibits convicted sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of a school or daycare facility. Once the new law takes effect in mid-July, sex offenders will not be allowed to live within 1,000 feet of a school or daycare facility's property line.

That could mean "a few hundred" sex offenders within the state would have to move, said Luke Morgan, a lawyer for the state Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. Authorities were uncertain precisely how many sex offenders would be forced to move, Morgan said.

Arrests made in jail drug ring

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A convicted felon, his mother and a third woman were charged with drug trafficking on Tuesday following an extensive investigation into accounts of visitors smuggling drugs into the Floyd County Detention Center.

County Attorney Keith Bartley noted that the investigation into drugs being trafficked into the Floyd County Detention Center was an arduous task that required listening to over 100 hours of phone conversations from the jail. He shared credit for the investigation with Jailer Roger Webb, who provided access to computerized phone records from the jail which

saves phone calls to Webb's PC. Prestonsburg Police Officer George Tussey, whose initial arrest of one subject jump-started the investigation, and Sheriff John K. Blackburn, who has been responsible for bringing in the suspects.

Bartley noted that the case is big and will see six members of two separate families charged with being part of a drug ring that brought methadone and marijuana into the jail. The phone conversations were key to the case and Bartley feels the evidence is solid.

"I have no doubt in my mind that we will prevail against every subject in this case and they will be put away by their own words," Bartley said.

Everyone involved in the case

apparently disregarded a taped message on calls into the jail which warns callers that conversations may be recorded. Bartley said that the investigation revealed that two inmates were using members of their families to bring in drugs and that they all used the same location and scheme, which amounted to leaving drugs in a worn paper bag outside the jail and next to a telephone pole that stands between the jail and the Van Ark Enterprises building on Court Street.

Bartley also noted that it was a major case which will see three members of two families being prosecuted and that they have re-

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photo by Tom Doty

This telephone pole, which stands between Van ARK Enterprises and the side entrance to the jail, was the designated drop zone where parties would leave drugs concealed in a worn bag, to be picked up by trustees of the jail.

EASTER TRADITION



photo by Kathy J. Prater

This little lassie, complete with Easter bonnet and basket, was one of many that showed up, parents in tow, to hunt for eggs this past Saturday afternoon, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The weather was picture perfect as children of all ages searched for the seasonal delights. More pictures in today's Lifestyles.

Stumbo: Investigation winding down

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — An investigation into the hiring practices of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration seems to be winding down, Attorney General Greg Stumbo said Tuesday.

Prosecutors have collected

most of the evidence and the statute of limitations on the alleged crimes is approaching, Stumbo said.

The attorney general's office has been investigating allegations since last May that Fletcher's administration rewarded political supporters with state jobs after he

took office two years ago.

A grand jury was impaneled after a Transportation Cabinet personnel officer turned over hundreds of internal administration e-mails and memos.

So far, 13 current or former

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Relative uses religion to seek dealer's release

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A concerned relative of a convicted drug trafficker argued that the law of God should supersede that of the courts this week.

In a bid to mitigate her sister-in-law's punishment upon being formally sentenced on drug trafficking charges next month, a woman has written to Judge John D. Caudill and hinted that the court should suspend punishment, as the woman has already sought God's forgiveness.

Judge Caudill is set to sentence Marlene Bentley, 64, on May 3 after he receives a pre-sentencing investigative report from the Department of Probation and Parole. Bentley's sister-in-law, Loretta Tuttle, expressed that the judge should give the sentence "some serious thought" and said that Bentley has a sick

husband and is in poor health herself. She does note that Bentley has done wrong by selling hydrocodone and methadone, but says, "If the Lord can forgive her, why can't the court?"

Bentley entered her plea on March 28 after the commonwealth offered her five years in jail with two to serve and the remainder of her sentence probated. The charges included a class D and C felony which could have netted her up to 15 years in jail had the case gone to trial.

Tuttle also posed a question to Caudill in her letter which asks how he would fare in front of the Lord should he ever be called out. Tuttle asked "Would he say enter in or would he say depart from me you worker of iniquity?"

Caudill, who is forbidden from commenting on cases before him may, respond to Tuttle's letter at sentencing, though he is not required to.

Lowe's seeking help through job fair

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

JEFF — Lowe's Home Improvement Center, which has locations in Perry, Johnson and Pike counties, as well as Wise County, Va., is looking for seasonal employees for the spring and summer months, with an eye towards keeping several employees on full time.

The JobSight workforce network has scheduled a day-long job fair for prospective employees and recently announced that attending the fair would be a fast track opportunity for those seeking jobs with the hardware giant.

Applicants interested in

careers at any of the area Lowe's locations are encouraged to attend the event, which has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, at the JobSight Workforce Center near Hazard in the LKLP Community Action Council, which is located at Route 15 in Jeff.

Sonya Roark, human resources manager at the Hazard Lowe's, noted that applicants to any of the area Lowe's will be able to apply at the fair, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Anyone interested in working at these Lowe's stores really needs to come to the fair," Roark said.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 78 • Low: 52

Tomorrow



High: 82 • Low: 56

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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Highlands Regional Medical Center welcomed a new practice on Monday when Ohio Valley Physicians opened an occupational medicine office. Physicians Robert A. Hess and Stephen C. Shy head up the office, which will treat workers and aim to get them back to work as soon and as safe as possible.

photo by Tom Doty



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Obituaries

Arnold (Ed) Edward Adkins

Arnold (Ed) Edward Adkins, 70, of Betsy Layne, died Sunday, April 16, 2006, at his residence.

Born August 7, 1935, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Lewis Adkins. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include two brothers: Earnest Adkins of Betsy Layne, and Joe Adkins of Clyde, Ohio; five sisters: Barbara Sword of Banner, Nancy Justice of Betsy Layne, Georgia Graham of Clyde, Ohio, Berdale Lawson of Missouri, and Tomy Proffitt of Maryland; several nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews; and special great-nieces: Burgandee Justice and Nikki Keathley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Bill Adkins, and Woodrow Adkins; and 10 half-brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 19, at noon, at the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, in Harold, with Sonny Boyd officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Elden Bailey

Elden Bailey, 81, of Hueysville, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room.

Born February 6, 1925, in Handshoe, he was the son of the late Green and Roxie Colburn Bailey. He was a retired coal miner, a veteran of World War II, a member of the Upper Salt Lick United Baptist Church, and a member of DAV Chapter 128 at Garrett.

He is survived by his wife, Norman Lee Beverly Bailey.

Other survivors include a son, Elvin Ray Bailey of Angier, North Carolina; two daughters: Sharon Kay Bailey of Houston, Texas, and Enola Gay Kennedy; one step-daughter, Beverly Bolen of Hueysville; one brother, Gardner Bailey of Crossville, Tennessee; one sister, Dorothy Kolvet of Indianapolis, Indiana; his grandchildren: Ilyn Lon Kreckman, Sabrina Kreckman, Donald Kennedy Jr., and Bryan Ray Bailey; step-grandchildren: Eric Conley, Ethan Conley,

Jamie Merrick, and Emily Merrick; step-great-grandchildren: Katelyn Paige Conley and Matthew Malone.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice Bailey; his brothers: Norman Bailey, Claude Bailey (his twin), Denver Bailey, and Seldon Bailey; and his sisters: Curtis Patrick, Dixie Gayheart, and Mildred Uselton.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 19, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clinton Buddy Jones and Donnie Patrick officiating.

Burial will be in the Bailey Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home, where services were held on Tuesday evening. (Paid obituary)

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Preston Collins

Preston Collins, age 91, of Martin, passed away Friday, April 14, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born October 15, 1914, in Drift, the son of the late Casel Collins and Judy Howell Collins. He was a retired coal operator, and a member of the U.M.W.A.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Faye Stone Collins; two sons, Larry Preston Collins of Westerville, Ohio, and Stanley Lawrence Collins of Martin; three daughters: Freda Collins Calhoun and Kim Carroll, both of Martin, and Leta Heavrin of Bardstown; two brothers: Ed Collins of Shiloh, Ohio, and John Collins of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; a sister, Arietta Machowicz of Penbroke Pines, Florida; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel Samons Collins; five brothers: Lawrence Collins, Ted Collins, Tilden Collins, Noah Collins, and Clinton "Big Son" Collins; and three sisters: Mertie Collins, Vennie Collins Messinger, and Mary Collins Daniels.

Funeral services for Preston Collins will be conducted Sunday, April 16, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy

Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation will be at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Roger Collins, Ricky Barnette, Dougie Collins, Steve Jones, Jimmy Cox, Jeremy Johnson, Steve Johnson, Derek Calhoun, and Larry Collins II.

(Paid obituary)

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Magnolia Hall

Magnolia Hall, 87, of Bevensville, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born September 11, 1918, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Eligha and Dahlia Johnson. She was a homemaker, and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ishmael Hall.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Ray Jones of Bevensville; a granddaughter, Crystal Moore (Bradley) of Bevensville; and three great-grandchildren: Troy, Dylan and Ashley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Noah Johnson, Felix Johnson, and Loss Johnson; and two sisters: Goldie Burke and Hattie Burke.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 18, at 10 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, in Bevensville, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the John M. and Hattie Mae Burke Cemetery, in Bevensville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

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

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Dorothy Tackett

Dorothy Tackett, age 80, of Martin, widow of Doug Tackett, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, in the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 27, 1925, in Estill, a daughter of the late Jocephus and Hazel Haliday

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Roop VanHoose. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include two sons: Dwayne Douglas Tackett of Martin, and Jack David Tackett, and his wife Sherry of Dana; and two grandsons: Jeremy Douglas Tackett and Nicholas David Tackett.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Denzil Vanhoose; and one sister, Ethylene Sammons.

Funeral services for Dorothy Tackett were conducted Tuesday, April 18, at 11 a.m., in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Martin.

Entombment was in the Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, with Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Richard Wells

Richard Wells, age 91, of

Wayland, husband of the late Elizabeth Nance Wells, whom he married November 28, 1936, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2006, in the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

He was born October 24, 1914, in Greenup County, the son of the late Richard Mac Wells and Anna Cooper Wells.

He attended the Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, and was a miner with 48 years in the mines, and retired at Inland Steel's mines at Wheelwright. They moved to Floyd County, to the coal camps, in 1920, in Wayland.

Survivors include a son, Ricky Lee Wells and his wife, Rebecca, of Estill; a step-daughter, Joann Rogers of Olive Hill; three grandchildren: Ricky John Wells and his wife, Lisa; Victoria Elizabeth Turner and her husband, Jeremy; Sabrina Sigman and her husband, Paul; and two great-grandchildren: Clifton Sigman and Eric Sigman.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents; three

brothers: John D. Wells, Herbert Wells, and Woodrow Wells; three sisters: Hattie J. Wells Greathouse, Gracie Wells Howard, and Edith Wells Gayheart; a step-son-in-law, Jack Rogers; and a grandson, Todd Rogers.

Funeral services for Richard Wells were conducted Monday, April 17, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ronnie Duff officiating.

Burial was in the Miners Cemetery, in Eastern, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jeremy Turner, Andrew Gibson, Ricky John Wells, Carl Gibson, Malin Parker, and Scott Foster.

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John Montgomery and Tom Runyon practice CPR as part of Highway District 12's comprehensive First Aid & CPR training.

State workers complete first aid certification training

PRESTONSBURG — More than 60 state highway maintenance workers completed first aid certification training this month in two-day classes held at the Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Gerald Altman, Safety Officer for Highway District 12, said the intensive training included lecture, multi-media presentations, and hands-on practice of life-saving procedures such as the Heimlich maneuver and CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). The classes were conducted by Jerry Cubert, Safety Officer with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort. He was assisted by Ronnie Johnson,

Safety Officer with Highway District 7 headquartered in Lexington; Ronnie Hicks, Safety Officer with Highway District 11 headquartered in Manchester; and Valerie Januski, Safety Officer with Highway District 6 headquartered in Covington.

"Our workers are trained to handle basic first aid," said Danl Hall, Chief District Engineer. "This is important so they can help each other in case of an accident or medical emergency. It's also important when they are out at job sites. You never know when you will run across someone who needs assistance. Just a few months ago two of our workers helped a mother get her daughter through a blocked road. There was a tree in the road after a storm. The

mother was rushing her daughter to a local hospital, we think with an asthma attack. Our men called an ambulance, made a temporary sling-type stretcher from work jackets, carried the young girl through the tree limbs, and waited with the mother until medical personnel arrived."

Crews from the following maintenance facilities participated in the training: Lawrence County, Johnson County, Martin County, Floyd County, Letcher County, Knott County, and Pike County. In addition, personnel from the Equipment Garage, Traffic (signals and signs) Crew, and Construction offices in Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Pike, and Floyd counties also completed the training.

Hindman Settlement School to offer 25th summer program

HINDMAN — Hindman Settlement School is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its Summer Tutorial Program for children with dyslexic characteristics. The program helps children develop ways to overcome their learning differences so they are more successful during the regular school year. On average, students' reading levels increase by nine months during the six-week summer school. The program also is credited with raising self-esteem.

The Summer Tutorial Program provides one-on-one reading instruction for children grades K-12, as well as instruction in reading comprehension, math and computers. The Program is an outgrowth of an after-school tutoring program for children with dyslexic characteristics founded at Hindman Settlement School in 1981 by Lois Weinberg.

In 1992, a full-time school was added. It can serve up to 40 students on a daily basis. After-school programs operate in Floyd, Knott and Laurel Counties, and the Summer

Tutorial Program serves an average of 50 students each year, some of which board at the Settlement School. More than 1,300 students have participated in these programs since their inception.

One proud parent, whose son recently graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in sociology, wrote, "Your dedication to teaching those who learn differently was what propelled him, instilled self-confidence and gave him tools and perseverance."

Another parent commented, "I have watched my girl go from having a frightened, withdrawn attitude about anything pertaining to school, to one who greets me every evening with excitement over what she has done that day."

The Settlement School is currently enrolling students for the 2006 Summer Tutorial Program, which meets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily from June 19 through July 28. To learn more about Hindman Settlement School's programs for children

who have trouble learning to read, or to schedule an educational evaluation for your child, call (606) 785-4044.

Hindman Settlement School was established in 1902 to provide educational and service opportunities for people of the mountains, while keeping them mindful of their heritage. For more information, visit www.hindmansettlement.org.

PHS school council election

Prestonsburg High School will be accepting nominations for two parent members on the school council, from April 18 to May 1, at the school.

Nomination forms need to be placed in the sealed box in the front office.

The PHS council parent election will be held on May 8, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the school cafeteria. The term will expire June 20, 2007.



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In just the **last 3 years**, the Floyd County Fiscal Court has given **\$116,500** to local fire departments. This is **not counting** the **911 tax** that each fire department receives **annually** off of **property taxes**. This tax, **which is very small**, was put on so local fire departments could have a **certain amount of money** they could **count on** coming in each year so they could go to the banks and borrow money to **build new fire houses** and **buy new fire trucks and equipment** to work with. **Before, they had to depend on roadblocks and chicken and dumpling dinners**. We also received **\$80,000** in grant money that was **divided out among all** the fire departments and rescue squads for **radio equipment and antennas**.

We have put **\$275,000** into Homeland Security. A lot of this was **Federal** money that we have received after **9-11** and we have put it to use for that purpose.

In the **last 3 years**, we have given **\$224,000** to our Senior Citizen Centers in Floyd County. **I believe in taking care of our fire departments and rescue squads and Senior Citizens of the county**. This is something that the **whole Fiscal Court** has done together. **I'VE JUST BEEN A PART OF IT**. I just pulled the records on the **last 3 years**. If I went back and pulled the records on the **17 years** that I have been in office, this could **amount into millions of dollars** that we have given to fire departments and rescue squads and Senior Citizens of Floyd County. **I THINK IT IS MONEY WELL SPENT**.

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Our View

Debunking denial

As if there were not enough obstacles in the battle of the bulge, denial apparently can be added to the list.

A University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill study of 104 adults found that only 15 percent of those who fell into the obese category correctly identified themselves as such.

The study, The Associated Press reported, found that normal-weight people and those overweight were more accurate in assessing their body image.

That makes sense. Not many want to think of themselves as obese. "Not me. I'm just carrying a few extra pounds," people might kid themselves.

And some may consider only those morbidly obese as having a serious problem. But even mild obesity brings with it an increased risk of heart disease, diabetes and other ailments.

On a related note, a new television program on TLC called "Honey, We're Killing the Kids!" explores the concept of denial. The show gives parents a look at how their kids will turn out at age 40 if they continue to eat junk food and live a sedentary lifestyle.

The parents seemed surprised. The idea, it seems, is to shock these families into adopting healthy habits.

Such an approach may have merit. After all, the problem with denial is that the issue in question can't be addressed if the person afflicted doesn't believe it exists.

Individuals may need a healthy dose of reality about their physical condition. Certainly some people are "overweight" or "obese" because of a very muscular physique. That is, however, not the majority.

All of the public health education efforts are lost on those with their head in the sand concerning their weight. Only when the denial is addressed can steps be made to change habits.

— Omaha World-Herald



Capitol Ideas

With elections looming, lawmakers careful which bills they back

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher made the idea of opening up Kentucky's union shops to nonunion employees a hallmark of his 2006 legislative agenda.

Labor unions replied in force, boisterously jamming the state Capitol halls with some 2,000 blue-collar workers during his budget address. National labor leaders staged an even larger and more rambunctious rally on the Capitol's front steps on the day a House committee killed the governor's labor proposal.

So goes the legislative process — especially in an election year.

"Those folks that supported the governor's proposal on right to work will be held to task here as we get to the election cycle," said Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky AFL-CIO. "It'll be an issue particularly for working folks and I don't think that they'll be looking very kindly on the folks that supported that issue."

Stakes are high this election cycle, as Democrats are trying to maintain or increase their 56-44 House advantage and Republicans are hoping to do the same in the Senate — a chamber their party now controls on a 21-16-1 count.

All 100 House seats and half of the 38 Senate seats are up for election.

Virtually every vote an incumbent lawmaker casts during a legislative session could weigh in on whether they get re-elected. Political opponents could use

a lawmaker's votes against them, just as incumbents can showcase their records to constituents.

"The pressure is really, really heavy on us because everything we do people are watching us," Republican Rep. Lonnie Napier of Lancaster said. "And obviously we want to do the right thing. I think it's just the instinct of a person not to want to do anything to want to harm yourself about getting re-elected."

While elections may not be the sole basis of every decision lawmakers make, it does factor in "quite significantly," said Kendra Stewart, a political scientist at Eastern Kentucky University.

"The number one goal of legislators is to get re-elected," Stewart said. "A lot of them want to do that so they can go on and carry out the goals they think are important. But having that as a major goal, they certainly are considering that in every bill."

Elections influence the types of bills lawmakers discuss. And, lawmakers tend to focus on the best interests of their individual constituencies and not necessarily the rest of the state, Stewart said.

"Election-year politics certainly played into the decisions that were made," Stewart said. "We see at every level of government, legislators want to sometimes not deal with the tougher issues."

That's one reason lawmakers focused on landing lucrative capital projects for their districts. Legislators sent Fletcher an \$18.1 billion state budget loaded with

billions worth of authorized spending for local projects.

They range from sewer and water projects across the state to soccer field lights and money for outdoor dramas. Kentucky would take on \$2.38 billion in additional state debt and Fletcher has said he may veto some projects to lower that amount.

Nevertheless, lawmakers look to bring in district projects. Many, like Napier, view that as their role in getting a return on constituents' tax dollars.

"It's not always the determinant factor whether you're going to get elected or not," Napier said. "But I would say that personally, myself, I would be highly disappointed if I couldn't bring things home for my district. I would feel like I was not doing my job."

Other legislative proposals had political undertones this session.

Fletcher unsuccessfully pushed a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at lowering the cost of doctors' malpractice insurance rates.

A separate proposed amendment from Senate Republicans sought to restrict state court rulings by, among other things, preventing the judicial branch from telling the General Assembly how to appropriate money. It also had other nuggets, including a change that would have prevented courts from upholding local ordinances dealing with civil-rights protections for gays.

Sen. Charlie Borders, R-Grayson,

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Letters

Teach students war is wrong

The eminent historian Howard Zinn has written, "In a world where justice is maldistributed, there is no such thing as a neutral or representative recapitulation of the facts."

We agree. Even if educators are not conscious of it, every curriculum begins from certain beliefs and assumptions about the world. Neutrality is neither possible nor desirable. Regardless of the grade level or discipline, teaching always occurs within certain political and economic contexts. In a world where civilian and military lives are unjustly and unnecessarily lost and destroyed, for educators to feign neutrality is irresponsible.

Therefore, we encourage Kentucky teachers, instructors, teaching assistants,

and professors, to make and sign the following pledge at www.petitionspot.com/petitions/kyeducatorspledge:

We, as educators in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, refuse to give the pretense of moral neutrality with regard to the war in Iraq. As educators, we feel that it is our responsibility not only to teach our students to be critical global citizens, but also to demonstrate resolution and conviction in the face of injustice. The war in Iraq is, above all, an act of injustice.

■ It is a war of aggression against a people barely able to defend itself.

■ It is a war that has been justified through lies and misrepresentations.

■ It is a war fought to sustain and per-

petuate longstanding global inequalities in wealth and power.

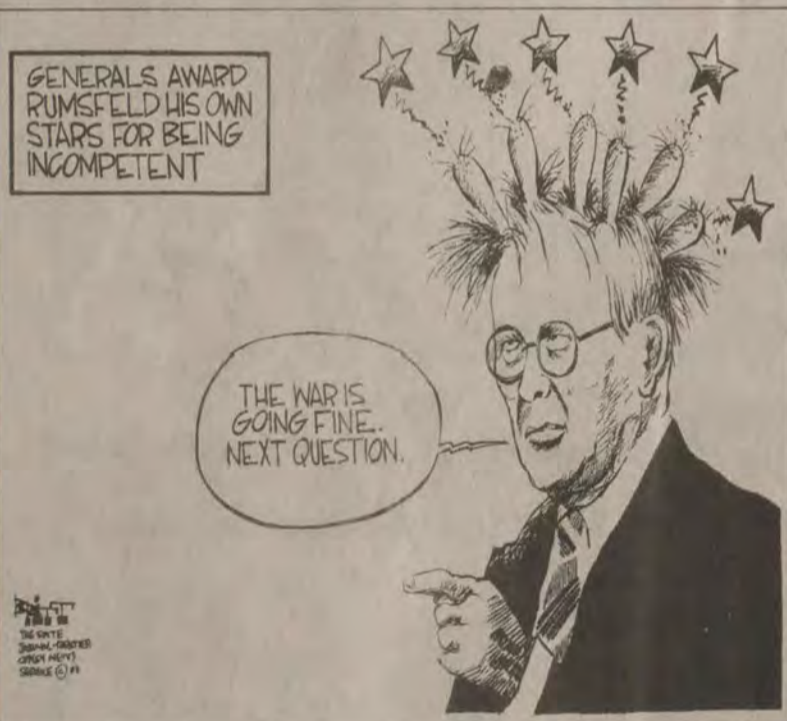
■ It is a war waged with white phosphorous, secret "renditions" and torture.

■ It is a war in which corporations profit from the misery of others.

In our classrooms and in our lives we pledge to treat this war with the condemnation it deserves. Just as we refuse to teach about racism or sexism in a morally-neutral manner, so too do we refuse to teach about the war as anything other than a gross injustice and a criminal act.

The aim of teaching, especially in times of war, needs to be accuracy and honesty rather than "balance" — if by balance we mean giving equal credence

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to claims that we know to be false. When teachers address the Civil Rights Movement, do we expect them to provide a "balanced" perspective that gives equal credence to the racist ideologies that sought to propagate white supremacy? Of course not. We reject them because they are morally repugnant and wrong; we acknowledge that they represent and cultivate injustice. Further, the teacher who takes pride in never revealing his or her "opinions" to students on such important (and controversial) social issues models a lamentable moral apathy.

As educators and as concerned citizens, we will no longer feign neutrality. We no longer accept the position that we are merely positing our "opinion" with regard to this war. We now take it as a truism that we have been, and continue to be, lied to about this war — a war that has already resulted in thousands of dead and maimed U.S. soldiers, hundreds of thousands of Iraqi deaths and the destruction of Iraqi civil-society.

This war is wrong — as genocide is wrong, as sexism is wrong, as racism is wrong.

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It's Time You Met My Son!



Hello. My name is Dixie Lou Ratliff Hyden, and I want to tell you about my son who is running for Floyd County Judge-Executive. You see, I was not always a Hyden. In May of 1942, I married Charles Robert Marshall, the 18-year-old son of Charles and Florence Marshall of Martin. In the fall of 1942, Charlie Bob was accepted into the engineering program at Duke University where he attended classes for only a semester before voluntarily enlisting in the Army Air Force. He served as a tail gunner in the B24 Liberator Bomber. Stationed in England, he flew numerous combat missions over Germany. As so many other brave young men from Floyd County, he never made it back. Even though my Bobby was killed in action, he left me with his very special 6-month-old legacy—our son, Robert David Marshall.

A few years later, I married Joe Taylor Hyden who raised Robert and treated him as his own. Robert has two brothers and two sisters: Dr. Alan Joe Hyden, Debra Hyden Burke, Terri Sue Hyden Allen, and Joe T. Hyden, II.

Joe Taylor instilled a work ethic in Robert that has persisted throughout his life. "No one gives you anything in this world, son, you have to work hard and earn it" was a phrase communicated often to Robert. Robert followed in Joe Taylor's footsteps and became a dentist, and has served the people of Floyd County for 38 years. In the early years, Robert and Joe Taylor would travel to areas where there was no dentist to provide services, often without pay. Robert has always believed that giving back to the community was important. He has served as a volunteer firefighter, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and been on the Floyd County Board of Health for 30 years, to name a few.

Family and his church are extremely important to Robert. He married his high school sweetheart, Sylvia Lois Flanery Marshall, and they have been married for 43 years. They have two children, Bobbi Renee Chandler-Hall, a pharmacist at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, and Dwight Stacy Marshall, who serves as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney to Brent Turner, and Assistant Floyd County Attorney to Keith Bartley. They also have one granddaughter, Kayla Noel Chandler, a student at Allen Elementary. Robert is a member of the Allen Baptist Church, where he has served as a deacon for the past six years.

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■ **FORT MYERS, Fla.** — The Easter Bunny has been fired — for losing his head.

Arthur J. McClure, 22, who had been hired to play the Easter Bunny at a local mall has been accused of removing the head of the costume and hitting a customer, authorities said.

McClure punched Erin Johansson when she got upset that the photo exhibit was closing 10 minutes early Saturday night, police reports said. The incident was witnessed by dozens of people at the Edison Mall, including 15 children.

McClure said he never punched Johansson. He claims he was trying to stop a fight between his wife — exhibit manager Crystal Frechette — and Johansson.

He said he took the bunny's head off because he had been wearing it for nine hours and was hot.

"My shirt was soaked with sweat," McClure said. "I almost threw up."

Mall management issued an apology to parents and children. Golden, Colo.-based Noerr Programs Corp., which contracted with the mall to run the photo set, fired McClure and Frechette on Monday. They also have been charged with battery and disturbing the peace.

■ **CHEYENNE, Wyo.** — Where you can find Montana's best camping? In Wyoming.

Wyoming? The May cover story of Sunset, a California-based magazine about life in the West, detailed some of the top campgrounds in the West, including six Montana locations. But a map accompanying the article shows five of those six "Montana" sites are actually in Wyoming — three of them in Yellowstone National Park.

Dale Conour, Sunset's deputy editor, said the listing was a mistake and that the Menlo Park, Calif.-based magazine was sending letters to subscribers notifying them of the error. He also said a story planned for the July issue would correctly report Yellowstone's location.

"It'll be clear from that story that we do, in fact, know where the grand park of Yellowstone is

located," Conour said. "I'm hoping that will quiet the mob." About 90 percent of the park is in Wyoming; the park's northern tier is in Montana, with a western sliver falling in Idaho.

"Montana, Idaho and Wyoming — we all claim the park," Betsy Baumgart, Montana's travel director, said while laughing at the magazine's gaffe.

■ **HONOLULU** — The humuhumunukunupuaa officially lost its title as the state fish more than a decade ago but is set to reclaim the honor.

A bill reinstating the critter — known as humuhumu for short — passed the Legislature on Monday and heads next to the office of Gov. Linda Lingle for a signature.

The little fish with the long name was deposited in 1990 by a clause in the law that gave it its crown, which made the measure expire after five years.

But few in the state were aware of the change and the fish, also known as the rectangular triggerfish, and it has continued to be touted as Hawaii's state fish.

The measure is credited by its introducer, Rep. Blake Oshiro, to the 6-year-old son of a friend and constituent, Joel Itomura. It was Itomura who brought the lack of an official designation for the humuhumu to the attention of Oshiro, D-Aiea-Halawa.

Lingle now has 10 days to potentially veto bill.

■ **DAYTON, Ohio** — Financially strapped and desperate for new membership, a 90-year-old private woman's club is opening its doors — to a man.

Membership in the Dayton Woman's Club topped 1,400 in the 1950s but has fallen to just 307 as lifestyles changed and members aged. The average age among members is 70, said club president Barbara Markham.

The identity of the first man to join the club was to be revealed at a ceremony Tuesday. Other men may be asked to join.

"Right now we are concentrating all of our effort on keeping our head above the water and trying to keep our doors open," Markham said.

The club's future is so uncertain that a party celebrating its 90th anniversary was scheduled for May 16 instead of the actual date in November.

Club officials have been meeting with representatives of several organizations to gauge interest in a partnership that would keep the club open.

The club would need about \$1 million to stay open for five years, Markham said.

The money would be used to maintain its 1840s-era meeting house, plus pay other expenses, including salaries and utilities.

■ **ELDRIDGE, N.D.** — A stowaway who made it past Customs agents and into the United States on the metal frame of a fertilizer truck has won over locals, who call her the "sweetest illegal immigrant we've ever met."

The migrant — a cat — hopped aboard a semitrailer hauling fertilizer from Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, to Eldridge, near Jamestown.

Customs agents at the border alerted the driver, but no one could catch the feline. When the semi arrived in Eldridge, the furry stowaway was still clinging to the frame.

The trip Wednesday took about eight hours.

"She had nothing to grip with her claws because it's metal," said Mainline bookkeeper Jessica Hansen, who rescued the cat. "I don't know how she kept from falling out."

Hansen said she and her fellow employees — who named the cat Canada — considered keeping the animal as a mascot, but decided it was too risky with all the trucks around. The James River Humane Society in Jamestown is trying to find it a home.

"I don't want to see her deported now that they've tightened the immigration laws," Society spokeswoman Deb Archambeau joked. "She's sweet and friendly and deserves a good home. She's the sweetest illegal immigrant we've ever met."

■ **PONTIAC, Mich.** — A 24-year-old college student was ordered to spend the weekend in jail after skipping out on jury duty. Ilya Kluzner, a student at the

University of Michigan-Dearborn, must also write a five-page essay on the historical perspective of the American dream and why jury duty is crucial, under the sentence imposed by Oakland County Circuit Judge Fred Mester.

Mester found Kluzner in criminal contempt Thursday after he missed the second day of a two-day drug possession trial.

"He just felt like he was skipping class," Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Jeffrey Kaelin said.

The student initially faced up to 30 days in jail. His lawyer asked for leniency and his mother apologized for her son's behavior.

■ **WADSWORTH, Ohio** — Firefighters dousing a blaze in a new home were confused when the presumed owner suddenly fled — until they found \$700,000 worth of marijuana plants in the basement, officials said.

"It seemed so strange to me," said Wadsworth Fire Chief Ralph Copley. "If it were my home burning, I'd want to be there."

After firefighters extinguished the blaze, which started in the attic early Friday, authorities said they found 239 marijuana plants filling a quarter of the basement, which was wired throughout for indoor plant growing.

Investigators from the task force and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency were trying to find the two people who left the house.

The Medina County Drug Task Force and firefighters on Friday confiscated items from the home, including peat moss, 1,000-watt bulbs and large reflecting discs. The basement had no fire damage.

The marijuana-cultivating system was wired to the home's electrical system in a way that bypassed the meter, said Michael Barnhardt, acting director of the task force. Such wiring would help a grower avoid the large electric bills that clue in investigators, he said.

Copley said the cause of the fire was unknown, but it did not appear to be related to the marijuana operation or electrical wiring. The fire caused about \$150,000 in damage.

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Today in History

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Today is Wednesday, April 19, the 109th day of 2005. There are 256 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

On this date:

■ In 1782, the Netherlands recognized American independence.

■ In 1893, the Oscar Wilde play "A Woman of No Importance" opened at the Haymarket Theatre in London.

■ In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

■ In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle against Nazi forces.

■ In 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

■ In 1975, India announced it had launched its first satellite, from the Soviet Union atop a Soviet rocket.

■ In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa.

■ In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including David Koresh, were killed.

■ In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds. (Timothy McVeigh was later convicted of federal murder charges and executed.)

Ten years ago: On the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, hundreds of mourners paused for 168 seconds of silence at the site where the federal building once stood. President Clinton, visiting Russia, paid tribute to the hundreds of thousands of Russians who died in the Nazi siege of Leningrad — and to the victims of the Oklahoma bombing as well.

Five years ago:

Pharmaceutical giants dropped a lawsuit against a South African law that could provide cheaper, generic AIDS drugs to millions of Africans — ending an international battle over patent rights and profit. The musical "The Producers" opened on Broadway. Former New Hampshire Gov. Meldrim Thomson died at his home in Orford at age 89.

One year ago: Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected pope in the first conclave of the new millennium; he took the name Benedict XVI. A Spanish court convicted a former Argentine naval officer, Adolfo Scilingo, of crimes against humanity and sentenced him to 640 years in prison for throwing 30 prisoners from planes during his country's "dirty war." General Motors reported a \$1.1 billion quarterly loss.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Hugh O'Brian is 81. Actress Elinor Donahue is 69. Actor Tim Curry is 60. Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 59. Tennis player Sue Barker is 50. Recording executive Suge Knight is 41. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams is 39. Actress Ashley Judd is 38. Singer Bekka Bramlett is 38. Latin pop singer Luis Miguel is 36. Actor James Franco is 28. Actress Kate Hudson is 27. Actor Hayden Christensen is 25. Actress Catalina Sandino Moreno is 25. Actor Courtland Mead is 19.

Thought for Today: "The charm, one might say the genius of memory, is that it is choosy, chancy and temperamental: it rejects the edifying cathedral and indelibly photographs the small boy outside, chewing a hunk of melon in the dust." — Elizabeth Bowen, Irish-born author (1899-1973).

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Commonwealth's attorney's office receiving funding for awareness project

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has received funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to promote community awareness and crime victims outreach activities in conjunction with the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The week of April 23-29 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a commemoration designed to increase public awareness of and knowledge among crime victims and crime-

The theme for this year's observance in "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity," which promotes the need for collaboration among individuals and communities to assist victims of crime. In accordance with the national theme, the commonwealth's attorney's office, along with other supporting agencies, have adopted a theme to reflect local efforts of crime prevention and awareness — "Our Right to Be Safe in Floyd County."

Through its sponsorship of a resource guide to help thousands of victims assistance and

allied professional organizations promote the week and the provision of funding for community awareness projects, OVC seeks to promote greater understanding of crime victims' rights and concerns, and educate victims and survivors about resources available to help them.

OVC's Community Awareness Project funding encourages communities to collaborate on victim and public awareness activities, and develop creative approaches to victim outreach and public education about victims' rights and ser-

vices during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year. The commonwealth's attorney's office's "Our Right to Be Safe in Floyd County" project was one of 62 projects selected for funding from OVC for 2006 from more than 160 applications submitted.

According to John W. Gillis, director of the OVC, the community awareness project helps generate widespread public awareness of crime victims' rights and needs.

"Crime victims and survivors can exercise their rights and access greatly needed services only if they are aware of them," Gillis explained. "When we work together to promote victims' rights and services, there is indeed 'strength in unity' that helps crime victims understand their rights and learn about services that are available to them and their families. We hope that this funding will help all victims of crime find healing and justice."

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, the community awareness project that will be sponsored in Floyd County with support from OVC will help increase awareness of crime in the county in an attempt to prevent crimes, support crime victims and remind citizens that they have a right to be safe in their homes and communities. In this effort, the commonwealth's attorney's office, along with cosponsoring agencies, Kentucky State Police, the Department for Protection and Permanency, the Big Sandy Child Advocacy Center, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and the attorney general's Prestonsburg satellite office, will be sponsoring several events during Crime Victims' Rights Week. All events are

open to the public and include: ■ April 24: A National Crime Victims' Rights Week education day for crime prevention will be held at Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Prestonsburg campus from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

■ April 26: A National Crime Victims' Rights Week senior citizens' "crime college" will be held at the Martin Community Center in Martin from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

■ April 27: The "Kids Have a Right to Be Safe in Floyd County" poster and essay awards presentation will be held at the Mountain Arts Center beginning at 6 p.m. to honor the winners of the contest. All winning posters and essays from fifth and sixth grades in Floyd County schools will be on display. Food will be provided. Immediately following the awards ceremony will be a crime victims' rights service and a special memorial service for deceased victims.

As the theme "Our Right to Be Safe in Floyd County" circulates through the county, the commonwealth's attorney's office hopes that fifth- and sixth-grade students, college and technical school students, senior citizens and every citizen will support victims of crime and, by a unified effort, will promote an expectation of a safe community for the residents of Floyd County and

healing for every victim so that Floyd County can say there is "strength in unity."

"The support from the Office for Victims of Crime and the U.S. Department of Justice for our 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities will help us help crime victims," Turner said. "With their support, we can ensure that victims are educated about their rights and available services, and that the community understands its critical role in providing support to victims of crime."

Members of our community are encouraged to help promote justice through service to crime victims by joining the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities and supporting victim assistance programs throughout the year. For additional information about 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities or about victims' rights and services in Floyd County, please contact Kathy Lafferty, victims advocate, at (606) 889-1825. For information about national efforts to promote 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, visit the Office for Victims of Crime website at www.ovc.gov.

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Fletcher won't veto cigarette-papers tax increase

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he will not veto a tax increase on cigarette papers that was approved earlier this month by the General Assembly.

Fletcher, who along with several legislators signed a no-tax pledge, said he isn't breaking a promise with the tax increase, which adds 25 cents to the cost of a pack of 32 papers. A typical pack of papers costs \$1.49 now.

Fletcher and other no-tax legislators said the measure was overlooked last year and was intended to tax smokers who roll their own cigarettes at about the same rate as people who smoke manufactured cigarettes. Lawmakers increased the tax on manufactured cigarettes from 3 to 30 cents per pack last year.

"I see that as closing a loophole," Fletcher said. "It will adversely impact those that roll their own and smoke marijuana. So I don't have a problem with that tax."

Lawmakers approved the tax on cigarette papers after private budget negotiations.

The rolling-paper tax was estimated to raise \$750,000 in revenue per year, assuming sales of 3 million packages annually in Kentucky.

The new tax angered officials of National Tobacco Co. in Louisville, which imports and sells Zig-Zag cigarette papers in the United States.

"It was all done behind closed doors. We weren't even aware of it. There were no hearings on it. There was nothing," said Ron Tully, vice president of National Tobacco.

Rep. Jim DeCesare, R-Bowling Green, voted against the budget because of the tax increase and other provisions of the bill that raised fees or changed tax laws in ways he considered increases.

"On this one there's no doubt. It's a tax increase. I promised my constituents I wouldn't raise any taxes, and I

signed the no-tax pledge. I take that pledge seriously," DeCesare said.

"Are you looking to say we raised taxes? I'm sure it is a tax increase," said Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville. "But it's not a problem with me because it was a correction of an omission."

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, has a similar view.

"I agreed with it because it's not a tax increase, it's just tax equity with other tobacco and tobacco-related products."

Tully said tax on papers and roll-your-own tobacco is still less than what buyers pay for manufactured cigarettes.

"Here they are taxing papers, which are not a tobacco product until it's combined with the tobacco. It's a double tax," Tully said. "The disgrace of this, though, is the way they did this without any debate or hearings. They could never do that for any tax on bourbon or racehorses."

Spencer

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Hello, my name is Jim Spencer. My wife, Donna, and I would like to introduce our son, James Brandon Spencer, who is a candidate for the 95th District State Representative Seat, and also the rest of the family.

James Brandon was born in April, 1975, and has lived here nearly all his life. He is the elected Constable in District 1, and is one of the few Constables to have ever attended the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training Academy for Law Enforcement. James Brandon has received training in homicide investigation, Critical Situations Management for Supervisor, and has attended a national Drug Forum held by the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He has been a business owner and is currently Assistant C.E.O. of a corporation employing over 100 people. His experience has made him aware of the needs that face Floyd County.

He is married to Lisa Suzanne Lewis, daughter of Allen Lewis of Slick Rock and Lisa Gaye Burchett of Cow Creek, granddaughter of Beulah (Music) Lewis and the late Glenn Lewis of Slick Rock, and is also the granddaughter of Stanley Ray and Madelyn Sue (Porter) Burchett of Cow Creek, and great-granddaughter of Malta Sue (May) Porter and the late Bert Newton Porter of Cow Creek. James Brandon and Suzanne are the parents of two children, James Shaler



Spencer (8) and Kacey Dawn Spencer (4). Both are students at Allen Elementary.

I am the son of the late Hewen Spencer, formerly of Martin, and Arnitha (Howell) Spencer of Martin. My father, Hewen, was the son of the late Alex and

Kate (Turner) Spencer, formerly of Eastern. My mother, Arnitha, is the daughter of the late Pearl and Chloe (Caudill) Howell, formerly of Frasures Creek, McDowell. I have three brothers, David Spencer of Indiana, Anthony Spencer of Ohio, and Phillip Spencer of Eastern; and three sisters, Pam Combs of Martin, Chanda Blair of Martin, and Vicki Spencer of Martin. I have sold explosives to the coal industry for nearly thirty years.

My wife, Donna, is the daughter of Raymond "Shorty" and Gertrude (Reed) Goble of Hippo. Donna's father, Raymond, is the son of the late Abe and Bessie (Music) Goble, formerly of Dinwood in Martin. Donna's mother, Gertrude, is the daughter of the late Goble and Rebecca (Hughes) Reed, formerly of Hippo. Donna has two sisters, Charlotte Cook of Hippo, and Linda Bradley of Salt Lick; and six brothers, Raymond C. Goble of Alabama, Rowland "Doc" Goble of Hueysville, Ralph Goble of Hippo, Carl "Red" Goble, Jimmy Goble of Hippo, and Ollie Goble of Allen. Donna is head of finance at a health care agency, and has worked in this field for nearly twenty years.

James Brandon also has one brother, Keith Desmond Spencer, who is employed by the Floyd County Board of Education in the technology dept.

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Ideas

chairman of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said the malpractice amendment likely failed for political reasons.

"Trial attorneys," Borders said. "They depend on them — a lot of folks do — for their political donations and I think that if you didn't have that in play that the constitutional amendment would pass overwhelmingly."

However, Borders — who opposed the governor's labor proposals — said he thought they were doomed even without a pending election.

Leading up to the session, a horse industry group launched a marketing campaign seeking full-blown casinos in Kentucky. But without support from legislative leaders, momentum for the bill never developed.

Retiring Rep. Denver Butler, D-Louisville, maintains the state could add millions to its coffers without raising taxes. But too many lawmakers were afraid of how their constituencies would respond. Legislative leaders, Butler said, wanted guaranteed votes in both chambers before they would risk their members going on record.

"When you talk to some of them, 'I can't do it. They'd eat me up back home,'" Butler said of the reaction he received from colleagues. "This is where they're afraid of the religious groups or whatever. They're afraid of them starting a campaign against them."

Satisfying constituencies manifested itself in other ways this session.

Legislation to improve mine safety in Kentucky had an added

sense of urgency this session after 12 miners died in Sago, W.Va. About the same time, two miners in Kentucky were killed in separate incidents.

Lawmakers responded by passing various legislation aimed at improving mine safety, requiring miners to take drug tests and even providing a worker's compensation pool for a group of miners whose benefits were set to expire.

Rep. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, said miners wanted something done and legislators heard them.

"Miners are special breeds. They don't say a lot unless something like this happens or there's something that hurts them in the ranks and then they step up," Smith said. "Once the issue is resolved, they go straight on back to the mines.

They're miners."

Legislators jobs are to represent their constituents by voting in their favor, Borders said. He pointed to the recent upswing in conservatism in Kentucky politics.

In recent years the state's Republican Party has seen political gains to the point where it now controls the state Senate, the governor's office and all but one of the Washington delegates. The party has also increased its presence in the state House.

"One needs to be careful that they do the people's work," Borders said. "If not the voters send you a strong message."

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General Assignment Reporter

The Floyd County Times is currently accepting applications for a full-time or part-time general assignment reporter. The ideal candidate will possess strong writing skills, dedication to the principles of journalism, strong people skills and a go-getter attitude. Experience is preferred and the ability to work flexible hours is a must.

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Hope in the Mountains to hold second telethon

HAZARD — A host of people will be visiting the WYMT studio for the second annual Hope in the Mountains telethon to support the grassroots effort to establish a recovery house for women in Eastern Kentucky.

From those speaking of the need for aftercare for women trying to recover from addiction — the treatment staff at Fountains of Hope detox center at Pikeville Medical Center — to the nine-plus local performers volunteering to sing, community members and professionals will volunteer their time between 1 and 6 p.m., on Sunday.

The Hope in the Mountains board, composed of residents from Johnson, Floyd and Pike counties, has been meeting regularly since August 2004 in an attempt to establish a 90-day recovery center for women in Eastern Kentucky. The center, which the group hoped to establish in Johnson County until a more affordable facility was found in Floyd County at Watergap, would house women while they went through an intensive life-changing recovery program, and help them set goals for the future regarding continuing education and cultivating a healthy environment.

The center currently opens on Monday morning from 9 a.m. to noon and offers information on resources available to those seeking help from drug addiction. The group plans to start taking women into the center, which can be contacted at (606) 874-0240, by May 1.

With the help of Kentucky Opry's Keith Caudill and Fred Goble, "Munroe," the board and other volunteers raised several thousand dollars last year during a telethon and hopes to do as well or better this year.

Other fundraisers include Churches for Hope, an effort which urges church congregations to donate \$1 per member per month. Churches wishing to participate may send contributions — preferably in the form of a check or money order — to The Paintsville Herald, P.O. Box 1547, Paintsville, KY 41240. The Herald publishes the names of the churches and their donations, monthly.

The board also established a thrift store called Threads of Hope on Broadway in Paintsville, which operates from community donations and is open Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m.

The store was once the site of a meth lab, which was located near TLC Daycare, where 150 kids are enrolled. The building was decontaminated by methamphetamine cleanup specialists and the walls and floor were replaced.

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A night to remember for all the wrong reasons

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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Jenny Wiley AARP, 3528 to meet Friday, April 21

Jane Bond, health educator at the Floyd County Health Department, will discuss the AARP Walking Program at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528. AARP to be held on Friday, April 21, at 6 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. The election and installation of officers will be also conducted at this time. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

"Trail of Crafts" Spring Fair

Crafts Fair will be held on May 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the Big Sandy Comm. & Tech. College, Prestonsburg campus, walking trail. Local area, as well as regional, craftsmen will be on the grounds to exhibit their work. Items will be available for sale. Proceeds will be used to sponsor scholarships for deserving students. Event sponsored by the Prestonsburg Rotary Club. Contact David Kraus at 886-3082 for more information.

Songs for Spring

Concert featuring pop, country, gospel, show tunes and more! Presented by The Big Sandy Singers, Friday, April 28, at 7 p.m., in Gearhart Auditorium, BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus. Admission \$3. Proceeds to benefit BSCTC Music and Drama Club. Open seating to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Blue River P.O. to host contest

The Blue River Post Office will host a "Design a Stamp" contest on April 18-21, in the post office lobby. Sheryl Shepherd, Postmaster, invites everyone to drop by and vote for their favorite entry and to view a demonstration on how to design and send your own greeting cards on usps.com. Youth from from the local area, Open Door Church, and Middlecreek Church will be

among those with contest entries.

KY Appalachian Artisan Center

Will host an upcoming quality review session. Artists wishing to participate in this jurying process will be required to offer their handmade crafts for sale in the artisan center's retail gallery. Deadline to enter is April 21, 6 p.m. Applications are available at www.artisancenter.net, or by calling Amanda or Deborah at 606-785-9855.

Bevinsville P.O. to host contest

The Bevinsville Post Office will host a "Design Your Own Stamp" Contest on April 19, featuring artwork by Osborne Elem. students, grades 5 & 6. Voting will take place on Customer Appreciation Day, April 20.

Big Sandy Quilt, Art & Antique Show

21st annual show to be held May 5-6, at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Friday, May 5) and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Saturday, May 6). Quilts may be entered on Wed., May 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Tammy Penix at 297-1298 or Alice Conley at 297-3298 to register by Monday, May 1.

Father's Day Out

Saturday, May 13, beginning at 12 p.m., at the East Kentucky Science Center, BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus. For school-aged kids age 6-18 and their dads, step-dads, or other male caregivers. Afterwards, those attending with St. Vincent's Mission will be treated to a pizza party at Pizza Hut. Drawings will also be held for prizes. Anyone is welcome to attend, but you must register. Call 886-2513 by April 28th.

2006 David Reunion

Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at David Appalachian Crafts/St. Vincent's Mission, Highway 404, David. Music, food will be available, free redbud trees, kids crafts, silent auction. Come join the fun! Call 886-2377 for more information.

HRMC May Calendar

•May 4 - Kiwanis meeting; Meeting Place A, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
 •May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 - Critical Care Paramedic class; Meeting Place B, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 •May 8 - Autism Support Group; Floyd Room, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 •May 9 - Sr. Advantage; Meeting Place A & B, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 •May 9 - Basic Trauma Life

Support; Meeting Room A & B, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

•May 11 - Kiwanis meeting; Meeting Place A, 12-2:00 p.m.
 •May 13 - Childbirth; Board room, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 •May 20 - Diabetes program; Meeting Room A & B, 9-11:00 a.m.
 •May 25 - Living Well with Diabetes; Meeting Room A & B, 5-6:00 p.m.

Help battle crime

•Crime Prevention educational session will be held at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Monday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

•Senior Citizens Crime College will be held at the Martin Community Center, on Wednesday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

•Awards ceremony will be held at the Mountain Arts Center, on Thursday, April 27, beginning at 6 p.m. Awards will be given to the winners of the "Kids Have a Right to Be Safe in Floyd County" campaign. Immediately following the awards ceremony, there will be a special memorial service for victims of crime.

PHS Class of '76

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1976 will host their 30th reunion Aug. 4-5, 2006. Please contact one of the following individuals for more information: Leesa Powers, 886-8694 or email to: 8694powe@bellsouth.net; Navajo Austin, 886-9110 or email to: jododdie@hotmail.com; or Pat Lemaster, 889-0782. If emailing, please put "Class of 1976" in subject line of email message.

Young Author's Celebration

To be held Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m., at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. All previous Young Author winners (1986-2006) are invited to attend this 20-year reunion, and to please bring their winning books with them, to be displayed during the celebration.

For more information, contact Patricia Watson at 886-2487, or Beverly Crisman at 886-2354, ext. 547.

All parents, teachers, principals, school board members, Young Author's judges, and friends of this program are cordially invited to attend.

'Evening to Remember' at OLW

Our Lady of the Mountains School will host an "Evening to

Remember" adult-only, silent auction event on April 22, from 7-10 p.m. Musical entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and fabulous auction items including trips for two and many unique items. Call 789-3661 for tickets and further information.

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

2006 Hillbilly Days Car/Truck Show

The Good Ole Boys Rods & Cruisers Car Club of Pikeville will sponsor this show on Sat., April 22, at the BB&T Bank parking lot in downtown Pikeville. Trophies will be given out. For registration fee info., call Kaminski Robinson at 437-7695, after 6 p.m.

Maytown Center

*Looking for adult volunteers to help with upcoming

Mountain Bike Rides. Help needed on both weekdays and weekends. Please volunteer and help us keep this valuable program "in gear"! Bicycle trips are in conjunction with the "Trips for Kids" national non-profit organization. Trips for Kids has provided 8 new mountain bikes to the Maytown Center.

•Monday nights - Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basketball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.

•Tuesday and Thursday - Basketball, 5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

•Contact the Maytown Center at 285-0539 or 285-9080 or visit www.maytowncenter.org.

May House Tours

The historic Samuel May House will be open to the public each Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The house, built in 1817, is the oldest house in the Big Sandy Valley. Tours are \$3/person; donations appreciated. The house is located on North Lake Drive (Prestonsburg), across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

Meets the third Thursday of each month, in the Floyd

County Family Court Conference room, in the Justice Center, at 3 p.m. Learn how to prevent domestic violence. The information you gain may save a life...the life of someone you know! All interested persons encouraged to attend. For more info., call 886-4323.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

•"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US

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W.Va. gives tourists a glimpse of the coal miner's world

by VICKI SMITH
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tools of the old coal mining days, from the timbers that hold up the roof to a safety lamp that requires 16 percent oxygen to stay lit and can signal the presence of deadly methane gas. He points to dirty, yellowed cloth and explains how miners hang the canvas to block and divert bad air.

Occasionally, he pauses to catch his breath. He worked underground for 27 years, and his lungs are the worse for it.

Archibald dons a carbide light, an old-fashioned headlamp with an open flame, and explains how it works.

Then he turns it off. For a few seconds, the mine is pitch black. There is no light, no sound, no sense of direction. Then the flame pops back on, and several people let out their breath.

Archibald displays the round metal tags miners used to mark their carts. In the early days, they were expected to dig and load 10 cars a day, 20 cents each. "Back in 1890, that's not a bad piece of change," he says.

But at the next stop, he shows how hard they worked for it.

With a pick and shovel, miners dug rock and dirt from under a 36-inch seam, then sat on the ground with an auger, a metal bar pushing against their chests, to drill holes one at a time, by hand. Each was loaded with a gunpowder shot wrapped in waxed paper.

"Then you yell, 'Fire! Fire! Fire in the hole!' and you're gonna hustle on out of there. In fact you've got very, very little time to get out," Archibald says.

"Most coal miners, they just take and fall down on their face right there — because they're gonna end up that way anyhow, and then you're gonna have to go find your hat."

At the final stop, steel plates and 4-foot rods called bolts have replaced timbers, and there are machines to help cut the coal. As mines modernized, Archibald says, companies stopped paying by the ton and started paying by the hour.

Tourists leave the mine with an appreciation for hard work. But Polk and Archibald say it's a window into the past, not to be confused with modern mines. Coal mines today are still dangerous, but highly mechanized operations.

"I can't imagine what it's like today," says tourist Becky Patterson, from Elizabeth City, N.C. "Now I want to see what it's like."

So does Anna Davis, of Orville, Ohio.

"In college, I studied history, so I know about the labor movement in the coal industry," says Davis, 38. "What this was is halfway between the historical way of mining and what I saw on 'Modern Marvels.'"

Patterson and husband Chip had been driving home from a visit with their son in Kentucky when they began to pass mining operations and notice visible coal seams in the geology alongside the highway.

"I said, 'Man, that would be cool to see,'" Becky recalls. "Then we saw a sign and said, 'Oh! We can go!'"

They took a few wrong turns, as signs in town are easy to miss.

But the journey was worth it. "It's one job I wouldn't want," says Chip, amazed by slow technological advances and practices like redirecting bad air with cloth. "How many times did a person get killed before they figured that out?"

Polk, who spent 20 years with Westmoreland, Pittston and Maben coal companies before coming to the exhibition mine 16 years ago, says he can't imagine a job that wouldn't let him work underground.

"You miss it if you don't go," he says. "It's the smell of it, really. I can't explain it. A mine just has this smell."

At one mine, Polk had to lie on his stomach or back on a flat car, basically a metal sled with runners.

"Whatever position you started in, you had to stay in for 30 minutes to get back to the work area, then crawl out," he says. "We had machinery then, but you had to work on your hands and knees."

"The work is not easy," he says, "but if you run a piece of equipment or something, you know what you're doing and you're comfortable with it. And it's perfect weatherwise. Can't beat it."

Besides the mine, the 27-acre park in Beckley has a half-dozen antique-stuffed buildings, most of which were dismantled, moved, then reassembled board by board.

There's a three-room coal camp house, a 1922 church that rents for \$150 for weddings and a 9-by-12 miner's shanty. A

three-story superintendent's house took two years to reassemble, and 89-year-old retired teacher Buford Hartsog maintains order in a two-room schoolhouse, built in 1924 to educate black children before integration. There's even an outhouse,

now used only for fun. "We got an old Sears & Roebuck catalogue in there, and we got hundreds of people who go in there, sit down and take their picture," Polk says. "They just think it's the funniest thing in the world."

BECKLEY, W.Va. — The shuttle cars clatter forward, a metal-on-metal squeal bouncing off the rock walls of a passage-way growing darker by the second. Then, abruptly, they stop. George Archibald hops off.

"This is our claustrophobia stop here," he bellows. "If anybody is apprehensive about being in here, I can take you back outside without disrupting our tour."

Satisfied fear is in check, Archibald returns to the driver's seat. The cars lurch deeper into the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine, one of the few underground operations where tourists are not only welcome, but wanted.

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This year, there may be more than usual. Donna Totten, who arranges group tours, says inquiries have shot up since January, when two West Virginia mining accidents that killed 14 men dominated the nation's news coverage. So far, 18 miners have been killed in West Virginia mines this year.

A school from Upshur County, home of the Sago Mine where 12 men died, is sending students in May. But Totten says a school in Logan County, home of the Alma No. 1 Mine where two other men died, doesn't plan to allow children underground. Instead, they will tour a half-dozen historic buildings, play in the science museum and visit the 19th century frontier village.

Archibald's group has no such trepidation. They are eager to see the mine used to film episodes for The Discovery Channel and scenes in "Matewan," the 1987 movie about the bloody battle to unionize a coal mine.

At his second stop, Archibald explains the job of a fireboss, who walks every foot of a mine to make sure it's safe for a crew. A chalkboard this day shows Superintendent Melvin Polk cleared the first checkpoint at 8:11 a.m.

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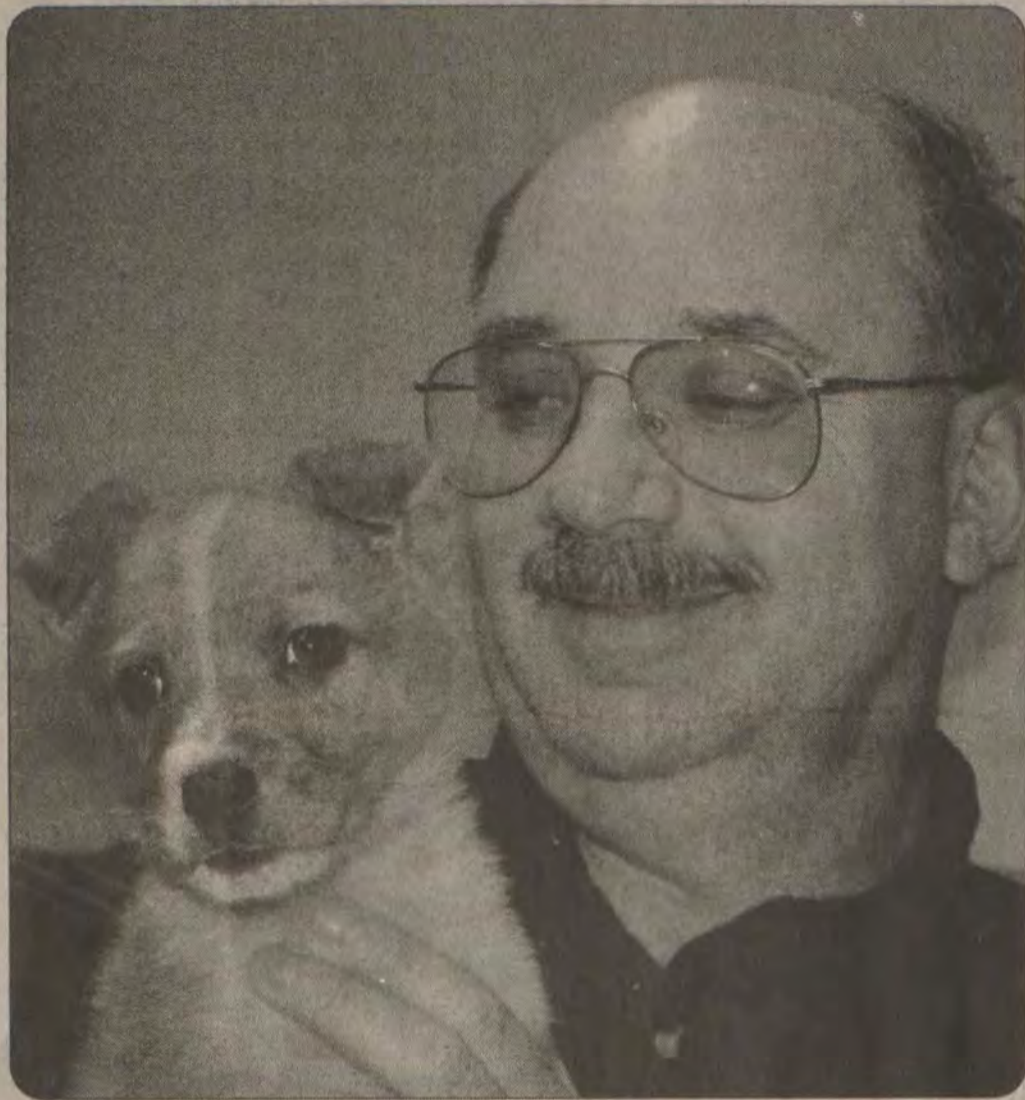


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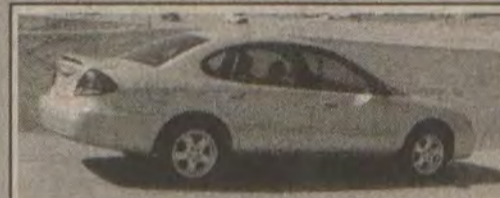
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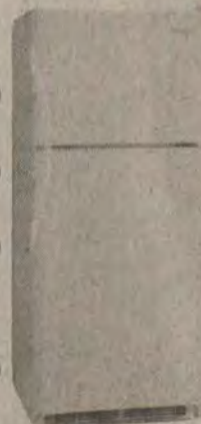
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Neighborhood Watch

The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

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Mondays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., BSCTCS Employment Services.

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Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday,

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'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Community Center.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.

Newbee's Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center.

Green Acres: 1st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Community Room.

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group now meets at Riverview Manor.

Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets

the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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ers interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower,

Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Budget Hearing
Regarding proposed use of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Funds

A public hearing will be held by Floyd County in the Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse on April 21, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. All interested persons in Floyd County are invited to the hearing to submit oral or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing, but wish to submit comments, should call the Office of the County Judge/Executive at (606) 886-9193, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.



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The family of Barbara Sue Reynolds would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one; those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke kind words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

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Drugs

resented a thorn in the side of law enforcement for the last 10 years. He went on to note that one family involved in the case was notorious enough that the small community of Little Paint formed a neighborhood watch group just to protect themselves from them.

Three more arrests are expected in the case, which saw Velma Sparkman-Banks, her son Travis Banks and Lucille Thacker charged on Tuesday.

Travis Banks, 26, of Martin, was served a criminal complaint on the charges while serving a 10-year sentence on theft charges at the East Kentucky Correctional Center in West Liberty. He was charged in two cases, with the first alleging that he engaged in a criminal conspiracy to traffic in methadone on May 23 by agreeing to sell the drug to inmates at the detention center. He was also charged with the same offense regarding marijuana and one count of trafficking in drugs within 1,000 yards Prestonsburg Elementary School.

Velma Sparkman-Banks, 45,

of Martin, is facing two felony charges and six misdemeanors for trafficking charges related to the jail. The first criminal complaint lodged against Sparkman alleges she attempted to traffic in methadone by allegedly placing a bag containing the drug in a predetermined spot on the jail's grounds so that an inmate could retrieve it. She was also charged with engaging in a criminal conspiracy to traffic the drug as well as trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school.

A second complaint charges her with possessing drug paraphernalia, in this case a bag allegedly used to smuggle methadone, and illegally possessing the drug.

She also faces to criminal conspiracy charges regarding methadone and marijuana as well as another conspiracy charges regarding promoting contraband at the jail.

Velma was taken into custody by Deputy Clayton Till when she appeared in district court Tuesday to face a jury over misdemeanor charges that accuse her of possessing mari-

juana and methadone, possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful transaction with a minor. Those charges were dismissed by County Attorney Keith Bartley and superseded by the new charges, which may have stemmed from that arrest.

Sparkman incurred those charges when she was arrested while parked outside the jail. At the time authorities suspected she was planning to leave the drugs for someone at the facility but she still had them in her possession when she was arrested by Prestonsburg police officer George Tussey who is listed as a complaining witness in the new charges. She also had a minor child in the car with her at the time of her arrest.

Sparkman muttered, "If it ain't one thing it's something else," as she was escorted to a holding cell by Till upon being served the complaint.

Velma was released from the jail last January, where she had been held on a murder charge after allegedly shooting her boyfriend, Ronnie Curnette, when Pike County

Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley reported that Sparkman's story of the shooting was backed up by a test of the gun. He said the gun had a hair trigger due to a faulty firing pin, which supported her account that the gun discharged as Curnette was handing it to her.

Bartley was called in to take over the case against Sparkman-Banks, and later Travis Banks, when both were found to be witnesses for the commonwealth in a case in which Travis Banks' son suffered scalding burns while in the care of Brian Delong, 27, of Town Branch. The jury found Delong guilty and sentenced him to seven years in jail at the trial, which was held in February.

Banks was convicted of bur-

glary charges by Bartley in August. The commonwealth called three witnesses in that case, with two being the victims. They testified that Banks, who was a neighbor, broke into their home wearing a ski mask. They testified that Banks, who was a neighbor, broke into their home wearing a ski mask. They testified that Banks, who was a neighbor, broke into their home wearing a ski mask. They testified that Banks, who was a neighbor, broke into their home wearing a ski mask.

man who had broken into their home as they recognized his voice and clothing, though he didn't have the ski mask on him anymore.

Thacker, 51, of East Point, was charged with criminal conspiracy charges relating to trafficking in methadone as well as trafficking the drug near a school. She was also charged with conspiracy to traffic in marijuana and charges of promoting contraband at the jail.

Velma Sparkman was held on a \$150,000 cash bond, while Thacker was incarcerated under a \$100,000 bond. Travis Banks, who is one year into his 10-year sentence, was not placed under a bond. Arraignments for Velma and Thacker are scheduled for this morning in district court.

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Jobs

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"We're going to have managers from each of the stores there so people can apply and interview at the JobSight that same day."

seasonal positions include cashiers, loaders and clerks in various store departments, such as gardening, plumbing, paint and hardware. Although the job fair is aimed at amassing seasonal employees, Roark noted that, "Positions could turn into permanent full-time or part-time jobs later."

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Stumbo

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administration officials and associates have been indicted for violating state personnel laws. Fletcher issued a blanket pardon for everyone who has been or might be indicted in the case with one exception — he did not pardon himself.

Stumbo declined to say Tuesday whether there would be additional indictments. The grand jury is scheduled to meet again Wednesday and is scheduled to end May 19.

"It's time to move on and do whatever's going to be done," Stumbo told reporters.

That would likely include a final report by the grand jury detailing its findings, Stumbo said. However, it was uncertain whether such a report would be made public since the Fletcher administration has fought such a release.



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THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM A COW AND A WORM

Can cows and worms really help us understand more about recycling? Find out on today's Kid Scoop page!

Weekly Writing Corner

Worm and Cow Wisdom

What can you learn from a cow and a worm?

You can learn from a worm that being blind doesn't mean that you should give up and that you can keep going. You can learn from a cow that we need to care for our young and not fight with others.

Colin, 6th grade

Worms teach you that if worms get chopped into pieces, they still live. You can learn from a cow about the different kinds of meat. Also, they have four stomachs.

Jack, 6th grade

You can learn from a worm and a cow that we're all beautiful and it doesn't matter if you have fur or not, you can still have a great walk or a great talk.

Kayle, 5th grade

Cows can teach you to moo, moo, moo. Worms can teach you to say ew, ew, ew!

Talia, 6th grade

Worms fertilize the soil. Cows eat the grass and fertilize the soil in which the worms live. That is how the secret partnership between cows and worms work. You must understand that worms and cows are great business animals. Not only do they help each other but they help us too. These creatures show us that something big and something small, that can't talk successfully to one another, can form an important business called the circle of dirt.

Eileen, 6th grade

I think I would learn about farm life and how to moo from the cow. From the worm I would hear about living in the ground and how to dig my way around roots.

Becky Sue, 5th grade

You can learn from a worm how they help make fertilizer. And from a cow you can learn that they make milk and meat. Worms help our gardens and cows help us stay healthy.

Austin, 5th grade

Something you can learn from a cow is how milk is developed in their body. Something you can learn from a worm is the best type of soil to grow a plant in.

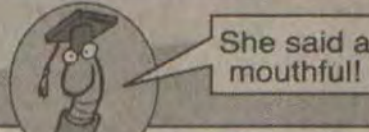
Tamas, 6th grade

We can learn from cows how to go slow and be happy. We can learn from worms to love the rain because it helps to grow our plants and keep our planet green and lush.

Mikaelyn, 5th grade



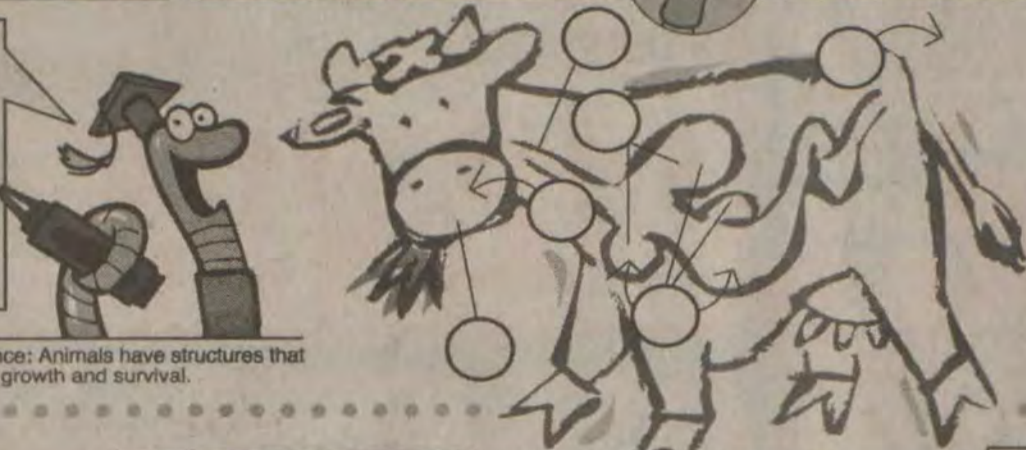
These four stomachs allow us to eat things that most animals can't. Things like corn stalks and the hulls of nuts and grains. And we recycle that inedible stuff into nutritious food for people. Food like milk, cheese, hamburgers and steaks.



HOW A RUMINANT WORKS

1. Teeth tear and chew the food in the mouth.
2. Food travels from the mouth to the first stomach down a tube called the esophagus.
3. Swallowed food, called the cud, mixes and softens in stomachs 1 and 2.
4. Cud returns to the mouth for more chewing by the rear molars.
5. Cud passes through stomachs 1, 2, 3 and 4 as it is digested and its nutrients are absorbed.
6. Waste materials pass through the intestines and exit the body as manure.

Read How a Ruminant Works and follow the path of food as it moves through the cow's stomachs. Write the corresponding numbers on my diagram.



Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth and survival.

Let's review...



Cows demonstrate that they can recycle things like nutshells and hulls.

You can create a resource when you recycle plastics, metals and glass. Old stuff that is no longer usable can be made into new and useful things!

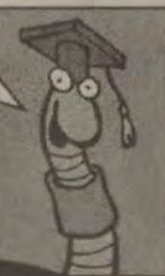


But what can we learn from a worm?

I've saved the best for last: Worms are also master recyclers!



While we are quiet and shy, we are good to have around. We don't have eyes, ears or legs, yet we provide the planet an important service.



As earthworms burrow or dig into the ground, they swallow soil. They eat rotting plants and leaves. As this debris passes through the worm's body, it is ground up by tiny stones in the worm's gizzard and leaves the body as waste.

This waste is called worm castings. Castings are dark and fertile and enrich the soil. Each day an earthworm produces its weight in castings. That's a lot of recycling!

Extra! Extra! Now You See It

Scientists must be observant, watching things very carefully. Try this game to improve your powers of observation.

1. With a partner, pick a newspaper picture. Study it for one minute.
2. Cover the picture and write down everything you remember about it. Who can remember the most details?

Standards Link: Science/Investigation: Follow Instructions for an Investigation.

Professor Worm's Amazing Worm Facts

Add up the numbers to discover each answer.

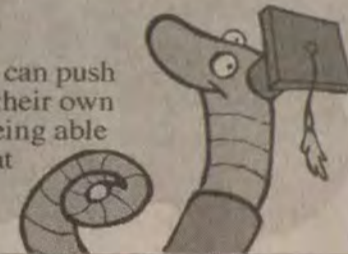
How long was the longest earthworm ever found?

$$9 + 6 + 7 = \text{feet}$$

How many different kinds of earthworms are there?

$$300 + 700 + 800 =$$

How strong are earthworms? They can push things up to $3 + 3 + 4 =$ times their own weight. That would be like you being able to push four refrigerators at one time!



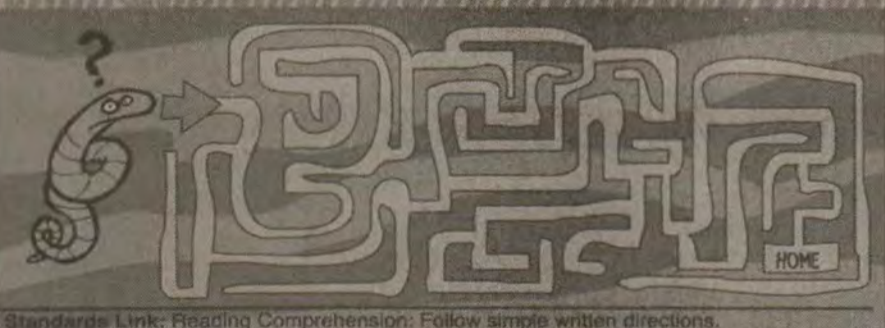
Can you find the misspelled word on this page?

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve addition problems.

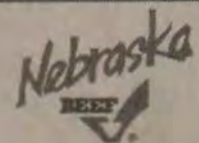
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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Double Double Word Search

EARTHWORMS RUMINANT MOLARS STOMACH ESOPHAGUS WASTE STONES GLASS SOIL MASTER STEAKS CASTINGS LEGS MILK CHEESE

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

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

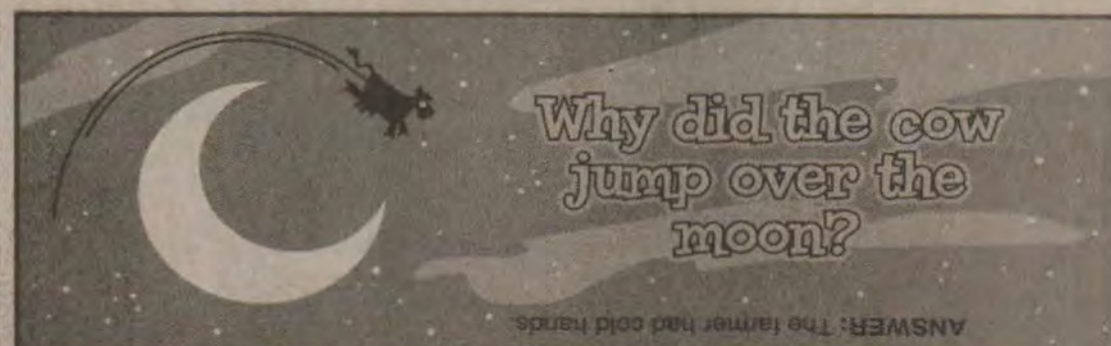
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Recycle Poster

Look through the newspaper for names and addresses of agencies involved in recycling. Make a poster encouraging students to recycle and list where different items can be recycled. Post this in your school to let others know what can be done to help the environment.

Standards Link: Research: Students use the newspaper to locate information.



Why did the cow jump over the moon?

ANSWER: The farmer had cold hands.

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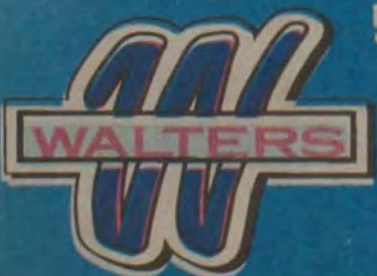
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MCA to host golf scramble

Mountain Christian Academy will host a golf scramble Saturday, April 29 at Stumbo Park in Allen. Start time for the scramble is 9 a.m. With a minimum of eight teams, the first-place prize will be \$750; second-place \$400 and third-place \$250. The entry fee for those registering by Saturday, April 22 is \$200. The entry fee after April 22 is set at \$250. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Rick Hughes at 886-2232.

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P'burg track athletes set invitational, personal records

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MOREHEAD – The Prestonsburg High track and field program competed against some of the state's top athletes Saturday in the Rowan County Invitational. Prestonsburg, host Rowan County, West Jessamine, George Roberts Clark, Mason County and Fleming County made up the field for the invitational meet. Both the

Prestonsburg High boys' and girls' teams claimed sixth-place finishes. Prestonsburg Coach Dewey Jamerson was impressed by how many Blackcat track and field athletes set school invitational and/or personal records during the Rowan County meet. Athletes competed on a day that featured hot temperatures and windy conditions.

"It was good for our kids," said Jamerson. It was hot and windy all day and that allows them to learn how to

deal with those conditions."

Twenty-eight athletes competed for the Blackcat track and field team.

Chazz Burgess (200m), Taylor Clark (400m), Josh Holbrook (1600m), Joseph Jamerson (300 hurdles), Shane Poynter (800m), Dave Shaffer (shot put), Josh Stevenson (100 m, 200m), Jordan Watkins (1600m), Thalia Holland (200m), Ashley Moore (discus) and Emily Stanley (100 hurdles) all set personal records during the

Rowan County Invitational.

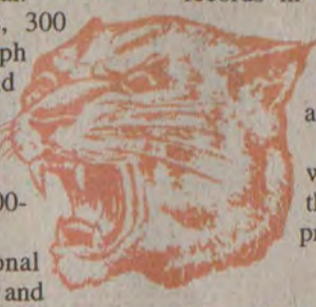
Stanley (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles), Jackie Joseph (100m, long jump) and Kindra Spurlock (800 m) set invitational records along with the girls' 400-meter and 800-meter relays teams.

Shaffer set invitational records in both shot put and discus. Seth Moore set invitational

records in the long jump and triple jump events. The Blackcat boys' 3200-meter relay team also set an invitational record.

The Rowan County meet was the third of the week for the Prestonsburg High track program.

"Running those three



(See **TRACK**, page two)

New race winner to be crowned at LPR

by TIM SOUTHERS

COEBURN, Va. – Joel Kauffman and Danny O'Quinn, Jr. are the two most recent winners at Lonesome Pine Raceway, but, with both Hooters Pro Cup Series alumni graduating to the Busch Series in 2006, there will be a new name on the trophy at LPR this Saturday night when the track hosts the Food City 250 presented by Longhorn.

In addition to Kauffman and

(See **LPR**, page two)

Rebels rout Betsy Layne

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – Allen Central remained perfect and improved to 2-0 in 58th District play at the same time Thursday, beating Floyd County rival Betsy Layne 20-5.

Senior Tyler Turner was in control on the mound for the Rebels, finishing with 13 strikeouts. Turner also helped his cause at the plate, clubbing a three-run home run.

Allen Central jumped out in front early on and maintained some sort of lead throughout.

Brock Kidd also had a three-run home run for the Rebels. Nick Music was another leading offensive contributor for the Rebels.

Betsy Layne came through with a four-run fourth inning, cutting the Allen Central lead down to 7-5. The Bobcats, however, couldn't get any closer.

Senior Patrick Stapleton started and took the loss for the Bobcats.

(See **REBELS**, page two)

OPENING DAY



photos by Jamie Howell

READY TO PLAY: Prestonsburg Little League held its opening day ceremonies Saturday. Teams from various divisions, including T-ball (right) and girls' softball (above), got in a few innings at Archer Park.

Despite some overnight rainfall, good playing conditions were present.

In neighboring Johnson County, both Paintsville Little League and upstart Johnson County Cal Ripken League hosted opening day ceremonies.

All three youth baseball leagues have regular-season games scheduled throughout the week.



SFH finalizes '06 football schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd High will start the 2006 football season on the road and end the regular-season campaign at home. The 2006 schedule has been finalized and released. South Floyd, under the guidance of veteran head coach Donnie Daniels, will play three non-district games before opening district competition. The Raiders will play 10 straight games and have the final week of the regular-season as their open date.

South Floyd will open the 2006 season on the road Aug. 18 against Magoffin County. One week after the season-opener, South Floyd will host first-year varsity program Jackson County in the Shorty Jamerson Bowl. East Ridge will visit South Floyd Sept. 1 for a third straight non-district game.

Phelps, a team that mounted a sizable comeback and handed South Floyd a devastating district loss during the 2005 season is the first district opponent on the schedule for

(See **SCHEDULE**, page two)

Blanton tosses complete game for Cumberlands

TIMES STAFF REPORT

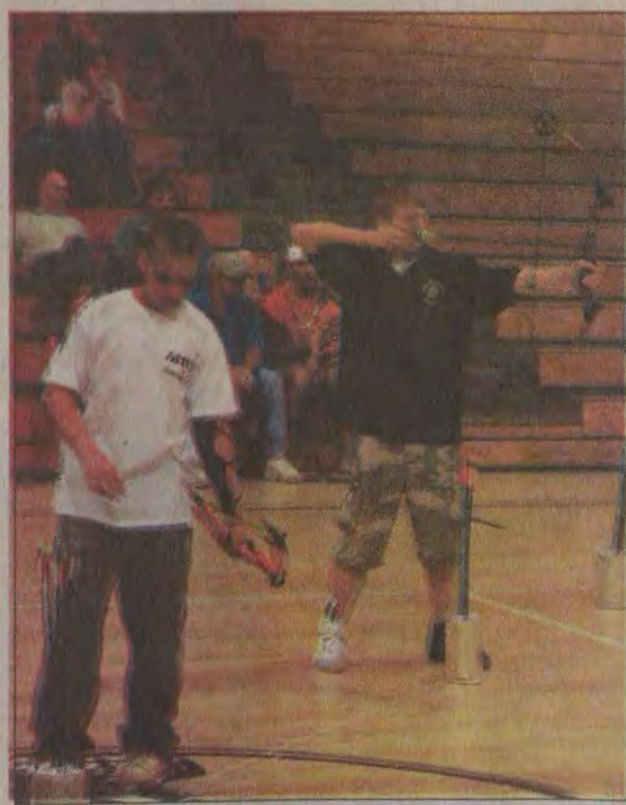
WILLIAMS-BURG – The University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College) Patriot baseball team went 5-2 last week, including a conference series sweep at Pikeville College.



Adam Blanton

On Monday, Cumberlands lost 5-4 to

(See **BLANTON**, page two)



photos by Jamie Howell

Archers from three different Floyd County schools were in competition Saturday at Adams Middle School.

Adams captures overall title in county archery tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – Host Adams Middle School captured the overall title in the first annual Floyd County middle school archery tournament held Saturday. Betsy Layne and John M. Stumbo also participated as the inaugural county middle school archery tournament attracted teams from three schools.

More schools are expected to get involved in next year's competition.

In boys' individual competition, Adams archer Mick Roberts claimed first-place ahead of Betsy Layne's Cody Kinney, who finished second. Mason McCoy and Brandon Hall, both of

(See **ARCHERY**, page two)



Adams Middle captured the first-ever Floyd County middle school archery tournament.

LPR

O'Quinn Jr., the previous four race winners are now all running in the Southern Division this season and a new name will be listed one driver who wouldn't mind having his name added is Jeff Agnew.

Agnew, who has won a track title at LPR in Late Model competition in the 90's, has ran well at the challenging .375-mile track only to have different things happen to keep him out of victory lane in Pro Cup competition. Agnew has recorded a pair of runner-up finishes and a third-place showing in seven races at LPR.

This weekend's running of the Food City 250 will feature over 35 drivers vying for just 28 starting positions, which make qualifying for the Advance Auto Parts Pole Award that much more important. Benny Gordon and Agnew have each recorded a pole at the track and Agnew added that qualifying up front is very important at every Hooters

Pro Cup race - especially at LPR.

"You always want to qualify well at Lonesome Pine," Agnew said. "I really like the track and it would be a good way to get our season going with a win there. We have had a really good car there at times and had things happen to keep us from winning. Maybe this time we can get some good luck."

Another driver who is looking forward to returning to LPR is Lonnie Rush, Jr. Rush is coming off of a strong run at the season-opener for the Northern Division at South Boston two weeks ago leading 49 laps and finished 13th after running in the top-10 for most of the event. Rush will have a contingent of fans as his grandparents and family members live nearby in Wise, Va.

"We had a great run at South Boston and can't wait to get there this weekend," Rush added. "We hope to see a lot of people out there Saturday night."

In addition to the race Saturday night, race title sponsor Food City will hold its 8th Annual Food City Rev-It-Up Party at the Food City in the Marty Shopping Center Friday afternoon from 4-7 p.m. Fans can come out and meet some of their favorite drivers during the Friday night event.

Drivers scheduled to appear are Woody Howard, the 2005 Miller Lite Rookie of the Year, A.J. Frank, Rush and Ken Butler, III. Rookie competitor Dominick Casola will be on hand. Greased Lightning once again will be out with their driver Tim Baaney, Jr.

There will be free food, drinks, prizes and the Hooters Pro Cup Series souvenir trailer will also be at the shopping center.

Advance tickets can be purchased at O'Quinn Trailer Sales and will also be available at the Rev-It-Up Party. For more information, go online to www.lpraceway.com.

Schedule

the Raiders. South Floyd will travel to Phelps (Sept. 8) and defending District 8 champion Pikeville (Sept. 15) on back-to-back Friday nights before returning home to host Betsy Layne (Sept. 22) for homecoming.

South Floyd will travel to Jenkins Sept. 29 and return home to host Hazard (Oct. 6), Allen Central (Oct. 13) and Paintsville (Oct. 20) in a trio of crucial district games in its last three regular-season contests. The Raider football program will hold Senior Night festivities when Paintsville visits.

South Floyd has two old familiar foes lined up for the preseason. The Raiders will go on the road and play Morgan County Aug. 4 in the first of two scrimmages. South Floyd will host Powell County Aug. 11 in its second and final scrimmage.

SOUTH FLOYD HIGH FOOTBALL 2006 SCHEDULE

- Aug. 18 at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 25 Jackson County, 8:30 p.m. (Shorty Jamerson Bowl)
- Sept. 1 East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8 at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15 at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 22 Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)
- Sept. 29 at Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Paintsville, 7:30 p.m. (Senior Night)

58TH DISTRICT FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

ALLEN CENTRAL LADY REBELS

- April 1 at Johnson Central, 1-12 (L)
- April 4 Paintsville, 0-9 (L) (15th Region All "A" Classic)
- April 10 Sheldon Clark, 8-13 (L)
- April 15 Powell County, 8-19 (L)
- April 20 at Prestonsburg, 5:30 p.m.
- April 22 at Powell County, 1:30 p.m.
- April 26 Perry County Central, 5:30 p.m.
- April 27 at Hazard, TBA
- May 1 at South Floyd, 6 p.m.
- May 4 Paintsville, 5:30 p.m.
- May 6 at Betsy Layne, 2 p.m.
- May 9 South Floyd, 6 p.m.
- May 11 Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
- May 16 Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
- May 17 at Sheldon Clark, 6 p.m.
- May 18 at Knott County Central, 6 p.m.

BETSY LAYNE LADYCATS

- March 28 at Pike County Central 8-4 (W)
- March 30 Magoffin County, 5-16 (L) (5 innings)
- April 4 Pikeville 0-15 (L) (15th Region All "A" Classic) (3 innings)
- April 10 at Prestonsburg, 7-17 (L) (6 innings)
- April 13 Knott County Central, 23 - 22 (W)
- April 13 Knott Co. Central, 5-20 (L) (3 innings)
- April 14 East Ridge, 1-6 (L) (at Pikeville, Lyndel Potter Mem. Tour.)
- April 15 Lawrence County, 1-23 (L) (at Pikeville, Lyndel Potter Mem. Tour.)
- April 24 South Floyd, 6 p.m.
- April 25 Pike County Central, 6 p.m.
- April 27 at Johnson Central, 6 p.m.
- May 1 at Phelps, 6 p.m.
- May 3 at Magoffin County, 5:30 p.m.
- May 4 at South Floyd, 6 p.m.
- May 6 Allen Central, 2 p.m.
- May 8 Phelps, 6 p.m.
- May 11 Sheldon Clark, 6 p.m.
- May 12 at Sheldon Clark, 6 p.m.
- May 13 at Cumberland, 2 p.m.
- May 15 at Belfry, 5:30 p.m.
- May 16 at Allen Central, 6 p.m.
- May 19 Belfry, 5:30 p.m.

PRESTONSBURG LADY BLACKCATSORE

- April 10 Betsy Layne, 17-7 (W) (6 innings)
- April 11 Johnson Central, 2-11 (L)
- April 12 at South Floyd, 26- 8 (W)
- April 13 Belfry, 13-15 (L) (8 innings)
- April 20 Allen Central, 5:30 p.m.
- April 22 Whitley County, 11 a.m. (at Corbin/Whitley Co. Cumberland Falls Invitational)
- April 24 East Ridge, 6 p.m.
- April 26 South Floyd, 6 p.m.
- April 27 at Sheldon Clark, 6 p.m.
- May 2 at Johnson Central, 5:30 p.m.
- May 8 at Belfry, 5:30 p.m.
- May 9 Sheldon Clark, 6 p.m.
- May 11 at Allen Central, 6 p.m.
- May 13 at Phelps, 1 p.m.
- May 15 at Pike County Central, 5:30 p.m.
- May 16 at East Ridge, 6 p.m.
- May 18 Paintsville, 5:30 p.m.

SOUTH FLOYD LADY RAIDERS

- April 5 Jenkins, 0- 11 (L)
- April 10 at Knott County Central, 12-13 (L)
- April 10 at Knott County Central, 2-10 (L)
- April 12 Prestonsburg, 8-26 (L)
- April 13 Johnson Central, 16-0 (W) (3 innings)
- April 20 Paintsville, 5:30 p.m.
- April 24 at Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
- April 26 at Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
- April 27 at Magoffin County, 6 p.m.
- May 1 Allen Central, 6 p.m.
- May 2 Magoffin County, 6 p.m.
- May 4 Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
- May 9 at Allen Central, 6 p.m.
- May 10 Pike County Central, 6 p.m.
- May 12 at Jenkins, 6 p.m.
- May 15 Sheldon Clark, 6 p.m.
- May 15 Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- May 16 June Buchanan, 7:30 p.m.
- May 16 June Buchanan, 6 p.m.
- May 17 at Johnson Central, 5:30 p.m.
- May 18 at Pike County Central, 5:30 p.m..

(All schedules subject to change).

Blanton

NCAA Division I member Belmont University. The Patriots trailed 4-1 going into the seventh inning. An RBI single from senior second baseman B.J. Foley (Corbin) in the seventh cut the lead to two. Senior third baseman Chris Cartas (Russellville) and sophomore designated hitter Chaz Gentry (Greenville, S.C.) each drove in runs in the eighth to tie the game at four. With runners on second and third in the bottom of the ninth, Belmont junior Sam Grooms looped a soft liner into left for the game winner.

King College traveled to Cumberlands for a midweek doubleheader on Thursday. The Patriots split with King, losing the opener 11-8 before winning the second 13-3. In the second game, freshman right-handed pitcher Adam Blanton (Staffordsville) threw a complete game, allowing

three runs, two earned, on three hits and three walks, while striking out two. Blanton is a Johnson Central High School graduate.

The Patriots wrapped up the week with a conference series sweep at Pikeville College, winning by the scores of 5-3, 9-2, 13-2, and 15-4. With the four wins, the Patriots' conference record now stands at 13-4, good for first-place in the Mid-South Conference.

This weekend is scheduled as the make-up weekend throughout the Mid-South Conference. The Patriots (28-11, 13-4) have had three conference games postponed for various reasons. At press time, no official statement has been released as to which games Cumberlands would be playing.

Rebels

On Friday, Allen Central traveled to Paintsville and played in the Paintsville Tiger Baseball Classic against Ironton, Ohio. Ironton played solid offensively and defensively, beating the Rebels 12-5.



Archery

Adams, finished third and fourth, respectively.

In girls' individual competition, Felicia Keathley of Adams finished first. John M. Stumbo's Dani Harvell was second, followed by

Kaleigh Wagner (Betsy Layne) and Brittany Compton (Adams).

Sherman Holiday guided the Adams Middle team while Nick Samons coached Betsy Layne and Jonathan Parsons

led the John M. Stumbo squad.

Archery is new to Floyd County schools. Assistant Superintendent Pete Grigsby spearheaded the effort to get archery into Floyd County schools.



Betsy Layne (above) and John M. Stumbo (below) joined Adams (pictured on the front page) Saturday in the inaugural Floyd County middle school archery tournament.



Track

meets were good for us," Jamerson added. "We took two boys teams to Rowan County. We wanted everybody to have the chance to run and they did."

Jamerson gave his track athletes Monday and Tuesday of this week off. Floyd County schools are testing this week. Prestonsburg High track and field athletes won't return to competition until a road meet Tuesday, April 27 at Pikeville.

ROWAN COUNTY INVITATIONAL (18 EVENTS SCORED)	
BOYS' TEAM RANKINGS	GIRLS' TEAM RANKINGS
1. West Jessamine, 169	1. West Jessamine, 200
2. Fleming County, 134	2. Mason County, 120
3. Rowan County, 86	3. Rowan County, 63
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Belfry's Chapman inks with PC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - One of the great things about coaching two sports at Pikeville College is that often, Robert Staggs can find talented athletes who can play both at the next level. Today, he signed one of those.

Belfry High School senior Brittany Chapman has signed with Pikeville to play volleyball and softball as she advances her education at the institution.

Chapman was the 15th Region tournament MVP in 2005 in volleyball. A four-year

starter, she played in the state tournament all four years at Belfry, including helping her team to a 30-3 record as a senior.

In addition, she's a four-year starter in softball and has advanced to the state tournament twice in the spring.

"She will have no problem adjusting to college sports," said Coach Rick Mounts. "She brings leadership, passion and intensity to everything she does."

Chapman had 78 aces last year and a service accuracy of 94 percent. She totaled 222 kills on offense as well as 30

assists, whole blocking 23 times and recording 67 digs on defense.

On the diamond, she's hitting .537 with 24 extra-base hits, including 18 doubles and three triples, and at second base she has a .988 fielding percentage.

"Brittany is a talented young lady who could have played a lot of places," said Staggs, her coach in both sports at Pikeville. "We're very fortunate to have her and afford her the opportunity to continue her education at Pikeville College, and we look forward to seeing her on campus in the fall."

ALC takes doubleheader from Kentucky State

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball team began last week in solid fashion by winning a doubleheader at Kentucky State University. The Eagles won the first game, 13-2. Jonathan Saylor pitched a complete game for the win. Lamar Williams had three doubles and Kevin Slone had two hits for the ALC squad. The Eagles won the second game 12-2. Travis Slusher pitched another complete game for the Eagles and picked up the win. Trenton VanHoose had a three-run home run while Williams and Clay Christian added two hits apiece.

The Eagles hosted IU-

Southeast in a three game series over the weekend. IU-Southeast won the first game on Friday by the score of 7-3. Trent Waymire was the losing pitcher. Waymire pitched very well and had a 3-0 lead in the fifth inning. On Saturday, Jason Smith pitched very well in picking up a 5-2 win for the Eagles. Adam Blevins, Christian and Slone each had two hits in the game. The Eagles lost the second game of the doubleheader, 7-2. The game was scoreless through five innings.

Justin Woodard was the game's losing pitcher.

The Eagles will travel to Mount St. Joseph College (Ohio) for a single game Wednesday. Alice Lloyd will travel to Bethel College (Tenn.)

for a three-game conference series on Friday and Saturday and host Centre College on Sunday at 1 p.m. The Eagles will host Centre for Senior Day.

The ALC softball team played Kentucky State University, Berea College, Midway College and Spalding University in doubleheaders last week. Although they lost all eight games, the young Lady Eagle team seems to be improving and playing better as the season progresses.

The ALC softball team will host Pikeville College on Thursday at 6 p.m. The Lady Eagles will host Brescia University on Sunday. Both dates feature doubleheaders for the ALC team.

Eviston, Spencer rally Horsemen for comeback win in Rupp

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Lexington quarterback Eddie Eviston and wide receiver Chad Spencer teamed up for a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter Saturday as the Horsemen overcame a halftime deficit to rout Omaha, 46-23, in Rupp Arena.

The Horsemen, who improve to 3-0 for just the second time in franchise history, trailed 17-7 late in the second quarter and were behind 17-10 at halftime. With Omaha (2-2) leading 17-10, Eviston twice found Spencer in the end-zone to move Lexington ahead 24-17 and give the Horsemen the lead for good. Spencer finished the game with a season-high 153 yards on seven catches with three touchdowns.

"I told our guys at halftime that they needed to stop concentrating on what Omaha was trying to do and worry about ourselves," Horsemen head coach Mike Zuckerman said. "In the second half, we focused on what we were doing and we showed what we can do when we play Horsemen football."

"The key to the second half is that they were giving us so much time to throw the football. When you give someone that much time to throw, you are going to find people open and we were able to do that today."

Eviston finished the game 16-of-21 from scrimmage for a season-high 231 yards with three scores. Shawn Jones led the Horsemen rushing game with five carries for 44 yards with a touchdown, while Eviston also accumulated

17 yards on the ground with two scores.

Eviston put the Horsemen on the board early with an 8-yard keeper at the 13:10 mark of the first quarter to put Lexington up 7-0. On the ensuing possession, the Beef had a first down on the 1-yard line to give them a great scoring opportunity. The Horsemen defense posted four consecutive stops to prevent Omaha from getting into the end-zone, giving Lexington the early momentum.

The Beef came within four, 7-3, when kicker Ted Retzlaff, the reigning United Indoor Football Special Teams Player of the Week, nailed a 39-yard field goal with 10:14 remaining until halftime. Omaha began to pull away from the Horsemen when a pair of touchdown passes from Chuck Wright to Micah Arnold and Neuby Ras put the Beef ahead 17-7 with 22 seconds left in the second quarter. On the next possession, Lexington kicker Collin Barber nailed a 22-yard field goal to send the Horsemen into the locker room down seven, 17-10.

Out of the locker room, neither team was able to find its offensive groove. However, Eviston found Spencer for a pair of scores in the third period. The signal-caller connected with Spencer from 20 yards out with 7:50 remaining in the third quarter to bring the Horsemen within one, 17-16. Eviston and Spencer again teamed up with 2:36 left in the quarter from 34-yards out for a touchdown. A two-point conversion to Spencer was successful and Lexington went ahead 24-17. After the score, Barber kicked the ball into the end-zone where the Horsemen were able to tackle Omaha and move ahead 25-17 heading into the final period of play.

The Horsemen began to distance themselves from the Beef in the fourth quarter as Eviston

opened the period with a 1-yard run for score with 13:44 left in the game to move Lexington ahead 32-17. Jones followed with a 4-yard run at the 8:27 mark and Spencer completed his hat-trick by hauling in a 43-yard pass from Eviston with 3:01 left in the game to extend the Horsemen's lead to 46-17. A late touchdown by the Beef's

R.J. Rollins cut the margin to 46-23, but Lexington had already sealed the victory.

Lexington returns to action Saturday when it travels to Evansville, Ind., to take on the Evansville BlueCats. Kickoff in Roberts Stadium is set for 8:05 p.m. ET and the game will be carried live on WLAP 630 AM with Gary Ball and Randy

Wilson.

Single-game tickets are still available for purchase.

Please contact the Horsemen at 859-422-PASS or the Lexington Center Ticket Office at 859-233-3535. For more information on the Lexington Horsemen, please log on to the team's official Web site at www.lexingtonhorsemen.com.

Scoring Summary

LEX — Eviston 8 run (Barber kick) ... 13:10 1st qtr.
 OMA — Retzlaff 39 FG ... 10:14 2nd qtr.
 OMA — Arnold 34 pass from Wright (Retzlaff kick) ... 5:33 2nd qtr.
 OMA — Newby 17 pass from Wright (Retzlaff kick) ... 0:22 2nd qtr.
 LEX — Barber 22 FG ... 0:00 2nd qtr.
 LEX — Spencer 20 pass from Eviston (Barber kick failed) ... 7:50 3rd qtr.
 LEX — Spencer 34 pass from Eviston (Spencer pass) ... 2:36 3rd qtr.
 LEX — Barber rouge (kickoff) ... 2:05 3rd qtr.
 LEX — Eviston 1 run (Barber kick) ... 13:44 4th qtr.
 LEX — Jones 4 run (Barber kick) ... 8:27 4th qtr.
 LEX — Spencer 43 pass from Eviston (Barber kick) ... 3:01 4th qtr.
 OMA — Rollins 2 run (Wright pass failed) ... 0:25 4th qtr.

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The following questions must be completed and in our office by Thursday, April 20, 2006, in order to be included in our Special Section, "Meet the Candidates" April 28, 2006.

Office sought: Name: Age:

Community of residence:

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking?

Why do you believe you are the best candidate for the office you seek?

What do you plan to do if you are elected?

Please include photo, and typed responses are preferred. (Must be legible)

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Overtime procedure, 275-pound weight class changed in high school wrestling

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — A change in the overtime procedure and an increase of 10 pounds in the 275-pound weight class are among the revisions in high school wrestling rules for the 2006-07 season.

A total of 14 rules revisions were approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee at its March 26-27 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

After successful experimentation in several states last year, a potential of one additional minute was added to the overtime period. Beginning next season, if no score occurs in the sudden-victory period, two 30-second tiebreakers will take place. Scoring in these two tiebreakers will be conducted as in a regular match. If the score remains tied at the conclusion of the two tiebreakers, one additional 30-second period will be conducted, with the first person scoring declared the winner. If no points are scored, the offensive wrestler wins the match.

Previously, only one 30-second tiebreaker was conducted

after the one-minute overtime period. The new rule provides for one additional 30-second tiebreaker and another 30-second period if the score remains tied after the tiebreakers.

For the first time since 1987, the limit on the heavyweight class was increased from 275 to 285 pounds. Jerry Diehl, assistant director of the NFHS and rules committee liaison, said student-athletes are bigger than they were when the limit of 275 pounds was established 19 years ago. He said the committee made the change to encourage additional high school athletes to compete in wrestling.

Dave Gannaway, assistant executive director of the Illinois High School Association and chair of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee, noted that the additional 10 pounds will provide larger athletes, particularly football players, an increased opportunity to wrestle.

In other rules revisions, the committee altered Rule 6-6 regarding the correction of errors. Beginning next season, any error (other than bad time and positioning) must be corrected prior to the start of the next period. For the correction to be made during the last period, it must be corrected prior to

the wrestler/coach leaving the mat area. Previously, changes could be made after the match or within 30 minutes of the completion of a dual meet.

"Coaches and their scorekeepers have the responsibility to recognize scoring errors as they occur," Diehl said. "It is unfair to attempt a reconstruction of what transpired in a previous period, if it is questioned in the subsequent period."

The definition of when a match begins was revised in Rule 5-18-2. Beginning next season, a match (in dual matches) begins when the proper wrestler reports to the scorer's table. Previously, by definition, a match started with the action of the first period. Diehl said the committee made this change to support the current interpretation of penalizing a wrestler who reports to compete and is improperly equipped.

Following is a summary of other changes approved for high school wrestling next year:

- Head coaches and captains are required to meet with the referee prior to each dual meet.

- Technical violations and potentially dangerous holds added to the list of items that must be verbally communicated to the referee when an assistant

referee system is used.

- When the referee and assistant referee meet to confer, they shall meet away from the scorer's table. (previously was in front of table)

- Restriction for garment extending below the singlet was modified.

- Decision on when to award additional near-fall points for acts by the defensive wrestler has been clarified.

- A wrestler who properly reports to the scorer's table for a dual match cannot be withdrawn or replaced without causing the individual to be disqualified and the weight class forfeited.

- Penalty for pulling back the fingers clarified to state the act of grasping is not an automatic

violation.

- Hand(s) to the face and/or raking the eyes added to the list of illegal holds.

- The term "fleeing" has been added to Rule 7-3-2.

- An exception was added to note that a match will not be stopped to penalize the offensive wrestler for stalling when the defensive wrestler has come to the standing position.

These 14 rules revisions will take effect next season, along with the landmark weight-management guidelines approved last year by the committee for implementation in 2006-07. These guidelines were approved in an effort to discourage rapid-weight loss by student-athletes.

In addition, the following

points of emphasis were developed by the Wrestling Rules Committee for the 2006-07 season: dealing with apparent concussions, unnecessary roughness and slams, weigh-in procedures, uniform requirements, and socks and use of other special equipment.

Wrestling is the sixth-most popular sport for boys at the high school level, with 243,009 participants during the 2004-05 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It ranks eighth in school sponsorship with 9,562 high schools nationwide conducting the sport. In addition, a total of 4,334 girls participated in high school wrestling in 2004-05.

False start recall eliminated in high school swimming

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS — Eight rules changes in high school swimming and diving were approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Swimming and Diving Rules Committee at its March 27-28 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

One significant change eliminates the recall of all swimmers in a race when one or more of the competitors gains an unfair advantage at the start of the race. The offending swimmer or relay team now will be disqualified at the completion of the race. The referee/starter may recall a heat under certain conditions. This change followed a year of experimentation with the procedure conducted by six NFHS member state associations.

"Because the first start is

generally the swimmer's best start, the rest of the heat is disadvantaged by the action of one," said Doug Glaeser, chairperson of the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee.

Rule 8-2-2c was changed to allow a single downward dolphin kick at the start and at each turn in the breaststroke with all other stroke cycles of the swim using the breaststroke kick.

"This is a more natural movement for all swimmers," Glaeser said. "The same rule has been updated by the NCAA and USA Swimming."

Another rule change now requires that a referee notify an athlete's coach when the athlete has been warned for wearing jewelry/illegal attire during competition, emphasizing the coach's responsibility to ensure that athletes are properly attired.

Due to an increased availability of pools with more than six lanes and the desire to allow for greater participation, Rule 7-1-2f

now allows triangular meets to accommodate as many entries as the host school deems appropriate.

Other rules focused on clarifications — Rule 1-3-7 explains that a triangular meet involves three teams competing for the same points, and Rule 8-2-2f clarifies when the single downward butterfly kick is permitted in conjunction with the breaststroke. Rule 3-3-3 Note clarifies that with written approval from the state association, competitors with disabilities who do not require equipment may be granted reasonable accommodations in the start, strokes, turns, etc. Furthermore, Rule 4-6-4c clarifies that violations observed by any relay takeoff judges must be reported in writing.

According to the 2004-05 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS, 251,908 student-athletes participate in swimming and diving nationwide.

58TH DISTRICT BASEBALL SCHEDULES/RESULTS

ALLEN CENTRAL REBELS

March 27 Shelby Valley, 6-9 (L)
 March 28 at Magoffin County, 7-0 (W)
 April 4 at South Floyd, 15-3 (W)
 April 8 Paintsville, 1-8 (L) (at Pikeville, 15th Region All "A" Classic)
 April 10 Belfry, 10-9 (W)
 April 11 at Lawrence County, 2-4 (L)
 April 13 at Betsy Layne, 20-5 (W)
 April 14 Ironton, Ohio, 5-12 (L) (at Paintsville Tiger Baseball Classic)
 April 18 Betsy Layne, 5:30 p.m. (Score unavailable)
 April 21 at Prestonsburg, 5:30 p.m.
 April 21 at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
 April 22 at Harlan, 1 p.m.
 April 22 Bell County, 3 p.m.
 April 24 South Floyd, 6 p.m.
 April 25 at East Ridge, 6 p.m.
 April 28 Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
 April 29 Leslie County, Noon
 April 29 Harlan, 4 p.m.
 May 2 at Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
 May 4 East Ridge, 6 p.m.
 May 6 Paintsville, 10:30 a.m.
 May 6 Letcher Co. Cent. 11:30 a.m.
 May 8 Johnson Central, 6 p.m.
 May 9 at Hazard, 5:30 p.m.
 May 10 at Breathitt County, 6 p.m.
 May 11 at Pike Co. Central, 6:30 p.m.
 May 12 at Lexington Catholic, 6 p.m.
 May 13 Red Bird, 2 p.m.
 May 13 Buckhorn, 6 p.m.
 May 15 Pike County Central, 6:30 p.m.
 May 16 Knott County Central, 6 p.m.
 May 18 at Johnson Central, 6 p.m.
 May 19 at Leslie County, 6:30 p.m.

May 4 at Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
 May 5 Prestonsburg, 5:30 p.m.
 May 6 at Lee County, Noon
 May 8 at Magoffin County, 5:30 p.m.
 May 9 Knott Co. Central, 5:30 p.m.
 May 11 at Paintsville, 5:30 p.m.
 May 12 at Belfry, 6 p.m.
 May 13 at Johnson Central, Noon
 May 16 at East Ridge, 6 p.m.
 May 18 at Knott Co. Central, 5:30 p.m.
 May 1 Phelps, 6 p.m.
 May 20 Belfry, 6 p.m.

PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS

March 28 at Shelby Valley 5-14 (L)
 March 29 at Phelps Phelps 3-4 (L)
 April 1 Shelby Valley, 1-11 (L) (6 innings) (at Johnson Central, Pride of the Mount, Spring Bash)
 April 1 Pike County Central, 0-7 (L) (at Johnson Central, Pride of the Mount, Spring Bash)
 April 3 Fairview, 3-12 (L) (at Johnson Central, Pride of the Mount, Spring Bash)
 April 4 East Ridge, 6-4 (W) (at Johnson Central, Pride of the Mount, Spring Bash)
 April 11 Phelps, 3-1 (W)
 April 13 Morgan County, 13-12 (W)
 April 14 at Sheldon Clark, 0-6 (L)
 April 15 Lawrence County, 2-8 (L)
 April 15 Pike Co. Central, 7-12 (L)
 April 21 Allen Central, 5:30 p.m.
 April 21 Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
 April 22 at Cordia, 1 p.m.
 April 24 Betsy Layne, 5:30 p.m.
 April 28 at Allen Central, 6 p.m.
 May 1 at Wolfe County, 5:30 p.m.
 May 2 Wolfe County, 5:30 p.m.
 May 5 at Betsy Layne, 5:30 p.m.
 May 8 South Floyd, 5:30 p.m.
 May 9 Sheldon Clark, 5:30 p.m.
 May 11 Lawrence County, 5:30 p.m.
 May 12 Cordia, 6 p.m.
 May 15 at Johnson Central, 6 p.m.

SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS

April 4 Allen Central, 3-15 (L)
 April 10 Betsy Layne, 6-9 (L)
 April 11 at East Ridge, 4-14 (L)
 April 18 at Paintsville, 6 p.m. (Score unavailable)
 April 20 at Jenkins, 6 p.m.
 April 21 Shelby Valley, 5:30 p.m.
 April 24 at Allen Central, 6 p.m.
 April 27 at June Buchanan, 5:30 p.m.
 April 28 East Ridge, 6 p.m.
 April 29 at Cordia, 1 p.m.
 May 2 at Betsy Layne, 5:30 p.m.
 May 4 Hazard, 5:30 p.m.
 May 5 Magoffin County, 5:30 p.m.
 May 8 at Prestonsburg, 5:30 p.m.
 May 10 Jenkins, 5:30 p.m.
 May 12 at Pike Co. Central, 5:30 p.m.
 May 15 at Shelby Valley, 5:30 p.m.
 May 16 June Buchanan, 5:30 p.m.
 May 20 Cordia, 1 p.m.



photo courtesy of June Buchanan School

The June Buchanan School has named Larry Hayes its new girls' basketball coach.

Hayes named new JBS girls' basketball coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Headmaster Yvon Allen has named Larry Hayes, of head coach of The June Buchanan School girls' basketball team.

Hayes brings a lot of experience to the JBS girls' basketball program. He has coached both girls' and boys' basketball under Knott County Central

Coach Sam Smith and later took over as head coach. At KCC, Hayes was regional runner-up twice and went to the final four four times. He has coached two All-State girls' basketball players — Kelly Stamper and Sharon Combs. Hayes also coached at Cordia High School. He recently coached in the Knott County elementary schools, leading teams to both A- and B-team championships.

"Coach Hayes has been a basketball coach in the area for many years," commented Allen. "He brings much experience and expertise to the Lady Crusaders. I look forward to getting Coach Hayes working with his new team."

Hayes resides in Hindman with his wife Paula. He teaches high school social studies and middle school math.



photo by Rick Bentley

Belfry student-athlete Brittany Chapman will continue her studies and play both softball and volleyball at nearby Pikeville College. Seated, from left to right: Tammy Chapman (mother); Brittany Chapman; Jerry Chapman (father); Amy Manin (aunt). Standing, from left, Belfry Coach Rick Mounds; Pikeville College Coach Robert Staggs; Belfry AD Philip Haywood.

Offense shows improvement in UK's second scrimmage

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Last Saturday, Kentucky's dominating defense was the talk of the day. This Saturday, however, UK's offense showed signs of improvement, putting up 256 yards of total offense with one touchdown and one field goal in the second full-scale scrimmage of 2006 spring practice Saturday morning at Commonwealth Stadium.

The first-team offense, guided by sophomore quarterback Curtis Pulley, played four series against UK's first-team defense.

The offense took control early as Pulley directed a 10-play, 70-yard drive down the field on the opening possession. Sophomore tailback Tony Dixon carried the ball six times in the first series for 18 yards. He led all rushers for the day with 16 carries for 53 yards. Pulley connected a 24-yard pass to freshman tight end Zipp Duncan and a six-yard throw to sophomore receiver Joe Joe Brown to put the offense in scoring position. Pulley ended the drive by scrambling five yards for the touchdown.

The first-team offense also scored on their 10th possession of the scrimmage as Pulley and Dixon rushed for three and four

yards, respectively before sophomore kicker J.J. Housley nailed a 46-yard field goal.

"There were a lot of good things out there today on both sides of the ball," Coach Rich Brooks said. "We didn't do a good job offensively inside the 30-yard line where we had three turnovers, but before that we performed well on offense. Our defense continued to fly around and make big plays."

The defense claimed four turnovers, forcing two fumbles and grabbing two interceptions. Sophomore strong safety Adam Richey stopped a second-team offensive run by forcing a fumble after a hard hit to freshman tailback Alfonso Smith. Junior defensive end Dominic Lewis deflected and then intercepted a pass from freshman quarterback Will Fidler during the third-team's second offensive series. Freshman cornerback Trevard Lindley also showed great athleticism, rising in the back right corner of the end zone to intercept a Fidler pass intended for wide receiver and former Kentucky basketball player Ravi Moss on the final series of the scrimmage.

Sophomore Andre Woodson ran mostly with the second-team offense and struggled against an aggressive second-team

defense. Woodson went 0-for-4 against the second unit but completed an eight-yard pass to Dixon against the first-team defense. Smith helped move the ball offensively as he rushed seven times for 31 yards with the second team.

The third-team offensive and defensive units played three series against each other, led by Fidler. He moved the offense down the field finding eight different targets, including sophomore fullback Thomas Flannery and freshman tailback Antoine Brown. Flannery had two catches for 14 yards while Brown rushed eight times for 28 yards. Fidler located five other receivers who each caught one pass and senior tailback Terrell Bankhead carried the ball three times for six yards.

"Our quarterback competition was good," Brooks said. "(Will) Fidler threw the ball accurately and made some nice plays. He needs to continue building upper body and arm strength this summer. Andre' (Woodson) needs to continue working on minimizing negative plays. Curtis (Pulley) made some great plays with his arm and his legs."

Totaling his work against the first team, Pulley completed 5-of-9 for 37 yards. He also

rushed five times for 44 yards and one TD. Woodson quarterbacked the second team offense and completed 1-of-5 for eight yards and rushed six times for 19 yards. Fidler completed 7-of-14 for 62 yards and two INTs for the third team and rushed three times for four yards.

In the special-teams segment of practice, sophomore punter Tim Masthay punted six times for a 31.0-yard average. He booted one punt 54 yards. There were three field goal attempts in the scrimmage, two by Housley and one by junior Brian Scott. Scott missed a 44-yard attempt wide to the right while Housley missed a 29-yarder and nailed a 46-yard field goal.

The Wildcats return to the practice field Monday at 9 a.m. at the Nutter Training Facility. The annual Blue-White Game, signifying the end of spring practice, is set for Saturday at 1 p.m. in Commonwealth Stadium.

Scrimmage Statistics (includes first, second, and third team):

Rushing: Dixon 16-53, Pulley 5-44 1 TD, Woodson 6-(-19), Smith 8-33, Brown 8-28, Bankhead 3-6, Fidler 3-4, Lyons 1-9.

Passing: Pulley 5-9-0, 37 yards; Woodson 1-5-0, 80 yards; Fidler 7-

14-2, 62 yards

Receiving: Brown 1-6, Dixon 3-11, Flannery 2-14, Drake 1-4, Duncan 1-24, Bishop, 1-27, Davidson 1-4, Murphy 1-8, Moss 1-6

Punting: Masthay 6-31.0 avg. Kentucky Football Calendar: Practices at Nutter Training Facility except when indicated otherwise.

Today: Practice, 9 - 11:15 a.m.

Friday: Practice, 9 - 11:15 a.m.

Saturday: Blue/White Spring Game, 1 p.m., Commonwealth Stadium

Ravi Moss returns to football

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON —

He's back. Just two weeks after announcing that he had decided to hang up his football cleats and concentrate on academics and a future career on the hardwood, former Kentucky basketball player Ravi Moss has had a change of heart. The guard-turned-wide receiver returned to the football field Saturday in full pads.

"Ravi (Moss) has decided to

come back to football and give it his full shot," UK Coach Rich Brooks said. "He is behind the other receivers but he can really help this team when he learns everything he needs to know. We are trying to give him an opportunity to see what he can do."

"I just changed my mind," Moss said. "I thought if I didn't play, I would regret it the rest of my life. I don't want to have any regrets. I've been in contact with (offensive coordinator) Joker (Philips) since I left. I prayed about the situation and asked God for a sign. That night I kept dreaming about football and I believe that was a sign. It felt great to be back out there and catch a pass."

Not only has Moss returned with a new mindset but he returns with a new number as well. Moss previously wore jersey No. 4 and has switched to No. 21.

"Twenty-one was my basketball number in high school and I thought it was time I went back to it," Moss said.

Moss caught one pass for six yards in his return.



Ravi Moss

McCutchan gets sixth year to complete eligibility

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University Kentucky football team received great news on Friday when the NCAA approved center Matt McCutchan's appeal for a sixth year in which to complete his eligibility.

McCutchan received the sixth year based on injuries incurred during the 2001-02 seasons while attending the United States Naval Academy.

He transferred to Kentucky and sat out the 2003 season because of the transfer rule.

McCutchan has been the Wildcats' starting center the past two seasons. He was named the Southeastern Conference Offensive Lineman of the Week in UK's win over Indiana in 2004. He was named the team's Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman for the 2005 season by the UK coaches and also earned a place on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

McCutchan has been sitting out spring practice while rehabilitating an ankle injury from last season. He expects to be fully ready when practice begins in August.

"It couldn't happen to a better person," Brooks said. "Matt has a passion for the game and does everything he can to help the team win."

"This is like getting a great recruit, except that he has experience. When we get all of our linemen back on the field, I

think we'll have a pretty good line."

"I've stayed positive and optimistic through the whole process," McCutchan said. "Sandy Bell (UK Associate Athletics Director for Compliance who handled the appeal) did a great job. She worked very hard to get this done."

"I'm excited about this team. I think we're on the rise and I want to be here when it happens. I believe we have the right

mindset and the depth we need. If we stay healthy, we can compete in the SEC."

With Matt McCutchan now eligible for 2006, here is Kentucky's updated team information for the coming season:

51 returning lettermen (24 offense, 25 defense, two specialists)

20 lettermen lost (10 offense, eight defense, two specialists)

15 returning starters (eight offense, seven defense)

7 starters lost (three offense,

four defense)

Practice Report: The Kentucky football team had a two-hour practice Friday morning at the Nutter Training Facility. Coach Brooks said the practice went well until the team period, when the Wildcat defense dominated the action as it has for much of the spring. Brooks also noted that the starting quarterback competition between junior Andre' Woodson and sophomore Curtis Pulley continues to be very close.

Terry Clayton wins Adelstein Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — This year's winner of the Carol S. Adelstein Outstanding Student Award did not hear the applause as his name was called at the awards ceremony Thursday, but he undoubtedly saw the pride in the congratulatory smiles of his

coaches, teammates and fellow students. He is University of Kentucky Football linebacker Terry Clayton.

Clayton was presented with the Adelstein Award at a ceremony in 230 Student Center at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13. He is further honored with the cash award that accompanies

the recognition at the campuswide Student Awards Ceremony at 7 p.m. April 19, in the Grand Ballroom of the UK Student Center.

"I want to say 'thank you' to Barb Deniston and Jake Karnes for nominating me for this award," said Clayton in his acceptance speech. "I also thank

Susan Fogg and the (UK) disabilities office for providing me with the services I need to be successful. Special thanks go to my interpreters, Dick Purnell and Diane Cross.

"I'll say my biggest thank you to my mom and dad (Jason and Betty Sydnor) for helping me to believe I can do anything if I work hard enough."

Named for the wife of retired UK English professor Michael Adelstein, the award is presented annually to the student with a disability who best serves as an inspiration to the university community. Nominees for the Adelstein Award are evaluated through the excellence they demonstrate in academic achievement, leadership, extracurricular activities, and social or personal qualities.

Clayton, a junior majoring in kinesiology in the College of Education, lost his hearing at age 5 due to a bout of the chickenpox. He wears a hearing aid but most of his communications on and off the field are by sign and lip reading. He is an outstanding student in the classroom — he was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll in his sophomore year — and a force to be dealt with on the gridiron.

"Terry has clearly demonstrated to his teammates and coaches what an outstanding person he is because of the way he has dealt with and overcome his disability. He has found ways to compensate. Our players love working with him," said Rich Brooks, UK's head football coach. "He gives you everything he has and takes a lot

of pride in everything he does." Clayton joined the team as a walk-on, red-shirted his freshman year, then his raw strength, determination and instinct for the game began earning him playing time as a sophomore.

Linebackers coach, Chuck Smith, said, "One of the things that make Terry special is that never once has he used his disability as an excuse not to do something. That is unique and shows great character on his part."

"On the field he is a strong, explosive player. He really pays attention and picks up things by watching. For that reason, he doesn't make many mistakes," said Smith.

A graduate of Logan County High School and a native of Olmstead, Clayton is the son of Betty and Jason Sydnor.

UT-Martin takes series finale over Morehead

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Tennessee-Martin pounded out 27 hits and defeated the Morehead State Baseball Eagles 23-7 Saturday afternoon at Allen Field in the wrap-up of a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series. MSU won both games on Friday, 10-7 and 2-0, and took the series two-games-to-one.

The Skyhawks, now 12-23

overall and 5-7 in the OVC, got five hits and five runs batted in from designated hitter Brett Spivy. Catcher Chris Rexabek had five hits and three RBI. Second baseman Chad Green had four hits and three RBI, and shortstop Lance Renton had three hits and three RBI. Renton, Rexabek and Spivy all had home runs.

UT Martin starter Ryan Rockholt (3-4) pitched five

innings and got the win.

Second baseman Chris McCaslin, centerfielder Nick Bobrowski and shortstop all had two hits and two RBI for the Eagles, who are now 14-20 overall and 5-6 in the league.

MSU starter Clay Muntz (0-2) was the losing pitcher.

The Eagles return to action when they travel to Murray State for a three-game OVC series April 22-23.

Lady Eagle rally falls short

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — UT Martin scored five runs in the first three innings, and the Morehead State softball team put together a small rally in the late innings, but it wasn't enough as the Skyhawks completed a three-game OVC sweep over host MSU with a 7-2 win Saturday at University Field. The Skyhawks scored three times in the first and that would be all they needed to improve to 29-19-1, while MSU fell to 10-31.

Down 5-0 going into the fifth, the Eagles finally broke

through off UTM starter Kara Harper for two runs. Lyndsey Jackson led off with a single and advanced to second on an error by the left fielder.

Becky King followed with a single, and Jackson then scored on Krystle Coleman's ground out. Kari Quinn hit a single into the hole at short and UTM shortstop Stacey Weaver's throw went over first base, scoring King and allowing Quinn to move to second.

However, Holly Templeton came in and shut the door in the circle for the Skyhawks, tossing the final 2.1 innings with no

runs allowed and two hits.

UTM added its sixth and seventh runs in the seventh frame off the bat of Emily Webb, who hit a two-run homer. For UTM, Brittany Nash and Lauren Manna went 3-for-4 each as UTM pounded out 14 hits off two MSU hurlers. The Skyhawks had 35 hits in the series.

Quinn went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead MSU, which had six hits. Lauren Cook suffered the loss, falling to 3-5 on the year, while Harper picked up the win and Templeton recorded a save.

Power slips past Legends

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The Lexington Legends were four outs away from a series sweep but the West Virginia Power rallied for two eighth inning runs to slip by the Legends 4-3 on Sunday afternoon in Charleston.

Jamie Gant suffered the loss in relief of starter Tip Fairchild. Gant allowed two earned runs on three hits to fall to 0-1. Fairchild settled down to pitch six quality innings. The right-hander gave up two runs on nine hits.

West Virginia scored in the opening inning on a Matt Gamel fielder's choice. The Legends tied the game in the second on Mike Thompson's sacrifice fly.

The Power regained the lead in the fifth. Ned Yost led off with a double and scored two

batters later on the two out single by Darren Ford. Lexington evened the game up in their next turn. An error by Kenny Holmberg allowed Eli Iorg to score from third.

For the second straight game, Koby Clemens made his presence felt. Clemens two-out single in the eighth inning scored J.R. Towles from second

to give the Legends their only lead at 3-2.

The Power won it with two runs in the eighth. Gamel scored on Ryan Crew's double to tie it at 3. Holmberg scored on a sacrifice fly by Nate Yoho to end the scoring.

The Legends had Monday off and were on the road at Eastlake, Ohio Tuesday night.

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TI spends millions to sell TV technology to NASCAR fans

by DAVID KOENIG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — Doug Darrow surveyed a throng of racegoers Sunday and said NASCAR fans may not be rich, but they have enough money to buy big high-definition television sets.

As a marketing executive for Texas Instruments Inc., it's Darrow's job to know that kind of thing. For instance, he can cite studies that show nearly half of high-def TV buyers have family incomes under \$50,000.

"As the price of the sets comes down, it's a whole new set of customers," Darrow said.

Texas Instruments is a rookie sponsor on the Nextel Cup circuit, spending at least \$15 million to \$20 million this year to paint DLP, the name of its high-def TV technology, on the blue No. 96 racer.

The car had some trouble the recent Samsung/RadioShack 500. The first pit stop was a near-disaster, with crew mem-

bers scrambling to avoid getting run over, and the car finished 24th.

Still, TI officials were ecstatic. They said 5,700 fans streamed through their exhibit booth during race weekend. And the DLP car's ownership duo of former Dallas Cowboys stars Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman generated a buzz out of proportion to the middle-of-the-pack finish.

The national telecast on Fox at times highlighted the DLP car — Aikman is a football analyst for the network — showing driver Tony Raines' windshield view and occasional shots from the "DLP ultimate picture cam."

Aikman and Staubach obliged dozens of autograph hunters.

TI officials concede that sponsoring a NASCAR car isn't cheap, but they say the exposure is priceless.

Daniel Howard, a marketing professor at Southern Methodist University, said NASCAR looks like a good fit.

"These cars are very high-

tech and very fast, which is the image TI wants for their products," Howard said. "The only downside is the risk of a catastrophe, like a crash and a death, which would have a negative rub-off on the company."

Stephen Pruitt, a University of Missouri-Kansas City finance professor who has studied the financial impact of NASCAR sponsorships, says most companies see a boost in their stock price that can't be entirely explained by other factors. He said studies have shown that NASCAR fans are more likely to buy sponsors' products over ones from competitors that have no ties to racing.

But Pruitt said TI is at a disadvantage because it is promoting a technology — digital light processing — that is used in TVs, but not TVs themselves. There is no DLP brand, just as there is no Intel Corp. brand of computer, just the "Intel inside" label on other companies' machines.

"I would view this as a high risk," Pruitt said. "How it pans

out depends on how many people will go out and buy high-def TVs with this technology inside. They need to sell a lot of TVs."

Texas Instruments doesn't disclose its revenue from DLP, which is also used in high-end projectors for homes and movie theaters, although analysts say it is about 5 percent of the company's total sales.

DLP uses a chip with 1 million or more tiny mirrors to reflect light and create a TV image. The technology competes against sets that use plasma gas or liquid crystal display screens like the ones on computers.

Texas Instruments plans to haul its traveling exhibit space to 28 NASCAR races this year. It is TI's first big foray into sports marketing, although the Dallas company has advertised on football telecasts.

"They have been great," Aikman said. "They have gotten behind the sport, and we don't have to worry about having the necessary funds."

TI has a 3-year deal with Hall of Fame Racing, the company formed by Aikman and Staubach. Both men sported shirts with the team and DLP logos.

As newcomers to NASCAR themselves, the two former quarterbacks hoped for a top-25 finish, which they got.

"I'm not counting on winning a race soon, but I don't want to be too old before I win," Staubach said.

Both NFL stars marveled at NASCAR's fan-friendly nature, in which spectators can tour the garages before races and see the cars and drivers up close.

NASCAR claims to be the second-biggest spectator sport behind only football, but sponsors see advantages to the race-track, where cars and drivers are festooned with all sorts of advertising. On Sunday, the DLP car also promoted Tweeters, a regional electronics chain that sells DLP TVs.

By contrast, TI's Darrow noted, "They won't let me put

our name on the front of the Dallas Cowboys' jerseys."

AUTO RACING: Harvick wins Busch race at Nashville

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLADEVILLE, Tenn. — Nextel Cup driver Kevin Harvick raced to his first NASCAR Busch Series victory of the year Saturday, taking the lead with 52 laps to go and holding off teammate Clint Bowyer after a late caution in the Pepsi 300.

Harvick finished 0.504 seconds ahead of Bowyer, his Richard Childress racing teammate, en route to his 18th career Busch Series victory. Harvick also took a 156-point lead over Denny Hamlin in the series standings and became the eighth Nextel Cup driver to win in the first eight races of the Busch Series season.

Lawyer Ron wins Arkansas Derby

By NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Lawyer Ron broke quickly to the lead — faster than jockey John McKee had planned.

It was as if the horse couldn't wait to show off his speed in his final Kentucky Derby tuneup.

"He got real aggressive with me going into the turn. Fortunately enough there was some room to get through the hole, and he just kind of took over the race," McKee said. "I thought I would be third or fourth, mid-pack. We had to go to Plan B after that."

Plan B led to the same result as usual. Lawyer Ron moved ahead at the start of the backstretch and never looked back, winning the \$1 million Arkansas Derby on Saturday for his sixth straight victory. Trainer Bob Holthus' chestnut colt is now 7-for-7 lifetime on dirt — and remains one of the favorites to win three weeks from now at Churchill Downs.

The last two Arkansas Derby winners — Smarty Jones in 2004 and Affleet Alex last year — each went on to win two legs of the Triple Crown. Holthus hopes Lawyer Ron can continue the trend.

"They're both talented — all three of them are — and hopefully we can follow in their footsteps," he said.

Lawyer Ron had already won Oaklawn Park's first two big prep races for 3-year-olds — the Southwest in February and the Rebel last month. He was a heavy favorite all week and paid \$3.00, \$2.60 and \$2.20.

Steppenwolver, the runner-up in the Southwest and third in the Rebel, was second in the Arkansas Derby, 2 3/4 lengths behind. He paid \$4.40 and \$3.20.

Third-place finisher Private Vow paid \$3.60.

With a record crowd — announced at 72,484 — cheering him on, Lawyer Ron bumped into With a City at the start. But he was safely near the middle of the pack toward the inside going into the first turn.

"The only thing I asked of John was try not to get trapped on the rail," Holthus said. "Give him a place to run."

That wasn't a problem. Lawyer Ron moved quickly to the front around the turn and led by a length at the half-mile mark. From there, McKee was able to keep him ahead of the other 12 horses.

Private Vow made a bid down the stretch, but Lawyer Ron immediately pulled away at McKee's urging.

concerned and hit him a couple times and he just took off and I was like, 'Wow!'" McKee said.

The 71-year-old Holthus, a Hot Springs resident, has been racing at Oaklawn since 1953. His only other Arkansas Derby win came in 1988 with Proper Reality.

"Tonight I might run for governor," he said.

Holthus has had four Kentucky Derby horses, but this one could be his best shot at a win. Lawyer Ron is ranked No. 3 in the NTRA 3-year-old poll behind Brother Derek and Barbaro. His team came prepared this weekend with black "Lawyer Ron" hats, with the scales of justice logo above the horse's name.

Lawyer Ron's owner, James T. Hines Jr., died in February. The horse's winnings go into a trust overseen by Ron Bamberger, the lawyer the colt is named after.

Lawyer Ron covered the 1 1/8-mile race in 1:51.38 on the fast track, the slowest Arkansas Derby since 1982.

Dan Peitz, Steppenwolver's trainer, has said all along he thought his horse could perform well at longer distances. The Arkansas Derby — on the final day of Oaklawn's season — completes a progression of prep races at the Hot Springs track that includes the mile-long Southwest and the 1 1/16-mile Rebel.

The Kentucky Derby is 1 1/4 miles. Peitz, who figured his horse would need to finish first or second to have enough graded stakes earnings for the Kentucky Derby, was pleased with the way Steppenwolver overcame traffic.

"I'm not saying he would have gotten to the winner, but had he had a good trip he would have made the finish closer," Peitz said. "One thing about Steppenwolver is that he will run all day."

Private Vow has plenty of graded stakes earnings, but he had other concerns. He won four of six starts in 2005, but his only race as a 3-year-old had been a seventh-place finish in the Rebel. He finished 1 1/2 lengths behind Steppenwolver on Saturday.

"I think he ran a good race and right now I'm happy with him," said Steve Asmussen, Private Vow's trainer. "He's still not right where I want him in fitness."

With a City, who also entered the race with plenty of earnings, finished last.

Smarty Jones was the last horse to sweep the Southwest, Rebel and Arkansas Derby — a good omen for Lawyer Ron if there ever was one.

Rookie Leicht tops in ARCA race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEBANON, Tenn. — Stephen Leicht, in a Robert Yates Racing Ford, earned his career-first ARCA RE/MAX Series victory in only his second series start Saturday afternoon at Nashville Superspeedway, claiming the PFG Lester 150 by a margin of 0.538 seconds over fellow rookie Brad Coleman.

"I still haven't realized I won this race," said Leicht, an Asheville, N.C. native. "It probably won't hit me until tomorrow."

"I knew we had a good car, but I didn't know if we had the experience to beat guys like Frank Kimmel. And you know, Steve Wallace has a lot of seat time in these cars."

Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn started 26th in the ARCA race. Blackburn got caught up in an accident and finished 36th.

Leicht, who is part of a driver development program for Robert Yates Racing, seemed to have no problem finding his way around the 1.33-mile concrete speedway.

"Nashville's a cool track,"

said Leicht. "Concrete tracks are different than pavement. It's hard to get your car to handle. I don't think we would have got by Justin [Diercks] had he not gotten held up by that slower car. I hate to see what happened to him."

Justin Diercks, who is part of a driver development program for ML Motorsports and Robert Yates, fared well early in the day, only to become involved in a lap 98 accident that claimed four cars and effectively ended his day. Steve Blackburn, Donny Lia and Ryan Howard were also involved in the late-race incident.

Brad Coleman, in only his first career start, started third and finished second, driving a Federated Car Care Ford for Brewco Motorsports.

"This was definitely a great experience," said Coleman, who is slated to compete in several ARCA RE/MAX Series races in 2006. "I've done a lot of cross training, which has helped me a lot. Road course racing, Daytona Proto-types, basically I've driven everything there is to drive and it's definitely helpful."

Coleman, an eighteen-year-

old high school senior from Houston, Texas, is scheduled to compete in the ARCA RE/MAX Series next weekend when the tour visits Salem Speedway in Southern Indiana.

And, although the field was deep with driver development programs, Series veteran Frank Kimmel managed a third place finish in the no. 46 Pork the Other White Ford.

"First of all it's great to be back here at Nashville," said Kimmel. "The Pork car is just a little bit tight, and it's been like that on these mile-and-a-half race tracks. This is a big race for us. I believe that by far this is the most competitive race ARCA has ever had. Great cars. I think we sent over 20 cars home."

TJ Bell, in a no. 50 IbidMotors.com Dodge, finished fourth after starting 22nd, advancing 18 positions and earning Hoosier Tire Hard Charger honors. Rounding out the top five was Willie Allen in a Bob Schacht Motorsports Ford.

"I was very excited to be here and run this well, especially with the way we started the

weekend," said Allen. "Bob Schacht and all of the guys worked really hard to try and get it better. With all the Cup development teams, I feel really excited that I can run with these guys, and the caliber of Bob Schacht Motorsports helped me do that."

Allen, a Tennessee native and Country Music fan, was sponsored by recording artist Diamond Rio this weekend.

In honor of his late father, ARCA RE/MAX Series championship-winning driver, owner and spotter Jack Bowsher, Todd Bowsher made an honorary pace lap at the front of the field in his no. 21 Safe Auto Insurance Ford.

Cale Gale, Todd Hansen, Damon Lusk, Michael Faulk and Steve Wallace rounded out the top ten.

Top-10 ARCA RE/MAX Series Points After Nashville:

1) Frank Kimmel, 410; 2) TJ Bell, 400; 3) Bobby Gerhart, 400; 4) Damon Lusk, 395; 5) Billy Venturini, 365; 6) Mario Gosselin, 365; 7) Ken Weaver, 350; 8) Stephen Leicht, 345; 9) Erin Crocker, 315; 10) Chuck Weber, 270.

Top Derby contenders have common thread: All love the lead

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Don't blink when the gate springs open to start the Kentucky Derby. If you do, you could miss all the favorites making a mad dash to the first turn at Churchill Downs.

The field for the May 6 Derby is coming into shape, and the theme for this edition is speed, speed and more speed. The top three contenders in the Run for the Roses' final Top 10 — Brother Derek, Lawyer Ron and Barbaro — are front-runners who refuse to be caught when they take the lead.

Lawyer Ron was the latest to display his sheer speed, dragging jockey John McKee to the front along the backstretch en route to a 2 3/4-length victory in Saturday's \$1 million Arkansas Derby — the colt's sixth straight win.

A week earlier, Brother Derek went gate-to-wire in capturing the Santa Anita Derby for his fourth straight victory. And a week before that, Barbaro stalked the pace before pulling away from Sharp Humor to win the Florida Derby his fifth straight victory.

They aren't the only speed demons, as Sinister Minister showed Saturday in an astonishing gate-to-wire, 12 3/4-length romp in the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland, a victory that left once-promising Derby hopefuls Bluegrass Cat (fourth) and First Samurai (fifth) in his wake.

"I don't think Brother Derek can get in front of this guy,"

Sinister Minister trainer Bob Baffert said. "I don't think he wants to."

Dan Hendricks, who trains Brother Derek, says his colt can settle in behind a speed duel up front. "If a horse wants to be sent out there and be ridiculous, let him," he said. "We'll be close. Everybody knows what our style is."

The results of the Blue Grass and the Arkansas Derby had a huge impact on the Derby hopes and dreams of many:

— Sinister Minister became Baffert's third Derby horse; Wood Memorial winner Bob and John, who also likes to run up front, and Santa Anita Derby runner-up Point Determined are the others.

— Nick Zito saw two of his final Derby hopefuls fail to deliver: Little Cliff was eighth in the Blue Grass; Superfly was 11th in the Arkansas Derby. The Hall of Fame trainer, who sent out five starters last year, has one more chance with Hemingway's Key in next Saturday's Lexington Stakes.

— Steve Asmussen's colts came through in the clutch, and the trainer could have two Derby starters in Storm Treasure (second in the Blue Grass) and Private Vow (third in the Arkansas Derby).

— Todd Pletcher's Derby hopes took a hit with Bluegrass Cat's defeat as the 9-5 favorite, followed by High Cotton's ninth-place finish in the Arkansas Derby. Bluegrass Cat may still run in the Derby, and the trainer has two other contenders in Keyed Entry and

Sunriver, who is likely to run in the Lexington.

— First Samurai, once a leading Derby prospect, was 30 1/4 lengths behind Sinister Minister and likely won't run in the 1 1/4-mile Derby. The colt hasn't finished first in any of the races he's run at a distance over a mile.

This week's Top 10 has three new entries: Sinister Minister at No. 7, Steppenwolver at No. 8 and Like Now at No. 10. Off the list are Bluegrass Cat, First Samurai and Discreet Cat.

This week's top 10, with final Derby future wager odds:

1. Brother Derek (Dan Hendricks, trainer, Alex Solis, jockey): Early Derby favorite will have company up front in Derby. ... Set for workout this week at Santa Anita; expected to be in Louisville on April 25. ... Next start: Kentucky Derby (May 6) ... Odds: 5-1.

2. Lawyer Ron (Bob Holthus, John McKee): Six in a row after sweeping aside 12 rivals in Arkansas Derby. ... Next start: Derby ... Odds: 8-1.

3. Barbaro (Michael Katz, Edgar Prado): Unbeaten colt training at Keeneland, with workout expected next Sunday. ... Galloped on the main track Sunday, with gallops planned on the Polytrack during the week. ... Next start: Derby ... Odds: 9-1.

4. Point Determined (Bob Baffert, Rafael Bejarano): If there's too much speed up front, Baffert could get his fourth Derby win with this colt. ... Next start: Derby ... Odds: 13-1.

5. Bob and John (Baffert,

Garrett Gomez): Wood Memorial winner also likes to run near the front. ... Next start: Derby ... Odds: 13-1.

6. Sweetnorthernstain (Michael Trombetta, Kent Desormeaux): Starting to become popular choice after romp in Illinois Derby on April 8. ... Next start: Derby ... Odds: 10-1.

7. Sinister Minister (Baffert, Gomez): Gate-to-wire Blue Grass winner could have been claimed in January for \$62,500. ... Would have won California Derby but hit rail twice in the stretch. ... Next start: Derby ... Odds: 15-1 (mutuel field).

8. Steppenwolver (Daniel Pietz, Robby Albarado): Second-best to Lawyer Ron in Arkansas in prep races. ... Extra distance in Derby could help. ... And he's named for the rock group Steppenwolf. ... Next start: Derby ... Odds: 47-1.

9. A.P. Warrior (John Shirreffs, Corey Nakatani): Nakatani confirmed for the mount. ... Will train at Santa Anita and be shipped to Churchill Down on May 2. ... Next start: Derby ... Odds: 24-1.

10. Like Now (Kieran McLaughlin, Fernando Jara): Gotham winner recovered quickly from fever that kept him out of Wood Memorial. ... Next start: Lexington Stakes (Saturday) ... Odds: 70-1.

Keep an eye on: Bluegrass Cat, Jazil, Private Vow, Showing Up, Sunriver.

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POISON OAK

Unexpected weekend treat

I've been driving the Mountain Parkway ever since it's been there. Except for several autumns ago when every curve revealed another quilt pieced by Mother Nature at her creative best, most of the time, it's been an hour and a half of boredom.

However, last weekend provided color that rivaled - perhaps even beat -

the aforementioned fall of a few weeks back. I don't think I've seen the redbuds quite as vivid, and as plentiful, especially in a couple of stretches through Morgan County.



Clyde Pack

Perhaps it was because the display was unexpected, but the redbud dominated the conversation between Wilma Jean and me in both directions on the so-called "road to nowhere."

The first thing we decided was that these particular trees had been placed there by man; too evenly spaced to be the result of a random act of nature. Also, we considered the fact that for miles at a time, no redbuds could be seen anywhere else on the still-mostly naked hillsides. They appeared to have been precisely measured along the highway, set out perhaps several years ago. We wondered why we'd never noticed them before, looking so downright pretty. So pretty, in fact, that one lady had pulled her car off the road and stood taking pictures as we drove by. I doubt that she was from Southern Living magazine, but the images she recorded would, no-doubt, be worthy of those expensive, slick pages.

Since the redbud and dogwood usually bloom at about the same time, we wondered why the dogwoods that

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KIM'S KORNER

Attention, Political Candidates

With twelve issues remaining before the May 16 election, this space is being used this week to pass along a little reminder about our "Meet the Candidates" special section coming on April 28th.

This section will give each candidate the opportunity to reach voters in our County that they haven't been able to contact during their campaigns - a real chance to let the voters know "who"



Kim Little Frasure

you are, the office you are seeking and the experience you've acquired that makes YOU the best person for the job, and, most importantly for some of us, what you plan to do once you've been elected!

Some candidates have really been on the ball and have already sent in their photos and responses. Please! For those of you who have not yet responded, don't let this opportunity pass you by! Make sure your photos and responses are in our office by tomorrow - Thursday, April 20, 2006.

Looking forward to printing your responses in this year's "Meet the Candidates" Special Section. Best Wishes & May God Bless....

Eggs-citing weekend Jenny Wiley Park hosts Easter hunt

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

They came, baskets in hand, excited and eager to embark upon the great hunt. The great Easter Egg hunt, that is. Held this past Saturday on the campgrounds of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, children of all ages with parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles in tow, searched the grounds for the brightly colored plastic ovals, in hopes of not only filling their baskets but also hoping to locate one of a dozen prize eggs.

"We were out bright and early," said camp host, Petty Thompson, "hiding these eggs. Hid 1,800 of them, all over the place."

As children and their families gathered for instruction, Park Naturalist Trinity Shepherd gave a brief synopsis of the day's schedule before blowing his whistle and turning the crowd loose on the grounds.

Approximately 45 minutes later, the eggs had been gathered and children were excitedly waiting for the culmination of the day's event on the campground dance pad where Shepherd and his staff had assembled to hand out prizes of Easter baskets and fun toys to those who had located prize-winning eggs.

One egg, however, remained unfound. With a single prize remaining, the park naturalist asked if anyone in the crowd was preparing to celebrate a birthday on Easter morning. A set of twins stepped forward to claim the prize - luckily, a game requiring two players. "Two mitts, two twins - that works out," Shepherd said.

"We hope you all have had as much fun as we have," Shepherd told the crowd. "Come back and we'll do it again next year."

Lots of summer activities have been planned for the upcoming camping season at Jenny Wiley. Next on the agenda is "Hillbilly Night," Saturday, April 22, with guest star "Munroe" of the KY Opry. Munroe will entertain in only the unique, comedic way that he can and a buffet supper of hillbilly favorites will be available in the May Lodge dining room.

Following, April 28-29, is "Camper's Appreciation Weekend." Buy one night of camping and get the second night free. New for this year, campground reservations may be made over the internet, as well as the phone. Visit www.parks.ky.gov or telephone 1-888-459-7275. Walk-ins are accepted only if spots are available, so Shepherd encourages those interested to plan ahead and make their summer reservations right away.

For more information about upcoming activities, you may contact Park Naturalist Trinity Shepherd at 889-1790 or 1-800-325-0142, or by email: tshepherd@charterinternet.com.



Top: Park Naturalist Trinity Shepherd poses with the group of lucky children, each bearing their prize, who discovered "lucky" eggs during the afternoon's hunt. Center, left: Tiny J.B. Shepherd's curiosity gets the best of him as he digs through the day's bounty in his Easter basket; sister, Abigail, and friend Nicholas Heatherly, holding sleepy puppy "Zachie," enjoy a break from the activity; center, right: The race is on! An excited mom and daughter team get in the game. Bottom, left: Shepherd gives the "Go!" call and participants take off; bottom, right: "In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it" - this little lady is all dressed up and ready for the parade.

CRITTER CORNER

More on seizures

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

This week, we continue our discussion of seizures in dogs. I am finding that this portion is much more difficult to compose than the first installment. Describing seizures, even though they take many forms, is much easier than finding out what causes them. (By the way, I am not slighting cats—it's just that they are much less prone to seizure disorders, although when they do have them, they tend to be much more serious and more difficult to control.)

A quick glance at the first textbook I picked up lists the following possible causes of seizures: infections (canine distemper, blastomycosis, toxoplasmosis), head trauma, developmental abnormalities (i.e. hydrocephalus),

tumors, parasite migration, vascular impairment, genetic predisposition, low calcium levels, low blood sugar, thiamine deficiency, toxins, kidney or liver disease and heat stroke.

If I am presented with a seizing dog, or one with a history of seizures, can I test for all of the above problems? Of course not. (Well, maybe with a nearby vet school and an owner who has won the lottery...)

Sometimes the dog's age, breed, or other circumstances may tip us off, and we don't actually have to look too far. For example, the following cases may all have the presenting complaint of seizures, but I am not going to waste a lot of time on diagnostics until I have

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This laid back trio each belong to Glenna Woods, of Prestonsburg, who shares that the three animals "enjoy laying around with each other" on the living room furniture. "Theda" is the "top dog" in the photo, surrounded by cats "Ozzie," left, and "Andy," right. Glenna also shares that Theda just celebrated her second birthday on March 18. Happy belated, Theda!

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character words for the month of April: "Kindness" and "Tolerance"

■ April 17-28 - CATS testing.

■ April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," Mountain Arts Center. Program is free to all parents/guardians. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource Center's. Information, entertainment, door prizes and free lunch.

■ Sign-ups still going on for Beginner Sewing Classes. Stop by YSC if interested.

■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.

■ 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. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

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 Marilyn Bailey, assistant coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ May 1 - Election for SBDM Council member (Teacher representative) for 2006-2007 school year; 3:15 p.m. Election for Parent representative will be at 6 p.m., in school library. Parents and staff may vote, in school office, April 14 thru April 27.

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC

patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building. Call 886-2487 for questions.

Duff Elementary

■ May 2, 3, 4 - Kindergarten registration, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Note: For those wishing to register children for kindergarten, please see Brenda Conley or Kim Slone in front office upon entering building. Children wishing to enter kindergarten must be 5 years of age by October 1, 2006. Please bring the following items when registering: Social security card (child's); birth certificate (or proof that you have applied for one) - must be full size; valid immunization certificate; completed medical exam form; completed KY eye exam form - form must be completed by an optometrist.

■ Anyone wishing to schedule a school medical exam through the Family Resource Center may call 358-9878 to set one up.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and

well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

May Valley Elementary

■ April 17-28 - CATS and CTBS testing window.

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams,

WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting Kindergarten applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Open registration begins April 1.

■ MCA is selling raffle tickets for a Pontiac G6 which will be given away on April 21, at the 12th Annual Spring Fling Gospel Sing. Tickets are \$50 each. Please call 606-285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ April 17 - Nominations for SBDM Teacher and Parent elections (for 2006-2007 school year) will begin. Nomination process will end on April 28, at 3 p.m. Please submit nominations to the office no later than April 28, 3 p.m.

■ May 1 - Election for Teacher representatives; 3:15 p.m., in school library.

■ May 2 - Election for Parent representatives; 7 p.m., in school auditorium.

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

■ After School Child Care,

3-6 p.m., school days.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

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

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

■ 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. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

April 17 and 19, 1996

Officials with the Mountain Area Drug Task Force confirmed, Tuesday, that the multi-county police agency is under investigation by federal authorities. In a prepared news release issued, Tuesday, and signed by Prestonsburg Police chief Darrell Conley, chairman of the task force, the agency confirmed "the receipt of federal grand jury subpoenas" but did not say when those subpoenas were served or what information they sought...Two Floyd County men pulled two Johnson County men from the waters of the Paintsville Lake Saturday after a boating accident that left one of the Johnson men dead. Edgar D. Caudill, 50, Hager Hill, was pronounced dead at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Philip Wireman, 38, Thelma, was admitted to the hospital and treated for cuts and abrasions. He was discharged on Monday...Wheelwright's City Council voted unanimously Monday night to request \$397,650 in grant funds to fix the city's swimming pool...Frank Scott, 37, of Weeksbury, has just accepted a settlement from Leeco Inc., because he was forced to quit his job because of unsafe work assignments...A forest fire at Corn Fork on Saturday consumed more than 2,400 acres before the fire was contained by the State Forestry Department and the Prestonsburg Fire Department. The fire at Corn Fork was one of 22 forest fires reported this fire season that have burned about 4,000 acres in Floyd County, according to district forester Steve Graves...Lon May ecology officer for Floyd County, has a dirty job but somebody has to do it. He's trying to clean up Floyd County and keep it clean. "Education is the key if we're ever going to get a handle on trash in Floyd County," he said...A Hi Hat mine foreman was indicted, Wednesday, for allegedly violating a safety standard for mine operations that led to the death of another miner. The indictment against Danny Mead was returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Ashland and announced by Joseph L. Farmirlaro, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky and Davitt McAteer, assistant secretary of labor for the Mine Safety and the Health Administration. Two Lexington women, Sammie Joe Oney and Tammy Dale Oney, formerly of Salyersville, are

expected to be sentenced today, Friday, on charges that they put together an elaborate scheme to receive food stamps and benefits checks from the Department of Social Services...Two cases of theft by unlawful taking against Ruby Vanhose of Paintsville, charged with allegedly stealing jewelry from customers of Layne's Cleaning Services while she was working for the service was held over to the Floyd County Grand Jury...No indictments were returned Wednesday, by a federal grand jury sitting in Ashland, against the Mountain Area Drug Task Force...A wild chase through Prestonsburg, Wednesday evening, has led to the arrest of a Highlands Regional Medical Center administrator. Clarence Traum was arrested by Prestonsburg Police Chief Darrell Conley about 2:10 p.m. Thursday, and charged with three counts of wanton endangerment; one count of terroristic threatening; and one count of harassment...The case against a Galveston man was held over for the grand jury after he allegedly "sucker-punched" another man and threw a rock, at that man's pregnant daughter. Wendell Douglas Vance was charged with fourth-degree assault for allegedly hitting John Hall and first-degree assault for throwing a rock and hitting Chasity Hall, who was six months pregnant, in the side of her stomach...The pull of the "Old Country" brought a successful southeastern Kentucky newspaper editor back home. Floyd County native Ralph Davis III, recently gave up his job as editor with the Jackson County Sun in McKee, to become editor of the Paintsville Herald...There died: James F. "Jimmy" Tussey, 44, of Jerome, Michigan, formerly of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Wednesday, April 10; Danny Lee Smith, 47, of Martin, Friday, April 12, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Judy Carol Johnson, 53, of Richmond, formerly of Estill, Sunday, April 14, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; William Arch Bailey, 69, of Melvin, Saturday, April 13, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lillian Stanley, 82, of Weeksbury, Monday, April 15, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Evelyn Gibson, 58, of Pippa Passes, Thursday, April 11, at Sycamore Hospital, in Miamisburg, Ohio; William Arch Bailey, 69, of Melvin, Saturday, April 13, Saturday, April 13, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Peachie Merritt, 62, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, April 16, at her

residence; Donald "Buck" Little, 68, of Monticello, Tuesday, April 16, at the Wayne County Hospital in Monticello; Minnie Griffith, 93, of Greenwich, Ohio, Wednesday, April 17.

Twenty Years Ago

April 23, 1986

County Court Clerk Carla R. Bolton informed the Floyd Fiscal Court that she will turn over only a fraction of the amount she had turned over in the past two years...The order for construction of new schools at Prestonsburg and Garrett caused arguments for those who attended a hearing Thursday...An early morning high speed chase landed two Martin County men in the hospital...On Monday, city officials learned that the application for a \$60,000 grant from the state Land and Water Commission Fund had been turned down for the swimming pool at Archer Park...Consolidated Communications Regional Manager Marty Crawford said that television cable subscribers should get better reception and more channels in the local area...About 200 area coal producers heard an attack, last week, at the annual meeting of the Big-Sandy Elkhorn Coal Institute on the federal agency responsible for regulating the strip-mining industry, and on the environmentalists who have been the most persistent critics...There died: Julia Sizemore DeRossett, 103, died Tuesday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home. She was one of Floyd County's oldest residents; Fannie Mary Sublett Allen, 81, of Allen, died Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, following a long illness; Lavone Click Conn, 52, of Martin, died at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following a long illness; Ella T. Hunter, 81, of Cow Creek, died Monday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Stanley Bamer, 71, of Garrett, died last Wednesday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, following a brief illness; John Langley Crace, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, at the Seven Rivers Community Hospital, Florida; and Norman Conn, 67, of Betsy Layne, died Friday, at his home, following a long illness.

Thirty Years Ago

April 21, 1976

Magistrate Kenneth Roberts, of District No. 2, said Monday that peace officers making arrests in his district have been violating the law by taking their prisoners before a magistrate in another district. Plans to reclaim the now abandoned city gargabe dump on the old Middle Creek road and restore it to a condition suitable as a site for the proposed Floyd County Animal Shelter were announced at last Thursday's meeting of the city council...Floyd County, last year, during a boom, the likes of which has never been witnessed before in the industry, produced 4.48 million tons of coal, according to statistics released last week by the state Department of Mines and Minerals...Almost three weeks of rainless weather have resulted in extremely hazardous conditions in the area in terms of forest fire risk, and although numerous woodland blazes were reported over the past week for surrounding counties, Floyd County, during the same period, escaped fire damage...Four persons were arrested in three separate liquor raids by law enforcement officials in the county, Friday and Saturday...T. B. Connors was visited by friends and relatives at his home at Estill on his 94th birthday, Sunday, April 4...Miss Paula Hinchman, of Allen, competed in the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs' State Piano Contest, April 7, at the KET studios in Lexington...The Drift Woman's Club celebrated its 25th anniversary April 9...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vickers, a son, Shadrick Daniels, April 13, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington...There died: Mrs. Maxie Allen Hutsiniller, 79, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at Crest Haven Rest Home, Paintsville; Mrs. Dallye Slone Hall, 80, of Bypro, April 14, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Bradshaw I. Gibson, 30, of Milton, W.Va., formerly of Knott County, Friday, at Morris Memorial Nursing Home; Milton; Tom Sparks, 72, former Prestonsburg resident, April 16, in Albion Community Hospital, Albion, Mich.; Mrs. Ossie Bays Prater, 87, of Cliff, March 31 at the Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa; Mrs. Elsie Collins, 62, of Weeksbury, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Elsie Derossett, 72, of Jeffersonville, Ind., formerly of this county, Friday, at Clark County Memorial Hospital, Jeffersonville; Spenser Sloan, 88, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

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Yesterdays

Forty Years Ago

April 21, 1966

The first annual Mountain Dew Festival began here today, (Thursday), and will continue through Saturday...All but one of the 422 one-room schools remaining, last year, in Kentucky, were in the state's eastern counties...Pfc. Andrew Jackson Campbell, of Langley, is the second Floyd County soldier to fall victim to the fighting in Viet Nam. Commissioner of Highways Henry Ward, last week, authorized the reconstruction of South Lake Drive, here, a project which will cost an estimated \$330,000...Married: Miss Harriet Estes, of Winchester, and Mr. R. Bruce Thompson of David, April 8, at Clintwood, Virginia; Miss Brenda Clay of David and Tom Edward Music of the Abbott Road, April 16, at the David Baptist Church...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hager, a son, James Warren Hager Jr., April 13, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Mrs. Tina Clark Ramey, 58, of Town Branch, March 3, at the Paintsville Hospital; M. D. Osborne, 71, of Buckingham, April 8, at a Lexington hospital; F. J. "Jake" Gunnell, 80, of Emma, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

April 19, 1956

At least six of the county's nine high schools, already have selected girl-representatives to compete here the evening of April 27, for the title of "Miss Floyd County"...Big Sandy river towns and some on smaller streams got their usual spring flood scare over the week-end, after more than 24 hours of almost continual rainfall...The Stumbo Memorial Hospital, near Lackey, closed its doors, Saturday...The Floyd County Health Department, after almost 30 years of service to the people of the county, was legally created only last week...State-owned wholesale and retail liquor stores were offered last week by Representatives David Martin, Jr., of Hi Hat, and Russell Reynolds, Beattyville, as a bill for house consideration...The Floyd County Board of Health in a special meeting, last Thursday, approved a budget of \$35,632.56 to cover expenses of the Floyd County Health Department for the fiscal year beginning, July 1...The United Fuel Gas Company plans to spend approximately \$2,305,000 for the drilling, this year, of gas wells, none of which will be in Floyd County...Billie Sue Click, 20, of Martin, is a candidate for Queen of the Mountain Laurel Festival at Pineville...Martin Douglas May, eighth grade pupil in the Prestonsburg Grade School, this year won for the second year in a row, his school's spelling championship, and will represent the school in the Herald-Dispatch Tri-State Spelling Bee at Huntington, W.Va...Married: Miss Carol Jean Robinson, and Mr. George Austin Wright, both of Jackson, Mich., April 7, at Jackson...There died: George P. Bingham, 77, of Lancer, Tuesday;

School

thru Fri.

■ 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 19 - SBDM Council Election; 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Resource Center.

■ April 20 - Head Start parent meeting; 9:30 a.m., in Resource Center.

■ April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mountain Arts Center.

■ May 1 - DARE Day field trip, for 5th grades, at Jenny Wiley Spillway.

■ May 5 - "Career Day," K-8.

■ May 8, 9 - "PRIDE" presentation, K-8.

■ May 9 - Hot Air Balloon rides, 8th grade.

■ GED classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Mud Creek Clinic. Classes are free.

■ 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 Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

■ GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at the Weeksbury Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at 886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge.

■ Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become property of the FRC.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central

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building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Wesley Christian School

■ Fall registration for new school students, contact office at 874-8328, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

Learning Ladder Academy

■ After-school students welcome (after-school will be closed on March 21).

■ For more information, contact MaShawna Jacobs, assistant director, at 886-0771.

■ Learning Ladder Academy privately owned and operated by Cindy DeRossett Hitchcock and MaShawna A. Jacobs. Academy located at 44 Hillside Center Drive, Prestonsburg.

Andrew Poe, 83, Monday, at the home of a son at Katy Friend; Jimmy D. Salisbury, 66, of Hunter, last Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Sixty Years Ago

April 18, 1946

Unskilled workers employed by the Ryan Construction Company in construction of the Johns Creek Dam are on strike this week, protesting the 65 cent-per-hour wage scale set for them by the Department of Labor...Except for train service, public transportation north of Prestonsburg was nonexistent, after 33 employees of the Kentucky Virginia Stages had gone on strike, Monday...Lucas Gibson, 26, was instantly killed, Monday, near Lackey, when two telephone poles from which he had cut the wires, snapped at the ground level, plummeting him to earth and falling on him...Henry Blair, 47, Pikeville miner, was struck and instantly killed by a passenger train, Sunday morning, on the tracks near the home of George Clifton, across the river from Prestonsburg...The Big Sandy Baseball League will open Sunday...James G. Williams, 24, of McRoberts, is in the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, suffering from a gunshot wound sustained Monday night, at Wheelwright Junction...Married: Miss Ethel May Shepherd, of the Abbott road and Mr. Carl Chaffins, of West Prestonsburg, April 2...There died: Mrs. Ida Lewis, 31, and her new born babe, Monday night, on Daniels Creek; Riley Shepherd, 74, formerly of Middle Creek, near Packerton, Indiana, Thursday.

Seventy Years Ago

April 17, 1936

Lieutenant Governor Keen Johnson, acting as the state's executive in the absence of Governor A. B. Chandler, appointed Dewey Roberts to his former office as Magistrate in District No. 4, this county...The NYA project here has employed 38 of the city's youth...Body of Everett Hunt, 30 years old, motorman for the Sandy Valley Coal Company at Water Gap, was found Sunday morning beside the tracks of the C&O Railway Company near his home at the mouth of Bull Creek, where he is believed to have been struck by a freight train...Before the grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court adjourned, last Saturday, it filed a total of 14 murder indictments...Work sheets are now available in the office of County Agent S. L. Isbell for farmers who wish to cooperate with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in the soils conservation program, it was announced this week...Married: Miss Alice Frasure, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Samuel Robinson of Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9, at Covington...There died: Mrs. E. S. Pratt, 49, at home on Stone Coal Creek, Monday; Mrs. Mary Ann Bradley Bentley, 77, at the home of her son at Allen, Thursday; Thomas Leslie, 74, at his home at Emma, Wednesday; Brack Miller, 65, at home at West Prestonsburg, Tuesday.

Critter

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investigated and treated the most likely causes:

A six-week old Chihuahua who has played hard all day is very likely to respond to a little syrup rubbed on his gums, because his breed and age predispose him to low blood sugar. My first diagnostic test will be a blood glucose level. If this approach is not immediately successful, I am going to look hard at the shape of his head, because he is also a breed at risk for hydrocephalus. My attention may then turn to radiology.

When presented with a seizing small-breed mother dog who has a litter of two-week old pups, my working diagnosis is going to be milk fever with a low blood calcium level until proven otherwise.

A large black dog brought in on a hot sunny day with a body temperature of 106°F and a history of being in a kennel with no shade is going to be treated as a heat stroke victim until I can get him cooled down. He may not live long enough for the results if I take time to do blood tests first.

The more difficult, and more typical case, is the dog with no prior history of a problem, who is brought in because he just had a seizure and the owner is frantic.

Most of the time the actual seizure event is over by the time the animal arrives at the clinic, and he appears perfectly normal.

My general game plan is to pull some blood and run a panel of tests. These are fairly non-

specific, but we need to know if anything is amiss. Most blood panels will check out liver and kidney function, blood sugar levels, blood proteins, pancreatic enzymes and so forth. I also want a white blood cell count to test for active infections, a packed cell volume to check for anemia, and a heartworm test. Urine and fecal samples are also useful to check for infections, parasites or other abnormalities. We may radiograph the animal if there is a history of head trauma. The specific tests will vary with each vet, and with the individual patient.

If anything comes up abnormal, we will pursue that as a possible cause of the seizures. More often than not, everything looks perfectly fine, or we find some minor problem that is not likely to blame for the dog's problem.

Questioning the owner can resemble the Spanish Inquisition. How old is the dog? Is it intact or spayed/neutered? What did she do today? What did she eat? Were there any visitors to the home or other excitement? Could she have gotten into anything toxic? Once again, we seldom uncover anything earth-shattering that will shed light on the dog's problem.

I ask the owner to start a "seizure diary" with today's episode. I want them to record everything they can think of that happened today—what the dog ate, how she spent her time, where she was when the episode

started, how long it lasted, and exactly what the dog did during the seizure event. Lastly, I ask them to record the weather and the phase of the moon.

If the animal never has another seizure, fine. If they become recurrent, however, that diary may be invaluable in picking up a pattern. Some animals (and people) actually have increased seizure episodes during stormy weather or during certain phases of the moon.

For the immediate future, we have some decisions to make. If the owners are interested in pursuing a definitive diagnosis, I am more than happy to refer them to a neurologist. Sometimes even they cannot find out exactly what is wrong. We use the term "idiopathic epilepsy" for a seizure disorder that has no discernible cause.

Sometimes the best treatment may be nothing at all, particularly if the dog only seizes two or three times a year and recovers quickly. Those with severe and recurrent seizures may need to be placed on anticonvulsant medications that they take daily. Animals on these medications require periodic blood testing to check blood levels of the chemicals and to make sure the liver remains healthy.

Many people live normal and happy lives in spite of having a seizure disorder. The same is true for our companion dogs. In most cases, medication can reduce seizure episodes to very rare and much less severe events.

Oak

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can usually be spotted along the parkway at this time of year were so scarce. Of course, we can't speak of the dogwood without one of us mentioning the legend of the blossom as it relates to the crucifixion of Christ.

What with this past Sunday being Easter, guess that it was only reasonable, too, that one of us remembered that the redbud is sometimes referred to as the Judas Tree because it is thought to be related to the tree from which Judas Iscariot hanged himself.

Whether or not there's any truth to either legend, we'll leave to those biblical scholars who delve far too deeply into the history books for my understanding.

One thing I know for sure, though, is that those who traveled the Mountain Parkway last weekend were treated to quite a display, as the heart-shaped, reddish purple buds really showed their stuff.

Citywide PRIDE clean-up this Saturday

Make a difference in your community! Show up at Prestonsburg City Hall (Municipal Building) bright and early this coming Saturday, April 22, at 8:30 a.m., to help your friends and neighbors clean up downtown Prestonsburg! Show your civic pride and join in to help make our "Star City" shine! Free t-shirts (while quantities last) and pizza for all who participate. Clean-up will last from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call Brent at 886-2335 or (606) 226-9353.

Engagement



Blair-Jarrell

Michael and Melodie Blair, of Leander, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tisha Michelle Blair, to Kevin Nicholas Jarrell, the son of Michael and Lisa Jarrell, of East Point. The couple will wed on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the New Bethel Riceville Free Will Baptist Church.

Birth



It's a boy!

Payton Riley Lyons was born to proud parents John and Rogetta Lyons on February 21, 2006, at 11:20 p.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz., and was 19 inches long. He is the grandson of Joann Whitaker and the late Roger Whitaker, of David, and Larry and Melinda Lyons, of Abbott.

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LEGALS

VANS FOR SALE
Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), has some old vans, high mileage vehicles for sale, "as is." These vehicles may be seen at Adams Used Auto Parts in Prestonsburg, Ky., beginning Monday, April 24, 2006, to Friday, April 28, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. During this time sealed bids will be received by SVTS until 3:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2006. Please list the vehicle number on your sealed bid. Mailing Address: Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. 81 Resource Court Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653
Date of Sealed Bid Opening: May 1, 2006
Time of Sealed Bid Opening: 3:30 p.m.
If you have any questions, please call 606-886-1936, ask for Kellie Yates or Liza Morrow. Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc., reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Tammy Goble has filed an application with the Natural Resources a

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. II CASE No. 04-CI-211

The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWABS Series 00-01 c/o Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. Plaintiff Vs. Jeffrey A. Collins and Sherry L. Collins, aka Sherry Collins Defendants RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of April 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$82,219.67, 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 the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thursday, the 4th day of May, 2006,** at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 165 Haus Drive, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on the west side of the creek at a sycamore tree, witnessed by a steel marker, thence with the middle of the creek and following the middle of the creek, taking in the car bridge and driveway, thence running with the road to the Ermon Williams line, thence turning up the hill with the Ermon Williams line, and running with this line to the top of the hill, thence with Elzie Poe line down the ridge to the top of the

point, witnessed by a steel marker, thence turning down the hill to an oak tree, thence down the hill to a steel marker and thence down to the sycamore tree, witnessed by a steel marker, thence with the middle of the creek to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Jeffrey A. Collins and Sherry L. Collins, husband and wife, by deed dated September 3, 1994, and filed for record in Deed Book 401, Page 533, Floyd County Clerk's records.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be 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 force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners, thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, and City of Prestonsburg, real property taxes for the year 2006, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) 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 the 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 herein. Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Kristen J. Mudd Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480

Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480
William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. I CASE No. 05-CI-01125

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 23rd day of January, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$67,498.68, 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 the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 4th day of May, 2006, at the hour of 9:45 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

This tract of land will begin at a telephone post and a iron stake, thence running 90 feet across the back of the plat to an iron stake, thence straight line 77 feet to an iron stake in the front, thence straight to the bottom 90 feet to an iron stake, thence running 61 feet to the telephone pole to an iron stake the beginning point, thence has a 24 feet by 108 feet home on the property that's a driveway to the creek and bridge to the road is included in the above property.

Being the same property conveyed to Winston Tackett and Willavene Tackett by deed dated May 27, 1999, and of record in Deed Book 434, Page 165, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

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.

(b) The successful bidder shall be 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 force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and re-strictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

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and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) 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 the 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 herein.

Plaintiff's Counsel:
Hon. Septimous Taylor
Hon. Septimous Taylor II
4830 Towne Square Court
Owensboro, KY 42301
William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Harold E. Meade. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is VITO's. The nature of the business will be poolgame machines-dancing-bands and tour groups. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than April 20, 2006, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for April 20, 2006, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

**ADVERTISE-
MENT FOR BIDS**

For the Project Titled: Fill-In Pool ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL Floyd County Schools Floyd County, KY. Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for the FILL-IN POOL, ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, until 1:00 p.m., Local Time, April 27, 2006, at the offices of the Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41501.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the Contract documents will be publicly opened, and read aloud.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of filing in the existing swimming pool and pouring a concrete slab to make the space available for other school functions. A concrete ramp is included for access to the existing pool deck level.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following places:

- AGC-McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, 950 Contract Street, Suite 100A, Lexington, KY.
- AGC-McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, 1811 Cargo Court, Louisville, KY
- Builders Exchange, 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, KY
- Builders Exchange, 225 Walton Avenue, Suite 100, Lexington, KY
- A B C / R e e d Construction Data, 1300 New Circle

Road, Building B, Suite 112, Lexington, KY

JRA Architects, 3225 Summit Square Place, Suite 200, Lexington, KY Bidding Documents may be obtained upon deposit of \$30.00 per set cash or check payable to JRA Architects, Inc. After receipt of deposit by Lynn Imaging, documents may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507. (606) 255-1021. If documents are to be mailed, a non-refundable charge of \$10.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging.

Deposits will be returned upon receipt of Bidding Documents in good condition within ten days after bid opening. If more than one set of Bidding Documents are desired, the cost of \$75.00 per additional set must be remitted by separate check. Deposits for additional sets will not be returned. Deposits of Contractors bidding on the work will be returned upon the return of Bidding Documents in good condition within ten days after bids are opened. Documents must be returned to Lynn Imaging, not to the office of the Architect. Deposits will also be returned for documents returned not less than one week prior to the bid date; all other deposits will not be returned.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond

shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract. Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on Bid Form included at the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the office of the school board at the address listed above. Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Owner.

LINKS, INC., has received funding from Kentucky Housing Corporation through the HOME and AHTF programs to perform construction of 2 new homes for families whose incomes are at or below 80% of median income adjusted to household size in Floyd County. In compliance with the HUD HOME guidelines, LINKS announces it will be purchasing construction materials to build these homes. Additionally, LINKS will contract the following activities; electrical, heating/air conditioning, plumbing, foundation, dry-wall, and approved septic systems. In addition to standard residential building materials, LINKS will be purchasing concrete, gravel, shrubbery, grass seed, concrete/metal culverts, etc. The Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, Inc., (LINKS) will be accepting separate sealed bids until 12 noon EDT, April 26, 2006, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud.

All construction shall comply with the Kentucky Residential Code, the Energy Efficiency Code, and the National Electric Code. Documentation from REScheck or other approved software is

required response on your company letterhead outlining the services or materials you have to offer. Copies of the bid package may be picked up between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at the LINKS office. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. Attention of bidders is particularly called to HUD Equal Housing Opportunity Segregated Facility,

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ABSOLUTE AUCTION

April 29th, 2006 @ 1:30 p.m. 80-Acre+/- Wilderness Farm

We have been retained to sell to the highest bidder an 80-Acre+/- by the boundary deed wilderness farm located about 7 miles out of downtown Campton, Ky., off of Hwy. #746 (Calaboose Road) on Brown Flats Rd. The property has approximately 5 to 8 acres of pasture with the balance in woodland. Small livestock or wildlife pond. Small barn in need of maintenance and repair. This is a unique farm with development potential, hunters' getaway, family farm, and investment. The property has some scattered timber. The farm has a roadway which could be utilized for development of the boundary. The property is located in an area with lots of wildlife for hunting or to observe. There are many places for a family to build their dream home in a private setting. Land of this nature has become hard to find and will get only harder to find. If you are looking for land of this nature, don't miss the Auction. We will be conducting an Open House on Sunday, April 23, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For any other information, please feel free to contact the auction company.

TERMS and CONDITIONS: \$10,000.00 Down Payment the day of sale. Cash, Cashiers Check, or Personal Check with Bank Letter of Credit. Close on or before 30 days after sale. This property is being sold AS IS by the boundary, not by the acre or survey. Complete Terms and Conditions announced at auction time.

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478 Meadows Branch
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The Pike County Head Start Program is accepting applications for the following position:
HEALTH COORDINATOR
JOB DUTIES: The Health Coordinator is primarily responsible for the organization and administration of health services, including medical, dental, and mental.
QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma or GED, Kentucky LPN credentials, basic computer skills, good organizational skills, and good people skills. Work experience in the health field with small children is preferred.
Applications will be taken until April 25, 2006, at the Pike County Head Start Central Office.
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
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BIDS**

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is accepting sealed bids for the following:

- One (1) New Rover 900 Crawler Sewer Camera System Minimum Specifications/Requirements are as follows:
- 900 Crawler TR150 Motorized Cable Reel with 200M of Cable Color Pan/Tilt Camera
- Shipping/Transport Case for Crawler
- Shipping/Transport Case for Camera
- Shipping/Transport Case for Cable Reel
- Pressurization Kit Control Unit with Text Generator & Pendant Controls
- Video Cable
- One (1) Set of Medium Wheels
- One (1) Set of Large Wheels
- Additional Specifications
- Options:
- New Connector Upgrades for the Commission's Rover 600 Crawler and Camera Unit Upgrades—40X Zoom, Stainless Steel Design, & New Pendant Trade-In
- Consideration of Commission's Rover CCU and Cable Reel

Bids will be accepted through 3:30 p.m., on Monday, May 1, 2006, at which time the sealed bids will be opened. The winning bid will be announced as soon as possible after Commission management has examined all bids.

Bids *must* be sealed and addressed as follows:
Mr. David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
2560 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY. 41653
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-0164
In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Southern Hills Mining Co. Inc., c/o Utica

Mutual Insurance Co., has applied for Phase III Bond Release on increment 1 of permit 836-0164, which was last issued on 1/25/93. The application covers an area of approximately 51.88 acres, located 2.8 miles southeast of Harold, in Pike County.

The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile east from County Road 1101's junction with Stonecoal Branch Road, and located 0.10 mile north of Harold. The latitude is 37°29'45". The longitude is 82°44'18".

The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 2 9 , 2 0 0 . Approximately 21% of the original bond amount of \$141,600

is included in the application for release.

All reclamation work, including back-filling and grading, revegetation, and the establishment of the post-mining land use capability has been completed.

Written comments, objections or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by

May 2, 2006. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 2, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 2, 2006. This is the final advertisement of the application.

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MARCH 22, 2006

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LOCATION: District Wide
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CONTACT: Jack David Vanhoose, Transportation Director Coy Samons, Superintendent
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Petroleum Geologist

This position will require experience in the exploration and development of coalbed methane and conventional/non-conventional reservoirs in the Appalachian Basin. The position requires strong subsurface mapping and log analysis skills. It will be necessary for the qualified applicant to possess good computer skills with experience in Microsoft Office and Geographics. Work will be performed in the office as well as in the field. Some travel may be necessary.

Drilling Engineer

This position will require experience in drilling and completion operations in the Appalachian Basin. It will be necessary for the qualified applicant to possess good computer skills with experience in Microsoft Office a plus. Work will be performed in the office as well as in the field. Some travel may be necessary.

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