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briefs

Johnson dad charged with shooting son

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

STAFFORDSVILLE — A domestic dispute led to violence Sunday, when the Johnson County sheriff's department responded to a call found that a father had shot his son.

Sgt. Tom Wyatt and Sheriff Bill Witten responded to the call around 6:20 p.m. Sunday at the Cross Creek subdivision in Staffordsville and found Ricky J. Hale, 22, wounded with a gunshot wound to his thigh. They discovered his father, Ricky A. Hale, 47, in the kitchen.

The senior Hale told the officers that there had been an argument between the pair and that he shot his son to protect himself from younger Hale's physical advancements, which put the father in fear for his life.

Hale Jr. was taken to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center for treatment, while the elder Hale was lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center under a \$50,000 cash bond after having been charged with first-degree assault.

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

Jailer candidate off ballot for now

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A temporary injunction was issued against James "Big Jim" Isaacs, of Banner, on Monday that will keep him off the ballot for the jailer's race unless he files a response within seven days.

Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb was

in court for the proceeding alongside his attorney, Jimmy Webb, but Isaacs did not appear.

Isaacs was sent notification of the action on Friday but was not himself present to sign for it. According to the Pike County Criminal Docket he was scheduled to appear in Pike County Circuit Court on Friday to answer attend a pre-trial conference for an indictment that

was handed down against him from a grand jury that stemmed from an arrest in September.

According to the citation, Isaacs was arrested on a drunk-driving charge by Pikeville Police Officer Bruce Collins, who initially made the stop because Isaacs was driving with expired plates. Collins noted an odor of alcohol and had Isaacs perform several field sobriety tests

which he failed. He was charged with the DUI and expired plates, as well as possession of marijuana and prescription drugs that were not in their original container. Collins also charged him with carrying a concealed weapon and one count of receiving stolen property.

One witness was called to testify for

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ENTERING PLEA



Stephanie Tackett reviewed the form used to enter her guilty plea with her attorney, Doug Adams, before formally pleading guilty Tuesday to selling prescription drugs to an informant in September 2004.

photo by Tom Doty

Stumbo teacher pleads guilty to selling drugs

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A John M. Stumbo Elementary school teacher pleaded guilty to a pair of first-degree drug trafficking charges on Tuesday, 24 hours before her scheduled trial.

Stephanie Tackett appeared in court alongside her attorney, Doug Adams, and entered the plea after her attorney was denied a motion to keep her free while seeing a doctor in Hazard for depression.

Judge John D. Caudill denied the motion, saying, "If I were before me today, I would be stressed too."

Adams also asked that the court consider giving Tackett seven years for her plea, though she could face as many as 20 years for the crimes. Tackett chose not accept a plea offer from the commonwealth that would have netted her five years and Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner noted that he would leave Tackett's sentence to the discre-

tion of the court and did not indicate that he approved a seven-year recommendation.

Caudill then had Tackett answer several questions before accepting the plea, which included admissions to committing both acts in September 2004 which saw her sell Oxycontin to an undercover informant, which were caught on video and/or audiotape.

One of the transactions was begun on the grounds of the

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Couple pleads guilty to child abuse charges

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County couple facing four charges of criminal abuse for allegedly causing several broken bones in an infant in their care pleaded guilty to the charges in circuit court Friday.

The pair had been scheduled to go to trial in the case March 6.

Mark Davis, 30, of Prestonsburg, entered the plea upon a recommendation by the commonwealth that he serve 11 years while his girlfriend, Gwendalou Shepherd, 30, of Gunlock, entered her plea in exchange for a five-year sentence.

The agreement calls for Davis to receive 10-year sentences for four events in which the child received a fracture and 10 years for failing to seek medical attention for the child. All of the sentences will run concurrently, with an additional year for being a repeat felony offender.

Davis was indicted last April on four counts of criminal abuse that saw an infant suffer four fractures between August and October 2004 and included a fractured skull, a broken arm and leg and rib fractures.

While negotiating the plea in court on Friday, Davis was heard to exclaim, "I'm signing my life away," as he harangued his attorney for not getting him a lesser sentence.

When he was called before Circuit Judge John D. Caudill, Davis freely admitted to all of the abuses but took exception to the allegation he broke the child's leg. He eventually agreed to an Alford plea for that one charge, accepting that the commonwealth could show enough evidence to prove to a jury that he broke the infant's leg, even though he could not recall doing it.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor noted that he got a

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Protesting parent jailed for menacing

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — A mother of a John M. Stumbo Elementary student was arrested Monday after allegedly showing up at the school last week and screaming and yelling in the school's parking lot in an effort to draw out principal Deresa Ray and engage her in a physical battle.

Holly Kidd, of Grethel, is currently lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$2,000 cash bond after being charged with menacing for the incident, which was reportedly witnessed by several staff members, parents and children from the school.

The encounter between Kidd and the principal immediately followed a protest staged by Kidd in front of the courthouse,

where she and three other women carried signs protesting the principal and accusing her of child abuse. Reports allege that Kidd had been a disruptive influence at the school on two previous occasions in the same week.

The protest Kidd organized followed an incident in which the principal allegedly caught several students in the school's restroom and tried to search them for drugs. The incident led to one student bolting out of the room and locking herself in her mother's car while her parent joined several others in haranguing Ray for the way she handled the situation.

County Attorney Keith Bartley issued a statement about the arrest Tuesday and wrote that Kidd was arrested

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Auxier residents sued for not connecting to new sewer system

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Paintsville Utilities Commission began legal action this week against Auxier residents who have failed to comply with hooking up to the city's sewer line, which was installed last year.

Four customers were ordered to be in district court Monday, but only two appeared. The others reported had not received the order to appear to court.

The two who appeared before Judge James Allen were ordered

to get hooked up by May.

The Paintsville law firm of Perry, Miller and Daniels appeared for the commission and noted that all parties were made aware as of August 2004 that they would need to get hooked up to the sewer line. Attorney Lance Daniels said that the commission is serious about getting customers to comply.

Daniels further said that the commission is working from a steep list and that the customers in court Monday weren't singled out in any fashion but won't be the last called into court if they don't

arrange to get hooked up to the new sewer service. The commission is prepared to call any customer into court to compel them to hook up but hopes that word of legal proceedings will prevent having to call all delinquent customers in.

One of the customers called in Monday had a legitimate gripe about how difficult it was to raise her property to the level where a hookup could be completed but did say she felt she could get it in done before the May court date.

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Today



High: 63 • Low: 52

Tomorrow



High: 62 • Low: 33

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

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Obituaries

Madge Allen Casey

Madge Allen Casey, age 96, of Hueysville, widow of Herbert Allen "Hack" Casey, passed away Friday, February 24, 2006, in the Masonic Home of Kentucky, in Shelbyville.

She was born March 27, 1909, at Hueysville, the daughter of the late Jacob and Juda Turner Allen. She was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church.

Funeral services for Madge Allen Casey were conducted Monday, February 27, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Pastor Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Allen Family Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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Kathryn Marie Spradlin Griffith

Kathryn Marie Spradlin Griffith, 92, of 1630 S. County Farm Rd., Warsaw, Indiana, formerly lived on W. Center St., Warsaw, Indiana, died February 24, 2006, at 7:40 p.m., at Millers Merry Manor, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Born September 7, 1913, in Lincoln County, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Manuel Kelly and Lillian Mae (Mann) Spradlin. She was raised in Kentucky and Virginia and in the 1940s moved to the Warsaw area. During WW II she worked for Arnold Motors and worked in several retail and drug stores in Warsaw. She retired from Hooks drug store in 1975. She was a member of Christian Church in Warsaw and member of the AARP and the senior citizens of Warsaw.

She married Milo W. Griffith on April 8, 1944, in Marion, Indiana. He preceded her in death on February 13, 1971.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Elizabeth Leedy of Etna Green, Indiana; nieces: Ernestine Shepherd of Claypool, Indiana, Helen Ann Clary of Auburn, Indiana, Lorna Dene Spradlin and Carolyn Sue Cook, both of Angola, Indiana; a nephew, Kelly Leedy of Etna Green, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at 1 p.m., at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana, with Reverend Don Poyser officiating.

Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, in Warsaw, Indiana, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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Virginia Spears Hall

Virginia Spears Hall, age 78, of Martin, widow of Carl Hall, passed away Friday, February 24, 2006, at Our Lady of The Way Hospital, in Martin.

She was born May 15, 1927, in Johnson County, the daughter of the late Edgar Spears and Victoria Spears. She was a homemaker and a member of the Faith Bible Church; she received the longest member award, and was a member of the Independent Christian Ladies Club.

Survivors include a son, Carl D. (Georgina) Hall of Banner; a granddaughter, Carla (Craig) McGlone of Banner; and two great grandchildren, Connor McGlone and Caroline McGlone.

Preceding her in death was her husband; her parents; and four brothers: Harmon Spears, Walter Spears, Dorman Spears, and Frank Spears; and two sisters: Irlene Johnson and Fannie

Meade; and one grandchild, Bryan Hall.

Funeral services for Virginia Spears Hall will be conducted Sunday, February 26, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Keith Spears, Cainer Hall, Tommy Hall, Bill Hall, Gary Hall, Earvin Crum, Martin Hall, George Hall, Neil Rice, Curtis Meade, Larry Hall, Steve Anderson, Robert Hall, and David Hall. (Paid obituary)

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Edna Gayheart Horn

Edna Gayheart Horn, 85, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, February 25, 2006, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, in Dayton, Ohio.

Born April 15, 1920, in Orkney, she was the daughter of the late Lem and Parthena Newsome Gayheart. She was a homemaker.

She was twice married; first to Jack Gayheart, and later to Ben Horn. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include her sons: Roger Gayheart and Billy Joe Gayheart, both of McDowell, Ronald Gayheart of Minnie, Tony Gayheart of Dayton, Ohio, and Nick Horn of Prestonsburg; daughters: Phyllis McKinney of Craynor, Freda Sue Gayheart of Versailles, and Thena Faye Jones and Sandra Samons, both of Dayton, Ohio; brothers: Sterling Gayheart of McDowell, Dial Gayheart of Columbus, Ohio, Rex Gayheart of Orkney, and Raymond Gayheart of London, Ohio; sisters: Alma Dye of Orkney, and Barbara Blair of London, Ohio; 32 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren; and goddaughter, Trisha Gayheart of Dayton, Ohio.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by two sons: Fayus Gayheart, and Donald Gayheart; one daughter, Lois Dean Gayheart; brothers: Elbe Gayheart, and Reginald Gayheart; sisters: Joann Dye, Millie Gayheart, and Loucreasy Gayheart.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 28, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

Palmer Humphrey

Palmer Humphrey, age 75, of Ligon, husband of Ramona McCown Humphrey, passed away Sunday, February 26, 2006, at The University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

He was born October 7, 1930, in Ligon, the son of the late Herbert Humphrey Sr., and Nannie Slone Humphrey. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the UMWA.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona, a son, James Humphrey, of Topmost; a daughter, Donna Denson of Ingleside, Texas; two brothers: James Humphrey and Herbert Humphrey, both of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Ruby Gilliam, of Ligon; six grandchildren: Melissa Denise Adams, Aimee Lynn Turner, Jennifer Leah Watts, J.D. Thomas, Michael Thomas, and Adam Thomas; and a great grandchild, Quinton Lee Turner, Jr.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Charles Humphrey and Clinton Ray Humphrey; and one sister, Lucy Phillips.

Funeral services for Palmer Humphrey will be conducted Thursday, March 2, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin.

Burial will follow in the Slone Cemetery, in Ligon, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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Darrell Randell Platkus

Darrell Randell Platkus, 45, of Ligon, died Saturday, February 25, 2006, at his residence.

Born June 30, 1960, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Stanislaw (Stacey) and Aileen Caudill Platkus.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Pennington Platkus.

Other survivors include his sons: Joseph Darrell Platkus, and Jeremy Lee Pennington, both of Ligon; his twin brother, Danny Platkus of Frankfurt, Germany; one sister, Linda Carol Henson of Beaver; a granddaughter, Kaylee Pennington; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 1, at 11 a.m., at the Community Freewill Baptist Church, in Ligon, with Wayne Henson officiating.

Burial will be in the Will Hall Cemetery, in Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Floyd County Unite Meeting

March 6th, at 7 p.m.

Allen First Baptist Church

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David Baldrige

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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE 05-004 Amendment #2

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed Ordinance was given its First Reading at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, held on Friday, January 30th, 2006.

FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE 05-004 Amendment #2

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof: Whereas the County of Floyd will be receiving unbudgeted receipts from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Intergovernmental Programs and needs to increase the receipts and expenditure accounts that pertain to this Resurface Agreement and the estimated revenue in 2005-2006 Budget.

Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION ONE: The Budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006 is amended to:

A. Increase the receipts of KY State Treasurer—County Road Aid Resurface fund by 612,077.00 to include under budgeted receipts from:

Account Code	Description	Amount
04-4518	KY State Treasurer—Resurface CRA Bonds	612,077.00

B. Increase the expenditures of Federal Grants account:

Account Code	Description	Amount
04-6105-405	Asphalt	612,077.00

SECTION TWO: The amounts added to the revenue and expenditure accounts in Section One are for Road Purposes.

Approved by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, this the 30th day of January, 2006.

Motion by: Alan Williams
Seconded by: Gerald DeRossett

Paul Hunt Thompson
Floyd County Judge / Executive

Approved as to Form and Classification this the 3rd day of February, 2006.

David
State Local Finance Officer

This Budget Ordinance amendment was duly adopted by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, this the ___ day of ___, 2006.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Paul Hunt Thompson
Floyd County Judge / Executive

Notice is now given the proposed Ordinance will be considered for passage and given its Second Reading at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court to be held on March 9th, 2006, @ the hour of 12:00 noon in the County Courtroom, located on the Second floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE 05-005 Amendment #3

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed Ordinance was given its First Reading at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on Friday, January 30th, 2006.

FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE 05-005 Amendment #3

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof. Whereas the County of Floyd will be receiving unbudgeted receipts from the sale of a certain parcel of property located at Osborne Branch adjacent to the Floyd County Landfill. Bids were respectively submitted and Judith Blackburn Casalina, President of Blackburn Natural Resources, Inc., was awarded to have the highest and best bid for the property. Furthermore, the Court needs to increase the receipts and expenditure accounts that pertain to this sale of excess property and the estimated revenue in 2005-2006 Budget.

Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION ONE: The Budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006 is amended to:

A. Increase the receipts of Miscellaneous fund by 212,000 to include under budgeted receipts funds.

Account Code	Description	Amount
04-4705	Blackburn Natural Resources	212,000.00

B. Increase the expenditures of Federal Grants account:

Account Code	Description	Amount
04-6105-713	Highway Equipment	152,000.00
04-9200-999	TRANSFERS	60,000.00

SECTION TWO: The amounts added to the revenue and expenditure accounts in Section One are for Road and Transfer Purposes.

Approved by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky this the 30th day of January 2006.

Motion by: Allen Williams
Seconded by: Jackie Owens

Paul Hunt Thompson
Paul Hunt Thompson
Floyd County Judge/Executive

Approved as to Form and Classification this the 3rd day of February, 2006.

David
State Local Finance Officer

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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@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

PHS Class of '76

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

Floyd County Fire Chiefs Assn.

Will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m., at the Allen Volunteer Fire Dept. All county Fire Chiefs, or designated representatives, are asked to attend. For more information, contact Roy Compton at 886-8191, or Gary Dotson at 886-1010.

Retired Teachers Association
The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet on March 2, at 10 a.m., at the Wayland Historical Society Building. Lunch will be provided. For more info., call 886-8978.

FCCD meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 21, at 10 a.m. This is an open meeting and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@bellsouth.net.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, at Dr. Naveed Ahmed's office (Neurology, Spine and Headache Center) in the Weddington Plaza, Pikeville, at 4 p.m. Topic: "Stress Management for the Wearied Caregiver." More info., call 432-1072. This support group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association.

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., beginning in Feb., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Meeting focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prater Creek Baptist

March 12 - 11 a.m., "God and Country Sunday." Dr. Joe Adams, missionary chaplain, will speak. Service appreciation awards will be presented. Call 874-3222 for more information.

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.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Basic Computer: Mon., Mar. 6, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Tues., Mar. 7, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Thur., Mar. 9, 5-7 p.m. (8 weeks, \$30).

Computer Internet: Fri., Mar. 3 and 10, 1-3 p.m. (\$6).

Computer Keyboarding: Fri., Mar. 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (8 weeks, \$30).

Sewing: Thur., Mar. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (8 weeks, \$20).

For more info., call 886-0709.

May House Tours

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

Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

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

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

Hillbilly Travel Club

Trip to Walt Disney World scheduled for July 9-15, 2006. Trip includes roundtrip motor-coach, four nights lodging (hotel 2 mi. from Disney entrance; rooms accommodate up to 8 people/room), and four days of passes into the major theme parks. Also included is a roundtrip to Cocoa Beach that will include a beach barbecue of ribs, chicken, drinks and trimmings. Options available: All inclusive hopper passes and water parks. Deposit of \$100/person must be paid no later than March 1 with remaining balance due by June 1. Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 (evenings) or 452-4324 (days) for more information.

UNITE

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

•March 6th meeting: "Adolescent Treatment Initiatives, The Seven Challenges Curriculum." Michael D. Vance and David Baldrige, of the Big Sandy Treatment Foster Care Program will present. Parents, teachers, counselors encouraged to attend.

•"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.

Host a Foreign Exchange Student

Volunteers needed to open their hearts and homes to English-speaking foreign exchange students from Thailand, France, Denmark, Germany, Mexico, Sweden, Czech Republic, Estonia, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Slovakia, Italy, Russia and S. Korea. Ages 15-18, these students want to experience American culture for a 10-month school year or 5-month semester program. Students have own spending money and health insurance. Singles, single parents, marrieds, empty nesters, retirees, etc. are eligible as long as they can provide room and board. More info., call toll free to 866-540-4029 or email: ForeignExchangeOrg@yahoo.com

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.

Spring 2006 Adult Ed and GED Schedule

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

1-3:30 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Layne House, BSCTCS Employment Services.

Tuesdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Weeksbury Comm. Ctr., Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC Employment Services.

1-3:30 p.m. - Weeksbury Comm. Ctr., David Craft Ctr., BSCTCS Employment Services.

Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., BSCTC Employment Services.

1:30-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne YSC, BSCTCS Employment Services.

2:30-5:30 p.m. - Floyd County Detention Center.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTCS Employment Services.

Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Allen FRYSC, Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTCS Employment Services.

1:30-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, BSCTCS Employment Services.

2:30-5:30 p.m. - Floyd County Detention Center.

6-8 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

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

Senior Employment

Too much time on your hands? Not enough money in your pocket? We can help! If you're 55 or older, call the

Senior Community Service Employment Program, at 886-2929. A Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.

External Diploma Program

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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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Worth Repeating ...

"Speak out in acts; the time for words has passed, and only deeds will suffice."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View Pursuing ignorance

In a St. Louis conference hall this month, hundreds of scientific researchers came together to discuss what many view as a threat to the nation's scientific pre-eminence: the administration of President George W. Bush.

This was no fringe group of disgruntled lefties; rather it was a meeting of the country's largest organization of scientists, the American Association for the Advancement of Science. David Baltimore, president of the California Institute of Technology and a Nobel Prize winner, described what he called "an extensive suppression of scientific freedom."

Sheila Jasanoff, an expert on science policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, said that not just scientific legitimacy is at stake, but also public faith in how policy is shaped.

The latest egregious example is a proposed new air quality standard for dust and soot. As reporter Bill Lambrecht explained in Monday's Post-Dispatch, the standards are supposed to be set after consultation with a group of leading health and toxicology experts. But for the first time in its 35-year history, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has rejected the experts' recommendations.

What troubles scientists isn't simply that the administration ignored suggestions. Rather, it's the aggressive effort to suppress evidence that conflicts with its policies, as when a 24-year-old PR flack, a political appointee at NASA, recently tried to prevent one of the nation's top climate scientists' from speaking publicly about global warming.

In the case of the air quality standards, Lambrecht reports, the White House Office of Management and Budget (staffed by political appointees) worked over the experts' report to delete references to a study that concluded poor people could be more vulnerable to dust and soot exposure. It also deleted a sentence that stated air quality rules may "have a substantial impact on the life expectancy" of Americans.

The OMB also has stifled EPA plans to warn homeowners about the potential danger of asbestos insulation in their homes, and has deleted references to global warming from official EPA reports. Under Bush, the Food and Drug Administration rejected expert recommendations about the safety of medication for emergency contraception, prompting the resignation of Dr. Susan F. Wood, who headed the agency's office of women's health.

Under Bush, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention removed two experts from a panel on childhood lead poisoning and replaced them with people tied to the lead industry, derailing efforts to lower the level at which children are considered lead-poisoned. The CDC also removed from its Web site information on the effectiveness of condoms in preventing the spread of sexually transmitted disease.

When researchers at Oregon State University recently published a study undermining the Bush administration's industry-friendly policy for logging on public lands, they quickly lost funding from the federal Bureau of Land Management. It was restored only after a public outcry.

At least 9,000 American scientists have signed a petition denouncing the Bush administration's systematic misuse of science. Science is based on the free flow of information and a bedrock belief in an objective reality. Politicians often want to ignore science and hide inconvenient facts to further their own - or their friends' - interests. Public policy based on flawed or incomplete information is a recipe for failure. The American people are entitled to the truth and should demand it at all levels of government.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Capitol Ideas

Deadly coal mining practice gets no attention from legislators

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Some have described it as the coal miner's version of Russian roulette, cutting away the very pillars that keep overhead layers of rock from caving in.

Known as retreat mining, it's a common practice that has been blamed for the deaths of at least 17 coal miners in southern Appalachia over the past eight years, including at least four in Kentucky over the past two years.

Amid much ado about mine safety in the current session of the General Assembly, retreat mining hasn't been addressed in any legislation thus far.

State Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, said that possibly could change. He has asked for findings from a long-awaited retreat mining study that was ordered by Gov. Ernie Fletcher last August after the

deaths of two miners in Harlan County.

"It's important that it be made available as we deal with mine safety legislation," he said.

Mark York, spokesman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection, said he expects findings from the study to be released this week.

However, that would allow precious little time for legislators to draft or pass a bill if they felt it necessary. The last day for filing House bills is Monday. The deadline for new Senate bills is Wednesday.

Generations of miners have been performing retreat mining. It's legal and considered standard procedure. About half of Kentucky's underground mines currently do retreat mining, which allows them to increase the amount of coal they can remove.

Yonts said legislation could perhaps be

included in pending mine safety bills as an amendment. He is pushing legislation that would require coal companies to provide miners with wireless communications devices and to store supplemental oxygen supplies underground in case of an emergency. State Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, is sponsoring similar legislation backed by the Fletcher administration.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said he hasn't yet seen the retreat mining study. However, he said he'd prefer it not be released in the emotional climate that now exists in coal mining states after the deaths of 21 coal miners so far this year.

Caylor said he fears legislators will hurriedly draft and pass legislation limiting the practice when policy or regulatory changes may be all that's needed.

In the last retreat mining accident in

(See IDEAS, page nine)

Letters

Commends mayor, council

On behalf of the Healthy Floyd County 2010 Coordinating Committee, I would like to commend Mayor Jerry Fannin and the Prestonsburg City Council for their decision to make the city buildings of Prestonsburg smoke-free.

With Kentucky's many assets, we also endure the unpleasant honor of being the top state for smokers. For years we have

been warned of the many dangers of smoking that include cancer and heart disease. Also, not only does smoking endanger the health of those who smoke, but also those around them. According to the American Cancer Society, secondhand smoke is the third leading preventable cause of death in the U.S. killing 38,000 to 65,000 nonsmokers every year. By taking action as Mayor

Fannin and the City Council did, we can make a difference.

Again, thank you Mayor Fannin and thanks to each Prestonsburg City Council member for taking this major step in building a healthier community.

Neva Francis
Healthy Floyd County 2010
Coordinating Committee

Smoke ban commendable

On behalf of the Floyd County Family Court Advisory Council Education/Dependency/Neglect/Abuse Committee, I would like to commend Mayor Jerry Fannin and the Prestonsburg City Council for their decision to make the city buildings of Prestonsburg smoke-free.

Our interest in children goes beyond truancy. We are also concerned about their health and the dangers of exposure to secondhand smoke. The child breath-

ing secondhand smoke is exposed to the same cancer-causing chemicals as the smoker. These children have more asthma attacks, allergies, colds and ear infections. Secondhand smoke causes 300,000 cases of pneumonia and bronchitis in children every year. Why? Because the small bodies and lungs of children aren't completely developed and secondhand smoke is more harmful to them.

Steps such as this one taken by Mayor Fannin and the Prestonsburg City Council will increase awareness in both the workplace and home that smoking is hazardous to everyone, not only the smoker.

Again, we thank you.

Linda Hutchinson Spurlock
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Barret Mitchell scholarship founded at HCTC



Julia B. and Peyton "Butch" Mitchell have begun a scholarship program at Hazard Community & Technical College as part of the college's "Fulfilling the Promise" campaign. HCTC President/CEO Dr. Jay K. Box (left) thanks Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell for their support of the college and for making education more accessible to more students. Mrs. Mitchell is the Vice President for Resource and Community Development at the college and has been heading up the fund raising campaign. In addition to the Mitchells, Mrs. Julia Barret, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Mitchell, and others have contributed to the scholarship fund as part of the campaign.

Candidate

the hearing on Monday. David Woods, office manager for Floyd County Courthouse, took the stand and noted that Isaacs filed an invalid SDE 66 form to declare his intention to run for jailer.

Woods declared that the form became invalid when it was determined that one of the two signatures on the form belonged to a person not registered to vote in Floyd County. Woods also testified that it is up to the candidate to make sure that the form bears two proper signatures and that Isaacs' form was invalid because his 19-year-old son signed it and has not been a registered voter in Floyd County for four years.

When questioned by Webb about the process, Woods

replied, "It's the responsibility of the candidate." He also observed that the forms get reviewed by clerks but not immediately upon their reception.

Judge John Caudill heard the evidence and ruled, "The court's going to issue a temporary injunction. Mr. Isaacs and the clerk have seven days to petition the court for a hearing."

Isaacs could not be reached at the number he provided to the clerk when he filed his declaration form. He did make a comment to The Times about the same story two weeks ago and said that Webb was out to get him knocked off the ballot.

"If he [Webb] wants to look for a needle in a haystack, that's fine," Isaacs said at the time the lawsuit was filed.

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The other customer didn't offer any compelling reasons for being tardy other than she was considering selling her home when her sewer line was complet-

ed but hadn't made up her mind. Daniels observed that one plus of the modern sewer system is that it would make homes more attractive to market.

Abuse

break in the case when his clerk, who was assigned to doing a criminal history check on Davis, found that he had been convicted of a felony in the previous five years.

"There were a wealth of skeletons in his closet and it was to the credit of our clerk Sharon that we dug them up," Taylor said.

The finding of the felony conviction enabled the Taylor to lodge an additional charge of

Doctors expect Fletcher will leave hospital today

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gov. Ernie Fletcher is "getting a little antsy" in his hospital room, his wife Glenna said Monday, but it appears he won't have to stay there much longer.

Barring any setbacks, doctors expect Fletcher will be released from St. Joseph East hospital on Wednesday, although it could be another two weeks before he resumes normal gubernatorial duties.

"He's getting a little antsy," she said. "He's just anxious to go home."

Glenna Fletcher said he is doing some work by e-mail and phone on such legislative issues as the bill that would allow police to stop drivers solely for failure to wear a seat belt, and a proposed arena in downtown Louisville.

Finally, she said, the governor is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, although she acknowledged "we've had a couple other lights."

"He's getting a little antsy," she said. "He's just anxious to go home."

He's pretty tough to keep down," said Joseph Fine, a surgeon who removed Fletcher's gallbladder in one of the procedures he has undergone during his stay. "For whatever reason, maybe it's the political mindset, he feels like he can kind of control the disease too, getting over this. We're trying to reinforce the fact he has to recover."

Fletcher has already been hospitalized far longer than expected. He checked into the hospital Feb. 12 and had a gallstone removed. Since then, he has been diagnosed with a pancreas disease and seen his fever skyrocket to 103 degrees a week ago.

But Fine says things are getting back to normal, including his temperature and white blood cell count. On Monday, the governor even did some lunges in a hospital exercise room, doctors said.

He still isn't eating solid foods, getting some nutrition intravenously, but doctors have found a feeding tube is no longer necessary. They planned to gradually work more protein into his diet. Despite the food restrictions, Fine said Fletcher has only lost a couple pounds.

Besides being away in the middle of a session of the General Assembly, Fletcher missed Saturday's Lincoln Day dinner — a gathering of hundreds of Republicans from the state.

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Odds & Ends

■ **JUNEAU, Alaska** — A baby has shut down the state House Judiciary Committee.

Married lawmakers Lesil McGuire and Tom Anderson, who are awaiting the birth of their first child, serve as chairwoman and vice chairman of the committee.

McGuire said the committee hit the ground running this year in anticipation of her March 7 due date.

Committee members began meeting the first week of session in January, well before many other committees got started. They often met three times a week and tacked on a few Saturday meetings as well.

McGuire said she hopes to be back at work within a couple of weeks. In the meantime, she says she is staying busy as she watches televised coverage of the legislature.

"Gavel to gavel makes it nice. So it's not like I'm just sitting here eating bonbons and watching Oprah," she said. "Although I wish I was."

■ **LONDON** — A Scottish distillery is reviving a centuries-old recipe for whisky so strong that one 17th-century writer feared more than two spoonfuls could be lethal.

Risk-taking whisky connoisseurs will have to wait, however — the spirit will not be ready for at least 10 years.

The Bruichladdich distillery on the Isle of Islay, off Scotland's west coast, is producing the quadruple-distilled

184-proof — or 92 percent alcohol — spirit "purely for fun," managing director Mark Reynier said.

Whisky usually is distilled twice and has an alcohol content of between 40 and 63.5 per cent.

In 1695, travel writer Martin Martin described it as powerful enough to affect "all members of the body."

"Two spoonfuls of this last liquor is a sufficient dose; if any man should exceed this, it would presently stop his breath, and endanger his life," Martin wrote.

Reynier put Martin's test to the claim and consumed three spoonfuls.

"I can tell you, I had some and it indeed did take my breath away," Reynier said.

■ **SPRING LAKE, Mich.** — A Michigan State Police officer by day and a stand-up comedian by night, Sgt. Dwayne Gill has learned to balance punchlines with Miranda rights and stage lights with flashing lights.

"I'm a good cop and the funny cop," Gill said. "I'm the kind of cop you want to have stop you. You tell me a joke, I'll probably let you go."

At a January police conference in New Mexico, Gill won the title of "World's Funniest Cop" as voted on by the more than 500 police colleagues in attendance.

One of his fans is Lt. Eric Johnson, who caught a recent performance by Gill at Connxtions Comedy Club in Lansing.

"A sense of humor is one thing that a police officer lacks," Johnson explained. "It's a long day and always difficult to fit it in. Dwayne is masterful at balancing it all out."

No matter how funny or outlandish Gill's act is, Johnson prefers the Dwayne in uniform.

"I always tell him to stick to his day job," said Johnson. "That is, unless that big offer comes along."

■ **SALISBURY, Md.** — It may be the middle of winter, but summer is on the minds of Ocean City officials.

About a dozen potential lifeguards showed up for testing Sunday at the season's first screening at Salisbury University.

"Everything you say or do today, you're being evaluated on. Today is your first and only chance to make a favorable first impression," Capt. Butch Arbin told the candidates.

As predicted, half failed. One student failed a timed 400-meter outdoor run in bitter temperatures. Five others quit during a 10-minute, 500-meter swim at an indoor pool.

The remaining six survived the rest of the tests, which included simulated rescues, a 125-meter sprint and a race that involved dragging lifeguard towers. They will be invited to the patrol's surf rescue academy, a crash course in open-water rescues, riptides, oceanography and communicating with signal flags.

Successful candidates will protect the 8 million tourists who cram Ocean City's 10.5-mile beach each summer.

■ **MANCHESTER, Conn.** — Thomas Haley was unloading supplies for his job at Hardy's Hardware when he said something odd caught his eye: the face of Jesus Christ on a piece of sheet metal.

Now, Haley and a co-worker are hawking the holy hardware on eBay, hoping potential bidders will agree that the blurry oil stain on the sheet metal does, indeed, resemble Jesus.

"I mean, it hasn't done anything miraculous as of yet, but seeing it is kind of groovy," said Haley, 23. "Just seeing it brightens people's day."

Haley said he was unloading a supply truck two weeks ago when he turned a corner and was awe-struck by the holy likeness gazing back at him from the \$15.49 piece of sheet metal.

Since then, Haley and a co-worker have shown the piece to a few other workers and customers.

"Some people said, 'Are you sure it's Jesus?' and I think, 'Who else would come to give us a sign, Groucho Marx?'" Jackson said. "I think it's a good thing. Maybe it's trying to give some people hope."

The piece of sheet metal had drawn 22 bids by early Monday, with the highest bid so far at \$362.

■ **WELLINGTON, New Zealand** — Prison inmates in New Zealand have been watching movies featuring hard-core violence, nudity, drug abuse and jail breaks.

Films screened during prisoner recreation time included "Kill Bill" and "Blow," the true story of a career drug dealer who teaches other inmates how to smuggle cocaine while in prison.

"Movies rated 'R' are supposed to be banned, yet there are hundreds of them on the

list," said main opposition National Party shadow minister Simon Power.

Corrections Minister Damien O'Connor said there had been a breach in policy and the Corrections Department would implement "a vigorous vetting process."

The department made similar promises in 2002 when it was revealed inmates were frequently allowed to watch R-rated movies, the Dominion Post reported.

■ **STEVENS POINT, Wis.** — A woman didn't have to look far to figure out who likely broke into her home and took a camera from her purse. Police said the burglar left behind his probation and parole card.

The woman was going through her purse after the burglary earlier this month to make sure nothing other than the camera was taken, Detective Sgt. Tony Babl said.

She found the man's probation and parole card, which had a date and time stamp on it for his next appointment, he said.

"He must've had the card in

his hand when he went into her purse," Babl said. "He doesn't even know how it got there."

The man had not yet been charged as of Saturday, though police plan to request burglary charges in the next week for at least eight incidents over the past three years, Babl said.

■ **FLORENCE, S.C.** — A deputy who seized a cell phone from a man arrested on drug charges answered the phone and then agreed to meet the caller, who wanted to arrange a drug buy.

Travis Dean Davis, 32, and Walton Thomas Parrish II, 21, were arrested this past weekend and charged with attempting to purchase cocaine when they met the deputy and other officers at a nearby store, authorities said.

The original arrest was made earlier at a traffic checkpoint, when officers found marijuana and cocaine packed for sale in 24-year-old Brandon Lemorris Scott's car, deputies said.

Authorities seized his car, along with several cell phones, including the one used to make the second bust, deputies said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 1, the 60th day of 2006. There are 305 days left in the year. This is Ash Wednesday.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 1, 1945, President Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

On this date:

■ In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.

■ In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

■ In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England Female Medical College in Boston.

■ In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

■ In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

■ In 1904, bandleader Glenn Miller was born in Clarinda, Iowa.

■ In 1932, 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

■ In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

■ In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

■ In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: President Clinton slapped economic sanctions on Colombia, concluding that Colombian authorities had not fully cooperated with the U.S. war on drugs. The Food and Drug Administration approved a powerful new AIDS drug, saying ritonavir could prolong slightly the lives of severely ill patients.

Five years ago: Afghanistan's ruling Taliban, defying international protests, began destroying all statues in the country. Seven foreign oil workers (a Chilean, an

Argentine, a New Zealander and four Americans) who were kidnapped the previous October in Ecuador's jungle were freed after a ransom was reportedly paid.

One year ago: Dennis Rader, the churchgoing family man accused of leading a double life as the BTK serial killer, was charged in Wichita, Kan., with 10 counts of first-degree murder. (Rader later pleaded guilty and received multiple life sentences.) A closely divided Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for juvenile criminals.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 80. Singer Harry Belafonte is 79. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 79. Actor Robert Conrad is 71. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 62. Former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 62. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 62. Actor Dirk Benedict is 61. Actor Alan Thicke is 59. Actor-director Ron Howard is 52. Actress Catherine Bach is 52.

Country singer Janis Gill (aka Janis Oliver Cummins) (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 52. Actor Tim Daly is 50. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 49. Rock musician Bill Leen is 44. Actor Russell Wong is 43. Actor John David Cullum is 40. Actor George Eads is 39. Actor Javier Bardem is 37. Rock musician Ryan Peake (Nickelback) is 33. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 32. Actor Jensen Ackles is 28. TV host Donovan Patton is 28. Rock musician Sean Woolstenhulme is 25. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sammie is 19.

Thought for Today: "People are trapped in history and history is trapped in them." — James Baldwin, American author (1924-1987).

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Bertie Kaye Salyer joins HRMC Board of Trustees

PRESTONSBURG — Bertie Kaye Salyer, public health director of the Magoffin County Health Department, has been named to the Board of Trustees of Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Salyer, a lifelong resident of Magoffin County, has had a long and distinguished career in the field of social work and family health. She has served in many roles including the chair of the Kentucky Executive Branch Ethics Commission, chair of the Division of Social Sciences and Related Technologies at Prestonsburg Community College, chair of the Magoffin County Development Authority, as member of the board of directors of Kentucky Rural Health Association and the American Red Cross Regional Board, and in numerous other positions.

Salyer has served as the public health director of the Magoffin County Health Department since 1999 and under her leadership the department was the recipient of the Most Improved Health Department in Kentucky Award for 2004.

When asked about being named to Highlands Board of Trustees, Salyer said, "I feel privileged to serve the community as a member of the Board of Trustees of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Highlands is a vital part of Eastern Kentucky's



Bertie Kaye Salyer

health care system and constantly strives for excellence in an inconstant health care environment."

Highlands Board of Trustees consists of representation from each of the counties in Highlands' primary service area

of Floyd, Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin Counties, Salyer will bring added insight to the Board of Trustees of ways Highlands can better serve the health care needs of the residents of Magoffin County.



Kimberly Thompson from the Social Security Administration spoke to the Highlands Regional Medical Center's Living Well With Diabetes Support Group on Thursday, Jan. 26, in HRMC Meeting Rooms A&B. She discussed 2006 changes in Medicare coverage for Diabetic medicines & testing supplies. Thirty-two community members were in attendance and were treated to oven chicken stew (take-home recipe was provided also), goodie bags with diabetic information and door prizes. The monthly meeting is open to diabetics of all ages and is provided by HRMC as a community service with no cost to those attending. For information about upcoming Living Well with Diabetes meetings call 606-886-8511 ext.# 7353 or ext.# 7591.

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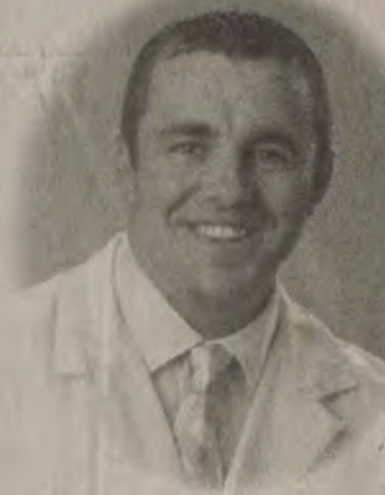
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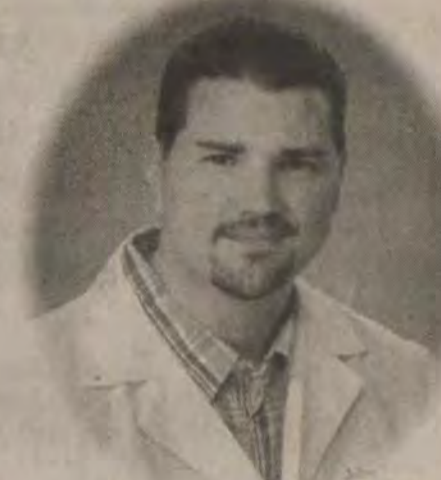
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Mayor Thomasine Robinson congratulated Kathy Stumbo on the opening of the new Martin Clinic.



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OLW celebrates new physicians and clinic

MARTIN — A huge crowd attended the open house for Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Martin Clinic in honor of Dr. Jamey Hager, Dr. John Triplett, and Mike Williams, PA-C, Thursday, Feb. 23.

"Our Lady of the Way is all about family," said Kathy Stumbo, Our Lady of the Way Hospital's president and CEO, as she welcomed everyone to the new clinic. "We are here to celebrate two things; the opening of our new facility and two of our newest physicians — Dr. Jamey Hager and Dr. John Triplett."

Judy Parsons, Our Lady of the Way's Chaplain/Mission Leader, held prayer and asked for the blessing of the clinic's new beginning and staff.

"I am from Martin County and it made perfect sense for me to come to a rural area and practice medicine," said John Triplett, D.O. "When I came to Our Lady of the Way, I got a real feeling of family and caring. It was an easy choice for me."

"Once I interviewed at Our Lady of the Way and met the staff, I was hooked," said Jamey Hager, D.O. "I am excited to be practicing with Dr. Triplett and Mike Williams."

"Our hope and our plan for the future here in Martin is that this is the first of several ribbon cuttings to come," said Stumbo as she invited everyone outside for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Participating in the ceremony was Kathy Stumbo, Billie Turner, Our Lady of the Way's VP Clinical Operations/CNO, Mayor Thomasine Robinson, Debi Bentley, Martin City Council member, Mandy Stumbo, Floyd County Chamber president and Martin City Council member, Dr. George Edwards, president of Big Sandy Community & Technical College, staff of the new Martin clinic — Dr. Jamey

Hager, Dr. John Triplett, Mike Williams, PA-C, Teresa Bailey, clinic manager and Our Lady of the Way physicians Terry Wright, M. D. and Ghassan Shakhashiro, M. D.

The crowd toured the new facility, enjoyed refreshments and was entertained by pianist Chase Lewis, a member of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros. Also, several guests won door prizes.

Dr. Jamey Hager and Dr. John Triplett are both board certified family practice and can be reached along with Mike

Williams, PA-C at the new Martin Clinic located at the US Bank in Martin at (606) 285-0681. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital operates six rural health clinics and is a member of Catholic Health Initiatives, Catholic Health Initiatives is a national non-profit corporation based in Denver, Colorado. The Catholic Health Initiatives health system, which is comprised of affiliated non-profit corporations located in 19

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Members of the Floyd County Democratic Women's Club attended "An Evening with Hillary Rodham Clinton" Dec. 2 in Louisville. The event, sponsored by the Kentucky Democratic Party, was held at the Kentucky International Convention Center. Members attending included President Charlotte George, shown standing with Clinton, Vice President Cleo DeRossett, Secretary Janice B. Allen, Treasurer Sarah B. Allen, members Janet Stumbo, Pam Barkley and Jean Rosenberg, and associate members Denzil Allen, Keith Barkley and Robert Allen.

Ideas

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Kentucky, Russell Cole, 39, and Brandon Wilder, 23, both of Letcher County, died in a roof fall on Aug. 3, while working some 3 miles inside a mine.

Wilder's body was found within a few hours, but it took searchers more than three days to find Cole's body beneath a layer of rocks 20 feet wide, 20 feet long and 11 feet high.

It was their deaths that prompted the state study.

York said a Lexington engineering firm that conducted the study, Marshall Miller and Associates, submitted a draft of its findings. York said that draft was sent back for revisions.

"There were some grammatical things, spelling, clarifying language, things like that," York said. "It's my understanding that we could have a final report by next week."

John Feddock, a mining engineer for the Lexington firm involved in the study, referred questions to York at the state agency.

In the mining process, crews dig horizontally into the earth to remove coal. In doing so, they remove about 30 to 40 percent of the coal by cutting a maze of 20-foot-wide tunnels through it. The result is a network of tunnels that look like the map of a city of crisscrossing streets with coal pillars as the blocks in between.

When companies have advanced as far as possible, they begin retreat mining, so named because the miners are working toward the outside of the mine. In retreat mining, the companies usually remove all or part of the pillars, allowing the roof to fall in planned collapses.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said retreat mining is almost exclusively a southern Appalachian practice, especially pervasive in eastern Kentucky, southwestern Virginia and southern West Virginia.

Tony Opeppard of Lexington, a former attorney with the Mine Safety and Health Administration and the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, said retreat mining is "the most dangerous type of mining there is." He said the biggest danger to miners involved in the practice occurs when companies don't follow methods approved by state and federal regulatory agencies.

"I think it's highly unlikely that the state will consider outlawing retreat mining," Opeppard said. "It's too pervasive in Kentucky."

Card of Thanks

The family of James E. (Jimmy) Little would like to thank all the friends, neighbors and family members who sent food, flowers, cards, and prayers on behalf of a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A special thanks to the ministers of the United Baptist Church, Brother Ruben Lycans, brothers Isaiah Vance, brother Chester Adkins and Brother Ralph Cloud for the beautiful prayers and the other members when their voice blend in a song. Thanks to the Garrett Chapter 128 D.A.V. for the part that they took in the Military services, and also a very special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home staff for a job well done.

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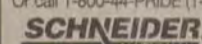
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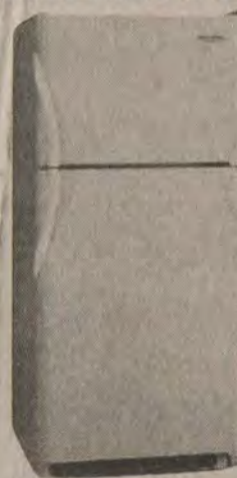
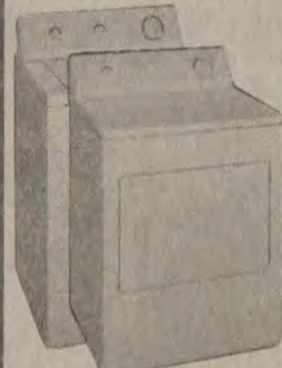
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Teacher

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school, with Tackett making arrangements to get the informant pills after she discharged her class in the afternoon.

Caudill also asked Tackett about her mental state and was told that she suffered from depression and is currently taking several prescribed drugs, including methadone, in order to help her break her addiction to Oxycontin. Tackett also admitted to taking Lortab tablets and noted that she took medication ever since she had suffered a broken jaw in a car wreck when she was 15. She said that she took methadone around 4:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner was satisfied with the way the case worked out.

"This is what we wanted to see," Turner said. "Obviously, she would've been better off if she hadn't waited ... I think she ultimately realized she might get more time from a jury."

Floyd County juries have been strict with drug cases recently, giving maximum sentences to the last two people tried for trafficking in the county and sentencing a grandmother to 10 years after she sold methamphetamine to an informant, as well as eight years to the dealer they adjudicated before that.

Tackett will be formally sentenced on March 24 and was ordered to submit to a pre-sentencing investigation interview by the Department of Probation and Parole and will remain lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center until her sentencing. The form will be submitted to the judge before sentencing and will guide the court in fixing Tackett's punishment.

Parent

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and placed in the Floyd County Detention Center after Ray filed a complaint with the county attorney's office. Bartley noted that the incident mirrors several others this year and is part of a trend towards violence which cannot go unchecked.

"I have decided that a zero-tolerance approach must be adopted," Bartley said. "Although I have no input as to how the school system will handle such acts of violence [referring to recent outbreaks at ball games which preceded the incident], I do have, and will exercise, the authority to prosecute those individuals who initiate such violent acts. I fear that anything less than this zero-tolerance approach will not be sufficient to deter future acts of violence."

Bartley also noted in his statement that there are measures to lodge complaints and encouraged anyone with concerns about a student, teacher, principal or parent to pursue appropriate avenues of relief.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Jack Mynhier would like to express our gratitude to all those who helped in anyway 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 the Clergyman Richard Green for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for the assistance in traffic control, and Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF JACK MYNHIER

Card of Thanks

The family of Betty Ruth Garrett 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 ministers Judy Caudill and Sam Stevens for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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The family of Melba P. Sexton 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. Thank you to all those who sent flowers, food, or spoke kind words. A special thanks to Clergyman Jeff Prater 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE 05-003

Amendment #1

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed Ordinance was given its First Reading at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on Friday, January 20th, 2006.

FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE 05-003 Amendment #1

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof: Whereas the County of Floyd has received unbudgeted receipts from HB 267 LGEDF Coal Severance Line item - Mr. Top Recreation Operations Project and needs to increase the receipts and expenditure accounts that pertain to Prestonsburg Mountain Top Operations and the estimated revenue in 2005-2006 Budget.

Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION ONE: The Budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006 is amended to: A. Increase the receipts of Prestonsburg Mt. Top Operations Fund by 125,000.00 to include under budgeted receipts from:

Account Code	Description	Amount
04-4508	KY State Treasurer-Mt. Top Operations	125,000.00
B. Increase the expenditures of Federal Grants account:		
Account Code	Description	Amount
04-5401 348	Prestonsburg Mountain Top Operations	125,000.00

SECTION TWO: The amounts added to the revenue and expenditure accounts in section One are for Governmental Purposes. Approved by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, this the 20th day of January 2006.

Motion by: Gerald DeRossett
Seconded by: Larry Stumbo

Paul H. Thompson
Paul H. Thompson
Floyd County Judge/Executive

Approved as to Form and Classification this the 26th day of January, 2006.

David
State Local Finance Officer

This Budget Ordinance amendment was duly adopted by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, this the ___ day of _____, 2,006.

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Paul H. Thompson
Floyd County Judge/Executive

Notice is now given the proposed Ordinance will be considered for passage and given its Second Reading at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court to be held on March 9th, 2006, at the hour of 12:00 noon in the County Courtroom located on the second floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

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Philp died January 29, 2006, of injuries suffered in a truck accident.

All friends are invited to attend and a reception in the church fellowship hall will follow the service.



NEWS WITH TRUTH

By Marlow Tackett

35 years of music and entertainment in Pike County and surrounding counties in Eastern Kentucky.

Beginning May, 1971, in the Trivette Bottom located where Carson Wright and family now lives on old US 23 south of Myra, Ky., my brothers and I traded horses in this field which was open to the public to come and join in. I had been playing music and singing since I was just a boy growing up at Dorton, a few miles up the road. A lot of people knew of my entertainment at that time and some people requested that I sing for them. So my brothers had an old 1956 flatbed Ford truck to use on the farm. Occasionally I would get up on the bed of it and play and sing to everybody. It seemed that the more I did this the bigger the crowd got and I needed to make a living for myself. So looking to the future I thought maybe this would be an opportunity to give it a shot and it worked. So I stayed there and played music on Friday and Saturday nights in the open field where admission was \$1.00 to get in and sing and dance with me.

Business seemed to keep growing and I was pleased. But, in August, I knew that soon winter would come and I would be without a place to perform. So with my family and friends, I bought a little piece of ground where Faith Baptist Church is now located. I borrowed a truck from my brother-in-law, Jack Nunemaker, and a mule from my brother, Walter, and chainsaws and tools from other members of my family and friends, and with their help. Off to the woods behind Bernice Smallwoods home at Dorton to cut and haul out to the sawmill, material for the old Country Coral. My first entertainment center had a dirt floor, outside restrooms and no running water. Construction began September 5th, 1971, and opening night was Thanksgiving eve, November 1971. Welcome to Marlow's Country Coral, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays, business was good again.

Late 1973, I had to find a bigger facility. Therefore, I moved to Elkhorn City, Marlow's Place was established. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. By 1974, I was ready to relocate. John Moore didn't dance, so he didn't want anyone else to, then to Marrowbone Creek the Ponderosa Drive-In with a 40x80 addition built on the back, we were back jamming again. More space was needed in late 1974. Det. Jack Banks introduced me to Peters Entertainment Complex which soon became Marlow's Country Palace. The deal was made and I opened up in January of 1975 to a packed house.

The lease I received from Emmett Lawson was much too high in price, so Wayne T. Rutherford (Pike County Judge), I asked him to call Emmett and he did and helped reduce to a price I could live with. Business was great every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from there on out. We bought all new equipment. I had the biggest club, the best band and the greatest crowd ever to be together in East Kentucky. I never sold alcohol in my life and the county was dry and the crowd invented the thing called—brown-bagging, which continued all these years.

The coal companies were booming, everybody had a job and money was plentiful. But I had only been in business a little over a year. Emmett Lawson brought me frightening news. He was going to sell the place and gave me first offer of \$125,000.00 and the lease payment of \$400.00 to Jenny Staton, land owner. The payment plan to Emmett was \$30,000 down and then \$10,000 every six months until paid for. So off to the banks I ran. No one seemed to want to help me and then along came Johnny Hires and Kelly Brown from the 1st National Bank of Pikeville. They had both been to Marlow's and they recognized potential. They would let me have the money if I had someone to endorse the note for me. I had become friends with Jenny Staton from helping her with the chores around her home on Penfriend Lane (across the road from Childers and Venters). Repairing her roof, fixing her fireplace, her doors, her front porch and keeping her yard mowed. She was an elderly grandmother and I could understand her needs and myself and staff would take care of this. So, not knowing how long I would be there and paying that month's lease, I told her of my news from Emmett Lawson and she told me then that she wanted me to stay and that there was a way for me. Often she would walk down to the palace to see if I was alright.

There were a couple of relatives of hers from South Point, Ohio, Faith and Roland Sammons, and they would bring Jenny and Ruby Staton, Jenny's daughter-in-law, and my neighbor and spend lots of time enjoying the food and entertainment at Marlow's. Soon we all became very close friends and I informed Faith and Ruby of my having to move soon deal. They were saddened.

Sometime after that, Faith came to me and told of the time she spent with Jenny discussing the bank note and Faith told me that Jenny wanted to help me and go to the bank and endorse the note. My family and I were very thankful.

Now the complete land payment was finalized and my lease payment to Jenny was soon set at \$600.00 a month. The note payment was \$1,153.00 a month and \$10,000 every 6 months to Emmett Lawson and all over-head. I had to do a lot of singing and entertaining.

Harry Stamper was then my Attorney and he took care of my business as though it was his own. He became a very successful Judge in the Pike County Court system. Therefore, Charles Lowe, Jr. became my Attorney and became a Judge, also. Then Charles Lowe, Sr. helped me until he retired. All three attorneys out of the same office. A wonderful family, I loved them all.

One day while talking to Mr. Lowe, I asked him if he would confront Jenny Staton about selling me the land on the hill behind her home on Penfriend Lane. He was also Jenny's legal advisor and she was letting me use this property at the time for working my horses out. I built a small riding ring and thought it would make a great place for a home. After several times of confronting Mr. Lowe concerning the land, he told me that I could not purchase the land, it's already taken, if you know what I mean.

Jenny had been ill for some time and one day while mowing her yard, I took a break for a drink of water. Jenny told me Faith and Roland were wanting her to go to Florida with them for a 2-week vacation and wanted to talk to me about some papers Charles had drawn up for her. She would then get the papers and talk to me when she got back from Florida.

I had signed a contract with RCA Records and had to travel a lot to promote my records. It had been a month or more since I had seen Jenny. One day she came down to the Palace and said the papers she'd had drawn up were missing. She was upset and she said she would fix the papers her own way so no one would know where they were, until the right time came.

I didn't ask any questions. She also told me that she was going to see to it that Ruby was going to be taken care of, because she didn't trust some of the family and that Ruby was good to her and was afraid she might have trouble out of them. She told me she had already taken care of Leo (her son) who lived out front of the Palace. Said she had given Leo the house and lot, but he had already pawned it to Kelsey Friend, Sr. and he was going to take the place for the debt. She would not give a deed to Leo for the house and land, but had to go to the bank to borrow money to pay Kelsey back. Said that's why her and Kelsey never got along, but I had heard that story from others, also. Then, Jenny went up to Ruby's house. I didn't see her for a long time after that, because I had to travel with my music.

Jenny had become very sick and soon passed away. I wished Jenny, Faith and Ruby were here now. Things would certainly be different and I miss seeing them, but I know where they are now and I still love them. Just before Ruby left this land, she told me there were some papers for her and myself, but didn't say where they were at, and was very afraid we were going to have trouble once the papers were located.

Faith and Roland came and visited me from time to time and would stay with Ruby while they were here. Ruby was an awesome cook, a wonderful neighbor and loved everyone. We always had lots of good meals and visits at her home. Faith and Roland both were up in age now. Faith told me that Mr. Sammons was very ill one day while she was visiting. Jenny had sent some letters to her to keep for me and Roland didn't want anyone to know about it. He was afraid there would be trouble out of some of the Staton family, but told me that one day she would get them to me.

Now they were both sick and needed someone to take care of them, so they hired a lady by the name of Vaughn Taylor and she would drive them also. It wasn't long after that Roland had passed away also. When Faith was able, she and Vaughn came from Ohio to bring a letter concerning a will. I called my lawyer, Larry Webster, then and now, and told him of the letter which was given to me. He said he didn't think it was a will, but said after reading, according to this letter there should be more. So I talked to Faith about it and said that Roland put up a lot of things and she would look for them soon. A month or so AFTER they cleaned Roland's desk out, said they took out the middle drawer to be emptied and there were some papers in the back of the drawer and it was the other letter and would be getting them to me soon, and once she did, I called Larry at home and read the letter to him over the phone around 7 p.m. and he said now, we have a will and we can go to court.

While Larry was preparing the case, I was on the road taking care of my business. One day, Ruby's house caught fire and she needed help. It costed \$1,700 for supplies, so I gave it to her. I was blessed to help.

Every year our Christmas Program for the Needy became bigger and bigger. Our Sheriff, Fuzzy Keese, would send his deputies down to help us with the traffic and crowd control. They would stand out in the cold, rain and snow many times just to keep everyone safe. That continued every year until now. Thank God for Fuzzy Keese and his Deputies. They will always remain heroes.

Ruby Staton will always be remembered for the great food she prepared for everyone who worked the Christmas Party and made sure everyone had hot coffee or cocoa to drink. She baked the cake, lit the candles, and sang Happy Birthday to Jesus. We all know now where she is today.

Ruby and I discussed the will several times, but I don't think she ever received one. (I was saddened by that) Fairy and Leo Staton lived in front of the club, which is Jenny's son, Leo and his wife. Leo and I got along most of the time, if he didn't get too high, 'cause that's when he wanted to take over everything there. Fairy was nice to me and often invited me to come and have dinner. Leo didn't care if you liked him and didn't show much love for anyone either. By the way, Danny, who is the one who Leo shot at, because he thought it was one of my customers in the yard! I know that there is lots of people out there that still remembers when Leo would make you move your car if you weren't parked to satisfy him or it would be hell.

There is a little plot of land in front of the Staton's house on US 23 in between the two driveways to Marlow's. Believe it or not, I had a permit from the Highway Department to use that when I had big crowds, but I had to make sure it was clean. We cleaned up more glass from windows of vehicles, broken bottles and nails than anyone could imagine. (Just another chapter).

The Statons would sometimes have a dinner in the yard. One day Fairy came out to the club and asked if she could have some tables for the event. I was glad to help. I took the tables out to the yard and set them up and Fairy said, "don't forget, dinner will be ready soon." I went back to the club where I lived upstairs. Soon Fairy came out and told me some of the family were talking about hearing of the Will and said they didn't want me out there, but that was OK. They ate off my tables anyway. Then sometime after that, Leo and Fairy passed away and I've never been back to the house since.

There is a law that states that a will cannot be probated more than 10 years after someone's death. Unfortunately, Mrs. Sammons did not find the will in that time. We tried to get around those time limits by proving that some of Mrs. Staton's family knew of the existence of my will. Four different times, Judge Coleman ordered that I be granted a hearing to prove that.

When I finally got a hearing, my case was decided by a judge and not a jury. The Judge who decided it was already upset at me for appealing her earlier decision. She would not allow the will to be probated.

Danny, one of their sons, moved in the house where the parents live, and from there on out it has been a lot of chaos. Soon after Danny and family moved in, Danny stopped taking the lease payment. After his parents passed away, Danny received the money for their part of the lease which consisted of \$133.33. I have certified receipts showing that he did receive payment up until he refused to accept the payments any longer. I have 6 different witnesses that would take the money and he would not accept it.

One time, I even mailed it to him and one day I found it in my mailbox torn to small pieces, so I never attempted

to pay him any longer and that's where the story came from about Danny not receiving payment, and was the reason my friends in the court system gave me the eviction notice.

Since I had been paying the other parties their part, don't you think someone wanted a reason to have me moved? Pretty good plan, don't you think? And, hey, Joe, of course you don't know anything about this, do you? Like when I was recently in Nashville, Tennessee, recording and was on my way home in London, Kentucky, I received a call that Danny and Joe had blocked the driveways to Marlow's. When that Honorable Judge from Johnson Co. decided against me and gave me 30 days to vacate or pay all of the money that was owed for the land and garbage, my name is Marlow Tackett, not Marlow Money. The land was not in my name, so would you pay the taxes? You must remember, the will was hid for 10 years before it came out and 9 years lying dormant in the court system. I seldom ever went in 19 years without a day of hell, but it never stopped me from helping the less fortunate in Pike and surrounding counties and continuously planning how I could do more for the people, for my family and for my employees. Thank you God for continuous blessings, and yes, Satan is alive.

Now, let's talk about trash. Several years ago I was offered the opportunity to do a video of myself and my music here in Pike County where I grew up. The company sent people here to explore the scenery and location. I was pleased to be the scout to show them around. Naturally, they wanted to explore where I was born and raised on a hillside near the Flatwoods at Dorton, Kentucky, and a continuous longing to be there.

The home place had been torn down, so I went there and built a cabin in the exact spot where the old home place stood. That was around 1978 or 1979. That was the old farm back then, I kept livestock there including lots of horses for people to ride and a big garden each year. Since US 23 was a 4-lane now and they cut the mountain down at Dorton Hill, I had to park at the bottom and walk up when I wanted to spend some time there. On the Dorton side was a road that would take you to the Flatwoods. You could drive part way up the hill and down and the road would take you back to the Caney side where I lived. This was in 1985 or 1986. There were all kinds of animals, such as a cow, a mule, a big hog and several dogs, and trash piled up on the side of the hill by the tons. So we left and came back to the 4-lane. There is a place on the Caney side called Flat Fork where you could look up the mountain and see the old home place. We stopped so they could take more pictures. Songwriter "Wild" Bill Emerson and Honky Tonk Hero, Gary Stewart, were along with the crew. I don't know how much they would remember. They were both high enough to go duck hunting with a rake! There was more trash and dead animals including a flock of dead roosters. Needless to say, the mountain aroma wasn't very fragrant.

I never heard from the film crew or my video since. I was very upset and went to the Pikeville Paper and got one of their reporters with a camera and showed him all of this. He did a front page story which included many pictures and that was a far as it got. I think I have a copy of that paper; it's buried in the midst of my 30-year moving extravaganza. At this time I was hauling my garbage from Marlow's to the landfill and paying my bill. Some other man from another county had taken over the Judges office around 1981 or 1982. That was the last I heard of that. Until, some lady became County Judge-Executive along with some guy from the other side of the county who was appointed Judge. Each time I would receive a dumpster in those days to put the things that the needy couldn't use, the bill was \$150.00.

I remember all the years this case has been in court. I remember all the Judges it was handed up to and down to. Someone please tell me how come we couldn't have a jury trial in Pike or Floyd counties, and I'm sure they're many good honest people who would give fair judgement and not have to use this Honorable Judge from Johnson County to make a decision, or is this the thing called court system?

Oh, by the way, I almost missed something a paragraph or two ago. I made a statement that I had never been back to the house since Danny moved in. Please forgive me, I'm sorry. Last summer, I was in my parking lot and heard someone yell for help. I ran to see what was going on and it was Farmer Danny pinned underneath the farm tractor. So I grabbed a big pole lying there and pried it up off or him. While someone else who came and helped pull him out and we had to take him across the yard to a vehicle, and once we got there, I told him I would drive him to the hospital and the only words he said to me was "I don't want your help." He finally dragged himself into the truck and spun off like a maniac towards Pikeville. Oh well, at least Danny wasn't hurt too bad. Recently, Danny was out by the highway raising hell during our 29th Annual Christmas for the Needy, because he didn't want the poor folks parking along the roadside. Thanks to the Deputies, the people got their gifts.

Is there anyone out there who could tell me how many times Danny called the law on me, my employees or my supporters since he has lived nearby? And please get me a number of all the calls, if you can, especially because of all the cars parked along side the highway. Do you remember when all the cars parked up and down the edge of the highway for all these big coal operator parties or the political meetings or when the United Mine Workers used my place, or when John Y. Brown had that big fundraiser so he could win the Governor's Race? Where were you, Danny? Didn't you want Kelsey and Paul to see you raising hell? And I almost forgot, Berlin Coleman from the Pikeville National Bank was invited to do the introductions at the meeting and sat at the head table with the dignitaries. He thought I was a nut at his bank when I tried to borrow the \$30,000.00 I needed to pay Emmett Lawson for the club. He said, "Are you crazy, a nightclub in Pike County?" I had to make my way through the crowd at the club to thank him for coming that night and to shake his hand for coming to the best club, not only in Pike County, but Eastern Kentucky.

Here's a good one. Like the time they came to Marlow's to raid a party that was supposed to be a fundraiser and they showed up on Thursday night after 8 p.m. when the party was held on Wednesday night. You talk about screwed up! But, they had to make a scene. It was ladies night and the boogie crowd hadn't showed up, only very few 'cause it was too early. They had to check it out anyway, while they were there. They looked in my kitchen, my office, my storage room and finally inside the club where they found three beers at one table. A father had brought his underage daughter to listen to the music while he had a drink. So Johnny arrested me in front of my lobby door, fleeced me down like I'd shot the President, then put me in the back seat to haul me off to jail. By the time we got to the highway, the crowd started coming in. He had to stop, get me out of the car, put me up against it, and fleeced me down again. He had to make sure everybody could see what a big guy could really do. He hauled me off to jail. I was arrested for the first time in my life. But, at that time the license wasn't in my name. UH-OH, wrong guy, DISMISSED! And yet, people have asked me why I didn't like John Law. Okay, I forgive him. Anyway, the guy won the campaign.

I wish someone could help me understand why this case couldn't be tried in Pikeville or Prestonsburg, or any other county in front of a jury, where all the details could have been brought out.

Maybe I've been too busy over the past years caring for the less fortunate, schools, churches, or those who lost their homes due to floods or fires, or trying to sell a few cars or have a few horse shows or entertaining my friends. I promise to all I will do this as long as I can. And please, of all the good that I have done, give all the credit to the Lord. I still love everybody.

I'm looking for a new location with pleasant working conditions. I want to thank my Attorney, Larry Webster, and his office personnel who did all they could and always treated me like family. God bless all.

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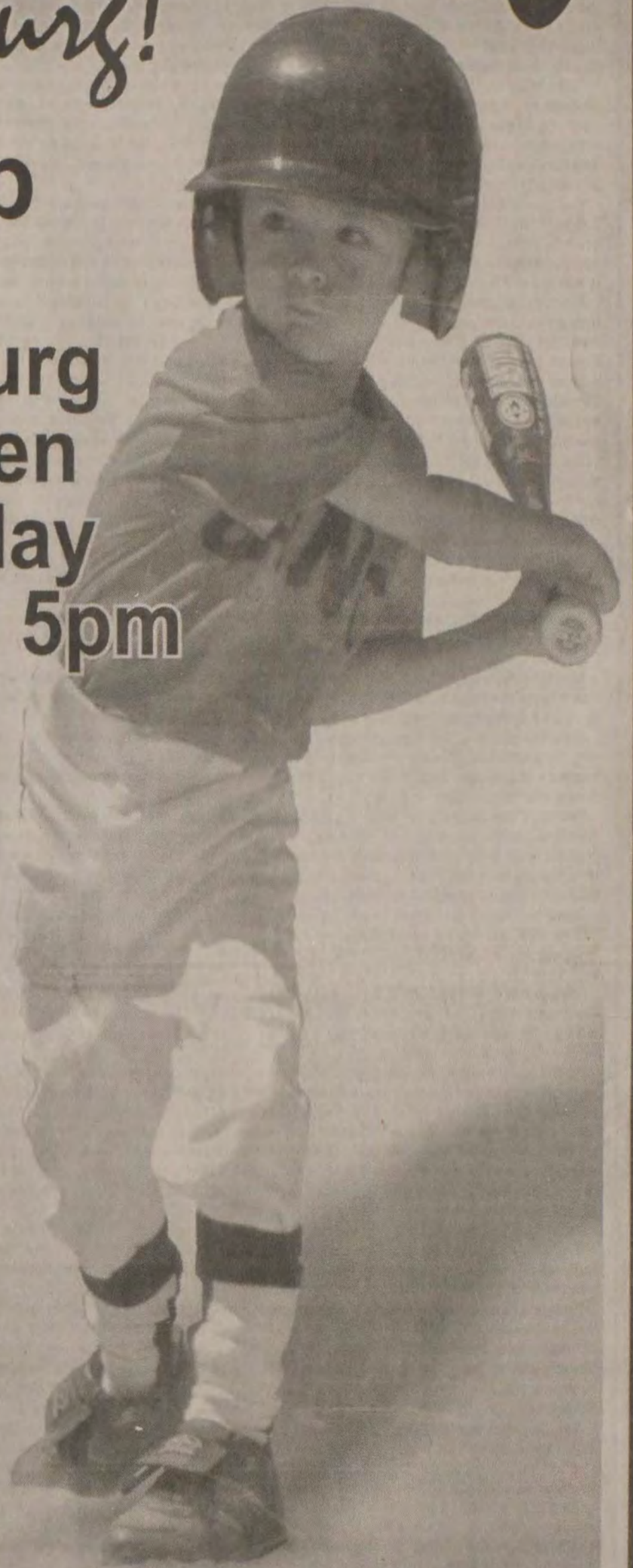
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Pairings set for 2006 Community Trust Bank Mid-South Conference tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The matchups for the 2006 Community Trust Bank Mid-South Conference tournament, to be held March 2-4 at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center in downtown Pikeville, have been set. The MSC Tournament is scheduled to make its debut at the new Eastern Kentucky facility that has just last week hosted Kid Rock in concert and earlier this year welcomed in the world famous Harlem Globetrotters.

The tournament is preceded by the cheer-leading championships, to be held March 1 at

7:30 at the Expo Center. Tickets for all events associated with the tournament are available at the Expo Center box office or online at [HYPERLINK](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

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The champions of both the men's and women's tournaments will receive the league's automatic bids into the NAIA Div. I national tournaments March 15-21. The men play in Kansas City, while the women's event is held in Jackson, Tenn.

Both the Pikeville College men's and women's basketball teams had the opportunity

to play regular-season Mid-South Conference games in the Expo Center. Officials from several MSC schools have given the Expo Center high marks.

The tournament will unfold as follows – Thursday, March 2: 1 p.m. – Women – No. 4 Lambuth (17-13, 5-5 MSC) vs. No. 5 Campbellsville (12-18, 3-7); 3 p.m. – Men – No. 4 Lambuth (23-6, 6-4) vs. No. 5 Cumberlands (20-8, 5-5); 6 p.m. – Women – No. 3 Lindsey Wilson (18-10, 6-4) vs. No. 6 Pikeville (12-18, 1-9); 8 p.m. – Men – No. 3 Campbellsville (23-5, 6-

(See TOURNAMENT, page two)



Pirates sink P'burg in overtime

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GOODY – Prestonsburg went on the road Friday night and for a second straight game, found itself in a contest in which regulation could not decide a winner. The Blackcats ended the fourth period in a 62-62 deadlock with the host Belfry Pirates. Belfry, the 15th Region runner-up from last season, had just enough in the overtime period, outscoring the Blackcats 11-10 on its way to a 73-72 win in the regular-season finale for both high school boys' basketball teams.

On Tuesday night of last week, Prestonsburg dropped a hard-fought game on the road at Paintsville. The host Tigers claimed a 90-87 win in that late regular-season game.

Belfry stretched its lead out to eight points Friday night in the overtime period before Prestonsburg battled back.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing for the host Pirates. Belfry led Prestonsburg 33-31 at the half. The Blackcats, however, stormed back in the third period and outscored Belfry 19-9. Belfry forced the overtime when it held Prestonsburg to just 12 points in the fourth quarter.

Senior Matt Maynard led the charge for the Pirates, scoring a game-high 27 points. Jamie Case and Dustin May joined Maynard in double figures for Belfry, scoring 17 points apiece. Zach Bowman had another significant scoring effort for the

(See P'BURG, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg senior point guard Michael Stephens surveyed the Belfry defense during Friday's regular-season game.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE



photos by Jamie Howell

ON THE BIG STAGE – The Adams Middle and Betsy Layne Elementary boys' basketball teams traveled to Lexington over the weekend and played in the middle school state tournament at the Kentucky Basketball Academy. Adams is pictured in action against Clinton County. Above: Coach Robert Allen is pictured giving instructions to Tyler Hall. Right: Austin McKinney, back from an injury, put the dribble down on a free-throw attempt for the Blackcats.



Lady Bears fall in regular-season finale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG – The Lady Bears of Pikeville College took Bill Watson from the thrill of victory to the agony of defeat in pretty quick fashion.

Thrill over their 59-53 win over Campbellsville Thursday evening – which ended a nine-game losing streak, including eight league wins – the Lady Bears imploded early on and never recovered in an 86-50 loss to the University of the Cumberlands on Saturday.

The outcome set four of the six seeds in this week's Mid-South Conference tournament. Cumberlands will be seeded first, moving Georgetown to No. 2. Both teams will get byes.

(See BEARS, page two)



Kim Clark

Patriots roll to win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG – A 29-4 outburst in the second half was more than enough to lift the University of the Cumberlands to a 74-51 win over the Bears of Pikeville College.

The loss ends the regular season at 8-22 for Pikeville with 10 consecutive losses, all coming in the Mid-South Conference. The setback also means a winless run through the league for the Bears, who finish 0-10.

Cumberlands, 20-8 overall, breaks even in the league at 5-5. The Patriots need a Lindsey Wilson loss – the Blue Raiders are hosting Georgetown – to claim the four seed in the Community Trust Bank Mid-South Conference tournament, to be played beginning Thursday in Pikeville's Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center.

Cumberlands led 31-30 at the half and opened the second half with consecutive baskets. But senior Emanuel Tekie heated up, hitting the first of three straight threes, and when senior Chris Carroll nailed his first three of the season, Pikeville led 44-40 with 14:44 to play.

But from there, it was all Pats, who were in the midst of a second half in which they would make 68.2 percent of their shots to roll to the win. Darnell Howell sank a three to begin the 29-4 run, which ended with consecutive field

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15th Region Tournament

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P'burg

Pirates, adding seven points. Sean Leslie led Prestonsburg with 27 points, sharing game-high scoring honors with Belfry's Maynard. Leslie was one of three players to reach double figures for the Blackcats. Sophomore Bobby Hughes added 14 points and Lewis Barnette 12 for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg and Belfry

were both in opening-round district tournament competition Tuesday night. The Blackcats were at home hosting rival South Floyd in the 58th District Tournament. Belfry was also playing at home, hosting Piarist in the 60th District Tournament. Results from both district tournament games were unavailable at press time.

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BELFRY 73, PRESTONSBURG 72
 Stephens 5, Herrick 3, Barnette 12, McGuire 6, Leslie 27, Hughes 14, Hall 5.
BELFRY - Maynard 27, Case 17, Bowman 7, Steele 2, May 17, Reed 3.
 Prestonsburg...17 14 19 12 10-72
 Belfry.....17 16 9 20 11-73

Tournament

4) vs. No. 6 Pikeville (8-22, 0-10). Friday, March 3: 1 p.m. - Women - No. 1 Cumberlands (19-7, 8-2) vs. Lambuth/Campbellsville winner; 3 p.m. - Men - No. 1

Georgetown (24-6, 7-3) vs. Lambuth/Cumberlands winner; 6 p.m. - Women - No. 2 Georgetown (22-8, 7-3) vs. Lindsey Wilson/Pikeville winner; 8 p.m. - Men - No. 2

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 Lindsey Wilson (22-8, 6-4) vs. Campbellsville/Pikeville winner. Saturday, March 4: 1 p.m. - Women - Finals, Friday's winners; 4 p.m. - Men - Finals, Friday's winners.

Bears

Meanwhile, Pikeville will be the six seed while Campbellsville will be fifth. The only thing undecided was the three/four situation, which will be between Lindsey Wilson and Lambuth. The four seed will play Campbellsville in the opener on Thursday at 1, while the five will meet Pikeville at 6. The tournament will be played at the Eastern

Kentucky Exposition Center. Pikeville was never in Saturday's game, trailing at one point 30-2 in the first half. By intermission, the outcome the No. 1 seed that came with it was well in hand for the hosts, who led 44-16 at the break. Freshmen Kim Clark and Sasha Fields led the Lady Bears with 11 points apiece. Fields added seven rebounds in the

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 game. Junior Heather Dillon had seven points and a team-best nine rebounds. Cumberlands (19-7, 8-2) had five players in double figures as all nine players played at least 17 minutes. Madison Flowers led the way with 21, hitting 5-of-7 from the arc. Jennifer Nagy tossed in 16, Tenille Cann 13 and Kristin Kunzman and Shannon Antunez 10 apiece.

Roll

goals by Patrick Cureton and Pierre Darden to put the hosts on top 69-48 with 5:18 left. Tekie led Pikeville with 20 points,

the only Bear in double figures. Carroll had nine points and nine rebounds. Cureton had 18 and nine to

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 lead Cumberlands in both categories. Jermaine Love followed with 13, Sam Brown with 12 and Darnell Howell with 10.

ALC baseball season underway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball team began play last week with a busy slate that included five games. On Friday and Saturday, the Eagles hosted Kenyon College (Ohio) in two double-headers. Kenyon won both games on Friday - 7-5 in extra innings and 6-4. In the first game Jason Smith pitched six strong innings, giving up only 2 runs. On Saturday, the Eagles

also fell short 15-10 and 9-3. The Eagles traveled to Montreat College (NC) on Sunday. ALC lost a heartbreaker on the road to a talented Montreat team as the host squad won 4-2. Jonathan Saylor pitched well for the visiting Eagles. "We are hitting the ball very well, but our fielding let us down last week," said Alice Lloyd Coach Scott Cornett. "Carlos Armenteros already has two home runs and several doubles. Brandon Collins has

two home runs and Ronnie Johnson hit the ball well with a home run. Trent Waymire and Jason Bufka pitched well in relief. When our fielding catches up with our hitting, I believe that we will be alright." This week, the Eagles will travel to UVa-Wise today for a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. Alice Lloyd will then travel to Southwest Virginia Community College on Friday and Saturday for doubleheaders beginning at 1 p.m. each day

Waterman, Mullins named All-Conference

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - K.J. Waterman, a guard/forward for Alice Lloyd College has been named to the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) All-Conference Men's basketball team. Waterman is a 6-4 sophomore from St. Albans High School in Charleston, W.Va. He ended the season averaging 13.3 ppg and 6.3 rpg. He shot 55-percent from the field, 41-percent from behind the arc and 75-percent from the free throw line. Waterman also had 90 assists and 42 steals.



Senior Night for the Alice Lloyd College basketball team was held Feb. 17 in the Grady Nutt Athletic Center. It was a time to pay special tribute to those student-athletes who have represented Alice Lloyd College in a very positive manner over the past several years. Pictured from left to right are Tim Parks, Jeremy Daniels, Jeremy Jackson, Belicia Mullins and Amy Jackson.

Belicia Mullins, a 5-7 senior guard for the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles, was named to the KIAC All-Conference women's basketball team last week. Mullins is a Mt. Sterling native and attended Montgomery County High School. This past season, Mullins averaged around 13 points and 4 rebounds for the Lady Eagles. She is also a member of the Lady Eagles 1,000 point club.



Above: Alice Lloyd College's K.J. Waterman (right) and Belicia Mullins were both named All-Conference.



Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp talked with his team during a timeout Friday night on the road at Belfry.



June Buchanan School student-athlete Leyton Childers signed Monday to study and play golf at nearby Alice Lloyd College.

Childers signs with ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Alice Lloyd College golf coach Sean Damron has announced the signing of Leyton Childers. Childers, a senior at the June Buchanan School, signed a

national letter of intent on Monday to continue his academic and athletic career at Alice Lloyd College. "Leyton is a tremendous addition to our golf program," Damron commented. "He will be an impact player immediate-

ly and I expect great things from Leyton on and off the golf course," commented Childers is the son of Billy and Tammy Childers, of Hindman, and the brother of current ALC student and golfer Weston Childers.



Piarist's Josh Ousley, pictured driving to the basket during a game against David earlier this season, scored 18 points in Saturday's win over Riverside Christian.

Knights crown Riverside

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LOST CREEK - The Piarist School boys' basketball team ended the regular-season on a winning note Saturday with a 66-54 win over Three Rivers Conference foe Riverside Christian. Piarist broke open a 30-30 halftime tie, outscoring the host Rams 20-13 in the third quarter.

Chris Baker paced Piarist with a game-high 21 points. Josh Ousley joined Baker in double figures with 18 points. Caleb Hoskins, a player who has sparked Piarist in the second half of the season, added 15 points as three Knights reached double figures.

Jake Moak scored seven points and Matt Doyle dumped in five points for the Knights. Piarist snapped an eight-game losing streak. The Knights have won a school-record seven

games, beating David School five times and Riverside Christian twice.

Piarist is in its first season as a member of the 60th District. Greg Friend is in his first season as Piarist boys' basketball head coach. The Knights were paired up with Belfry Tuesday night in the opening round of the 60th District Tournament. Results from the tournament game were unavailable at press time.

PIARIST 66 RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN 54
 PIARIST (7-20) - Ousley 18, Moak 7, Baker 21, Doyle 5, Hoskins 15.
 RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN (3-21) - Campbell 11, Hudson 8, Stacy 28, Smith 4, Gross 4, Robinson 3.

Piarist.....12 18 20 15-66
 Riverside Christ.....12 18 13 11-54



Zach Spradlin, an offensive lineman for Covington Catholic, recently signed a national letter-of-intent to continue his football career at Georgetown College. Spradlin is the son of Greg and Terry Spradlin of Covington. He is the grandson of Roger and Sue Spradlin, and Mary Beth Compton, all of Prestonsburg. Spradlin has been a member of the Covington Catholic football and baseball teams each of the last four years. He is involved with several clubs and is active in community service projects. The Georgetown College-bound student-athlete recently participated in the "March for Life" rally in Washington, D.C. The signing ceremonies were conducted by Covington Catholic head football coach John Rodenberg and Georgetown College offensive coordinator Craig Mullins and attended by family, teammates and friends.

No. 14 West Virginia 68, Louisville 64

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — It took a reversal of roles for No. 14 West Virginia to snap a season-high three-game losing streak with a 68-64 win over Louisville on Saturday.



Kevin Pittsnogle

The Mountaineers, foiled from the outside in losing four of their last five, turned to inside shooting and defense and out-paced Louisville's typically solid pressure for the win.

Kevin Pittsnogle scored 21 points and Mike Gansey added 17 for WVU, but 26 of those 38 points come from inside the arc — a surprise for the Big East's most prolific outside shooting tandem.

"We learned at Syracuse that we had to attack inside and outside for scoring success," WVU coach John Beilein said. "It's rare that you see a game where we shoot twenty-some percent (from 3-point range) and win."

The difference was that West Virginia (19-8, 10-4 Big East) hit 16 of 25 (64 percent) two-point shots in a game where it

missed 23 of its trademark 31 3-pointers.

"Our zone was terrific and we got them to shoot a really low percentage, but our man wasn't as good," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "They put so much pressure on you when you have to play man."

The Cardinals, hurt in the NCAA Tournament last year by 18 WVU 3-pointers, extended its man defense only to leave the middle open for short jumpers. West Virginia used the spot to find cutters toward the basket for easy lay-ins.

"I had heard rumors that I couldn't dunk, so I figured I would get some today," said Pittsnogle, ridiculed for soft inside play of late. "We were able to take more inside shots instead of relying so much on the outside shot."

The Mountaineers were also able to break Louisville's full court pressure and get into their offensive sets with 27-plus second on the shot clock. It was a stark contrast to the teams' Elite

Eight meeting last season, when Louisville rallied from a 20-point first half deficit for a 93-85 overtime win.

The win pushes WVU within one victory of sealing one of four Big East Tournament first round byes. Louisville (17-10, 5-9) is now in a battle for the 12th and final spot in the Big East Tournament with two games left, including one at No. 3 Connecticut.

West Virginia built a 61-50 lead with 3:52 left on Saturday but saw it whittled down to seven in the final minute. The game then became dramatic when Pittsnogle inexplicably fouled Andre McGee on a drive to the basket with 4.8 seconds left. McGee made the lay-in and accidentally hit the resulting free throw to pull Louisville within 66-64.

"Andre is a 51 percent shooter and we were trying to miss that," Pitino said. "I think I should have just told him to miss it."

J.D. Collins was then fouled and made both free throws for the final margin. They added for his career-high 13th point. He also had five rebounds and three assists and headed WVU's press break.

"Last year I thought I handled it great against them," Collins said. "Once I had it (today), I knew they were not going to take it from me."

Louisville was led by Taquan Dean's 25 points. Juan Palacios added 14 and seemed on his way to a season-high 19 until being benched after his fourth foul with nine minutes left. He re-entered with seven minutes left but managed just one more basket.

Dean also finished with four fouls.

"I thought that was the difference maker," Pitino said. "We played great but they're just better at what they do than we are at what we do now."

Tied at 31 at the half, the teams split the first six points of the second half for a 37-37 tie with 16:22 left before trading leads five times in six possessions over the next three minutes.

The last lead change came on Pittsnogle's first 3-pointer of the game and gave West Virginia a 44-42 edge. It never trailed again.

Collins drilled another 3-pointer on the Mountaineers' next trip only to have McGee answer at the other end for the game's 15th 3-pointer, which

pulled Louisville within 47-45 with 11:54 left.

West Virginia then used a 14-5 run over the next eight minutes for its largest lead of the game at 61-50. Gansey and Pittsnogle combined for eight points in the push. Collins added five, including one of his season-high two 3-pointers.

It was one of 18 3-pointers in the game. The teams combined for an NCAA-record 29 3-pointers in last year's matchup.

The game had eight lead changes. WVU managed a 12-3 edge in points off turnovers.

West Virginia, which did not attempt a free throw in its last game against Syracuse — a school first in 83 years — did not try a foul shot until the 17:19 mark of the second half. Combined with its 44-second streak against Connecticut three games ago, WVU had not attempted a free throw in 63:25 of game time.

Morehead men drop final game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Todd Babington came off the bench to score a career-high 25 points to lead Austin Peay to an 80-48 win over Morehead State Saturday evening in Morehead. Eagle seniors Cory Burns and Quinton Smith were honored in pre-game ceremonies.

Austin Peay, now 17-13 overall and 11-9 in the Ohio Valley Conference, also got 19 points from Drake Reed and 10 points from J.P. Felder. The Governors shot 50 percent (28-of-56) from the field and hit 10-of-23 from three-point range. Babington was eight-of-13 from the field, including seven-of-10 from behind the arc.

Morehead State, which ended its season at 4-23 overall and 3-17 in the league, was led by Quinton Smith who scored 16 points. The Eagles hit only 35.6 percent (16-of-45) from the field.

APSU led 38-23 at halftime, then took control early in the second half. The Governors led by as many as 36 points.

BAYOU BATTLE: No. 24 LSU 71, Kentucky 67

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU's Glen Davis was too much for Kentucky.

Davis equaled a career high with 28 points and Darrel Mitchell had 13 points and eight assists to lead the 24th-ranked Tigers to a 71-67 win over Kentucky on Saturday.



Glen Davis

Davis was 9-of-14 from the field and 9-of-9 at the foul line, and also had 15 rebounds for LSU (20-7, 12-2 Southeastern Conference), which outrebounded the Wildcats 38-26.

"Glen just stepped up and carried us today," Mitchell said.

Kentucky's Patrick Sparks made a 3-pointer to tie it at 67

with 27 seconds to play. On the next possession, Ravi Moss fouled Mitchell as he started to drive into the lane. He made two foul shots to put the Tigers ahead 69-67 with 13 seconds left.

On the next possession, Kentucky's Sheray Thomas missed a short shot along the baseline with 2 seconds to go. Davis got the rebound and made two free throws for the final margin.

"I had a high level of concentration out there today," said Davis, who recorded his seventh straight double-double. "That's how I approached it. I made sure I was ready to play. I just wanted to win."

LSU moved into sole possession of first place in the overall

SEC standings ahead of Tennessee, which lost earlier in the day at home to Arkansas.

"We knew Tennessee had lost, but we didn't dwell on it," Davis said. "We hadn't stepped on the court yet. We're in first now. If it falls in place for us, it falls in place."

Tasmin Mitchell had nine of his 10 points in the second half for the Tigers. Tyrus Thomas injured an ankle and played just 18 minutes, making Davis' performance even more important.

"With Tyrus hurt, Tasmin got 100 percent and Darrel not 100 percent, we thought we'd just go to Glen," LSU coach John Brady said. "I told him before the game, 'Why don't you go out and have your best game of the year.'"

"At halftime, I told him that Tyrus may not be able to play. We are going to go to you and you just do what you need to do.

You know what to do out there. Glen was outstanding."

Randolph Morris led Kentucky (18-10, 8-6) with 17 points. Sparks added 13 points.

"I can't say enough about Glen Davis and how big he played today," Wildcats coach Tubby Smith said. "We were trying to double him and take the ball out of his hands. We didn't do the job there."

The Wildcats came back from two four-point deficits in the last 3 minutes to tie the score. Rajon Rondo made a 3 to get Kentucky within 60-59 with 2:58 remaining.

After Tasmin Mitchell made one of two free throws, a basket by Morris tied it at 61 with 2:12 left.

The Tigers then built another four-point advantage as Mitchell and Davis each hit two foul shots. Sparks hit a 3-pointer to cut it to one but Davis scored with 53 seconds left to give LSU a 67-64 lead.

No. 24 LSU 71, KENTUCKY 67
KENTUCKY (18-10)—Perry 1-4 0-0 2, Obrzut 1-2 2-2 4, Stockton 3-6 0-0 8, Moss 0-3 0-0 0, Sparks 5-9 0-1 13, Rondo 4-

9 0-0 9, LeMaster 0-0 0-0 0, Alleyne 1-1 0-0 2, Thomas 4-8 0-0 9, Crawford 1-4 0-0 3, Morris 6-11 5-7 17. Totals 26-57 7-10 67.

LSU (20-7)—Davis 9-14 9-9 28, T.Mitchell 2-11 5-8 10, Thomas 2-4 5-6 9, Temple 2-6 0-0 5, D.Mitchell 3-11 6-6 13, Voogd 0-0 0-0 0, Rolle 1-1 0-0 2, Lazare 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 20-51 27-31 71.

Halftime—Kentucky 37-32 3-

Point Goals—Kentucky 8-21 (Sparks 3-6, Stockton 2-4, Thomas 1-2, Rondo 1-3, Crawford 1-3, Perry 0-1, Moss 0-2), LSU 4-17 (Davis 1-2, T.Mitchell 1-4, Temple 1-5, D.Mitchell 1-6). Fouled O u t — T h o m a s . Rebounds—Kentucky 26 (Rondo 6), LSU 38 (Davis 15). Assists—Kentucky 7 (Sparks 4), LSU 13 (D.Mitchell 8). Total Fouls—Kentucky 21, LSU 16. A-11,576.

Western Ky 80, Fla. International 67

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Elgrace Wilborn scored 15 points and grabbed 15 rebounds as Western Kentucky beat Florida International 80-65 Saturday night.

Wilborn also blocked nine shots, and was one block away from recording the first triple-double in Western Kentucky's 87-year history.

Courtney Lee led the Hilltoppers with 20 points and five rebounds. Western Kentucky (21-6,

12-2) took control by closing the first half with a 9-0 run to take a 51-36 halftime lead.

The Hilltoppers shot 62 percent in the first half and hit six of nine 3-pointers.

Johwen Villegas led the Golden Panthers (8-18, 4-9) with 21 points and hit six of 14 3-pointers. Ismael N'Diaye had nine points and 14 rebounds.

Florida International's leading scorer and rebounder, Ivan Almonte, did not play because of disciplinary reasons, according to coach Sergio Rouco.

Pfeiffer, Elliott lead Wildcats past Bama

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer (North Vernon, Ind.) scored a career-high 29 points and Sarah Elliott (McKee) added a season-best 20 points Sunday as the Wildcats defeated Alabama 80-60 on Senior Day in Rupp Arena.

The Wildcats (20-7, 9-5 Southeastern Conference) reached the 20-win plateau for the first time since the 1998-99 season and secured a No. 4 seed and first-round bye in the Southeastern Conference Tournament next week.

Kentucky will play an opponent to be determined on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. EST. This marks the first time since the SEC expanded to 12 teams in the 1991-92 season that the Cats will earn a bye on the opening night of play. It also marks their highest finish in the league (fourth) since tying for second in 1982-83.

Pfeiffer scored 19 of her game-high 29 points in the second half and Elliott added a season-high 20, marking the first time since Feb. 1, 2004 that two Wildcats have scored 20 or more points in a game. Pfeiffer tied her career high with six three-pointers made. She connected on 6-of-12 shots from long range. Elliott chipped in six rebounds to complement her 8-of-9 shooting from the floor.

Sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney (Detroit) added 10 points, while sophomore forward/center Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio) brought down a team-high 10 rebounds.

In the first half, Alabama was sparked by the hot shooting of junior Navonda Moore. The Tide's leading scorer netted 5-of-6 three-pointers en route to a team-high 22 points at the break. With the score knotted at 24 with 4:10 to go in the first half, free throws by Carly Ormerod and a jumper by

Elliott helped UK get back on top 27-24 with 2:42 remaining. The Wildcats, who closed the half on a 6-0 run, led 31-28 at intermission and would not trail the rest of the way.

The Cats continued their momentum out of the locker room at halftime and took a 39-32 advantage on back-to-back baskets by Mahoney with 13:15 remaining in the game. With the Wildcats leading 48-44, a three-pointer by Pfeiffer sparked a 5-0 UK run.

On the ensuing possession, Nastassia Alcius (Lexington) stole the ball and drove the length of the court for a lay-up with 10:15 left in the game. Two consecutive baskets by Elliott with 6:58 remaining moved UK in front by 10, 57-47, and Kentucky would lead by as many as 19 points (77-58) with 1:10 left before capturing the 20-point win. Moore, who led Alabama with 24 points, scored just two points in the second half.

Senior Stephanie Stumbo (Hoover, Ala.), who earned her first career start Sunday, was honored before the final home game of her career. Stumbo played three minutes, grabbed a rebound and took a charge in her home finale.

The Wildcats, who led 31-28 at halftime, connected on 80.8 percent (21-of-26) of their free-throws and made 44.1 percent (26-of-59) of their shots from the field. Kentucky improved to 236-18 all-time when scoring 80 or more points in a game. Alabama (9-18, 3-11) was limited to just 32.3 percent (20-of-62) percent shooting from the floor.

The Wildcats improve to 16-15 in the all-time series with the Crimson Tide. UK has now won three consecutive meetings with Alabama in Lexington.

Live audio and statistics for all UK Hoops games will be available on ukathletics.com.

SEC Tournament looms for Kentucky women

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — With a convincing 80-60 win over Alabama on Sunday, the Kentucky women's basketball team secured a No. 4 seed in the Southeastern Conference Tournament and is preparing to square off with the winner of Florida (No. 5 seed) and Mississippi State (No. 12 seed) in the second round. The Cats will play on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. EST at the Alltel Center in North Little Rock, Ark. The game will be carried live on FSN South and the Big Blue Sports Network (radio) with Neil Price.

Florida (20-7, 8-6 SEC) earned the fifth seed by upsetting fifth-ranked Tennessee in overtime, 95-93, in Knoxville, Tenn. The Gators edged Vanderbilt, also with an 8-6 league record, in the SEC standings by winning the head-to-head tie. Florida defeated the Commodores during the regular season, 73-59. Mississippi State is the 12th seed after finishing with a 6-21 overall record, 1-13 in the SEC.

During the regular season, UK split meetings with Florida, winning 80-65 in Gainesville and dropping a 68-61 decision in Lexington. The Cats defeated Mississippi State, 51-46, in the only matchup with the Lady Bulldogs.

UK (20-7, 9-5 SEC) completed the regular season with a school-record nine SEC victories. The Wildcats' 20 wins marks the first 20-win season since 1998-99 and their fourth place finish is the highest since the 1982-83 squad tied for second.

UK is 16-25 all-time in the SEC Tournament and holds a 5-11 (31.2) mark in second round games.

Lady Vols fall to unranked Florida

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The No. 5 Tennessee Lady Vols lost at home to an unranked team for the second time in school history and first time in 22 years, falling 95-93 to Florida in overtime Sunday.

Unranked Kentucky beat Tennessee earlier this year, making this the only season since the women's rankings started in 1976 that the Lady Vols have lost to more than one unranked

team. Tennessee lost 66-63 at Kentucky on Jan. 26.

The Lady Vols (25-4, 11-3 Southeastern Conference) had never lost to an unranked team in Thompson-Boling Arena, which opened in 1987. Unranked Cincinnati beat then-No. 12 Tennessee 72-69 on Nov. 26, 1984, in the university's old arena.

It was only the 16th loss for Tennessee in Thompson-Boling Arena. Florida won for the first time in Knoxville, becoming its second SEC team to win for the first

time here. LSU did it in February.

Brittany Davis scored a career-high 29 points and Sha Brooks added 25 for the Gators (20-7, 8-6), who improved to 2-34 all-time against Tennessee. Sarah Lowe added 15 points, seven rebounds and six assists while Danielle Santos and Dalila Eshe each scored 13 points for Florida.

The Gators reached 20 wins for the first time under coach Carolyn Peck, a former Tennessee assistant.

Lady Eagles upset Austin Peay

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Sophomore Megen Gearhart

topped the Morehead State Lady Eagle basketball team with 16 points, junior La Krisha Brown notched her 18th career double-double



and freshman Brittany Bass scored a career high 10 points to lead MSU past Austin Peay, 63-52, Saturday at Johnson Arena. The win locked up fifth place for the Lady Eagles, which were on the road at Austin Peay Tuesday night for a quick rematch with the Lady Gobs Tuesday night in the first round of the 2006 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Tonight's win also gave MSU a season sweep of APSU

for the first time since 1989-90. The win also gave MSU (15-12/11-9) a 10-game improvement over last season's 5-22 mark and an eight game OVC win improvement over the 3-13 mark from 2004-2005.

Austin Peay (15-12/12-8), which secured the fourth seed Thursday night,

got 25 points and 13 rebounds by senior Ashley Haynes, her 21st double-double. She was the only player in double figures for APSU, which was limited to 33 percent shooting (19-of-58) from the floor by MSU. The Lady Eagles also out-rebounded the Lady Gobs, 44-36, including a season high eight - all defensive - by Bass. Brown led MSU with 12 rebounds and added 15 points.

Junior Jessie Plante recorded

a season best seven rebounds and handed out a team high five assists. Both teams had 15 assists as Haynes topped the Lady Gobs with four. The Lady Eagles also got seven blocked shots with three from Brown.

Austin Peay raced out to a 13-1 lead in the first 5:44 but saw MSU claw back with an 18-4 run to take a 19-17 lead after a Brown jumper at the 4:17 mark of the first half. The Lady Eagles ultimately led 24-22 at the half.

In the final half, Morehead State opened on a 9-2 run to take a 33-24 lead with 16:45 left after a Gearhart jumper. APSU cut it to three, at 4-138, with 11:34 left, but MSU raced back ahead 48-40 with 7:56 to go in the game after a Bass jumper. The Lady Gobs never cut the deficit under five the rest of the way. The Lady Eagles went 17-for-25 at the free throw line for the night, including 12 in the final four minutes.

Clark, Lynn earn National City Bank Scholarships

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – University of Louisville tennis player Jeremy Clark and swimmer Mandy Lynn were named as the recipients of the second annual National City Bank Postgraduate Scholarships at the Red and Black Scholar Banquet Sunday night at the Brown Williamson Room at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Lynn and Clark earned post graduate scholarships honoring graduating U of L student-athletes who have excelled in the classroom and in competition while demonstrating positive character and citizenship.

"We are thrilled with the quality of candidates and it was a difficult decision," said Charles P. Denny, president and chief executive officer of

National City Bank of Kentucky. "We know that Jeremy and Mandy are fine young people who will make a positive impact on others as they pursue their studies and careers."

Jeremy Clark, a native of Stanville, was walk-on for the men's tennis team and became a three-year starter and captain for the team. The Prestonsburg High School graduate has been integral part of their success and a member of the highest-ranked U of L team when the Cards reached No. 24 last year. He has helped the team to two NCAA appearances including the regional final in 2005. Jeremy is the only Cardinal doubles player to ever be nationally ranked with three separate partners.

Clark is a two-time Academic All-American and

has been on the Athletic Director's honor roll every semester. He will complete his degree this spring in biology and will use his National City Postgraduate Scholarship Award to pursue his goal of becoming a doctor while studying at U of L Medical School, where he has already been accepted.

A Louisville native, Lynn has been a tireless ambassador for her sport and for Cardinal Athletics. She has been active within athletics in CardsCare, amassing the most hours of anyone in that outreach program, and has served as a representative to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Lynn expanded her horizons throughout U of L's campus as a peer mentor in the College of Education, as the founder and current

president of U of L Health Sciences Club, as a member and officer of the Chi Omega Sorority, and a participant in Student Government.

Lynn carries a stellar grade point average in her health and human performance major while completing her undergraduate studies in just three years. She will be pursuing postgraduate study in Exercise Physiology and Sports Administration. Among her many academic honors, Lynn has been a regular on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll and the Dean's List, and received the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Medal in 2004. Mandy was also selected to the Golden Key International Honor Society in 2005.

Lynn's consistent efforts in

the pool reflected the same commitment shown in her community and classroom endeavors. She was selected team captain and served on the team's leadership council during a time of growth and transition for U of L Swimming.

"We are very pleased to have National City's partnership with us in this program," said U of L athletic director Tom Jurich. "Jeremy and Mandy represent all that is good about student-athletes at the University of Louisville."

Golfers Will Hanna and Elly Leonard were named the senior scholars for having the highest grade point average amongst all Cardinal seniors. The women's golf team was named to the Team GPA Award winner for having the highest collective grade point average.



Jeremy Clark

No. 20 Louisville beats 15th ranked-Wake Forest on Senior Day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – The No. 30-ranked University of Louisville men's tennis team sent their seniors out on a high note by defeating No. 15-ranked Wake Forest 5-2 Saturday at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center on Senior Day. The Cardinals (8-2) finished a perfect 8-0 at home this season and extend their regular season home match winning streak to 47. The Demon Deacons drop their second match of the season, falling to 6-2.

"As far as a match winning streak, to be honest with you, I really don't think about it so much," Louisville head coach Rex Ecarma said following the match. "I just zone in on the next one. If we come unprepared that winning streak, whether it's 47 or 87, is going to come to an end. We have to focus on the next one."

For the ninth time this season the Cards secured the first point of the match, winning all three doubles matches. The No. 26-ranked

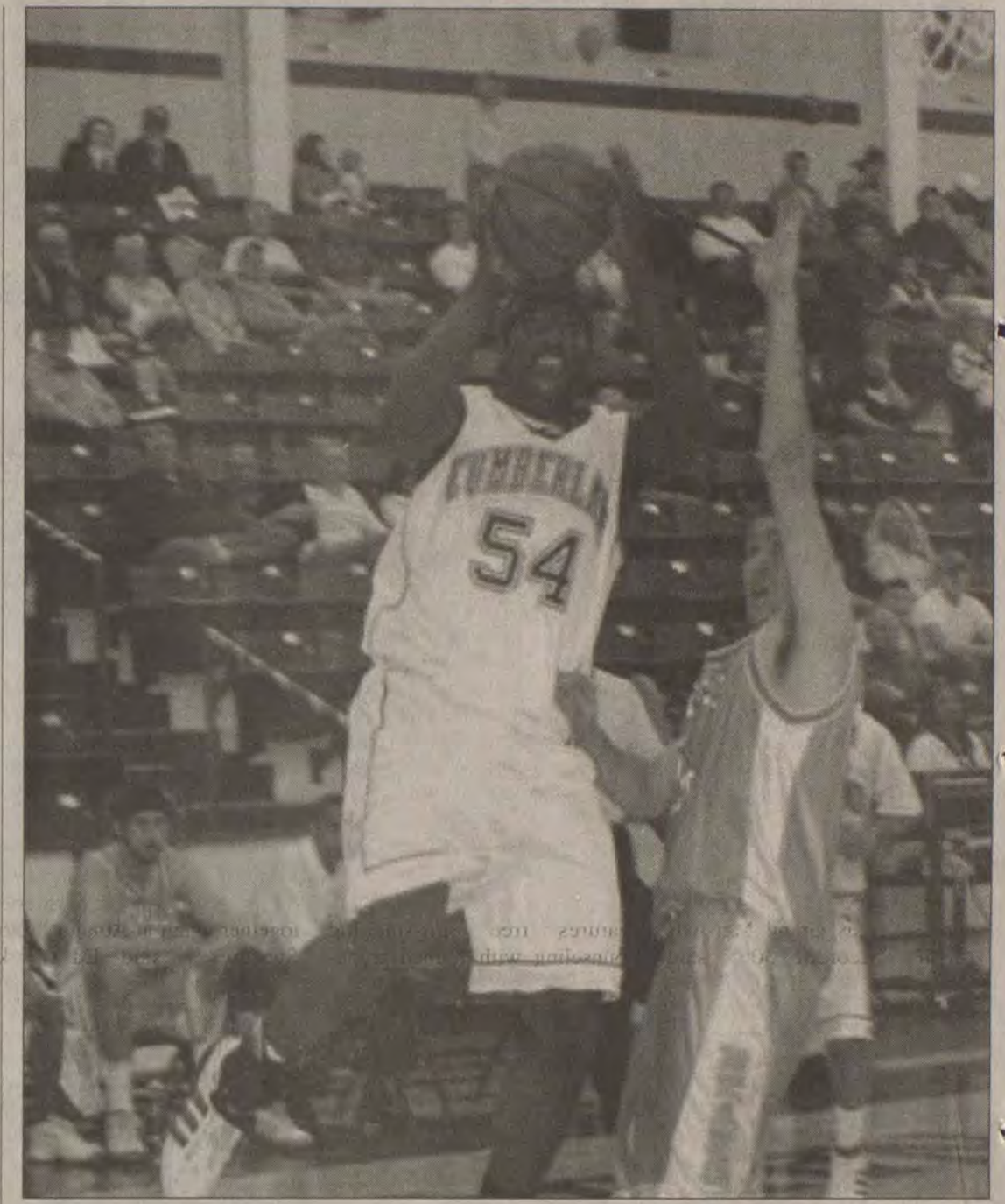
team of seniors Jeremy Clark and Jakob Gustafsson out-muscled the tough Wake Forest duo of Todd Paul and Andrew Hamar 9-8 (3) at the No. 1 spot. Holding on at the No. 2 spot was the team of senior Jhonny Berrido and junior Damar Johnson who defeated Mariusz Adamski and Brett Ross 8-7 (6). To complete the shutout in doubles play, Slavko Radman and Tony Teufel put away Joe Bates and Cory Parr 8-3 at the three-spot.

Clark – a graduate of Prestonsburg High School – was one of the Senior Day honorees.

"I had two messages for this team, I said continue to do what we do because it has been working," said coach Rex Ecarma. "We are not going to change a game formula just because a team is really good. We're going to focus on ourselves and continue to do what we're doing to win. Also I told them, 'Seniors you've been giving enough for four years.' Four years of regular seasons matches and those guys have always pulled it through."

Wake Forest went up 2-1 after Louisville's Stefan Naughton fell 6-0, 6-1 to Cory Parr at the No. 6 spot and Radman lost to No. 15-ranked Paul at the one-spot 6-4, 6-3. Berrido tied the match at 2-all with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Wake Forest's Bates at the No. 5. Louisville's Johnson, playing at the two-spot, put the Cards up one by outlasting No. 62-ranked Hamar 6-3, 7-5. The match clinching point was scored by Gustafsson who defeated Adamski 7-6, 6-3 at the No. 3 spot. The victory was made even sweeter when Clark, who is battling a foot injury, beat Ross 6-4, 6-4 at the four-spot.

"The seniors will leave a four year legacy of not only winning but heart, character, and class," coach Ecarma said of the senior class. "Not only winning but winning the right way and representing the university and myself so well. The seniors would not allow us to lose. That is the legacy this class leaves with the future of Cardinal tennis."



Host University of the Cumberlands ended Mid-South Conference play on a winning note Saturday with men's and women's basketball victories over Pikeville College. The East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville will host the Mid-South Conference Tournament this week, beginning Thursday.

Bears sweep Berea

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Host Pikeville College never trailed in either game Saturday, sweeping visiting Berea College in a double-header.

Pikeville's Travis Hall, a senior infielder from Ashland, smacked a home run in the second game. Georgia native Donald Tardy aided the Pikeville offensive effort with a

double in the first game and a triple in the second contest. Paintsville High grad Adam Collins had a double in the second game.

Freshmen Chad Ditcher and Pete Kefalos earned the pitching wins.

Pikeville, thanks to the two wins, improved its record to 7-3. Berea dropped to 0-2 following its first action of the 2006 season.

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Williams, Wilson (2), Payne (4); Kefalos. W-Kefalos 1-0. L-Williams 0-1. 2B-Collins (P). 3B-Tardy (P).

Records-Berea 0-2, Pikeville 7-3.

Lady Cavs complete first-ever AAC championship run

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. – For the first time in school history, the Appalachian Athletic Conference women's basketball championship will reside in Wise, Virginia. The University of Virginia's College at Wise completed its title run by outscoring host King College, 6-2, over the final five minutes to win 57-54.

The Lady Cavs took their mark to 24-9 on the season and will move on for the program's first ever trip to the NAIA National Championships which take place in Sioux City, Iowa from March 8-14. King College finished its season 18-15.

Trailing 52-51, Chelsea Lee stole the ball and outraced the King players to give UVa-Wise back the lead, 53-52 with 3:37 left in the game. With the same score, Lee drove into the lane and was fouled where she made one of two shots for a 54-52 tally with 54.1 seconds. Lee blocked the next Lady Tornado shot with half a minute.

LaShay Collier blocked the ensuing King jumper and was fouled on the next trip. Collier made both free throws for a 56-52 score with 11.2 ticks showing. Megan Gammon missed for King and Lee was fouled. Lee

made the first attempt, missed the second and charge the lane to get her own rebound and run out the final 1.9 seconds of the contest for the 57-54 win.

Sarah Helton picked up the AAC Tournament MVP honors. She produced 10 rebounds and seven points in the final. Her sister Rachel, who had nine tallies, and Lee (13 points and six assists) were also selected to the All-Tournament team.

Forward Terri Ann Hill was the scoring force behind UVa-Wise on the night. She pumped in 11 first half points and finished with 18 tallies while making six of nine attempts, two of three treys and all four of her foul shots. Collier had another all-around effort of eight points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals.

After a 25-25 contest in the first 16:32, the Lady Cavs outscored the Lady Tornado 10-5 into the half. Hill scored the final four points heading into the break for a 35-30 UVa-Wise lead.

UVa-Wise opened the second half strongly to open a double figure lead, 45-34, with Hill draining her second triple off a Lee pass. Collier hit an inside jumper with 12:44 remaining to equal the largest advantage of 11 points, 49-38.

King ran off eight-straight points to cut the score down to 49-46 with 9:43. The Lady Tornado continued their comeback to make the run 14-2 to eventually take a 52-51 lead with 5:22 left before Lee guided the Lady Cavs in the final five minutes.



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TEAM	RECORD
Belfry	19-7
Paintsville	19-9
Pike Co. Central	18-9
Johnson Central	15-10
Phelps	15-10
Shelby Valley	15-11
South Floyd	14-14
Prestonsburg	13-13
East Ridge	12-13
Betsy Layne	10-14
Pikeville	10-15
Sheldon Clark	10-15
Lawrence County	10-17
Magoffin County	9-16
Piarist School	7-20
Allen Central	5-21
David School	0-27

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

TEAM	RECORD
Magoffin County	21-5
Belfry	21-5
Paintsville	19-9
Johnson Central	18-9
Phelps	14-10
Shelby Valley	14-12
Sheldon Clark	14-13
Pike County Central	13-12
East Ridge	13-12
Prestonsburg	12-11
Lawrence County	9-16
Betsy Layne	7-17
Allen Centra	4-22
Pikeville	2-22
Piarist School	2-22
South Floyd	1-20

Kenseth wins California race

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FONTANA, Calif. — Greg

Biffle was the class of the field, and Tony Stewart had a car capable of winning.

Matt Kenseth still found himself in Victory Lane at California Speedway.

Biffle and Stewart both wound up watching the end of Sunday's Auto Club 500 from the garage, victims of late-race engine failures that allowed Kenseth to race away with his 11th NASCAR Nextel Cup victory.



Matt Kenseth

His second win in 72 starts definitely came as something of a surprise to Kenseth, especially considering how strong Roush Racing teammate Biffle was Sunday.

Even when Kenseth took the lead late in the race, he didn't expect to win.

"I was sort of planning on running second," Kenseth said, grinning.

In the end, though, Kenseth fought off a late challenge from Daytona 500 winner Jimmie Johnson to earn the victory.

"I feel bad for Greg," Kenseth said. "He was really the class of the field all day. But I

feel like we had the second- or third-best car. We had a great handling car all day."

Stewart's blown engine on lap 214 of the 250-lap event brought out a caution flag and sent the leaders to pit road for their final stop. A great pit stop by the crew of Kenseth's No. 17 Roush Racing Ford got him out ahead of Biffle, but, until smoke began spouting out of the exhaust on Biffle's No. 16, Kenseth didn't expect to stay ahead.

"We made some adjustments on that last pit stop," said Kenseth, who set a track record by winning from 31st in the 43-car field. "That gave me confidence for the longer run, but Greg was pretty quick on a long run. When he was back there, I totally assumed he was going to

run us down on a long run."

Two-time and reigning Cup champion Stewart led only 28 laps, but overcame a botched pit stop and a flat tire to come from a lap down and challenge Biffle late in the race on California's 2-mile oval. But Stewart, who had been running at the finish in 30 consecutive races, saw his race end in a puff of smoke.

That appeared to hand an easy victory to Biffle. But it wasn't to be.

Last year's Cup runner-up — first and second in the two California races last year and the Busch Series winner Saturday — led 168 of the first 218 laps and built margins up to 13 seconds before he lost a cylinder in his engine on lap 225.

Once Biffle was gone from his rearview mirror, Kenseth easily held off Johnson in a two-lap overtime shootout after the last of seven caution flags came out for a smoking car with only four laps remaining in regulation.

The race restarted on lap 250. Johnson tried to pass Kenseth on the outside in the first turn, but the leader held him off and pulled away, winning by 0.338 seconds — about

five car-lengths. Kenseth led 40 laps, including the final 33, giving Ford its first Cup victory with the new Fusion model.

Three-time California winner Jeff Gordon changed only two tires and beat both Kenseth and Biffle out of the pits on the final stop by the leaders. Kenseth passed Gordon for the lead on the restart on lap 219, as another caution flew for the spinning car of Stanton Barrett, and Biffle grabbed second place on the next restart and began to chase down his Roush Racing teammate before his engine let go.

Stewart, who wound up 43rd, right behind Biffle, shrugged off his disappointment.

"It was a good day but a bad day," he said. "We overcame some things and I think we're going to have a good car all year. It was really a pretty impressive effort, but I don't think we had anything for Biffle there."

Biffle thought about trying to finish the race, but had to head for the garage after a slow restart on lap 229.

"The 20 (Stewart) and I were pretty quick, but I think I got my car better," Biffle said. "He was good in the middle part of the race, but I got my car really

good here at the end.

"It's frustrating. It kind of drains you, but I've got to be optimistic about our season. We might have been better than the 17 (Kenseth), but now we'll never know."

Johnson had another strong showing with lead engineer Darian Grubb substituting for crew chief Chad Knaus, sidelined for the second of four races after being suspended by NASCAR for using an unapproved part on the No. 48 Chevrolet in qualifying at Daytona.

Carl Edwards, another Roush driver and last year's third-place finisher in the points, came back from a last-place showing in Daytona to finish third, followed by Kasey Kahne and Jeff Burton.

Roush Racing made a strong comeback from a terrible day at Daytona, where the top-finisher was Mark Martin in 12th place. Besides the strong showing by Biffle and Edwards, team newcomer Jamie McMurray finished sixth and Martin ninth.

A year ago, Biffle won here with three teammates in the top seven and all five Roush entries finished in the top 12 here in September.

Six legends named grand marshals of Nicorette 300

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PITTSBURGH — Six of the greatest drivers and legends of NASCAR — Richard Petty, David Pearson, Ned Jarrett, Benny Parsons, Buddy Baker, and Donnie Allison — will serve as grand marshals for the Busch Series Nicorette 300 on March 18 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

The six legends were selected by Nicorette nicotine gum to serve as Grand Marshals as a tribute to their racing careers and for their personal support of smoking cessation.

The Nicorette 300 marks the first NASCAR race to ever be sponsored by a smoking cessation product and is just one activity in a season-long sponsorship designed to eradicate smoking from the sport of NASCAR.

"We are thrilled to be able to have these six NASCAR legends serve as Grand Marshals for the Nicorette 300," said Steve Kapur, Senior Brand Manager, Promotional Marketing at GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare. "Through the support of Richard, David, Ned, Buddy, Benny and Donnie, we hope to

inspire NASCAR fans to quit smoking and improve their health. We thank these NASCAR legends for their support in this important cause."

The six NASCAR legends will jointly give the command "Gentlemen, Start your Engines" to start the Nicorette 300 while making appearances throughout the day. Fans will have the opportunity to meet the six legends the morning of March 18 at a question-and-answer session held at GSK's Winner's Circle Exhibit in the fan walk area.

The Winner's Circle is an interactive, entertaining exhibit featuring information about the benefits and challenges of quitting smoking and how Nicorette nicotine gum, NicoDerm CQ nicotine patches and Commit nicotine lozenges can help lead to a smoke-free life. The Winner's Circle Exhibit also features free quit-smoking counseling with trained smoking cessation experts.

"I am proud to be able to support all that GSK Consumer Healthcare is doing to help fans quit smoking," said Petty. "We look forward to spending time with the fans at the Nicorette

300."

"Hopefully, through our support we will be able to inspire NASCAR fans to quit smoking," added Pearson, a former smoker himself. "I'm excited to be a part of this worthwhile program at the Nicorette 300."

The six legends combine for 405 NASCAR victories and 13 series championships. Petty had a record 200 wins and seven championships. Pearson ranks second with 105 all-time wins to go along with three championships. Jarrett, a two-time champion, is tied for 10th all-time with 50 career victories. Parsons won the series championship in 1973 and had 21 career wins. Baker won 19 times, including a Daytona 500, while Allison had 10 wins and 115 top-ten finishes.

"What a great thrill it will be for fans of all generations to see these NASCAR superheroes together again at Atlanta Motor Speedway," said Ed Clark, President and General Manager of Atlanta Motor Speedway. "With 405 victories between them, each and every one played an integral role in making NASCAR the tremendous success it is today."

Harang first in line for opening day start

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Right-hander Aaron Harang has been promoted to the front of the Cincinnati Reds' rotation, and will get a chance to start on opening day if all goes as expected.

"Aaron Harang definitely deserves a chance at it, but we'll see what happens," manager Jerry Narron said.

Unless another starter is more impressive or Harang falters during spring training, he'll be in line to start for the Reds against the Chicago Cubs on Monday, April 3, at Great American Ball Park.

"It's an honor for anybody, especially here, the oldest franchise in major league baseball," Harang said.

Harang, 27, was the bright spot in an otherwise dreary rotation last season. Reds starters had the worst collective earned

run in the National League at 5.38, more than offsetting an imposing offense that scored an average of five runs per game.

Harang went 11-13 with a 3.83 ERA in 32 starts, leading the staff in wins, strikeouts (163) and innings (211 2-3). He had one of Cincinnati's two complete games.

The numbers could have been much better. An offense that led the NL in scoring managed two or fewer runs in 12 of his 32 starts. And a bullpen that also ranked among the NL's worst blew three save chances in his first seven starts.

Harang's innings were a career high and the most by a Reds pitcher since 1996.

Right-hander Paul Wilson started last season's opener, but is recovering from shoulder surgery. Left-handers Dave Williams, Brandon Claussen and Eric Milton will follow Harang in the rotation for now,

with right-hander Justin Germano and left-hander Mike Gosling in the running to fill in for Wilson if he's not ready by the start of the season.

Harang will make his first spring start on March 4 against the New York Yankees, putting him on schedule for opening day.

"For anybody to be able to get an opening day start is exciting, but I'm just going to go out there and prepare myself for the first start of the season, no matter what it is," Harang said. "I'm not even going to think about any of that stuff."

Williams, acquired from Pittsburgh in a December trade for first baseman Sean Casey, will start an exhibition against a Korean club team on Tuesday. The Reds plan to have an intrasquad game on Wednesday, and Milton will start their spring opener on Thursday against the Tigers at Lakeland.

Germano eyes shot in Reds starting rotation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Justin Germano has been a young man on the move.

Now the question is whether the 23-year-old right-hander will keep on moving, into the Cincinnati Reds' starting rotation this season.

Germano already had some big-league experience and was a starting pitcher in Triple-A last July when the Reds traded third baseman Joe Randa to San Diego for Germano and another Padre pitching prospect, Travis Chick.

Germano made the transition from the Padres' Portland team, where he was 7-6 with a 3.70 earned run average, to the Reds' Louisville team, where he was 3-2 with a 4.01 ERA.

"I didn't know how it was

going to be, going to a new team, it being my first time being traded and all," Germano said. "But the coaches and players made it a lot easier for me to get adjusted."

With Reds' starting pitcher Paul Wilson trying to bounce back from shoulder surgery, Germano is getting a look during the Reds' spring training as a potential option for the major-league staff.

"Just watching him out there throwing, it looks like he has a real good idea," Reds manager Jerry Narron said. "It looks like he's going to be a guy that can throw strikes."

"It's going to be interesting," Narron said. "The way our roster is right now, he's going to have a chance to pitch this spring."

Germano likes having a

chance to compete for the major-league squad. He pitched in seven games for the Padres in 2004, going 1-2 with an 8.86 ERA.

"San Diego had a logjam of pitching and top prospects, so it was tough just to get up there and stay," he said. "I definitely see some opportunity here, and I'm excited to be here. I've heard that I'm a contender to be in the rotation at some point this year, so whether I make it out of spring or make it during the season, I just want to get there."

Germano agreed that he throws strikes, but said he needs to focus on his location, keeping his fastball down.

"This is the best I've ever felt at this point," he said. "I started a little bit earlier this offseason, doing a little more serious throwing."

FSN Ohio announces 2006 Cincinnati Reds 100-game television schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Providing fans the best in regional sports television and the most comprehensive coverage of Cincinnati Reds baseball, FSN Ohio today announced it will telecast 100 Cincinnati Reds games during the 2006 season. Steve Liverani, Vice President and General Manager, FSN Ohio, made the announcement.

The Reds regular season on FSN Ohio begins with the season opener on Monday, April 3 at 2 p.m. as they take on Derrek Lee and the Chicago Cubs.

Back this season is REAL REDS, presented by Safe Auto Insurance Company, providing fans with commentary, features

and in-depth pregame coverage of the Cincinnati Reds, 30 minutes prior to every game telecast. Dan Hoard hosts the show from the Great American Ball Park with Jeff Piccoro, and with Jim Day from the road.

Also back in 2006 is the Gold Star Chili Reds Wrap post-game show featuring highlights, interviews and analysis immediately following each telecast. Jim Day hosts Reds Wrap following all home and road games.

"Ken Griffey Jr. and Adam Dunn are back and ready to lead this young team," said Liverani. "Once again, FSN Ohio is THE place to turn for unparalleled, state-of-the-art coverage of the Reds all year

long."

George Grande and Chris Welsh team up again for their 14th season in the broadcast booth. Grande handles the play-by-play duties, as Welsh provides the color commentary. FSN Ohio will also televise three Reds Spring Training games this season. Dates and times of those match-ups are forthcoming.

As a reminder...FSN Ohio has designated the week of February 20, "Reds Week," and will feature a series of locally and nationally produced shows during the primetime hours of 7 to 10 p.m.

REDS SCHEDULE ONLINE:
www.cincinnati Reds.com

Reds Hall of Fame adds new board members

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum welcomes three new members to its Board of Directors.

Board President Gary Gruber announced that Robert S. Castellini, Account Vice President at UBS Financial Services, Bill Poffenberger,

Vice President of Cincinnati Capital Properties, and W. Joseph Williams Jr., chairman of North American Properties, have all been elected to the board. They join 13 current board members who oversee the operations of the Reds Hall of Fame. Gruber also announced that Castellini will serve as board secretary.

Other members of the board

include John Allen, Tom Allen, Johnny Bench, Neil Bortz, Bob Cooper, Richard Coleman, Richard Curry, Pat McCaffrey, Declan Mullin, Tom Sundermann, Anthony Ward and John Williams.

The Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum is the largest and oldest continually operating team hall of fame in baseball.

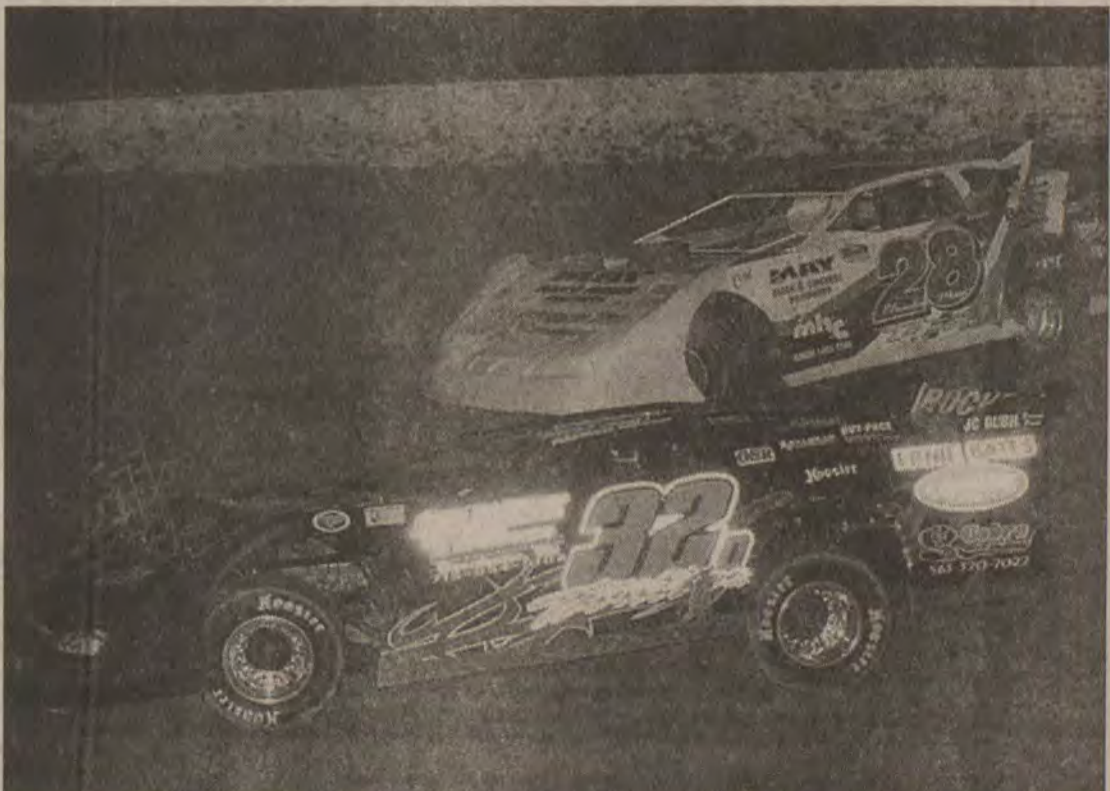


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Floyd County Late Model driver Chuckie May (28) is one of the area racers busy preparing for a full 2006 race season.

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Readers of my newspaper, **The Flyspeck Flyer**, told me they really enjoyed this news article!



However, I never would have known about the news if the insects of Bugton hadn't sent a **press release** to the editor of my paper.



The editor liked this story and sent me out to get more information and write the article.



News Editor
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What's a Press Release?

A press release lets news editors know key information about an important or interesting event happening in your school, neighborhood or community.

A press release lets the editor know the main facts:

- ✓ Who
- ✓ What
- ✓ When
- ✓ Where
- ✓ Why
- ✓ How

Press Release Puzzler

Read Nellie's news article above and then circle the press release that belongs with it. Read carefully!

Press Release "A"

Who: Bugton Insects
What: 33rd Annual Bugton Jumping Competition
When: March 3, 2006
Where: Swampy Shores Arena
Why: To determine which bug is the best jumper
How: By jumping on a dog

Press Release "B"

Who: Bugton Insects
What: 33rd Annual Bugton Jumping Competition
When: March 1, 2006
Where: Swampy Shores Arena
Why: To determine which bug is the best jumper
How: By jumping on a yardstick

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students identify who, what, when, where, why and how in expository narratives.

Comic Confusion

Someone cut up this comic strip and mixed up the story. Can you put it back in the right order?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence steps, events or observations.

Odds and Ends

Your job is to place the numbers 1-15 on the boxes. The odd thing is that you can't put any number directly above, below, to the right, to the left of or diagonally next to a consecutive number.

All of the even numbers are in place. Can you place the odd numbers where they belong?



HINT: The number 1 goes in the center square.

Standards Link: Math Reasoning: Use strategies to solve problems.

Check your answer at: www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

Double Double Word Search

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



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

MARCH 6 - 10, 2006 IS NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION WEEK

Another Nellie Fly exclusive!

BIG NEWS!

Ever wonder how reporters find out about news stories? Ace Flyspeck Flyer reporter Nellie Fly explains some of the ways.

March 2, 2006

THE FLYSPECK FLYER

FLEA LEAPS TO VICTORY

By Nellie Fly
STAFF WRITER

BUGTON - The Annual Bugton Jumping Competition was held yesterday at Swampy Shores Arena. Once again, Festus Flea out-jumped all insect contestants and set a new long distance record.



Festus Flea

The world can jump as many of his own body lengths as Festus can."

Flea jumped an amazing 13 inches, which is more than 200

times the length of his own body. He leaped entirely out of the stadium and onto the back of a passing greyhound. Officials said he did not return for the awards ceremony following the competition.

The competition was not without some controversy. Katy Pillar transformed into a butterfly during her initial jump and was disqualified, which bugged a lot of the 50,000 fans in attendance.

This is the 33rd year of the competition, which attracts insects from distant meadows. Contestants leap on a yardstick to measure their distance, and are scored based on their size.

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Weekly Writing Corner

Why I Read the Newspaper

What parts of the newspaper do you like the best?

I read the newspaper every morning. I first read the sports page because I can quickly find out who won and lost. I then look at the weather and fishing report before I read the horoscopes and comics.
Ryan, 6th grade

I enjoy reading the newspaper because it is interesting to see what is happening. I really like the funny comics. The classified section is neat because you can see what car you want to buy. The local section is my favorite part because you can find out what is happening all around.
Graham, 6th grade

I like the kids page and all the clothes ads. I read them about twice a week. So keep publishing the kids page and keep the ads coming!
Courtney, 6th grade

The section I like the most in the newspaper is the sports section because of the scores and the interviews. I read it almost every day.
Nick, 6th grade

My favorite parts of the newspaper are the front page and Kid Scoop. I like the front page because, if there is something going on, it shows a big picture and a small article. I also like Kid Scoop because I can see if my friends have been published in the writing section and I like the games.
Alex, 5th grade

I like reading the front page because it helps me understand what is going on and if there is going to be a big race or a basketball game. It also makes me feel important.
Aisha, 5th grade

My favorite part of the newspaper is the crosswords or the games and sometimes I like to read the jokes and riddles.
Jocelyn, 5th grade

Just before I climb into bed, I search for the newspaper. I usually find it lying open, flat on the table. I turn my head, making sure no one is watching, as I quickly grab it and race into my bedroom. I've got it! I whisper to myself. The minute I'm on my bed, I find my eyes wandering through the comics. I chuckle at every comic until I find my eyes close. I don't worry though. There will be many more tomorrow.
Linnea, 6th grade

What I like about the newspaper is Kid Scoop because it teaches you stuff and there are games to play. I also like the sports section because I like sports, especially volleyball. It's also good to learn about other sports. What do you like about the newspaper? There's a lot to pick from.
Michelle, 6th grade

I like to read the newspaper because it's interesting to see all of the opinions on what is going on in the world. I like that it is an updated source of information. I was in Spain recently and it was amazing reading about how they viewed the U.S. through Katrina and the war. It's always a great way to start my day.
Seamus, 6th grade

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POISON OAK

Is niceness a thing of the past

When I was very young, there used to be a couple of female relatives — I don't remember, if I ever knew in the first place, to whose side of the family they belonged — who came once or twice a year and stayed all night with us.

When we'd be warned, usually via a letter, of their impending visit, every member of the family seemed to express some degree of dread and dismay because it seems nobody really liked these two women.

Dad didn't care much for them because he said they always threw it up to him that his religion (Free Will Baptist) was faulty. I was too young to understand about various denominations and such, but apparently theirs was not like his. After they'd leave he'd be in a bad mood for a day or two and say they thought they were "the only ones going to heaven."

Mom didn't care for the ladies because they always seemed to criticize her cooking. I can't remember the two of them not eating as much as everybody else when we had a meal, but Mom always got aggravated at them.

"You shouldn't feed these children gravy, Julie," she'd say after they had gone. She'd mimic one of them to a tee as she'd say, "It isn't healthy."

We'd get tickled at her and sometimes she'd get tickled at herself.

But what bothered little brother, Joe, and me was Mom's warning us, "Now, when they get here, you boys be nice."

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KIM'S KORNER

Here are the Facts

First, let me say I honestly do appreciate Mr. Paul E. Mullins' comments in his letter to the editor last Wednesday.

However, I wouldn't be me if I didn't respond. The definition of a "column" in a newspaper is: An article of opinion or perspective.

Reasoning for defining such was Mr. Mullins' comment that I might want to get my "facts" straight. He stated in his letter the Rolling Stones released "Satisfaction" in 1965 not the 1970's as he noted I had stated in my column Past our Prime.

What I actually said in my Feb. 8 column in "FACT" was, "Back in the day, (the 70's) the Rolling Stones were awesome! "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" was one of my favorite songs." Note: I did not say the Stones released that song in the 70's.

To say my comparison of Martina McBride and Mick Jagger was "way off base" is in "fact" Mr. Mullins' opinion and he is well entitled to that

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Berea College: Pioneer institution for racial and gender equality

New book soon to be released

Introduction/editor's note: The University Press of Kentucky will release the book Berea College: An Illustrated History, by former Berea College student and current college archivist for the school, Shannon H. Wilson, this Friday, March 3.

Wilson takes the reader on an illustrated historical tour of Berea College from its earliest beginnings to current times through in-depth overviews of each of Berea's eight presidents. He highlights the strengths, as well as the weaknesses, of each president and offers insight into the personalities and characteristics of each and into the ways in which each president left his own indelible mark on the pioneer institution that is Berea College.

Included in Wilson's acknowledgments is a "thank you" to Floyd County native and resident, the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, whom Wilson acknowledges for his continued encouragement on this project. In addition to Rev. Ross, we here at the Times realize that many Floyd Countians have academic connections to Berea College as well as to many of Berea's community outreach programs. We believe that this is a book that will be long treasured by many.

In various writings from 1855 to 1856, Kentucky abolitionist and former Presbyterian minister John G. Fee worked closely with other activists to seek northern support for a new progressive southern college that would be "anti-slavery, anti-caste, anti-rum, anti-sin" and educate students regardless of race or class. That school, eventually nestled in Madison County, Kentucky, would become Berea College, a groundbreaking institution still thriving today.

Berea College's stance on race and gender equality was rare, if not unique, among institutions in the South during the nineteenth century. According to Shannon H. Wilson, author of the new book *Berea College: An Illustrated History*, the school created a constitution with deliberate language that welcomed everyone. "Character was the measure for admission to the college," Wilson explains, "[and] Fee's commitment to a doctrine of impartial love...placed blacks and whites on equal terms." Berea also welcomed women, initially as a "Ladies' Course," which offered a three-year classical curriculum that prepared them for marriage, motherhood and teaching. While Wilson concedes that the women's education was not yet completely equal with the men's, he emphasizes that in light of the era, "the fact that Berea would cheerfully welcome students regardless of race or gender was remarkable indeed, and as the founders saw it, "right."

Wilson digs deeper into Berea's history to further examine the school's rad-

ically progressive roots. Discussing student life, he characterizes the Berea student culture as distinctive, saying, "The students themselves built a world of their own, reflecting the values of the college. Fraternities and sororities, for example, were banned because they were secretive and promoted caste by admitting some and excluding others. Instead, there were literary societies." These societies, Wilson says, were open to all: "An African American student was just as likely to be elected president of the society as a white student."

Perhaps most shocking for its time, Berea College condoned interracial

dating and marriage. In 1872, the Board of Trustees developed a policy that permitted interracial dating and marriage. Wilson elaborates: "A difference in 'complexion' was not sufficient grounds to prevent students from attending one another at social functions or even from becoming engaged." Berea remained an open campus until the 1904 Day Law banned racial coeducation in Kentucky. Though Berea fought the law all the way to the United States Supreme Court, the school had to wait until the 1950s to continue its commitment to diversity.

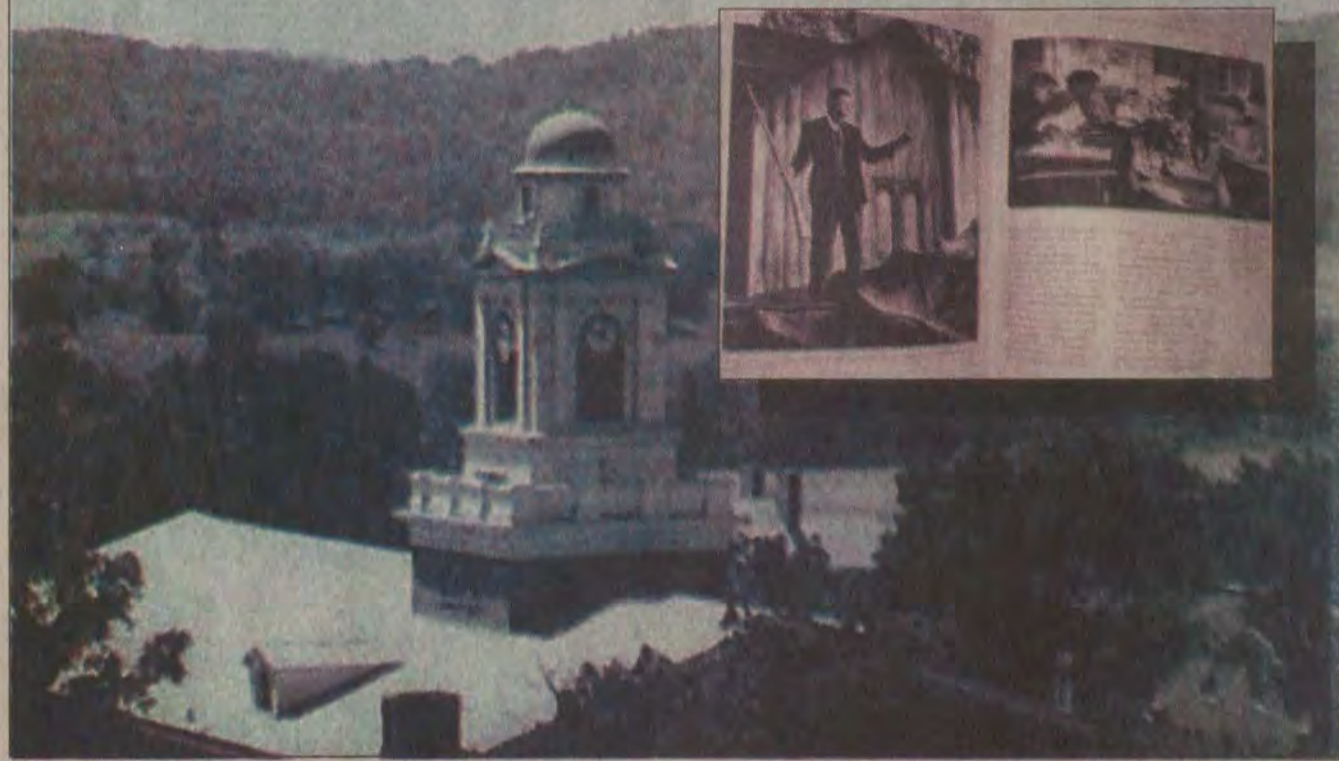
Wilson chronicles these events and more in his book, examining every presidential administration up to and including the present. Supplemented with scores of descriptive photographs, *Berea College: An Illustrated History* describes Berea's student life, past and present, as well as the school's educational philosophies. Wilson also outlines Berea College's ongoing philanthropic quest to educate society's future leaders. Berea's recent Black Mountain Youth Leadership Program, for instance, aims to encourage academia, commu-

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BEREA COLLEGE

AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY

Shannon H. Wilson



Berea College: An Illustrated History's cover depicts campus landmark Phelps Stokes Chapel. (Inset, left: A scene from "Wilderness Road"; right, college women engaged in study.)

CRITTER CORNER

Cats – and their claws Part II

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Last week we discussed problems cat owners encounter due to their cats' scratching activities. The majority of cats can be taught to use acceptable objects for scratching and as objects of play—notice I did not say this is always easy, just that it's often possible! There are always a few determined felines, however, who will continue to shred draperies and furniture, and/or will persist in attacking people.

Keeping cats' nails trimmed is one way to reduce the amount of damage done, and it will help with loosening old claw sheaths, which is one of the reasons cats scratch objects to begin with. Nail trimming is relatively simple in cats, because the claws are always translucent white, making it easy to see the blood supply and the nerve, which runs in the same area at

the base of each claw. Your vet can show you how to do this, including restraint techniques and the proper equipment. Rewarding the cat with a small bite of a tasty treat, such as tuna, after each paw or even after each nail may change his attitude toward the whole procedure.

Another option is use of a product called Soft Paws®, available through many veterinarians. These are flexible plastic nail caps that are adhered to the cat's claws with a medical-grade super glue. Many cats tolerate them surprisingly well, especially after the initial period of adjustment. They usually stay in place for several weeks, and fall off as the nail grows out. They are made of an inert material and are harmless if swallowed by the cat. Call your vet to see if he or she



This is "Simon." Simon was the much-loved pet of Randy and Sandy Bentley, of Prestonsburg, until an unfortunate accident took him away last year. He is still much loved and fondly remembered.

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School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 Character words for the month of March: "Caring" and "Citizenship"
 ■ March 2 - "Read Across America Day." Guest readers will read to Related Arts classes. Please, read with your child!
 ■ March 3 - Last day for 8th graders to turn in orders for spring fundraiser.
 ■ March 6, 8, 13, 15 - Our Lady of the Way will present a program on nutrition to 6th graders.
 ■ March 7 - OPEN HOUSE, 5-7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. All parents/guardians encouraged to attend.
 ■ March 7, 21 - "Magic Me," weather permitting.
 ■ March 8 - Regular Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m. All welcome.
 ■ March 11 - Last day to get "Apples for the Students" receipts from Food City. Receipts need to be turned in to homeroom teachers by March 13. Homeroom collecting highest total (monetary) will win a pizza party!
 ■ March 14 - Rick Bender will present a program on "Smokeless Tobacco." Presentation will begin at 9 a.m.
 ■ March 15 - Wulfe Brothers will perform "Taming the Wild West," 10 a.m.
 ■ March 17 - Peer Mediation training in center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 ■ March 20-24 - Spring

Book Fair. Parent volunteers needed. Call 886-1297 if wish to volunteer.
 ■ March 27-31 - Spring Break for students. AMS wishes all students a safe holiday!
 ■ Sign-ups still going on for Beginner Sewing Classes. Stop by YSC if interested.
 ■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.
 ■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School
 Turn in your Food City receipts to your homeroom teacher!

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center
 ■ Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.
 ■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.
 ■ 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 special events).
 ■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
 ■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.
 ■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 ■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith
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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten years ago February 28, 1996 and March 1, 1996

Judge-Executive Ben Hale, prior to Friday's fiscal court meeting, announced that attorney Eric Hall would be appointed to fill the county attorney's office, to replace Jim Hammond, who pleaded guilty to fraud and check kiting charges in federal court...Members of the county's Democratic and Republican executive committees will choose candidates from their respective parties to run for the office in the November general election...John Balentine, Floyd County's new superintendent of schools, addressed a group of about, 30 people, Monday evening, at a public forum. Members of the Floyd County Education Association and the Floyd County affiliate of Forward in the Fifth, organized the reception, which was held at Jenny Wiley Park...Bad weather, a new computer system, and a rate adjustment, have all contributed to a temporary layoff at Mountain Comprehensive Care. The lay-off affects 130 of the 315 people employed by the non-profit mental health agency...Floyd County's Solid Waste Commission was issued a challenge Monday by an Auxier resident to sue state waste management officials to enforce the county's solid waste plan, or be sued themselves. Dallas Sammons threatened to sue the commission if commissioners did not challenge a permit-by-rule issued by the state to allow officials of Medisin Inc., to operate a transfer station...A Prestonsburg man, accused of setting fire to his sporting goods store in 1993, was found not guilty by a Floyd County jury, Tuesday. Kenneth Conley, owner of Ken's Sport Shop, was acquitted of a charge of destroying personal property to defraud an insurer...Friday's Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting was mostly a repeat of the past several meetings, with magistrates arguing about whether work can be performed on roads not adopted into the county system...There's still some concern on the part of the City of Prestonsburg about its portion of contributions toward getting the E-911 system off the ground. Council met Monday and received a recommendation from the finance and revenue committee to offer the county a \$50,000 contribution to help fund the first year of the 911 service...The Floyd County school system has accomplished in one year what it was given two

to do. State test results, released earlier this week, show the district has already met the improvement goal established for the 1994-96 school years, halfway through the testing cycles...Emergency 911 in Floyd County may have reached a fork in the road. Controversy over funding has left the City of Prestonsburg offering to take on the entire service, and the county considering the Kentucky State Police as a provider...After more than a week of freedom, an escapee from Otter Creek Correctional Facility at Wheelwright, is back in police custody. William Raye Riley, 26, of Fleming County, was arrested without incident Wednesday, by Polk County, Florida, deputies who received a tip that the fugitive was in their jurisdiction...Helen L. Roth, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday afternoon, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an auto accident with a Pike County Deputy Sheriff...Davy and Georgia Hyden and Gay Herrin, whose homes are located behind the new jail on South Highland Avenue contend in a lawsuit that portions of their properties were disturbed or used during the construction of the jail without permission, and without legal authority...When the residents of Martin get their water bills in the next few days, they may be in for a surprise. For the first time in 12 years, the rate has increased...A proposed bill making its way from the House Education Committee could give Floyd County schools some relief from the 22 days the system has missed because of inclement weather...Wash began Wednesday, on the stretch of Ky. 3379, in Galveston, where Connie and Richard Porter died December 7. Den Hunter, Connie's father, has asked the state to repair the road...There died: Orville R. Stephens, 84, of Lexington, Saturday, February 24, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington; Marie Williams Howell, 77, of Abbott Creek, Friday, February 23, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia; John Wayne Conn, 18-month-old son of Jerry Lee and Margaret Tackett Conn of Martin, Thursday, February 22, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Sarah M. Lykins, 74, of St. Mary's Ohio, formerly of Garrett, Friday, February 23, at her residence; Luther E. Hurst, 70, of Drift, Tuesday, February 27, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Glenda Joyce Jones Simmons, 54, of Louisville, Thursday, February 8, in Sacramento, California; Ephrom Tuttle, 72, of Kite, Tuesday, February 27, at U.K. Medical Center,

Lexington; Harry Stone, 49, of Pierceton, Indiana, Wednesday, February 28, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Indiana; William D. Hale, 76, formerly of Mansfield, Wednesday, at Miffin Care Center; William D. Hale, 76, formerly of Mansfield, Wednesday at Miffin Care Center; Michael Eugene Goble, 49, of Prestonsburg, January 3, at Dewey Lake in Prestonsburg, from an apparent drowning; Helen Roth, 67, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, February 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an automobile accident; Mossie Johnson Eads, 76, of Bypro, Wednesday, February 28, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Luther E. Hurst, 70, of Drift, Tuesday, February 27, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago March 5, 1986

Attendance was low at Floyd County Schools open houses...The search is still on for a permanent superintendent...Prestonsburg's latest attempt to annex an area north of the city is meeting its first major resistance...The Floyd County Solid Waste is preparing to prosecute 32 who have not paid their garbage bill...There died: Willard Campbell, 84, of Allen, Monday; Hettie Branham, 82, of Martin, Sunday; Miles Hall, 80, of Dema, Sunday; Herbert Praier, 64, of Rough and Tough, February 25; Margaret Porter Alley of Prestonsburg, Monday; Ethel Cole, 67, February 28; Della Hopkins Stumbo, mother of Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo, last Thursday, at her home at Harold; Edward Crisp, 59, of Allen, Saturday; Willard Goble, 35, of Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, February 26; Lizzie Daniels, 76, of Minnie, Friday; Oinbe Kidd, 44, of Honaker, Sunday.

Thirty Years Ago March 3, 1976

The Kentucky State Senate, last Friday, adopted resolutions introduced by Senator Jim Hammond in memory of the Floyd County school bus tragedy, which on Feb. 28, 1958, claimed the lives of 26 school children and the driver, and honored the Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad, which was born of that tragedy...While Martin Countians, have been enjoying the "coal boom," that has

embraced us for the past few years, the cold, hard realization that all is not well with the economy, hit closer to home, last week, when nearly 300 coal miners received their lay-off slips...Coal shipments from the Right Beaver section of this county were brought to a standstill for five days, when seven loaded coal cars derailed inside the Stephens Branch tunnel of the railway serving that section. The wreck occurred Feb. 21, and service was not restored til last Thursday morning...There died: Walter E. Stewart, 63, of Allen, Thursday, at Veterans' Hospital, Lexington; Tivis Stone, 45, of Garner, Tuesday, Feb. 24, at his residence; Sarah Elizabeth Roberts, 84, of Printer, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; John Landon Griffith, 86, of Wayland, Saturday, February 21, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Harry Campbell, 60, of Monroe, Michigan, formerly of this county, Feb. 13, in Memorial Hospital; Monroe; W. L. Baldrige, Sr., 89, of East Point, last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Andy McClanahan, 63, of Water Gap, Feb. 25, at Veterans' Hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Mrs. Martha Reed, 87, Feb. 24, at her home at Estill; Mrs. Mountie Johnson Mullins, 73, of Weeksbury, last Thursday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Forty Years Ago March 3, 1966

Astor Meade, Prestonsburg contractor, is the low-bidder on the tourist information center to be constructed here, at the intersection of U.S. 23 and the Mountain Parkway...The 15-room home of Mrs. Albert B. Osborne, at Martin, was destroyed by fire, shortly after noon, Monday, with all its contents...Mrs. Orpha Chaffins Akers has been designated by State Revenue Commissioner Luckett, to serve temporarily as Floyd County Tax Commissioner, filling the vacancy created by the death last week, of her husband, Tax Commissioner Clive Akers...There died: Grover Cleveland Ferrell, 80, of Harold, Monday, at the Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ottis M. Hall, 57, of Oak Hill, O., formerly of Betsy Layne, Sunday, at a Galipolis, O. hospital; Mrs. Cinda Stewart, 80, Saturday, at her home at Wayland; Mrs. Pearl Maggard Compton,

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Oak

We did the best we could, I guess, and we never got into trouble after they left. As a matter of fact, despite the way everybody in the family felt about the visitors, we all treated them with respect and everybody... well, acted nice.

So, when did "acting nice" become obsolete?

Every time I witness someone who isn't, I wonder how they'd have fared if they'd have been faced with unwanted company like we were those 50, or

so, years ago.

Like, for instance, the young man who waited on Wilma Jean and me at a local fast food restaurant the other day without uttering a single word.

"What's this sandwich like?" we asked.

He pointed to a picture.

"How much is it?" we asked.

He pointed to a price.

He served us in silence and took our money in silence. No "thank you," of course.

As we sat down we quietly

discussed whether or not the boy could possibly be mute. Then, we saw him laughing and talking to some of his fellow workers.

Then there was the lady this past weekend who hung up on us when we called to complain about a food delivery taking an hour and a half after being promised it would be 35 or 40 minutes.

I guess somewhere down the line, their mothers failed to look them in the eye, point her index finger and say, "Now, you be nice."

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School

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.

The Piarist School

■ School is participating in Food City's "Apples for Students" program this year. This school/community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate store register tapes. In past years, this program has awarded more than \$250 million in needed classroom learn-

ing tools FREE to participating schools. The Piarist School urges all parents and community members to support this invaluable program by sending their Food City register tapes to the school with their children, or by dropping them off at the school office. Register tapes will be collected until March 11, 2006. For more information, contact Audrey Collins at 285-3950.

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

■ Mar. 2 - "Read Across America," Dr. Seuss' birthday. We have some Seussational readers!

■ Mar. 14 - Left Beaver Homemakers meeting, 10:30 a.m., in OES Library.

■ Mar. 14 - Wulfe Brothers school assembly program, 1:30 p.m., in OES gym.

■ Apr. 10 - Family Resource Center Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m., in resource center. Meeting open to public.

■ Apr. 13 - "Give Yourself a

Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mountain Arts Center. (This is your day, parents!)

■ GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at the Weeksbury Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at 886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge.

■ Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become property of the FRC.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Wesley Christian School

■ 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.

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Yesterdays

65, of Prestonsburg, February 17, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

March 1, 1956

Almost 2,000 persons mostly Floyd Countians, toured the resplendent new McDowell Memorial Hospital, last Sunday, when doors of the hospital were opened for the first time...Harold B. Rice, former Floyd County Agent, was employed, Tuesday, as manager of the six-county East Kentucky Strawberry Growers Cooperative Association...There died: Arthur Martin, 60, Friday, at his home at Island Creek, Pike County; Mrs. Debbie H. Mullins, 83, last Sunday, at her home at Hite; Mrs. Rosa Lett Tackett McKay, 68, of Little Paint Creek, Feb. 23, in Newark, Ohio; Mrs. Minnie Jones Tackett, 56, of Ligon, last Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago

February 28, 1946

Contractors bids for the construction of the Dewey dam will be publicly opened in the office of Col. B. B. Lalley, district engineer, U. S. Engineer Office, at Huntington, Friday morning...Police Chief Epp Lafferty this week said two Prestonsburg "Rook parlors" where gambling had allegedly been practised had closed on his orders, after complaints had been filed by Prestonsburg church and club women...Edgar Dale, superintendent of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation operations at Wayland, was elected president of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Mining Institute at the Institute's annual meeting, Friday...There died: T. H. Dingus, 64, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at the Prestonsburg General

Hospital; Mrs. Susan Lora Campbell, 64, of Weeksbury, Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Emogene Spurlock, of Printer, Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital.

Seventy Years Ago

February 28, 1936

With the signing by Gov. Chandler, last week, of the bill giving towns of the second, third and fourth classes, the right to own municipal waterworks. Prestonsburg citizens and officials began laying plans for municipal ownership of the local water system, within the next four years...Otis Thacker, 24-year-old Weeksbury miner, died in the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, of bullet wounds received, Saturday afternoon, at a Weeksbury liquor store, as the result of a shotgun wound sustained Friday, when he fell, accidentally discharging the gun. Wallace Blackburn, 17, of Wonder, died Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Epp Lafferty, former Garrett officer, was shot through both arms, early Sunday morning, in the pool-room of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, at Garrett...Strong flow of oil in three wells, drilled in the upper end of this county, indicate the possible development of a rich oil field in Floyd County...Fire, which broke out on Monday morning in the new brick addition to the Valley Inn here, caused damage estimated at five thousand dollars...There died: Russell Reed, 18, of Betsy Layne, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Thursday; Mrs. Osie Lamberts, 18, at home on Rock Fork, near Garrett, Wednesday; Mrs. Lucy Coalgrove, 63, at home at Betsy Layne, Tuesday; Frank Grigsby, 62, of Gibson, Monday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Logan Bunyard, 51, of Allen, Monday, at the Golden Rule Hospital, Paintsville.

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Korner

opinion. Just as it is his opinion that Martina's performance could not beat the socks off Mick Jagger's as I had stated.

Mr. Mullins wasn't the only one who read that particular column and disagreed with it.

One of my dearest friends sent me an email response and I have

to say that I have never been disagreed with - with such eloquent, loving words in my life.

Thank You, Benita.

Nor will I ever forget Dr. Don's Rolling Stones history lesson, either. That man is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the Rolling Stones.

To Mr. Mullins: I truly thank you and all who read this column each week. It truly warms the heart to hear comments about something that has appeared in this space.

Even if you disagree. Keep Readin' and God's Blessings.

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Critter

uses these, or can order them. It's probably a good idea to bring the cat in to the clinic for the initial application, so you can see how it is done. Depending on how cooperative the cat is, you may return to the office for replacements or ask your vet to dispense glue and extra caps for "touch-ups" at home when needed. These are a good alternative for use in a young cat that will probably soon grow out of the "crazy teenage" stage, and they are also useful in cases where a playful cat is causing injury to the fragile skin of an elderly person in the household. Soft Paws® are available in a clear version, which are hardly noticeable, and in several colors for the fashion conscious! They are also available for dogs.

Obviously, declawing surgery is another possibility, and one that I consider as a last resort. For the most part, I am very much opposed to this procedure, but I am enough of a realist to accept that it may be the only practical solution in some cases. Declawing a cat involves the amputation of the last joint of each toe, usually on the front feet only; the equivalent of removing the tips of our fingers at the joint just below the nail. Although the surgery is performed under gen-

eral anaesthesia, there is obviously going to be significant post-surgical pain, especially since the cat has to walk on these wounds. With the advent of new pain control methods which are safer to use in cats, the surgery may be the lesser of two evils if the only alternative is the cat losing his home or his life. When I had clients who had to make the decision to declaw their cat, I referred them to another veterinarian who I felt was more skilled in the procedure and the needed post-surgical care. Honestly, these cats seemed to do well, and appeared to suffer very few long-term negative effects. If you have thought the matter over carefully, and concluded that this is the only way to peacefully coexist with a terrorist cat, don't feel like some sort of monster. It is a decision made in your cat's best interest. Of course, a declawed cat should be kept strictly indoors. Although many declawed cats can still climb trees using their hind nails for traction, they have lost their primary means of defense.

Another surgical alternative is tenotomy, which involves cutting the tendons that allow the cat to unsheathe its claws. I have never performed this surgery myself, nor have I ever seen a cat on which the proce-

dures has been done, so I can't render much of an opinion. It would make sense that this would be a less traumatic operation than declawing, but again, I just don't know firsthand. Regular nail trimming would still have to be done on a cat who has had a tenotomy, possibly even more often, since he can no longer extend the claws to perform any routine maintenance on them himself.

There is no one easy "quick fix" for a cat who is causing damage and/or injury with his claws. The good news is that we have many more options available to us now to deal with the problem. My general advice is to first try to redirect these natural activities into acceptable outlets, such as scratching posts and appropriate toys, and give this solution time to work. Routine nail trimming should also be done. Nail caps would be the next step, and these may be needed only temporarily. The last resort would be surgery, keeping in mind that this is irreversible; you must be committed to keeping this cat safe in return for removing his natural defense. Talk to your veterinarian about the alternatives available, and then make an informed decision that is best for you, your family, and your cat.

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Berea

nity service and cultural literacy among African Americans in Appalachia, integrating them more fully into Appalachian culture and society. This program, along with numerous others, ensures that Berea College

remains a landmark of diversity, service, and enlightenment in the South.

Shannon H. Wilson is college archivist and associate professor of library science at Berea College. His work has been

published in *The Encyclopedia of Appalachia*, *Appalachian Heritage*, *The Kentucky Encyclopedia*, and *The Filson Club History Quarterly*. He is the coeditor of *The Civil War in Appalachia: Collected Essays*.

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Building a better community - together



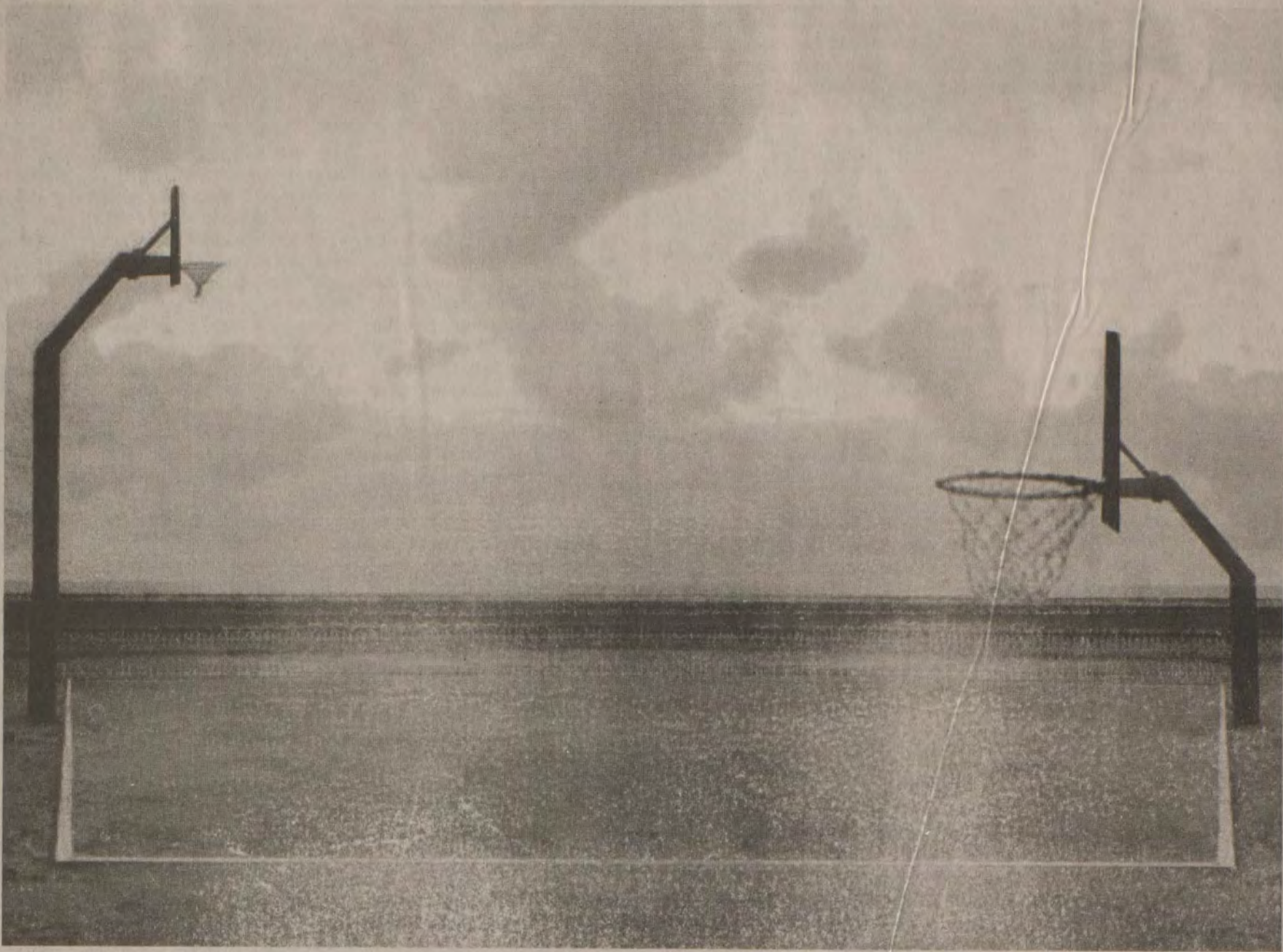
The Floyd County Conservation District held its annual tree giveaway during the week of February 7th. The District was assisted this year with the help of the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Facility Maintenance class. Each year, the District gives away thousands of trees to area residents to assist in the reduction of soil erosion and stream bank stabilization, forest management, wildlife habitat improvement, and community beautification. The Floyd County Conservation District would like to thank the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Facility Maintenance class and the residents of Floyd County who participated in this year's event.

Inducted into 'Who's Who'

Cindi Baker Hughes, of Langley, has been selected to appear in the 25th edition of "Who's Who of American Women." Hughes is a special education teacher at John M. Stumbo Elementary School. She is a member of the Kentucky Education Association, Teachers of the Hearing Impaired, the Humane Society of the United States, Creative Home Arts Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and a past member/trustee of



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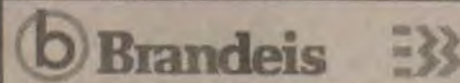
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In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that N.F.C. Mining, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for refuse disposal coal processing facility, affecting 14.98 acres, located 1 mile east of Lancer, in Floyd County.

The facility is approximately 0.5 mile southeast from State Route 1428's junction with State Route 3, and located 0.1 mile northeast of the Big Branch. The latitude is 37°41'00" and the longitude is 82°43'07".

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by N.F.C. Mining, Inc.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be

filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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(1) 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 renewal of an underground coal mining operation, located 0.8 mile southeast of Grethel, in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 5.8 acres, and underlie 595 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 600.8 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is located 0.5 mile southwest of Frasure Branch Road's junction with KY 979, and located 0.3 mile south of Frasure Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°28'21" and longitude 82°39'53".

(3) The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation underlies

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