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Park to hold annual Buffalo Night

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley State Resort Park is hosting its annual "Buffalo Night" this month. The event is marked with appearances by a cowboy singer, a Cherokee Indian Nation member, and loads of buffalo, prepared and served by the park's dining room staff at the May Lodge.

The menu, served between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Jan. 28, includes top round buffalo, carved and served on the buffet line, barbecue buffalo spareribs, chuck wagon meat loaf with bunhouse sauce, fried chicken, catfish and hushpuppies, and "Big Sky" buffalo chili.

Entertainment, free for those who attend, includes an hour with Rob McNurlin, a cowboy singer, at 6 p.m., followed by an hour with Cherokee Indian Nation member Jeff Hatmaker, who, in full Cherokee attire, will share music, stories and dancing.

The park's recreation department will host a free square, folk, and country line dance at 8 p.m. for area residents. Experience is not required.

For additional inquiries, call (606) 886-2711.

Pike robbery is fourth of new year

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Kentucky State Police officers are investigating their fourth robbery in a year that is less than three weeks old.

A clerk at the Cardinal Country Store at Coal Run contacted KSP at approximately 8:50 p.m. Sunday, after a man wearing an orange ski mask came into the

store, armed with a steel pipe, and demanded money.

The man left the scene with about \$276 in cash and ran to an adjacent bank parking lot, where he fled as a passenger in an older model gray Ford Escort GT. The driver, who headed north on U.S. 23, was also unidentified.

The robbery marks the fourth robbery being investigated this year by KSP officials — and the second at the Cardinal

Country Store in Coal Run. Arrests in two Pike County robberies have already been made.

The Cardinal Country Store was robbed on Dec. 29, when a man wearing a tan coat with a hood and face mask walked into the store and demanded money. He left with an undisclosed amount of cash.

After officers investigated leads given by people in the community, Det. Kevin

Newsome, who continues the investigation into Sunday's robbery, and Sgt. Ronald Peppi arrested Brandon Kennard, 20, of Pikeville, the owner of a 2003 Chevy Blazer that was identified with surveillance tapes at the store. Also arrested in the case was Pikeville resident Justin Morton, 19.

Both men, charged with first-degree

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Mayor Jerry Fannin presented a key to the city to the Ranier family during Saturday's unveiling of Ranier Racing memorabilia that will be part of a museum.

Ranier Racing memorabilia finds new home in P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Those attending Saturday's Ranier Racing Museum dedication ceremony at the Mountain Arts Center got an up-close look at a NASCAR race team that once found itself atop a sport that today garners worldwide attention.

Family, friends and racing fans of all ages showed up for the dedication ceremony that reunited members of the Ranier family, a family that stepped outside of its native Prestonsburg and gained fame in both auto racing and horse racing.

In auto racing, the Ranier family formed Ranier Racing and won three Daytona 500s. Ranier Racing had 20-plus NASCAR wins with legendary drivers Cale Yarborough, Buddy Baker and the father-son duo of Bobby and Davy Allison all turning laps behind family-owned stock cars.

Trophies, including the 1983 Daytona 500 (25th anniversary) championship trophy, were on display during Saturday's dedication ceremony. The Ranier family donated many of the relics.

"The Ranier family is a wonderful family," said Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, who, before the night's festivities concluded,

presented the Ranier family with a key to the city. "It's amazing that a family like this could come out of a town of 4,500 and accomplish what they were able to accomplish."

Ranier Racing was instrumental in getting the career of current NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart going. In 1996, a young upstart Stewart ran nine NASCAR Busch Series races for Ranier/Walsh Racing. He has since won two NASCAR Nextel Cup championships and has made a name for himself as one of the sport's top drivers.

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Native in running for 'King of Vegas' title, \$1 million

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER



Gerald Newsome

LAS VEGAS — A Floyd County native is one of 12 contenders on Spike TV's new show, "King of Vegas," which began airing Tuesday at 10 p.m.

Gerald Brandon Newsome, formerly of Grethel, said he missed graduation ceremonies at Morehead State University in December because he was taping the show in Las Vegas.

Newsome, who graduated last month from MSU with a bachelor's degree in history, was chosen as one of the top 12

from more than 20,000 gamblers who applied. He qualified for the game show on the Spike TV website. He then paid his own way to Chicago, where he competed in a day-long tournament and interview session on Oct. 23.

On Dec. 2, Newsome, 22, traveled to Las Vegas, where he played alongside five other amateur players and six professional gamblers, who are all competing for a \$1 million prize. He returned to Kentucky on Dec. 15.

"It was absolutely amazing,"

(See GAMBLER, page five)

'Lost' inmate finally gets to plead guilty

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The inmate at the center of a recent dispute between Circuit Judge John D. Caudill and the Department of Corrections had his day in court Tuesday.

Joshua Burchett appeared before Caudill to enter a guilty plea to one count of criminal mischief and appeared frustrated over his involvement in the dispute that saw him shipped to sev-

eral jails when court orders stated he was to be sent to Floyd County after answering to charges in Pike County.

Burchett explained to the judge that he tried telling jail staff that he was supposed to go to Floyd County for the plea and recalled saying as much to staff at the Pike County Detention Center. He recalled saying, "I'm telling you boys, I ain't supposed to leave here," before

(See PLEA, page six)

Two face animal cruelty charges

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — A Floyd County couple is facing animal cruelty charges after they allegedly subjected their pet to "cruel or injurious treatment and neglect" by failing to seek appropriate health care for it.

Martin residents Jimmy Smith, 56, and Tammy Lynn Meek, 34, were both cited by Floyd County animal control officer David Shepherd with one count of second-degree cruelty to animals.

Smith was cited after he allegedly took his dog, a shih tzu, to the Beaver Animal Clinic on Jan. 4 for grooming.

"It's amazing that the dog's alive," County Attorney Keith Bartley said. Bartley said Smith told

clinic workers that he wanted the dog groomed because he was going to breed it.

It took about four hours, Bartley said, for employees at the animal clinic to cut the dog's fur, which was so "severely matted" that the dog wasn't able to urinate or defecate.

Bartley said one of the dog's paws was badly disfigured, and that over half of one of its front legs had only bone showing, with no muscles or tendons attached. Bartley said that leg may need to be amputated.

The dog had several lacerations on its body and needed 100 or more stitches, Bartley said. It continues to be cared for at the clinic.

Meek, Smith's girlfriend, was charged in the case because she and Smith both

(See CRUELTY, page six)



Two people have been charged with cruelty to animals after this shih tzu was taken to an animal clinic for grooming.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Morning snow
High: 37 • Low: 28

Tomorrow
Mostly sunny
High: 57 • Low: 37

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Obituaries

Edmond Duff

Edmond Duff, age 78, of Morrow, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2006, at his residence.

He was born August 11, 1927 in Garrett, the son of the late Ira Duff and Nancy Combs Duff. He was a master plumber and pipe fitter, a member of The Church of God, Greenfield, Indiana, the VFW, and was an U.S. Army, World War II veteran.

Survivors include one son, Phillip Duff, of Berea; two daughters, Phyllis F. Huff of Hamilton, Ohio, and Georgia Meadows of Fairborn, Ohio; two brothers, Enoch Duff, of Greenfield, Indiana, and Dewey Duff, of Michigan City, Indiana; six sisters, Shirley Lewis, Arlene Mize, Gertrude Day, and Christine Scott, all of Greenfield, Indiana, and Magaline Hughes of Clint, Michigan, and Martha Roberts, of Garrett; five grandchildren, Gregory Huff, Jeffrey Huff, Shain Duff, Lacy Vance, and Courtney Duff; and five great grandchildren, Haley Huff, Michael Huff, Derek Huff, Skyler Vance, and Destiny Huff.

Funeral services for Edmond Duff will be conducted Wednesday, January 18, at 11:00 a.m., at the Garrett Church of God, with Clergymen Donnie Bragg and Ira Scott officiating.

Burial will follow in the Duff Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Clara Hicks Hale

Clara Hicks Hale, 88, of Hueysville, died Saturday, January 14, 2006, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin.

She was born October 3, 1917, in Pyramid, the daughter of the late David and Ruby (Allen) Hicks. She was a member of the Hueysville Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Wornie Hale, whom she married on September 1, 1945, in Paintsville.

Other survivors include her daughter, Lillie (Jeff) McNutt; her son, Denzil (Linda) Hale; her brothers: Willis (Carrie) Hicks and Hargus Hicks; her sister, Gladys Tussey; five grandchildren: David (Natalie) Hale, Shawn McNutt, Nedra (Dan) McDaniel, Sheena McNutt, and Margaret Hale; one great-grandchild, Silas McDaniel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Emma, Myrtle, and Nora; her brothers, Arthur, Raymond, Ellis, and Arnold; her daughter Cherryl, and her grandson Brian.

Funeral services for Clara Hicks Hale, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, at the Hall Funeral Home in Martin, with the Rev. Chester Varney officiating.

Burial will be in the Hale Family Cemetery in Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Friday, January 20, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Carmia Wireman Stanley

Carmia Wireman Stanley, age 93, of Prestonsburg, widow of Roosevelt Stanley, died Saturday, January 14, 2006, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born July 20, 1912, in Orchard, a daughter of the late Dan and Bell Howard Wireman. She was a homemaker, and the last living child of Dan Wireman.

Survivors include two sons, Doug Stanley of Paintsville, and Paul Stanley, of Prestonsburg; three daughters, Christine Ward of Paintsville, Pearlene Stanley of Dorton, and Ina Clemmons of Prestonsburg; 23 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four sons, Carl, Tom, Joe and Ralph Stanley; and 16 Brothers and Sisters.

Funeral services for Carmia Wireman Stanley will be conducted Wednesday, January 18, at noon, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Buddy Jones officiating.

Burial will follow in the

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Laura, Rodney, Ashleigh and Josh

Card of Thanks

The family of Joe P. Tackett would like to express their gratitude to all those who sent love, comfort, flowers, cards, and food, during our time of loss. Without your kindness, the difficult challenge we faced would have been much harder to bear. Special thanks go to The Irene Cole Baptist Church, Gary Wright, Larry Adams Family and Carter Funeral Home.

Thomas Hereford Family
Chuck Tackett Family
Thomas Tackett Family

Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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Mary Elizabeth Stewart

Mary Elizabeth Stewart, age 79, of Wayland, widow of James H. Stewart, passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

She was born January 1, 1927, in Wayland, the daughter of the late John Henry Vincent and Goldie M. Blair Vincent.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law Priscilla Gail Stewart, of Prestonsburg; a brother, Billy Joe Vincent, of Lexington; a sister, Anna Mae Welch, of Elyria, Ohio; five grandchildren, Christy Hamilton, John Stewart, Rondall Stewart, Bonnie Cooke, and Mary Smith, and 10 great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, her parents, and two sons, Jimmy Sherrill Stewart and Mack Stewart.

Funeral services for Mary Stewart will be conducted Thursday, January 19, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Jimmy Hall officiating.

Burial will follow in the Martin Cemetery, in Wayland, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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Elmer Tackett

Elmer Tackett, 75, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, January 14, 2006, in the emergency room of McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born September 25, 1930, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Sie and Rosa Holt Tackett. He was a retired coal miner, a member of Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, where he was an ordained elder, a veteran and life member of DAV Chapter 128, in Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lexie M. Johnson Tackett.

Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law: Elmer Douglas and Cheryl Tackett of Eastern, Edward Michael and Tillie Tackett of Weeksbury, and Joey and Cheryl Tackett of Weeksbury; his grandchildren: Veronica, Melissa, Adam, Angie, Amanda, and Lara; great-grandchildren: Taylor, Tyler, Skyler, and Cassidy; his sisters: Jenny Keathley of Tennessee, and Joann Allen of Johnson County.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Cecil Tackett, Edward (Ed) Tackett, and Efford Tackett; his sisters: Elsie (Mae) Cunningham, Evelyn (Francis) Click, Oma Hall, and Martha Tackett; and a great-grandchild, Eden Cecelia.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 17, at 1 p.m., at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Warfield and Renie Johnson Cemetery, in Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Gordon Tussey

Gordon Tussey, age 83, of David, husband of the late Eva Risner Tussey, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born October 5, 1922, in Martin, a son of the late Tom Tussey and Ella Prater Tussey. He was a retired coal miner for the Princess Elkhorn Coal

Company, a member of the Middle Creek Baptist Church, a U.S. Army World War II veteran, and a member of UMWA Local No. 30.

Survivors include three sons: Gordon Tussey Jr., of Prestonsburg, and Larry David Tussey and Thomas R. Tussey, both of David; one daughter, Elaine Tussey Ousley, of Prestonsburg; one sister, Lou Jean Tussey of Gunlock; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Grover Tussey; and a sister, Flossie Mae Frasure.

Funeral services for Gordon

Tussey were conducted Tuesday, January 17, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Roland Eugene Cook officiating.

Burial was in the Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Clyde Hicks, Jeff Sammons, Darrell Hacker, Ronald Frasure, Greg Ray, Mike Tussey, Jackie Howard, and Matt Hitchcock.

Honorary: Vertis Pitts, Adam Messer, Justin Dabrowski, Nathan Messer, Grace Moore, and Mark Tussey. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks


The family of Zina Kidd would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, and spoke kind words to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Frank Junior Kidd for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

THE FAMILY OF ZINA KIDD

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2005 PRIDE Fall Cleanup a Success

The Floyd County PRIDE Committee wishes to thank everyone for their hard work during the 2005 PRIDE Fall Cleanup. Through the efforts of the residents of the county, the totals passed all expectations for this event. The committee wishes to express their appreciation to the following groups for the work they have done:

Floyd County Fiscal Court, with the assistance of PRIDE grants, spent over \$90,000 cleaning up dumps located at Buckingham, Harold, and Town Branch.

Floyd County Fiscal Court provided free garbage disposal to the residents of Floyd County at the Waste Management facilities at Garth. Approximately 500 people participated in the event, and 230 tons of garbage were collected at the station.

Betsy Layne High School ROTC, M&H Repair, David School, Mollie's Beauty Shop, Allen Central High School ROTC, etc., participated in roadside cleanup activities during the event.

The Floyd County PRIDE Committee wishes to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the county during the Fall Cleanup. As the year draws to an end, we encourage everyone to take pride in their county and communities, and keep them clean. We also ask that the candidates running for office in the coming year adopt the continual cleanup of Floyd County as part of their platform. This is our county (everyone who lives here), and together we can keep it clean.

In Loving Memory of Dona (Boots) Jane Clifton-Tully



Born in Wheelwright, KY, on April 3, 1938, she was the only child of Jeffrey Wade Clifton and Shirley Mae Benner-Clifton, also of Wheelwright. She is preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, William Micheal Tully Jr., of Baltimore, MD; oldest son, Christopher William Tully; granddaughter, Linnea Anne Hunt; and grandson, Quinton James Hunt.

Surviving are sons, Donald Micheal Tully, Randolph Patrick Tully, and Daughter, Gwendolyn Anne Hunt-Pennington. Grandchildren are Robert Wayne Hunt Jr., Colton Curtis Hunt, Christian Thomas Hunt, Solomon Miceal Hunt, Scott Michael Pennington Jr., and Shayanne Shayla Tully. Also, great-grandchild, Robert Dylan Hunt.

Loving wife and mother, of Christian faith, she was the core of our home. Although she resided in Baltimore, MD, for 50 years, she always expressed her love for her hometown of Wheelwright and the beauty of the Kentucky mountains. Although she never made it, her desire was to return to her beloved home. She returned to the Lord on January 3, 2006.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first come, first serve basis as space permits.

AARP tax-helpers needed to assist older taxpayers

AARP Tax-Aide is seeking volunteers from Prestonsburg and surrounding areas who want to learn tax law and help prepare tax returns for middle- and low-income taxpayers. AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run counseling and preparation service for low- and moderate-income individuals, with special attention paid to those age 60 and older. Volunteers are asked to give a minimum commitment of four hours a week during the 10-week tax season. Individuals of all backgrounds and skill levels are encouraged to apply.

We will do training at Floyd County Library, January 17-19. We will start filing tax service on February 7, and will work each Tuesday until April 11.

FCCD Jan. meeting

To be held on Jan. 17, at 10 a.m., at the Floyd County Conservation District office. Office is located 1/2 mi. from Lancer-Watergap intersection, traveling toward Jenny Wiley State Park. Meeting open to public. For more information, call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@bellsouth.net.

Maytown Center

Monday nights - Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basketball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.
Tuesday and Thursday - Basketball, 5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

May House Tours

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

Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

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

Free concert event at MAC

Whit Criswell and the Northeast Choir will appear at the Mountain Arts Center on Friday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Uplifting, inspirational program centered on human addiction and breaking free of addictive bondage. Free to public.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus. Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto:

"Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075 for more info.

Hillbilly Travel Club

Currently planning a 2-night trip to New York City that will take place on Memorial Day weekend, 2006. Plans are for the club to depart from Floyd County on Friday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Will spend Sat. and Sunday nights in NYC, departing at 7 a.m. on the 29th. Cost ranging in price from \$185-260 per person. Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more information.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the second Monday of each month, at 5 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Neighborhood Watch

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

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are

offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

"Earn While You Learn"

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

Interested in new job training?

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929.

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m.,

at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

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

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

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group

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

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

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or

1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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

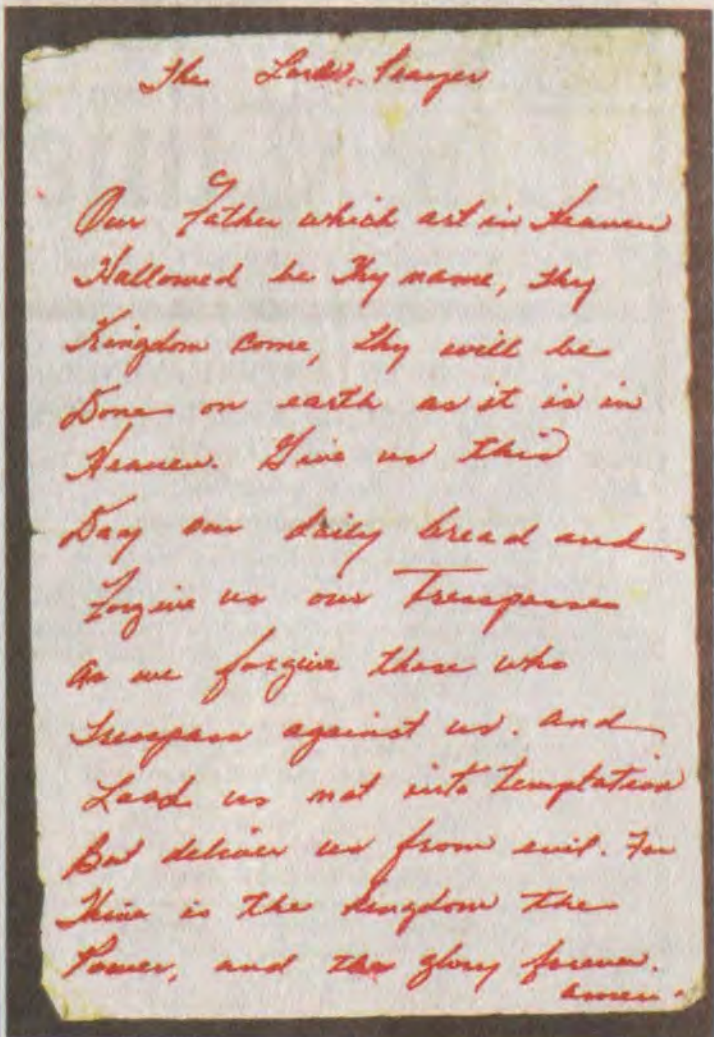
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In Loving Memory



Norma Jean Neeley
(1938 - 2005)

A special thank-you to everyone who has expressed sympathy and shown acts of kindness at the recent passing of our beloved Norma Jean Neeley. We have tried to convey our gratitude to many by responding with cards of thanks. Nevertheless, this is to express our thanks to everyone who has offered comfort in any form (flowers, food, cards, visits, and the many kind words of remembrance) and especially for your prayers. Norma would have been pleased with the thoughts and memories that have been shared about her life, and which we now treasure in our hearts. One dear friend touched our hearts by remembering Norma as one who "carried elegance with ease." But we were especially comforted by a small folded piece of paper, in her own beautiful handwriting, found in her purse. On this piece of paper, as on many before, she had written the Lord's Prayer, which we want to share with you.



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Worth Repeating ...

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Guest View

What real reform looks like

Shocked — shocked! — that special interest money has corrupted the legislative process, Congress is going through one of its periodic paroxysms of faux reform. At least four bills have been introduced that would restrict lobbying activity and strengthen ethics rules.

Because this is an election year, chances are that reform will pass in one form or another. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., last week quietly passed the word to Republicans to get behind the effort, lest the ongoing Jack Abramoff lobbying scandals further tar the GOP as "the party of corruption" during the next fall's election campaign.

The proposed reform bills all contain good ideas but, alas, not enough of them. Each bill would require the Government Accountability Office to review the work of the Senate and House ethics committees, which for the most part have been toothless tigers. Total transparency and strict accountability should be the guiding principles of reforms. New rules should remove temptations — wine, women, junkets, jewelry ... freebies of any sort, really — and prescribe harsh emetics for those who yield to them. A bill jointly sponsored by John McCain, R-Ariz., in the Senate and Christopher Shays, R-Conn., in the House, and a Senate bill by Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., would limit gifts from lobbyists to lawmakers and their staffs or ban them outright. Feingold's bill would require lawmakers and their campaign committees to reimburse private aircraft owners for the full cost of using their planes, not just first-class airfare.

All of the bills would impose strict limits on privately financed travel for lawmakers and their staffs. All of the bills would require lobbyists to electronically file quarterly report on their activities into searchable databases. Currently reports are filed semiannually, and only on paper, making review conveniently difficult.

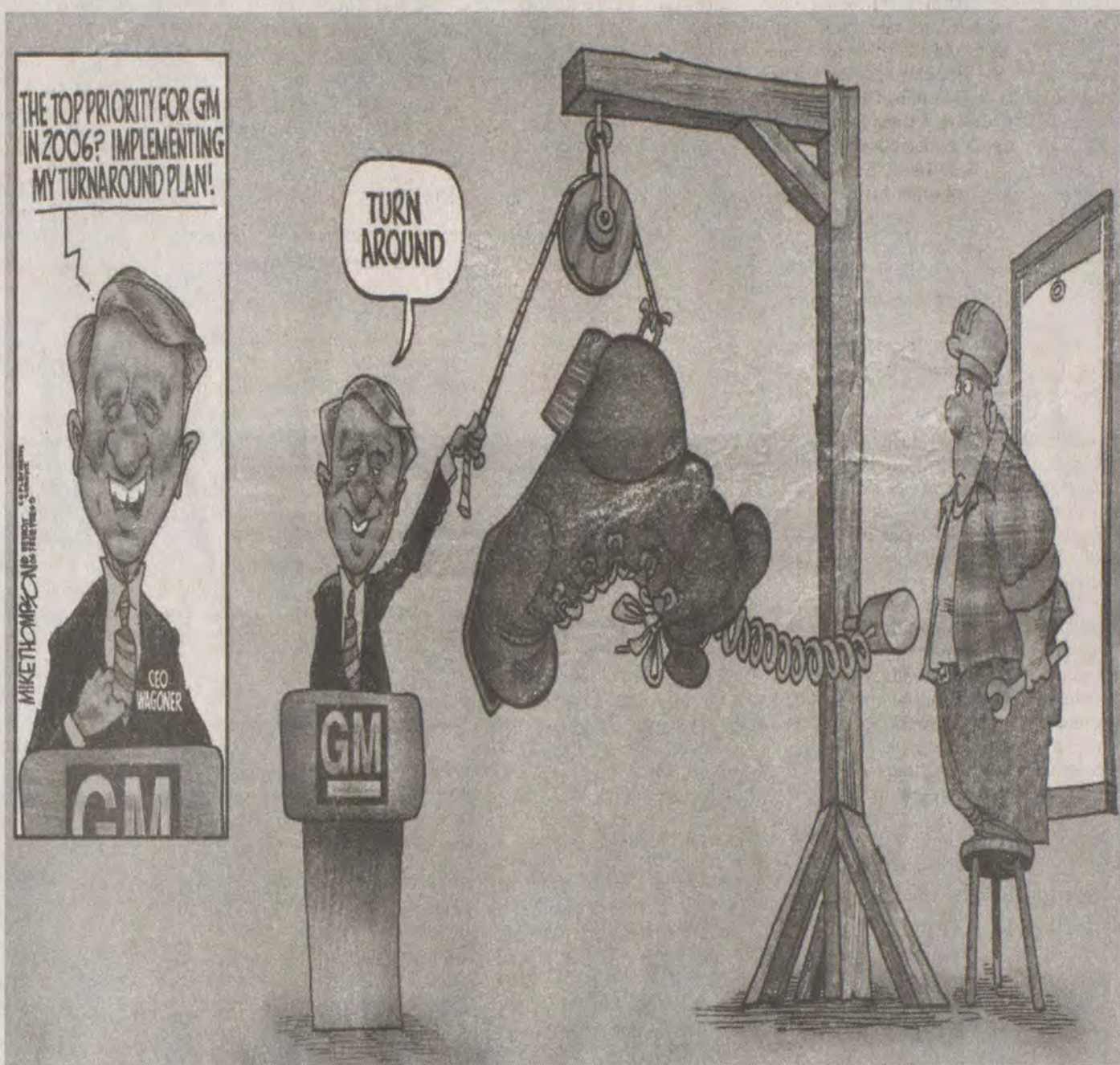
True reform would totally ban gifts and privately paid travel; if a trip is worth taking to do the people's business, it's worth the people paying for it. Serious reform would lock the revolving door between Capitol Hill staff offices and the K Street office towers that house trade associations.

True reform would also forbid former members of Congress — or their spouses — from sliding over into lobbying jobs. Public service is supposed to be its own reward, not a training bed for prostitutes. Currently, retired or defeated members must sit out one year before doing active lobbying, although they can offer "guidance" at up to \$500,000 a year. The sweetheart deal that allows former members access to the House floor and privileges in the House gym and dining room also should be ended.

True reform also would eliminate the thousands of "earmarks" studded in appropriations bills. Those are often special interest deals inserted at the behest of lobbyists.

Ultimately, however, all these good ideas are merely aspirin for a system suffering from the cancer of big money campaign contributions. True reform looks a lot more like the bill signed into law in Connecticut last month, one provoked by a lobbying scandal that sent Gov. John Rowland to federal prison. Rowland took bribes and kickbacks (including work on his home hot tub) from contractors to whom he had steered state business. Connecticut banned campaign contributions from lobbyists and state contractors and set up a system of voluntary public financing of campaigns. It's in the public interest not to have private interests paying the seven- or eight-figure tabs to elect people to Congress. When Will Rogers said, "We have the best Congress that money can buy," it was supposed to be a joke.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Capitol Ideas

Fletchers haven't contributed to Governor's Mansion renovation

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Two names are noticeably absent from the list of contributors to a private fund set up to pay for renovating the Governor's Mansion.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher and First Lady Glenna Fletcher, who is helping to lead the fundraising effort, have put up no money themselves. And that has raised eyebrows, at least among some Democrats.

"Well, my goodness they're living there," said state Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington. "Why haven't they contributed?"

The Fletchers have not ruled out making a financial contribution, but in comments last week Fletcher said his wife

has contributed with her time.

"There will be an appropriate time when we may or may not make a contribution," Fletcher said. "But the fact of the matter is the First Lady has made a tremendous amount of contribution. And I imagine if you added up all the time that she's put into this it would be worth a great deal."

Unquestionably, the mansion needs repairs. Plaster is cracking. Mantels are pulling away from walls around the fireplaces. Paint on window facings and doors is peeling. The heating and air conditioning doesn't work too well. The roof leaks. The plumbing is balky. The oven vents into the living area.

Work on the heating and air conditioning system will begin later this month and will continue through the

spring, which will require that the mansion be closed to the public from time to time.

"It didn't take long living here to see the house has some serious problems," Glenna Fletcher said.

For that reason, the First Lady wanted to create the Governor's Mansion Preservation Foundation with the goal of raising \$5 million in private donations. So far, \$1 million has been donated.

"I think it would say a lot more about the effort if the governor and his wife gave a modest amount," Stein said. "I think the statement of he and his wife making a donation would encourage others who might not do so to do so. Particularly once the word gets out that

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Letters

Prohibition limits freedom

Woe to those who give suck in the last days. This being said, I pray for knowledge and strength to carry out the work that Jesus has called me to do.

The place in time that we have allowed ourselves to evolve worries me for my children's future.

My prayer is that all my brothers and sisters in Christ would stop being religious and just be Christians. Stop fighting over tribal traditions and put the sins of our fathers behind us. Like writing minutes to set forth rules, the Lord gave us all we need in the Bible, and telling preachers that they cannot preach with another denomination.

Have we become what our Christian forefathers feared the most? Have we become religious dictators? Have we become the reason they wrote the clause "separation of church and state?" Have we become dictators?

With complete separation from the church, I ask the people of the United

States, have we forgot the foal of our fathers, which they shed their blood for? "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." I ask the people of the United States, is this what we have? Are we free?

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate, and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation." We, the people of the United States, can achieve this without any violence. This is the beauty of our republic, but it cannot be with the Democrats or with the Republicans. I call the people to adopt the Libertarian political form, to

achieve the dreams of our fathers.

We, the people, through prohibition, illegally alienate these rights.

"And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth,' and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind; and God saw it was good. And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.'"

How many young lives are we as Christians going to lose to Satan's prohibition? We as Christians know when we lie we pay the price, and the price we have been paying has been with the lives of our young. The use of drugs is not evil, but glutting is the sin. With every law we as Christians advocate, are we putting our faith in law and not Jesus?

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Robbery

robbery, remain lodged at the Pike County Jail.

On Jan. 9, KSP officers arrested two men suspected in a robbery at Hamilton's Grocery and Deli at Virgie.

The clerk told authorities that two men, wearing bandanas to cover their faces, came in to the store armed with a knife and demanded money. The clerk refused to give the men money, KSP Public Affairs Officer Trooper Scott Hopkins said, and one of the men told the other to pull out a gun. Hopkins said the men left in a Maroon Chevy Blazer after the clerk warned them that she was calling the police.

Later, KSP Sgt. Steve Spurlock and Newsome located

the Blazer in the Beehive area. The officers arrested Eric S. Newsome, 18, of Dorton, and they later apprehended Alex Eversole, 19, at his home in Dorton.

Both men, who remain lodged in the Pike County Jail, are accused of first-degree robbery.

Hopkins said that two Floyd County robberies still remain unsolved this year. KSP is still investigating a Jan. 11 robbery that took place in a home at Dana. An unknown male, dressed in dark clothing, entered an unidentified woman's home, struck her in the head, tied her up and burglarized the premises. The perpetrator left the home

with a laptop computer. The woman refused medical treatment. Trooper William Petry continues the investigation.

KSP officers are also investigating a robbery that took place at the Family Drug Store in Wheelwright on Jan 5. Three men, wearing hoods and scarfs to cover their faces, entered the store shortly after it opened and threatened employees with handguns and rifles.

Owner and pharmacist Sherry Goeing said one man stood guard at the store entrance, while the other two men "herded" five employees to the back office area.

The men, considered armed and dangerous, fled the store

and the city of Wheelwright in a white Hyundai Elantra with tinted windows. They took more than 5,200 hydrocodone pills and over \$500 in cash from the store's register.

Detectives Eddie Crum and Joey Howard continue the investigation.

Crum said last week that the department is following several leads in the case, but no suspects have been officially named at this time.

Hopkins said KSP would appreciate any information provided by the community about these robberies. Anyone with additional information is urged to contact the KSP at (800) 222-5555 or (606) 433-7711.

Ranier

In horse racing, the Ranier family owned and operated Shadolawn Farm.

The Ranier name is alive and well today in NASCAR. Loren Ranier, the son of the late Harry Hale Ranier, heads driver development for Chip Ganassi Racing. Loren Ranier has made the most of his early days spent around his family's race team.

"My dad allowed me to be around the best people in racing; as did my grandpa" Loren Ranier said, addressing Saturday's dedication ceremony crowd. "That's allowed me to have a career in racing."

Brent Graden, director of economic development for the city of Prestonsburg, put together a film composed of Ranier Racing images and aired it in front of family members, guests

and others.

For the time being, Ranier Racing memorabilia will be displayed at the Prestonsburg Tourism building in downtown Prestonsburg. Mayor Fannin has said the city is currently looking at two different pieces of property as possible building sites.

The museum itself will not open until a later date, at which time a grand opening ceremony will be held. Once up and running, the racing museum is expected to draw several race fans into Prestonsburg and Floyd County, and serve as a boost to the local economy.

Anyone that has Ranier Racing memorabilia and would like to donate it to the museum, or allow it to be displayed for an amount of time, is urged to do so.

Gambler

Newsome said, "I hope it's the first in a long chain of things to come."

Spike TV will air 10 episodes of the show, which was produced by the makers of the "American Idol," each Tuesday at 10 p.m. One player is eliminated weekly until the winner is finally announced.

Newsome, the son of retired Stumbo Elementary teachers Gerald and Kathy Newsome, is keeping a tight lid on how he fared during the tournament.

"We aren't allowed to talk about it," he said.

"We'll be glued to the TV, that's for sure," Gerald Newsome said. "He said it was a long shot, but he applied for it anyway when he was finishing his senior year at Morehead. Morehead let him graduate — take his finals earlier so that he could go and do the filming. He hasn't told us a single thing about it. He said, 'Dad, I know you and mom. You and mom might let it slip.'"

A former Betsy Layne High School student, Newsome said he's been gambling for as long as he can remember — from losing \$4 pitching quarters in the bathroom at the Stumbo school, to playing poker with his fraternity brothers at college.

Newsome's father said the former academic team champion is "not new to making things happen" in his life. Newsome's national television experience comes more than a year after his sister, Andrea Saddler, was featured on ABC's "Wife Swap" show.

Newsome plans to attend law school in August.

When was the last time someone tacked a television ad to their refrigerator?

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We would like to express our appreciation for the sympathy shown to our family during the recent loss of our loved one, Effie G. Morrison Clark. We want to thank everyone who sent flowers, visited, called or sent cards or food, and helped in any way. A special thanks to Rev. Montie Fugate and Rev. Dennis Love for their comforting words, the Vogel-Day United Methodist Church choir and pianists, Kentucky State Police Post 9, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept. for their assistance in leading the funeral procession, and the staff at Hall Funeral Home for your love and support. May God richly bless each and everyone of you.

THE CLARK FAMILY

Card of Thanks

The family of Leonard Roger Garrett would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or spoke kind words. A special thanks to Clergyman David Rule for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF LEONARD ROGER GARRETT

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Card of Thanks

The Family of Jeanette B. Hall would like to express our gratitude to all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Bill Campbell for his comforting words, The Sheriff's Department for the assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF JEANETTE B. HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Marsha Kilburn Wallen would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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Odds & Ends

■ **ST. LOUIS** — An alderman who owns a local tavern wants to lower the penalties for public urination.

Ken Ortmann hopes to change the penalty before the Feb. 25 Mardi Gras Parade.

Ortmann said his bill would allow police to issue different citations for public urination who try to be discreet than they might for those who are more open about it.

"There's a difference between going in the middle of the street, in front of God and country, and somebody who is behind a Dumpster," Ortmann said.

Public urination is now classified as lewd and lascivious conduct, which carries a penalty of 90 days in jail, a \$100 to \$500 fine, or both. Ortmann's proposal doesn't change the maximum penalties, but he hopes the actual penalty would be much less.

But public urination remains plenty offensive to residents of Soudard, where some homeowners leave their sprinklers on to discourage Marti Gras partygoers from relieving themselves on their lawns.

"That's what portable toilets are for," resident Mary Linden said. "We don't appreciate going out and seeing it — the people are often belligerent."

■ **BLUFFTON, S.C.** — A man was charged with robbing a restaurant after its employees and customers chased him down and beat him with tree branches and pool cues, officials said.

Two men in ski masks with handguns came into Palomas Restaurant & Cantina late Friday and took \$170 as employees were cleaning up,

Beaufort County Sheriff's Lt. Marvin Morrison said.

The men fired their guns, which along with a waitress' scream alerted a man at the adjacent bar. He attempted to sneak outside and lock the robbers in.

When that didn't work, he chased the robbers into the woods. An owner, employees and customers followed, some carrying pool cues, according to the restaurant's owners.

When one of the robbers stopped and tried to fight his pursuers, they began beating the 6-foot-3-inch man with the pool cues and tree branches, authorities said.

Deputies conducting a traffic stop nearby were waved down and arrested Anthony Tyrone Baker, 20, of Bluffton. He was charged with armed robbery and possession of a firearm during a violent crime, deputies said. The other man had run away. Most of the stolen money had been dropped on the restaurant floor and in the woods.

The people who beat Baker will not be charged, Morrison said.

■ **STOCKHOLM, Sweden** — A busy international airport may not seem like the most romantic setting for a wedding, but it is an increasingly popular venue for exchanging vows in Sweden.

Last year, 488 couples tied the knot at Arlanda airport outside Stockholm, up from 348 in 2004. It was the second consecutive yearly increase, airport spokeswoman Helena Miller said.

The weddings took place in the airport chapel or, more com-

monly, in a VIP room, where the bride and groom can check in their luggage, order champagne and catering, and when the ceremony is over, be driven straight up to the aircraft.

"For those who want to give priority to the honeymoon trip, a wedding at Arlanda is a good solution," Miller said.

"Those who chose the VIP room ceremony get the same service as for instance the royal family, Nobel laureates, rock stars and presidents," she said.

■ **NEW YORK** — A 4-year-old Yorkshire terrier has been returned to a cancer-stricken teen after a battle that escalated to the Manhattan's state Supreme Court.

Hershe, the purebred Yorkie, was returned Tuesday to 15-year-old Michele Klein, as part of a confidential settlement, a lawyer in the case revealed Friday.

The pooch was a gift to the girl for her 11th birthday from contractor Ted Kohl, said her father, Martin Klein. Kohl had been watching the dog while the family vacationed in London, but he went to prison Nov. 28 and left the dog in his girlfriend's care.

The woman, Gayle Fisher Worth, refused to return Hershe.

Klein's \$6 million lawsuit said his daughter had been diagnosed with malignant melanoma and Hershe "gave her great comfort and assisted in her recovery efforts." The dog's absence was adding stress to the girl's body, court papers said.

Klein's lawyer, Hayley Greenberg, said Friday, "The only thing we can say is that our client has the dog now."

Plea

being shipped off to several institutions and eventually arriving at a correctional facility in Bowling Green.

Judge Caudill placed no blame on Burchett, saying, "Let the court take notice that Mr. Burchett is finally here due to no fault of his own."

Judge Caudill saved the commonwealth the cost of another trip for Burchett by sentencing him immediately after accepting the plea which will see Burchett probation for two years and ordered to make restitution to the person whose property he destroyed.

Burchett also added that his

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jail credit for time served was mishandled in Pike County and said that he should have been released by now. Judge Caudill noted that the county pretrial officer will review his record and award him any credit earned for time spent in the Floyd County Detention Center.

Cruelty

claimed ownership of the dog when it was taken to the clinic for grooming. Now, Bartley says, Smith is claiming sole

ownership of the shih tzu.

Smith posted a \$2,000 partially secured bond on Jan. 5, and he is expected to be arraigned on

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Feb. 13 for the crime. Meek, who is scheduled for arraignment on Feb. 21, posted a \$200 cash bond for her release on Jan. 12.

Woman allowed to plead guilty second time around

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A woman who was scheduled to plead guilty to one felony count of theft entered her plea on Tuesday after her plea was rejected Friday when she told the Judge that she actually hadn't committed the crime.

Remonia Mills, 35, left the courtroom in a huff Friday when Judge John Caudill rejected the plea. Mills cursed as she was led to a holding cell and was brought back into the courtroom, where she learned that her

behavior could cost her an additional six months and that she was to observe the decorum of the court.

An apologetic Mills was allowed back in court Tuesday morning, when she informed Judge Caudill that she was sorry about her outburst.

Caudill accepted the apology but informed Mills that he would not accept her plea if she didn't commit the crime. Mills responded by stating, "I am guilty, your honor." She added, "I was shoplifting with my friend."

Judge Caudill asked what she

could have stolen from Foodland that would constitute a felony offense and Mills replied, "It was medicine." Mills noted that she and her friend were stealing large amounts of medicine to later resell at the flea market.

Judge Caudill then accepted her plea, noting, "I think that's an honest answer."

Mills will be sentenced Feb. 24 and Caudill, observing that she was on crutches, asked Mills what had happened to her.

"I fell off the top bunk your honor and about broke my leg," Mills said.

\$75,000 bond set in assault case

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Printer man who was arrested on one count of second-degree assault last October following a domestic dispute was indicted this week and saw several more charges added in circuit court.

Danny R. Tackett, 37, was arraigned Wednesday and saw two counts added to his case which stemmed from an Oct. 13 arrest for assault and public intoxication. The common-

wealth indicted him on Nov. 21 and added charges of first-degree assault, as well as a second charge of second-degree assault.

Tackett, the commonwealth asserts, allegedly stabbed his wife on the Oct. 13, leading to the first-degree assault charge, and also allegedly kicked, punched and choked her following an argument.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor also noted that there may be more charges forthcoming. He recom-

mended a \$75,000 cash bond, saying, "The charges are very serious and we consider Mr. Tackett a flight risk."

Judge John D. Caudill set the bond at the commonwealth's recommendation and informed Tackett that he will need an attorney. Tackett responded that his family will help him hire Jimmy Webb for his defense and Caudill noted for the record that Tackett should waste no time getting his attorney involved. He then set a pretrial conference in the case on April 10.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2006. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)

On this date:

■ In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

■ In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

■ In 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

■ In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

■ In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

■ In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

■ In 1943, a wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the U.S. — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

■ In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed by a fellow inmate in 1973.)

■ In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at the age of 96.

■ In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckley and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckley, of 52 child molestation charges.

Ten years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin

announced that 82 hostages were freed when his forces wiped out Chechen fighters in Pervomayskaya, ending a week-long standoff; however, he said 18 other hostages were missing. Lisa Marie Presley-Jackson filed for divorce from Michael Jackson.

Five years ago: President Clinton, in a farewell from the Oval Office, told the nation that "America has done well" during his presidency, with record-breaking prosperity and a cleaner environment. Electricity-strapped California saw a second day of rolling blackouts. Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson revealed an extramarital affair that resulted in the birth of a daughter.

One year ago: Secretary of State nominee Condoleezza Rice, at her Senate confirmation hearing, insisted the United States was fully prepared for the Iraq war and its aftermath and refused to give a timetable for U.S. troops to come home. The world's largest commercial jet,

an Airbus A380 that can carry 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 73. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 65. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 53. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 51. Country singer Mark Collie is 50. Actress Jane Horrocks is 42. Comedian Dave Attell is 41. Actor Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") is 37. Rapper DJ Quik is 36. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 35. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 33. Actor Jason Segel is 26. Actress Samantha Mumba is 23.

Thought for Today: "The compensation of growing old was simply this: that the passions remain as strong as ever, but one has gained — at last! — the power which adds the supreme flavor to existence, the power of taking hold of experience, of turning it round, slowly, in the light." — Virginia Woolf, English author (1882-1941).



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Hawaiian officials sending team to Kentucky to investigate inmate's death

The Associated Press

WHEELWRIGHT — A Hawaiian woman's death last month after becoming ill at a private prison in eastern Kentucky has prompted officials in Hawaii to send a medical team to investigate.

Hawaii, which suffers from prison overcrowding, houses more than 2,000 inmates on the mainland, including 119 women at the Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright, Ky. The prison, run by Corrections Corp. of America, also houses 399 Kentucky inmates.

Sarah Ah Mau, 43, was taken

to the Appalachian Regional Healthcare Hospital at McDowell on Dec. 30 and transferred that night to the ARH Medical Center in Hazard, where she died the next morning, authorities said.

A spokesman for the Hawaii Department of Public Safety, Michael Gaede, said an autopsy found she died of natural causes. Dr. Tracey Corey, a state medical examiner, said in an interview that her death had no public health implications for other inmates.

The Nashville-based CCA said that a review of Ah Mau's medical records by its medical

team found that her care was "appropriate and provided promptly, in a quality manner."

Gaede said medical records show Ah Mau complained twice between Thanksgiving and Christmas of stomach pain and was treated with castor oil for constipation.

He said Hawaii's investigators would be coming to Kentucky on Jan. 23.

Ah Mau was sentenced in 1993 to life in prison for second-degree murder in the 1989 beating death of her 19-month-old son. She would have been eligible for parole in 2008, Gaede said.

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Letters

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As a Christian, I read where the Lord God will judge nations. The only way our nation will not be held accountable is for us to have freedom.

I as a Christian pray for all people to have the grace of the Lord with them and pray for freedom.

With a heavy heart and a heart full of love, I withdraw my name from any church that puts law before love and freedom. I am not afraid but speak the truth and hold not my peace, for the Lord is with me and no man shall set on me to hurt me for I have Jesus and the truth on my side. I say as a Christian, freedom is in my faith in Jesus and as an American, freedom is founded in our Declaration of Independence and protected by our Constitution.

I pray that my brothers and sisters will study the scripture to see that I do speak the truth.

There are many more examples of the oppressions of our freedom that the Libertarian

form gives us back. I only used the example of prohibition because of the addiction problem in our area.

Brothers and sisters, please, study the scripture and the Libertarian form to see how important freedom is.

I feel the best way to help an addict is to speak the truth to them, not oppress a nation. I also feel that the ends do not justify the means. It is apparent that the war on drugs has not helped many addicts, but created criminals and alienated our God-given rights.

I feel personal freedom can only be achieved through the blood of Christ, but as a loving parent and an American, it is my duty to fight for freedom.

Greg Shanby
Blaine

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Ideas

they have not contributed."

The Governor's Mansion, which opened in 1914 and was last renovated 25 years ago, will indeed get a makeover. The extent of the work will depend on the fundraising effort, which began last year.

Meanwhile, staffers are glad to point out flaws in the structure, whether cracks in the walls of the ballroom or the weathered front door.

"Some of these windows can't be opened because they will fall apart if they're opened," said Kenny Bishop, who oversees the day-to-day operations of the mansion, which attracts about 45,000 visitors a year.

In a statement last week, former First Lady Judi Patton applauded Glenna Fletcher's efforts to raise the money.

"It's vitally important that we preserve this significant piece of Kentucky history," she said in the statement.

However, the only former occupants on the donor list are Gov. Brereton Jones and his wife, Libby. They gave \$10,000. The Governor's Mansion

Preservation Foundation is charitable and not subject to ordinary restrictions on contributions on political campaigns. For that reason, critics have watched the list of donors closely for names of people, companies or organizations who may hope to gain favor by their generosity.

"It really puts the governor and his wife in a precarious position," said former Gov. Julian Carroll, who's now serving in the state Senate. "Any governor or governor's wife has got to be very careful in raising funds for any purpose. There are people who will give substantial amounts under those kinds of circumstances for the sole purpose of gaining the favor of the governor."

That said, Carroll said he finds it odd that the Fetters haven't contributed.

"If he's expecting others to contribute, he ought to show his personal support for the same project by contributing himself," Carroll said. "I would not expect anybody to contribute to such a cause were not I also willing to do so."

Among the donors, the

Kentucky Equine Education Project, which is pushing for expanded gambling in the state, has contributed \$10,000. Corrections Corporation of America, which operates private prisons under contract with the state, donated \$10,000.

One of the biggest givers was Mira Ball and Ball Homes, the Lexington homebuilding company she helps run. Together, they contributed \$50,000. Ball is chairwoman of the fundraising foundation. Her husband, Don Ball, is chairman of the Kentucky Housing Corp., a gubernatorial appointment.

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, a possible future occupant, gave \$1,000. Nearly all of Fletcher's cabinet secretaries are listed.

The fundraising has had its setbacks. One event was canceled last year after fewer than 80 of the 1,077 people invited said they would attend.

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Kid Scoop

This Week: **Tierra del Fuego**

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A Gnawing Problem

Fifty years ago the Argentinean government brought in this _____ to raise on commercial fur _____. When the project _____, the animals were released into the wild.

What animal was it? Beavers!

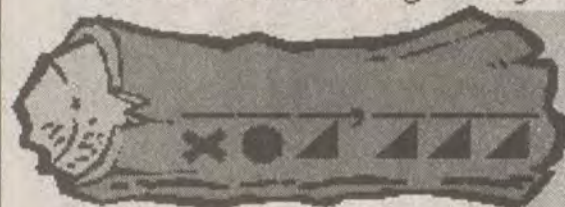
They have since chewed their way through the _____ forests, felling the _____ they need for food and building _____ that flood acres of forest and farmland, _____ trees and _____.



I chewed the words right out of this article! Can you put the words back where they belong?

- _____ crops
- _____ dams
- _____ islands
- _____ animal
- _____ failed
- _____ killing
- _____ tarna
- _____ trees

In Tierra del Fuego, beavers have no predators and an abundance of food. Use the code to discover about how many beavers live in Tierra del Fuego today.



- ▲ = 0
- ▲ = 1
- ▲ = 2
- ▲ = 3
- ▲ = 4
- = 5
- ★ = 6
- = 7
- ▣ = 8
- = 9

Long Summer Days, Short Winter Nights

Because Tierra del Fuego is so close to the South Pole, it has long days in the summer and short days in the winter. Add up only the even numbers to find out how many hours of daylight there are on the summer days, and add up the odd numbers to find out how many hours of daylight on the winter days.



Standards Link: Math: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 20.

Longest Road in the World

The Pan American Highway is a network of roads that starts in Alaska and ends in Tierra del Fuego.

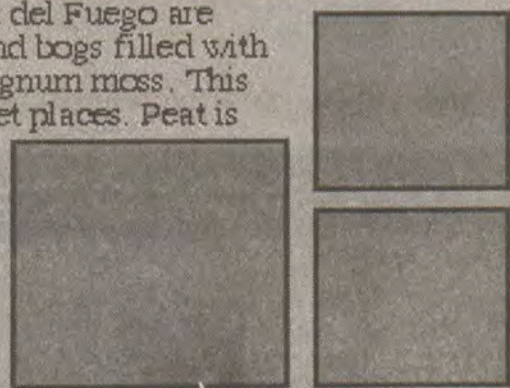


How long is the Pan American Highway? Follow the maze to find the answer.

- 22,990 miles
37,000 km
- 29,825 miles
48,000 km
- 4,970 miles
8,000 km

For Peat's Sake

The lowlands of Tierra del Fuego are covered with forests and bogs filled with peat. Peat is dead sphagnum moss. This moss grows in cold, wet places. Peat is important to farmers and gardeners because it can absorb and hold up to 20 times its weight in water. It is added to soil to hold moisture around the plants.



Peat Moss Puzzler

Maria has cut three small squares of peat, but it turns out she really needs one large square. She makes only two cuts and rearranges the pieces to make one complete, larger square. Can you figure out how she did this? Go to www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html for the solution.

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Analyze problems by identifying relationships and patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- TIERRA
- DEL
- FUEGO
- COMMUNITY
- SPHAGNUM
- BLUBBER
- FRICION
- BEAVERS
- SEALS
- MOSS
- BOGS
- FISH
- FIRE
- SOUTH
- POLE

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

N	O	I	T	C	I	R	F	T	I
E	M	R	H	T	U	O	S	R	A
B	L	U	B	B	E	R	S	D	E
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F	I	L	S	G	O	B	M	S	U
E	E	G	F	O	A	P	O	L	E
D	R	I	F	I	S	H	S	A	L
S	R	E	V	A	E	B	P	E	P
E	A	O	G	E	U	F	D	S	O

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Given and seen reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Ready for a Voyage

Pretend your class is on a voyage to Tierra del Fuego. Have each student find five items in the newspaper that he/she thinks would be useful on the voyage. Write a sentence explaining the value of each item.

Standards Link: Writing Conventions: Write complete simple, compound and complex sentences.

What never gets wetter, no matter how much it rains?

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Tierra del Fuego

LAND OF FIRE

Tierra del Fuego is a group of islands at the southernmost tip of South America. "Tierra del Fuego" means "land of fire" in Spanish. It got its name from Ferdinand Magellan who, when sailing past the islands in the year 1520, spotted a number of fires burning along the coastline.



These fires were probably made by the first people to live there: the Ona, Alakaluf and Yahgan (commonly called Yámana).

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand that history relates to events, people, and places of other times.

Coastal Community

The Yámani Indians lived on the coasts of Tierra del Fuego and nearby islands. They ate mollusks, mussels, crabs and fish.

Entire families traveled together in canoes made of bark. The man of the family watched for the prey with harpoon in hand. The mother rowed while the children kept a fire burning in the canoe on a base of soil and stones. Each family lived in a hut made of branches built around a depression dug into the ground.

The Yámani Indians wore no clothes except for robes made of seal or otter skin. They kept their bodies covered with the blubber of seals. Some say their diet, which was heavy with the fat of seals, helped them to bear the cold.

Two Countries

The islands of Tierra del Fuego are owned by two countries. Circle every other letter to find out the names of these countries. (We did the first letter for you.)

C S H Y I B L N E V A G N J D W
A I R K G U E P N M T Q I F N R A

Standards Link: Social Science: Describe how location, weather, and physical environment affect the way people live, including the effects on their food, clothing and shelter.

Hot Cha! Cha!

In today's newspaper, find pictures or names of things that give off heat. What is the source of heat? Fire? Friction? Other?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written instructions.

Weekly Writing Corner

Hot Poems

Write a poem about fire.

Fire! Fire! Someone shouts!
Fire, fire, in the house!
Hope the firemen put it out,
Fire, fire, in the house.

Rebecca,
6th grade

The color of fire is red and yellow.
People use it to roast a marshmallow.
Put water in a pot.
It boils because it's hot.
Put a stick in, it will get hotter.
Put it out by pouring water.

Chariya,
5th grade

Fire, fire, burning bright,
Very far into the night.
Fire, fire! Burning hot,
Like boiling soup in a pot.
Fire, fire, dimming down,
As lots of smiles turn to frown.

Carl,
6th grade

There's always something magical about a fire, the snaps, the cracks, the colorful sparks. Red, orange, yellow, and blue. Sometimes you see pictures. It's almost like a garden or a meadow with different colors. Fire.

Cassidy,
3rd grade

Fire, fire, really hot.
Fire, fire, don't jump out of the pot.
If you try, you will die!
Fire, fire, stay in the pot!

Erin,
5th grade

As you're sitting by the campfire watching the sparks fly,
The smell of sweet, fluffy marshmallows go by,
There is crackling warmth of the fire right beside my feet,
I look at the stars as my top and bottom eyelids meet.

Jessica,
5th grade

Fire! Fire! Burning bright.
What immortal hand could dare cast thy wild flame?

Megan,
6th grade

Fire is very easy to make,
Just don't try to make it in a lake,
Take two sticks and rub them together,
Also pay attention to the weather.

Cameron,
6th grade

Flames of a fire are bursting and climbing. The ashes are cracking and snapping. Smoke rising, traveling, higher and higher. Until it reaches the evening sky. Advice for you now, a life-long tip: stay away from the flames of a fire!

Madeleine,
6th grade

Fire
hot colorful
red orange yellow
fire can burn you
flames.

Michael,
3rd grade

Soldier immortalized by Iraq battle photo is back home

LONG FORK — A Marine immortalized by a photo during intense fighting in Iraq last year is out of the military and back home in Kentucky, trying to start a new life.

But Blake Miller said he can't leave the horrors of war behind — though he'd like to.

A team of military psychiatrists have diagnosed Miller, 21, as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, a mental illness characterized by subjective symptoms like flashbacks and nightmares.

"I could tell you stories about Iraq that would make the hair stand up on the back of your neck," Miller told the Lexington Herald-Leader for a story published Sunday. "And I could tell you things that were great over there. But that still wouldn't tell you what it was actually like. You had to be there and go through it to really understand."

Millions of Americans remember Miller as the "Marlboro Man" — the grubby, exhausted Marine lance corporal with a cigarette dangling from lips in a famous 2004 photograph from the battle for

Fallujah. The picture has become one of the iconic images of the Iraq war.

Miller said he still smokes a little over a pack of Marlboros per day but has cut down from the five packs or more he was puffing on every day at the height of the Fallujah battle. He now lives with his new wife and her grandparents at their home in Long Fork in Pike County. They married in June.

Miller said he began experiencing sleeplessness and nightmares soon after returning from Iraq early last year.

He was sent to New Orleans last fall after Hurricane Katrina to help with the recovery effort. Part of his duty was to recover bodies.

A few days after he left the city, on board the USS Iwo Jima, a Navy ship on hurricane duty off the Gulf Coast, Miller

said he must have snapped.

"I was coming out of the galley, when this sailor made a whistling noise that resembled the sound of a rocket-propelled grenade," Miller said. "You had to have heard that sound to duplicate it. I don't know why he did it. Maybe he was just poking fun at Marines. But something just triggered and I flipped out."

"They said that I grabbed him, threw him against the bulkhead and put him down on the deck, with me on top of him. But I have no recollection of it whatsoever."

Eventually, three military doctors diagnosed Miller as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. The Marines, concluding that Miller could be a threat to himself or to his colleagues in any future combat situation, granted him

an honorable discharge.

Miller became a civilian Nov. 10, the one-year anniversary of the date when the famous photograph from Fallujah hit the newspapers.

Now, Miller regularly sees a therapist and said he is doing well.

"The biggest reason I did this interview is because I want people to know that PTSD is not something people come down with because they're crazy," he said. "It's an anxiety disorder, where you've experienced something so traumatic that you were close to death."

Miller joined the Marines after graduating from high school in 2003 and was assigned to the infantry. He went to Iraq the next year with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines and became a part of the Marine force assembled to clear insurgents out of Fallujah.

Even now, Miller struggles to describe it.

"It's not exactly something I like to talk about. You see movies where somebody gets shot. It's nothing to see somebody get shot, that's just a movie."

"But when you see it in real

life, it's completely different ... the feeling you have afterward is completely different. Even when you're being shot at, and you're returning fire ... whether you've hit anybody or not ... it's knowing that you're actually shooting at somebody. At the time you don't think about it ... but afterward, it's mind-boggling, it really is."

Miller and his wife, Jessica, are planning to build a home nearby. She has completed a bachelor's degree at Pikeville College and hopes for a career in psychology. Blake said he is thinking of starting a business.

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Kentucky gets C-minus for emergency medicine

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American College of Emergency Physicians' National Report Card on the State of Emergency Medicine gave Kentucky a C-minus, ranking it 31st in the nation, for the state's overall support for its emergency medical system. The report found the state has a critical shortage of trauma centers and board-certified emergency physicians causing a lack of capacity in the system to handle a huge influx of patients.

In the report card, all 50 states and the District of Columbia received an overall grade on a scale of A-F, plus separate weighted grades in four categories: Access to Emergency Care (40 percent), Quality of Care and Patient Safety (25 percent), Public Health and Injury Prevention (10 percent), and Medical Liability Environment (25 percent).

ACEP began this intensive effort of grading the states more than a year ago by appointing a task force of experts. The task force developed 50 objective and quantifiable criteria to measure the performance of each state and the District of Columbia. Grades were then assigned based on a comparison to the best state's performance using weighted and aggregated measures. The full report can be found at www.acep.org.

According to the Report Card Task Force Chair Dr. Angela Gardner, the report's results are a serious wake-up call showing that in every category some states are making progress and some are lagging far behind. Dr. Gardner urged Kentucky residents to visit www.acep.org where they can ask policymakers to address the state's deficiencies outlined in the report.

"If Kentucky's emergency medical system gets a C- on an average day, how can it ever be expected to provide expert, efficient care during a natural disaster or terrorist attack?" asked Dr. Gardner. "Our local, state and national leaders must work closely with emergency medicine experts to ensure that all Americans can receive the emergency medical care they need and expect."

In the most heavily weighted category, Access to Emergency Care, Kentucky earned a C grade. Pulling down the state's grade in this category were several substandard scores. It ranked near the bottom of the nation for its supply of board-certified emergency physicians and trauma centers. It also ranked 45th among states in annual emergency department visits per board-certified emergency physician, which indicates Kentucky's

emergency departments are overcrowded and quality of care is in jeopardy.

Kentucky's lack of emergency physicians may be partly due to the state's poor Medical Liability Environment; the state received a D- grade in this category. Despite Kentucky's constitutional challenge to creating caps on liability, it could pass a variety of more modest reforms, the report said.

In Public Health and Injury Prevention, Kentucky earned a C grade. Kentucky lacks primary seat belt law enforcement and an all-rider motorcycle helmet law. This may explain why Kentucky has one of the highest number of traffic fatalities in the nation; it ranked 48th for its large percentage of fatalities in which no restraint was used. The state also has one of the highest rates of fatal occupational injuries, ranking 46th in the nation for this measure. In the public health area, Kentucky ranked nearly last in the nation (49th) for its small percentage of older adults receiving a pneumococcal vaccine, and it had weak immunization rates for young children.

ACEP is the national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine. With more than 23,000 members, ACEP is committed to improving the quality of emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.

Bill would deregulate nearly all phone service in Kentucky

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A bill before the General Assembly would deregulate all but basic phone service in Kentucky, allowing phone companies to set their own rates for phone, Internet and cable packages.

Executives for Alltel, a key Central Kentucky phone service provider, said House Bill 337 would be good for consumers because it would allow phone companies to compete with the all-in-one packages of cable companies.

Consumer advocates, thought, are concerned that the move would drive up rates for customers who want just an old-fashioned phone line.

The price of basic service

would freeze for 12 months after a phone company elected an "alternative regulation plan." In subsequent years, phone companies could adjust basic rates upward based on the consumer price index for urban areas.

However, the basic service price would become unregulated if a customer were to buy any extras, such as call-waiting or caller ID.

One of the bill's sponsors, Republican Rep. David Floyd of Bardonia, said the measure would "level the playing field" between traditional telephone companies and Internet providers that have begun offering phone service through broadband cables.

"It's a de facto deregulation

of the established phone companies," he said. "But it's also bringing everyone who offers local phone service under the umbrella of the Public Service Commission."

The PSC, which currently monitors only traditional phone services, would no longer regulate rates under the proposal. Instead, it would monitor three key service measures — time out of service, time to provide new service and answering time on service repair calls — for all companies providing local phone service.

Dan Logsdon, vice president of external affairs for Alltel, said the company is backing the bill because it has lost tens of thousands of customers in recent years to Insight Communications,

Central Kentucky's largest cable provider.

When customers call Alltel to cancel, the company can't make a counteroffer under current rules, which require phone companies to provide the same rates to all similar customers, Logsdon said.

"Consumers are going to benefit," he said. "You will see a downward pressure on price as a result of increased competition." Dave Menzer, utility campaign organizer for Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, said Kentucky's poorest residents would pay higher prices because large sections of the state could end up with few companies to choose from and little oversight by the PSC to hold rates down.

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Lady Blackcats ease past South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Any thoughts the South Floyd Lady Raiders had of grabbing an early lead over Prestonsburg Saturday evening were quickly dashed. The Lady Blackcats pitched a shutout against South Floyd in the opening quarter, outscoring the Lady Raiders 13-0. Prestonsburg ultimately outscored South Floyd in each quarter, winning 59-23 and remaining perfect in

58th District competition.

Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg with a game-high 16 points. Brittany Collins followed Whitaker, adding 15 points for the Lady Blackcats. Meaghan Stone joined her two teammates in double figures, finishing with 13 points.

The win was Prestonsburg's sixth straight victory.

The Lady Blackcats took a commanding 30-12 lead into halftime and outscored South Floyd 18-2 in the sec-

ond quarter, putting the game out of the visiting team's reach.

Junior Heather Dean led South Floyd with six points. Danielle Tackett and Valerie Skeens added three points apiece for the Lady Raiders.

Each team featured eight different scorers.

For Prestonsburg, the win over South Floyd wrapped up a productive week that included wins over three sep-

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg's Alexis DeRossett (42) worked the basketball against the South Floyd defense during Saturday's 58th District game.

Eagles beat Berea

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team defended its homecourt Saturday evening, beating visiting Berea College 82-77.

Guard Shawn Newsome, one-third of Alice Lloyd's three-guard lineup, led the Eagles in scoring with 16 points. Brent Prichard was Alice Lloyd's second-leading scorer with 15 points. K.J. Waterman added 14 points and led the Eagles in rebounding with nine boards.

Berea entered halftime with a 41-40 lead.

Alice Lloyd shot 55.9 percent from the field, finishing 33-of-59.

Jordan Samuels came in off of the bench and led Berea in scoring with a game-high 20 points. Chris McIntyre had 12 points and Thomas Klimas 10 for Berea. The Mountaineers were five-of-19 from beyond the arc and made good on 12-of-19 free throw attempts.

Alice Lloyd (11-8) connected on 13-of-21 free throw attempts.

The Eagle defense made things tough, forcing Berea into 33 turnovers. Alice Lloyd recorded 14 steals and had two blocks.

Alice Lloyd committed 22 turnovers in the winning effort.

Berea outrebounded Alice Lloyd 37-25.



photos by Jamie Howell

Above: Prestonsburg sophomore Nathaniel Stephens put up a shot against the South Floyd defense. Below: P'burg sophomore Bobby Hughes eyed a free throw during Saturday's 58th District game.

Hunter to sign with Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne High School two-sport standout Amanda Hunter has decided to stay close to home and continue her studies. The BLHS senior has chosen Pikeville College. Hunter will move on to Pikeville College where she'll play both volleyball and softball. Robert Staggs will serve as Hunter's head coach in both sports at the NAIA school. Staggs is in his 14th year as a coach at Pikeville College.

Former BLHS student-athlete Breann Akers followed an exact same path to Pikeville College. Akers, a Pikeville College freshman, has already completed her first volleyball season. The 2005 edition of the PC volleyball team finished 11-22 overall, 1-10 in the Mid-South Conference.

Hunter will sign with Pikeville College today at noon in a signing ceremony at BLHS.

Powell County outlasts Allen Central, 65-60

TIMES STAFF REPORT

STANTON – The Allen Central High School girls' basketball team returned to action Saturday, playing on the road at Powell County. The Lady Rebels went into halftime leading 34-28, but failed to close the deal. Instead, Powell County outscored the visiting team in each of the last two quarters en route to a 65-60 win.

Powell County jumped out ahead early on, outscoring Allen Central 18-12 in the first quarter.

Junior guard Angie Anderson paced Powell County with a game-high 21 points. Anderson was one of three players to reach double figures for the host Lady Pirates. Savannah Tharpe ended the game with 19 points for Powell County (8-7). Kendra McFarland was a third player in double figures for the Lady Pirates with 11 points.

Alanna Cline and Mara Biliter each

(See CENTRAL, page two)

Home Sweet Home

P'burg rides homecourt to 81-63 win over South Floyd

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – Most coaches will agree that it is more important to play well late in the season than early, and if the most recent play of the Prestonsburg Blackcats is an indicator of future success, then the future is bright for Jackie Crisp's team. Prestonsburg hosted South Floyd on Friday evening in a key 58th District showdown. The Blackcats played well from start to finish in a 81-63 rout of the Raiders. Not only did the Blackcats pull away for an 18-point win, but the manner in which they controlled the game proved to be even

more impressive. One of the key factors in the win had to be the Blackcats' hot-shooting. Prestonsburg opened the game connecting on five of their first six shots from the field.

After playing on the road throughout the entire month of December, the Blackcats finally played a home game on Tuesday, hosting the Sheldon Clark Cardinals. Prestonsburg fell behind by as many as 13 points early in the third quarter before storming back to claim a 10-point win. On Friday, the cats came out firing on all cylinders and would quickly build a 21-11 lead in the first quarter.

Senior Sean Leslie played what may have been his best game of the season before fouling out of the contest late in the fourth quarter. Leslie finished with a game-high 23 points. Prestonsburg would take advantage of early foul trouble for South Floyd senior point guard Ryan Johnson. After picking up a third foul early in the second quarter, Johnson was forced to spend an extended amount of

(See HOME, page two)



Lady Bears edge ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The Pikeville College women's basketball team made the most of Saturday's road trip to regional rival Alice Lloyd College. Pikeville broke open a 31-31 half-time tie and posted a non-conference win, beating the Lady Eagles 78-75.

Former Whitesburg High standout Camille Cook came in off of the Pikeville College bench and led the Lady Bears with a game-high 16 points. Cook recorded the game's only double-double, also finishing

(See BEARS, page two)

Two losses in WYMT Tourney don't deter Bobcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN – Betsy Layne took eventual tournament champion Leslie County down to the wire in the opening round of the WYMT Mountain Classic. Leslie County eventually edged the Bobcats 66-64, having to battle for the win. The Bobcats did battle with Hazard Thursday night. In another close, competitive game, Betsy Layne fell short. Hazard, the victim of upset-minded North Laurel in the opening round, beat the Bobcats 64-55. Despite riding a three-game losing skid that started with a slim loss to 58th District rival South Floyd, Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose remains confident in his team and its abilities.

"Hazard is really playing well," Rose commented, following his team's second WYMT Classic loss. "They are the most athletic team we have played this year. They run players in waves at you and they wore us down. We led until the three-minute mark and our legs were gone. I have to utilize our bench more but our kids played hard. Brandon Thacker had a tremendous tournament – he had 18 points at halftime in the Hazard game. Trai Witt played real well and Pat (Stapleton) and Derek (Case) gave us solid efforts. Brandon Kidd struggled from the field and he was down after the game but he plays solid every night."

Rose likes to look at the big picture when

(See WYMT, page two)



The Betsy Layne backcourt duo of Brandon Thacker and Pat Stapleton awaited a Hazard bailhandler.

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Home

time on the Raider bench. Prestonsburg would take control of the game in the second quarter by outscoring South Floyd 28-15 to take a 49-30 lead at the half.

Ethan Johnson and Mason Hall played well for South Floyd as the two combined for 36 points. But the 19-point halftime lead for Prestonsburg proved to be too much for the Raiders to overcome. Prestonsburg would once again outscore South Floyd in the third quarter to build a 64-41 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

The hot-shooting of Prestonsburg in the first half sealed the Raiders fate on this night as the Blackcats knocked down seven

treys in the first half en route to the 19-point lead. Senior Lewis Barnette has been one of the regions most pleasant surprises. Barnette has led Prestonsburg in scoring since the first week of the season and on Saturday it was his rebounding and defense (11 points and 10 rebounds) that helped Prestonsburg come away with the win.

South Floyd would add 22 points in the final quarter but the game proved to be out of reach as Prestonsburg improved to 6-7 overall and 2-1 in district play.

South Floyd fell to 8-8 overall and 2-1 in the 58th District. Prestonsburg, South Floyd and Betsy Layne each stand at 2-1 in the 58th District.

Michael Stephens and Brooks Herrick came through in a big way for Prestonsburg as the two combined for 31 points in the win.

Prestonsburg will travel to Wolfe County on Thursday. South Floyd was at home last night against Perry Central.

PRESTONSBURG 81, SOUTH FLOYD 63
PRESTONSBURG - M. Stephens 14, N. Stephens 2, Herrick 17, Barnette 11, Leslie 23, Mullins 2, Hall 8, Hughes 4.
SOUTH FLOYD - M. Hall 15, E. Johnson 21, R. Johnson 7, M. Little 4, R. Little 9, J. Slone 3, A. Slone 4.

Blackcats

arate regions. On Monday, Prestonsburg dealt Lawrence County a 59-41 loss. On Thursday, the Lady Blackcats upended Leslie County 73-64.

Prestonsburg has some time to rest up before its next game. The Lady Blackcats (8-5)

aren't due back in action until Jan. 24 when a home game is slated versus East Ridge.

PRESTONSBURG 59, SOUTH FLOYD 23
SOUTH FLOYD - Hall 2, D. Tackett 3, Dean 6, J. Tackett

2, Skeens 3, Tuttle 2, Jones 2, Castle 3.

PRESTONSBURG - M. Slone 13, Fields 2, Whitaker 16, Hicks 6, Frye 4, Collins 15, W. Bradley 1, DeRossett 2.

South Floyd.....0 12 2 9-23
 Prestonsburg.....13 17 18 11-59

WYMT

gauging his team's potential. "Our team is playing well but just not getting over the hump versus solid teams right now," said Rose. "If the kids keep believing in themselves we will turn it around and be

solid come tourney time and that is really all that matters." Betsy Layne was back in action last night on the road at June Buchanan. Results from the Betsy Layne-June Buchanan game were unavail-

able at press time. The Bobcats drew Shelby Valley in the first round of this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic and will face the defending regional champion Wildcats next week.

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Central

had 19 points for the Lady Rebels, leading Allen Central in scoring. Amanda Mills was also in double figures, finishing with 15 points. Sara Johnson and Amanda Thacker rounded out the Allen Central scoring

with four and three points, respectively.

ALLEN CENTRAL - Bilitier 19, Mills 15, Johnson 4, Cline 19, Thacker 3.
POWELL COUNTY -

Jones 6, Anderson 21, McFarland 11, Tharpe 19, Mullins 7, Barnett 1.

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Reds agree to one-year contracts with Pena, Valentin

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - The Cincinnati Reds agreed to one-year contracts with outfielder Wily Mo Pena and catcher Javier Valentin on Sunday, avoiding arbitration with both players.

Pena got a \$1.25 million deal, while Valentin's contract is for \$1.15 million.

Pena batted .254 with 19 home runs and 51 RBIs in 99 games for the Reds last season. Valentin hit a career-high .281

with 14 homers and 50 RBIs, his second season in Cincinnati.

Valentin shared catching duties with Jason LaRue, who agreed to a \$9.1 million, two-year contract last month, solidifying his role as the No. 1 catcher. They combined for the best offensive output at catcher in the major leagues.

Four Reds players remain eligible for arbitration: Adam Dunn, Aaron Harang, Austin Kearns and Felipe Lopez.

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PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

Inductees, coronation, beginning of league play highlight of first game in Expo Center

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Saturday afternoon will be a busy day at Pikeville College, as the school plays its first game in the East Kentucky Expo Center and inducts four former student-athletes in the school's Athletics Hall of Fame.

Peter Campbell, John Dotson, Ron Runyon and Charolette Shelton will join former teammates and classmates in the Hall of Fame. Campbell was a standout in both basketball and baseball, Dotson a dominant tennis player, Runyon a baseball star and Shelton a tremendous softball and volleyball player.

In addition, one new member will be added to the Honorary Hall of Fame, as Paul Hunt, long-time timer and scoreboard operator for both the football and basketball teams will be honored.

The induction ceremony will take place at noon in Booth Auditorium. The festivities will then move to the Expo Center, where the basketball teams will begin Mid-South Conference play with a doubleheader against Lambuth University beginning at 2 p.m.

Between games the inductees will be introduced to the gathering, and at halftime of the men's game, the school will announce its representative for this spring's Mountain Laurel Festival.

One of many talented two-sport standouts in Pikeville College history, Peter Campbell was a starting guard on the basketball team and shortstop for the baseball Bears.

Campbell averaged more than 20 points per game as a senior, leading the team in

rebounding and assists. As a result, he was a first-team all-conference pick by the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletics Conference, an honorable mention All-American and was named his team's MVP. In addition to his offensive heroics, he was named Most Valuable Defensive Player as both a junior and senior.

During his senior season, Campbell set a school record for single-game field-goal percentage, hitting 15 of 17 from the floor for 88.2 percent, a mark which stood for many years.

Pikeville College has had some great tennis players through the years, but you'd be hard pressed to find one with a better record than John Dotson. In only two years as a Bear, Dotson was named all-conference in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletics Conference both years.

As a junior, Dotson posted a record of 19-2. One year later, he did something that seemed impossible when he actually bettered his record, going 25-1 and reaching the KIAC finals.

A three-year starter at third base for the Pikeville College baseball team, Ron Runyon was a phenomenal hitter and a two-time all-conference selection in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletics Conference.

As a sophomore, Runyon led the league with 12 home runs and RBIs with 48, and his batting average of .395 was second in the conference, just missing out on triple-crown honors. Those stout statistics allowed him to finish as runner up in the voting for the league MVP honor.

Runyon hit .350 as a junior and .330 as a senior, and finished with 24 home runs and 113 RBIs in his career.

One look at the numbers makes it clear: Charolette Taylor Shelton is a clear hall of famer. A three-time all-conference player in softball, she was honored by the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletics Conference twice and the Mid-South Conference as a senior. She was named MVP of her team three times.

In her career, she played in 179 games and posted a career batting average of .400. She had 209 hits, scored 120 runs and drove in 107, finishing with 48 doubles, six triples and 17 home runs. Her career slugging percentage was .613, with an on-base percentage of .457. And, in one memorable game as a junior, became the first and only player in PC history to hit two home runs in the same inning.

And finally, Taylor was on the first two volleyball teams in school history, and during her sophomore year was named team MVP in that sport, too.

Hunt has operated the scoreboard for every home football game Pikeville College has ever played, and has been a longtime timer and scoreboard operator for both the men's and women's basketball teams.

"Paul Hunt is as dedicated to Pikeville College as anyone we know," said Rick Bentley, sports information director. "I can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor than Paul. The last thing I worry about is if Paul will be at an event. I'd like to have 10 of him at Pikeville College."

Bears

with 10 rebounds. Freshman Kim Clark, playing in her first season for Pikeville College following a stellar prep career at Betsy Layne High School, added 12 points and Tonya Amburgey added 11 for the Lady Bears.

The Lady Bears shot 46-percent from the field.



Kim Clark

in turn held Alice Lloyd to under 40-percent shooting from the field.

Alice Lloyd had a lot of looks at the basket in the loss. The Lady Eagles finished 28-of-72 from the field and eight-of-25 from beyond the arc.


Amy Jackson led Alice Lloyd in scoring with 15 points. Kristal

Daniels added 14 points and nine rebounds for the Lady Eagles. Whitney Lykens flipped in 11 points and Belicia Mullins added 10 as four different Alice Lloyd players reached double figures.

Chastity Fox and Kaylan Richardson both had eight points for the Lady Eagles. Alice Lloyd shot 11-of-14 from the free throw line in the setback.

Pikeville outrebounded host Alice Lloyd 40-32.

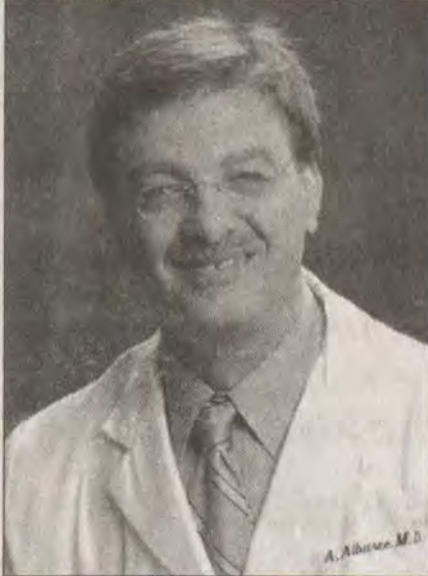
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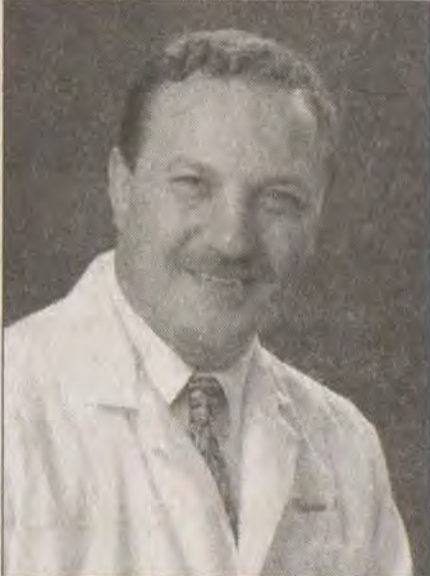
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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Hornets best Belfry

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE – Visiting Belfry pushed 15th Region frontrunner Magoffin County to the limit Saturday night, but couldn't upend the Lady Hornets. Ashley Jade Howard fired in a game-high 37 points and Brittany Manns added 21 as Magoffin County held on and won, 87-84.

After the first quarter ended in a 19-19 tie, Belfry outscored Magoffin County in the second period and went into halftime leading, 36-34. Belfry maintained a lead at the conclusion of the third period before Magoffin County outscored the Lady Pirates 35-30 in the last quarter.

Ashley Hall and Calloray Howard were also in double figures for Magoffin County, finishing with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Jessica Moon led Belfry with 20 points. Moon was one of four players in double figures for the Lady Pirates. Brittany Chapman had 16 points, Brooke Stanley 15 and Shae Deskins 14.

At Hazard, Knott County Central shook a slow start and pulled away and beat the host Lady Bulldogs. Hazard outscored Knott County Central in each of the first two quarters, leading the Lady Patriots 27-20 at the half. Then came the second half – particularly the third quarter. Knott County Central outscored Hazard 32-12 in the third period en route to a 66-54 win.

Megan Mosley led Knott County Central with a game-high 19 points. Mosley was one of three players in double figures for the Lady Patriots.

KNOTT CO. CENTRAL 66, HAZARD 54

Knott County Central – Mosley 19, North 14, King 2, Phillips 16, Slone 8, Gibson 3, Conley 4.

Hazard – Slone 10, Hall 11, Whitson 8, Maggard 10, Engle 13, Smith 2.

Knott Co. Cent.....6 14 32 14—66
Hazard.....11 16 12 15—54

MAGOFFIN COUNTY 87, BELFRY 84

Belfry – Deskins 14, Moon 20, Chapman 16, Johnson 2, Stanley 15, Muncy 5, Robinette 5, Thacker 5, Kline 2.

Magoffin County – Manns 21, A.J. Howard 37, C. Howard 11, Powers 5, Hall 12, Adams 1.

Belfry.....19 17 18 30—84
Magoffin Co.....19 15 17 35—87



Betsy Layne is looking to close the deal on tight games and play its best basketball come March. The Bobcats lost a pair of close games in last week's WYMT Mountain Classic.

Pike Central holds off Piarist

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN – The Pike County Central High School boys' basketball team came into Thursday night's game against host Piarist School looking to run away with a win. Pike Central went into halftime with a 60-24 lead. The Knights played better in the second half, but Pike Central still claimed the victory, winning 105-70.

Senior Brad Lowe paced Pike Central with a game-high 31 points.

Josh Ousley led Piarist with 29 points. Chris Baker and Matt Doyle joined Ousley in double figures with 18 and 11 points respectively. Baker finished with 11 rebounds and 10 points, earning the game's only triple-double.

First-year Piarist head coach Greg Friend feels his team is continuing to move forward and improve.

"We have a solid team poised to disrupt the 15th Region next season and we will be a force to be reckoned with," Friend stated. "Take away the one star

from each team and you will find that we can play team ball with any this season. I admire this team. Most of the starters are forced to play every minute of the game due to the small bench depth. I am continually impressed that these men can keep up with rigors of play – especially when other teams have 10 players to sub with. These men have a never quit attitude – both on and off of the court."

Piarist managed to outscore Pike Central 28-22 in the third quarter.



Red Bird routs David, 98-30

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Red Bird outscored David in every period Saturday en route to a convincing 98-30 win over the Comets. The Cardinals went ahead and never trailed in the game, holding David to just 10 first-half points.

Sophomore Derek Davis, a player who averages 11.6 points per game last season, led the way for Red Bird in the win

over David. Davis was the game's leading scorer, finishing with 22 points. He was one of three Red Bird players in double figures. In all, 11 different Cardinals scored.

Red Bird went into halftime leading David 41-10. The Cardinals ending the game with an exclamation point, outscoring David 32-9 in the fourth period.

Blake Stumbo led David

with 14 points. Joe Tiller joined Stumbo in double figures for the Comets with 11 points.

Red Bird (9-4) – Davis 22, Jack 2, Brock 7, Berry 14, Peters 6, E. Howard 2, Fogleman 11, Hacker 9, M. Howard 6, Roberts 9, Hoskins 10.

David (0-19) – Tiller 11, Stumbo 14, Robinson 4, Hall 1.

Red Bird.....18 23 25 32—98
David.....6 4 11 9—30

Clark, UofL top Northwestern, 6-2

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – The University of Louisville men's tennis team opened the 2006 spring season with a 5-2 win over visiting Northwestern Friday at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center.

The Cardinals started the match by sweeping the doubles point as the team of Stanville native and Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Clark and teammate Jakob Gustafsson defeated Northwestern's Adam

Schaechterle and Matt Christian Tempke 8-4 at the top seed. Damar Johnson and Jhonny Berrido beat Christian Tempke and Marc Dwyer 8-6 at No. 2 while Slavko Radman and Tony Teufel completed the sweep with an 8-6 win over Willy Lock and Juan Gomez at the three spot.

In singles action, Radman beat Lock 7-6, 6-3 at No. 2. Gustafsson topped Dwyer 6-3, 6-4 at the three-seed. Clark defeated Gomez 6-4, 6-4 at No. 4 and Berrido posted a 6-0, 6-1

win over Alexey Evstratenkov at the No. 6 slot.

Northwestern picked up two singles points from Tempke, who defeated Johnson 6-1, 7-6 at the top seed; and Christian who beat Robert Rotaru 6-4, 7-5 at No. 5. The Wildcats fall to 1-1 on the season.

The Cardinals (1-0) will play host to Morehead State at 2 p.m. and Southern Illinois at 6 p.m. in a doubleheader Saturday at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center.

RANIER RACING



photos by Steve LeMaster

East Carter outlasts Johnson Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND – In the Boyd County Shootout Saturday at Boyd County High School, East Carter outscored Johnson Central 13-3 in the second quarter en route to a 38-33 win over the Lady Eagles.

Neither team featured a player in double figures in the scoring column.

Johnson Central played its best basketball in the first and final quarters, outscoring the Lady Lions in both frames. The

Lady Eagles put together a big fourth quarter rally, outscoring Boyd County 16-9 in the last quarter.

Celena Conley led Johnson Central with eight points. Chessi Griffith added seven points for the Lady Eagles.

Other teams victorious in the Boyd County Shootout included Rose Hill Christian, Clay County, Russell and host Boyd County, which defeated Greenup County 44-37.

BOYD COUNTY SHOOTOUT

EAST CARTER 38, JOHNSON CENTRAL 33

JOHNSON CENTRAL (9-7) – Griffith 7, Ritz 4, Salyers 4, Conley 8, Wireman 2, Meek 2, Salyer 2, Burton 4.

EAST CARTER (12-2) – Baldwin 4, Tackett 8, McDavid 2, Myers 8, Jones 4, Sargent 2, Deerfield 6, Buck 2, Combs 2.

Johnson Central.....10 3 4 16—33
East Carter.....8 13 8 9—38

Squirrel, swamp rabbit, raccoon hunting featured on Kentucky Afield Television

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT – Kentucky Afield television takes viewers on a smorgasbord of all-new hunting adventures Jan. 21. Join Host Tim Farmer and the rest of the "Kentucky Afield" crew for a variety of unforgettable hunts.

Rabbit hunters in Kentucky can usually just drive to the field and unload their dogs. But when the hunt is for the giant swamp rabbits of western Kentucky, it's not always that easy. In this segment, Farmer and friends take a boat to reach their hunting destination: an island in the Mississippi River in Hickman County. It's rabbit hunting like few have experienced it.

Adventures with hunting dogs continue as Farmer joins fellow employee JoAnn Mattox as they search for raccoons. In the third segment, see squirrel dogs in action as they find and tree game for the hunters.

"Kentucky Afield," a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, is the longest continuously running outdoor television show in the nation. "Kentucky Afield" airs Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time/7:30 p.m. Central time on KET affiliates. The airtime for the Sunday repeat of the show is 4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central.

"Kentucky Afield" television is a companion program to Kentucky Afield magazine. To view program schedules or to subscribe to Kentucky Afield magazine, visit fw.ky.gov on the Internet.



Family members, friends and racing fans turned out Saturday evening at the Mountain Arts Center for the dedication ceremony for the Ranier Racing Museum. Memorabilia will initially be displayed at the Prestonsburg Tourism office before being housed in a new facility. Various members of the Ranier family spoke during the dedication ceremony.

Alabama 68, Kentucky 64

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Jermareo Davidson is quickly helping Alabama adjust to life without Chuck Davis.

The junior center had 18 of his career-high 28 points in the second half to lead the Crimson Tide to a 68-64 victory Saturday over Kentucky, whose free fall continued with a third straight loss — the last two at home.

It is the first time Kentucky lost two straight in Rupp Arena since 1989. The Wildcats were blown out a week ago at Kansas in the worst loss in coach Tubby Smith's nine seasons, then lost Tuesday in Vanderbilt's only win ever at Rupp Arena. Kentucky dropped out of the Top 25 last week, snapping the nation's second-longest current streak of poll appearances.

"It's a gut-wrenching thing and it will continue to snowball if we don't get it under control," Smith said.

Davidson's play provided a major boost for Alabama (9-6,

2-1 Southeastern Conference), which will have to play the rest of the season without Davis, who tore his anterior cruciate ligament last Saturday against Mississippi. The senior forward was a candidate for national player of the year honors, and without him the Crimson Tide lost to Ole Miss before bouncing back to defeat archrival Auburn on Sunday.

"We just wanted to come out and play hard for him," Davidson said. "We realized that it can be over any day now, so we feed off him."

The victory was only the 10th by Alabama in 60 meetings with the Wildcats in Lexington. Kentucky (10-6, 0-2) hadn't lost three straight since 1999.

"I'm proud of our guys," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "I think our players just decided to rally, play hard and do everything they can to give themselves a chance to win."

Davidson dominated a late 12-0 run for the Tide, and both teams had 10-0 runs earlier. There were 12 lead changes.

Smith, concerned about Alabama's size advantage, started a bigger lineup that out-rebounded the Tide 32-21. But in the end, there was no answer for Davidson, who seemed to make every big shot and gave Alabama its lead for good with a minute left, scoring on a three-point play.

Ronald Steele had 14 points and Brandon Hollinger added 10 for the Crimson Tide.

The Wildcats had led 64-63 on consecutive 3-pointers by Ramel Bradley and Ravi Moss and a driving layup by Rajon Rondo. Bradley later missed a 3-pointer that would have tied the game and Kentucky was called for a shot-clock violation on another key possession.

"I think we're playing better, we just need to focus at the end of the game," Kentucky guard Joe Crawford said. "I don't think we're as aggressive as we are in the first half. We were attacking the basket more."

Most of the first-half offense came from Randolph Morris, who was suspended for the first

14 games of the season because of his association with a sports agency. He made his first start and led Kentucky with 19 points.

But, he was also the victim of many of Davidson's dunks and layups in the second half.

The cold shooting that has plagued Kentucky the last few games was a problem early as Alabama's inside pressure forced the Wildcats to miss 12 of their first 15 shots. But it was the unguarded ones — free throws — that kept them in the game.

Alabama got into foul trouble, including three early ones by both Evan Brock and Jean Felix, and the Wildcats went 9-for-9 from the free throw line in the first half.

Morris had five of those, and his thundering dunk midway through the half ignited the crowd and put Kentucky ahead 16-14. The dunk was part of a 10-0 run for the Wildcats, but the Crimson Tide followed shortly thereafter with a 10-0 run of its own to regain the lead early in the second half. The 12-

0 run came later. Alabama shot 54 percent — only the fourth time in 82 games that a Kentucky opponent has made more than half its shots.

UK Cheerleaders win 15th National Title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ORLANDO — The University of Kentucky cheerleading program continued its dominance at the Universal Cheer Association National Championships by winning their record 15th title, the third in a row, Sunday at Disney's Wide World of Sports.

The team earned an automatic bid to the finals of the competition by tying for first in the South Regional based on a tape submitted to the UCA last fall.

The Southeastern Conference was represented by

five teams in the 19-team finals. Tennessee finished second while Alabama took home third place. LSU came in sixth and Mississippi State was 15th.

The Wildcat finished sixth in the mascot portion of the championships.

Kentucky has cleaned up at the cheerleading competition, winning championships in 1985, 1987, 1988, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Division IA Results — 2006 UCA Championships

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4. University of Central Florida
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6. Louisiana State University
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10. University of Oklahoma
11. Pennsylvania State University
12. Ohio State University
13. Univ. of Minnesota-Minneapolis
14. Central Michigan University
15. Mississippi State University
16. Michigan State University
17. Kent State University
18. University of Illinois

No. 12 Pittsburgh 61, No. 10 Louisville 57

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Freshman reserve guard LeVance Fields scored 13 points and No. 12 Pittsburgh remained undefeated with a 61-57 victory over No. 10 Louisville on Sunday.

Aaron Gray's two free throws with 2 seconds left followed three missed 3-pointers by the Cardinals, who fell to 0-3 this season against ranked teams.

Gray finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Panthers (14-0, 3-0), one of three unbeaten teams in Division I along with top-ranked Duke (16-0) and No. 2 Florida (16-0). Pittsburgh has opened the season with 14 straight wins for the second time in three years.

Terrence Williams led the Cardinals (13-3, 1-2) with 25 points.

Despite holding Pittsburgh guard Carl Krauser to eight points on 3-of-10 shooting, the Cardinals simply couldn't

match Pittsburgh's size and depth.

The Panthers outrebounded Louisville 39-34 and had 13 second-chance points. Five Panthers scored at least eight points while the Cardinals could find little help for Williams.

Louisville guard Taquan Dean played just 12 minutes, bothered by an ankle injury he re-aggravated late in the first half.

His only field goal — an off-balance 3-pointer from 25 feet — pulled the Cardinals within 59-57 with a minute to play.

Pittsburgh's Levon Kendall missed an 18-footer as the shot clock wound down, and Louisville's Juan Palacios got open for two 3-pointers that would have given the Cardinals the lead. He missed the second badly and Krauser grabbed the rebound and was fouled.

Krauser missed both free throws, but Dean's 3-pointer from the top of the key fell off the rim, and Gray grabbed the rebound to keep the Panthers perfect.

The Cardinals had struggled in their previous two games against ranked teams, never leading in losses to Kentucky and Villanova.

But Louisville managed to grab a 26-25 halftime lead even with their leading scorer struggling. Dean didn't get off a shot in 7 minutes before apparently re-injuring his ankle and hobbling off the court with 4:20 to play in the half.

The Panthers, in their first real road test of the season, had their own problems. Krauser missed all five of his shots from the field, and he and Gray both ran into foul trouble. Pittsburgh remained in the game by dominating the glass and getting plenty of production off the bench.

Fields and Sam Young combined for 14 points in the half, and the Panthers grabbed nine offensive rebounds to offset 29 percent shooting.

Still, Louisville led by as many as eight points thanks to 6-of-6 shooting from 3-point range.

MSU men fall in overtime at UT-Martin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN, Tenn. — The Morehead State University men's basketball team lost, 71-66, in overtime at Tennessee-Martin Saturday evening in a game that saw the visiting Eagles enjoy a lead on more than once occasion.

MSU, now 1-13 overall and 0-8 in the Ohio Valley Conference got 18 points from freshman Cordaryl Ballard, matching his season and career-high. Quentin Pryor and Shaun Williams had 14 points each.

"We continue to improve

and are giving ourselves chances to win," said Eagle Coach Kyle Macy. "But, we're making too many mistakes at key times."

"With all our foul trouble tonight, we were really short on the bench at the end of the game."

Tennessee-Martin, now 7-8 overall and 4-5 in the league, got 18 points from Jaren Newson, 11 points each from Cleve Woodford and Jeremy Kelly, and 10 points from McClenon Tolliver.

MSU's Shaun Williams had a game-high 10 rebounds. Eagle Ryan Allen blocked a

game-high six shots.

The Eagles again outscored an opponent from the field, 51-to-41. But, the Skyhawks hit 30-of-42 free throws to 15-of-21 for MSU.

MSU led 32-27 at halftime. The game was tied at 59-59 at the end of regulation. UTM scored it last nine points of the overtime from the free throw line.

The Eagles return home to take on Samford at 7:45 p.m. EST on Thursday. That game is a part of an OVC doubleheader. The MSU and Samford women tip off at 5:30 p.m. EST.

Colonels win second straight

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLESTON, Ill. — The Eastern Kentucky men's basketball team led from start to finish Saturday afternoon while cruising to a 71-46 win over Eastern Illinois in Lantz Arena. With the win, the Colonels (8-8, 5-3 OVC) improve to .500 overall for the first time since late November.

All three EKU seniors posted double figures in the Colonels' fourth straight win over Eastern Illinois (3-12, 2-7). Jason McLeish led all players with 20 points, the fifth time this season he has reached the 20-point plateau. Meanwhile, Matt Witt added 19 points and Alonzo Hird came through with 10.

For the host Panthers, Jake Byrne and George Tandy were the only players to score more than four points on the afternoon. Byrne came off the bench to tally 14 points on 85.7 percent shooting (6-of-7) while Tandy netted 12 points. EIU's leading scorer, Josh Gomes (15.1 ppg), was held to just four second-half points.

Baskets by junior Michael Brock, McLeish and freshman Mike Rose quickly gave Eastern Kentucky a 7-0 lead two minutes into the opening half, and the Colonels never looked back. A tip-in by sophomore Darnell Dials then put EKU ahead by 10 points, 12-2, with 14:29 showing on the clock. The

Colonels extended their advantage to 18 at the break, 36-18, thanks to a Hird putback at the buzzer.

Two Eastern Illinois lay-ups at the start of the second half helped the Panthers cut the deficit to 14, 36-22, but EIU would get no closer the rest of the way. Three-pointers by McLeish and Witt enabled the Colonels to stretch their cushion up to 20 points a few minutes later, 48-28. Eastern Illinois' 46 points equaled a season-low given up by Eastern Kentucky in 2005-06.

Eastern Kentucky returns home to next face Jacksonville State on Thursday. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

Bears knock off OU-S

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College got some hot three-point shooting from Jarrod Adkins and overcame an absolute onslaught from Ohio Southern's Derek Withrow in a 73-68 win Saturday night.

Adkins, a 6-2 junior from Greasy, hit 5-of-9 from downtown to finish with 15 points. He also had three rebounds and two steals in the win.

But the offensive star of the night was easily Withrow, a Russell product who hit seven three-point shots and was 8-of-11 from the line en route to 39 points. He hit 12-of-23 from the floor and also had three rebounds, an assist, a blocked shot and a steal.

Luckily for the home team, Withrow's teammates weren't quite as hot. He had half his team's field goals and all but one of their three-pointers; the team was 12-of-34 without him. Senior Emanuel Tekie led the Bears with 18 points, followed by Adkins.

Junior forward Ben Valentine had the best outing of his season, scoring 14 on 6-of-9 shooting and grabbing 11 rebounds for his first career

double-double, including five off the offensive glass.

Thanks to Valentine's efforts, the Bears dominated the rebounding column, 43-22. In fact, the home team rebounded more of their own misses (17) than did the Trailblazers (13).

Pikeville (7-12) also got a big outing from junior guard Kyle Morris, who came off the bench for nine assists and three steals. The Bears assisted on 21 of their 29 field goals in the game.

Withrow was followed by

freshman Zach Harrison, who came off the bench for 12 markers and tied for team honors with four rebounds as well. Junior T.R.

Hannan handed out six assists, and sophomore Zach Mullins filled the stat sheet with six points, four rebounds, three assists and four steals.

The win was Pikeville's second in five games under the guidance of interim Coach Dale Brown, who took over during the Christmas break.



Jarrod Adkins

Morehead women pull away, win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN, Tenn. — Sophomore Megan Gearhart scored a season high 20 points, and the Morehead State Lady Eagle basketball team held host UT Martin to just one field goal in the final 9:32 of the first half, en route to a 58-48 Ohio Valley Conference road win at the Elam Center Saturday.

Gearhart hit five three-pointers in the win, giving her 103 for her career, while the Lady Eagles' defense limited UTM to just 33 percent shooting in improving to 10-4 and 5-2 in the league. The win, coupled with Samford's home loss to Tennessee Tech, moved the Lady Eagles into third place in the league — just a half-game behind

Samford. The Skyhawks fell to 5-9 and 3-4 in the conference.

Morehead State, which had shot just 30 percent combined in the last two games, came out of the slump and shot 44 percent (21-of-48), including seven treys. MSU also had junior LaKrisha Brown in double figures with 12 points. Andreika Jackson led the Skyhawks with 18 points, while Deina Willingham posted a game high 12 rebounds. The Lady Eagles out-rebounded the hosts 35-33.

Morehead State came out cold, and the Skyhawks took advantage, racing out to a 12-2 lead in the first 3:42. But, the Lady Eagles rebounded with a 26-7 run, eventually taking their first lead (21-19) on a Brittany Bass shot at the 7:50 mark.

UTM had led 19-14 with 9:32 left in the first half, but MSU only allowed one three-pointer and two free throws the rest of the way in the first 20 minutes. MSU led 32-24 at the break.

In the final half, MSU built as much as a 14-point lead (51-37) with 9:16 left, and the Skyhawks' smallest deficit was the final 10-point margin.

The Lady Eagles were led in assists by junior Jessie Plante with four, while Bass chipped in with six points off the bench. MSU also got six points and five rebounds from Holly Williams and seven boards by Patti White.

MSU returns home on Thursday for a battle with Samford. Tipoff in Johnson Arena is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

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POISON OAK

Home Cookin'

I don't claim to be an expert on anything. (Hold the amen, please.) But if there's one thing at which I consider myself "pretty good at," it's food. They say experience is the best teacher, and eating is one thing I'm experienced in doing.

As a matter of fact, I've been doing it so long, I can remember when folks used to have to carry their lunches from home when they planned a long-distance car trip. Remember, 40 or 50 miles could take half a day—or better. Remember also, when picnic tables were set up in shady areas along the highway?

Anyway, packing a lunch of fried chicken and potato salad was as much a part of planning for the trip as was putting gas in the car and checking the tires, especially the spare.

Families could pull over whenever they got hungry and eat what had been smelling so good since they left home. Sometimes, especially if there were young children in the car, a family might drive up to 10 or 12 miles before the driver would be forced to give in, find a table, and have a nice lunch...three hours before noon. I defy anyone to drive much farther than that with the aroma of fried chicken coming from the back seat.

It hasn't been that long ago when the best hamburger in Paintsville came from Raymond Brugh's pool room, but if you wanted a plate lunch, you had to go to one of the two or three sit-down-and-eat restaurants in town, maybe Tommie's or Tive and Edna's.

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KIM'S KORNER

Don't judge book by its cover

by: Kim Little Frasure

What valuable lessons learned from David Sutherland's documentary "Country Boys"!

The conversations and opinions that have emerged from the six-hour vision into the lives of Cody Perkins and Chris Johnson are phenomenal.

Those who voiced this film as yet "another depiction of an Eastern Kentucky hillbilly bashing" seen nationwide to cast yet another cloud over "backwoods holler folk" who would rather live off the government than strike a hand at earning a living, in my opinion, have missed the entire concept.

Yes, the film included the fact a choice was made to live life in total denial through a bottle of alcohol ignoring responsibility and also losing that life as a result. But, it was not this individual this film was about but his child that had



Kim Little Frasure

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Local attorney dances way out of courtroom and into world championship

McGuire brings back world title from Sweden

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

One can't help but wonder, upon meeting Prestonsburg attorney Earl M. "Mickey" McGuire, what it was that lead this practitioner of law to waltz his way out of the courtroom and into the arena of competitive dance. According to the newest world champion of country dance competition, McGuire says that it all started with a simple radio ad, an open evening, and a desire to engage in what might turn out to be a "fun" activity.

"It was in about 1992, I was driving between Pikeville and Prestonsburg, when I heard a radio announcement that free dance lessons were being given that evening at the old Center Stage Night Club. I thought, 'that might be fun,' and decided to stop in...well, as it turned out, the lessons were going to be taught in about the next 20 minutes, so I stayed, and afterwards, I guess you could say that I was hooked," he said.

McGuire shares that although he had found the evening to be fun, it wasn't without its challenges and he told dance instructors J.J. and Charlene Johnson, of Martin, that night that he "would never be able to do it." "I just thought that I'd never be able to keep up," he said.

Spurred onward by words of encouragement, McGuire says that he began taking lessons from Nadina DeLong and Terry Preece, of Paintsville. "That's where I took my first two-step class," he said. Grinning broadly, McGuire said, "You just would not believe how many times during those first practices that I almost gave up."

Once bitten, however, McGuire continued on, and with the pattern "quick-quick, slow-slow" now running smoothly in his head, he entered his first dance contest in 1994. "We came in dead last that first time," he said. Last in two-step, but seventh in swing, meaning that McGuire and then partner, Stephanie Barnett, had beat three other couples to get that seventh place spot. "It was enough to keep me encouraged," he said. "Stephanie wanted to quit, but I wanted to go on."

Eventually, McGuire found himself desirous enough of seeing just how far he could go, that he enrolled in dance lessons in Charleston, West Virginia. Now, under the tutelage of competitive coaches Lorinda and Rick Nease, the dancing attorney found himself making weekly drives to Charleston and back each Monday evening for instruction.

By October, 1998, McGuire found himself entered, along with Lorinda, in his first pro-am ballroom dance competition, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. "In pro-am, it is only the amateur who is being judged," he informed. "So the judges were looking only at me, not Lorinda."

Along the way to his recent world championship title, McGuire has found himself dancing not only around this country, in country music havens such as Branson, Missouri and Nashville, Tennessee, but in hot spots like Las Vegas, Nevada, and a few "calmer" areas, as well, like Chicago, Illinois and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mickey's pursuit for excellence has also landed him in the international arena; most recently, the world dancing competition in Stockholm, Sweden, where he and current dance partner Jessica Bryant, of Louisville, were just named the 2005 World Crystal Champions on January 5, 2006, by the United Country Western Dance Counsel (UCWDC). An impressive feat for any couple, but even moreso for McGuire and Jessica, who have only been dancing together since May, 2005. (In a brief aside, McGuire shares that choosing a dancing partner is an

intangible process: "It's not about body types or even personalities, so much...it's just that you 'click' together," he said. "It's in the hand, really, just something you feel in the hand..." he shared as his words seemed to drift away into dreamlike thought.)

In this most recent competition, McGuire informs that he and his partner entered two separate divisions; one, a Novice Division for persons over the age of 30, and the other an Open Division, with no age restrictions. "In the first division, we did five dances and the seven judges gave us first place in four dances and second place in one (qualifying the couple for the world championship)...in open division, we were the world's third place overall, placing second in waltz, night club, and cha-cha."

The UCWDC conducts qualifying contests all across the United States and in thirteen countries.

In winning the North American National contest in Las Vegas, qualifying them to compete in the world championship in Stockholm, McGuire and Bryant found themselves dancing the waltz, two-

step, cha cha, swing, and night club dances, competing against talented couples from Italy, Belgium, France, Germany and England.

"Honestly, we were so in awe of the level of competition and skill of our competitors, that we never, I mean, not even once, considered that we would ever walk away with the world title," McGuire said. "At most, we thought maybe we would place fourth or fifth, but never first."

As a matter of fact, McGuire said that he was so convinced that he and his partner were going to leave Sweden with nothing more than "a ribbon or something," that he opted to forego the awards ceremony in favor of sightseeing with his two college-aged children, Adam and Audrey, who had accompanied him on the trip.

"I guess that was kind of awful," he said. "They arranged the awards ceremony Olympic-style, with the third, second and first place winners standing on those little podium things, you know, and Jessica had to go up there and stand all by herself," he said with a hearty laugh. "But, you know, I never once thought we were going to win or I'd have been there."

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McGuire and dancing partner, Jessica Bryant, competing in the world UCWDC dance competition in Stockholm, Sweden earlier this month. Bryant is an accomplished ballroom dancer who has been dancing since the age of three; McGuire, however, began his dancing career a bit later in life.

CRITTER CORNER

More than you ever wanted to know...about fleas Part I

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Thanks to Vickie K. Slone for this week's question, whispered over a pew on Sunday morning. It's more than I can answer between the responsive reading and the Doxology, and without a couple of reference books, so here's the unabridged version.

Where do fleas go in the winter? Unfortunately for our pets and for us, the answer is, not far. It is a common misconception that fleas are strictly a warm-weather parasite.

First, a quick review of the flea life cycle. We are all familiar with the adult flea—those elusive little hard shelled brown bugs that can somehow disappear in the hair of even the shortest coats. The bad news is that the adults are just the tip of the iceberg. Fleas undergo four stages of development—egg, larva, pupa and adult. At any one time, only 5% of total flea population is in the adult form. In practical terms, this means that for every five adult fleas that you see, there are 95 immature fleas



This is "Chino." Chino's owners share that Chino came to them "as a stray" but is now "very much loved." Also, according to owners James D. and Tamra Arnett, of Fredville, Chino "runs the household!"

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School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character Words for January: Integrity and Responsibility

■ Jan. 24 - "Magic Me," weather permitting.

■ Students interested in taking a "Beginner Sewing Class," please stop by the FRC to sign up.

■ Jan. 23 - Public forum hosted by Floyd County Board of Education, 5 p.m., at May Valley Elementary. Topic: Health and Wellness. Forum open to all.

■ 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

Turn in your Food City receipts to your homeroom teacher!

■ Jan. 23 - Basketball Homecoming

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

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

Duff Elementary

**School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office.

■ 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

■ 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

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

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

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ 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 addi-

tional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

Prestonsburg High School

■ Feb. 7 - April Graham, KHEAA Outreach Coordinator, will be in the PHS Media Center, at 6 p.m., to conduct a workshop on the topic of financial aid (FAFSA completion) and accessing KEES funds. Other relevant topics will be discussed as well. Refreshments provided. Call Ms. DeRossett, PHS Guidance Counselor, for more info.

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.

■ School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

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

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during spe-

cial 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

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

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

■ Monday's, 6 p.m. - School

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YESTERDAYS

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60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

January 17, and 19, 1996

Law enforcement officials in Tennessee are investigating the deaths of a former Prestonsburg resident, her husband and her son, who died in a fire that swept through their Tennessee home, Saturday. Wanda Lee Collins Messer, daughter of Otis Lee (Buddy) and Olive Fern Hatfield Collins of Prestonsburg, her husband, James, and son, Jammie, died early Saturday morning, at their combined residence and business in Speedwell, Tennessee...Harvey Lee Isaac, 22, of Homer, Michigan, claiming to be Jesse James, was arrested at Melvin, Sunday, after he allegedly kidnapped a Michigan woman, Saturday, and forced her to drive him to Kentucky, and placed under a \$50,000 cash bond, Tuesday...A Floyd County deputy sheriff who was sued by a black Tram man for alleged civil rights violations, filed a counter suit, Tuesday, claiming he was slandered by being named in the lawsuit. Deputy Ricky Newsome is seeking \$1 million in punitive damages from Curtis Gardner, who Newsome claims harmed his personal and professional reputation...An Allen firefighter, Billy Elkins, was overcome with smoke inhalation, Saturday, as he fought to save the Alpique Motel, near Allen...Preliminary autopsy results show that Travis Dwayne Hamilton, 25, died Saturday, of smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning in a house fire at his home at Tinker Fork at Mud Creek...Denise Wallen, 26, of Martin, was killed, and her husband, Anthony Wallen, and daughter, four-year-old Cheyenne, were severely injured in an accident on U.S. 23 Thursday morning. John Balentine, Floyd County's new superintendent wasted no time adjusting to the weather, announcing Tuesday, that a hiring, spending and travel freeze is on in the school system, because of the dire financial condition of the district...Pete Lemaster, of Ivel, expressed his concern, Wednesday, about the construction of a waste water treatment plant on an industrial site, located in Ivel. A waste water treatment plant will be built on the site, as well as to handle the treatment of sewage from the plant...The cost of purchasing equipment, and construction changes to accommodate that equipment, could use up most of a contingency fund set aside by the Mountain Arts Center for construction of the building. But

fundraising for the project has yet to be completed, so additional monies could be forthcoming...Curtis Gardner, 48, of Tram, who filed a civil rights lawsuit against three Floyd County deputies was arrested, Wednesday, by the Kentucky State Police on drug charges. Gardner pleaded not guilty to the charges...State Highway Department crews were on the scene, Thursday afternoon, clearing a rockfall on KY 80 near Maytown. Debris covered the east bound lanes of KY 80, and the road was closed for a short time. Highway worker Perry Jones said that crews are expecting more rock slides with the changing weather conditions...There died: James and Wanda Lee Collins Messer, and son, Jammie Messer, residents of Speedwell, Tennessee, in a house fire January 13; John C. Huff, 95, of Drift, Tuesday, January 16, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Wendell Lawson, 68, of Harold, Friday, January 12, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Minnie Arnett Hackworth, 82, of David, Thursday, January 11, at her residence; Hugh Douglas Rowland Jr., 59, of Langley, Sunday, January 14, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; John Henry Baldrige, 79, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, January 14, at his residence; Travis Dwayne Hamilton, 25, of Teaberry, Saturday, January 13, at his residence; Dixie Adams Neeley Webb, 83, of Prestonsburg, Monday, January 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Denver Ray Hunter, 41, of Buckholts, Texas, formerly of Estill, Friday, January 12, in Texas; Ezzel Eugene Hicks, 65, of Lexington, January 8; Billie Jean Bailey Martin, 63, of Garrett, Sunday, January 14, at her residence; Shirley M. Reynolds, 69, of Teaberry, Saturday, January 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Maxie Howell, 63, of McDowell, Sunday, January 14, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Golda Pearl Akers, 80, of Jackson, Ohio, formerly of Dana, Saturday, January 13, at Straud Hospital in Troy, Ohio; Dorothy Griffin Whitt, 65, of Stephenville, Texas, Monday, January 15, at Harris Methodist Hospital, in Stephenville, Texas; Dingus Johnson, 74, of Wheelwright, Tuesday, January 16, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Willie Golden Frasure, 85, Prestonsburg, Wednesday, January 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Hollie Collins, 72, of Garrett, Tuesday, January 16, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Ruth T. Smith, 71, of Weeksbury, Monday, January 15, at

Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Ruby W. Scott, 73, of Garrett, Wednesday, January 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Arietta Hall, 70, of Grethel, Wednesday, January 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

January 22, 1986

Floyd County gets surprise windfall in more than \$1 million in gas taxes...The City of Prestonsburg will try for flood-wall funds for West Prestonsburg...Counterfeit money shows up in Prestonsburg...Eukie Prater Merritt, 63, of Bonanza, Saturday; Amie Setser Simpson, 93, of Little Paint, last Thursday; Juanita Clifton, 61, of Dwale, January 14; Roxie Cavins Clay, 72, of Auxier, January 17; Harry E. Hager, 66, of Auxier, Sunday; Charley Adkins, 71, of Stanville, January 16; Jeff Burkett, 71, of Allen, Saturday; Tilda Kiser, 90, of Teaberry, January 8; Sylvia Rose, 68, of Garrett, Tuesday.

Thirty Years Ago

January 21, 1976

A fire which broke out in a cell, Sunday evening, forced the evaluation of prisoners from the Floyd County Jail...The City of Prestonsburg has begun hauling its solid waste to the new county landfill on the Left Fork of Middle Creek, after pressure from the state health department forced the recent closing of the city's only dump on the old Middle Creek road (KY 114)...There died: Homer Wright, 26, January 13, at his home at Drift...Mrs. Channie Frazier Ricker, 24, of Hi Hat, last Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Alex Boyd Jr., 85, January 13, at his home at Dana; Mildred Pennington, 69, of Water Gap, January 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Mary E. (Dollie) Johnson, 85, of Melvin, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Forty Years Ago

January 29, 1966

Clearing right-of-way for the chairlift to be installed at Jenny Wiley State Park by the Mountain Parkway Chairlift

Corporation was begun, Tuesday, by Harris Brothers Construction Company...A walkout by Floyd teachers, along with other Kentucky teachers, in protest of low salaries, is scheduled for February 3...There died: Mrs. Loraine Akers, 46, of Bonanza, Jan. 17, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Paris Martin, 48, formerly of Galveston, January 15, at Columbus, O.; John Compton, 93, of Hite, Saturday, at the Paintsville Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

January 19, 1956

The official move toward merger of the Prestonsburg independent school district with the county school system, effective July 1, this year, was made by the Prestonsburg Board of Education, in one of its most momentous sessions, Monday evening...The first animal to die from rabies in this county, since the incidence of rabid foxes began to climb, was a cow belonging to Scott Frasure of Abbott Creek...There died: Morgan Helton, 90, of West Prestonsburg, recently in Huntington, West Virginia; Mrs. Martha Jones, 95, of Teaberry, Wednesday, at the home of Georgie Tackett; H.H. Morris, 63, of Allen, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Perry Ousley, 52, of Risner, Monday, on the David hill; Mrs. Mishie C. Blackburn, 76, Friday at the home of a son at Emma; Lee Spradlin, 57, of the Abbott Road, Tuesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; William J. Conley, 82, Jan. 3, at his home at Martin; Mrs. Watie Adkins Owens, 85, Jan. 5, at her home at Banner.

Sixty Years Ago

January 17, 1946

Prestonsburg's already-critical housing situation was intensified, this week, by the announcement that between 40 and 50 residences will be needed for families of U.S. engineer corps members, and of key men needed by the contractor who offers the successful bid on construction of the Johns Creek dam...Seven-year-old Wilbur L. Moore died Wednesday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, of third-degree burns suffered in the explosion of a "country" coal mine, which also critically burned

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Korner

to endure the ramifications of said choice. To say Randall Johnson (the father of Chris) was the "true depiction" in this documentary of what an Eastern Kentuckian really is - is one of the most ridiculous and most outrageous statements I have ever heard.

We all know we are Southern and since the Civil War we've been ridiculed and considered the "poor South," but that attitude is fading and we can be our own worst enemies for vocalizing our paranoia when we make such statements on nationwide television that education is not important or that our children of Eastern KY aren't taught what they can actually use to make a living here, which is how to "farm the land."

Granted, growing our own crops has diminished over the years and the tobacco farmers could be the first to relate to that statement. However, in this opinion, the art of farming the land has taken a turn from growing items to feed the family or take to market to growing marijuana, which would be another story of its own.

To miss the fact Cody Perkins is one of the most outstanding young men to represent our region just baffles me.

To miss the fact with all odds stacked against him that Chris Johnson could have never gone back to school, completing his GED, or having an ounce of compassion, boggles my mind. We witnessed that the only encouragement, compassion

and hugs he received came through his educators and a childhood friend who couldn't read nor write yet, has more heart and encouragement within him than anyone else in Chris Johnson's life did. Still, Chris managed to muster the strength, along with the compassion, to finish and accomplish his GED.

Cody just amazed me! I am so proud of him and his faith, and love of God and what a witness he is!

In the film, Cody continuously says all he wants to do in life is "do more for God." A child that was dealt a life of more heartache and sorrow than one person could ever imagine. To lose both parents by having them take their lives - to deal, Cody turned to God and his love

of heavy metal music and chose to share HIM to any and everyone that wanted to listen. And even better, Cody has been blessed to share God nationwide and what a message he's sent!

Oh, if only there was a nickel for every time we have heard the statement, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Cody Perkins is the definition of such a statement if ever there were one.

With long black hair, painted nails, and let's not forget that heavy metal music, piercings and tattoos, Cody Perkins did what many Christians only dream of and that's to let God's light shine through to millions.

For me, Cody's dream to do something really meaningful and really good for God was accomplished in this documentary. Cody is the example for Christians and those who are not that it's not what's on the outside that makes us who we are but what's in our hearts and how we choose to live. Cody chose, at a very young age, to not wallow in self-pity over losing not only his mother but step-mother and father. He chose God as his Father and with the love, guidance and protection offered from one remarkable woman, Liz McGuire, Cody Perkins has soared against the odds.

The David School was finally put on the map by these two young men and it's been our county's best kept secret, by far, if you ask me. Not only is it a beautiful facility but the faculty is definitely absolutely wonder-

ful the way they reach out to the youth that our otherwise public learning institutions can't.

This piece of "Reality TV" beat the socks off all the others if you ask me, such as Fear Factor, Trading Spouses, and Nanny 911. Country Boys had it all - Education, Encouragement, Entertainment, Compassion, Fear, Loss, Love, Strength, Faith and, most importantly, God!

"Til Next Week

No matter how tough life gets, if you can see the shore [of heaven] and draw your strength from Christ, you'll make it.

-Randy Alcorn

May God Bless All....

School

and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.

Wednesday's and Thursday's, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GED classes, in the Weeksbury Community Center. Classes are FREE.

Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two weeks become the property of the resource center.

If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

Wesley Christian School

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

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

Adult Education & GED Schedule

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Allen Elem. FRC, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Cliffsides

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David

Craft Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC (Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffsides NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Dance

But win they did and as the two Kentuckians boarded the 19-hour return flight home, McGuire paused to reflect on the years spent traveling the road to world recognition. "I have been fortunate enough to achieve the highest acknowledgment and success," he said. He credits each of his dance instructors, J.J. and Charlene

Johnson, Nadina DeLong and Terry Preece, Lorinda and Rick Nease, Andy and Nikki Blakemore of Winchester, Linda Jackson and Charles Jones of Ballroom East in Louisville, and country coach, Kevin Johnson of Nashville, along with Don Fields of Pro-Fitness who instructed him in fitness exercises, and Jillian

Brown-Vickery whose yoga classes helped stretch and strengthen his muscles.

"It's been a great year and a great time, and now I'm back in Prestonsburg practicing law and getting back into the standard routine of waltzing into a courtroom, leading a witness and being quick on my feet - just gotta dance," he grins.

Oak

Now, the yellow pages of our local phone book lists nearly 200 restaurants, mostly of the fast-food persuasion. And they're not just in town. They're all over the county.

But when I was a youngster growing up in Muddy Branch, it certainly wasn't like that. As a matter of fact, when I left home and went off to college, good eating places were a rarity in Richmond, Kentucky, too, and I always made it a point to look for a restaurant that featured a sign in the window that read "Home Cooking." I was, no doubt, striving (most of the time in vain) to find one, somewhere, that knew exactly how Mom fried her chicken. Don't say anything about it, but I think she used lard. Today, kids snub their noses at what their moms fix (when they fix) and complain because hers isn't as good as what they can buy in the plaza.

To be fair, though, one thing

all these different eateries provide that my Mom didn't, is variety. For example, I love pizza, but I was in college before I ever tasted it. I am, however, trying to acquire a taste for some of this Tex-Mex stuff that Dubya seems to love so much, and I'm really getting into Chinese.

But what it all boils down to is that in today's world of two-family incomes, day care centers and those types of things over which no one has control, good home cooking is quickly becoming a thing of the past, and eating out—on the run—is in.

I suspect, though, that try as they may, fast-food restaurants will continue to fall short when it comes to duplicating that special flavor of Mom's soup beans, her thick pone of yellow cornbread and her fried potatoes.

I'm afraid too, that today's

generation of young people are really missing something by not experiencing the taste of a delicious mustard sandwich (the recipe of which is not complicated, use a butter knife to cover a slice of light bread with mustard. Then cover that with another slice of bread); or covering a piece of light bread with a scoop of freshly-churned cow butter mixed with a gob of Mom's homemade blackberry jelly.

If a person wanted to take the time to do so, the changes in our Appalachian culture over the past 50 years could likely be traced quite accurately by denoting our changing eating habits. There's little doubt that frying everything in hog lard was not good for us, but when we compare that with today's cholesterol city double burgers and fries that generations of kids consume by the millions, we had to be a bit better off 50 years ago.

Critter

lurking somewhere in the immediate environment.

An adult female mates only once, but she can lay several hundred eggs over her lifetime. She lays her eggs in batches of 4 to 8 eggs at a time (like a hen lays a clutch of eggs). The female flea must take a blood meal before each batch in order for the eggs to be fertile. The flea may lay the eggs directly on the pet or somewhere in the pet's environment. It doesn't matter, because the eggs are not directly attached to anything, so they fall off the pet as it walks.

The flea eggs generally hatch in a week or less, and the larvae begin to eat. They survive partly on organic debris in the environment, but mostly on "flea dirt," the digested remains of the adults' blood meals. Flea poop, in other words. If you thought the little creatures were disgusting before...

You may see flea dirt directly on your pet, or in its bedding. A sure-fire way to identify this substance is to drop some water on it and watch the water turn red. More than one hysterical owner has called their vet because their pet mysteriously started "bleeding" while being given a bath!

Anyway, the larva avoid the light like the little vampires they are, and burrow deep into the soil or your carpet fibers to begin the pupa stage. They grow into adults inside a sort of cocoon over the next couple of weeks. When they emerge as adults, they will be hungry. What if this is the precise time

you decide to go on vacation, and Fluffy & Fido go to the vet's to board. Hah! Those little bloodsuckers are in trouble now, right? Wrong.

In one of the sneakiest strategies in the world of bugs, the newly formed adults, still in their cocoons, realize somehow that there is no life around to supply a blood meal. They lie in wait, in a sort of suspended animation, for up to six months, awaiting the vibrations of a person or animal that will let them know food is at hand.

It's a common scenario: the family has returned from holiday, and picked up Fido & Fluffy on the way home. Suddenly everyone is infested with fleas! The vet's office gets an irate phone call about the fleas that the pets obviously picked up there. Nobody believes us when we try to explain what happened, because, again, truth is stranger than anything we could have made up.

Once a flea has reached adulthood and found a suitable host, it may well spend its entire adult life on that host, unless it is forced off by grooming or insecticides.

Now back to our original question, what happens to the flea population in the winter months? If the fleas are outside in a natural environment, it depends a lot on temperature, humidity, and where the fleas have found to take shelter. They like warm, moist areas away from direct sunlight. Underneath buildings, inside a

doghouse, or burrowed into moist soil in a sheltered area under vegetation, they may very well survive the winter.

The survival rate of an outdoor flea population depends on several factors, the most critical being temperature and relative humidity. Flea eggs are killed when they are exposed to temperatures below 46°F for ten days, or less than 37°F for five days. Obviously, a cold winter, with prolonged stretches of very low temperatures will result in fewer fleas in the spring. (Hmm...so the spring flea population is inversely proportional to the winter gas bill...but I digress.)

Humidity is also important to a flea's survival. A relative humidity of less than 50% will decrease the overall egg hatch by 20 to 60%. Larvae die if the humidity is less than 45%. We often see a lull in flea activity in midsummer when the high temperatures have caused eggs and larvae to dry up and die. Conversely, activity is at its height in the fall when temperatures outdoors are moderate and neither heat nor air conditioning is turned on indoors. (Air conditioning and heat both decrease relative humidity.)

Armed with all these facts and statistics—suitable for passing the veterinary state boards or answering an obscure question in Trivial Pursuit®—I will leave you hanging while you await next week's installment of the life and times of everyone's favorite parasite.

Yesterdays

his father, Monroe Moore, of McDowell...Jesse Justice, 29, of Wheelwright, was instantly killed, and Fred Little, 26, also of Wheelwright, was fatally injured, Sunday night, when the automobile in which they were driving across Abner mountain, en route home, overturned and rolled 200 feet down the mountainside...There died: Myrtle Hall Stephens, 55, of Allen, Wednesday morning, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Henry Hall, 84, Jan. 8, at his home at Beyinsville; Jesse Price Small, 78, Sunday, at his home at Harold; Mrs. Linda Young Daniel, 69, Sunday, in the Gearheart Hospital. Thursday of

Seventy Years Ago
January 17, 1936

Chief of Police S. J. Murphy, of Weeksbury, was shot and fatally wounded, Saturday night, at the Weeksbury jail...Ben Whitaker, Wayland chief of police, who Tuesday, last week, was shot on the first day of his term, was reported, this week, at the Paintsville Hospital to be recovering...There died: William Green (Bill) Burchett, 27, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Victoria Henderson, 22, of Lyon, Friday, at the

Engagements



Halbert-Jenkins

Greg and Belinda Halbert, of Langley, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Greta Michelle Halbert, to Thomas Mayo Jenkins, the son of Steve and Mary Jenkins, of Martin. Greta is a graduate of Allen Central High School and Eastern Kentucky University. She is currently employed by McDowell ARH as an occupational therapist. Thomas, also a graduate of Allen Central High School, is currently attending Big Sandy Community and Technical College. He is employed by Excel Mining. The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, March 11, 2006, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, at Graceway United Methodist Church, at Langley.

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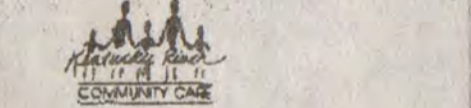
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11	18.70	33.66	44.88	52.36	56.10	56.10
12	20.40	36.72	48.96	57.12	61.20	61.20
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FOR RENT 3 BR 874-2818.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C. A. NO. 05-CI-00060 BILLY MULLINS AND MARY MULLINS, HIS WIFE, PETITIONERS VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE RUBY MILLER ADAMS, ET AL., RESPONDENTS

BY VIRTUE of Judge-ment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled partition action, which ordered the partition by sale of the herein-below described property, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 19th day of January, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

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Martha Mullins by deed dated November 12, 1971, and recorded in Deed Book 206, Page 540, Floyd County Clerk's Office, and bounded and described as follows:

No. 1: The boundaries of said tract or parcel of land being at Beaver Creek opposite the mouth of a drain of line of Elkhorn Coal Corporation, thence up the creek to a culvert, or near same, under C&O Railroad, thence turning to the left, and up the drain to top of point with C. C. Jackson's line, thence reversing and back down with Elkhorn Coal Corporation line to the beginning. No. 2 Beginning at a steel post on the line of the C&O Railway Co.; thence up the creek with the said line a distance of 10 ft.; thence straight line 50 ft. south east to a corner; thence a straight line 180 ft. north east to a steel stake at a corner; thence a straight line 50 ft. north west to a place of beginning.

PARCEL NO. II Tract No. 2 being the same property conveyed to Melvin Mullins by deed dated December 18, 1972, and recorded in Deed Book 211, Page 238, Floyd County Clerk's Office, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on east side of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company Right-of-Way on line of Tract BC-903; S48-30'E 1660 feet to a stake on center of point; down point S77-

35'W 259 feet; N71-55'W 213 feet; N76-55'W 157 feet; N71-15'W 95 feet; N69-10'W 59 feet; N57-55'W 121 feet; N53-00'W 162 feet; N63-00'W 169 feet; N56-35'W 225 feet; N36-55'W 190 feet; N25-55'W 140 feet to two buckeys and two dogwoods in drain; N75-30'W 65 feet to a stake on Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company Right-of-Way; northeasterly along Right-of-Way approximately 490 feet to the beginning and containing 15.68 acres.

EXCLUSIONS FROM SALE

There shall be excluded and excluded from this Order of Sale the following described properties as contained in the prior deeds and out conveyances set forth below, which are not herein conveyed. 1. Deed Book 235, Page 496, dated October 31, 1978, to Sheila Ann Mullins (now Johnson); 2. Deed Book 282, Page 99, dated February 7, 1984, to Sheila Ann Mullins (now Johnson), this is a deed of correction for 1 acre; 3. Deed Book 281, Page 596, to Sheila Ann Mullins (now

Johnson); 4. Deed Book 464, Page 235, dated September 26, 2001, from Martha Mullins, widow, to Daisey Mae Tackett, together with the access granted therein being a right of way 12' wide across the property described at Deed Book 206, Page 540 for ingress and egress in favor of Daisey Mae Tackett, her heirs and assigns; 5. Deed Book 266, Page 206, deed dated April 14, 1982, to Billy Mullins and Mary Mullins, his wife, for 3 acres, more or less.

There is further excluded from the Order of Sale, and not thereby conveyed the Mullins Family Cemetery which shall be laid off in a square of 50'x50' using the tombstone of Martha Mullins as the center point for such measurements, including a right of way and easement excepted over and across the property described hereinabove to the cemetery for free and unfettered and unobstructive access to and from the cemetery together with sufficient width on either side of such right of way for proper maintenance and drainage of the

same. As near as possible this right of way shall run along the existing road, together with sufficient width on each side for proper maintenance of the roadway and drainage therefore. The property is sold subject to easements and restrictions of record.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) The property consists of two parcels. The two parcels shall first be offered for sale separately. Thence immediately thereafter both parcels shall be offered for sale together. The

method of sale which produces the largest amount of proceeds shall be accepted by the Commissioner. (b) The successful bidders shall either pay cash or at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price on the date of sale, with the balance on credit in thirty (30) days, and be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property with interest thereon at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid and said bond shall have the force and

effect of a judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (d) The purchaser(s) shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the year of 2005, and all subsequent years thereafter. Any and all delinquent

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real property taxes due for the years prior to 2005 will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the successful purchaser(s) of the above described property is one of the parties to this action then said purchaser(s) shall be given credit for his or her interest in said real property and no bond shall be required of the purchaser(s), and said purchaser(s) shall only be obligated to pay court cost, the fees and cost of the Special Master Commissioner, any delinquent real estate taxes assessed against the real estate and the amount needed to pay the interest of the other parties to this action.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matters contained herein. Dated this the 20th day of December, 2005.

Gregory A. Isaac
Special Master
Commissioner
Floyd Circuit Court

**CLERK'S
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OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on the ___ day of December, 2005, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Notice of Commissioner's Sale was mailed postage prepaid to the following:

- Hon. William S. Kendrick
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
- Hon. Chad Perry
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 900
Paintsville, KY 41240

Floyd Circuit Court
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**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE
PURSUANT TO
APPLICATION
NO. 864-0165,
RENEWAL NO. 1**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Argus Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation of approximately 92.32 surface acres, and underlies 52.59 auger acres, located 3.0 miles southwest of Clifford, in Lawrence County. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The proposed operation is approximately 2.00 miles southwest from Route 3's junction with Big Laurel Creek Road, and located 2.00 miles west of Rockcastle Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Milo U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Judith A. Young, Lafe Hinkle, Harvey Mollet, and I. Michael & Meral T. Williams.

The operation will underlie lands owned by Judith A. Young, Lafe Hinkle, Harvey Mollet, and I. Michael & Meral T. Williams. 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, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE
PURSUANT TO
APPLICATION
NO. 836-5463**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.25 mile northwest of Burton in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 9.20 surface acres, and will underlie 480.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 489.20 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.65 mile northwest of KY Route 1498's junction with KY Route 122, and located 0.25 mile west of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The proposed operation is located on

the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elkhorn Coal Co., LLC, Ruth Huff, Laverne Reedy Stone Estates, Ballard Jr. Little, Ricky & Angela Waddles, Ernest & Mary Lou Croot, Johnnie & Lula Jones Estate, Frank & Laura Johnson Estate, Edward Hall, Kenneth & Gabriella Hall, Rose Osborne Estate, David Lee Jones, Rex L. Wilson, Virginia Lee Johnson Blevins, Enis Mullins Estate, Charlie Rollins, Bobby Hall, Kathy Stanley. The opera-

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Big Sandy Area Development District is receiving bid proposals for providing Title III B, C1, and C2 Services to the elderly in the Big Sandy Area Development District for fiscal year 2007 through 2008, covering the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008. Title III B is Supportive Services, Title III C1 is Congregate Meals Services, and Title III C2 is Home Delivered Meals Services. Proposals are being solicited and accepted for FY07 contracts. Contracts will be awarded for one-year duration. The awarding of contracts for FY07 will be based upon the merit of the proposals submitted, previous program performance and/or experience, and the availability of funds. Bid proposal packets may be picked up at Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All bid proposals (Original and a digital copy) must be received at the Big Sandy Area Development District office by 4:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, February 8, 2006. Please direct all questions and correspondence as well as the original and digital copy of the proposal to: Liz Hamilton, Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone: 606-886-2374 or 1-800-737-2723. -An Equal Opportunity Agency-

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