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Boyfriend charged with raiding fridge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man was arrested on Tuesday and charged with the burglary of his ex-girlfriend's house after he called her at work while he was allegedly bagging up the contents of her refrigerator.

The girlfriend became suspicious when she received a call from Jamie Pennington, 40, and was apprised, via a Caller ID system at her workplace, that he was calling from her home. When she told him this, Pennington allegedly stumbled and eventually said that he was actually outside her home and had tapped into the telephone pole outside her residence.

The victim was not convinced that Pennington had the knowledge to tap her line and decided to report the incident to the sheriff's department, which dispatched Deputy Kevin Shepherd to the scene.

Shepherd arrived at the victim's home and found Pennington in the kitchen, where he had allegedly placed the con-

tents of his girlfriend's refrigerator in bags on the kitchen floor. He also noted that the back door to the residence had been forced open and promptly arrested Pennington and charged him with burglary.

Pennington was arraigned in district court Wednesday and assessed a \$50,000 cash bond. He was also scheduled for a preliminary hearing on May 1.

Bobcats, Rebels win
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briefs
Police arrest man after hit-and-run

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The Johnson County Sheriff's Department arrested an assault suspect Wednesday when he gave himself up 14 hours after he allegedly ran over a Thealka woman.

Ernest Napier, 55, of Thealka, turned himself in at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday after the sheriff's department had determined that he was the chief suspect in running over a woman with his maroon van the night before.

Deputy Bo Williams had been called to the scene Tuesday evening around 7:35 p.m. to investigate a complaint of domestic violence. He discovered an injured woman who had been run over by her boyfriend. The victim was taken to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center and later flown to Cabell Huntington Hospital via Life Net, where she was treated for head and back injuries.

Williams learned during his investigation Tuesday night that a maroon van was the suspect vehicle

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PROMOTING HEALTH



Photo by Tom Doty

The Floyd County Health Department and Big Sandy Community and Technical College teamed up Wednesday to share information with students about preventing the spread of sexually-transmitted diseases. Information was available all day at a booth in the student center, where representatives offered brochures, a video presentation and free condoms for students.

State settles first mine-safety case against a company

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The owner of an eastern Kentucky mining company has settled with the state in Kentucky's first case against a company alleging mine-safety violations, officials said.

Such violations have been reserved mostly for individuals in the past, but new mine-safety regulations made it easier for the state to pursue such cases. Now, proof that the violation was intentional or was ordered by the mine owner is not required.

Charles Robert Stump and his company, Highlands Mining and Processing Co. of Whitesburg, denied committing violations at their Harlan County mine but said the state "could reasonably find from the evidence that the alleged violations occurred."

Stump agreed to give up his license and pay \$10,000 in fines to settle the charges.

They were accused of ignoring hazardous areas with unsafe roofs that had been "red-tagged" by state inspectors, endangering miners, according to state records. They were charged with violating state laws in 2004.

Stump could not be reached for comment. His lawyer, Tammy Skeens of Pikeville, declined to comment.

The Kentucky Mine Safety Review Commission approved the agreement April 13.

Tony Oppegard, who prosecuted cases for the Kentucky mine-safety agency until last year and brought charges in the Stump case, said the penalties were too low.

"Working over a red tag is a blatant violation — about the most serious violation you can commit," Oppegard said.

Oppegard said Stump, who owned half of Highlands, could have been cited for multiple offenses, each of which carried a \$10,000 fine. The company could have been fined more than \$1 million, Oppegard said.

Mark York, spokesman for the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, said the \$10,000 penalty was based in part on the financial condition of Highlands, which is no longer operating.

"The more important thing was to get a revocation (of Stump's mine license) for three years," he said. "Let's get him out of the business."

Commission members and the panel's lawyer could not be reached for comment or declined to discuss the case.

Under the agreement,

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Two students charged in vandalism spree

The Associated Press

LOUISA — Two Lawrence County High School students were arrested Thursday in a vandalism spree last week that caused up to \$500,000 in damage at the eastern Kentucky school.

Kentucky State Police said the two Louisa youths were taken into custody at the school, where the damage included smashed windows and destroyed computers and trophy cases.

The suspects — 18-year-old Bill J. Stevens and a juvenile who

wasn't identified — were charged with third-degree burglary and first-degree criminal mischief, according to state police.

Stevens was being held in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center. The juvenile was taken to the Boyd County Juvenile Detention Center.

Lawrence County schools Superintendent Jeff May said he was disappointed that it was students who were charged with the vandalism.

May said the damage estimate was put at \$250,000 to \$500,000.

The most costly damage occurred in a computer lab, which was mostly destroyed.

He said Morehead State University has promised about 30 computers for the school, and the Social Security office in Ashland pledged 25 more.

More than 100 people from the community were at the school on Sunday to help with the cleanup, May said.

No school days were lost because of the vandalism.

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Man faces two counts of contempt after concert

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Raccoon man appeared in circuit court Thursday and admitted he violated a court order when he approached a woman at last February's Kid Rock concert.

Michael Todd McCoy, 34, stipulated that he violated a court order to have no contact with the victim who had previously sworn out a charge of wanton endangerment against him. The violation occurred less than a month after McCoy pleaded guilty to that charge.

Judge Danny P. Caudill let McCoy know at the outset of the hearing that he did not have to follow a recommendation from prosecutors that McCoy receive a

six-month probated sentence.

Caudill also noted that McCoy would have to bring in monthly proof that he was in a substance abuse program.

Caudill did follow the commonwealth's recommendation but made it clear that McCoy would serve six months in jail if there is another violation of his order to stay away from the victim.

In a hearing earlier this month, Caudill outlined in detail the terms of the no contact order. He informed McCoy that he would have to leave any venue he was at if the victim showed up and that he was to avoid all contact, including by phone, with the victim or her family.

McCoy was not out of the woods, how-

(See CONTEMPT, page six)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

First- and second-grade students at May Valley Elementary were treated to a special visit from a few members of their local community on Wednesday afternoon. Postmasters Brenda Kilgore, of the Dana Post Office, and Ronnie Samons, of the Dwale Post Office, teamed with Lt. Shawn Roop, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, to talk with the children about safety, "stranger danger," the postal service's "Amber Alert" commemorative stamp and the history of the postal service. Following the presentations, the children had many questions which the visitors were happy to answer.

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Governor's line-item vetoes draw ire from across the state

By RYAN LENZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISONVILLE — From a state university president to Kentucky's commissioner of agriculture, critics on Wednesday blasted Gov. Ernie Fletcher for \$370 million in cuts he made to the state budget this week.

Fletcher announced Monday he had slashed that amount from the General Assembly's \$18.1 billion two-year budget. Included in the cuts were the elimination of \$79.1 million in coal severance payments, \$16.1 million for projects at the University of Louisville and

money that would have been used in the creation of a statewide all-terrain vehicle training program.

Democratic state senators bookended the state Wednesday with appearances in which they criticized Fletcher for creating what they called a personal "slush fund" by requiring counties to apply to his administration for funding on local projects.

"It's kind of like a checkbook balance that we're not able to draw on without the permission of the governor," said Sen. Jerry Rhoads, who held a meeting in Madisonville. "It's our counties' money. It doesn't belong to the

folks in Frankfort."

Counties hoping to use money from coal severance taxes, historically used to fund projects such as public buildings and weather sirens, now must apply for the money.

"Governor Fletcher is taking away the power of local people to make decisions about how locally produced tax dollars are used," Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, said during a meeting in Pikeville.

Jones called Fletcher's vetoes a "slap in the face." He, along with other Democratic senators, questioned whether

(See REACTION, page seven)

Fletcher says he restrained himself on budget cuts

By JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Gov. Ernie Fletcher "exercised a lot of restraint" in carving about \$370 million from the state spending plan lawmakers approved earlier this month and could have gone even further, he said.

Nevertheless, lawmakers would have likely upheld his cuts had the General Assembly left itself time to override his vetoes, Fletcher said in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"I was honored that they nudged me with the final word on the budget, and I think we exercised a lot of restraint," Fletcher said. "We could have been very partisan. We could have been vindictive, but that's not who I am or what I want to do in Kentucky."

On Monday, the governor slashed \$370 million in various legislatively approved projects, saying he did so to reduce the state's debt burden. Lawmakers passed the \$18.1 billion budget earlier this month but did not have themselves time on the

legislative clock to consider any of Fletcher's line-item vetoes.

The governor said the budget lawmakers sent him would have added \$2.4 billion in debt to Kentucky state government, up from a previous record of \$1.9 billion.

Fletcher eliminated funding for projects such as \$16.1 million to build a basketball practice facility at University of Louisville and \$2.5 million for animal shelters across the state. However, the Republican governor left in \$11 million for a proposed pharmacy school at the University of the Cumberlands, which is a Baptist college in southeastern Kentucky.

Because lawmakers did not act on the budget sooner, they left their spending proposal vulnerable to Fletcher's vetoes without any chance to override him.

But with the amount of debt the budget originally called for, Fletcher speculated lawmakers may have gone along with his decisions.

"There's a good chance that they would have. You would have had a lot of differing of

opinion," Fletcher said. "But I do think that \$370 million is a significant number, but it's not a draconian number either, and I think that would have survived."

Still, Democratic senators in eastern and western Kentucky were planning news conferences on Wednesday to protest some of the governor's budget cuts in their districts.

And University of Louisville President James Ramsey also scheduled a news conference for Wednesday to discuss the budget.

Fletcher said he spoke with lawmakers who told him they left Frankfort expecting him to "exercise some discipline" in spending. The governor also said he was not surprised about complaints from some lawmakers.

"They did leave me the discretion, and I think they'll find that I exercised that with a good degree of temperance, and I would hope that they respect that," Fletcher said. "But in the game of politics, no matter what you do, you're open for criticism — particularly on a partisan basis. And that's what this appears to be."

Obituaries

Lorraine G. Ball

Lorraine G. Ball, age 85, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away, Sun-day, April 23, 2006, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

She was born August 21, 1920, in Coalwood, West Virginia, the daughter of David O. and Malinda (Woods) Messer.

On January 27, 1938, she married Richard Ball Jr., in Prestonsburg, and he survives.

Lorraine worked at the Ypsilanti Big Boy Restaurant for 17-1/2 years. She was an avid baseball fan and enjoyed watching Tigers baseball with her son, Mike. She enjoyed dancing and having clean, simple fun. She made people feel like they were the most important person in the world. She was a dear wife and loving mother and grandmother.

In addition to her husband of 65 years, survivors include one son, Michael D. (Sharon) Ball of Ypsilanti; two granddaughters: Cindy (Marc) Walentowicz of Westland, and Melissa Ball of Ypsilanti; one brother, Paul Messer of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Richard Ball III; one brother, Henry Messer, and one sister, Launa Porter.

The funeral service was at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 27, at Stark Funeral Service, Moore Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Rudy Shankle of First Free Will Baptist Church officiating.

The graveside service will be

at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 30, in Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

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

Sam B. Meade

Sam B. Meade, 70, of Harold, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born February 14, 1936, in Harold, he was the son of the late Clay and Nancy Riley Meade. He was a retired truck driver and was in the body of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Mariedith Furman Meade. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister, Lorene Akers of Harold.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers: Ray Meade, Eugene Meade, Charlie Meade, E. Howard Meade, and Lowell (Noah) Meade; and three sisters: Edna Blanton, Juanita Johnson, and Zella Salisbury.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 30, at 2 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, with William Tracy Patton, Nathan McBeth, and Joe Meade officiating.

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

Visitation will be Friday, April 28, at 11 a.m., at the funeral home, and Sunday, at noon, at the church. (Paid obituary)

Berniece Tackett

Berniece Tackett, 74, of Melvin, died Monday, April 24, 2006, at the Riverview Health Care in Prestonsburg.

Born August 23, 1931, in Melvin, she was the daughter of the late Levi and Melvina Burk Tackett. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a brother, Joseph Tackett of Rome City, Indiana; a sister, Cora Tackett of Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers: Demus Tackett, Dingus Tackett, Clyde Tackett, Denver Tackett, and Amos Tackett; and two sisters: Oma Allen and one infant.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 27, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with John Allen officiating.

Burial was in the Tackett Allen Family Cemetery, at Hen Pen, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Marriage Licenses

Deborah Lynn Salisbury, 44, of Salyersville, to Mark Steven Scott, 42, of Pikeville.
 Latitia Faye Lawson, 20, of Banner, to Anthony James Gillespie, 18, of Harold.
 Becky Raye Cool, 30, of Whitepine, Tenn., to Darwin Rodriguez Urbina, 18, of Honduras.
 Lori Donna Nichols, 26, of Pikeville, to Gregory Kyle Johnson, 27, of McDowell.

Civil Suits Filed

Joey McIntosh vs. Tara McIntosh; petition for health care insurance.
 Mary Jones vs. Ted Jones; petition for health care insurance.
 Crystal Picklesimer vs. Matt Tackett; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Country Wide Home Loans vs. Gordon Freels, et al; to collect a defaulted mortgage.
 Sheila Tackett vs. Clifford Hamilton; for damages sustained in an auto accident.
 Worldwide Asset Purchasing vs. Lee Michael; to collect a credit card debt.
 Midland Funding vs. Diane Adams; to collect a debt.
 Jeanetta Moore vs. Estate of Larry McKinney; for damages resulting from an assault by a dog.
 Leah Cook vs. Travis Cook; petition for health care insurance.
 Amy Hamilton vs. David Hamilton; petition for health care insurance.
 Kimberly Dominguez vs. Hector Dominguez; petition for health care insurance.
 Nicole Walz vs. Jeffrey Buchanan; petition for health care insurance.
 Teresa Bates vs. Danny Bates; petition for health care insurance.
 Linda Hurley vs. Lee Blevins; petition for health care insurance.
 Kelly Elswick vs. Darryl Elswick; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Small Claims Filings

Pioneer Credit Company vs. Robert Slone; to collect a debt.
 Saint Joseph Healthcare vs. Linda Rice; to collect on a debt for medical services.
 Jennifer Webb vs. Michael D. Kirk; for child support.
 Saint Joseph Healthcare vs. Jerry Gibson; to collect on a debt for medical services rendered.
 Theresa James vs. Allison Fletcher; order of eviction.
 Durwin Osborne vs. Charlotte Osborne; for child support.
 Sam Doyle vs. Jeremy Rader; to collect back rent owed.

Charges Filed

Danny C. Waddles, 32, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Paul Isaac Martin, 27, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.
 Linda Lowe Conley, 40, of Prestonsburg; receiving stolen property.
 Justin D. Mosley, 19, of Prestonsburg; wanton endangerment.
 Mark L. Tackett, 20, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Donald Adams, 51, of McDowell; violation of emergency order of protection.
 Randall J. Vicars, 26, of Melvin; criminal trespassing.
 Sirena Justice Akers, 40, of Banner; criminal trespassing.
 Mark Spears, 20, of Banner; hunting/fishing without a proper license.
 Ella M. Akers, 32, of Grethel; disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication.
 Lauro M. Leyva, 23, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Phillip Martin Jr., 40, of Hueysville; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Brenda Burke, 38, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Bobby D. Gayheart Jr., 25, of McDowell; public intoxication.
 Harry Skeans, 41, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Anthony Dwayne Ratliff, 22, of Inez; unlawful transaction with a minor.
 Rexford Phillips, 39, of Beaver; criminal trespassing.
 Rhonda Jean Hall, 33, of Grethel; criminal trespassing.
 Rocky D. Hall, 34, of

Bevinsville; criminal trespassing.

Daniel Ray Howell, 32, of Harold; sexual misconduct.
 Michael F. Hall, 27, of Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing, terroristic threatening, criminal mischief.
 Rhonda Meade, 38, of Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing, criminal mischief.
 James Gregory Baldrige, 29, of Garrett; harassing communications.

Inspections

Pin Zone Bowling Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in all cooler and freezer units, single-service items stored with improper covering, cleaning utensils improperly stored. Score: 97.
 Pig in a Poke, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Single-service items stored improperly, light above three-compartment sink improperly shielded. Score: 98.
 Cardinal Country Store #6, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in all cooler and freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, chemical test strips not available at three-compartment sink, single service articles stored improperly, walls and ceilings in disrepair, walk-in cooler light improperly shielded. Score: Food 94, Retail 96.
 Billy Ray's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ice scoop stored improperly, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted, cloths stored improperly, food contact surface in need of sanitizing and routine cleaning. Score: 95.
 Cardinal Mart #4, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in all coolers and freezers, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth stored improperly, no paper towels in restroom, floors in back section in disrepair, ceilings in disrepair, light in walk-in freezer not properly shielded. Score: Food 92, Retail 94.
 Hall's Community Market, Bypro, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in all cooler and freezer units, food items observed stored on floor, wiping cloths improperly stored, floors in bad repair, walls an decking in bad repair, personal clothing items stored on top of food items. Score: 92.
 Bypro Pizza and Dairy Bar, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lights not properly shielded in storage area. Score: 99.

Property Transfers

Audrey, Denver, Jimmie and Lorieth Adkins to Charlotte Sue Saunders, property located at Prater Fork.
 Linda and Sam Burchett to Geneva Jervis, property location undisclosed.
 Barbara and Kenneth Caudill to David Ousley, property located at Middle Creek.
 Chase Home Finance to Deutsche Bank National Trust, property located at McDowell.
 Anthony, Billie, Johanna, Kenneth, and Paul Stanley Deahl to Loretta Deahl, property located at Camp Branch.
 Lottie Delong to David Oral Clifton, property located at Lancer.
 Deutsche Bank National Trust to Cheryl Martin, property located at Bill Hall Branch.
 Nora Mae Elkins to Johnny and Patricia Johnson, property located at Lancer.
 Gordon and Carolyn Sue Hall to Donna, Carolyn, Joshua, Gordon, and Wayles Hall, property location undisclosed.
 Ruby Hall to David and Sara Hall, property located at Left Beaver.
 Jimmy, Tom, and Zora Jones to Linda Jones, property location undisclosed.
 Juanita and Lloyd Koziol to Loretta A. Deahl, property located at Camp Branch.
 Deloris Martin to Roy Hall, property located at route 979.
 Fannie Mae McKinney to Christine McKinney, property located at Toler Creek.
 Berneda O'Shea to Berneda O'Shea Irrevocable TRust, property located at Brushy Creek.
 Bethel, Cecil, Danny, and Whitney Ousley to Diane and

Wade Damron, property located at Middle Creek.

John Dustin Ramey to Freda and James Watkins, property located at Rough and Tough.
 Gary, Gladys, Orville, Susan, and Tammy Shepherd to Clifford and Janet Bentley, property located at Ground Hog Fork.
 Georgia Smith to Equitable Production Company, property located at Rolling Acres Estates.
 Carol and James Sutfin to Linda Jones, property location undisclosed.
 Donna and Jimmy Turner to Kimberly and Stuart Reed, property location undisclosed.
 Priscilla and Robert Tussey to Leanedra and Timothy Mahan, property located at Buffalo Creek.



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Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise — and equally foolish."

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Philadelphia Daily News on rising gas prices:
As Philadelphians hopsotch from dry gas station to dry gas station looking for fuel, you can't help but wonder - are we being taken?

Why are stations now reporting that gas is at a shortage just as summer, and the now-traditional spike in gas prices, appears around the corner?

Are we on the receiving end of shock treatments from Big Oil, so that when we finally find a working gas station we'll pay any price?

Leading Republicans in Congress yesterday tried to tap into voters mounting anger and anxiety over rising gas prices - by calling for another useless investigation.

In a letter to President Bush, House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist demanded action:

"American consumers are facing record prices for gasoline at the pump. Anyone who is trying to take advantage of this situation while American families are forced into making tough choices over whether to fill up their cars or severely cut back their budgets should be investigated and prosecuted. Therefore, we believe that federal law enforcement agencies and regulators should take every available step to ensure that all federal laws protecting American consumers from price-fixing, collusion, gouging and other anti-competitive practices are vigorously enforced."

They want the attorney general to investigate any potential collusion, price-fixing or gouging in gas sales and the Federal Trade Commission to determine if "spot shortages of gasoline are the result of illegal efforts to manipulate prices."

Bush is also calling for probes by the departments of Energy and Justice.

Thing is, these sorts of investigations have happened in the past and produced no evidence that Big Oil is manipulating prices. Hastert, Frist and Bush know that, but with voter disaffection with Bush and Congress growing, they have to look tough on this vital pocketbook issue, especially with oil companies setting record profits.

Sen. Arlen Specter wants to impose a windfall-profit tax on oil companies, which won't do much to curb the rising prices. But if the money raised can further support alternative-fuel research, it's a move worth supporting. Big Oil should just consider the tax a good public-relations move.

It wouldn't take much for consumer anger to jump from the government to the companies. Just ask the drivers hunting for gas.

Record of Bergen County (N.J.), on cameras with "slimming" function:

At last, good old-fashioned ingenuity has found a way to address Americans' battle with their waistslines - no sweat. Instead of the latest diets or an annoying new exercise fad, the easiest way to look slim is a click of a button away.

Hewlett Packard's latest digital cameras feature an in-camera "slimming" function. In addition to getting rid of "red eye" with a click, the camera's software can manipulate the image so that the middle is slightly compressed and the outside edges are slightly wider.

Result: A person looks up to 10 pounds thinner, almost without lifting a finger. Whether this represents progress in any real sense probably depends on whether you're the one in the photograph.

Although photographers have long been able to manipulate their pictures using Photoshop and other image editing programs, the new cameras enable even rank amateurs to use an all-digital weight-loss program.

As tennis star Andre Agassi used to say on those Canon Rebel camera commercials, "Image is everything."

Unless, of course, you have to walk up a few flights of stairs.



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Letters

Don't buy it

Folks, are we really supposed to believe that the reason gas prices have gone back up is because we are more oil hungry? It seems very coincidental that the prices have risen once again at about the time summer activities are getting into swing. Somehow I think that after the activities come to a lull at about fall and beyond, the prices will drop.

So what happens during a disaster or crisis when gas stations are caught gouging gas prices in long lines of people trying to fill up and escape the onslaught, those at the stations taking unfair advantage of those in need of gas, as profiteers? They are dealt with by the law.

So what would happen if, as a scenario, oil companies decided to gouge prices to take unfair advantage of drivers needing a bit more gas than usual during the summer hustle and bustle of continuous work and, for those that can actually afford it, going on vacations, as profiteers?

The reason I didn't include a following result on the above paragraph is because the space after the question mark pretty much spells it out.

So, the reason we are experiencing higher gas prices all of a sudden is because we are more oil hungry each year as we go? Or there is an oil shortage as the last time, before Katrina hit, and after that disaster the oil reserves were accessed for use? This consumer does not buy it. I buy the gas, of course,

because I need it to get around. I just don't buy the explanations.

Do we really eat up more gas than before? Is it really our fault in that sense? A lot of things remain the same these days and the amount of gas we use is, as I believe it, the same.

What are those things that have not changed? The conditions we common working people are forced to endure just to live hand to mouth so that others can live high on the hog.

The rising gas prices is not going to make things any better for each common working person already trying to barely survive. If this continues as another regular event in intervals are we all going to be filling up on gas in order to go to work to make money so that we can fill up on gas to go to work to make money so...?

Somewhere, somebody's bills are going to be late or not paid because they'll need that money to gas up to get to work to make money for paying those bills in the first place.

This is just one more addition of everything monetarily going up except the working peoples' raises.

Seems to be we poverty work drones of America are experiencing a repeat in history, when in medieval days peasants were at the mercy of higher ups. Only that those peasants of long ago were not besieged with higher hay prices to feed their horses.

Thomas W. Elam
Pikeville

American Holocaust

After reading many accounts of the German Holocaust, I find it striking how our American Holocaust against the unborn compares.

The Germans were able to fool everyone. They claimed they were simply "relocating" the Jews to labor camps. Most Europeans and even the Jews believed them. Most boarded the cattle cars willingly. No one believed the truth, or perhaps, no one could stand to believe the truth.

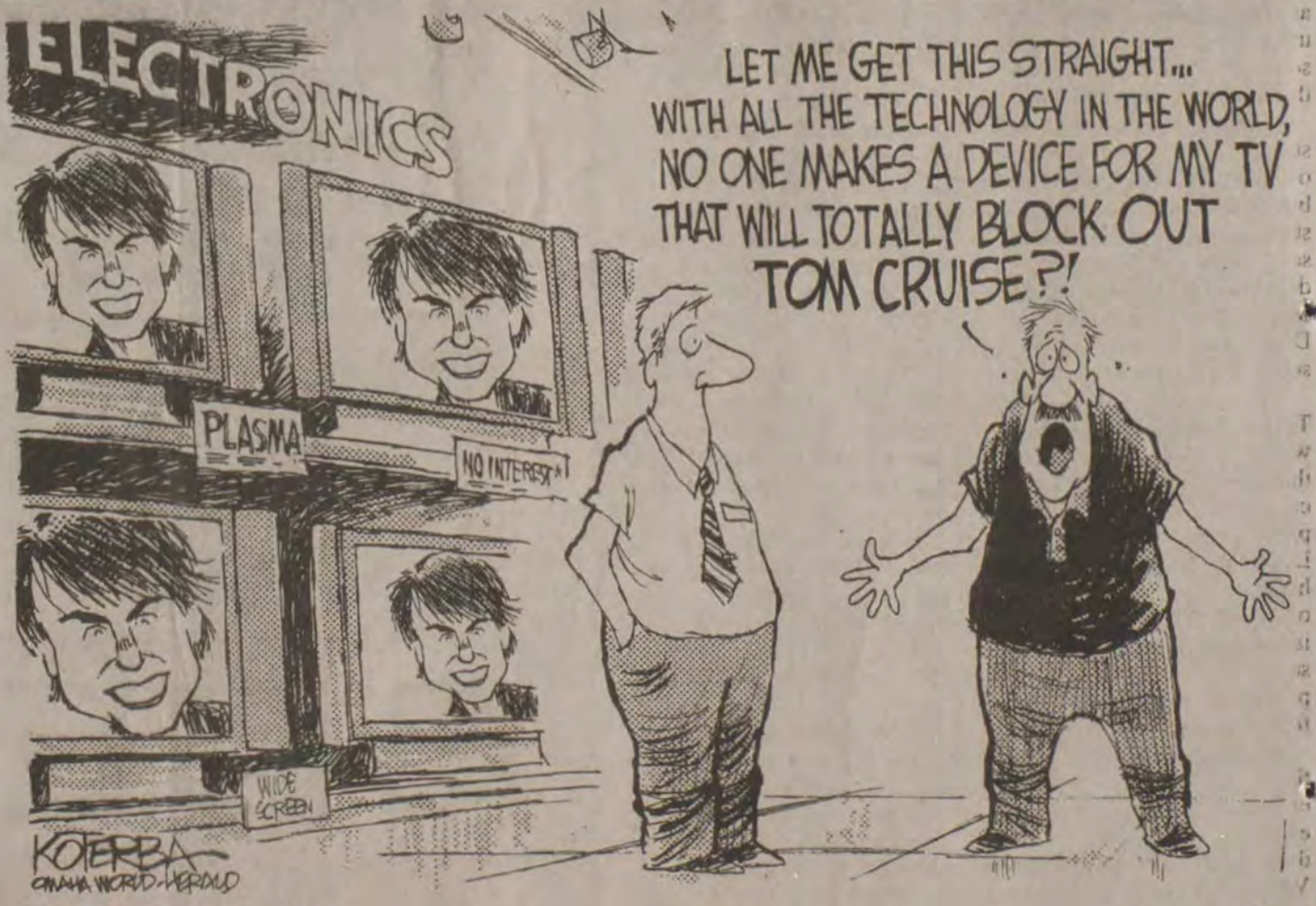
The abortion industry today fools everyone. They are helping women by providing "health care."

Jews were unwanted then, just as babies are unwanted today. The abortionist is doing the community a service, just like the SS.

The dead babies are hidden from view, just as the bodies of the Jews were never to be seen. This great cover-up allowed them to easily exterminate 6 million Jews. American Abortion mills kill 1.5 million babies annually, right in front of our noses.

We must expose this evil. Show the pictures of the dead babies just like the world got to see the Concentration Camps in 1945. Show the pictures of those who are eliminated under the great cover-up of "choice."

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Sago survivor says some air packs didn't work

by VICKI SMITH
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BUCKHANNON, W.Va. — Trapped deep below ground by poisonous gases, the Sago miners realized at least four of their air packs did not work, and they were forced to share the devices as they desperately pounded away with a sledgehammer in hopes of getting rescuers' attention, the sole survivor says.

Finally, resigned to their fate, the men recited a "sinner's prayer," scrawled farewell notes to their loved ones, and succumbed, some as if drifting off to sleep.

"As my trapped co-workers lost consciousness one by one, the room grew still and I continued to sit and wait, unable to do much else," Randal McCloy Jr. wrote to his co-workers' families in a letter dated Wednesday and obtained by The Associated Press.

McCloy's two-page typed letter offered the most detailed account yet of what happened in the mine after the Jan. 2 explosion. The blast killed one miner and spread carbon monoxide that slowly asphyxiated 11 other men 260 feet below ground as they waited in the farthest reaches of the mine to be rescued.

The air packs — referred to in the letter as "rescuers" — are intended to give each miner about an hour's worth of oxygen while they escape or find a pocket of clean air. But at least four of the devices did not function, McCloy said.

"There were not enough rescuers to go around," McCloy said. He said he shared his air pack with miner Jerry Groves, as co-workers did with the three other men whose devices were not functioning.

In a statement, mine owner International Coal Group Inc. said that the miners' air packs, also known as self-contained self-rescue devices, or SCSRs, were tested by federal investigators.

"ICG was informed that the SCSRs found at the barricade were deployed and showed evidence of use," said ICG Vice President Charles Snively. "The

federal investigators did not note any defective SCSRs and all appeared to be in working order."

Dirk Fillpot, an MSHA spokesman, said the agency and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health tested all the air packs recovered from the mine after the explosion. Initial tests found that the air packs that had been activated would have functioned properly, he said.

"MSHA is looking at whether the miners received adequate training in the use of their SCSRs. MSHA is also initiating an effort with State agencies to ensure that miners are properly trained in SCSR use nationwide," Fillpot said in a prepared statement.

The state Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training has not received any reports of problems with air packs, spokeswoman Caryn Gresham said.

After the blast, the miners returned to their shuttle car in hopes of escaping along the track, but had to abandon their efforts because of bad air. They then retreated, hung a curtain to keep out the poisonous gases, and tried to signal their location by beating on the mine bolts and plates.

"We found a sledgehammer, and for a long time, we took turns pounding away," McCloy wrote. "We had to take off the rescuers in order to hammer as hard as we could. This effort caused us to breathe much harder. We never heard a responsive blast or shot from the surface."

Martin "Junior" Toler, 51, and Tom Anderson, 39, made another, last-ditch attempt to find a way out but were quickly turned back by heavy smoke and fumes, McCloy said.

"We were worried and afraid, but we began to accept our fate," he wrote. "Junior Toler led us all in the Sinners Prayer."

McCloy said the air behind the curtain grew worse, and he lay as low as possible and tried to take shallow breaths, but became lightheaded.

"Some drifted off into what appeared to be a deep sleep, and one person sitting near me col-

lapsed and fell off his bucket, not moving. It was clear that there was nothing I could do to help him," McCloy wrote. "The last person I remember speaking to was Jackie Weaver, who reassured me that if it was our time to go, then God's will would be fulfilled."

He said he has no idea much time went by before he passed out.

Groves' family members said Thursday they were grateful to McCloy, both for revealing details of Groves' final hours and for sharing his air pack.

"If they'd both had one that would work, they might have lasted a little longer," said Groves' mother, Wanda, who suffered a stroke on Wednesday while reading McCloy's letter.

Doctors have been unable to pinpoint why McCloy, 27, was the only one who survived the 41 hours it took rescuers to find the crew. He left the mine battered and comatose and spent months in the hospital. He suffered brain damage that affects his ability to hold a conversation.

McCloy was released from a rehabilitation hospital last month.

"I cannot begin to express my sorrow for my lost friends and my sympathy for those they left behind," he wrote. "I cannot explain why I was spared while the others perished. I hope that my words will offer some solace to the miners' families and friends who have endured what no one should ever have to endure."

McCloy spokeswoman Aly Goodwin Gregg said Thursday that McCloy's letter was given to the families confidentially, and he would not comment further.

Fillpot indicated that federal investigators have not yet spoken to McCloy.

"We read Mr. McCloy's statement with great interest and sympathy for the trauma he and the other victims suffered. MSHA looks forward to speaking with Mr. McCloy for any additional information he might be able to provide as part of our thorough investigation into the accident and the events that fol-

lowed," Fillpot said.

"We would like to reassure all underground coal miners that the SCSRs used in US mines have proven to be reliable and effective rescue devices."

The Sago miners were using air packs manufactured by Monroeville, Pa.-based CSE Corp., according to the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration. The packs use a chemical reaction to produce oxygen. The company's literature says the units have a 10-year shelf life and require no maintenance beyond periodic visual inspections.

The SCSR contains a small window with a blue dot; if the blue dot is not present, then the SCSR is presumed to be ineffective and is discarded.

CSE said the SCSR is used in mines across the nation and has worked in other emergencies. The company said it will invest-

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Vandalism

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State police worked with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department and the Louisa Police Department in the case.

State police Trooper Ed Ginter said that a tip led police to the two suspects. He said no other arrests were expected in the case.

Arrest

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and commenced a search along with other deputies, fish and wildlife officers, and constables from all three districts but was unable to locate the vehicle or suspect.

Sgt. Tom Wyatt interviewed Napier upon his surrender and subsequently charged him with first-degree assault. Napier was then lodged at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

The case remains under investigation by Sheriff Bill Witten, Wyatt, Deputy Williams and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

Contempt

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ever, and must face another charge of contempt of court in front of Judge Eric Hall today in district court for violating a second order barring him from contact with the victim's boyfriend.

When McCoy approached the victim in the circuit court case at the concert, she was with her boyfriend who had previously brought a charge of harassing communications against McCoy for calling his home and threatening the lives of him and his parents. When the case was settled, McCoy agreed to have no more contact but allegedly violated that order twice at the Kid Rock concert.

Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum brought the contempt of court charge against McCoy on the day after the concert when the boyfriend filled out an affidavit stating that McCoy approached them twice at the

show, leading to a brawl during which he punched out McCoy in self-defense. He said in the document that police took McCoy away and he was later charged in Pike County for that incident.

McCoy could see a jail sentence imposed by Judge Hall now that he has officially stipulated that he ignored court orders. The hearing, set for 9:30 a.m. in district court, will be McCoy's second appearance on contempt of court charges in as many days.

Violation

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Stump's underground mine foreman's certificate was revoked for three years and his underground miner's certificate was placed on probation for three years. Highlands was barred permanently from holding any mining license.

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MSHA shouldn't grant flexibility to coal operators, union says

by SAMIRA JAFARI
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LEXINGTON — During a test run of temporary mining regulations requiring immediate notification to the federal government of a serious accident, one company was put on hold twice before reaching the right operator, a mine company representative said Wednesday.

Even then, they couldn't reach the right person to report an incident, said Ken Russell of Jim Walter Resources.

"The operators should be able to manage the scene," Russell said.

Russell's comments came during a public hearing held by the Mine Safety and Health Administration aimed at getting feedback on temporary emergency safety regulations adopted after accidents at Sago Mine killed 12 and the Aracoma Alma No. 1 Mine killed two. There have been 26 mining deaths this year, including two last week in Kentucky.

Russell's difficult experience reaching the right person will be addressed, said Patricia Silvey, acting director of MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

"We're going to look into that," she said. "If there are some improvements we can make in terms of that, we will."

Members of the United Mine Workers of America said the

federal government should keep tougher safety standards to protect miners.

"This year, this agency has failed 26 times," Tim Baker, deputy director of health and mine safety for the union, told a panel of eight MSHA officials. "This failure can no longer be an option."

The hearing was the second of four held by MSHA.

The temporary rules will expire nine months after they were put in place March 9. The purpose of the hearings is to gain information that will help MSHA produce final safety regulations, Silvey said.

Among some of the proposed rules are a 15-minute time limit to notify federal officials of serious accidents, evacuation drills every 90 days and making two

air tanks available to every worker in the event of an emergency.

Baker and other miners' advocates said MSHA should allow coal operators little flexibility on immediate notification of injuries and be present during drills to ensure that coal operators are abiding by regulations.

Coal operators say they should be allowed more discretion at their mines.

The 15-minute rule was the most contested issue, with opposing sides arguing whether it's necessary for accountability or just cumbersome.

Bill Caylor, spokesman for the Kentucky Coal Association, said immediate notification is a good idea, but coal operators in Kentucky already have to call state mine safety officials within

the time limit — and having to call two agencies eats up valuable time.

Tony Opegard, an attorney with the Appalachian Citizens Law Center called the argument "a red herring."

"If someone's under a rock, another guy isn't going to say 'I'll be back in 15 minutes. I have to call MSHA,'" Opegard said. "That's just ridiculous."

Coal operators and advocates also disagreed over whether walking along mine escape ways — some of which stretch beyond five miles — every 90 days should be a necessary part of training.

"I don't know anyone who can do that," said Michael Joseph, a coal miner with Perry County Coal.

The concerns voiced at the

Lexington hearing echoed those expressed Monday in Lakewood, Colo., and will likely be repeated at hearings in Virginia and West Virginia.

While some criticized

MSHA for holding the meetings far from where coal miners actually work, Silvey said the agency tried to make them as "accessible as possible."

Reaction

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the coal severance money would be fairly doled out for projects, the Appalachian News-Express of Pikeville reported.

The governor's office said it will call a meeting soon to discuss the process.

After learning of the cuts, University of Louisville President James Ramsey wavered on whether the school would continue to support the construction of a new downtown sports arena.

In a speech attacking the governor's cuts, Ramsey said he would have preferred funding for academic projects rather than money for a new Cardinals basketball arena along the city's riverfront.

Lawmakers have touted the new arena as an economic engine for both the city and state.

"We have been abandoned by the very state we strive to serve," Ramsey said.

Other University of Louisville projects cut from the budget included renovation of the medical dental research building, renovations for a 42-year-old dorm and a downtown parking garage for the medical campus.

Ramsey said the state's arena funding factored into Fletcher's decision to cut other university projects.

Fletcher said he thought U of L was getting "a substantial number of projects — certainly an amount that I think is appropriate." The state's \$75 million in funding for the arena was unrelated to U of L's other projects, Fletcher told reporters.

"It wasn't an either or," Fletcher said.

The governor said U of L had entered a "memorandum of understanding," and he hoped Ramsey would continue to support the arena project.

"I don't believe in the long run the University of Louisville will pull out of the agreement with the arena, because it is good for Louisville and it is good for the commonwealth," Fletcher said.

Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer, a Republican, said in a statement that he was worried Fletcher's cuts could make it harder for the Department of Agriculture to provide some basic services.

"I was sorry to see that some department programs were not funded, and I am concerned that this budget will make it harder for us to provide some of the services the people of Kentucky expect and deserve," Farmer said.

Farmer, who praised Fletcher for leaving intact funding for a new laboratory to test motor fuels, also said he was disappointed Fletcher snipped \$2.5 million for animal shelters.

"The lack of funding for animal shelters will create a hardship for many counties," Farmer said.

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Two BSCTC students among 32 KCTCS students honored at 5th annual Student Achievement Dinner

VERSAILLES — Two Big Sandy Community and Technical College students were among the thirty-two of Kentucky's top college students who were honored as members of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System's 2006 All-Academic Team during the organization's fifth annual student achievement dinner, Tuesday, April 11, in Lexington.

Matthew W. Cooke, a pre-engineering major from Prestonsburg, and Kimberly D. Davis, a registered nurse major from Prestonsburg, represented BSCTC in the prestigious academic elite group.

Two students from each of the 16 KCTCS colleges were chosen for the All-Academic Team based on a rigorous selection process that focused on academic performance and a written essay. Each member of the All-Academic team received a \$500 gift from KCTCS and scholarship opportunities to continue their education from 16 Kentucky public and private universities. Together, the scholarships are valued at more than \$500,000.

The 2006 KCTCS All-Academic Team Scholars are

part of a national program sponsored by national honor society Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today, and the American Association of Community Colleges.

In addition, Lesley Mayberry of Maysville Community and Technical College was honored as the 2006 New Century Scholar in Kentucky's two-year college system. The New Century Scholar Award is given each year to the highest-scoring community college student in each state in the All-USA Academic Team competition.

As the New Century Scholar, Mayberry received a \$2,000 stipend from the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Additionally, she will represent Kentucky at the American Association of Community Colleges annual meeting, April 22-25, in Long Beach, Calif.

Mayberry was also the recipient of the KCTCS Martha Johnson Scholarship for \$2,500. Ms. Johnson, a native of Ashland and a graduate of Ashland Community and Technical College, serves as the vice president of communications and corporate affairs for Ashland, Inc. and is a member of the KCTCS Foundation, Inc.



Kimberly D. Davis



Matthew W. Cooke

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Mayberry is a candidate for graduation in May from MCTC. She plans to transfer to the University of Kentucky where she will major in English. Her goal is to obtain a doctorate degree and teach at the collegiate level.

"These 32 students represent the great promise that can be achieved through higher education," said KCTCS President Michael B. McCall. "We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them great success as they continue their education and career development."

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Survivor

Investigate any reports on the air packs' use at the Sago Mine, and that it is cooperating in the state and federal investigations.

ICG said in a statement that the SCSRs worn by the Sago miners "were all within their manufacturer suggested life," that the devices are checked every 90 days by a person at the mine, and are also checked by the wearer every day.

Production at the mine resumed March 15, ICG and it was not immediately clear if ICG miners are now relying on the same type of devices.

At least two miners who escaped the blast said they, too, struggled with their air packs. Arnett Roger Perry told state and federal investigators he could not initially activate his.

"They're not worth a damn," co-worker Harley Joe Ryan, 60, told investigators. "There's going to have to be some design changes for them."

Though state and federal investigators have reached no official conclusions about the cause of the explosion, ICG

officials say they believe it was caused by a lightning bolt that ignited a buildup of naturally occurring methane.

The Bush administration is reviewing air packs and other safety equipment used in the nation's mines after previously scrapping similar initiatives started by the Clinton administration.

Groves' family wants the government to adopt more flexible rules for conducting mine rescues. Rescue teams were not allowed to enter the Sago Mine until 11 hours after the blast because inspectors would not declare it safe.

"We know we need the coal," Wanda Groves said. "We're going to have to have mines. But we want them to be safe."

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Mountain Christian Academy will host a golf scramble Saturday 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 is \$250. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Rick Hughes at 886-2232.

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Rebels rough up South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT – Allen Central didn't play its best game Monday night. But the Rebels got the win.

Allen Central, playing on the road at 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival South Floyd, surrendered some runs. The Rebels, however, provided the most offense. Allen Central plated 20 runs versus a district opponent for the second time this season and beat South Floyd 20-7 in five innings.

Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson

was quick to note that his team didn't play like its capable of playing. Johnson also was quick to concede that a win is a win – especially in district play.

"We didn't play very well in this game," said Johnson. "But we did the things we needed to win – and took advantage of the mistakes South Floyd made. Those are the things I keep telling my guys we have to do to succeed. There will be days when we're not hitting well, or pitching well, and we have to make up for it in other areas."

Senior Brock Kidd, who has signed on to continue playing baseball at nearby Alice Lloyd College, pitched for the Rebels. Kidd tossed all five innings, giving up seven runs (six earned) on three hits. Kidd, who also plays catcher at times for Allen Central, walked just one South Floyd player. The Allen Central starter fanned seven batters. Kidd, did however, hit three South Floyd hitters in the successful outing.

"Brock gave us a good outing on the mound, although he struggled a bit," said Johnson. "Our lineup keeps putting the bat on the ball and that gives us

chances to get on base."

Nick Music led Allen Central from the plate, going 4-for-4. Music drove in four runs for the Rebels. Kidd helped his effort, driving in three runs to go along with a trio of hits. Music and Kidd each have 10-game hit streaks going.

Tyler Turner also had three hits for the Rebels. Scott Little had two hits and knocked in three runs for the winning team. Josh Prater and Alex Hammonds also collected two hits apiece for Allen Central.



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On the road in Rockford

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes scribbled between the margins of my notebook on the busiest weekend of the season for sports at my alma mater, Pikeville College.

■ Don't look now, but if you see Bill Watson anytime soon, expect a 20-minute lecture. He's pretty excited because his Reds are now eight-games over.

It appears I may have been incorrect about Bronson Arroyo, who improved to 4-0 Wednesday afternoon as the Redlegs blanked Washington 5-0 to complete the sweep. Cincinnati enters tonight's game against Houston 15-7 overall and winners of four straight.

I like Arroyo and have since he did away the funky hair from the 2004 World Series. I just thought with the fragility of Ken Griffey's son the Reds needed the fourth outfielder. Turns out even without

Junior in center, the Reds are pretty potent.

This is thanks largely to the incredible April posted by second baseman



Rick Bentley

Brandon Phillips, who was named player of the week in the NL after driving in 17 runs in seven games, the most in baseball since Sammy Sosa juiced his way to 19 ribbies in a week during August 2002.

Clearly the Reds needed pitching more than anything, and the gamble of giving up a potent bat like Wily Mo Pena appears to be the right move at this point. Will it last? Probably not – even with the white-hot start, the Reds are still in second place in the stacked NL Central. But it's fun while it lasts, and anytime there's reason for excitement on the baseball front in the Queen City, it's worth our time

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Bobcats outlast P'burg, 7-6



photos by Jamie Howell

Above: Betsy Layne senior Derek Case stood in against Prestonsburg pitcher Josh Rodebaugh (not pictured). Right: Brandon Thacker, leadoff hitter in the Betsy Layne lineup, recorded the win.

Thacker earns win for Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Host Prestonsburg jumped out and led Betsy Layne 3-1 through the first inning Monday. The first three hitters in the Prestonsburg batting order – Michael Stephens, Nick McGuire and Bobby Hughes – each reached base and scored in the first inning. Prestonsburg managed to hold the Bobcats scoreless in both the second and third innings. The two teams combined for seven runs in the

(See **BOBCATS**, page two)



Martin to sign with Pikeville College

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College women's basketball coach Bill Watson will hit the road early this morning, traveling to Letcher County to sign one of the state's top players. Heather Martin, who led two different teams to the Girls' Sweet 16 state basketball tournament, will continue to play basketball at the next level when she signs with Pikeville College.

As a junior, Martin averaged 16 points per game and led Knott County Central to the 2005 14th Region title. She transferred to Letcher County Central and averaged 16.2 points per game during her senior season, leading the first-year girls' basketball program to the 2006 14th Region title.

The Martin-led Lady Cougars beat Rockcastle County 49-44 in March in the opening round of the

(See **MARTIN**, page two)

Lady Rebs to play in team camps

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – The Allen Central High School girls' basketball team will waste little time in getting ready for the 2006-07 season. Jennifer Hopkins, headed into her second season as ACHS girls' head coach, looks forward to summer basketball.

"I'm busy getting the girls prepared for this summer," said Hopkins. "We'll be playing a couple of days at Cordia against other teams. We will be attending the Morehead Lady Eagles Team Camp on June 4-6. We'll also be heading toward

(See **CAMPS**, page two)

Lady Blackcats beat South Floyd, remain perfect in district

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats were without head coach Jack Pack Monday night. Pack was not in the dugout due to attending a doctor's appointment. The Lady Blackcats, nonetheless, went about their usual business of winning a 58th District softball game.

Prestonsburg scored seven runs in the opening inning and held South Floyd scoreless in each of its last two at-bats en route to a convincing 15-5 win in five innings.

Lady Blackcat Meaghan Slone doubled in the top half of the first inning. More importantly, though, Slone gave up just four hits and pitched Prestonsburg to the win.

The Blackcats are perfect in district play with an unblemished 4-0 mark.

Brittany Collins was 3-for-3 and scored three times for the Lady Blackcats. Collins, who also reached base on a fielder's choice, was one of three Prestonsburg players to score three runs.

Prestonsburg leadoff hitter Alicia Mayfield was 2-for-2,

singling twice. Thanks to two walks, Mayfield reached base four times.

Darcey Hicks, the second-place hitter in the Lady Blackcat order, also scored three times. Linsey Fields finished 2-for-2 with a single and a triple, scoring two runs.

Lakole Ousley and Liz Chaffin both singled for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg scored three runs in the third inning and three more in the fourth inning.

Andrea Conn, Lindsey Dye, Tasha Osborne and Steph Slone

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photo by Jamie Howell

Players from both Prestonsburg and South Floyd braved cool, damp playing conditions Wednesday evening. Prestonsburg's Pam Slone is pictured.

StoneCrest prepares for big year

by RICK FRYE
STONECREST PRO

PRESTONSBURG – It's going to be a busy season at StoneCrest and hopefully all the golfers in this region can make plans to participate in the many activities that will be taking place, because there are lots of different activities to choose from.

In May there will be a qualifier for the ESPN National Golf Challenge presented by Callaway Golf on the 20th. This two-man best ball will see the winners at StoneCrest advance to the Regional Finals with a chance to go to Las Vegas for the National Finals in November. All players must have a USGA handicap to

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Bentley

■ I realize the NFL Draft isn't exactly riveting television, but there could be a big reason for locals to keep an eye on it come Sunday's last four rounds.

We've been swamped with information requests on former Pikeville College safety Antwan Marsh, the two-time Mid-South Conference defensive player of the year and two-time NAIA All-American.

Apparently Marsh has dazzled in workouts down the stretch, to the point that a pair of teams have him projected in the 4-5th-round range.

The book on the Polkton, N.C., product is that while his football skills aren't fully developed, his athleticism is simply off the charts. Remember, Marsh spent only a little more time on the Pikeville sidelines than the paying customer, starting at safety, playing receiver and returning kicks.

Many feel he'd be a worthy investment as a special teams player while the coaching staff develops him further as a

defender. Marsh has nary an ounce of body fat and at 6-4, 228, is simply a physical specimen.

Another thing Marsh has going his way are just glowing reports from the coaching staff, the trainers and the sports information office. Nobody has a bad word to say about him, a southern gentleman who is "Yes, sir" and "No, sir" at every turn.

Keep an eye out for him on Sunday.

■ Apparently former defensive back and receiver E.J. Underwood is turning heads as well in workouts for NFL clubs.

Underwood, who played only as a senior in Pikeville after getting time as a true freshman on the Ohio State 2002 national championship team, was an all-conference kick-return specialist in his only season as a Bear.

Don't be stunned if you hear him go late Sunday.

■ While we're in beautiful Rockford, Ill., for the national

collegiate bowling championships, it's tournament time for the baseball and softball clubs as well.

Johnnie LeMaster's Bears are in Georgetown for the Mid-South baseball tournament, while Robert Staggs has the Lady Bears in Jeffersonton for the softball tourney. Both tournaments begin today.

■ I'm sure you were as stunned as I was to hear that the NFL had suspended Ricky Williams for the 2006 season. Just shocking information, really.

■ Seriously, is it really newsworthy that Kobe Bryant wants to change numbers next season? Really?

■ Count me among those thrilled UK's spring football practice is behind us. I continue to be amazed at the support this team gets, season after very mediocre season.

It'd be one thing if we were talking about Texas or Tennessee, but keep in mind this is Kentucky football we're dealing with.

■ Finally, pardon me for a little self-promotion here.

I'm on the road with the Pikeville College women's bowling team and am continuing a tradition we started with the 2001 men's basketball team's run to the national final four.

Our online blog called "Dear Diary" is available on the Pikeville College Web site (www.pc.edu)

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Camps

Georgetown Lady Tigers Team Camp June 13-17. All the while, we'll be practicing in between games and camps.

After the mandatory dead period, Hopkins promises to have her back on the hardwood.

We'll come back after the dead period and pick up where we left off," said Hopkins. "We'll be having some teams come to Allen Central to play and we'll be going

to a couple of different schools to play in all day games as well. Just from my short time coaching, I can see that summer is where good teams are made. I've had a really positive response from the middle school to the high school for this upcoming year."

The ACHS girls' basketball program will soon release its schedule for the 2006-07 season. Hopkins has completed the

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schedule for second season. "I just finished the schedule for the 2006-2007 season, with the highlight of going to Hilton Head, S.C., to play in the Bobcat Classic during Christmas break," Hopkins added. "I'm already looking forward to Oct. 15."

■ The ACHS girls' basketball team will have a car wash on Saturday, May 6 at the First Guaranty Bank in Martin.

Bobcats

fourth inning. Unfortunately for Prestonsburg, visiting Betsy Layne scored five of the runs. After the five-run fourth inning, Betsy Layne went on to beat the Blackcats 7-6.

Senior Brandon Thacker started and pitched the Bobcats to the win.

Josh Rodebaugh took the loss for Prestonsburg. The Bobcats led 6-5 heading into the seventh inning. Brennan Case scored the game-winning run for Betsy Layne.

Prestonsburg senior Brenton Hamilton led off the bottom half of the seventh inning with a walk and eventually scored before the Blackcats came up short. The loss was Prestonsburg's fifth straight setback.

Michael Stephens had two singles for the Blackcats.

Betsy Layne returned to the win column after dropping back-to-back games to Pike County teams Phelps and East Ridge.

"Despite our mistakes, we were able to get a win," said Betsy Layne Coach Frank Martin. "Anytime you can get a district win against a competitive team like Prestonsburg - you take it anyway you can get it. I know they are working hard like everyone else and limiting mistakes and putting up runs is how to win games."

Derek Case and Pat Stapleton each scored twice for the Bobcats. Cody Click, Brandon Kidd

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and Brandon Mulkey scored one run apiece.

"I feel as if we are starting to put some bad losses behind us and will be competitive down the stretch," Martin added.

Betsy Layne returned to game action Thursday evening against 58th District leader Allen Central.

BOBCAT BASEBALL

UPCOMING GAMES

April 28	at Pikeville, 5:30 p.m.
May 1	Sheldon Clark, 5:30 p.m.
May 2	South Floyd, 5:30 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.

BLACKCAT BASEBALL

UPCOMING GAMES

April 28	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 6	at Morgan County, Noon
May 8	South Floyd, 5:30 p.m.
May 9	Sheldon Clark, 5:30 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Brittany Collins, Prestonsburg Softball



Brandon Thacker, Betsy Layne Baseball

Martin

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state tournament.

Pikeville College ended its season with a 12-19 record. The Lady Bears fell to Lindsey Wilson in the 2006 Community Trust Bank Mid-South Conference tournament's opening round.

Blackcats

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each singled for the Lady Raiders. Conn. Dye (2), Angel Crisp and Erica Moore touched homeplate for South Floyd runs.

Prestonsburg was on the road at Sheldon Clark Thursday evening. Details from the non-district game were unavailable at press time.

Rebels

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Johnson sees his team remaining on the right track. The Rebels remain out in front of the district race.

"We're 4-0 in the district, so we are closer to accomplishing our preseason goal of winning the regular season district," Johnson added.

The Rebels were hosting Betsy Layne last night. Results were unavailable at press time.

Allen Central is scheduled to host Prestonsburg today in another district game.

REBEL BASEBALL

UPCOMING GAMES

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	at East Ridge, 6 p.m.
May 6	Paintsville, 3 p.m.
May 6	Letcher County Central, 10:30 a.m.
May 8	Johnson Central, 6 p.m.
May 9	at Hazard, 5:30 p.m.
May 11	at Pike County Central, 6:30 p.m.
May 12	at Lexington Catholic, 6 p.m.

StoneCrest

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play. The entry fee of \$60 plus cart and greens fee is offset by a free dozen HX Tour golf balls from Callaway, and a year's subscription to Golf Magazine for each participant.

Our biggest tournament for the year will be the inaugural Food City/StoneCrest Amateur on June 10-11. We hope to bring a large group together for this event that is made possible by generous contributions from our Title Sponsor Food City, Gold Level Sponsors Highlands Regional and Q-95 FM, and Silver Sponsors Citizens National Bank, East Kentucky Beverage, Perry Distributors, and Reno's of Prestonsburg. You can't go wrong in this showcase individual stroke play tournament for return on your investment, so get your entry in early to claim one of the 100 spots available.

Though StoneCrest is owned and operated by the City of Prestonsburg, support is sought from players region wide. Once they play, people tend to return to enjoy the beauty and superb playing conditions that the course offers. Annual members are from all around the Big Sandy Region and beyond, and if anyone is looking for a place to call their golfing home

StoneCrest offers a tremendous value for an outstanding golf course.

Men's League play began Thursday, April 20, and Women's Clinics started on Monday, April 24. Both of those events will take place weekly at 5 p.m., respectively. The Women's Clinics will continue as long as demand warrants or until the end of June, whichever comes first. The initial junior clinic for the season will take place May 22-25 at 10 a.m. daily. At least one more clinic date will be set, probably for mid June. Call the Golf Shop at 886-1006 for further details about these events and to get signed up.

Instruction is offered by PGA Professional Rick Frye, a teacher with over 20 years experience working with people of all levels and abilities. Lessons are available on an individual basis, in series, or with groups. Complete practice facilities are also offered.

If you think you have to travel to Lexington or Huntington to find golf equipment, think again. StoneCrest's fully stocked shop offers the latest in top line offerings from Callaway, Titleist, Cobra, and Ping, shoes from Foot-Joy and Call-

away, and lots of good looking new clothing and accessories. Generally, the prices are as good if not better than what those big box stores in the cities have. Two upcoming Demo Days are in place. Today (Friday), Cobra and Titleist products will be at the range from noon in the afternoon until some time in the evening. On Thursday May 11, from 3 p.m. until dark, Callaway will be at StoneCrest with their complete product line, including their innovative Driver fitting system introduced at this year's PGA Show in Orlando.

StoneCrest is the host to many area tournaments for a variety of good causes, and our outing schedule will get underway in force in May. Keep in mind that once again this year the course will host the Big Blue Caravan, on Monday, June 5, with coaches Rich Brooks, Tubby Smith, and Mickie DeMoss all scheduled to be at the event.

Take advantage of this wonderful resource that we are fortunate to have in our area, and tell all your buddies who play golf to come and spend some time at StoneCrest, because there is no finer course in Eastern Kentucky.

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South Floyd leadoff hitter Andrea Conn opened Wednesday's district game against Prestonsburg with a single. Conn also reached base on a walk in the third inning.

YOUTH SOCCER: Wolverines top Bulldogs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - The Floyd County U-10 Wolverines played a tough game against their hometown competitors, the Floyd County Bulldogs on Saturday, winning 2-1. Though parts of the fields were covered in inches of water, the players didn't let that stop them from playing hard and having a great time. Three goalies rotated throughout the game, David Sanders, Griffin Baker, and Tiffany Clifton, only letting one ball into the net during the 50 minutes of play time. The aforementioned three, as well as Gabriel Walker, Angel Riley, and Brandon Blackburn, headed up the offensive front, allowing Gabe to score the winning goals. Angel played a surprisingly aggressive game, wowing fans with her determination to get the ball to the goal. All players made the needed passes and kept their eyes on the ball. The defensive front was led by Jenna Little, Kasey Funk, Alisha Owens, and Heather Burdzilauskas, who all succeeded in keeping the ball away from the goal with strong kicks and by backing one another up. Coach-

es from both teams were impressed with the level of play and close competition they saw during the game and hope to meet again soon for a weeknight game.

TIDE ALL EVEN WITH LETCHER TITANS: The U14 Tide traveled to Whitesburg on Saturday for a match with the Letcher County Titans, and were lucky to escape with a 2-2 tie. A combination of poor field conditions, excellent defensive play by the Titans, and sub-par play by the Tide kept the visitors from adding the meeting to the win column.

A soaking rain all Friday night left the soccer pitch one big mud puddle for the Saturday afternoon game. The Tide had a great deal of difficulty handling the wet, slippery soccer ball. The field conditions led directly to the Titans' first goal, when a kick from midfield slipped right through the normally sure hands of the Tide keeper. The Titans' goal was the only one scored in the first half, and left the Tide facing its first halftime deficit of the season.

The Tide came out strong in the second half, tying the score on a goal by Jerralyn Kelsey,



Jerralyn Kelsey scored on a shot early in the second half to tie the score for the Floyd County U14 Tide.

despite an all-out defensive press by the Titans. The visitors then went ahead on a beautiful goal by midfielder Bradley Hicks, off an assist by Kaitlyn Minix. Unfortunately, a handball infraction in the penalty box late in the game allowed the

Titans to tie the score on a penalty kick. The Tide was unable to convert on several scoring opportunities, and was forced to settle for the tie.

Floyd County's U14 team gets to stay home for its next three scheduled games. Its

record is now 3-0-1.

FLOYD WARRIORS TOP PERRY COUNTY: The U16/19 Floyd County Warriors met their counterparts from Perry County on Thursday night on the road and left with a 3-0 victory. The Warriors scored on a

corner kick, an "own goal" by Perry, and an excellent shot by forward Ethan Filowiat. Midfield play by the Warriors was outstanding, and keeper P. J. Collins made several seemingly impossible saves to record the shutout.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Kentucky All-Stars named

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN - The Anthem Kentucky/Indiana All-Star Classic will roll into Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena on June 17 for the second consecutive year. The two teams will match up against each other twice, once in Indiana and also in Bowling Green.

Arnika Brown and Walt Allen both secured a spot on the team with their winning Mr. and Miss Basketball respectively. Their teammates were announced Wednesday at a news conference at E.A. Diddle Arena.

"This is a great event for Bowling Green. It really brings in a lot of people and it's an even better opportunity to expand the already rich history and tradition of basketball in Bowling Green and on the hill," said Amy Cardwell, Sports Director at the Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We are very excited to have the Anthem Kentucky Indiana All-Star Classic here in Bowling Green, and we expect to see an outstanding turn out."

The girls' team is also made up of Brooke Faulkner of Harrison County, Kenzie Rich of Monroe County, Alicia Bunton of Warren Central, Brittany Edelen of Washington County

High School, Suzie Owens and Chelsia Lymon of Scott County High School, Meredith Marsh of Christian Academy, Assumption High School's Amber Norton, Mercy Academy's Jenny Petrie, Elizabethtown High School's Kabrenda Warfield and Laquisha Wharton of Iroquois High School.

Joining Walt Allen on the floor will be Kevin Allen of North Oldham High School, Brandon Bland of John Hardin High School, Robert Buckner of Eastern High School, Vincent Crutcher of PRP High School, Owensboro Catholic's Jay Ivey, University Heights' Joshua Mack, Central High School's LeRoy Nobles, A.J. Slaughter from Shelby County High School, Forrest Smallwood from Male High School, Tyler Wilkerson from Lafayette High School and Dunbar High School's Deontay Wright.

The honorees of the Legend's Luncheon to be held Friday, June 16, 12:00 pm at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center were also announced today. This year's legends are Lori Townsend, Kim Pehlke, Danna Murphy, Jaime Walz, Howie Crittenden, Bobby Rascoe, Damian Fishback, and Louie Dampier. Tickets for the luncheon can be reserved by

calling the Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 270/782-0800.

For tickets and other general information, go online to www.anthemkyinallstars.com.

South Floyd High Baseball

Upcoming Games

- 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 Cent., 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.

Floyd Fireballs burn Belfry, 5-1

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - The U12 Floyd County Fireballs came out with a tremendous win over the Belfry Falcons on Saturday. The field was wet due to a soaking rain the night before, and players splashed through the puddles throughout the game. The Floyd team was superior in the soggy matchup, winning 5-1.

In the first half of the game, Courtney Shepherd was in the goal for the Fireballs. Shepherd made good stops on the few

balls kicked towards the goal, but the Fireballs defense kept the ball on the other side of the field for most of the half. The Fireball defense was led by midfielder Zach Romans, who regularly returned the ball to the Belfry side of the field. Mary Sanders, Allison Sanders, Austin Newsome, and Laiken Maggard also contributed at the defensive end. By the end of the half the score was 3-0 Fireballs, thanks to scores by Drew Diddle and Josh Clifton.

In the second half, Floyd

County's Justin Riley tried out goalie for his first time. He proved to be a capable goalie on the few chances he had. But again, thanks to the defense, the ball was mainly on Belfry's half of the field. The Fireballs scored in the second half on goals by Josh Clifton and Kathryn Sanders. John Crace also helped out at the forward position. James Sanders did an excellent job moving the ball to the open forwards. Belfry avoided the shutout with the game's final goal

P'burg Mets split games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg Little League Mets played two exciting games in less than a week at Archer Park, winning one and losing one. The Mets were victorious on Friday night against the Prestonsburg Cubs in front of a surprisingly large crowd. The crowd witnessed Brett Blankenship pitch, hit and literally run the Mets to victory. Blankenship, who weighs in at 78 pounds, scored the winning run after pitching three innings to gain his second victory for the Mets. Caleb Petry was the hitting star for the Mets as he gathered three hits. Petry has only been retired on one occasion in four games this season.

The Cubs received outstanding pitching from Adam Crisp and Kyle Fannin. The two Cub pitchers combined for 12 strikeouts. The Mets were able to rebound primarily due to the base running of Blankenship and Mitchell Fields. The game ball for the Mets was awarded to James Woods, who caught a line drive to preserve the 5-4 victory.

The Mets lost to the talented Prestonsburg Reds Monday night. The Reds, which won 10-4, had two clutch doubles which cleared the bases for the margin of victory.

Seth Carter had two hits for the Reds while also recording the save. The Mets were led by

Petry, who hit a three-run home run. Blankenship pitched well for the Mets in his five innings of work. According to Mets Manager Ned Pillersdorf, the difference in the game was the

defense played by the Reds. At press time Thursday, the Mets were back in action against the Prestonsburg Cubs in a game that had initially been scheduled for Friday.



The Reds beat the Mets 10-4 Monday night in a Prestonsburg Little League matchup. Zach Rowe is pictured for the Reds.

PC's Sparks, Bandy, Schaub and Miller honored at banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROCKFORD, Ill. - Two first-team All-Americans, a second-team pick, an honorable-mention selection and the top first-year men's bowler in the country all hail from Pikeville College.

These honors and others were presented at the "Night of Champions Banquet" at the Best Western Clock Tower Resort on the eve of the 2006 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Kayla Bandy was named first-team All-American while teammate Tracy Miller was an honorable-mention pick. On the men's side, Ronnie Sparks Jr. was named Rookie of the Year and a first-team All-American, while Cassidy Schaub was named to the second-team.

Those honors were given by the national coaches association.

The bowling writers' honors were similar. Bandy and Schaub were among three honorable-

mention selections, while Sparks was a first-teamer, or "player of the year runner-up," as the team was called.

"I'm just really proud of our teams and how we were represented during the awards presentation," said Ron Damron, coach of the Pikeville College bowling program. "Ronnie was very deserving as rookie of the year and All-American, just as Kayla, Cassidy and Tracy were."

"Our bowling program is on very solid footing thanks to players like this, and most importantly, is very highly thought of on a national level, and that makes me very proud."

On the women's side, last year's rookie of the year Kayla Bandy was named to the five-person first-team All-American squad as presented by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association. Bandy, a native of Danville, Va., finished seventh in the nation with an average of 195.97.

She was joined on the first

team by Morehead State junior Lindsey Coullas, Wichita State's Clara Guerrero and Olivia Sandham and the Player of the Year, Stefanie Nation of Central Florida.

Senior Tracy Miller was one of five honorable-mention selections by the NCBCA. The Louisville product averaged 192.18 this season.

The women's rookie of the year was Kerry Smith of Shippenburg State, while Central Florida's Pat Costello repeated as coach of the year.

On the men's side, freshman Ronnie Sparks Jr. was named the national rookie of the year as the top newcomer to college bowling. The Wayne, Mich., product was seventh in the country this season with an average of 206.40. In addition, he was a first-team All-American.

Sparks was joined on the first team by Steve Kosier of Toledo, Cory Simmons of Newman, Lindenwood's Brian Valenta and two-time Player of the Year P.J. Haggerty.

Meanwhile, senior Cassidy Schaub wrapped up his career as a second-team All-American. The Polk, Ohio, native was sixth in the nation this season with an average of 206.41.

The men's coach of the year was Fresno State's Glenn Carlson.



Kayla Bandy



Tracy Miller

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EKU concludes spring practice, names 2006 team captains

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – The Eastern Kentucky University football squad completed its 2006 spring season Monday with a second scrimmage at the Presnell turf practice facility. Shortly after, the Colonel team voted for their 2006 captains.

The scrimmage saw the EKU offense edge the defense by a count of 33-31. Instead of playing a traditional scrimmage, head

coach Danny Hope put the Colonels in four adverse situations – ‘coming out’ offense, ‘red zone’ offense, 3rd-and-long, 1st-and-10 – where each play had the potential for scoring. The goal of the ‘coming out’ scenario was for the offense to gain at least two first downs from its own three-yard line. The first team offense struggled against the first team defense in this format.

In the ‘red zone’ situation, the offense had four downs to

score a touchdown from the defense’s eight-yard line. The offense did well running and passing in the goal-line scenario. Next, the offense and defense squared off in a 3rd-and-8 situation from the defense’s 20-yard line. The offense had five opportunities to convert the first down with each play resulting in one point for one of the two units.

Finally, the 1st-and-10 situation was played out just like the

3rd-and-long scenario. The offense’s goal was to gain at least four yards with five chances to reach that goal. Each play a point was awarded to the offense or defense.

“I thought we definitely improved from the first scrimmage to the second which is certainly encouraging,” Coach Hope said. “We knew what we needed to work on and finished the spring year on a high note.”

The captains for the 2006 fall

season are junior Josh Greco (offense), senior Mark Cristiani (defense) and junior Matt Schoborg (special teams). Co-captains will be senior Patrick Bugg (offense), senior Marcus Mayes (defense) and sophomore Taylor Long (special teams). Captains were chosen in a vote by the team’s players.

“I’m not surprised by the choices,” Coach Hope said. “Greco and Cristiani were obvious choices, and Schoborg’s per-

formance on special teams last year speaks for itself. However, this was a little different than past years as lots of other guys received votes for captain. I think that’s a good sign for the number of leaders we have on this team.”

Eastern Kentucky will be in search of its 29th consecutive winning season and its first league title since 1997 next fall when the Colonels open the 2006 campaign at Big East foe Cincinnati on Sept. 2.

MSU to hold intrasquad scrimmage Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – The Morehead State University Football Eagles, Pioneer Football League South Division Champions for the past four seasons, will close out spring practice with a 1 p.m. EDT intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday (April 29). The public is invited.

The Eagles are preparing for a different PFL campaign in 2006.

With the departure of Austin Peay from the league, divisional play has been suspended and the eight schools will participate in round robin play. This Fall, MSU will play host to Valparaiso, Davidson and Jacksonville, and will travel to Drake, Dayton, San Diego and Butler. The Eagles will play non-conference opponents Missouri-Rolla and Austin Peay at home and Western Illi-

nois and Newberry on the road.

Offensively, Coach Matt Ballard has several key returnees, but must fill holes at halfback. Four of the five starters on the line return (tackle Grant Jennings, guards Ryan Duperow and Ross Rick and center Nick Schoenfeld), along with part-time starter Chris Setters. Quarterback Brian Yost is back along with three key receivers, Daniel

Vagni, Nick Feldman and Brandon McRae. Jabari McGee will again be the fullback. At halfback, 2005 reserves Marell Booker and Brandon Morton are listed on the depth chart. The key may be red-shirt Eric Fitzpatrick who showed flashes of brilliance when forced into action at quarterback in the 2004 season. Ricky Cornelius will miss spring drills due to injury but is expect-

ed to have an excellent chance to claim a starting role in the fall.

Defensively, linebackers Andrew Sturzenbecker, Duane Tigney and Brett Mazzaro are all outstanding. Two starters are back on the line, tackle Brad Queen and end Justin Nichols, and two replacements must be identified during the spring. Likewise, there are questions in the defensive backfield. Jordan Shafer, a team

leader from his safety spot, suffered a knee injury in the PFL Championship Game, had surgery, but is expected back in the fall.

Floyd County native John Gilliam is the MSU defensive coordinator.

The 2005 Eagles finished with an 8-4 record, marking the 10th consecutive year that the MSU football team has finished with a .500 or better mark.

UK names six to Athletics Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky announced Monday the 2006 inductees into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame, which includes men’s golfer Gay Brewer, gymnast Jenny Hansen, 1930s multi-sport star Ellis Johnson, men’s basketball player Adrian Smith, broadcaster Claude Sullivan and football player Craig Yeast. The class will be formally inducted during Hall of Fame Weekend, Sept. 15-16, in conjunction with the football game against Ole Miss.

“It’s a pleasure to recognize some of the great UK accom-

plishments that have occurred over the years,” Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said.

“These six individuals personify hard work, dedication and commitment – all the things that make Kentucky great.”

Brewer (1952-54) joined the PGA Tour in 1956 and won 10 tournaments during his career, highlighted by a victory in the 1967 Masters. He was a member of the 1967 and 1971 United States Ryder Cup Teams.

Hansen (1993-96) is one of the most distinguished gymnasts in NCAA history, holding NCAA records with eight individual titles at the national meet;

four titles in one year (1995, floor exercise, balance beam, vault, all-around); and three all-around championships (1993-95). The 1995 SEC Female Athlete of the Year, Hansen was recently named the NCAA’s most outstanding gymnast of the past 25 years.

Johnson (1930-33) played men’s basketball, football, baseball and track at UK and is considered one of the greatest all-around athletes in the history of the Commonwealth. A basketball All-American, he was a starter on Adolph Rupp’s first Wildcat team and later served as head football and basketball

coach at Morehead State and as basketball coach at Marshall.

Smith (1956-58) was a starting guard on Kentucky’s 1958 national championship team and won gold medals as part of the United States’ 1959 Pan American team and 1960 Olympics squad. A 10-year veteran of professional basketball, he was named MVP of the 1966 NBA All-Star Game.

Sullivan (1948-67) served as play-by-play voice for Kentucky football and basketball. He began the Standard Oil Sports Network in 1951, covering UK games until his untimely death in 1967 at the age of 42.

He also called Cincinnati Reds baseball from 1964-67, and was named Kentucky Sportscaster of the Year every year from 1959 through 1966.

Yeast (1995-98) caught more passes than any player in SEC history, with 208 receptions for 2,899 yards and 28 touchdowns. He broke two SEC records and 19 school records for pass receiving, kick returns, scoring, and all-purpose yardage during his career, and helped lead the Wildcats to the 1999 Outback Bowl.

The UK Athletics Hall of Fame was started in 2005 to recognize and honor persons whose participation and contributions

enriched and strengthened the University’s athletic program. The charter class included 88 individuals who had previously had their jersey retired by UK.

There is a five-year waiting period - after leaving UK - to be eligible for inclusion into the Hall of Fame, and a 10-year waiting period to have a jersey retired. An individual must be a member of the Hall of Fame to be eligible for jersey retirement.

A committee consisting of Hall of Famers, media members, campus representatives and current coaches and administrators elects new inductees each year.

UK honors student-athletes at Catspy Awards

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky athletics department presented more than 25 awards to 26 individuals and five teams at the fourth annual Catspy Awards, held Tuesday at Rupp Arena. Women’s tennis and men’s golf earned Team of the Year honors, while Danielle Wallace (volleyball) and Antoine Huffman (football) were named Mr. and Miss Wildcat, respectively.

Gymnast Heather Hite and women’s basketball standout Carly Ormerod were named Co-Female Rookies of the Year, while rifle’s Jason Dardas won Male Rookie of the Year. Softball’s Brooke Marnitz won

Female Performance of the Year after hitting for the cycle against Indiana State on Feb. 25.

Rafael Little won Male Performance of the Year after collecting 372 all-purpose yards against Vanderbilt – the second most in school history.

Taryn Ignacio and J.B. Holmes won the K-Association Athlete of the Year Awards. Ignacio recently claimed UK’s first-ever NCAA Championship in platform diving and was named the SEC Woman Diver of the Year. Holmes closed out his senior season in 2005 by taking the men’s golf team to the NCAA Championships where they posted a seventh-place finish – the best

in school history. Holmes, a four-time All-America honoree and the 2005 SEC

Golfer of the Year, has already made a name for himself on the PGA tour, capturing the FBR Open title in February.

Associate Athletics Director Sandy Bell was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her extraordinary accomplishments during her 17 years working in UK’s compliance department. A native of Lexington, Bell has worked her way through the ranks. After joining UK in 1989, she was promoted to Director of Compliance in 1993. In 1996, Bell was named Assistant Athletic Director and was later promoted to her current title.

VOLLEYBALL



photo by Jamie Howell

Pelphrey-coached team has biggest turnaround in nation

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOBILE, Ala. – The University of South Alabama men’s basketball team, fresh off one of the most successful seasons in school history, had the biggest turnaround in the nation this year, according to the NCAA. USA had a 12.5 differential to lead the nation, ahead of Brigham Young and Memphis who both had 11.5 differentials. The Jaguars finished the 2005-06 campaign with a 24-7 record and their first trip to the NCAA Tournament in eight years.

“Our turnaround this year was extremely dramatic, in turns of wins and losses,” Jaguar head coach John Pelphrey, a Paintsville native, said. “This is going to happen anytime you go through the building process.”

The Jaguars were 10-18 in 2004-05 and this year won the Sun Belt Conference West Division title and Sun Belt Tournament title, going 24-7 and 12-3 in league play. USA lost to eventual national champion Florida in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in

Jacksonville, Fla. The list is comprised of all 326-Division I men’s basketball teams and their records from 2004-05 and 2005-06 to find the biggest improvement. USA’s 12.5 differential is made up by taking the difference in wins from the two years and the difference in losses and adding them together and then divide by two to get the differential.

“The success our basketball program had this year was a direct result of the hard work by our assistant coaches and players,” Pelphrey said. “A season like we just had doesn’t happen overnight, it is a direct result of hard work.”

“Hopefully the excitement that was created through winning a championship this season will help grow fan interest to a new level for next year.”



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Adams hosted and defeated Allen Central Wednesday night in a Floyd County middle school volleyball showdown.

Bowyer's breakout rookie season cements Childress success

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — To gauge just how far Richard Childress Racing has come in its company-wide bid for improvement, look beyond Kevin Harvick's success and Jeff Burton's resurgence.

The true indicator is Clint Bowyer, who quietly is having a tremendous rookie season and proving that Childress is committed to getting all three of his teams to the top.

Bowyer is coming off his best run of the year, a fifth-place finish last weekend in Phoenix. He led 21 laps, his first time out front in a Nextel Cup race, and spent 269 of the 312 laps in the top 10. Harvick won the race and Burton finished ninth, making it a solid night for the Chil-

dress teams.

But Childress wasn't around to see any of it. The car owner was on an African safari.

"The boss is over there hunting and fighting elephants and tigers and whatever else over there in Africa," Bowyer said. "But he'll be pretty happy when he comes back."

Thrilled is more like it.

Harvick is the backbone of the company, expected to compete for wins and a spot in the Chase for the championship. Burton is an experienced veteran slowly bouncing back from several years of struggles.

But Bowyer? He's the wild card, a raw rookie given a full-time Nextel Cup ride based on limited NASCAR credentials.

Childress promoted him even though Bowyer had just one full Busch Series season and a single

Cup start (a 22nd-place finish at Phoenix last year) under his belt. Based on his experience level, Bowyer is equally capable of staying out of trouble for a clean, safe run, or making a colossal error that could ruin his race.

Competing in a deep rookie class that includes two-time Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr., hotshot Reed Sorenson and Tony Stewart's two teammates at Joe Gibbs Racing (J.J. Yeley and Denny Hamlin), no one besides Childress expected much out of Bowyer this first year.

"Everybody was looking at these other guys who had won some races, so for him to be able to be in there and do what he's done, I'm proud of him," Childress said last month. "He'll only get better as the year goes on."

If that's true, then Bowyer

could find himself in the Chase. He's currently 12th in the standings, 308 points behind leader Matt Kenseth — well within the 400-point cutoff to make the playoffs.

He heads to Talladega Super-speedway this weekend with the same car he drove to an impressive sixth-place finish in the season-opening Daytona 500. Bowyer wants a similar showing this weekend.

"As I learned in Daytona, you've got to be there at the end with all the fenders on it to be able to race for a win," he said. "We were there at the end and had all the fenders on it and were able to get up to sixth place. That was a big part of it and it's going to be a bigger part of it now."

Recognizing the big picture is a large part of what it takes to succeed, especially at RCR. The

car owner has had an eclectic mix of drivers since his team was turned upside down following Dale Earnhardt's death in 2001.

Harvick replaced Earnhardt five days later, and he's been the only constant as Childress has juggled several different lineups over the past five years. He finally may have it right with the addition of Bowyer in the No. 07 Chevrolet.

Dave Blaney drove the car last year, and although there was harmony among the teammates, Blaney didn't have the desired on-track performance. Now RCR is getting both from Bowyer, and it's got everyone at ease.

"Clint and I are really close as friends, we do things off the race track together as much as our schedule allows," said Harvick. "Jeff brings a veteran attitude to the team. He under-

stands a lot of things and has a very politically correct approach to things, which is the exact opposite of me.

"So I feel like it is a really good balance teammate wise and everybody helps everybody and does what they can to make sure everybody is going good. This is the first time I have ever been a part of that at RCR. It was usually everybody racing against each other."

For Bowyer, figuring out where he fits in at RCR was half the battle.

"Kevin Harvick, everybody knows his personality, and Jeff Burton is pretty laid back, experienced and pretty polished," Bowyer said. "I think I'm kind of in the middle and it's a good group for me to bounce off of because you can learn bits and pieces from each of them."

Earnhardt to honor father with replica car

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — One object in any NASCAR driver's rearview mirror that may have appeared closer than it actually was: Dale Earnhardt's black No. 3 Chevrolet.

Especially if "The Intimidator" was gaining.

Gentlemen, start your trembling. There's an Earnhardt back in black.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. will mark his late father's birthday this weekend at Talladega Super-

speedway by driving a likeness of the No. 3 car his father made famous.



Dale Earnhardt Jr

Junior's trademark red Chevy will be painted predominantly black, with white lettering and silver and red stripes. Junior will still use his No. 8 — his father's No. 3 has not been on the track since his 2001 death.

"The car looks good, it's a cool way to honor my dad," Earnhardt said Tuesday. "It's going to be a lot of fun to be behind the wheel of that car, and see the reaction it gets from other drivers on the track."

The tribute is part of a larger salute at Dale Earnhardt Inc., which is celebrating Earnhardt's Thursday night induction into the Motorsports Hall of Fame, his overall accomplishments at Talladega and his 55th birthday, which would have been Saturday.

All three DEI cars will have the same paint scheme, which Junior views as an appropriate celebration of the seven-time champion. He seemed uncomfortable in February marking the five-year anniversary of his father's death, but birthdays bring happier memories.

"His birthday is something I do enjoy pointing out or celebrating or recognizing because that was always a lot of fun with

him," Junior said. "When he was getting a little older we was always thinking about what his real age was. There's some things that come and go without a blink of an eye. But there are other things that come and go that you want to point out and you want to recognize and you do appreciate."

Junior's car will be the most dramatic of the three DEI entries. After all, it's at Talladega and Daytona — the two biggest and fastest tracks in NASCAR — where Junior bears the closest resemblance to his father.

Dale Earnhardt was the greatest at restrictor-plate racing, especially at Talladega, where he scored 10 wins and

notched the 76th and final victory of his career in October 2000.

Junior inherited the skill required to work the draft. He has five victories at Talladega and two at Daytona.

But none compare to his father's last victory, when he charged from 18th place with five laps to go to cross the finish line first.

"I was running second thinking I was in a position to try to get me a win, and I can see him and his line formed on the outside coming up, getting closer and closer," Junior said. "Every time I look in the mirror, he'd moved up a few more feet toward us and was coming on. So everybody was sort of in a panic mode as if, 'Wait a minute

now, this thing ain't playing out like we had in mind."

Junior said drives like that Talladega victory were the ones his father cherished.

"He would do all kinds of stuff like that, make big comebacks or big, great saves or just crazy passes," Junior remembered. "Everybody always said he could do a lot of things with a race car a lot of other people couldn't. He'd take pride in those things personally."

"Never would get out and jump up and down and brag about it. But when it was all said and done and over with, and everybody went home, he would take pride in doing those things. I think that comeback was one he really, really enjoyed."

Drama in the Desert: Stewart, Biffle and Busch all have up-and-down day in Phoenix

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tony Stewart is in championship form, Greg Biffle has the worst luck imaginable and Kyle Busch is eerily similar to his big brother.

All that became clear at Phoenix International Raceway, a race in which the drama surrounded the drivers who didn't win.

It started hours before the first night race of the season even began, when Stewart's crew realized it had made a serious error that would cost the defending Nextel Cup champion his third-place starting position.

NASCAR requires drivers to begin each race using the same tires that were on during qualifying, and Stewart no longer had his. A crew member accidentally returned the set to Goodyear, which promptly destroyed them. The punishment was being sent to the back

of the field, a drop of 40 spots on the starting grid at a race track with little room — or time — for passing.

Stewart quickly dug himself out of his hole.

He advanced almost 33 spots in the first 100 laps, no small feat considering he started at the back of the pack alongside error-prone drivers who could have easily wrecked his car.

But that wasn't enough for Stewart, who raced his way into the lead on lap 218. Although he couldn't hold it for more than six laps, he held on to finish second to winner Kevin Harvick.

"We did what got us to a championship last year," Stewart said. "We worked our way from the 43rd spot and finished second, so I'm pretty happy. We just never got in a hurry. We got in spots to where we weren't really catching people anymore, and couldn't get by people and we had to work too hard and punish the tires too much."

"We utilized the first 200 (laps) real wisely to get to the front."

Stewart is a notoriously slow starter every year, usually needing until midsummer to hit his stride. Not so this season: He's got five top-five finishes — including a victory — through the first eight races.

That's bad news to the rest of the field. Although Stewart is only in fifth place in the points standings, history has shown he should surge this summer and put himself in position to be the driver to beat in the Chase for the championship.

Biffle, meanwhile, would probably kill for some of Stewart's karma right about now.

Adding Phoenix to the list of races he's lost this season, Biffle has now seen at least four wins slip away. And this was the most devastating one yet.

He led six times for a race-high 151 laps, only to lose the lead when Harvick passed him

with 10 to go. Biffle still had a shot at finishing second, but his luck ran out the same way it has all season: He ran out of gas with two laps to go.

He went from second to 16th in a matter of seconds, leaving him 21st in the standings and 166 points out of qualifying for the Chase.

"It's frustrating as hell," said crew chief Doug Richert, forced to speak for the team because Biffle was so upset he left without commenting.

"Our whole year has been like this. I feel a little snakebit." There is a silver lining for Biffle, though.

He's now led the most laps in three different races, only to lose a strong finish because of a mechanical failure, accident or other freak mishap. Had his team been struggling, his season might be in bigger jeopardy. But as long as Biffle keeps running well, he should be able to make up some serious ground shortly.

Biffle can also take solace in the fact that teammate Matt Kenseth was also 21st in the standings at this point last season, and he rallied to make the Chase.

"I have no doubt Greg's going to make the Chase," Kenseth said. "He's running so strong there's no doubt in my mind he's going to be in the top 10 at the end of the year."

"He's got the cars that can do it and he's not doing nothing wrong, so I don't think he needs to change any of his approach or the team needs to change their approach."

That might not be true for Busch, who will likely find himself in serious trouble with NASCAR later this week when the sanctioning body issues its penalties.

NASCAR officials were furious with Busch, who started from the pole Saturday night but lost any chance to win when contact with Casey Mears sent him

spinning and into the wall. On the same lap, far behind Busch's spin, a larger accident occurred that forced NASCAR to stop the race to clean up the track.

A red-flag means drivers can't do anything.

Busch seemed to have forgotten that rule.

He sought out Mears on the track, gave him a retaliatory nudge, then drove his car to the garage for repairs. It earned him a five-lap penalty from NASCAR, and a meeting with officials after the race.

Busch did himself no favors with his behavior. He and brother, Kurt, are already two of the least popular drivers in NASCAR and Kurt earned his status through stunts like the one Kyle pulled Saturday night.

Kyle Busch once said he planned to use every misstep Kurt has made over his career as a lesson in what not to do. Perhaps he needs a refresher course.

Mayfield worries about slow start

by PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Jeremy Mayfield wants to make one thing crystal clear about his sorry start this season: "I didn't forget how to drive, I can tell you that."

Then what is behind Mayfield's fall from championship contender in the season-ending chase the past two

years to the stumbles that have him 34th in points this season?

"I don't even know what it is," Mayfield said. "I like all the guys on the team, I think they like me. It just ain't happening."

Mayfield has had troubles adjusting to the revamped team put in by car owner Ray Evernham after last season, when the

No. 19 Dodge finished ninth in the 10-driver chase.

Chris Andrews oversees Mayfield's car. Two years ago, Kenny Francis was Mayfield's crew chief. Last year, it was Richard "Slugger" Labbe, with Francis as the team director.

Now, Francis has Mayfield's Evernham teammate, Kasey Kahne, off to his best Nextel Cup season so far at third

in the points.

Evernham's third team, driven by Scott Riggs and led by Rodney Childers, is 29th in points, but has two top 10s — two more than Mayfield — this season.

Mayfield is starting to wonder when and how Evernham will step in.

"Ray's on top of everything

that goes on," Mayfield said. "And yet, we're this far in the season and I don't see the urgency right now for some reason of why we are running bad."

"I think he's just patiently trying to hope it will all work out," Mayfield said. "But if we're not careful, 10 races will be in and we got 16 races to go and we won't be in the chase."

Evernham said he retains confidence in his equipment, engines and race team structure, but he understands Mayfield's concerns.

"He's had some bad luck and now people are unhappy," Evernham said. "I guess that's to be expected."

The switches last November left Mayfield scratching his head and frustrated with another adjustment. Mayfield has faced changes often since joining Evernham in 2002. "And I hate it. I'm ready to settle down here

and race a little while."

Mayfield acknowledges problems clicking with Andrews — and the results show that. The team's best finish so far this season is a 16th place at Bristol Motor Speedway last month.

"I'm sitting there trying to feel Chris out, he's trying to feel me out on how to communicate," Mayfield said.

There have been race-day adjustments on the car that haven't worked and minor pit-road foul-ups that have cost them, he said.

"All of a sudden, all that stuff has added up," he said. "Now, we've got to go say, 'Wow, reality has set in, we're not running like we need to run.'"

If things don't turn around soon, Mayfield said, it's natural for people to lose confidence. "Then all of a sudden the rumor mill starts flying and things start happening," he said. "This is

going to make or break us."

Evernham wonders why Mayfield's team hasn't clicked so far, while Kahne and Riggs have.

"It's like having three kids and two of them are doing really well, but you're more concerned about the one who isn't," Evernham said.

Evernham and Mayfield met last week to talk about improvements. Evernham asked what Mayfield thought would increase performance and the driver pointed to upgraded engineering support and better communication among the team. "He just doesn't feel like his cars felt like last year," Evernham said.

Evernham said his organization has made changes to the Dodge Charger and to the race chassis.

"We think that it's better for the Charger, and Jeremy just

doesn't like those changes," the car owner said. "So we are trying to get him more stuff like he had last year."

Mayfield worries it already may be too late, saying, "I considered two races ago a critical point."

Mayfield is signed with Evernham Motorsports through 2007. He said he hopes to stay beyond that, and knows he'll have to improve the team's performance.

"You kind of let things happen and you hope for the best," Mayfield said. "But it's not going to work out like we are right now. If we keep doing what we've been doing, it ain't going to work. So we've got to do something different. What that is, I don't know."

AP Motorsports Writer Jenna Fryer contributed to this report.

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Byzantium

What was Byzantium?

In late May 1453, an army of Turkish soldiers stormed and captured the city of Constantinople after having laid siege for six weeks. The last emperor of Constantinople died during this battle near the city walls. His name was Constantine Palaeologus. He had told his advisers that he did not want to survive the loss of the city. His death, and the conquest of Constantinople, marked the end of a civilization that had endured there for more than 1,100 years.

Known to history as Byzantium, the city and its people were a small remnant of the Greek-speaking eastern portion of the Roman Empire.

Empire of New Rome

When envisioning the Roman Empire, most people think of marble columns, togas, laurel wreaths, Antony, Caesar and Cleopatra. The Roman world is thought to be Latin-speaking, in Western Europe, and coming to an end in AD 476, when the last emperor was deposed.

But, by AD 400, the most important territory to the Roman Empire lay in the eastern Mediterranean region. Centered upon the city of Constantinople (Istanbul), the Eastern half of the empire survived the fall of the West. Greek-speaking Orthodox-Christian citizens of this empire continued to call themselves Romaioi, or "Romans." Today, historians identify this unique civilization as Byzantium, after the original name of Constantinople.

The Queen of Cities

Constantinople was established in AD 330, strategically located between the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara. Its founder was the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. At the point where Europe met Asia, he established the Greek city of Byzantium as the second capital of the Roman Empire. It was named Nova Roma (New Rome). Constantine's city inspired awe in visitors from other lands. Protected by the triple Theodosian Walls, the population had swelled to more than half a million people and was larger than all of the other major European urban areas combined. The city had piped water supplies, a sewage system, hospitals, homes for the elderly and public baths. As the successor to ancient Rome, it became the wealthiest city in Europe throughout the Middle Ages. Artisans produced a variety of goods, including silks, perfumes and jewelry, and trade routes extended to China, North Africa and Scandinavia.



Roman glass bottle
from Eastern Mediterranean, first half of the 1st century AD.

Star-shaped brooch with intaglio

Ottonian setting AD 960-1000; Byzantine Intaglio AD 337-361.

Gold solidus coin

Minted in AD 335, this coin portrays the first emperor of New Rome, Constantine.



Colossal head of Constantine I

This portrait head was sculpted about a year after Constantine founded Constantinople. It was made to be inserted into a bust or full-length statue that would have been about 10 feet high. Colossal statues of gods were made in antiquity for temples. Before Constantine, several emperors had erected colossal images in buildings or forums to emphasize their status.



Arts and antiquities

The Byzantines excelled at glass and metal work, architecture and the art of mosaics, or pictures composed of tile.



Bronze aquamanile, late 13th century. It held water and was used to cleanse the hands of priests before celebrating mass.

Mosaic, 10th century, Hagia Sophia

Emperor Constantine IX holds a bag of gold coins as part of a ceremonial offering.



Hagia Sophia

AD 532-37.

The Byzantine Empire, AD 1000

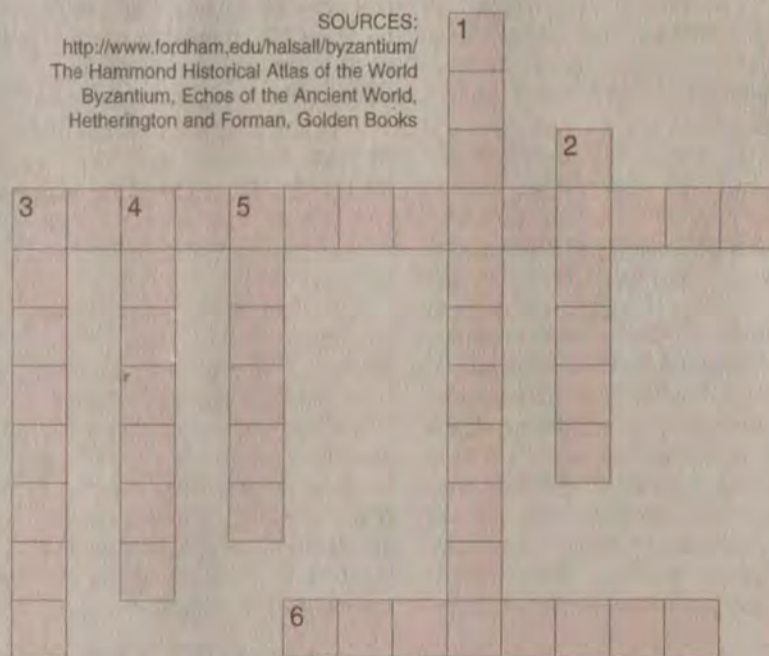


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- Its name means "Holy Wisdom."
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- ACROSS
- Capital city of Byzantium.
 - Modern name of the capital of Byzantium, since 1930.

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The fall of Constantinople

On May 29, 1453, the city fell to the Ottoman Turks and became part of the Ottoman Empire. The Ottoman Empire dissolved on Nov. 1, 1922. Since that time, the city has remained part of the Republic of Turkey.

In the 20th century, the Turks renamed the city Istanbul, and this name became official in 1930.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Life - explained

So hey, have you figured out the meaning of life yet? Well, I've got some of the answers, thanks to holy scriptures, but there are still those little Eeyore clouds that like to follow me around and keep me confused a great deal of the time.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Currently, I've decided to just "chill." Can't do it all, can't please everyone, and hey, don't even want to. So, I'm laying back for awhile and waitin' for the fog to lift. Once it does, I doubt seriously that any layers will be peeled back making my vision crystal clear like on the allergy medication commercial, but I do expect to see a rainbow (God promised, you know).

In the meantime, I always look for comfort - in the laughter of friends, the love of family and the

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POSTSCRIPT

Going out in style

These are the days of folks living largely.

People who never get off a paved road have giant vehicles that suck up gas and overextend parking spaces.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

Couples with two children have houses with rooms enough so that nobody has to see anyone else for weeks at a time, houses with living rooms that are not lived in and dining tables where nobody eats, houses sealed off from neighbors and yards full of plastic toys that kids don't play with.

Now we learn that folks are also dying largely.

A recent article in the New York Times caught my eye. It says the latest trend in burials is mausoleums.

Rather than settling for a three-by-six hole with an etched marker in a family cemetery on a peaceful hillside, many people are opting

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Cherokee Music comes to Stumbo Elementary

Article and photos submitted

Students at John M. Stumbo Elementary have recently had an exciting adventure in the arts. Darla Jackson, a folk artist from eastern Kentucky, spent two days at the school helping students learn about Cherokee music, language and dance.

Jackson's visit came as part of the school's Arts Academy follow-up program, jointly sponsored by the Kentucky Center and the Kentucky Department of Education. Every summer, teachers from across the state gather at different sites to participate in five days of intensive professional development in the arts. Last summer, the academies were offered in six locations across the state. Walter Ord, Stumbo Elementary music teacher, attended the academy session held in Hazard. For five days, Ord and his colleagues were immersed in activities involving music and dance. The educators gained an in-depth understanding of the elements and principles of each art form and learned new strategies for teaching core content in the fields of the arts and humanities to their students.

Ord shares that "while it is wonderful and inspiring to learn about the arts in an academy setting, the real goal is to bring that inspiration back to the classroom. That is why the Kentucky Center and Kentucky Department of Education invited academy graduates to apply for a mini-grant to bring

a professional artist into their school and into their individual classrooms." Ord further explained that he applied for a dancer/musician because he hoped to learn more about Cherokee music himself.

One of the intents of the Arts Academy Follow-up Program is to provide job-embedded professional development for teachers. The other is to provide a creative learning experience for students, and the mini-grants help to accomplish both goals. The fifth grade classes at John M. Stumbo Elementary learned about Cherokee instruments, how to speak a few words in the Cherokee language and how to sing a song in Cherokee.

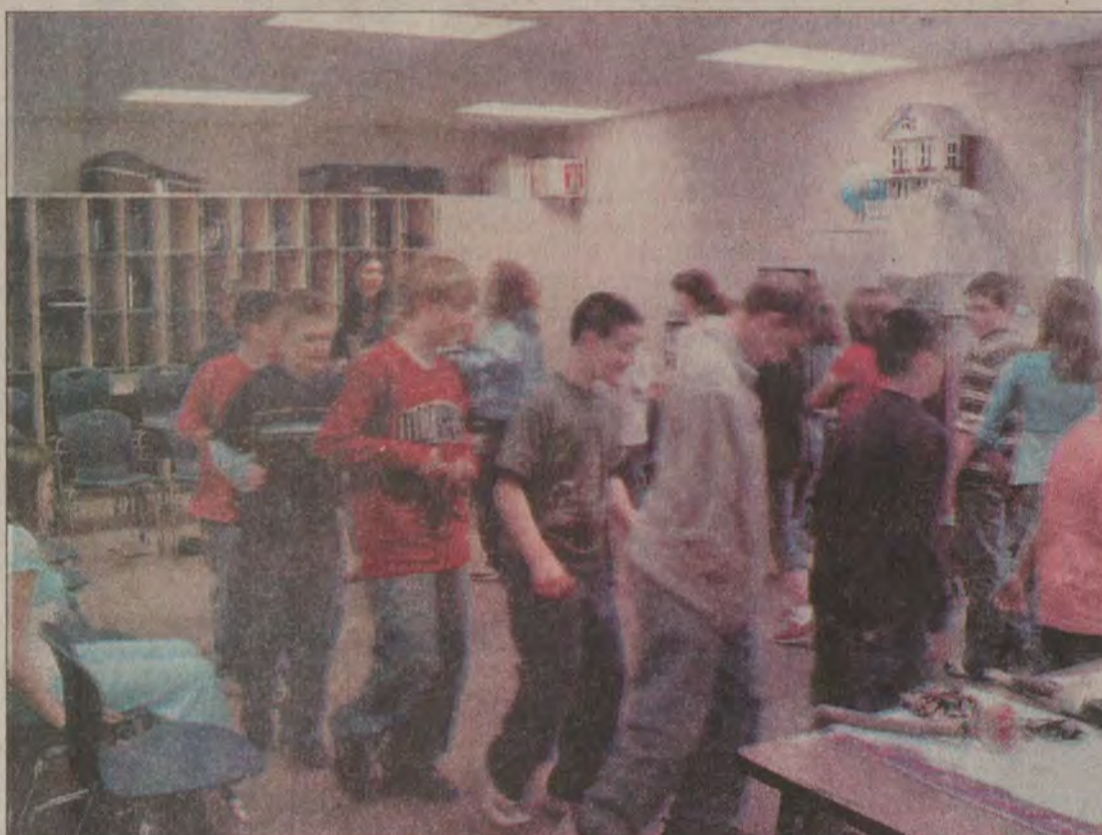
"I have benefited by working side by side with an artist in my own classroom," said Ord. "I have learned so much about the music of the Cherokee Indians. I can now teach a unit on Cherokee music by myself, which is just wonderful."

"The best thing about the Arts Academy Follow-up Program is that the excitement does not end when the artist leaves," Ord said. "Now I have a new and dynamic lesson that I can share with future students, and I have learned new teaching strategies that I can apply all across my classroom curriculum."

The Kentucky Center is committed to providing teachers with top quality learning experiences in the arts and ongoing support. For more information about the Kentucky Center's educational programs, visit their website at www.kentuckycenter.org.



Most of the Cherokee music instruments pictured here were handcrafted by Jackson's father. Jackson graciously donated the varied assortment to the school.



Stumbo Elementary fifth graders learn the Cherokee Stomp Dance.



Darla Jackson visited Stumbo Elementary to teach fifth graders about the music and language of the Cherokee. Jackson taught the students to sing the Cherokee song, "The Rabbit Song" in the Cherokee language.

DINNER DIVA

Making the most of salads

When it comes to healthy eating, the first thing one thinks of, naturally, is increasing one's portions of veggies in the form of a salad. Salads, after all, are the eighth world wonder when our bodies are screaming for nutrition. If we eat a lot of salads, we think to ourselves, we will become healthy, wealthy and wise.

EEEEEEEEERRRRK! (that's the sound of me putting on the brakes). Before you toss all your nutritional hopes on salads and head to the store for the fixin's, let's quantify that salad and make sure we have the understanding of what makes for a nutritious salad. To do that, let's belly up to the bar - the salad bar, that is - and make a quick list of DO's and DON'T's—

DO: use a smaller plate to keep your portion under control, pile on the greens (see below for a guide), look

for the lighter dressing (still, go easy!) and bulk up on the veggies. If this is your main course, go for lean proteins such as chicken, shrimp, or low fat cheeses (if labeled as such).

DON'T: pig out on the pasta salad, mayo-laden coleslaw and potato salad, croutons, bacon bits, cheese, crackers and other things not grown in the ground. See how easy that is? Potatoes might grow in the ground, but I've yet to see jars of mayo being harvested.

Let's make it even easier and just follow these simple guidelines, excerpted from my book, Saving Dinner (Ballantine)—

In order to avail yourself of the nutrient-rich possibilities of a salad, it is necessary to understand what constitutes healthy when it comes to salad making. A

pale hunk of iceberg lettuce with a goopy ladle of blue cheese dressing doesn't cut it. And yet so many people think because they've eaten this "salad," they've given their bodies the nutrition it needs. Not true!

A good rule of thumb for evaluating a good salad should be COLOR. Color is a great indicator of what's ahead: good nutrition or near-empty calories. The more vibrant the color, the healthier it is.

Let's go back to that Iceberg lettuce salad. It's pale green and white. The iceberg lettuce's value is mostly the water it carries. Fiber is minimal and nutrition almost non-existent. The blue cheese is dripping with all kinds of fat so that X's that off the list immediately. Let's do a salad makeover, shall we?

First of all, you need to choose GREEN. Green like spinach, salad bowl or romaine lettuces—all wonderful examples of what green should look like. The color is there and so is the nutrition.



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Family Medicine

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Question: I was recently diagnosed with Sprue. I was told to go on a strict diet and eat no grains. I am 62 and basically healthy. My doctor found this when she worked up my anemia. Will I have this forever? Is there a treatment that will cure this?

Answer: Sprue, also known as celiac disease, or gluten enteropathy, can occur at any age. It can start in young babies as

well as senior citizens. Over 20 percent of the cases of sprue are in people over 60. Sprue is more common in women and people of European descent but is rare in those of Asian and African heritage. It does run in families.

Often sprue has no symptoms at all, and it is diagnosed when an alert physician is doing a workup for another condition such as fatigue, weakness, bone loss or even a mood disorder. I take it this is what happened in your case.

Recent research has shown that

Anemia can be first clue to Sprue

sprue is much more common than previously thought. It may affect as many as one out of every 133 people in the general population.

If you have this disorder and consume a food with gluten, your body undergoes an autoimmune reaction. Your immune system attacks several parts of your own body, focusing on the small intestines. This usually begins when the small intestine is exposed to antigens that are found in cereals and your body produces antibodies to them.

The resulting inflammation reduces digestion and may bring on a number of gastrointestinal symptoms. These can include excess intestinal gas, bloating, cramping, foul-smelling and oily or pale stools, and chronic diarrhea or constipation. In some people, as I mentioned earlier, symptoms like weight loss, fatigue or weakness are not as specific to the G.I. tract.

Given the wide range of possible symptoms, it's not surprising that celiac disease can often be misdiagnosed.

It's not uncommon for doctors and patients to confuse the intestinal symptoms with those of irritable bowel syndrome, or I-B-S. On the other hand, if gastrointestinal symptoms aren't present, but the inflammation causes a decrease in the absorption of nutrients and vitamins this can lead to an initial diagnosis of, for example, anemia or osteoporosis. You are fortunate that your doctor was wise enough to suspect sprue as the cause of your anemia.

Once the diagnosis is made with blood tests and possibly an endoscopy, the treatment is straightforward. Do not eat wheat, barley or rye or products containing even trace amounts. Oats are fine, but there can be cross contamination of gluten products in processing so be careful. Do not over-eliminate foods from your diet. Only wheat, barley and rye need to go. Get a consultation with a dietitian who is knowledgeable about sprue. More food manufacturers are making gluten-free products. Always read your labels carefully.

Some people in the early stages of the illness may need steroids to help reduce the inflammation in the intestines. Also, conditions caused by malabsorption, such as your anemia, need to be treated. The good news is that with strict avoidance of trigger foods, your symptoms may resolve in a few weeks.

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Eyes

beauty that is eastern Kentucky.

Brother Doug sent this along by way of email earlier in the week. It made me grin and, I expect, it will you, too.

Life

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog answered, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey answered, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field, with the farmer, all day long, and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow replied, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And again, God agreed.

On the fourth day, God created man and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry, and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty

years."

But man said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back? That'd make eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "but remember, you asked for it."

So, that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. And for the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our families. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at those passing by.

Life has now been explained.

(Thanks, "Brudder," for passing "the knowledge" along!)

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Postscript

for showy cubicles on top of the earth.

Mausoleums are not new. They've been around since recorded time. What are the pyramids but fancy mausoleums?

This type of burial is also pretty common in places like New Orleans, which is below sea level and where you don't have to dig very far to reach water. People use mausoleums because they don't want their loved ones' remains to swim through eternity.

But, the New York Times article refers to burials not for the sake of keeping the body dry, but for the sake of showing all who remain behind how much the deceased was worth — materially. Sure, they can't take it with them, but they can leave

it where it can be seen.

The article notes that prices for mausoleums are a quarter-million dollars and up, depending on how you accessorize. Much like the house you live in, a pricey above-ground tomb can have such amenities as a meditation room, a granite patio and gilded marquee lettering.

Then, there's the Florida mausoleum that has an expensive chandelier. Do you suppose it lights the way to wherever?

And there's the Brooklyn resting place that's heated. Could that relate to the old phrase, Cold as h—?

The final example is the multi-family mausoleum in New York that has room for 256 bodies. I have to ask: Do you have that many family members you'd like to spend eternity with?

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I have to wonder what people are thinking. Unless you're president or a war hero or the discoverer of a cancer cure, how many people will remember you in subsequent generations? Will they regard you as particularly honorable and awe-inspiring? I suspect not.

I think the simple hole in the earth may be a better way to go. What better place to be than as one with the earth?

But even better, maybe we can be of the greatest use if we donate all the organs we can donate, so that other people have a chance at life, or maybe even go a step further and leave our bodies to a medical college where students can get some experience under their belt before they are called upon to experiment with a living person.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

■ 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

■ April 19-May 3 - SBDM Council nominations.

■ May 8 - SBDM Council elections, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Note to School Volunteers: Please send in all your volunteer hours to the YSC office. You may call your hours in to 358-0134.

■ There are several lost coats in the YSC. If your child is missing a coat, please have them check in the center office. Parents are also welcome to drop by and check for themselves. All coats left behind at the end of the school year will be donated.

■ 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

Kindergarten Registration now going on. Call 874-2165 for an appointment.

■ 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

■ 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

■ May 2 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in the center.

■ May 3 - Last day that SBDM Council parent representative nominations will be accepted.

■ May 8 - SBDM parent elections,

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and again, from 6-7 p.m., in the school administration building.

■ May 17 - Confidentiality training, 9 a.m., in FRC. Anyone wishing to volunteer, chaperone school trips, or visit school classrooms needs to attend this training.

■ Upcoming Summer Activities: July 10-14 - Neva Francis, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, will present a program on nutrition and how to prepare healthy snacks; July 17, 18, 20, 21 - Melissa Perry, McDowell ARH, will present programs on careers, "Learning About Your Body," and how to safely play water games; July 19 - "Back to School Health Fair," Allen Central High School; July 24-27 - "Get Moving Kentucky" camp. Presented by 4-H Extension Office staff, in FRC.

■ GED classes offered in the Family Resource Center office, on Mondays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1-3:30 p.m.

■ 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 Summer Care and Preschool-8th grade 2006-2007 Fall Registration. Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ April 29 - MCA Golf Tournament. For more info., call Rick Hughes at 886-2232.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ April 17-28 - Nominations for SBDM Teacher and Parent elections (for 2006-2007 school year) will be accepted during this time. Nomination process will end on April 28, at 3 p.m. Nominations should be submitted to school office.

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

■ May 4 - 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. 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

■ 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.

Dinner Diva

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Look for RED. Tomatoes come to mind. Vine ripened and full of vitamin C, tomatoes also contain the important phytochemical lycopene that helps fight cancer. ORANGE or YELLOW? How about some colorful bell pepper or (when in season) summer squash? Carrots are fantastic sources for beta-carotene, a pre-vitamin for vitamin A. Beta carotene has so many important functions, but the best part about beta-carotene is that it will convert into only as much vitamin A as the body needs so there's no worry about taking in too much. You know what happens if you have too much beta-carotene? You turn orange! My son was orange for the first and second year of his life—he LOVED sweet potatoes.

I can't help but push the nutritional envelope hard enough when it comes to making salads. Your body needs all those veggies! The reasons for all this green boils down to the fact that we eat entirely too many cooked foods and rarely eat anything raw. A salad gives your body the alimentary opportunity to tackle a raw food and get those important enzymes, vitamins and minerals so readily available from uncooked produce.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, www.SavingDinner.com or her "Saving Dinner" book series published by Ballantine and her new book "Body Clutter." Copyright 2006; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

Quilters display creations

Quilters from Magoffin County recently presented the "Big Sandy 2006 Quilters Day Out" event. This year's theme was "Mountain Memories."

Those attending the event, from Floyd County, included: Patty Jones, Judy Hackworth, Eileen Banks, Pearl Watts, Ada Martin, Helen Boyd, Freda Hicks, Jean Watson, Dorothy

Harris, Brenda McKenzie, Nan Tournier, and Alice Rowe.

At the show, Jean Watson displayed her beautiful "Bonnet Girl" quilt; Eileen Banks displayed her exquisite "Magnolia" quilt; Pearl Watts displayed her lovely "Rooster" wall hanging; Dorothy Harris displayed her beautiful "Dresden Plate" table runner; Nan

Tournier unveiled her lovely "challenge fabric" quilt creation; and, Alice Rowe displayed her breathtaking "Patchwork" quilt. Mary Sue Moon also displayed her lovely "challenge fabric" purse.

The next "Quilter's Day Out" event will be held on March 20, 2007, at which time the Magoffin County Quilters will sponsor

Slone named USAA winner

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has named Steven Glenn Slone, of Allen Central High School, as a United States National Award winner in the academic area of English.

Selection of such is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. The Academy recognizes fewer than ten percent of all American high school students.

Steven was nominated for this honor by his teacher, Sandy Warrens. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook, a national publication.

The USAA selects winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors, as well as upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. Criteria include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, motivation, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and sponsor recommendation.

Steven is the son of Steven and Jamie Slone, of Langley. He is the grandson of Eulene Ratliff, of Martin, and the late Roy Ratliff, and Glenn Slone, of Langley, and the late Martha Slone.



Steven Glenn Slone

Frasure named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has selected Brandi Frasure, of Adams Middle School, as an All-American Scholar.

The USAA All-American Scholar Award program was established to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average.

Brandi was nominated by her teacher, Brenda Minix.

Brandi will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, a national publication.

Brandi is the daughter of David and Susie Webb, and Mike Whitt, of Watergap. She is the granddaughter of Doug and Linda Frasure, Prestonsburg, and Emogene Whitt, of Watergap, and the late Frank Whitt.



Tackett graduates army training

PFC Joshua Tackett graduated from the 1st Armor Training Brigade, 2D Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, in Fort Knox, on March 17, 2006. He received the "Achievement in Expert Badge," Fox Company, for shooting 30 out of 30 targets successfully. PFC Tackett is currently serving as tank crewman, 3rd Infantry Division, in Fort Stewart, Georgia. He is the son of Michelle Hamilton, of Paintsville, and the grandson of Clara Hamilton, of Teaberry, and the late Levi Hamilton. He has two brothers, Colby Tackett and Alex Kidd.



Kentucky Power donates to HCTC

Mary Begley, Manager of Community Affairs at Kentucky Power, presents two checks to Hazard Community & Technical College President/CEO Jay K. Box, which total \$9,000, as part of the College's "Fulfilling the Promise" fund raising campaign. A check for \$5,000 is presented for the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky, located in the

Clemons Center on the Hazard Campus. The \$4,000 will go toward two scholarships to attend HCTC. "We are extremely fortunate to have a business such as Kentucky Power so committed to education. We thank them for supporting young people through the Challenger Center and thank them for the sizeable donation for scholarships," Dr.

Box said. Previously, American Electric Power Corporation gave \$50,000 each to three colleges through the Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) Foundation to create a \$150,000 endowment to promote science and math by working with schoolchildren. HCTC's portion was designated for the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky.

Prater named USAA winner

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has named Stephanie Prater, of Prestonsburg High School, as a United States National Award winner in the academic area of mathematics.

Selection of such is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. The Academy recognizes fewer than ten percent of all American high school students.

Stephanie was nominated for this honor by her teacher, Sharon Vaughn. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook, a national publication.

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Stephanie is the daughter of Peggy and Steve Prater, of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Janice Prater, of Prestonsburg, and Gene Prater, of Goble Roberts, and Thelma Fugate, of Drift.



Stephanie Prater

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

In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobert Meek, Pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grethel Baptist, Slate Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.

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

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

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

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.



The Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

2 Timothy 4:17

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Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeks Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pascosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Profit.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday 7 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike O. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwaie; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 pm.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cook, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 7, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John H. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month.; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Larry 358-2001; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor.

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Pastor, Dan Varney, Minister.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, West Prestonsburg, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor, D.H. Hayes, Minister.

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RENTALS

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640- Land/Lots

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650- Mobile Homes

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MH FOR RENT RT

1210 886-8366.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8059

Amendment No. 1
In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, WV 25541, has applied for a permit for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.50 mile south from Allen, Kentucky, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 119.05 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 172.53 within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 mile southeast from KY 1428's junction with U.S. 23, and located 0.1 mile south of Webb Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Adams Real Estate, LP, and Frasure Creek Mining, LLC.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WHEELWRIGHT HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT

LINKS, INC., is in the process of preparing a grant application to be submitted to USDA Rural Development for approximately \$109,250 in housing preservation grant funds to be used to repair homes for the very low- and low-income households inside the Wheelwright corporate limits. These funds will be available to households that can prove ownership of their property through a deed and evidence that the resident has occupied the property for at least one (1) full year prior to application for assistance. Each application will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

A copy of the completed application shall be available for review and comment at the LINKS, Inc., office, 116 North Front Street, Suite 102, Prestonsburg, KY; County Judge Executive Office, Courthouse, Prestonsburg, KY; and City Clerk's Office, City of Wheelwright, Wheelwright, KY. The comment period shall run from May 1 to May 15. All comments shall be in writing so that they may be properly addressed in the final draft of the application. All reviews and comments are welcome. Submitted and authorized by:

Eddie Patton
Executive Director
LINKS, Inc.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways in the Division of Construction Procurement on the 3rd floor, and/or the Auditorium, located on the 1st floor of the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time, on the 28th day of April, 2006, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of:

FLOYD COUNTY
FD39 036 0007 000-002: Dema-Lackey Road (KY 7) from Knott County Line (MP 0.000) extending north 1.627 miles northwest (MP 1.627), a distance of 1.63 miles. Guardrail.

FLOYD COUNTY
FD05 036 0114 0 0 4 - 0 1 0 : Salyersville-Prestonsburg Road (KY 114) from Addams Cemetery Road (MP 4.160) extending north to begin of 4 lane 0.429 miles W of KY 404 (MP 9.138), a distance of 4.98 miles. Asphalt Resurfacing.

Bid proposals for all projects will be available at the Division of Construction Procurement until 3:00 p.m., Daylight Saving Time, preceding the day of the letting of Friday, April 28, 2006. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittance, payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, must accompany request for proposals (Non-Refundable). Bid Proposals are issued to Prequalified Contractors.

Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each (Non-Refundable).

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 2525 Harrodsburg Rd., Ste. 23, Lexington, Kentucky 40504, intends to transfer permit number 836-5047 to Miller Bros. Coal LLC. The new permit number will be 836-5489. The operation disturbs 15.30 surface acres, and underlies 584.9 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 1.4 mile north of Craynor, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.0 mile west from State Route 979's junction with Hamilton Branch, and located 0.1 mile north of Hamilton Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, US 127, South Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All

comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Applications for Supplementary Funds from Providers of Transportation of Nonpublic School Students.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court requests and will accept applications until Thursday, May 4, 2006, at the hour of 4:00 o'clock p.m. for the following:

Applications for Supplementary Funds from Providers of Transportation of Nonpublic School Students.

Applications will be accepted at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, 2nd floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. [Telephone: (606) 886-9193] during regular business hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

Paul Hunt
Thompson,
Floyd County
Judge/Executive

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2006

An Ordinance of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, by which the City Annexes into the City Corporate Limits certain real property located on Stephens Branch.

WHEREAS, property owners within that certain tract and boundary of unincorporated territory as more specifically described below, and as reflected by the Annexation Map hereto attached as Exhibit "A" have given prior consent in writing and petitioned the City for annexation and incorporation into the city limits of Prestonsburg said property; and

WHEREAS, the area as hereinbelow more particularly described, and reflected in Exhibit "A" hereto (Proposed Annexation Map) lies adjacent to or is contiguous to the City of Prestonsburg's current boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Prestonsburg City Council having considered the matter and determined after due discussion and deliberation that it is in the best interest of the City and best

interest of the property owners whose property is contained within the area proposed to be annexed; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council, through passage of this ordinance set forth hereinbelow, declares it desirable to annex into the corporate limits of the City of Prestonsburg that certain area more fully described below,

Now, Therefore, it is Hereby Resolved and is Hereby Ordained by the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Prestonsburg does hereby annex into the municipal corporate limits the property described as follows:



Section II. The Annexation Map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" reflects the description as hereinabove stated and is incorporated by reference as a part hereof.

Section III. Upon enactment of this ordinance the territory shall become a part of the City of Prestonsburg in accordance with KRS 81A.42.

So Resolved, Ordained, and Adopted This 27th day of March, 2006.

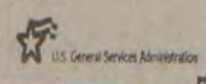
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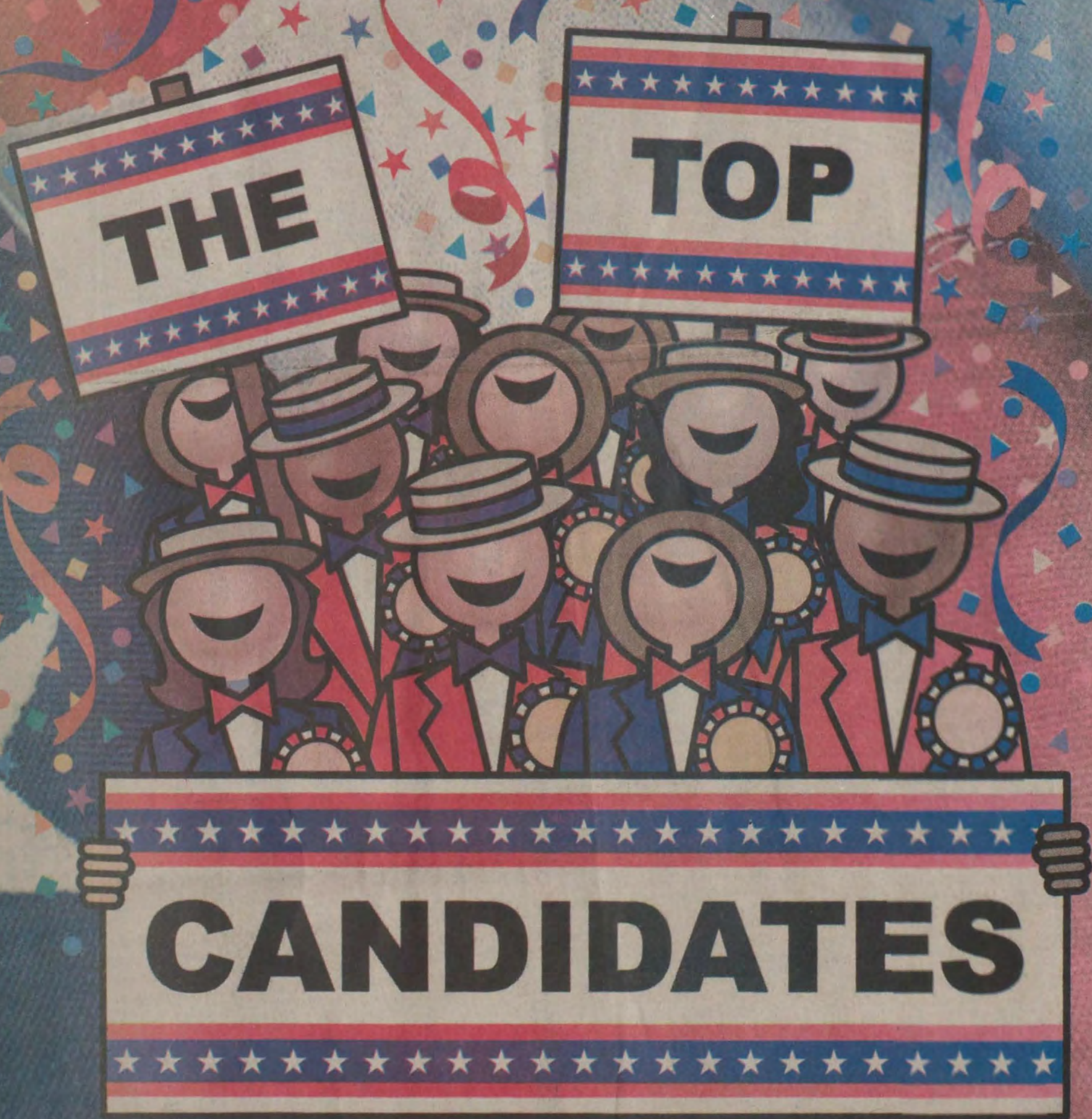
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to help our autistic community throughout the state. I introduced and passed legislation for our veterans, correctional officers, and coal miners. This session I introduced legislation and it has now been signed into law, setting up a veteran's loan program. May 1st of every year is now coal miner's recognition day throughout the state of Kentucky. I worked hard with the transportation cabinet to see that a very dangerous section of road on US 23 (Holiday Inn Hill) received \$500,000 worth of funding to have a barrier installed to make the road safer. I am working for you.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? As your state representative, I have found that as in any job or profession that you must be able to work with others to get the job done. Frankfort is not a person. Frankfort is a diverse group of people. Sometimes it requires working together with them and sometimes it requires standing yourself and your constituents' views apart from them. It requires strong leadership. It requires good decision making without hesitation. I am asking you to send me back to Frankfort so that I can continue to work for you.

If re-elected, I plan to continue to fight and to work hard for Floyd County and the citizens of this Commonwealth. I plan to continue to fight to make gains against the drug epidemic in our county, vow to continue to support our teachers and students and to make gains in our educational system, pledge to fight hard for our coal miners, and pledge to help our veterans. And I promise to continue to work hard everyday for each of you — for every Floyd Countian, because I never forget who I work for and will always be accessible to you. I plan to continue to do the people's work if re-elected.

Drugs: Prescription drug use in our county is rampant. I worry that there will be generations lost due to this problem. In the western part of our state meth is a huge problem and it has begun to spread to other parts. On March 8, 2005, I voted for and supported legislation making it more difficult for drug dealers to purchase ingredients used for making meth. This vote will help to prevent the spread

and takes action to stop the problem. It also makes it a felony to expose children to meth labs. The legislation also forces Internet pharmacies to register with the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to do business in our state.

I also helped to pass legislation establishing the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation, the KBI — a new agency focused on uncovering, investigating, and shutting down the drug trade in Kentucky. I take this job very seriously. I have two small children of my own and to think about what is happening in our county and state is terrifying. I pledge to continue to do whatever I can to fight the rampant drug epidemic in our county. And that means continuing to vote "yes" on legislation to curb the problem.

I will do whatever I can to support agencies and to establish new facilities to cope with and to provide rehabilitation for those engulfed by the current drug problem. My stand against drugs is strong and my legislative record supports my commitment to deal strongly with drugs and drug dealers.

Education: Our teachers, classified workers, and students are very important to me. This session I voted for and strongly supported a pay raise for our teachers. I believe that our teachers should be compensated well for their work and that their average pay should be equivalent to surrounding states. And that we should take care of our retired teachers as well. I want to keep our teachers informed about what is going on in the Legislature and try hard to contact them regularly.

I married a math teacher and recognize the importance of math. The mathematics achievement program develops a state wide plan aimed at grades four through twelve to help students reach higher levels and enables teachers to help students who struggle with math. I also helped to pass the read to achieve act that sets up reading programs at elementary schools and focuses on improving reading skills including special one on one help. When it comes to education, I will always stand for legislation and projects that support our teachers and students.

Coal: My grandfather,



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Many people feel that Floyd County Family Court Judge Julie Paxton has a record of very poor judgment. I have heard firsthand the anxiety and frustration that families are experiencing in our Family Court. Many people believe they have been subjected to arbitrary, unreasonable and unfair decisions handed down by current Judge Julie Paxton and know it is time to do something. For this reason alone, I decided to become a candidate for Family Court Judge.

Prior to our current system of Family Court, the work of Family Court was handled by a Domestic Relations Commissioner appointed by the Circuit Judge. When Judge Harold Stumbo appointed me Domestic Relations Commissioner the only instruction the Judge gave me was to be fair.

It was my honor to served as Domestic Relations Commissioner all of his time as Circuit Judge. Following Judge Stumbo's death, I continued my service as Domestic Relations Commissioner by the present Circuit Judges.

Judge Stumbo was right. In my more than six years on the job, people were treated fairly, squarely and with respect. My commitment to you is that if you elect me your Family Court Judge - I'll treat everyone with respect and dignity!"

- Mickey McGuire

Qualifications:

- Private practice of law
- 25 years experience as a trial attorney
- Floyd County Domestic Relations Commissioner six years
- Admitted to practice law in U. S. Federal Courts
- Admitted to practice law in the U. S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals
- Former Director and Chief Executive Officer of The Bank Josephine
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Finding Answers...

As assistant CEO of a vital health care provider I have heard, first-hand, the frustrations of families trying to manage their health care needs. I know from personal experience, to make life and death decisions while dealing with insurance costs and to find a way thru the red tape is very hard. My wife Suzanne and I have two children, Shaler and Kacey. At age 2, Shaler was diagnosed with diabetes. Working for a health care provider and caring for Shaler has given me a first-hand understanding of the critical need for affordable and the best quality health care.

Frankfort insiders, like Chuck Meade, don't understand. He has let us down. He and his corporate buddies simply can't and won't find the answers to fix this mess because it's not in the best interest of their pocket books. As your State Representative finding answers to Healthcare issues will be my top priority.

Restoring Leadership...

Most of my adult life Greg Stumbo was Floyd County's State Representative. We were proud of his courage to take a stand and the ability to get the job done.

Now with Chuck Meade in Frankfort, we no longer have this type leadership. He won't stand up to the Frankfort insiders and has done more for Louisville than he has Floyd County.

You deserve a State Representative who will fight for Floyd County with real leadership and real results for a change. It is my promise to you to do just that!

As State Representative I'll fight for you and for our fair share.

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Lawrence Adkins, is a retired UMWA coal miner and my wife's father, Tabby Mitchell, was a coal miner. We come from a family of coal miners and I have even worked some picking rock in a coal mine. Many of my friends are coal miners. I will always support our coal miners. I worked with my colleagues to pass the coal bed methane bill which will lead to a new source of clean energy, improved mine safety, and new jobs in coal country. In addition, this session, I introduced legislation and it has now been signed into law making May 1st of every year Coal Miner's Day. I believe we should stop and thank our coal miners for their back breaking work and for risking their lives every day to provide a living for their families. I will always stand for our coal miners.

Summary: On May 16th, I ask for your vote and your support. I am working hard for you and will not stop. This is serious business and not just a job. God has given me this opportunity to be of service to you and I am very appreciative of that fact and humbled every day. I once again ask you for your vote so I



can continue to work for you. Thank you and God Bless.

James Brandon Spencer
Age: 31
Residence: Calf Branch, Prestonsburg

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? Currently, I serve as the assistant chief executive officer of a large ambulance service. This is a position which I have held for the past four years. Our service has more than 100 employees, which provide critical health care assistance to those in need. In my work, I hear firsthand the frustrations people have in managing their health care needs, insurance costs and in dealing with government and its red tape. Some Frankfort politicians don't seem to understand or even care about helping solve these challenges. The people in our community have had enough and so have I!

Additionally, I am a law enforcement officer. At Eastern Kentucky University, I received academy training in law enforcement, and have also received training in homicide investigation and critical situations management for supervisors. I participated in a U.S. Department of Justice drug forum on strategies for dealing with our drug epidemic. This key experience will help me address our terrible drug problem. I was among those who worked for passage of Senate Bill 63. This bill placed restrictions on the retail sales of key over-the-counter components used in the illegal manufacturing of crystal meth, a bill which our current representative did not even show up to vote for!

Why do you believe you are the best candidate for the office you seek? Sometimes life experiences provide the best education and understanding. My wife, Suzanne and I have two children, James Shaler, age 8, and Kacey Dawn, age 4. James has been a diabetic since he was 2 years old. Our caring for James has helped us gain valuable insight into the critical need for affordable and quality health care. This family experience and my work experience uniquely qualify me.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? My goal will be to provide new leadership and to exhibit the courage to stand up to the Frankfort. From the time I was a young man, we had a state representative in Greg Stumbo that demonstrated the courage to take a stand. You may have agreed or disagreed, but at least he took a stand. Today, our representative, Chuck Meade, has failed to demonstrate any backbone whatsoever. So let me assure you, I'll show up for work. I also won't duck or take a walk to hide from difficult issues. That is what we elect our representative to do!

Justice, Court of Appeals, District 7, Division II



David A. Barber
Age: 51
Residence: Prestonsburg
What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? Twenty-five years as a practicing attorney. I have served as Floyd County attorney, general counsel for Kentucky House of Representatives, workers' compensation administrative law judge, city attorney of Martin, board attorney for the Floyd County Board of Education. I have served on the Judicial Nominating Commission and I have served seven years as a judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I have served the people of Floyd County as a practicing attorney for 25 years, representing only the people. I have NEVER represented insurance companies. I served as Floyd County attorney and as a workers' compensation judge. I have seven years experience as a judge on the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

During my time on the Court of Appeals, we have eliminated any case backlog. When I first came on the court, there was a one-year wait from the time a case was ready to go to the judge until it was actually assigned to a judge. That delay had been two years during the early 1990s. Now the cases are assigned to a panel of judges as soon as they are ready. I have consistently been one of the best, if not the best, in getting my opinions written and out to the parties as quickly as possible.

What do you plan to do if you are elected?

1. To continue having the highest work product on the Court of Appeals.
2. To continue working on methods or procedures to get parties' cases decided faster.
3. To continue the objective of bringing the court to local communities so students and other interested persons can see firsthand how appellate cases are presented to the panel of judges.
4. To serve on a committee evaluating the method by which appellate judges are selected.
5. To serve on a committee to determine the impact of drug-related offenses on the victims of drug-related crimes and the families of the persons charged or convicted of drug-related crimes. To use that committee to make realistic recommendations concerning treatment and/or punishment guidelines, keeping the victims of drug-related offenses and the families of persons convicted of drug-related crimes in mind.

Family Court Judge



Johnny Ray Harris
I am Johnny Ray Harris and I am seeking the office of Floyd Family Court judge. I was born and raised here in Floyd County and I know firsthand the concerns of Floyd County citizens. As a former assistant county attorney and drug court prosecutor, I have seen the devastation drugs have caused Floyd

County families. Upon being elected, I will do everything in my power to establish a FAMILY DRUG COURT. I promise the people of Floyd County that I will give fair and equal treatment to all and listen to "both sides" before I make a decision.



E. Mickey McGuire
Age: 57
Residence: Middle Creek, Prestonsburg

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I was appointed by Harold James Stumbo as his domestic relations commissioner. For over six years I served in that position. Judge Stumbo only gave me one instruction, to be fair. During that time period, people were treated with respect.

I was the hearing officer on all domestic relations cases and made recommendations to the judge. During that time period, I became acutely aware of the difficulty in these cases. It is a very difficult time for men and women and for families. Children are in great distress not knowing what the future holds for them. It is so important to have a steady hand, a calm disposition and a lot of life experiences to have the wisdom to wade through the difficult and heart-wrenching questions that are raised in Family Court.

Mothers, fathers and children all must be dealt with and it is important that all sides feel they have the opportunity to be heard and will be treated fairly. Family Court should not be a place to strike fear or treat anyone in a demeaning manner. The patience and wisdom of lifelong experience is necessary to understand the complexity of the facts, emotions and needs of each family member.

My life experiences include serving on the Floyd County School Board and working hard to improve education in Floyd County. I am acutely aware of the importance education plays for our children, our community and our future. It has been an awesome responsibility to vote on the multimillion dollar expansion in the Betsy Layne Elementary, Stumbo Elementary and the construction now going on at Duff Elementary. It is exciting to have been a part of the effort to get the new elementary school for Prestonsburg started at the site on Middle Creek. It has been rewarding to see so many hard-working staff members in our school system and appreciate what an awesome responsibility and job that our principals have in their chosen careers.

I have lifetime experiences that will greatly benefit me in being Family Court judge. I am a member of the Masonic Lodge, a member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner. I am past president of the Kentucky Bar Foundation. I was very fortunate to have been chosen and selected to lead a charitable arm of the Kentucky Bar Association. I was honored that other lawyers chose me for this important position, where we raise money and expend it to many worthy charities that provided assistance to children and Family Court. We donated to the CASA Program in Pike County and Floyd County. We made contributions throughout the state and have created an endowment fund that now is almost \$1.5 million to use towards future charitable contributions. It was a great honor to have served as the president of this statewide organization.

I am a general counsel and attorney for the Kentucky Democratic Party. I represent the state Democratic Party in proceedings before the Kentucky Election Commission and answer questions from various groups on party rules. I have worked actively with the Kentucky Democratic Women's Club and I am a past president of the Kentucky Young Democrats. I was awarded the John F. Kennedy Award twice by the Kentucky Young Democrats.

I have successfully practiced

law for 25 years.

I have been an adjunct professor at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. I have worked with college students and taught classes in business law. Before going to law school, I was a full-time instructor of business administration at Cumberland College, in Williamsburg. I have served as an assistant county attorney in Floyd County and handled many juvenile cases. I have worked as an adjunct professor for Morehead State University and taught classes in the Master's of Business Administration program. I have a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky and I have a master's of business administration from Morehead State University. I have a doctorate from Case College of Law. I am a member of the National Rifle Association.

I have children in college and appreciate the sacrifice that parents make so their children will have opportunities for a successful life. I have three small grandchildren and can appreciate the complexity of grandparent visitation.

My cumulative experience gives me the solid confidence of being able to be a Family Court judge.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? I intend to do the job competently, with grace and dignity. I intend to respect the hardship of others and be sensitive to the needs of young children. I intend to use my experiences over 57 years in life to be a fair, wise and respected Family Court judge.



Julie Paxton
Age: 48
Residence: Prestonsburg
What in your experience

has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I have 20 years of legal experience, seven of those as Family Court judge. I have served in Family Court since its creation. I was elected in 1999 to serve in Floyd County and was appointed in 2001 by the Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court to preside over family courts in Knott and Magoffin counties. Prior to becoming Family Court judge, I served as an assistant county attorney and also as an assistant commonwealth's attorney. I've dealt with just about anything a person could imagine. Last year alone I heard and decided 2,700 cases. I not only have the experience for this job, but have had the opportunity to start this court from the ground up.

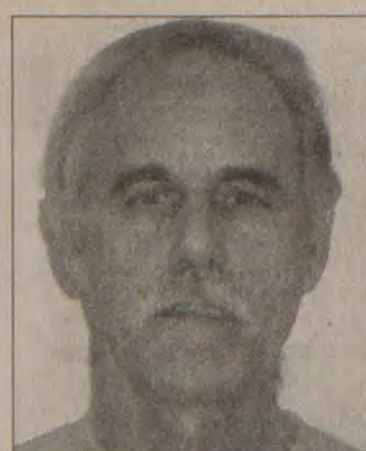
Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? Family Court is primarily about the welfare of children. I know and love children. I'm a mother to two teenagers. I've been a children Sunday school teacher for 18 years and I have always been involved with children through school and sports. Prior to becoming a judge, I represented husbands and wives and grandparents in domestic matters. I know the law and I always look out for children who find themselves in my court. Their protection is my first concern.

What do you plan to do if you are elected?

1. To continue protecting children and helping families.
2. To continue making improvements to Family Court.
3. To continue being fair and impartial in my decisions.

County Surveyor

Curt Blackburn
My name is Curt Blackburn and I am seeking the office of county surveyor. I served in the United State Army from 1969 through 1971, where I represented my country proudly and also served one tour in Vietnam. I have served the people of Floyd County in the armed forces and have been a business owner for 12 years, serving the needs of the public. I have worked as a foreman for R&S Body Co. and also, Reynolds



Body Company. I have traveled all parts and all districts of this county, and if elected I will serve you the people of Floyd County fairly and with the respect you deserve. Thank you for this opportunity. I will try to see and speak to each and everyone in Floyd County that time permits before May 16. If I am not allowed the opportunity to see you personally, I would like to ask you to elect me as your county surveyor on May 16.



John L. Campbell
Age: 40
Residence: Banner

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I have had many years of experience of working with the people of Floyd County. Presently, I work for the Floyd County Board of Education maintenance department. I also have worked for the Floyd County Housing Authority, where I held the position of construction manager.


Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? My present and past employment history has allowed me to make decisions on site preparation, construction and details of the projects throughout completion. The people in Floyd County deserve to have a person who

Re-Elect

GERALD DEROSSETT

DEMOCRAT

MAGISTRATE — DISTRICT ONE



We, the family of Gerald DeRossett would like to ask the voters of District One to go to the polls on Tuesday, May 16, and Re-Elect Gerald DeRossett Magistrate District One.

As the family of Gerald DeRossett, we want to express our sincere appreciation to you for your support, we feel his long record of service to the people speaks for itself. If Re-Elected, he will continue to work for what is right for you.

We want to take this chance to personally invite you to "Meet and Greet Gerald DeRossett" on Saturday, May 6th, at Archer Park from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be plenty of free food, fun, and old fashioned fellowship for everyone! We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

Son: Gerald Douglas DeRossett - Rachel (Allen) Christina & Rebekah
Son: John B. DeRossett - Linda (Whitten) Alexis & Allyson
Daughter: Leslie (DeRossett) - Rodney Ousley Zach & Maddy
Son: James Alex DeRossett

Re-Elect

GERALD DEROSSETT

DEMOCRAT

MAGISTRATE — DISTRICT ONE

"Keep a Friend in the Courthouse"

Paid for by the Candidate, Leslie Ousley, Treasurer

will get the job completed. I feel that I am that person!

What do you plan to do if you are elected? An elected Floyd County official needs to be accessible to all public citizens when the need arises. I will assist the public as a Floyd County surveyor to the best of my ability anytime that is required of my services.



Ron "Cowboy" Cooley
Age: 63
Residence: Prestonsburg

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I have been a businessman all my life, from retail sales to coal mining, from owning my own business to bookkeeping and income tax preparation, all the while making my home in Prestonsburg. I believe that any political office should be held by a sound business person. After all, the county affairs should be carried on as a business.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I am not a politician, just an average person wanting a chance to make Floyd County a better place for every one of its citizens. I am honest, hard-working and have the best interest of Floyd County in my heart. I am nobody's puppet and will always be my own man, standing up for what I believe to be the right thing for all the people, making every decision based on sound business practices.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? When elected, I will do either of two things. First, I will make this office into a working office. Identify the Floyd County road system and all other property belonging to Floyd County. I will build a database containing all the county's properties. These records will be open to the public and will be proven. Then, any decision needing to be made concerning any county property can be made with the true facts concerning that particular property. This will require that this office be funded by the fiscal court and manned by qualified people to perform this work.

Second, should the fiscal court not agree to funding and manning this office, then I will work to see that this office be abolished.

Magistrate, District 1



Gerald Derossett
Residence: Right Fork of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? It has been my honor to serve the citizens of District 1 and Floyd County on the Floyd County Fiscal Court. My diligent service to the people has provided me with the greatest experience anyone could hope to gain to be an effective leader — the necessary knowledge to make responsible decisions, to acquire much needed funding, and to improve the overall quality of life for everyone in this community.

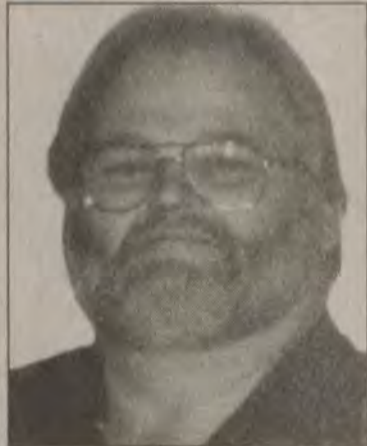
Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I feel that I am the best candidate for the office of magistrate District 1 because I have always been available to the people of this area when called upon. I stand by a record of integrity that speaks for itself. It shows strong commitment and dedication throughout each term I have served as your magistrate

District 1 to date — even during the profound losses of my beloved wife Katie and my dear mother Loma. I have always worked to improve our roads, water system, parks, schools, churches, civic organizations and tourism. I have strived to bring greater economic development and employment opportunities to this area. I have voted against unnecessary tax increases on the citizens of Floyd County.

I am a family man with Christian-oriented morals and values. I have lived and worked in this community my entire life and truly understand the needs of our people. I am determined to make this area one of great admiration that everyone including my children and grandchildren can feel safe, secure, and proud to be a part of in the future.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? If re-elected your magistrate District 1, I will continue to make fair, consistent decisions that are in the best interest of the people. I will work even harder to ensure that the needs of this area continue to be addressed in a most honest and efficient manner by the Floyd County Fiscal Court. I will continue to be truly devoted to the citizens of District 1 and Floyd County serving you with great respect and reliability. I am your loyal and trustworthy "friend in the courthouse."

Please feel free to meet me personally and to discuss any concerns you may have before the upcoming election on Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Archer Park. This is not a political fundraising event, just an expression of my appreciation to the outstanding people of this great community.



John A. Goble
Age: 44
Residence: Cow Creek

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? Hi, my name is John A. Goble. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about myself and why I am a candidate for magistrate in District 1.

I am a native of Floyd County, born and raised in Auxier. My parents are Franklin (Delano) and Nancy Goble, of Auxier. My grandparents are W.L. (Fat) and Mable Wells, of Auxier, and Otis and Florence Webb, of East Point. I now reside at Cow Creek with my wife of 20 years, Patsy (Griffey) Goble. (Her parents are Paul and Irene Griffey, of Cow Creek.) We have one daughter, Megan, who is a junior at Prestonsburg High School.

I attended Auxier Grade School, graduated from Prestonsburg High School and graduated from Pikeville College with an associate degree.

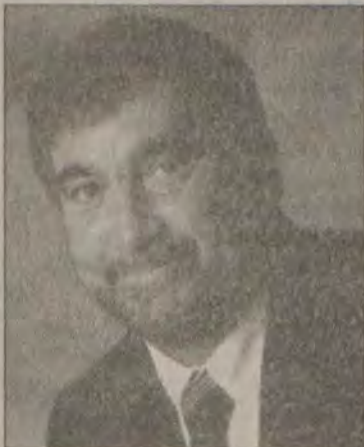
Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I believe that I am the best candidate for this office because I have years of experience dealing with people. I was a coal miner for 15 years, five years of which I was a mine foreman. I now own and operate Prestonsburg Auto Mart, a used car dealership, located in downtown Prestonsburg. I am currently on the Prestonsburg Tourism Committee and a member of the Jenny Wiley Festival Committee. I am also an active member of the Zebulon Masonic Lodge #273 in Prestonsburg and East Point Lodge #657, and a member of the Oleika Shrine in Lexington.

I am very active in our community. I care about the people in District 1 and Floyd County. In the upcoming months, I will be traveling in all of District 1 and would like the opportunity to speak to as many people as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either at (606) 886-9687 (work) or (606) 874-2484 (home), or stop by my place of business in Prestonsburg (Prestonsburg Auto Mart), at 1088 South Lake

Drive.
I feel I have the ability and the desire to make a difference. If you, the people in District 1, are not happy with the way things are, then it's time for a change. Remember, I am obligated to no one, but committed to everyone!

What do you plan to do if you are elected? If elected, I plan on being the voice for all the people in District 1.

I want to clean the ditches and creeks to help prevent flooding, improve roadways with gravel and blacktop and cut all weeds along our roadsides to help prevent accidents.



Danny H. Hamilton

Age: 59
Residence: Prestonsburg
What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I have served as a city councilman of Prestonsburg for 17 years. During the time, the council has been responsible for many projects and renovations that continue to improve the quality of life for all the people of Prestonsburg. I have participated in various groundbreaking ceremonies for ideas and dreams which we as city leaders helped to make a reality. These projects include the Mountain Arts Center and the Stone Crest Golf Complex, for which I continue to serve on the committee which oversees the administration and maintenance of the facility. As a councilman, it is also a priority to see that all city roads and by-ways are constantly maintained and more recently renovated to meet the demands of our citizens. Having heard from the people of District 1, I know this to be one of your top concerns. For far too long, certain areas have been neglected when it comes to road maintenance. That will no longer be true when I am elected your magistrate.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? Having been a city councilman and served on the city's economic development, traffic and community projects committees, I am familiar with the needs of a community and how to meet those while maintaining a budget. I know about fiscal responsibility and how to sustain it while providing services and amenities that will benefit the district as a whole. I also realize that some projects can't be completed by any one group or person. That is why I pledge to work with our local and state leaders to make our district the best it can possibly be.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? When I am elected as your next magistrate, I vow not to neglect any part of District 1. Having been an American Electric Power employee for over 30 years in this district, I know it and know it well. You no longer will have to feel as if you are unrepresented. I will make myself readily available for all your concerns and inquiries.

I also assure you that I will work to bring services and facilities most needed by the people in District 1. Some of these include: the constant maintenance and construction of roads

for all areas within the district, the need for a fire department in the Abbott Creek region, and the development of the Stone Crest facilities beyond golf, including soccer, baseball and football fields for our youth.

I feel that my experience and knowledge of the district make me the best candidate to be your next magistrate. With your vote and support, I am confident that we can make District 1 the best it can possibly be.



Johnny Lafferty

Age: 52
Residence: Calf Branch, Prestonsburg

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I am running for magistrate for District 1. My name is Johnny Lafferty, age 52. I was born and raised on Calf Branch, where I have lived all my life.

I've volunteered my time and hours and days for food plots on Dewey Lake and worked with the cleanup. I belong to East Point Lodge #657.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? The reason I know I can get the job done is because I don't care to get my hands dirty and to help the people of the community.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? Back roads that need lots of work. Homes that need roads and bridges so the school buses and cars reach these families. I will work with my crew of men so you can tell me in person or call me to let me know what needs to be done.

I live in a hollow and I know from experience what needs to be done.

Number-one thing — to listen to the people of District 1 and stand up for what the people have elected me to do. I will work with the other magistrates and with the judge and try to get along with everyone.

Magistrate, District 2



Jackie Edford Owens

Age: 52
Residence: Prater Fork of Brush Creek, Hueysville

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I am running for this office because I have been magistrate for 17 years and we have managed to get a lot of work done in our district. I think the people want someone that will stand up for their district and not be a "yes man."

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? First off, I've been magistrate in District 2 for 17 years. I am a heavy equipment operator and diesel mechanic. I know what it takes to get the job done. I've always stood up for my district and never been a "yes man." I think that's what the people want — someone to get the job done and stand on your own two feet.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? When elected, I plan to keep up the same hard work that I have done during my 17 years as magistrate. When the county was hit with 27 inches of ice and snow or the blizzard of 1996 that dropped 24 inches of ice and snow or three major disaster floods during just this term, I'll be out there getting the job done because there are a lot of people that need to go to work, go to the pharmacy or to see a doctor. Experience does pay.

Stuart Robinson

Age: 33
Residence: Maytown

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? Through my education, four years at the University of Kentucky, I would be able to make the best decisions for all of Floyd County. During my campaign, I have spoken to a large amount of people in my district. I am now very aware of the problems that need to be addressed.



Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I am honest, dependable, and hard-working. I would be a magistrate that would be accessible to everyone. I would return your phone calls, no matter what the problem may be. I truly care about the future of this county and I would do what I can to make Floyd County a better place to live.

What do you plan to do if you are elected?

1. I want to make water and sewer available to every home in the county that wants it.

2. I plan to maintain county roads and ditches year round.

3. I plan to provide more community parks for families and to improve Stumbo Park at Allen.

4. I plan to improve the appearance of Floyd County to attract new businesses.

Magistrate, District 3



Marietta Adams

Hi, my name is Marietta Adams and I am seeking the office of magistrate, District 3. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote and support in the upcoming election.

I feel that I am the best qualified for the job. I am the only candidate in this district with experience at being a magistrate. My roots run deep in this district. My family and friends are here. My husband Tommy

RE-ELECT JUDGE PAXTON FLOYD FAMILY COURT

A message from MARTY OSBORNE

I am taking this opportunity to ask my friends throughout Floyd County to vote for and support my wife of 19 years—Julie Paxton for re-election to Family Court.

Julie is the hardest working person I have ever met. Julie's workdays are long (I and my children can attest to that) but Julie doesn't mind. Some of the cases that she deals with on a daily basis involve children who have been rescued from horrible situations. Julie cares about her cases and she cares about doing a good job. Most importantly, she cares about children who find themselves in Family Court. These children didn't put themselves there and they deserve and need special attention. Julie makes sure they get it.

When casting your vote on May 16th, please consider carefully the candidates for this race, their experience, their records, and their motivation for seeking this office. I think you will choose Julie.

Thank you very much,
Marty Osborne

JUDGE JULIE PAXTON PROTECTS CHILDREN

Pd. for by Committee to Re-elect Judge Julie Paxton, Martin Osborne, Treasurer



Elect
**Frank
"Coach"
Frankie
Francis**
State
Representative

Pol. adv. pd. for by candidate,
Frankie Francis



Neil and I both were born at Martin and graduated high school at McDowell. We have been married for 38 years and spent most of our married life in this district. I am currently employed at the Floyd County Attorney's Office. I have been there for six years. My husband is a disabled veteran.

My mother is Edith Hale Moore, of Drift. My father was the late Jim Stumbo. My father-in-law and mother-in-law are Tom and Aileen Adams, of McDowell.

I am hard-working, honest and dependable. Please give me the opportunity to serve the people of Floyd County. I promise to do the best job possible.



you are seeking? I have worked with people for the biggest part of my life. I have been active in local government for 20 years, leading the pack and getting things done for our county, like keeping out-of-state trash out of our communities, working with the fiscal court to get the roads blacktopped and getting the baseball fields fixed, just to name a few.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I know I would be the best person for this job. I have no problems getting along with everybody, and I really care about everybody. I think my history of getting things done for the county shows that I am not afraid to stand up for what is right. I will fight to get everything we deserve for District 3 and I won't settle for less than the best. I won't back down.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? When elected, I plan on getting clean drinking water for all of Floyd County. I will work to keep our cemetery roads clean and drivable. I will keep all of the roads in the best shape, no matter where you live. I would like to try to get more businesses to open here. I would also like to get a drug rehab center in Floyd County, because no other candidate can fully understand, and I hope they will never have to, the effects of drugs on our young people like I do. It's time for us to come together and start saving lives. I promised to stay involved with the people of our district. When I go to the fiscal court meetings, I will take the needs of the people and figure out solutions for them.



Donny Daniels
Residence: Melvin

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I have been involved in managing people for the past 20 years in my job. I have been on budget committees. I have to compile a budget every year for coaching and stay within it. I have to buy the best equipment with limited funding so our kids can have the best. I have lived in our district for 40-plus years and have seen what needs to be done.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? Being a coach/educator has given me the insight to see how people want to be treated. We have to put trust in someone to get the job done. The ideas of the people are the backbone of this job. I believe that I can shuffle through problems and get them corrected in a timely manner. I can organize work, money and projects to get the most out of each one. I know who to get along with people. With these skills, I know our district can grow both economically and physically.

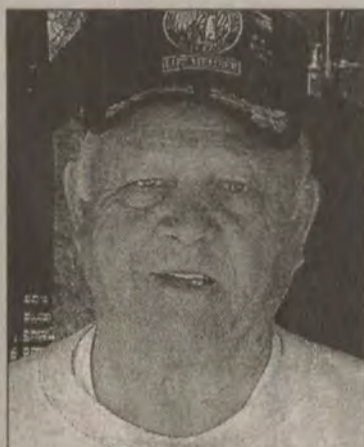
What do you plan to do if you are elected? I would like to see every person have clean drinking water. I want to upgrade/maintain the park system in my district. I want a sewer plan to be studied for the district in the near future and to be implemented fairly. I want this without placing the financial burden on the people, to be in place for those who want it. This would give the district a tool to attract industry into our area. I would like to oversee a productive community-based group that would promote the positive qualities of our district. Maintaining roadways and county property are always top priorities of a magistrate.

Clinis Hall
Age: 45
Residence: Drift
What in your experience has prepared you for the office

official experience in serving my community and will help me better service the people of District 3.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I feel that I am the most qualified for the position. I can do the work. I can operate any kind of equipment, such as grader, backhoe, excavator, dump truck and bush hog, and I have a valid CDL license. I am a skilled carpenter and enjoy doing carpenter work. I am dedicated and hard-working and want to see District 3 grow. I am full of determination and know that I can make a difference in District 3.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? Try to black-top all cemetery roads I possibly can. Make sure all District 3 gets bush-hogged at least twice a year; clean all ditches and culverts; repair roads and bridges; and keep ballparks cleaned and well maintained. I will continue running city water to all citizens in District 3. I think every citizen should have clean, safe water. I will work with the PRIDE program to keep the garbage picked up and would like to have these cleanups more often and get the community more involved. I will listen to the people to find out what they want and need. I will attend the Fiscal Court meetings to voice what District 3 wants and needs and strive to satisfy all citizens. I will serve as a full-time magistrate to all of District 3 and will be willing to listen and voice the wants and needs of the people. Anyone that knows me knows I will stand up for District 3 and get things done.

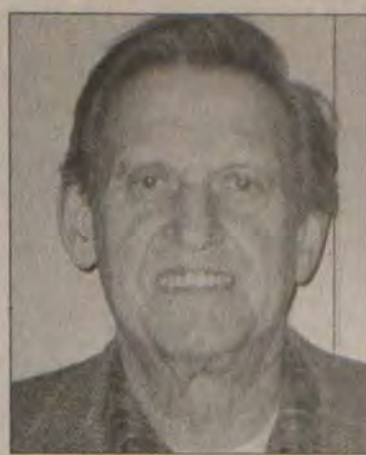


Jason Moore
Age: 68
Residence: Price
What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I have worked for the past 50 years in the construction industry. I have and can operated heavy equipment and know how to build roads and bridges and to maintain them.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? Experience and know-how.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? To do everything I can for all the people in District 3. To get out and see what they need and get them involved in helping to get clean drinking water and sewage systems and good roads. It can be done, but it takes help from everyone.

Jimmy "Gabe" Turner
Residence: Drift
What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? My experience as an elected constitutional



officers for 12 years. As a state elected railroad commissioner, I conducted hearings in my office and various courthouses in several counties, regulated safety for the public on all railroads and rural roads leading to the railroad crossings and major highways throughout Kentucky. I was chairman of the office for eight years. When the citizens had complaints, I would hear from both sides, the people and the attorneys and render a fair and just decision on the cases.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? My experience qualifies me to perform my duties for the people. I want to see District 3 beautiful as it should be and like it once was. Meetings will be held in my District 3 once a month to save people who cannot afford the price of gasoline to drive to Prestonsburg. Also, I will attend the monthly meetings at Prestonsburg.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? When I am elected for magistrate, I intend to travel to all of District 3 to listen to all the people's complaints. All bridges in the area will be inspected for safety hazards. Weeds will be cleared on all rural roads leading into major highways. This will stop a lot of unnecessary accidents. I will clear up all streams that need attention and will try to have law enforced on all that litter, because this matter is very hazardous to our health.

Magistrate, District 4



Ronnie Akers
Age: 44
Residence: Toler Creek Road, Harold

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I worked with the Floyd County Road Department in District 4 for five years, so I have on-the-job experience. I can run all equipment necessary for road repair and maintenance. As a business owner for the past 14 years, I know how to function within a budget and still get the job done.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for

the office you seek? Of the nine Democratic candidates seeking the position of magistrate in District 4, I am the only one with experience with the road department. I have firsthand experience in dealing with all types of road conditions, including flooding and snow removal.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? I plan to build a community park in the district, get clean drinking water to every home in the district and blacktop every county road in the district. I plan to have a maintenance schedule in the district for ditching and bush-hogging all county roads. I plan to work with the fiscal court to gain more funding for our local senior citizens centers and our local fire departments. I would also like to work toward a district community center to provide our young people a drug- and alcohol-free environment for entertainment and sporting events.



Charolette Frasure
Residence: Grethel
My name is Charolette Frasure. I am running for District 4 magistrate. I live in Grethel on Mud Creek. I am the daughter of Wanda and the late Homer Hamilton of Teaberry. I am married to Palmer Frasure. Palmer is a commissioner for Southern Water and Sewer. He is also a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge at Wheelwright. We have two sons, Greg and Chad. Greg is married to Teddi (Pack) Frasure and they have two children, Chelsea and Trey. Chad is married to Jessica (Hamilton) Frasure and they have one child, Dalton. Chad has worked for the Floyd

County Road Department for six years.

I feel I am qualified for the position of magistrate. I have been involved with the PRIDE program for six years. I love to work with people and organize events. I am a member of our neighborhood watch program and active in the UNITE program. I am the Democratic vice chairman of the Executive Board. I have also served as vice chairman of the Democratic Women's Committee.

I am a hard-working and honest person. I am a good speaker. I don't care to get out and talk to people. I have been involved in my community my entire life. I enjoy helping people. I grew up learning from my dad, who was a highway road foreman. I will work to make District 4 the best it can be.

As your magistrate, I would do my best to make sure all roads to churches and cemeteries are in good condition. I will strive for recreational parks in our communities for our children, to give them positive things to do to keep them out of trouble. I will work to get all county roads in District 4 gravel or paved as needed. I also want to have a monthly meeting to bring all of District 4 together.

I am asking for your vote on May 16. Remember, together we can accomplish anything, divided we can do nothing. I will do my best to work for you, the people of District 4.



Nicholas Jay Martin
Age: 27
Residence: Teaberry
I want to introduce myself to all the wonderful people in District 4. I am a candidate for

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Hello,
My name is Curt Blackburn and I am seeking the office of County Surveyor. I served in the United States Army from 1969 thru 1971, where I represented my country proudly and also served one tour in Vietnam. I have served the people of Floyd County in the Armed Forces and have been a business owner for 12 years, serving the needs of the public. I have worked as a foreman for R & S Body Co. and also Reynolds Body Company. I have traveled all parts and all districts of this county, and if elected I will serve you, the people of Floyd County, fairly and with the respect you deserve. Thank you for this opportunity. I will try to see and speak to each and everyone in Floyd County that time permits before May 16th. If I am not allowed the opportunity to see you personally, I would like to ask you to elect me as your county surveyor on May 16th.

Thank you,
Curt Blackburn

Pol. adv. pd. by Curt Blackburn

Re-Elect CHARLES "Chuck" MEADE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

the office of magistrate and my name is Nicholas Jay Martin. I am the son of Wilma Martin and Jimmy Martin, both of Teaberry. I am the husband of Kandice Tackett Martin. She is the daughter of Gary and Emma Tackett, of Grethel. Our family tree consists of the Martins, Tacketts, Newsomes and Hamiltons.

What is most important to you good people of District 4 would be my main concern if you elect me as your magistrate. I'm not going to make you big promises that I may not be able to fill, but I am going to be a full-time magistrate and do all that is in my power to improve this job. A magistrate should do for everyone and be fair to everyone, not just a choice few. Yes, I am younger than the other candidates, but my life experiences make me qualified for the job. I put myself through college and earned my associate's degree while working full-time. I have been a volunteer firefighter for 11 years. I have been a deputy sheriff for four years and been involved in the community PRIDE cleanup over the last five years. A few years ago, I became a member of the Masonic Lodge, and later was fortunate to become a Shriner. In my free time, I enjoy raising money for the Shriners Hospital, which led to the first-ever car show in the Mud Creek area that my wife and I were a big part of. I hope you can see how hard-working and dedicated that I am in all that I've accomplished so far.

I have a goal for District 4 and with the community's help and confidence, I know I can do it. I will do all that is in my power to improve ALL our roads that are in such terrible shape. There are bridges that have been neglected for too long. Working together as a community, we can change these things. I care about our young people because they are our future. I will listen to their ideas and be fair to everyone. I also feel very close to our older citizens. They cannot get out and fix these roads themselves, as they have already done their part.

I want to make this a district we can be proud of. We can do it hand in hand if you will elect me as your magistrate and if you want a change from what we've had in the past.

I am No. 8 on the Magisterial District 4 Democratic ballot. Your help and vote will never be forgotten. Go to the polls May 16, 2006, and give me a chance to show you I will do the job.



Paul David Tackett

I am the son of Walker and Mearl Tackett. I have two brothers, Glen and Hershel Tackett, and one sister, Rosella Newsome. My wife is Anita and our two kids are Ashley Lafferty and Adam Tackett.

I am a graduate of Betsy Kayne High School, Pikeville College and Morehead State University. I have spent almost my entire 30-year educational career as a teacher and principal in the Floyd County School System. This experience in our school system has taught me many things. For example, I know that kids who can be

proud of their community and have somewhere to go and be productive are less likely to get into things they shouldn't be doing. This brings me to my reason for running for this office.

Our children and us as citizens in District 4 deserve a park, a place to socialize for adults and a place for our children and grandchildren to have a good time. Let's make District 4 a better place for our future generations. District 1 has Archer Park, District 2 has Stumbo Park, District 3 has Drift Park and we in District 4 have ... well, we don't have one. I will push for a park to be built in our district!

In closing, I will be a leader who will stand up and fight for District 4. Not only will I build parks, I will organize our road crews so that all of our roads will receive the care they deserve. Your vote and support will be an investment in a brighter future for our district. If you have any questions or would like to help with the campaign, feel free to call me at home, (606) 587-1489.

Constable, District 1

Bucky Collins

Residence: Prestonsburg (Lancer)

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? Serving the armed forces to protect our country.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I have lived in District 1 all my life and I know most of the people in this district and I will treat everyone as equal.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? Donate my salary to the DAV and the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens.



Michael Hall

Age: 25
What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? My work within the city has helped me learn to deal with the public and has helped me stay aware of the community. My job at the detention center has taught me to deal with various situations and different personalities.

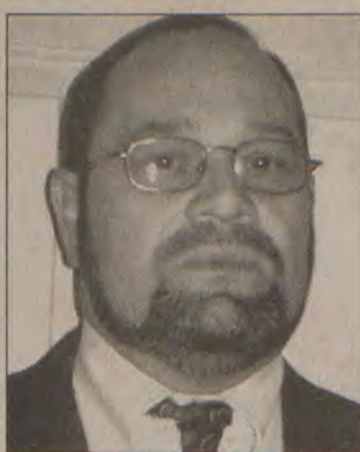
Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I want to make a difference in District 1. I have a good attitude on how to direct changes in the community.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? I do want to be a working constable, be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I will make sure everyone in District 1 gets a fair deal.

Billy Jarvis

Age: 45
Residence: Calf Branch, Prestonsburg

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? Twenty years law enforcement experience with Floyd County sheriff and Allen City Police. Thirty years Allen Fire Department. Concealed deadly weapons certified. Certified by Department



of Justice for prisoner transport. Certified by Department of Justice for court security.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? Honest, dependable and qualified.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? Help fight drug problems in county. Work with school officials with drug problem in our schools. Help keep drunk and impaired drivers off our highways.



Lester Jarvis

Age: 44
Residence: Prestonsburg

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? My qualifications are 12 years as security guard, anger management training, highway safety training, defensive driving, basic emergency training, how to recognize a terrorist act, 11 years as school bus driver.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I am the best choice for constable because I believe a constable should know and understand the people and treat them with fairness and respect.



Gary Wolfe

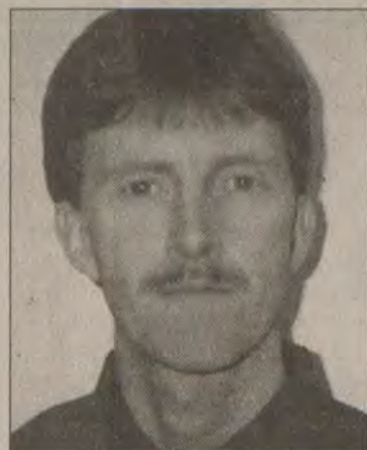
Age: 51
What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I have served as a law enforcement officer for Floyd County for several years. I was deputy sheriff for years. I was a police officer in Wheelwright and also a county detective under the late Honorable John M. Stumbo. I stand on my own record for what I have done for the people of Floyd County.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I have solved several robberies in Floyd County, from churches to businesses to home owners. I have assisted other law enforcement agencies and have served papers. I have also assisted in funerals. I have never treated anyone any differently that I would my own family. I believe that everyone should be equal and be treated the way I would

want to be treated, fair and equal. I have never taken the job or the people for granted.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? I have three kids and four grandkids. I will treat each and every one as an equal, as I would my own. I will serve and protect all children, elderly and all the people in District 1. I will also assist on funerals and schools. I will serve papers and patrol all roads and hollows in my district. If ever needed, I am just a phone call away. I will also work with any law enforcement agencies that ask for any assistance and I will be foremost for the children, elderly and other people in the community of District 1.

Constable, District 2



David Horn

Age: 36
Residence: Hueysville

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? It is easy to see that people in District 2 need more help which they are not getting.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I am honest and fair to everyone. I also understand what it's like to need help and can't get it. If I'm elected as your constable, I will work hard to prove myself.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? I will work with the people of District 2 to help with their needs such as giving them extra patrols in their neighborhoods and hollows. I will also help protect our children and elderly.

Constable, District 3



Gary Blankenship

Age: 39
Residence: McDowell

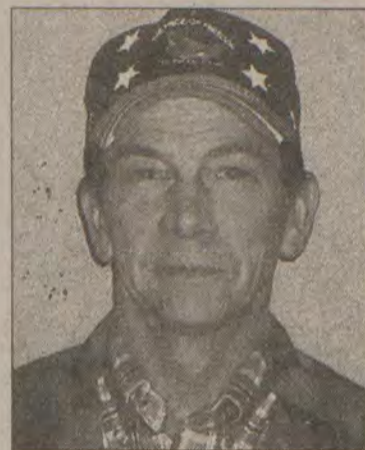
What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I have nine years of experience in law enforcement, which includes seven years as Floyd County deputy sheriff and also two years as a Floyd County detective. I have always volunteered to help with any school functions when needed.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? I have been actively involved with projects at the schools in my district for the past several years and work daily for the people of my district as field supervisor at Southern Water and Sewer District. I feel that my experi-

ence working with the public daily will be an asset for this position. I would be honored to work for my friends and neighbors to help make our county a better place to raise our children.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? I will work with our school officials and help with school functions and support our children 110 percent.

Constable, District 4



Cola Ray Akers

Age: 55
Residence: Harold

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? By talking to the people and seeing what their needs and wants are. By listening to them on suggestions on how to meet these needs and in not just listening but reaching a solution.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? This is the fourth time I have sought this office. I have talked to the people and even share some of the problems they have. I think by involving the people, we can work together to solve these problems. I feel like I am just as good as any other candidate running.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? Work for all of District 4, not just a few. Get water and safe roads to the people who live in rural areas. Provide better sewage systems and clean out the ditches and hollows that have been filling up over the past few years. Also, I would like to have a place for our children to go to help keep them off the streets and off drugs. We need a place for them here in District 4 or a convenient location for all of Floyd County so everybody can come and be able to afford to

have fun with their kids. Something similar to the YMCA, but not a big cost to be a member.

If you have it in your heart and want and honest, hard-working man for your magistrate, please vote for me, Cola Ray Akers. Thanks to The Floyd County Times for allowing me to put this ad in.

Prestonsburg City Council



Billy Salisbury

Age: 47
Residence: Prestonsburg

What in your experience has prepared you for the office you are seeking? I've lived and worked in and around Prestonsburg all my life. I know the people and they know me. I was a city commissioner in Allen for several years. I know what the needs of our communities and families are. We need to strive to maintain quality public services, roads, water, sewage, schools and businesses and jobs for our children and their children. And everyone needs access to these services.

Why do you believe that you are the best candidate for the office you seek? For all of the reasons listed above, plus I am a father and grandfather. I am actively involved in my local church. I am honest and hard-working, and I want what is best for all our families and for our city. I feel that faith-based decisions can never go wrong.

What do you plan to do if you are elected? Bigger and better parks, tourism, expand our services for our senior citizens, public transportation services, revitalizing our downtown business district to what it once was. If elected, I promise to be your voice, be honest and work hard to keep our city moving forward and prosper.

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I wish to thank my friends for your kindness to me and our family. I know my youngest (Baby) brother better than anyone. He cares. We know what it is out there in the real world. He has proven he is the best. He has passed in every respect. He is honest, he is true, he is respectful, he is experienced, he is the best Dad, just ask, Gerald, John, James, and Leslie.

He is always there for the people. vote for Gerald, because you care enough for the very best official.

Sincerely yours,
Sister Clara Lucille Garrett
185 Right Fork Bull Creek
Pol. adv. pd by Clara Garrett, Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

My name is Coach Donny Daniels of Melvin, Ky.

I am seeking the office of Magistrate in District #3. My objective for this job is simple—be fair and honest, and make all my decisions based on what is in the best interest of the people of District 3. I want to bring pride back into our communities and give the people a voice in Floyd County. After all, the people will be my boss. Some have concerns about the amount of time that I can give this job. I will promise you this, if I can't give the people and students the quality time they expect from me, that I will work only at my magistrate's job, and serve the children through that role. I plan to continue coaching football at South Floyd as long as they will have me. Make your decision on May 16th, based on who you want representing you for the next four years. I want to be part of the solution, not the problem.

I would like to ask all my former players, students, and supporters whose lives I may have touched or influenced, to go to the poles on May 16th, and vote for

DONNY DANIELS
Magistrate, District 3
Pol. adv. pd for by Donny Daniels.

TO THE VOTERS OF DISTRICT #1

Hello,
My name is Bucky Collins. I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I have lived in District #1 all of my life. I am a disabled Vietnam Vet. I served from June of 1969 to December 1969 in Vietnam with the 1st and 27th Wolfhound of the 25th Infantry Division. I was wounded and sent home where I served the remainder of my time in the hospital. I am an active member in the V.F.W. of Prestonsburg and the D.A.V. of Auxier. I served my country proudly and with your vote and support I will serve you, the voters of District #1, proudly.

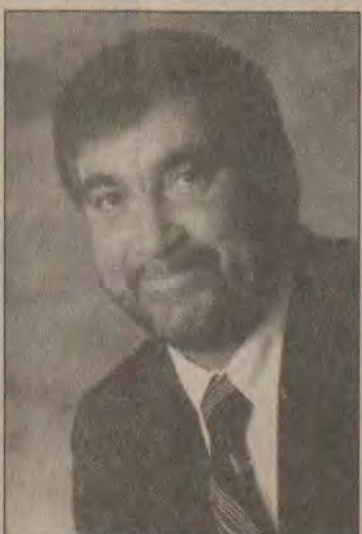
So, remember on May 16th, Vote and Elect
BUCKY COLLINS
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YOUR VOTE WILL BE APPRECIATED!

Thank You,
Bucky Collins
Pd. for by Bucky Collins

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