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Man says he was misled by ad for TV

Times Staff Report

A local man feels he was misled by an advertisement for a big-screen television and he is going to court to prove it.

Steven Riley, 37, whose address in court documents is listed only as "Floyd County," filed suit against Household Retail Services last month, claiming the company fraudulently placed a false advertisement.

According to Riley's complaint, he responded to a classified advertisement placed by Household Retail offering a free camcorder with the purchase of a 52-inch television set for \$10 down and \$10 a month.

Riley purchased the television and a Sharp stereo, which were delivered two days later, signing a delivery receipt which listed the total price as \$5,132.82.

In his complaint, Riley said he heard nothing more from the company until the following September, when he received a bill for the stereo and television with a \$796.52 "same as cash" finance charge and demanding a minimum monthly payment of \$202.

Riley said he immediately contacted the company, telling a representative that he did not agree to the new terms and asking the company to collect the merchandise and cancel the transaction. But although he says in the complaint that the company made appointments to pick up the stereo and TV, no one ever came for them.

As a result of the disagreement, Riley says his credit history has been impaired and that the balance now owed to the company is over \$10,000.

Riley alleges Household Retail acted with fraud and malice by making false statements in its advertising and by failing to disclose the actual terms of the transaction.

As relief, Riley is seeking cancellation of the sale and a restoration of his credit record, as well as compensatory, incidental and punitive damages.

A 'Capitol' moment...



MANDY MAY, lower left, and friend Palmer Hurston, lower right, were given the VIP treatment when they went to Frankfort Thursday for Christopher Reeve's (inset) appearance before the General Assembly. In addition to getting to sit on the House floor during Reeve's speech, May got the chance to meet state legislators, such as Rep. Greg Stumbo, above right.

Local girl visits House as Superman's guest

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Twenty-four hours before boarding her family's vehicle, Mandy May was prepared to meet an extraordinary man, a super man.

Lon May, Mandy's father, said she spent most of Wednesday primping in order to look her best for the actor turned activist.

Mandy and family made a

stop on the way at Cardinal Hill Hospital in Lexington to pickup Palmer Hurston, Easter Seal child spokesman for 2000 and a friend who also suffered an injury to her spine.

Cardinal Hill sponsored the trip and Rep. Greg Stumbo got Mandy and Palmer front-row seats on the floor.

Mandy and Palmer were looking their best as they entered the floor of the House of Representatives. They sat

patiently as members of the Senate poured in and waited for the arrival of the actor formerly known as Clark Kent, Kal-El, Superman, and more.

Like Mandy, Christopher Reeve sustained an injury to his spine, leaving him unable to walk. Since the accident, he has become the uncaped crusader for debilitating diseases.

Mandy and a host of others

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Reeve says thank you to legislature

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Known across the world as a director, producer, and actor, Christopher Reeve made a visit to the Kentucky General Assembly Thursday.

"The real me wanted to come here today," said Reeve, who was delivering a personal thank you to Kentucky's lawmakers for action they took six years ago.

"To add a \$12.50 surcharge on speeding tickets is totally amaz-

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Martin pleads not guilty during arraignment

After months of waiting, the arraignment of a local attorney accused of first-degree sexual abuse went nearly unnoticed on Friday.

A sparse crowd braved the snow and slush for the arraignment of Sheridan Martin of Prestonsburg, Pike County District Judge Darrel Mullins entered the courtroom, read Martin his rights, entered a not guilty plea for him, set a preliminary hearing date, and closed the proceedings until then.

That preliminary hearing is set for Friday February 11.

Special prosecuting attorney Luke Morgan told Mullins the hearing should take less than an hour.

Mullins had postponed the arraignment of Martin earlier in the week due to the death of his grandmother. Weather permitting, the hearing will be Friday, he told the court.

The complaining witness did not show up for the arraignment.

Martin is accused of subjecting one of his employees to sexual contact against her will.

Public meetings

■ Allen City Council, Monday, 7 p.m., regularly scheduled meeting.

Legislature spends week tackling controversial issues

By Lisa Carnahan
and Karla Dooley
KPA News Bureau

Things began to heat up in the House of Representatives this week, when a number of controversial bills came up for action.

Teen smoking, the posting of the Ten Commandments, the bottle bill, what happens to guns confiscated in criminal activity, civil rights legislation and the use of cell phones by drivers all became hot topics in committees or on the floor.

The House passed a bill that would make it illegal for anyone under 18 to use tobacco products. But it was not passed without difficulty.

The bill was approved in the House Health and Welfare Committee but got stalled in the full chamber when several members voiced their opposition to changes made in committee. Those changes included a provision saying that teens who did not turn their tobacco products over to the officer making the charge against them could have been charged with disorderly conduct. They could then be issued a citation, and a court-designated worker would have notified the parents.

For second offenses, the youths would have been required to attend a smoking cessation program if one was available.

Rep. Pete Worthington, D-Washington, called the bill a form of "harassing kids," while Reps. Charlie Walton, R-Florence, and Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, said it would be too difficult to enforce.

Rep. John Arnold, a Democrat from Sturgis, said the bill would lower teens' self esteem if they were punished for smoking, and Rep. Tim Feeley, a Crestwood Republican, said it was a parental issue.

"We're taking away our liberties a little bit at a time," he said.

The House tabled the bill but two days later, the sponsor, Rep. Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow, recalled it in its original form that merely states an underage person can't use tobacco products and any found in their possession "shall be confiscated by the law enforcement officer making the charge."

The bill passed the House 79-14. Nunn called it a "tiny step forward." "You've got to crawl before you walk," he said.

The bill now goes before the Senate.

Ten Commandments

Supporters of legislation that would allow the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools are hopeful that an attorney general's ruling will speed up the process to get the bill a hearing.

House Bill 111, that was prefiled before the session started by Rep. J.C. "Bo" Ausmus, R-Middlesboro, has been stalled in the House State Government Committee. Ausmus said the committee chairman, Rep. Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe, had wanted an attorney general's opinion on the bill.

The AG opinion said a local referendum allowing the public to choose student curriculum, instead of a school council, is constitutional. That's what Ausmus' bill seeks, the chance to put the question of posting the Ten Commandments to a vote.

Under the bill, if 25 percent of the eligible voters in a school district signed a petition saying they wanted the Ten Commandments posted in schools and taught in a social studies class for their historical value, the decision would be made in a referendum vote.

The teaching, according to the bill, would focus on how the Ten

Commandments "relate to comparative religion and moral, ethical, legal, and societal rules" in the historical development of Kentucky and the U.S.

The governor blasted the idea of local referendums to dictate school curriculum.

"That would be bad policy," said Patton. "I would certainly oppose that."

Geveden agreed the AG opinion might speed up the process of getting Ausmus' bill heard, but noted it opened up several other questions.

"This would be a big departure from public policy in this state...to have all our curriculum decided by referendum," said Geveden. He said the General Assembly would have to change current law which now gives that authority to school councils.

Gun auctions

After an impassioned two-hour debate on the House floor, an amendment was passed that gutted a bill to allow local law enforcement agencies to decide the fate of guns confiscated from criminals.

Under Rep. Eleanor Jordan's House

Bill 331, local police would have had the option of keeping, selling or destroying seized firearms, and officers from Louisville and Lexington turned out in favor of the measure.

The bill would have repealed a portion of an anti-crime law passed in the 1998 session that requires local agencies to turn

confiscated firearms over to the Kentucky State Police, who then auction them. The proceeds are used for purchasing body armor for police throughout the state.

However, the law does not set a deadline for when the agencies must give up the firearms, and Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, said Lexington and Louisville officials have "thumbed their noses" at the legislature by not turning their confiscated weapons over to the state police for auction. He offered an amendment to the bill that requires them to do so within 90 days of the gun's seizure or use as court evidence.

The amendment passed 63-31 and fell

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Legislature

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along urban-rural lines. The final vote on the bill was 82-17.

Jordan, a Louisville Democrat, said her bill would have prevented the guns from being used in a second crime by allowing police to destroy or keep them.

"Wouldn't it be a tragedy for one of these officers to be felled by a gun that had been used in a crime before," she said, gesturing to the officers in the gallery.

Proponents of the bill also countered that the Kentucky League of Cities and the federal government offer grants for purchasing body armor.

Lexington Police Chief Larry Walsh said he would follow the law, but he was disappointed at the outcome of the day's events.

"I just can't even begin to comprehend the callous way they've gone up against this," he said. "This (money from the auctions) is blood money."

Jordan said she will lobby for her original bill in the Senate, where it goes next.

Civil rights

The House also passed a heavily-debated bill allowing religious organizations an exemption in the state civil rights law.

Under the bill, which was sponsored by Rep. Thomas Kerr, a Taylor Mill Democrat, churches would not have to rent their campgrounds or other public facilities to groups that do not agree with the basic tenets of their religion.

Gays and lesbians, Wiccans, Satanic groups or atheists could be excluded, but groups could not be denied access based on disability, race, color or national origin.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, and Jordan both spoke against the bill.

"It's very dangerous to tinker with civil rights legislation," Jordan said. "Especially when the

intent is to keep someone out.

"There are folks out there who will use this language to keep people out like me and (Stein)."

Jordan is black and Stein is the only Jewish member of the House of Representatives.

Kerr said that the current civil rights laws had "trampled upon churches' ability to exercise their religion freely" and that his bill would put "churches back in charge of their facilities."

House Bill 70 was approved on a vote of 82-17 and will now be considered in the Senate.

Bottle bill

Opponents of House Bill 1, the comprehensive environmental cleanup legislation that includes a deposit on containers, mandatory garbage pickup in all counties and an advance disposal fee on drive-thru food packaging, told lawmakers the bill would cause prices to go up and hurt their businesses.

Bernice Dixon, a restaurant owner in Shelbyville, told the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee that not only was her Dairy Queen in competition with several other area fast food operations, but "service stations" and "Minute Marts" as well.

Dixon said she would be unfairly burdened by the advance disposal fee part of House Bill 1, since other deli-type operations aren't included.

The bill specifically lists "fast-food packaging" and gives the definition of "fast-food retail establishments" as those restaurants with a drive-thru window.

Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethtown called the bill's exclusion of other types of businesses where food was sold "unfair."

"I'd call it inherently unfair if we're not distributing the tax evenly throughout these retail institutions that are part of the litter problem, too," said Lee.

Dixon also said it would be a bookkeeping "nightmare" to have to keep up with the number of taxable items sold.

Earlier in the week, supporters had a chance to testify on the legislation.

Major Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, the bill's sponsor; Ernest Nash, a former Michigan legislator; and a biology class from Sheldon Clark High School in Martin County all testified before the House budget committee in favor of the bill.

Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, told the committee that House Bill 1 would not cost much to implement. He estimated that if the average person consumes 500 drink containers per year and returns 80 percent of them, he or she would only lose \$6 per year in deposits. A person who eats seven fast food meals per week would pay \$3.64 per year in advance disposal fees, he said.

"It's not an unreasonable burden to put on the people of our state," Stumbo said.

Nash said he fought Michigan's bottle bill when it came through the legislature, but after it was passed in a voter referendum and he became a retailer, he changed his mind about it.

"I know you're hearing stories about what's going to happen if you pass this law," he said. "They're not true.

"It's unbelievable... how the roadsides and streams have been cleaned up (in Michigan)."

Testimony on House Bill 1 is expected to continue for at least another week.

Superman lauds state program

Christopher Reeve made a visit to the state capitol and applauded Kentucky lawmakers for establishing a trust fund for research of spinal cord injuries and other central nervous system disorders.

Reeve, most famous for his role as "Superman," was paralyzed in a 1995 horse-riding accident. He met with the governor, talked with medical researchers and spoke before a joint session of the General Assembly.

The state's Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust was established by the 1994 General Assembly and is funded by a \$12.50 surcharge on speeding tickets and seat-belt violations.

The popular actor has kept his sense of humor. He started his address to the legislature by apologizing for being late.

"You know, I used to fly myself... but today I was a little delayed."

Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, called Reeve an inspiration.

He said Reeve's life has shown others that human beings "aren't more powerful than a locomotive, faster than a speeding bullet and aren't able to leap tall buildings in a single bound.

"True heroes are people like Reeve, who, when faced with unthinkable situations, face them with self dignity and courage that is beyond comprehension to mere

mortals," said Shaughnessy.

According to Reeve, Kentucky's surcharge is the largest in the nation devoted to the research to find a cure for paralysis.

"Kentucky is an inspiration to other states and I'm thankful," said Reeve, who noted that Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey and New York had passed similar legislation to raise money for paralysis research.

"I think California is going to pass it this session... and that would be a huge help. There's a lot of people driving on those freeways," said Reeve. "But don't go speeding home and do 90 just to help me out."

Knowledge-based economy

Gov. Paul Patton unveiled details about his "knowledge-based economy" that would pump millions into creating new high-tech jobs, loans for technology-driven or research industries and modernization of existing companies.

The program would provide loans and vouchers to small companies that would work in cooperation with Kentucky's colleges and universities on research, development and "entrepreneurial innovation."

The governor's plan would create a new department in the Cabinet for Economic Development that would deal solely with technology. This person would, according to the governor, "wake up in the morning and go to sleep at night, working and thinking about what Kentucky can do to attract knowledge-based industry to our state."

"The capital of the future will be the intellectual capital of our people. Now is the time to use the progress we've made in the infrastructure, education and economic development to become competitive in the knowledge-based economy of the future," said Patton.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, the prime sponsor of the legislation, said Kentucky was "uniquely positioned" to take advantage of the growth in e-commerce because of its central location in the U.S. and the UPS shipping hub in Louisville.

"Although Kentucky has benefited from healthy industrial growth, the Commonwealth now needs to focus on the knowledge and idea-based sectors of our economy," said Richards. "These sectors have the most potential for expansion in the future, and Kentucky must be positioned to take advantage of this growth or be left behind."

Other news

In other legislative action:
■ The governor has released his plan for a new state employee compensation plan that he says will make Kentucky more competitive with the private sector and surrounding states in recruiting the most qualified applicants.

Concerned about the current law regarding annual pay raises, Patton has proposed basing raises on changes in the economy rather than a flat figure. The governor also wants to reward employees based on their longevity in their grade. Under this plan, 79 percent of employees will see more money in fiscal 2001 than they would have received under the current law. This plan does not affect the Merit System or its protections.

The governor plans to send a personalized letter to all state workers telling them how his proposal will affect them individually.

■ It appears that a bill which would make it illegal to talk on a cell phone while driving might never make it to the House floor. The House Transportation Committee heard testimony on House Bill 173 this week but did not take a vote on it.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville, conceded that he does not presently have the votes to get the bill out of the com-

mittee.

The legislation would require drivers to pull over before making a phone call or face a fine of \$20 to \$100. Exceptions would be made for emergency vehicle drivers, users of speaker phones or calls made to report an emergency. Burch has said he thinks the change would help prevent accidents.

But committee members have indicated that they do not favor the changes.

"If we had time to stop and make a phone call, there wouldn't be any need for a phone in our automobile."

Committee Chairman Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, said after the meeting. "I just don't think you can protect everybody from every little thing."

■ Organs donated in Kentucky would have to be transplanted in a Kentucky resident if one is available under a bill that has passed unanimously in both the House and Senate. House Bill 255, sponsored by Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, D-Louisville, now awaits the approval of Gov. Paul Patton.

■ Patton made another push for his proposed tax plan this week, this time testifying before the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

In a detailed presentation on the package, the governor told the panel that the changes are necessary for funding some legislation already approved by the legislature, as well as some new initiatives, including over \$20 million for elementary and secondary education and \$74.5 million for post-secondary education.

"It is education that will suffer if our proposals are not adopted," Patton said.

Among the changes included in the plan are suggestions to delete the state property tax on motor vehicles, charge sales tax on services such as appliance and car repairs, and raise the gas tax. The plan would also remove about 190,000 poor Kentuckians from the state tax rolls and raise taxes for 412,000 of the state's richer citizens.

"Taxes will always be tough, but we're not proposing a major tax increase," he said, noting that even with passage of the tax plan, Kentucky will still retain its ranking of 42nd in the nation for per capita tax burden. "This is not an onerous proposal."

The plan would bring in about \$144 million per year for the state's general fund.

■ A bill supporting arts and foreign language education in the state's elementary schools passed the Senate unanimously. The Kentucky Board of Education would award a grant to at least one school in each district for curricula that expose young children to the fine arts or foreign languages. Senate Bill 81, sponsored by Sen. Lindy Casebier, R-Louisville, now proceeds to the House.

■ The tobacco companies' announcement of a 45.3 percent cut in the basic tobacco quota this week prompted the governor to issue a statement to the press.


"It's a disaster for the farm industry in Kentucky," Patton said. "It was not all that unexpected but it's a disaster nonetheless. It illustrates why we have to build a new farm economy in Kentucky and not try and save an industry that will never again be what it once was in our state."

■ Both houses have passed a resolution renaming a section of Ky. 118 in Leslie County the "Tim Couch Pass." The resolutions were sponsored by Sen. Robert Stivers and Rep. Barbara White Colter, both Republicans from Manchester.

■ A bill that would allow local school boards to set the policy concerning students' use of cell phones and pagers is one step closer to becoming law. House Bill 266, sponsored by Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, was unanimously approved by the Senate Education Committee. It already passed the House and now heads to the full Senate for debate.

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After big December drop, leisure travel costs rise

Leisure travel costs increased less than \$1 in January as airfares and car rental rates dropped slightly while at the same time lodging costs increased, according to AAA. The monthly AAA Leisure Travel Index shows the combined

national average cost for airfares, lodging and car rental rates in January was \$382.61, up 77 cents from \$381.84 in December. The slight increase follows a significant \$24.18 drop in December, blamed on the public's reluctance to travel

during the Y2K situation. Despite rising fuel costs, the national average cost of a round-trip leisure airline ticket in January was \$212.76, down \$1.09 from last month's fare of \$213.85. "Fuel prices have been skyrock-

eting lately and it's a bit of a surprise that air travelers were still able to catch a bit of a price break in January," said Dan Dickson, Public Relations Manager for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. The dip may not last long says

Dickson. Major airlines are considering slapping a \$10 fuel surcharge on each domestic airline ticket to help make up for their higher fuel costs. Car rental rates averaged \$37.94, a drop of 23 cents from December's \$38.17 and average lodging rates climbed \$2.09 cents to \$131.91, compared to \$129.82 in December. The January report is based on

data from nearly 11,000 AAA two and three diamond lodging room rates, 3,700 intermediate-sized car rental rates and 1,000 domestic airfares for 20 major U.S. destinations. AAA is the largest leisure travel agency in North America with 1,000 travel offices in the United States and Canada. The local club is AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.

KET receives three awards

KET has received three awards, each recognizing a facet of the agency's continuing commitment to education.

The Collaborative for Teaching and Learning (CTL) bestowed on KET its award For Leadership In Collaboration at the third annual Kentucky Education and the Arts Leadership Awards.

Citing "support and advice for the important work of school reform through changing classroom practice" and KET's partnering efforts that have produced

grants for Kentucky, the award was presented January 11 at the J. B. Speed Art Museum in Louisville.

CTL Executive Director Linda F. Hargan, Ed.D., said, "From our earliest days, KET has provided an important presence on our advisory board, and the several years of partnership in developing the Star Channel seminars have helped countless teachers statewide."

The Kentucky Humanities Council awarded \$5,000 to KET to produce a one-hour documentary

about the life and work of Ellis Wilson, an African-American painter from Mayfield who achieved prominence in the Black Art Movement and the Harlem Renaissance during the 1930s. "Everything of Interest and Beauty: The Art of Ellis Wilson" will be produced by Guy Mendes.

The Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Equity, awarded KET a grant of \$1,000 to support the development of a KET Web site for "Kentucky's Underground Railroad—Passage

to Freedom." The Web site will be an educational resource that will extend the life of the documentary beyond its broadcast on KET.

"The scope of these awards reflects the breadth of educational services KET provides Kentuckians," said KET Executive Director and CEO Virginia G. Fox. "I am proud of the educational opportunities KET's talented and dedicated staff have made available over the last 31 years, and I look optimistically to future growth in the benefits we offer."

Reeve

ing and has not been duplicated. The fact it was done in 1994, which relatively speaking was still the dark ages of spinal cord research, I think to have that leap of faith was money well spent."

Reeve gave recognition to the unbiased approach the surcharge has represented.

"The people riding in motor vehicles who are not in a special interest group are everybody's families, our friends ... our neighbors, ourselves, and to dedicate that money to, specifically to spinal cord research shows a kind of forward visionary thinking that is truly an inspiration," he said.

The man of hope told the lawmakers Kentucky's law has been a positive example to the rest of the states in the union.

"Thank you. Because of your example other states have passed similar legislation. Ohio, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, and we think its going to pass in California this session."

The accumulated funds have been applied to the some of the world's brightest minds, said Reeve.

"Research is progressing now and the cure is not only for spinal cord injuries but Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, MS, stroke, and diabetes," he said. "I think in order to accomplish all that, what is needed is tremendous communication between research laboratories all over the world."

Reeve asked that Kentucky set an example once more by breaking the interstate and global lines of research.

"We have eight of the top scientists in the world ranging from Zurich to St. Louis to Florida and to California all sharing the knowledge in doing common experiments," said Reeve. "So, what I would like to recommend, and this was passed in New York, is that any researcher at the University of Kentucky and the other centers if they have an idea, they have an experiment they want to see if they can partner with researchers from other states. Of course the work would be done here and they would be using funds generated here."

"But I think a partnership between researchers across the state lines will be the most effective use of this money. Because little pockets of research centers can't get the job done. It's too big."

Putting more pressure on the General Assembly to be role models for the nation, Reeve suggested that our prejudices be dropped.

"If you remember years ago there was a tremendous prejudice against people who had AIDS," he said. "The federal government in 1984 gave no money whatsoever to AIDS research but then when woman and children across the country began starting to die of AIDS, a quilt was sown together with the names of many of those who had died. It was brought to Washington and was laid out on the great lawn. Legislators could see for themselves the impact."

"Today, AIDS research, just from the government, stands at \$1.8 billion a year with the result that many people that would be dead many years ago are now living with

HIV and with AIDS and in many cases the virus, thanks to new protocols of MIH, the virus is now undetectable in their bloodstream and they are healthier than ever.

Reeve likened the surcharge to the quilt.

"I see this surcharge on traffic violations as the equivalent of the quilt, that we use to get more and more to join because it means that every time somebody is stopped for a speeding ticket, they are going to think of that surcharge and where the money goes," he said.

Everybody knows somebody with a debilitating condition, Reeves said, adding that it is time for the nation to turn its attention to the nation's health.

"What's the point of living longer if you are going to get Alzheimer's or MS or Parkinson's or stroke," said Reeve. "We are now at the stage where all those diseases can be cured if enough money and talent is focused on the problem."

Reeve pointed out that only nine years after polio research began, the nation had a vaccine to deal with the disease.

"That has to be a new initiative to help heal people who have been left on the margins of society, to bring them back into the mainstream to get them a new lease on life to relieve suffering, to bring people in the workplace who have been denied and left to linger in nursing homes and taking up space," he said.

He pointedly challenged the state's employers to hire those with disabilities.

"It has often been shown that

people with disabilities have more motivation than the average person," he said. "If you put a disabled person in the center of the workforce, everybody else has to scramble to catch up."

The man who has become inspirational to more than those with disabilities closed his address pointing the state to the future.

"We must hold on to the very real vision and the very real hope that diseases that were thought impossible to conquer will be conquered."

"In 1994, many scientists would have said that repairing a spinal cord was probably still impossible. In the year 2000, it is not only possible, but probable."

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May

with similar injuries joined Reeves in a show of support for Kentucky's \$12.50 surcharge on traffic violations.

Reeve gave recognition to the state legislature for pioneering the surcharge that has now raised more than \$5 million. Because of Kentucky's efforts to help find cures for crippling conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, spinal cord injuries, and Parkinson's disease, other states have taken up similar causes, said Reeve.

He called on researchers at the University of Kentucky and around the world to join forces in searching for cures for the maladies.

With courage enough for many men, Reeve has not lost his sense of humor as he told the audience he traveled differently now.

"When I used to get around on my own," said Reeve, "You know I flew myself."

In a moving speech that saw many in the crowd fighting tears, Reeve not only asked for further research but for more tolerance in our lives. He spoke of how he and 400,000 others have shown courage above and beyond the call and are a hidden untapped resource.

Reeve called on employers in Kentucky and other states to tap into the ever flowing resource of the wheelchair bound. Those who are handicapped have more energy to give to an employer, he told Kentucky's lawmakers.

Mandy remained undaunted in her appearance before the actor and director. Although she was unable to meet with Reeve, she was proud to be part of the recognized assembly.

"It was neat to hear his speech, said May. "It was really good."

Mandy broke her sixth and seventh vertebrae in a car accident in 1997. Her injuries were very similar to the injuries sustained by

Reeve in a fall while horseback riding.

Since then, she has made a remarkable comeback. Her injuries could have left her on a breathing machine like Reeve's.

"It kind of made me feel lucky that I can breathe on my own," said Mandy, after seeing Reeve up close.

Mandy spent most of her day at school Friday describing her experience at the Capitol. The honor roll student, who is part of Duke University's Motivated Academic Performers program, said she had to tell every teacher and class about her trip.

The Kentucky General Assembly passed the state's trust into law in 1994. The surcharge raises about \$2.5 million dollars annually. That money is allocated to the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville for research into spinal cord and head injuries. The funds raised have contributed to 30 research projects at the two schools.

Louisville Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, who originally sponsored the legislation that created the

trust, introduced Reeve to the awaiting assemblage as a true hero.

"All of us have known heroes and even superheroes in our lifetime. They are women and men, sometimes even children," said Shaughnessy. "They are people like Christopher Reeve who, when faced with an unthinkable situation, conduct themselves with dignity and courage beyond the comprehension and capability of mere mortals."

Mandy hid any disappointment she may have had and reentered the House once more for pictures. She faced the cameras with a smile as newspaper and Capitol photographers snapped the young lady's place into history.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.

Elbert Hubbard—

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Editorial

State places too many obstacles to third parties

A recent opinion by the office of Attorney General Ben Chandler not only has ruled out the possibility of a Reform Party presidential primary in Kentucky, but it also shows just how difficult it is for a third party to get established in the state.

Too difficult, in fact. The rules established by the two political parties are stacked against a third party becoming any sort of force in Kentucky.

In an opinion requested by John Longmire, chairman of the Reform Party of Kentucky, the attorney general's office determined that the Reform Party is not entitled to a presidential preference primary election because it has yet to meet the standard to become a political party in Kentucky.

To do that, the party's candidate must receive at least 20 percent of the Kentucky vote in the last presidential election. Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate in 1996, received only 8.7 percent of the votes.

However, another provision in the law recognizes political parties whose candidates receive more than 10 percent of the vote in the last gubernatorial election. Reform Party gubernatorial candidate Gatewood Galbraith received 15.3 percent of the vote last November. However, that's still not enough to move the Reform Party into the status needed to conduct a presidential primary, the opinion said.

Even if a primary were possible, there is no way poll workers could determine who could vote in it. In Kentucky, only registered Democrats and Republicans are eligible to vote in their party primaries. However, as far as the state election officials are concerned, there are no Reform Party members.

That's because those who register as members of the Reform Party are lumped together with other members of minor parties under the broad heading of "other."

No one knows the future of the Reform Party. The party that includes such politically diverse individuals as founder Ross Perot, Minnesota GOV. Jesse Ventura and former GOP presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan seems to be a loose-knit group of individuals united by their disaffection with the two major parties.

Can the party survive the waning popularity of Perot and become a viable alternative to the major parties? While we have our doubts, we think the party is well enough established for the state to identify separately those registered under the Reform Party label.

—Ashland Daily Independent



Letters to the Editor

Auxier center reviews first month

Editor:

With the vision and financial help of Father Ralph Beiting, the opening of the former Auxier School (now referred to as the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center or ALLC) occurred on January 10, with a ladies craft class.

Since that time much interest has been shown by the community of Auxier and surrounding areas of Floyd and Johnson counties of eastern Kentucky. In less than one month, many other activities have been started and implemented into the ALLC.

These include:

1. Four computer classes with 12-15 students each for 12 weeks at a cost of \$20/student.
2. Two ladies sewing classes with seven students each for 10 weeks at a cost of \$10/student.
3. One ladies craft class with three students at a cost of \$10/student.
4. One ladies health and weight loss class with 12 students at a cost of \$10/student.
5. One quilting class with five students for 10 weeks at a cost of \$10/student.
6. One line dancing class with five students for 10 weeks at a cost of \$10/student.
7. Four classrooms rented to help defray the cost of utilities at \$150/month each.
8. Three men's basketball leagues weekly at a cost of \$10/league.
9. One adult co-ed volleyball league a week at a cost of \$10.
10. Hall rented on a regular basis for union meetings, birthday parties and wedding showers at \$25/rental.

ings, birthday parties and wedding showers at \$25/rental.

11. Gym opened to local children daily for one hour, five days/week at no charge to the community.

12. Gym used weekly at no cost to Our Lady of the Mountains grade school for basketball practice.

The use of local public service marketing and advertising on television and newspapers before the ALLC opened allowed for a fast awareness of the facilities' opening.

As new ideas for the use of the buildings at ALLC became known, continued use of these community-based marketing techniques will keep the programs in front of the public. Programs will continue to expand with additional involvement by the community and volunteers.

It is hoped a medical clinic can be opened in the near future with the assistance of community involvement and social service organizations. In addition, volunteer youth groups from around the country are actively being sought for home repair programs in Floyd County for the summer 2000.

Unfortunately, there is a downside with ALLC's fast growth, for problems arise from a lack of enough people to organize and implement new ideas. More volunteer teachers and maintenance personnel are desperately needed. Involvement by local people will keep a facility like ALLC open indefinitely.

Charlie & Sue Schaffer
Auxier

Writer supports Otter Creek prison

I am Lori Kepford, co-ordinator of the Criminal Justice and Sociology Programs at Pikeville College. As a resident of Pike County, I want to join the discussion on the changing security status of the Otter Creek Prison in Wheelwright and offer these few observations.

Let me say at the outset that I don't represent Pikeville College or the Division of Social Sciences and Business. I speak for myself, but I think I represent the interests of our students, as well. And I do reflect the views of colleagues in our criminal justice program.

I am strongly in support of the Otter Creek correctional facility. I support this institution primarily because of my interest in new opportunities of training and education for our students in a broad range of criminal justice professions.

And secondly, I want to register my support for increased opportunities for employment for my graduates. But these ideas indicate a broader support I will discuss later.

At the same time, I am aware of and deeply sympathetic toward the concern raised by those who oppose the change in the Otter Creek security status. And I am aware of many others in the larger community whose concerns come down to the fear of crime and the destructive effects on the culture of the central mountains. I'm sure that all of us can voice some level of support for these legitimate concerns.

But, in fact, there is little statistical support for the idea that increased crime will become rampant. As officials from Otter Creek have already noted, increased security measures will limit opportunities

for escape.

In addition to the installation of additional barriers, fences and towers, we can be sure that additional internal security measures are also being taken. Certainly, training for security will be intensified, operations for the management of critical incidents will be evaluated, and policies and procedures for such things as tool control and maintenance practices will be reviewed again and again.

The second concern is for the maintenance of the mountain culture, in all its strength and charm. My own instinct, as well, is the preservation of the best of the mountain culture. But, McDonald's and Pizza Huts, for that matter, are as alien to the mountain culture as is a prison. I will only say that we are none the worse for their presence. The prison is probably less a threat to our culture than is poverty. Poverty is not charming.

The drain of our young people to other communities in other states in search of a quality education or of meaningful employment is a severe threat to our culture. None should be happy that correctional institutions are an important component of economic development, yet this particular facility can provide additional incentives to stay in the mountains; this is the strongest support for the preservation of our mountain way of life. These are well-paying jobs for professionals, for craftsmen, and for skilled laborers and service people.

The mere fact that this institution at Otter Creek provides significant sources of revenue for our cultural agencies is not easily ignored. And the prison at

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Letters to the Editor

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Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



If nothing else, McCain campaign is enjoyable

With two down and 48 to go, the presidential primaries are starting to take shape quite differently than expected just a few weeks ago.

On the Democratic side, it appears Al Gore is on his way to the nomination. I hate to say that with 48 states still waiting to cast ballots, but the mini-revolution which had Bill Bradley climbing in the polls not too long ago seems to have sputtered.

Things are much more interesting on the Republican side, with a true two-horse race in the making.

George W. Bush was once thought to be unstoppable in his march to the nomination, even when preliminary polls showed him to be floundering in New Hampshire.

But plans for the W's coronation are being put on hold while the electorate decides whether John McCain will self-destruct or continue his slow and steady assault on Jr.'s poll position.

In politics, it's hard to score a moral victory when you are already in the lead, but McCain did just that in New Hampshire by putting a hurting on Bush. To receive nearly 50 percent of the vote in a five-way race? That is unbelievable, especially with such names as Bush and Steve Forbes on the ballot.

Having been a lifelong political fence-straddler with mostly Democratic tendencies, McCain is one Republican I do like.

Why? That's really hard to say, but I suspect my true reasons are the same as those of others who find him oddly charming — he doesn't fit into the plan.

That's the reason I liked Ross Perot early in the 1992 race. His appeal came not so much from his ideas, but from how much he scared the traditional powers-that-be in Washington when it seemed he truly had a shot to win.

The way I had it figured then, one term from Perot would have done more to reform the Democratic and Republican parties than 50 more years of status quo politics. Call it the "soiled-pants effect," if you will.

And even though he is a Republican, McCain seems to have that same effect. In a way, it's as if his campaign has dwarfed the man behind it, and McCain has become an outlet for all of those who feel the system works for the system and not for the people it represents.

But other than his positions on campaign finance and his widely-publicized years of torture as a prisoner of war, I really don't know that much about what McCain stands for. Just haven't taken the time to do the research, I suppose.

And, even if he does get the nomination, I don't know that I could vote for him against Gore and whoever the Reform Party tosses out.

But one thing is certain. I sure do enjoy watching him rock the boat.



King George the I of England was a native of Germany who could not speak English. He communicated with his cabinet in French.

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Cold weather prompts carbon monoxide warning

FRANKFORT—The potential for carbon monoxide poisoning increases during the cold weather because more people use fuel burning appliances and engines for warmth and to cook during power outages.

Kentucky public health officials want to make sure Kentuckians know the dangers of carbon monoxide and take the proper precautions. There were nine deaths due to carbon monoxide poisoning in Kentucky in 1997 and five in 1998.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, toxic gas that is produced by all fossil fuel (gas, coal, charcoal) burning appliances and automobiles.

Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause symptoms such as a headache, shortness of breath, dizziness, nausea and ultimately lead to coma and death. Carbon

monoxide exposure is responsible for more fatal unintentional poisonings in the United States than any other agent, with the highest incidence occurring during cold-weather months, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Rice Leach, the state commissioner for public health, stressed how important it is for everyone to be sure their heating equipment is in proper working order. "I have treated cases of carbon monoxide poisoning in the past. It sneaks up on you without your realizing it and I have seen cases where it was fatal," Leach said.

All homes should include a working carbon monoxide detector, which are available at hardware and discount stores.

Risks associated with the oper-

ation of motor vehicles

- The carbon monoxide in motor vehicle exhaust accounts for the most poisoning deaths in the United States caused by a single agent.

- Many motor-vehicle related carbon monoxide deaths in garages have occurred even though the garage doors or windows have been open. This suggests that passive ventilation is not adequate to reduce risk in semi-enclosed spaces.

- Deaths have also occurred in living or working quarters adjacent to garages with running motor vehicles in them.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning can also occur inside of a car when the tailpipe of an idling automobile is obstructed by snow or other material. It can also occur if the tailpipe and muffler

leak into the inside of a vehicle.

- Increased alcohol consumption is related to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning from motor vehicles.

Risks associated with use of fuel-burning appliances in enclosed or semi-enclosed areas

- Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur from the use of camping stoves, portable propane gas stoves and charcoal grills in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur from cooking with charcoal briquettes in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur from the use of butane and kerosene space heaters and wood burning stoves in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces.

- Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur from the operation of gasoline-powered generators in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces, or in areas where exhaust from generators can vent into

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FRANKFORT — Freezing weather in Kentucky has prompted many people to let water taps run to prevent frozen pipes, which cut off a home's water supply and can cause pipes to burst or crack.

A one-eighth-inch crack in a pipe can allow more than 250 gallons of water a day to damage floors, carpets, furniture and personal belongings.

Water loss from burst pipes and from people allowing taps to run excessively is adding stress to water systems already under water-use

restrictions.

The Kentucky Division of Water offers these suggestions for preventing frozen water pipes and loss of water:

- Seal any leaks that allow cold air to reach indoor pipes. Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and all pipes. Use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out and the heat in.

- Keep your heating system set for at least 55 degrees, even when you are away from home. If you are going to be gone for sever-

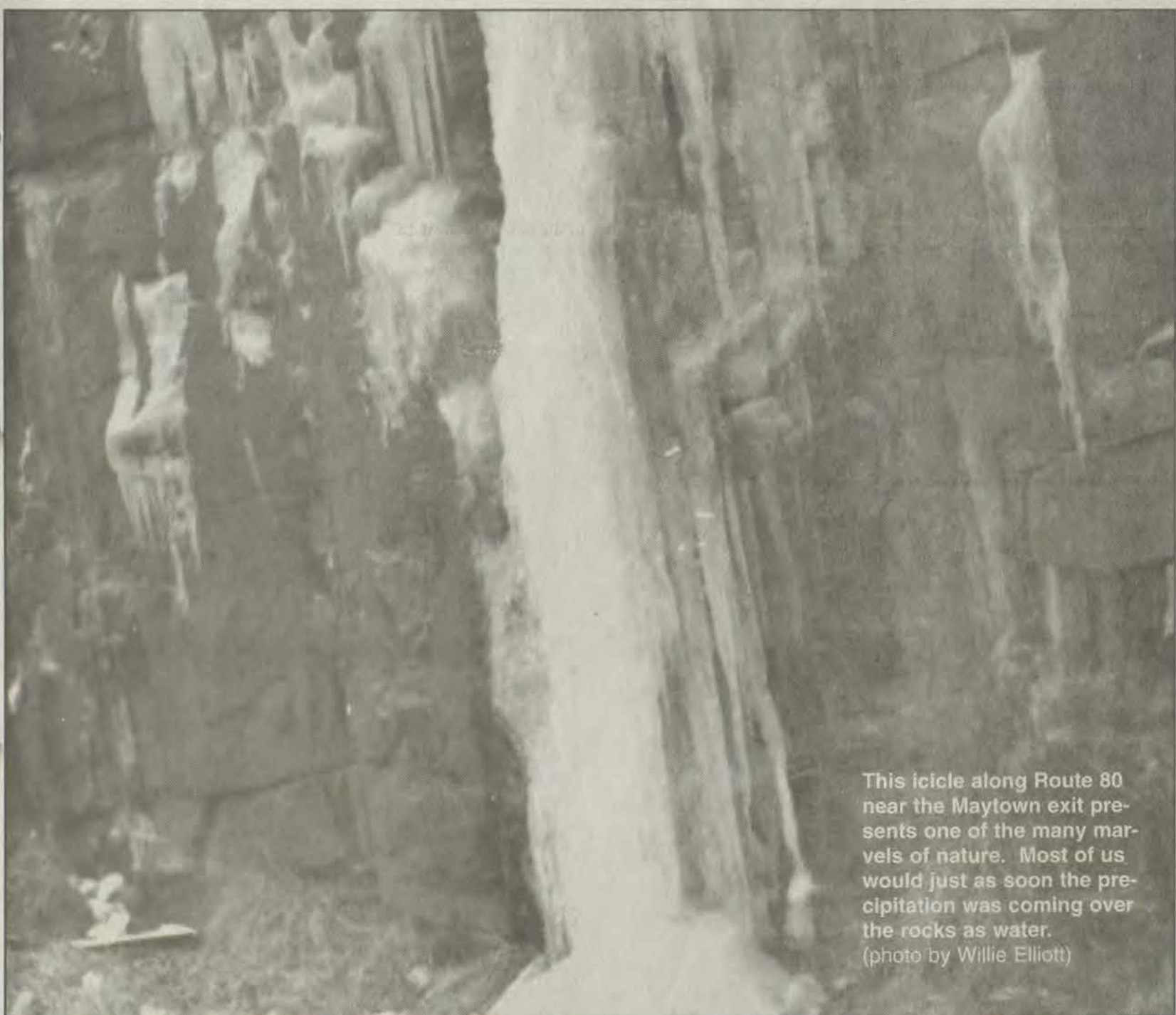
al days, have a friend or neighbor check your home daily. If you will be away for an extended period of time, drain your water supply pipes by turning off the supply and opening the lowest faucet in the house. You may want to contact a plumber to be sure this is done correctly.

- Insulate pipes that are most susceptible to freezing - near outside walls, in crawl spaces and in attics. Don't forget the pipes draining wastewater; they can freeze, too. Use standard insulation material or heat tape approved by

Underwriter's Laboratories (UL listed).

- Open cabinet doors under sinks in kitchens and bathrooms to allow pipes to receive more heat. Let water trickle from taps most susceptible to freezing. A stream of water about the width of a pencil lead should be sufficient.

Using water conservatively will continue to be important as drought conditions continue in the state. All four regions of the state are still in a drought, and 73 water systems have some level of water-use restrictions.



This icicle along Route 80 near the Maytown exit presents one of the many marvels of nature. Most of us would just as soon the precipitation was coming over the rocks as water.

(photo by Willie Elliott)

Letters

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Otter Creek is a strong institution. They have just recently been recognized by the American Correctional Association, with 100 percent compliance with their rigorous national standards for certification.

I find any number of other reasons to continue our support for Otter Creek. Persons employed at the institution are, in most instances, local people, persons who want to live in the mountains, valuing local culture.

There is also additional value in the spin-off of new jobs to support the community. The economic spin-off means families having the ability to spend money in the local community to buy automobiles and appliances, to build new houses, and to save money for their children's education or for their own retirement.

And, research shows, it is always a surprise to find increases in places where it is least expected. For example, the recent location of a new prison in southeastern Ohio

was directly related to doubling the employment in the post office, due to the massive increases in the volume of mail.

Moreover, benefits such as these will also strengthen the economic base for our schools, our medical services, and other crucial components of our physical and cultural infrastructure. With the continued presence of this institution in the community, we can be sure that, over time, new revenues will be found to support investments in highway maintenance, or water and sewer projects, for example.

A final reason to continue our support of Otter Creek is found in the prison personnel themselves. Ordinarily, in an installation such as this, we find in our midst a concentration of people who become strong assets to the community.

Historically, when prisons are located in less populous regions, their employees become a strong and rich resource of professional people who contribute their skills

and money to local charitable, cultural, and community efforts.

Here are people who are new prospects for membership in our churches and our service clubs, who serve on the town councils, volunteer in our schools and youth athletic leagues, and who contribute to our charitable fund drives. I have no doubt that the institution's community advisory council constantly seeks ways to support the community it serves.

Obviously, many concerns have been sincerely and legitimately expressed concerning the on-going changes at the Otter Creek institution. Acknowledging my own interest in continuing educational opportunities and employment for my students, I sincerely hope that all of us can find positive reasons to affirm the many benefits our community can reap in the continued support of this institution in our community.

Lori Kepford
Pikeville



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Mayo director attends KCTCS Day

Bobby McCool, Interim Director of Mayo Technical College, and member of the KCTCS Board of Regents recently attended "KCTCS Day" in the state capital.

McCool joined about 75 other representatives of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System in Frankfort on January 20. Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of KCTCS, invited the systems leaders from across the state to discuss KCTCS activities and meet with their legislators.

System office and college leaders met during the afternoon to discuss such issues as strategic planning, workforce development and consolidation of college functions, programs and services. The day concluded with a reception at the Governor's Mansion, where KCTCS officials were addressed by Gov. Paul E. Patton, KCTCS Board of Regents Chair Martha C. Johnson, and McCall.

Patton recalled passage of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, which created KCTCS. He said the new system has exceeded his expectations.

"I felt in my heart we were doing the right thing, but I didn't realize how right it was," Patton said.

Patton's remarks came at the Governor's Mansion reception, which was attended by about 180 people, including many legislators. Among legislators on hand were House Majority Caucus Chairman Jim Callahan, D-Wilder, primary sponsor of the Postsecondary

Education Improvement Act; and the leaders of both legislative chambers, House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, and Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville.

Said KCTCS President McCall: "This first KCTCS Day at the General Assembly gives the leaders of our colleges a chance to get together with leaders at the system level and allows us all a chance to interact with Gov. Patton and the General Assembly."

"It is important that legislators hear our message: that we support full implementation of postsecondary education reform and that we support the budget and legislative proposals of the Council on Postsecondary Education," McCall said.

Mayo's McCool said, "There has never been a time that unity has been more important than now. We must stand together and support the legislation being proposed by the Council on Postsecondary Education and KCTCS. Our leaders must hear from us the strength of our commitment to education and to the students in our schools."

KCTCS, which comprises 15 technical colleges and 13 community colleges, provides accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning.



Floyd students earn \$393,000 in KEES awards

Gov. Paul E. Patton has announced that 1,080 Floyd County students in grades 9-12 earned \$355,000 in Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) awards during the 1998-99 school year to help pay for their higher education.

Of those students, 240 earned an additional \$38,000 based on achieving an ACT (or equivalent SAT) score of 15 or higher.

"These students can be proud to be among the first group of Kentuckians to earn scholarship money from the KEES program," Patton said. "They can be proud that they are part of Kentucky's efforts to invest in the intellectual capital of our citizens and to build a brighter future for the people of our great Commonwealth."

The KEES program is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). KHEAA is the state agency that administers scholarship, grant, loan, work-study, and savings programs and provides free financial aid information to

Kentucky students and parents.

Kentucky residents who attend certified Kentucky high schools and earn at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) can earn scholarships for each year of high school, which can generally be used to pay for up to four years of higher education.

Scholarship amounts range from \$125 for a 2.5 GPA to \$500 for a 4.0 GPA. Students who make at least a 15 ACT (or equivalent SAT) score can earn a bonus award.

Students who attend noncertified high schools and students who have received a GED since December 31, 1998, can qualify for a bonus award based on their ACT score. Bonus awards based on ACT scores range from \$36 for a 15 to \$500 for a 28 or above.

For more information about KEES or other KHEAA programs and services, visit KHEAA's Web site www.khea.com; write to KHEAA, 1050 US Highway 127 S., Frankfort, KY 40601-4323; call (800) 928-8926; or e-mail thpelps@khea.com.



It wasn't just the groundhog who saw his shadow on February 2. Many area people had shadows of their own in the form of students at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center. The students "shadowed" workers to get a taste of what is expected on the job. Letitia Johnson shadowed Carl Crisp at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park to learn about operating the front desk at May Lodge. Jimmy Hall, who is in charge of maintenance at the Floyd County Courthouse, told Jesse Meyer it's a dirty job to mop and clean, but somebody has to do it. After a morning of shadowing, the students took time out to have lunch at Pizza Hut. (photos by Willie Elliott)

You and your W-2

(NAPSA)-When it comes time to figure their taxes, some people worry about having enough pencils or the correct calculator. At the same time, they may be overlooking a more important tool—their W-2 form.

The W-2 form gives an employee an itemized account of money earned and withheld—both for taxes and benefits—during the past year.

The nation's leader in payroll training and education—the American Payroll Association—offers these tips to employees as tax season approaches:

- Remember, employers are required, by law, to mail W-2s to their employees by January 31. If you haven't received yours by that date, contact the payroll professional at your company and ask to have the W-2 reissued.

- You must have a W-2 from every employer who paid you wages in the past year—even if you worked for only one day.

- Your Social Security number is your account number with the government and the only way to keep track of what taxes you have paid.

Check to make sure that your name and Social Security number are entered correctly on your W-2 form.

- Make sure the amount entered in Box #1 of your W-2 form is the same as the total annual income shown on your last pay stub. If the numbers don't match, talk to your company's payroll professional.

- Any freelance or contract worker that has received more than \$600 from a company in 1999 must get a Form 1099 from that company.

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of them?*

- Take the time to evaluate how much money is being withheld from your paycheck. If you've married or had children since you first filled out your W-4 Form, it may be a good idea to fill out a new W-4 form with the correct filing status and number of exemptions.

Remember, the law requires 95 percent of an employee's tax liability to be withheld during the year—or at least match what was paid in the previous year through withholdings.

An employee that pays more than that is paying too much.

For more information about checking your W-2 form, visit www.americanpayroll.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OBITUARIES

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Election Tuesday

Election for one parent member to the Allen Central Middle School SBDM will be Tuesday, February 22.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the office between Monday, February 7, from 8 a.m. until Friday, February 18, at 3 p.m. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent. A parent council member must be a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the school during the parent's term of council service. A parent council member cannot be a district employee at Allen Central Middle School, a local board member, or a relative of a local board member. Relative means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or mother-in-law.

Any person of a child enrolled at Allen Central Middle School may vote to elect the parent council member.

McDowell High Alumni Association to meet

The McDowell High School Alumni Association will hold its monthly meeting at the McDowell Senior Citizens Center Monday, February 7, at 7 p.m. All graduates and friends of the McDowell High School are encouraged to attend.

Rescue Squad offers photos

The Floyd County Rescue Squad would like the people of Floyd County to know that there will be another Master Artist's Studio photography session from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 11, at our headquarters building just off of North Highland Avenue.

All persons holding a certificate from our organization for a free photo session are encouraged to come on this date as it will be the last session of this year. Once again thanks to all who donated to our all-volunteer, non-profit, rescue squad.

McDowell FRC services

The following events and activities will be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center.

- GED classes are held each Monday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Center. These classes are free for anyone wanting to earn the GED.

- Bi-monthly Advisory Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of that month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 6.

- Parents who are looking for new ideas on effective discipline techniques, assisting with homework, getting children to help with chores, how to provide healthier meals and snacks for their families, effective household budgeting, and other topics should attend the next Parent Support Group.

If you have ideas you would like to share or certain topics you would like to discuss, please attend; we need your input. Parent Support Groups are not for bad parents. They are for parents who want to do their very best for their families. Please attend either or both of the next two Parent Support Groups to be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center. The first group will meet on February 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The other will meet on February 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

- Floyd County Health Department has a clinic open at the Center each Monday to see patients concerning school (head start, kindergarten and sixth grade) physicals, W.I.C., immunizations, female exams, well-child exams and other services. For more information or to make an appointment call 377-2678.

- A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the Center two days a week for students who are in need of counseling services. Call the Center if you feel your child could benefit from this service, 377-2678.

Paintsville Lake downstream area to re-open February 15

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Paintsville Lake will reopen the downstream area on February 15 to normal vehicular traffic. The restrooms will also reopen at that time to visitor use and trout stocking for that area should resume sometime in April.

For additional information, contact Robert Beverley, Resource Manager, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 606/297-6312 or write: Resource Manager, Paintsville Lake, 807 KY 2275, Staffordsville, Kentucky 41256-9035.

Alice Lloyd College offers one stop program

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services and Alice Lloyd College have joined in helping both citizens of Kentucky and students of ALC find jobs, write resumes, and provide information on labor markets, career options, education and training programs, and much more. There are currently about 20 One Stop Program Offices statewide. The assistance received is free of charge and more information may be obtained through the Alice Lloyd College Career Development Office. Both the One Stop Program Office and the Career Development Office are located on the second floor of the Student Center on the campus of ALC. Call the ALC Career Development Office at 606/368-6136, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blood drive at Alice Lloyd College

The Central Kentucky Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive on the campus of Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes on Thursday, February 10. Plan to visit the third floor of the ALC Student Center during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alice Lloyd College bookstore wants to recognize and thank those for giving or attempting to give blood by granting a coupon good for 15 percent toward any purchase. For more information, call 606/368-6125.

Textbook showcase at Hazard CC

Administrators, teachers and SBDM parents are invited to attend a textbook showcase at Hazard Community College on February 9 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. or on February 10, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Pike Central. The textbook showcase offers you the opportunity to view textbook materials that are up for adoption this year at your school. Do not pass up this important showcase opportunity. For information, call Nancy Price at 886-0205.

Community band members needed

Community members who have played or who currently play in a concert/marching band are invited to join the Prestonsburg Community College Community Band. The band meets at 4 p.m. each Monday at the First Presbyterian Church on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, between Jerry's and the Dairy Cheer. For information, call Brenda Miller at 606/886-3863, ext. 280.

PCC Chorus seeks performers

Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" is the spring selection for the Prestonsburg Community College Community Chorus performance. The story tells of the fruitless efforts of lovers from different social classes — until a great secret is unveiled which sets things right. Vocalists from throughout the region are invited to participate in the musical. Individuals are needed for the chorus of "cousins and aunts" and "sailors and relatives," as well as soloists. Becky Sublett is the conductor.

The chorus meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at the First Presbyterian Church on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, between Jerry's and Dairy Cheer.

For information, call Brenda Miller at 606/886-3863, ext. 280.

Aerobic workshop class

There will be an Aerobic Workshop class in the John M. Stumbo Elementary gym beginning February 8. Classes will be from 4-5 p.m. on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Danita Johnson will be the instructor. Class is sponsored by the Mud Creek Family Resource Center and is free to the public. Anyone interested may call the center at 587-2233.

P'burg Elementary SBDM council meeting scheduled

The Prestonsburg Elementary will have a regularly scheduled SBDM council meeting Monday, February 7, in the school auditorium.

AARP Tax Aide service begins, February 1

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), will begin its tax service for senior citizens and low-income taxpayers on Tuesday, February 1, and will continue through April 13.

The service will be offered at the Floyd County Library, in Prestonsburg, from 8:30 to 3:30 each Tuesday, and is free to all senior citizens and low-income taxpayers.

ALC video conference

The Division of Teacher Education at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, will host a Multicultural Regional Video Conference on March 4, in the Campbell Arts Center. Videos on a wide range of issues pertaining to the education of diverse students will be available. Participants will select from these quality films. Following each viewing, facilitators will guide the audience in discussion of the issues raised. A luncheon will be included in the \$20 registration fee. The luncheon speaker will be local author, Verna Mae Slone. Professional Development credit of six hours will be awarded, with district approval. The deadline for registration will be February 19. For more information, contact Dr. Nancy Billingsley at 606/368-6090.

Exams for census extended

Opportunities for persons interested in working with the 2000 Census to take the required exam are much broader than originally announced. The exams will be administered at sites throughout Floyd County from now through March. For information on times and locations, call 1-888-325-7733. Jobs are available as census takers and crew leaders and pay between \$6.50 and \$13 an hour. If you call the toll-free number, indicate that you live in the Ashland, Kentucky, region.

Support for former addicts

As recovering addicts, we have found it is possible to live without the use of drugs with the help of Narcotics Anonymous. If you are still using and can't stop, we can help. Give yourself a break. Call 886-6760, 886-9167 or 1-888-987-7700 for more information.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar February, 2000

February 14: ABC (After Breast Cancer) Support Group meets at 6 p.m., at the First Christian Church located on Chloe Road. This support group meets during the second Monday of every month.

February 15: Prepared Childbirth Classes will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

February 17: CPR Community Class will be offered from 9-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

PANDA Program, a one-hour smoking cessation class, will be

offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Call to register at 437-3563.

February 18 & 19: ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support). This two-day seminar will be offered from 8-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

February 25: An AIDS class will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. The class will be taught by Dr. Mary Fox. Call to register at 437-3965.

February 29: So you're going to have a baby? An Epidural Class will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

For a complete listing of hospital-sponsored events, call our Events Line at 437-2003.

Domestic violence?

Have you ever heard: "I promise I will never hurt you again?" Have

you been told you were ugly? Or fat? Or stupid? Or heard some other put down that made you feel bad about yourself? Is the person saying these things an intimate partner? In Kentucky, on the average 5,400 women and children seek shelter from domestic violence, on a yearly basis. You are not alone. Call our crisis line 886-6025 or 1-800-649-6605. There is help available; we offer shelter, support, counseling and referrals, educational programs groups and court advocacy. We are here 24-hours a day, because "Love doesn't have to hurt."

Fibromyalgia group meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting for individuals with FMS and the people who care about them are encouraged to attend our meetings.

The meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building.

For more information, call: Phyllis at (606) 874-2769 or Sharon at (606) 478-5224.

'Food check-out day' set for February 9

Kentucky Farm Bureau will highlight how Americans benefit from the most affordable food in the world during the February 9 observation of "Food Check-Out Day."

February 9, the 40th day of the year, marks the day when Americans have earned 10.9 percent of their annual income, which is the amount the U.S. Department of Agriculture says people spend, on average, for food each year.

By comparison, "Tax Freedom Day" is May 11, the 131st day of the year, according to the Tax Foundation.

Farm Bureaus throughout the nation are promoting the fourth annual "Food Check-Out Day" to underscore that farmers are at the heart of the world's most efficient food system. According to USDA statistics, Americans spend less of their incomes on food than anyone in the world, with other percentages ranging from 12 percent in the United Kingdom to more than 50 percent in India.

"People find it pretty amazing to learn that they spend much less of their income on food than those in other nations," said Jan Bullock, a Pulaski County farmer who chairs Kentucky Farm Bureau's Women's Advisory Committee, which oversees "Food Check-Out Day" activities. "It's also eye-catching to note the difference between how long we work to pay for food and how long we work to pay our taxes."

In Kentucky, dozens of county Farm Bureaus will recognize

"Food Check-Out Day" with a variety of activities, including having farmers bag groceries and hand out literature at supermarkets, school displays, community meal functions at prices equal to what the farmers earn for the food items and local advertising.

The percentage of personal disposable income spent for food has been steadily declining over the last 30 years. In 1970, "Food Check-Out Day" would have been 11 days later (February 20). Food takes a smaller bite out of paychecks today because of a widening gap between growth in per-capita incomes and food expenditures.

"Our standard of living certainly would be reduced if not for the affordable food supply produced by our farmers," said Bullock. "Because we spend so little on food, we have more money to spend on other things, which boosts the overall economy and quality of life."

In 1998, Americans spent \$756 billion for food at supermarkets and restaurants, as compared to \$1.5 trillion for housing, household supplies and furnishings, \$1.1 trillion for services and \$888 billion for medical care. Transportation costs, including gasoline, accounted for another \$664 billion in personal expenditures.

Meanwhile, farmers had gross receipts of \$191 billion on the sale of crops and livestock, with net farm income of \$48 billion, according to federal statistics.

The "Word" for the Week

Love and Marriage

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow
Sterling, Kansas

Love is a complicated thing. We think in terms of feelings. Hormones get the best of us. When the feelings flee, love vanishes. We respond by saying, "I don't love her any more." Love is a lot more than palpitating hearts and flushed faces. The Bible defines love in terms of God. "The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:8).

A further definition is helpful. "This is love, that we walk according to His commandments" (2 John 1:6). God's commandments are ten. They circumscribe the loving righteous life. Jesus Christ is the supreme demonstration. He kept the whole law perfectly. We come full circle. "The whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' (Galatians 5:14).

Love respects parents. Love preserves life and wards off death. Love shuns affairs and is chaste. Love respects the property of others. Love values truth. Love is not greedy or lustful or jealous. This is concrete, objective, and measurable.

Young people with regular unmarried bed partners speak of making love. They fall far short of God. "Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom

of God" (Galatians 5:21). By the grace of God, couples working on marriage in terms of truthfulness, respect, and fidelity live much closer to God's standard.

Jackie Dean Slone

Jackie Dean Slone, 44, of Pippa Passes, died Friday, February 4, 2000, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center of an extended illness.

Born on April 24, 1955, in Knott County, he was the son of Emmitt Slone of Pippa Passes, and the late Victoria Slone. He was postmaster for Alice Lloyd College.

He is survived by his wife Catherine Lee Davidson Slone; one daughter, Misty Slone of Pippa Passes; and one brother, Berlin Gene Slone of Waterloo, Indiana.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 6, 12 noon, at the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church, at Pippa Passes, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist officiating.

Burial will be in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, at Pippa Passes, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

John Combs

John Combs, 47, of Chesapeake, Ohio, formerly of Leburn, died Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at Lawrence County, Ohio, following an auto accident.

Born on April 14, 1952, in Leburn, he was the son of Volle Combs of Leburn, and the late Thelma Fugate Combs. He was a self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Kay Combs; three daughters, Brandy Combs of Pennsylvania, Juanita Combs and Michelle Combs, both of Columbus, Ohio; three brothers, Eulis Combs, James Burton Combs and Bobby Dean Combs, all of Leburn; one sister, Clova Short of Leburn; and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 6, at 2 p.m., at the Ball Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, Leburn, with Darrell Short and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Combs Family Cemetery, at Leburn, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Rondal Allen

Rondal Allen, 61, of Albion, Michigan, died Thursday, February 3, 2000, at his home.

Born April 11, 1938, in Pikeville, he was the son of the late Edgar and Viola Babe Boyd Allen.

He had lived most of his life in the Albion and Springport areas and was a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Eliza Justice; two daughters, Carolyn Eldridge of Albion, Laura Allen of Pottsville; four sons, Terry Allen, Carl Allen, Richard Allen and Jimmy Allen, all of Albion; two step-sons, Chester Tackett of Albion, William "Ed" Tackett of Homer; two sisters, Helena Edmond of Woodhaven, Micky Thomas of Virginia; three brothers, James Allen of Betsy Layne, Vernon Allen of Albion and Willard Allen of Circleville, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 8, at 1 p.m., at the George White Funeral Home, Litchfield, with Pastor Doug Richie officiating.

Interment will follow at Albion Memory Gardens.

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Groundhogs concur: Winter is alive and well

by Tony Cavalier
WSAZ-TV Weatherman

cold February into a Lion-like March. So say prognosticating groundhogs, Punxsatawney Phil (Jefferson County, Pennsylvania) and Upshur County's own French Creek Freddy.

Here's the whole poop (errr...scoop) and nothing but the poop! At 6:47 A.M. GST (groundhog standard time), the wisest and most famous woodchuck of them all, Punxsatawney Phil emerged

from his winterlong snooze and predicted six more weeks of winter weather!

Amidst the color, pageantry and downright nonsense of this "holiday" (how else would you describe grown men, dressed as penguins, gathering on a cold morning to ask a groundhog's opinion of the weather while slurping their favorite potable), Phil poked his nose out of his slumbering ground-

hog lodge, saw his shadow and was scared back into six more weeks of deep, hibernating sleep. Legend has it that he will not emerge until spring officially has sprung in late March.

On a cold, blustery and, yes, even snowy morning in north central Pennsylvania, one has to wonder whether it was the lights from the TV cameras that provided Phil with his pretty Adonis-like reflec-

tion. The few times that Phil has missed the forecast, his publicist and agent, Donna Foothardy, insists it was the false reflection from the TV cameras that led Phil to inadvertently think winter was going to hold fast.

Local fur bearing dignitary, French Creek Freddy, seemed to scoff at the throng of media who gathered on the Buckhannon River

tributary for his annual prediction. Feasting on his normal February 2 breakfast of fresh acorns and nuts, Freddy saw his shadow, yawned his displeasure at the gawking media and retorted... "even Tony Cavalier knows winter has six more weeks to run." Still, some controversy has arisen this year.

At Concord College in Mercer County, West Virginia, Concord Charlie entertained a huge crowd on this 22nd annual Groundhog day celebration in Athens. Charlie, ever the showman, joked how he was no Al Gore or George Bush groundhog, but just your regular "Charlie 6 Pack" who has an uncanny knack for knowing when it's time to begin searching for a female mate.

Said Charlie, "Let the others go back into their holes, I am heading out in search of my queen. I have six weeks head start on those other bozos. When I find my mate, I can assure you I will be the one who has the last laugh."

Do I believe the legend of the groundhog? Well, let's just say that I did not take Groundhog Forecasting 101 when I was a grad student at Penn State. Instead, I chose atmospheric modeling as the way to make a life of fame and fortune for myself. And as you can see I have achieved neither.

The world's largest photo competition

(NAPSA)-If you enjoy photography and care about the environment, there's a photo contest designed especially for you.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is launching its third International Photographic Competition on the Environment, "Focus On Your World."

The purpose of the competition is to raise global environmental awareness at the dawn of the new millennium.

Professional and amateur photographers of all ages and nationalities are encouraged to document the state of the world environment and show their fears and hopes for our planet through photographs.

Photographs can either focus on the beauty and wonders of our natural environment, or depict the fragility and damage wrought by the unbridled development of mankind.

"On our difficult journey toward sustainable development we need a common language, a language that can instantly touch hearts and minds" said Mr. Klaus Topfer, UNEP's Executive Director. "Photography is that common language. Photography can provoke, can stimulate, leading to positive action and change."

Sponsored by Canon, "Focus on Your World" features Adult & Junior (under 16 years of age on January 1, 1999) Divisions. Gold prize winners in the Adult and Junior Divisions will receive \$20,000 & \$2,000 respectively. All prizes, including Canon cameras, total more than \$50,000.

"Focus on Your World" runs through April 30, 2000. Winning photographs will be selected by a panel of international judges and announced during an awards ceremony in New York in September 2000.

Entry forms for the International Photographic Competition on the Environment can be obtained by calling 1-888-272-3836 (in the US and Canada) or by visiting www.unep-photo.com.



"Two Fishermen," James White, USA. Amateur Division Honorary Mention. UNEP International Photographic Competition on the Environment 1994-1995.

Chamber Notes

by Rebecca Derossert
Executive Director
Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

Have you heard about the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center? If not, you will learn all about it at the next regular meeting of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

Carla Coburn, executive director of the center, will speak at the meeting on February 6, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park at noon.

Coburn began work at the center in January, assuming the task of coordinating and implementing a strategic marketing plan for eastern Kentucky craftspersons and artisans. Located at Hindman, the center will serve all of eastern Kentucky. Chamber members, as well as the general public, are urged to attend this meeting.

Business after Hours this month is really a mid-day affair. The David School will host Chamber members on Tuesday, February 15, at noon. Lunch will be provided by staff and students, who will also guide visitors through a tour of the school. Please call the Chamber office, 886-0364, to reserve your place at this event.

The Chamber office has moved to the old post office building in Prestonsburg at 113 S. Central Ave. Please feel free to drop by for a visit. Suite 204 at the end of the hall upstairs.

Tentative plans are to hold the next Board of Directors meeting in the new location on Monday, February 21, at 11 a.m., provided the office crew is successful in furnishing a meeting room. Members who may be able to donate a long table and some chairs, please call the office.

The Chamber Show will be filmed on Wednesday, February 23, at 2 p.m. at the office. Guests this month are David Copley, manager, Heilig Meyers; and Leigh Ann Maynard, coordinator of Hospital and Community Relations, McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Maynard will be accompanied by other representatives of the hospital.

The Chamber will co-host a seminar, "Women in Business," on Thursday, February 24, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cost is \$10, including lunch. Other sponsors are: Family Bank; Prestonsburg Community College/Rural Community College Initiative; Cooperative Extension Service; and MSU/Small Business Development Center.

Presenters are Janie Salyers, vice president of lending, Family Bank; Theresa Scott, county extension agent for Family Consumer Services; Sandy Sheffield, Sandy Valley Masonry Inc.; Michelle Perry, director of the Women's Initiative Networking Groups (WINGS); and Carol Hatfield, Small Business Administration. Call Becky at 886-0364, or Judy and Linda at 432-5848.

See you, same place, same time, next week. Stay in touch!

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A Look At Sports

57th District gets more muddy all the time



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES...

First to Jeremy Sexton of the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels. Jeremy will turn 18 on Wednesday, February 9. Everyone that sees Jeremy, wish him a happy birthday. From this desk, happy birthday, Jeremy. He is an outstanding basketball player.

Also, Johnna Brienne Ison who will be turning 16 on Tuesday, February 8. Johnna is a cheerleader on the Allen Central boys varsity cheerleading squad. She is also a member of the volleyball team as well as track team. Happy birthday, Johnna!

57th DISTRICT

While the 58th District races are pretty well known and there appears to be no mystery team this year, the 57th District is a different story.

In both the boys and girls races, who knows how that will all end. Magoffin County (3-1) girls have emerged as a threat in the district, knocking off Johnson Central (4-2) the other night. Sheldon Clark (2-1) appears to be the front runner and the district's number one seed. But Paintsville (0-5), Johnson Central and Magoffin County will fight for the two seed. The four seed will have to face the Lady Cardinals and no one wants to start the tournament that way.

Current 57th District standings: 1) Magoffin County, 3-1; 2) Sheldon Clark, 2-1; 3) Johnson Central, 4-2; 4) Paintsville, 0-5.

Johnson Central owns a victory over Sheldon Clark this season. So, it may be that the Lady Eagles will be the one seed, or the Lady Cardinals.

On the boys' side of things, Magoffin County owns wins over both Paintsville and Johnson Central, as well as Sheldon Clark, and is 4-1 in their district. Their lone loss came to Paintsville on January 25. The Hornets will face Johnson Central in their final district game and that will happen February 11 at home.

Paintsville is 2-2 in the district and Johnson Central is 2-1.

If Magoffin wins out in the 57th District, what we may see is this: Magoffin County facing fourth-seed Sheldon Clark (0-4) and a match up involving the two Paintsville schools, Johnson Central and Paintsville in a first-round game. What that means is one of the top three teams in the region will not move on to Allen Central for the boys regional tournament. Interesting!

RUSTY TACKETT REVISITED

South Floyd's outstanding sophomore, Rusty Tackett, has been coming off the bench all season for the Raiders. While most players covet a starting position, Tackett has accepted his role on the team as coming off the bench.

Tackett was recently named to the All "A" state tournament team and he talked with me and reflected on the tournament.

"I really enjoyed playing in Richmond," he said, where he scored 22 points. "I like the goals down there. I think they were shooting goals."

"To be the first South Floyd player to make the All-Tournament team, is an honor. It was good experience for me. I got to face some great players and some quick guards."

Tackett said the trip to the state tournament was incentive to play hard and make a return next season.

"In order to go back next season, we will have to continue to work hard and give 110 percent," he said. "I really believe we can go back next season."

Tackett said their coach, Henry Webb, told the players to keep their heads up and that he was proud of

(See SPORTS, page four)

Countdown toward district...

Lady Rebels look to improve shooting before 58th District

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

Taking care of basketball priority for Lady Rebels

Tradition! The Allen Central Lady Rebels basketball program is loaded with tradition. A program that through the years has been one of the top programs in district, region, area and state.

District championships, no teams owns more. Regional appearances? Every year they are there. But a berth in the coveted Sweet Sixteen has happened but one time, and that came in the early 1980s.

We are 22 days away from the ball being tossed up and the start of the 58th District basketball tournament, which will be held at Allen

Central this season. Coach Anthony Moore has set some priorities for the next 22 days for his Lady Rebels.

"Our shooting. We need to work on our shooting," said Coach Moore. "The last couple of ball games we have shot under 30 percent. You are not going to beat a lot of people shooting that poorly."

Coach Moore said his team has been working hard to improve and is hoping the percentage will rise before tournament time rolls around.

While Coach Moore would like

to see the percentages go up, his ballclub needs to take better care of the basketball. Against Betsy Layne Friday night, he saw a big improvement in that area.

"It still needs to come along a little bit better than it has. I think Jennifer Risner, Shanna Howell and Barb Prater have started to pick it up a little bit," said Coach Moore. "We are not turning the ball over as much as we did earlier in the year. So, we are improving there."

(See LADY REBELS, page four)



■ Anthony Moore

Betsy Layne at Allen Central



BETSY LAYNE'S BRADLEY BROOKS (30) scored against Allen Central on this drive to the basket. Brooks finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Allen Central seeing blue in loss to Bobcats

Collins, Bartley combine to lead

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

Bradley Brooks scored 15 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. But more importantly, he had seven offensive boards and had three put-backs against the Allen Central Rebels.

Brooks and Adam Collins controlled the boards on both ends, allowing Coach Brent Rose's Bobcats to pull out a 75-66 win over a struggling Allen Central team that fell for the third time in the Floyd County Conference race.

"Our big guys really worked well tonight," said Coach Rose.

Adam Collins and Justin Bartley combined for 41 points to lead four players in double figures. Collins finished with 21 points to lead the way. Bartley added 20 and hit three three-point baskets.

Scott Collins was the fourth to score in double figures finishing with 12 points. Adam Collins had 11 rebounds. Coach Brent Rose said he would take that anytime.

"Most of our wins this season we had four or five in double digits," said the Betsy Layne coach. "If we had made some free throws, we might have gotten six in there."

Leslie Slone and Jeremy Sexton both finished with 18 points for the Rebels. Josh Howell hit three treys and netted 15 points. Larry Mullins finished with nine points and

Rodney Scott totaled two. Jeremy Hayes had one point.

Allen Central, which usually plays the role of causing turnovers, was hurt by their own miscues against the Bobcats. Trailing by four, 70-66 inside the final minute, Allen Central had four turnovers and all four were mental mistakes. Mullins tried to force the ball to the middle and both of his passes were

picked off. Inside 30 seconds, again down four, the passes to the middle to Sexton were intercepted and both resulted in free throws at the other end for Betsy Layne.

The Bobcats hit seven of eight charity tosses down the stretch to seal the win.

The win improved the Bobcats to 4-1 in the conference standings with two games remaining with unbeaten South Floyd. Allen Central has one conference game remaining, that with Prestonsburg Tuesday night on the road.

Bartley and Adam Collins led the first-quarter offense for Betsy Layne as the Cats led 17-13 at the first stop. Collins had

six points in the period and dominated inside on the boards. The game was tied at 2 and again at 11 on Howell's three-point basket. A 6-2 run netted the Bobcats the first-quarter lead.

Betsy Layne opened up a five-point advantage twice in the second period, but

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In overtime...

Allen Central upset Betsy Layne in conference

Martin, Sizemore spark Lady Rebels in conference victory

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

Coach Anthony Moore may have his Allen Central Lady Rebels playing their best basketball of the season right now and it could not have come at a better time with the 58th District tournament just around the proverbial corner.

Allen Central took care of business this past Friday night when they hosted front-running Betsy Layne at the J.E. Campbell Arena and came

"We have to play her inside more because she is also our best inside scorer," said Coach Moore.

home with a thrilling 57-54 overtime win to improve to 3-2 in conference play to move into second place in the conference race.

Betsy Layne has now dropped two straight conference games after being 2-0 in the standings. It was the third straight win for Coach Moore's ballclub.

Jessica Martin led Allen Central's scoring with 21 points but it was her three-point basket that did in the Ladycats and gave the win to the Lady Rebels. Martin had 12 rebounds in the contest.

Shannon Sizemore tossed in 20 points in a stellar performance late in the game. It was the second straight conference game Sizemore has come into to help rescue the Lady Rebels.

Barb Prater hit two three-point baskets and finished with eight points. Jackie Martin hit two big baskets for Allen Central late in the third quarter to keep Allen Central close.

"Jackie's defense and rebounding was just outstanding," said the Allen Central coach. "She has gotten confidence on the floor now that when the other teams press us she doesn't get rattled."

Eighth-grader Whitney Lykens led Betsy Layne with 20 points in a game where she looked like

(See OVERTIME, page six)



Allen Central's Shannon Sizemoe (10) found an opening to the basket as she scored 20 points in her team's 57-54 win over the Betsy Layne Ladycats (photo by Ed Taylor)

Howell and Hyden get Prestonsburg past Lady Bobcats

by Karen Joseph
 Sports Writer

There was a big crowd on hand at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Tuesday night, and there was good reason. The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats were hosting the Lady Bobcats of Betsy Layne.

In the earlier meeting at Betsy Layne, it was the Lady Bobcats coming away with the one-point victory. Therefore, this was a big game between the two district rivals.

This was a very physical basketball game, with a lot of fouls called. But it was the Lady Blackcats coming away with the win this time, again by one point. Angela Howell shot a free throw with no time on the clock to give the Blackcats the victory.

Howell led both teams in scoring with 19. Two other players for Prestonsburg placed in double figures. Megan Hyden finished with 13 and Ramanda Music had 12 for the night.

Betsy Layne was led in scoring by Whitney Lykens. Lykens finished the game with 18 points and nine rebounds. Lykens was followed by Kim Tackett with 14 points, and Tackett went to the boards to pull down 14 rebounds as well. Jenny Parsons had 10 points as well as 11 rebounds.

The Lady Blackcats jumped out to an early lead. Howell scored the first basket for the

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Girls

Sheldon Clark 79	Prestonsburg 64
Elkhorn City 59	Feds Creek 39
Magoffin Co. 64	JCHS 57 (OT)
Shelby Valley 83	Pike Central 52
Pikeville 56	Paintsville 41
ACHS 57	BLHS 54 (OT)

Boys

Betsy Layne 75	Allen Central 66
Phelps 76	Elkhorn City 62
Pike Central 72	Pikeville 68
Hazard 72	Knott Central 67

Games on tap

Girls

Mon., Feb. 7
 Shelby Valley at Prestonsburg
 Johnson Central at Betsy Layne

Tues., Feb. 8
 Allen Central at Prestonsburg

Thurs., Feb. 10
 Allen Central at Magoffin County
 Betsy Layne at Elkhorn City
 Millard at South Floyd
 June Buchanan at Piarist

Fri., Feb. 11
 South Floyd at Betsy Layne
 Lee County at Prestonsburg

Boys

Tues., Feb. 8
 Sheldon Clark at South Floyd
 Allen Central at Prestonsburg
 Betsy Layne at Elkhorn City

Thurs., Feb. 10
 June Buchanan at Piarist

Fri., Feb. 11
 All Saints at Piarist
 South Floyd at Betsy Layne
 Millard at Allen Central



Cooperstown in July will be Red hot

by Jason Blanton
Sports Columnist

Reading my stuff over the past seven months, most people know that baseball is what I love.

If you are a Cincinnati Red fan, then on July 23, 2000, in a tiny town in New York state called Cooperstown that will be the place to be.

One of my favorite people in the world, Marty Brennaman will be enshrined in the Hall it was announced this week.

The good part of this job is that you get to meet a lot of well-known personalities.

A lot will disappoint you with their attitudes, but some will give you more respect for them.

That is the case of Mr. Brennaman.

I met Marty while working in radio here in eastern Kentucky. As an affiliate, the station I worked at got a press pass or two to some of the games.

I would go early, sometimes being the first one on the field at around 3:30 p.m., and watch every player hit and watch how the newspaper, radio and TV reporters did their jobs.

When Willie Blair made his debut in Cincinnati for the Houston Astros, I arrived earlier and was eating in the press area when Mr. Brennaman came through the box. I introduced myself and what station I was at and then told him that Johnson County was torn tonight between rooting for the Reds and wanting Willie to have a solid start and other meaningless information.

That was our first meeting.

Even though, when Brennaman was doing the Kentucky Wildcats basketball games on UK-TV, I did get into a little heat because Herald-Leader writer John Clay called and said he was doing a story on, who or whom should replace Cawood Ledford.

First, no one will ever - and the fans have found that out for a fact with the people who have tried - replace or come close to Cawood Ledford.

But that's another story. I did a talk show and the topic had come up a time or two when it appeared that Ledford was really going to leave UK.

I'm a person who might be said has trouble holding back what he thinks. That leads me into trouble more times than not.

So, I told Clay that a lot of people thought Marty should have the job and he quoted me in the paper



about it. Well, through informed source, the man who got the job wasn't too happy that Brennaman's name was even brought up for discussion.

Now, that's the history. So, we had the respect before I met him.

Once while talking to him, we joked about the Wildcat situation. I will not print what he had to say about the current play-by-play man because this is a family paper.

Let just say that the two probably don't exchange Christmas cards. Or at least, don't open them.

The Reds and Astros were in action and I think the game reached the bottom of the second

when it happened.

As I was sitting in the press box with my headphones on listening to the game, Marty began talking about Johnson County and what we had discussed earlier and then mentioned my name and the station's name.

It was a definite thrill. For the next month, people would come up on the street and tell me that 'Marty was talkin' about you the other night,' which carried over the feeling for a much longer time.

I took Rick Bentley, another baseball fan and award winning columnist - he would mention it if I didn't - to Northern Kentucky for a Reds get-together and the best part of the whole event was that we had our pictures taken with Mr. Brennaman.

The 57-year-old doesn't sugar-coat things.

He doesn't hide his opinions on the players, the Reds' front office or the National League front office.

He began back in 1974 and his first game with the Reds he got to call Hank Aaron's 714th home run that tied Babe Ruth's mark.

He has done three world championships and called Pete Rose's 4,192nd hit, plus a lot of other great baseball/Reds moments.

He was one of 221 people that applied for the Reds' job after Al Michaels left.

Brennaman for the past 26 years has been teamed with Joe 'Thank ya Marty' Nuxhall to become one, if not the, best-loved duos in sports broadcasting history.

When he accepts the Ford C. Frick Award, Tony Perez, who was one of the main cogs in the Big Red Machine, will join him on that July day to enter the Hall.

Later this month, the fans might get another former Red added to the list.

Former Reds and Detroit Tiger manager Sparky Anderson is the leading candidate to be chosen for induction by the veterans committee.

Then July 23 would be a perfect day, only bettered by Pete Rose being added to the list. I guess I can still hope.

To end a little like Mr. Brennaman, I guess I could say that this year the Hall of Fame belongs to the Reds.



ALLEN CENTRAL'S LARRY MULLINS (14) brought the ball up the court against the Betsy Layne press. Mullins scored 11 points in a 75-66 loss to the Bobcats (photo by Ed Taylor)

■ Pikeville College

Lady Bears Cruise to 14th Win

PIKEVILLE - The Lady Bears of Pikeville College placed four players in double figures in the scoring column and sprinted past U. Va.-Wise, 83-52, Thursday afternoon.

The game between the cross-state rivals tipped off at 5:30 p.m.

Pikeville (14-8) broke out of an early slump to take a 42-22 lead by intermission. They built the lead on solid 4-of-5 shooting from the three-point arc, including a perfect performance on three tries by

sophomore Jessica Johnson. She finished hitting 4-of-6 from the arc, scoring 14 points.

Freshman Amanda Collins came off the bench to score 19, leading the Lady Bears. Fellow freshman Tiffany Stone also came off the bench to reach double figures, finishing with 13.

Sophomore Nicole Stanley had 12 points, and led the team with five rebounds.

U.Va.-Wise (4-21) was paced by sophomore Lauren Carr, who fin-

ished with 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Junior Jessica Hounshell had 12 points, while freshman Brooke Hardy came off the bench to finish with 10.

Pikeville forced the Lady Cavs into 24 turnovers, while committing a season-low 10. The Lady Bears handed out 22 assists while U.Va.-Wise handed out only nine.

(This information provided as a courtesy by Rick Bentley, Office of Sports Information, Pikeville College.)

Sports In PERSPECTIVE Denis Harrington

The window of opportunity in big-time sports is small indeed when measured in relation to the span of man's mortality of this planet.

Consider the case of the professional golfer, the touring strain. In most cases the successful fairway mercenaries began playing as teenagers and systematically worked their way through the amateur ranks, first as high school standouts, later as collegiate competitors of note and finally as play-for-pay practitioners.

If all goes well they emerge onto the PGA Tour somewhere in their mid-20s and commence the difficult climb up the money list, initially as non-exempt journeymen and then, hopefully, as regulars who annually earn six-figure incomes.

During the gestation period of sorts, time is spent getting used to the tournament grind, refining one's technique and developing a philosophy that will provide the staying power needed when finally in position to make a serious run for a championship.

Corey Pavin knows the drill as well as anyone. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, his name began appearing well up on the Tour's leader boards with monotonous regularity. He wasn't a big hitter nor a putter of mythical proportions. But he hit fairways and greens with machine-like rapidity and evidenced not only a good competitive disposition but an ability to capitalize on an occasional moment.

In 1988, Pavin won the Texas Open with a 72-hole aggregate of 259, just two shots shy of the all-time PGA Tour record. Three years later, he captured the 90-hole Bob

Hope Classic with a 29 under par total and went on to top the annual money list with earnings of \$979,430. His heroics brought him Player of the Year honors.

The following March he holed an 8-iron approach to the final green of the Honda Classic to force a playoff with Fred Couples. From there, he proceeded to annex the playoff for yet another victory. Again, his annual income exceeded the \$900,000 mark.

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shot a fine 68 to win his first major title by a two-stroke margin.

"This is what being a professional is all about," he said at the trophy presentation. "Not everybody can win one of these."

When you're hot, you're hot, right? Not necessarily.

Since then, Pavin's gilded carriage has turned into a pumpkin. His game mysteriously deserted him and top 10 finishes have been scarce indeed. Just as though a switch was flipped off somewhere inside his swing mechanism, he can no longer strike the ball with consistency and accuracy. The result has been a considerable loss of confidence.

So what happened? Good question. Pavin thinks it's a technical flaw that has caught up with him. Of late, he attempted to explain the malfunction.

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During the past year Pavin has sought to make his swing more conventional, more uncomplicated.

"Now, I'm concentrating on getting a good shoulder turn going back," he said. "To keep my hands on a fuller and less vertical plane."

To date, Pavin has shown improvement but still doesn't command his once impeccable game.

Can he regain his form? Only time will tell. But, unfortunately, in sport you're only as good as what you can do today.



JESSICA MARTIN (50) DROVE THE baseline on against Betsy Layne Friday night in conference basketball play at Allen Central Friday night. Martin scored 21 points in the Lady Rebels 57-54 win (photo by Ed Taylor)

Conference Standings

WOMEN

Team	Conf.	Overall
Prestonsburg	3-1	13-7
Allen Central	3-2	11-9
Betsy Layne	2-2	11-11
South Floyd	0-2	6-11

MEN

Team	Conf.	Overall
South Floyd	5-0	17-4
Betsy Layne	5-1	9-6
Allen Central	4-3	9-8
Prestonsburg	1-4	3-17

Saturday night games not included.

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

Daniel Takes Third FLW Title

Veteran tournament pro and renowned Lake Okeechobee guide Steve Daniel moved into a tie for the most career victories on the Wal-Mart FLW Tour by notching his third FLW win Saturday in the circuit's \$500,000 season opener on the south Florida lake.

In Saturday's lucrative final round, Daniel battled unfavorable conditions to catch a five-bass limit weighing 12 pounds, 2 ounces, capturing the \$100,000 top prize. The victory ties him with North Carolina's David Fritts



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for career FLW wins. His latest victory automatically qualifies Daniel for the FLW Tour Championship in September.

Daniel's winning catch came on a topwater plug and Ninja Spin spinner-bait fished around the edge of grass beds at the south end of Lake Okeechobee near South Bay.

"It was just a great day today," Daniel said. "I had most of my fish before 8 this morning, but then I started getting nervous about competing for \$100,000. I'm just speechless. I don't know what to say."

Second place and \$35,000 went to Jeff Simes of Punta Gorda, Fla., with

four fish weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Stephen Browning of Hot Springs, Ark., placed third and collected \$20,000 with a two-fish catch weighing 3-1. Craig Powers of Rockwood, Tenn., finished fourth with one fish at 3-0, followed by Marty Stone of Fayetteville, N.C., with one fish at 2-7.

Fantasy Fishing League You've undoubtedly heard of the fantasy baseball and football leagues (sometimes called rotisserie leagues) in which sports fans draft their own teams and follow their exploits of the real-life athletes for fun and profit. Well, fishing fans can now have a stake in the success and failure of their fishing heroes with the debut of the first such fishing league on the World Wide Web.

The Pro Fishin Report Web site broke new ground on the Internet recently with the first tournament (the Kmart BASSMASTER Florida Top 150) in its innovative Fantasy Fishing League. And it has already been eagerly embraced by fishing fans on the Web.

"We have had an overwhelming response so far, and it's getting even better," said Chad Potts, PFR president. "People are starting to figure out that they can win more money when they get their friends to participate, so it's growing fast. It won't be too long before there will be over 100,000 participants, and a person that pays \$10 on the Internet to compete in the Fantasy Fishing League could actually win more money than the real-life angler wins."

Each Fantasy Fishing League event (BASSMASTER or FLW Tour) has a \$10 entry fee and a guaranteed first-place payback of \$250. One out of every 10 fantasy league participants receives a check, and first place is usually equal to the number of participants (for example 1,500 entrants means a first-place prize of \$1,500).

To play, all you have to do is go to the Fantasy Fishing League at www.profishinreport.com, select a particular tournament, choose your team of 12 pros, and enter your guess as to the overall winning weight of the tournament (to be used as a tiebreaker).

Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	33	Denny Brauer, Camdenton, Mo. Runner-up in '99 Classic; Fla. Top 150 finals
2	2	33	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. Won '99 BASS Masters Classic
3	3	33	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. Won BASS Top 150 opener; made Md. finals
4	4	33	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. Won N.Y. BASS event; reigning Angler of Year
5	5	33	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. Runner-up in Vl. BASS Top 150
6	8	16	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. Won Md. Top 150; Mich. Top 150 finals
7	6	16	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up
8	7	33	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. BASS Mich. Top 150 finals; FLW Fla. finals
9	9	3	Michael Iaconelli, Woodbury Heights, N.J. Won Vl. Top 150; runner-up in Fla. Top 150
10	10	30	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas Finals of Vl. BASS Top 150
11	11	30	Clark Wendlandt, Cedar Park, Texas Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up
12	12	13	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months
13	13	33	Mark Davis, Mount Ida, Ark. Narrowly missed Md. Top 150 finals
14	14	23	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.
15	15	11	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. Calif. BASS winner; WON Bass Angler of Year

These ratings of America's top tournament bass pros are based on Tim's opinion of their talent, knowledge, experience and most recent tournament performances.

Tips From the Pros



RANDY HOWELL is a BASS Masters Classic qualifier and past FLW Tour winner from Trussville, Ala.

Lures That Hunt Down Bass

"Every tournament pro will tell you that the biggest challenge involved in bass fishing lies in locating individual, or better yet, concentrations of bass. It is the bottom line in this business.

"So top tournament fishermen place a premium on the lures that over the years have proven to be most reliable for quickly covering water to find bass. Not only do these lures comb the water to make contact with fish; they also have the ability to attract bass to them from considerable distances.

"A floating worm ranks as one of my most dependable locator lures, particularly in the spring when bass often rise to the surface to investigate the bait, but don't strike it. In that situation, I immediately follow up with a buzzbait or tubejig with a lot of success. For me, a floating worm has also earned a role as a "comeback bait" — for the times when a bass swirls at another lure, but comes away empty-handed."

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Outdoors

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Irwin Jacobs, right, has quickly moved to center stage in the pro bass fishing world by starting the Wal-Mart FLW tour. Here he shares the stage at a recent FLW event with tournament emcee Tommy Sanders (left) and Ranger Boats founder Forrest L. Wood, the tour's namesake.

Taking Center Stage

'Irv the Liquidator' Is Now a Big Fish In the Pro Bass Pond

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

Irwin Jacobs has been in the spotlight on the national stage before in his career.

In financial circles, Jacobs became known as "Irv the Liquidator" for his enormous success as a Wall Street raider. He later became CEO of Genmar Holdings, owner of a dozen boat makers. On the sports scene, he held the majority ownership in the Minnesota Vikings before selling his interest four years ago.

That was about the time Jacobs became one of the biggest fish in one of the sports and business world's largest untapped ponds.

After acquiring legendary Ranger Boats, he jumped into the national bass tournament scene by establishing the Wal-Mart FLW Tour circuit four years ago, bringing with him a new source of big dollars. Jacobs may have seemed almost out of place in the world of pro fishing, but his FLW Tour immediately garnered national attention by awarding \$100,000 first-place checks on a regular basis.

Why fishing? Jacobs, 58, says there were two reasons behind his new direction: boat sales and the family wholesomeness associated with the sport.

"I had a reason for being in the business — Ranger is a legend. But that doesn't give you tomorrow; that gives you yesterday," he said. "And it's very clear to me, being devoted to this over 20 years and growing up in Minnesota, where you fish — family is important, and the things you do together."

Jacobs looked at just how many people fish, and saw a potential professional sports market. "When you have 50-plus million people buying fishing licenses a year, these aren't a bunch of drug addicts. These are people like you and me. They are the

most powerful group in America that hasn't been marketed."

Now they are being marketed to. Jacobs has lined up two dozen big-name corporate sponsors, led by Wal-Mart, to give the FLW Tour financial clout. Not that it's all about money, to hear Jacobs tell it.

"I'm not Don Quixote or Robin Hood, but I do have a passion for it, and I have a passion by my firsthand experience and a passion for it because I'm in the boat business," he said.

And although the FLW Tour has quickly managed to carve out a place alongside the venerable Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) on the national tournament scene, Jacobs says that it wasn't as easy as it may appear.

"We look smart now and we look great, but I've got to tell you, it was scary. We spent a lot of money on this thing, and it wasn't just like a one-day event. We kept spending it and spending it."

Jacobs' biggest coup to date was enticing Fox Sports to broadcast the Ranger Millennium M-1 tournament — the first fishing tournament ever aired live on network television. In another coup, the FLW Angler of the Year is now featured on a Wheaties cereal box.

"I would be less than candid with you if I said this wasn't beyond my wildest dream at this time in life," he said. "Am I surprised it's happening? No ... but I'm surprised how quickly it happened."

"The media (coverage) we've gotten is just extraordinary. Look at how hard we've worked to promote the outdoors and fishing. Think of being on a Wheaties box. Think of being in Sports Illustrated. Think of being in Time magazine."

"I was there for the (Millennium tournament launch) one morning. I stood up on the podium with the flags on both sides, and stood there while they were playing 'The Star-Spangled Banner.' I saw the boats lined up, and I looked out and I almost had tears in my eyes. It was a very emotional thing to me to say, 'My God, look where we are.'"

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Background information on the Wal-Mart FLW Tour is available at www.operationbass.com.

YOUR SPORTS

Snowshoes: '4-Wheel Drive For Your Feet'

By STEVE GUST

Snowshoeing is one of those sports people pursue for one reason only — the sheer enjoyment of it.

There aren't big endorsement offers for snowshoes, and it will be a long time before ESPN covers the Super Bowl of snowshoeing.

But there is just no better way to get around in the snow than with a pair of snowshoes.

"It's like having four-wheel drive for your feet," said Matt Sampson, 27, of Evergreen, Colo., who promotes the sport through his business, The Snow Leopard.

"Snowshoes make it easy to get around." Contrary to popular belief, "snowshoes don't let you float on the top of snow, but they keep you from sinking all the way to the bottom," Sampson said. "You can actually walk up a snow-covered hill."

And people have been getting around North America this way for a long time.

"It's been around for 6,000 years," said Ben Carr, who helps to run snowshoecenter.com. "It's an easy activity to become involved in and an easy activity to perform for all ages. Literally, in five steps you are an expert!"

"If you can put one foot in front of the other, you can snowshoe," Sampson said. There are other benefits that attract an estimated 5 million or more Americans and Canadians to snowshoeing.

First off, it is a low-impact aerobic activity. "Quite simply, snowshoeing promotes good health," Carr said.

And it doesn't cost a lot. Snowshoes run from \$120 to \$300, with the average pair costing about \$220, Sampson said. Snowshoes may be just about all you need.

"There are no special racks to carry the snowshoes, no special footwear, and snowshoes are constructed to last a long time," Carr said.

You don't need slopes or lifts, either. "A lot of people don't like paying \$60 a day for lift tickets for crowded ski areas," Sampson said.

But there is more than an economic reason to get off the slopes.

"There is a strong appeal to breaking your own trail and discovering the unseen outdoors during winter," Carr said. "This is the one activity where you can determine your direction."

That appeal appears to be growing. In January, Carr hosted Winter Trails 2000, and about 350 would-be snowshoers showed up. The event included hikes, seminars on snowshoeing, and a chance to mingle with others who like to be outdoors in the winter.

Although it is a slow-paced, low-impact sport, there is still danger in snowshoeing, although less than other winter sports such as skiing or snowboarding.

"This week there have been three people here in Colorado killed in avalanches, and one of them was a snowshoer," Sampson said.

He offered some safety tips for those who want to trek in the white stuff.

"The most obvious is to use common sense," Sampson said. "Know where you are and be prepared for any kind of weather. Wear the proper clothing and bring a beacon that can send a signal in case a search party needs to come looking for you."

It's also important to bring lots of water, he said, because it's easy to get dehydrated.

With a few precautions, snowshoeing is a safe activity that is drawing increasing numbers of participants during the prime snowshoe season from Thanksgiving to April.

"It just continues to grow," Sampson said. "It's an activity that can be enjoyed by kids 3 years and up. I love to get out and snowshoe."



Even the youngest participants got into the spirit at Winter Trails 2000.

GEAR AND GOODIES

Pork Flavor in a Soft Plastic Tube

Uncle Josh, the folks who have provided fishermen with pork lures and teasers for more than 75 years, recently entered the soft plastic bait market, and one of their first offerings should prove to be a big hit in the bass world.

The Wisconsin-based company came up with a unique new soft plastic tubejig — the HoneyComb Tube. The taste of pork is cooked into this tube, which features small body segments that enhance its suppleness, making it more flexible than many traditional plastic tubejigs. These segments also emit oxygen bubbles that give the tube a more lifelike appearance.

When the lure is compressed in the water, it gives a wiggling

movement that simulates the action of an injured creature. And to further increase the chances of it being seen, the HoneyComb Tube is said to reflect more light than standard hollow-body tubejigs.

The HoneyComb Tube features a solid strip that runs the length of the lure so that it can be easily rigged in the weedless Texas style. It is 4 1/2 inches in length and available in 12 color patterns.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Uncle Josh at (920) 563-2491.



Uncle Josh's HoneyComb Tube.



Shannon Sizemore (Allen Central) and Jenny Parsons (Betsy Layne) jump center to start the game between the Ladycats and Lady Rebels. Allen Central won 57-54. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Karens Korner

by Karen Joseph

■ Officials
Let me start out by saying that usually I defend the officials at sporting events. My brother is an official, and I have sat in the stands and really had to hold myself to keep from tearing someone's head off for calling my brother some unspeakable names.

But in the past several weeks, in the games that I have attended, there has been the poorest officiating that I have ever seen. Not necessarily one-sided calling, but just all around poor officiating.

I attend a lot of girls' high school games and the officiating keeps getting worse.

First of all, the assigning secretary of the officials who assigns the referees to each game should never assign a referee to call his home school. This is a no win situation. If the call goes his home team's way, the opposing team accuses him of "home-town cooking" and if the call goes against the home team, they become upset and feel, that because they know the person, they have permission to voice their disapproval. This is not a good thing to happen. This problem could be avoided by not assigning people from that area to call their games.

Second of all, I understand how the system works. You start out on grade school games, then girls games, then the officials graduate to boys high school games. The boys high school officials are considered to be the veterans and the best. This is not always the case. In this scenario, the less qualified and less experienced officials call the girls games. The girls games are a lot harder to officiate than the boys games. They (the girls) get out of hand more often and are a lot more physical when playing basketball. Therefore, I think (and of course they don't pay me to think) that the more experienced and more qualified officials should sometimes officiate the ladies.

Third, whoever referees the ball games should be consistent. Call the same way on both ends of the court. If you start out by letting the players be physical, don't all of a sudden call a player with a little touchy foul. This is really frustrating to the children. And this also really upsets the coaches and the fans.

And last of all, again my hat goes off to the men and women that have the courage to get out on the floor and get the abuse that they usually get for the money they get. But from a spectator's view, please try to be a little more consistent.

■ Sportsmanship
Where has the sportsmanship gone in our schools? When I was back in high school (and we don't need to mention how long that has been), we were taught sportsmanship. At every tournament, a sportsmanship trophy was awarded.

Folks, a little competition is good, but when it comes to the competition that is being dis-

played in the schools today, this is a little too far.

The other night, at the game between Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne, I just wanted to cry at what I witnessed. Prestonsburg cheerleaders were on their end of the floor and Betsy Layne was on the other end. But the Betsy Layne fans were on the same end as the Prestonsburg cheerleaders. Prestonsburg was only using half of the floor, the side of the ball goal next to their crowd.

A parent from Betsy Layne went down and suggested to the Betsy Layne cheerleaders to come to where their fans were. I was right there when the Betsy Layne cheerleaders came up there where the Prestonsburg cheerleaders were standing. The Betsy Layne cheerleaders were very hesitant about coming up there and all said that they felt awkward about coming up there, but the parents insisted, not meaning to cause any harm.

I, myself, heard one of the Betsy Layne cheerleaders explain to Prestonsburg cheerleaders what the parents had requested and she asked if they (the Prestonsburg cheerleaders) cared for them to stand there. There was plenty room for both squads. But one of the Prestonsburg cheerleaders told them (Betsy Layne) that they did not want them there. The Betsy Layne cheerleader turned to the other cheerleaders and told them what she had said. The Betsy Layne cheerleaders were unsure what to do.

Then a timeout was called and it was Betsy Layne's turn to take the floor. When they returned to the sidelines, the Prestonsburg cheerleaders had spread out across the entire end of the gym.

I then left because I didn't want to be a part of this. Prestonsburg Principal Coy Samons proceeded to handle the situation. And I really applaud him for that.

People, we all live in the same county, and lo and behold, when these children graduate from high school, heaven forbid, they will attend the same colleges, they will work in the same community, and may eventually marry someone from another school. But these things that children do toward one another are never truly forgotten. You may forgive someone, but the majority of the time one does not forget. Sportsmanship starts at home.

I talk to children from all schools in the county, and it is amazing to me to hear the enmity that is harbored between children from different schools toward each other. It is really scary. Girls despise girls from other schools just because they are pretty or wear nice clothes and drive nice automobiles.

Again, I ask, what are we teaching our children? We are all created equal in the eyes of our almighty God and we need to teach our children this.

A little competition between cross-town rivals is all fun and good, but lately we seem to be carrying it just a little too far.

Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

UK showing lots of improvement

This week's notes are colored Dodger Blue in memory of Johnny Coleman, a fine gentleman and true baseball man.

We got the chance to watch Kentucky Tuesday night, which is something we don't have the opportunity to do very often.

Obviously we were impressed with Keith Bogans. We've heard a mixed reaction on him, but he could be a nice player before all is said and done.

As for Jamaal Magloire, at least he didn't get a technical. That brought his average down in that category, but he's still among the national leaders. Count me among those still not convinced he's a first-rounder.

But all in all, this team has come a long way since November, when many, including me, were wondering if they'd even qualify for the NCAA tournament. Now, it appears Tubby Smith's team could be as high as a two seed in next month's dance.

The guy was taking a beating in

November, and we still wonder how much time he put into trying to keep Michael Bradley and Ryan Hogan around last spring. But obviously he and his staff have done a remarkable job here.

The Rams deserve all the back-patting they've received since Sunday's win, but it was the Titans who made it a game for the ages.

Trailing 16-0, the Houston/Memphis/Nashville Oilers/Titans hit the comeback trail and set the stage for the finest fourth quarter in Super Bowl history since Joe Montana stunned the Bengals.

But when all is said and done, it will be the maddening scramble by the guy they call "Air" which will be the poster-child for Super Bowl XXXIV. Steve McNair's play will join Lynn Swann's catch, Montana's drive and John Elway's dive as the top plays in the history of this grand event.

We wonder what will happen if

John Rocker lands a big-time attorney in his efforts to get his suspension reduced and/or withdrawn. How would Major League Baseball rules hold up against the Constitution?

Even Pete wouldn't bet on baseball here.

This week's hustle award goes to Bobby Norman of East Kentucky Broadcasting. After doing Pikeville High School's quarterfinal-round game at 1:30 last Friday afternoon in the All "A" Classic, he jumped in an automobile and drove back to Pikeville, where he did the college game that night.

And on top of that, he does a fine job.

We saw in the paper the other day the report of David Rowe's escapades on the pond.

In addition to his outstanding coaching abilities, the Pike Central coach is apparently one of the top bass anglers in these parts. If not, he certainly has his moments when competing in his fishing club.

David Rowe. He's a bass man.

Things tightened up a bit Tuesday night in the 59th District. Seems we'll have a race there after all.

When Shelby Valley knocked off Pikeville, the teams became locked in a tie so tight it may come down to a coin toss. Each team not only owns a win over the other, but also both victories were by four points.

Could make for an interesting

rubber match in the finals of the 59th, if the teams can get that far.

With the end of football season coming Sunday, we offer congratulations to a couple of guys in our own Big Sandy Football League.

This year, the big winners were Gary Roberts Jr. and Brian Bentley.

Gary Jr. won the league title this season, overcoming some serious obstacles along the way. Brian, on the other hand, flushed the season away in the final weeks.

Congrats, guys. Its been an honor to be a member of this fine organization.

I realize its been a couple of weeks now, but we want to tip our cap to the members of this paper which had a lot of success in the recent contest of the Kentucky Press Association.

We in these mountains are blessed with some talented people in the newspaper industry. When they're turned loose and allowed to work, good things can happen.

And how about Andre Agassi, who seems to have found his game again.

Let's see ... lose one of the world's most beautiful women in Brooke Shields, become one of the world's best tennis players again.

Nope. It's a bad deal.

I mean, he already knew what it was like to be on top of the tennis world. He should have concentrated on Brooke.

Not that Steffi Graf is a bad consolation prize, mind you.

Lady Rebels — (Continued from page one)

Allen Central is one of the top rebounding teams in the district as well as the region. Jessica Martin, Shannon Sizemore and Kari Osborne give Allen Central a strong presence around the basket.

"We have rebounded well against the bigger teams like Prestonsburg and Shelby Valley," said the Allen Central coach.

Allen Central, which hasn't been a pressing ballclub this season, has installed their version of the pressure defense, but at the same time, Coach Moore admitted that his club needs to learn how to handle it when they are pressed.

"Yeah, we need a lot of work on our press," he said. "We are putting it in right now and it is starting to come along."

The Allen Central coach said he wanted to play more players in preparation of using the pressure defense.

"I need to bring some of the other kids off the bench and bring them along and play 10 or 12 players."

Jackie Martin has given the Lady Rebels and Coach Moore some quality minutes of late and he said she will continue to see those minutes increase.

"She has been looking good lately," he said. "She will find herself in the game more."

Coach Moore said his team will need players like Erin Majaake, a freshman, down the stretch.

"She needs to get a little stronger defensively," he said. "Offensively, she can shoot the ball right now for us. She needs to pick up on defense and ball handling."

Others Coach Moore is looking

to are Tiffany Turner, Jeni Jo Spurlock and Tonya Howard.

"Tiffany is going to play a lot for me," said Moore. "She goes all on the floor. Jeni Jo has been playing good basketball for us. Tonya, she had been playing well but is sort of in a slump right now. Earlier in the season she almost broke into our starting line up. Another one is Leslie Martin. She does a good job for us. She is a good defensive player."

Coach Moore does not have a set starting line up and tries to rotate his players in starting positions.

"I have six girls that I rotate as starters," he said.

The Allen Central coach said that Betsy Layne appears to be the team to beat in the district but his team proved they were capable of that this past Friday night.

"Cassandra has those kids playing good basketball this year," he said. "She has a real deep bench. They shoot the ball well against us. It doesn't matter what five she has in there, she seems to get the most out of them."

Moore stated how dangerous Prestonsburg can be.

"They are a fine basketball team. When they get everything together they are going to be real tough," he said. "South Floyd, when you look at them and then look at our kids, they are a lot bigger than we are. They can give some people some problems with the height they have."

Allen Central is currently 11-9 overall on the season and 3-2 in conference play. They have one remaining conference game, against Prestonsburg Tuesday night.

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them.

"Jimmy Stumbo (a senior) told us not to get down on ourselves and continue to play hard, and if we do that, we will be there in Rupp Arena in March."

■ UK LOSS

The University of Kentucky basketball team suffered a big loss this past week. The loss was not on the court but in Jules Camara who injured one of his toes on his right foot.

UK is hoping that Jules will only be out for a two- to four-week period, but others say it could be much longer as the type of injury is slow

in healing.

■ GRIFFEY TO THE REDS?

The Cincinnati Reds and Ken Griffey Jr. are still hoping an agreement between the Reds and Seattle Mariners can be worked out before spring training begins this month.

Griffey said the death threats he has received has prompted him to want to leave the city soon.

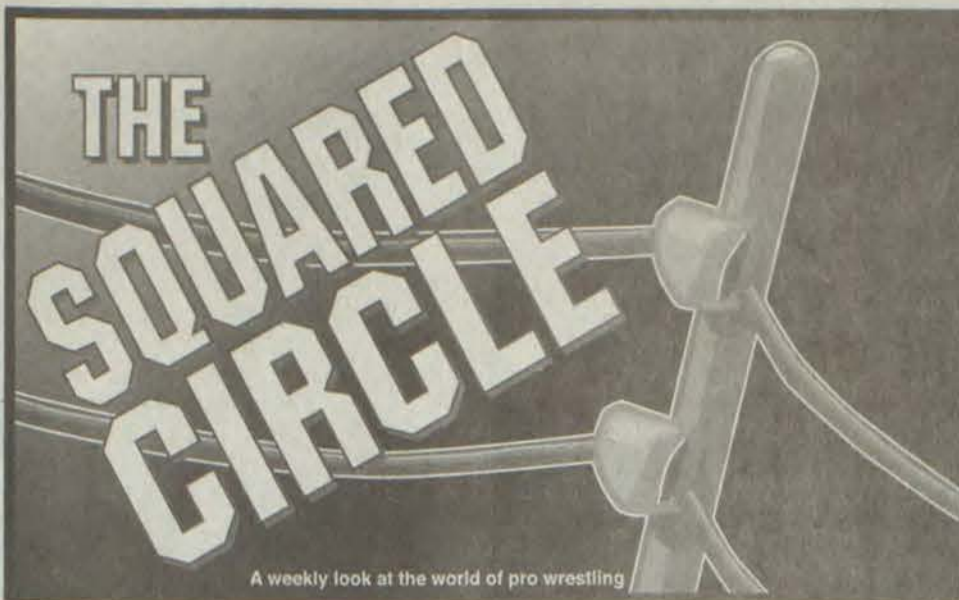
I think they should let Pokey Reese go and get Griffey. He will not help win a title, but he will bring the fans to the stands and isn't that what it is all about?

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Allen Central's Jeremy Sexton (10) and Betsy Layne's Adam Collins (33) went for the opening tip Friday night at Allen Central. Betsy Layne posted a 75-66 win over the Rebels (photo by Ed Taylor)



TOP 10

1. Triple H, WWF
2. Mike Awesome, ECW
3. Sid Vicious, WCW
4. The Rock, WWF
5. Chris Jericho, WWF
6. Jeff Jarrett, WCW
7. Cactus Jack, WWF
8. Chyna, WWF
9. Rob Van Dam, ECW
10. Masato Tanaka, ECW



■ PERRY SATURN ■ CHRIS JERICHO

Look for: Perry Saturn to get a push in the WWF.

PAY-PER-VIEW

- WCW, Superbrawl, San Francisco, Feb. 20
- WWF, No Way Out, Hartford, Conn., Feb. 27
- ECW, Living Dangerously, March 12

MAILBAG

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines. Also, if you have a question or comment about a subject, write to us at The Squared Circle, c/o Sports, News Journal, 70 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. You can fax it to us at 419-521-7415 or e-mail to aconchel@cosmg.com. Please include your hometown.

Dear Squared Circle, I think the efforts of Vince Russo and Ed Ferrara are exactly what's wrong with wrestling. They think that corny gimmicks and outrageous stories are what make wrestling great. They couldn't be more wrong. Wrestling is a sport, not a goofy sideshow to be played off as theatrics. I watch wrestling because it's a physical sport with colorful athletes. Just because it's staged doesn't mean it's a sitcom. Look what Russo did with Kanyon as he returned. Kanyon is one of the most talented wrestlers in the sport, and now he's got a Hollywood gimmick that takes away from his wrestling skills. Regardless of what Russo and Ferrara think, they are doing more harm than good. I along with a lot of other people have quit watching WCW because of the "creative" steps these two men have taken. Neither of these two guys has any idea what wrestling is, and have no business in or around the sport. WCW has had some of the best spots I have seen in any federation. Take the WWF, for example. I hope the WCW wises up and hands Russo and Ferrara their walking papers.

—Brandon Maloney
East Grand Forks, Minn.

A. Well, Brandon, WCW and Russo have already had their falling out. At this time Russo has been demoted as creative director. Ferrara is still working with the booking team.

Dear Squared Circle, When D-Von and Buh Buh Ray Dudley left ECW for the WWF, why didn't Spike Dudley go with them? I heard a rumor that Chris Benoit, Dean Malenko and Shane Douglas have walked out of WCW. Is it true?

—David Weiss
Hagerstown, Md.

A. The WWF never offered Spike a contract, possibly because of his size (5-7, 155). Benoit is likely to sign with the WWF and Malenko is considering going to Japan. Douglas, however, has not met with the WWF or ECW.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



CATCH PHRASES

"Everybody has a price for the million-dollar man."
—Ted DiBiase

REAL NAMES

Mike Rotundo, a.k.a. Michael Wallstreet

Mike Rotundo
6-3, 248

Hometown:
Syracuse, N.Y.

Birthday: March 30, 1958

Pro debut: Sept. 22, 1981

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



■ The Disco Inferno keeps fans of WCW entertained.

DISCO INFERNO KEEPS DANCIN'

By Anthony Conchel
Squared Circle Editor

He's flamboyant and light on his feet. His hair would make Elvis envious, and his signature move is The Last Dance.

He's the Disco Inferno and he's still burning up WCW rings after five years.

"I am an entertainer — that's what I do. My character is kind of indestructible. It's lasted through all the changes (in WCW) and the industry," he said prior to a "Nitro" show.

"I just try to put on a good show for the fans. I think a lot of the fans ... without them we wouldn't make the kind of money that we do," said the University of Georgia graduate.

Disco has held the WCW Television and Cruiserweight titles, appeared on more than 20 pay-per-view events and during one stretch "was on more than 50 straight Monday "Nitros" without a week off."

He's involved in a storyline with Johnny The Bull and Vito LoGrasso.

"I like the Italians angle. It's believable. Johnny is a great young talent and Vito's a solid veteran wrestler."

Nobody can claim the 32-year-old with a degree in finance is uneducated. He knows the limitations of his character and understands how the sport operates.

"Wrestling is wrestling. It's not, as some people are saying, a male soap opera. It's more than that. In fact, it's an entity unlike any other in sports or entertainment. That's what makes it unique," said the 240-pounder.

And it's that uniqueness that keeps fans coming back each week, he said.

"The storylines must be believable. But fans want to be wrong sometimes. In other words, they want to be thrown a twist or a curve every once in a while. That's what keeps it inter-

esting and makes them watch from week to week."

He also recognizes the lucrative money that wrestlers earn.

"I would have gone straight into wrestling rather than attending college had I known how much money I would be making today. The money's gotten a lot better the past few years because of TV exposure and video games. That brings in a lot of money.

"I make good money. I'm not sure what I'll do after wrestling. If I manage my money right, maybe nothing."

Today's fans are smarter too.

"People look at us as entertainers. They aren't stupid. If you make a good move in the ring, they know it. If you make a bad move, like miss a punch, they see that too. You can't fool them," said the man who has appeared on "The Dating Game," "Win Ben Stein's Money" and "Karaoke Cabaret."

Disco classifies himself as a low-risk wrestler.

"That's why I haven't had any serious injuries in my career. My first year in the business (working for Northern Georgia Wrestling) I suffered a herniated disc. But I've taken care of my body. I don't do high-risk moves simply because I'm more of a character wrestler. That's what gets me over.

"People like the music, the lights and rock music. It's a spectacle. You see all kinds of people of different ages, colors, walks of life. Everybody identifies with wrestling," he said.

DID YOU KNOW?: Disco's first match was against jumpin' Joey Maggs.

AFTER THE BELL

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

- Edge's current angle of him being fawned over by lustful women will lead to a feud with Val Venis and/or Christian. In real life, Edge is engaged to Val Venis' sister, Alanah Morley. Originally, Canadian fitness guru Trish Stratus was supposed to play Val's sister, but that idea was nixed by both Val and Edge. There is talk about bringing Alanah in to play herself.
- Before Vince Russo was in heat with WCW, he planned to reunite the Four Horsemen — Arn Anderson, Ric Flair, Tully Blanchard and Ole Anderson. The Horsemen were penciled in to face off against the nWo in an eight-man tag match to determine who would control WCW.
- WCW is interested in signing Midnight to a long-term contract. The former gymnast is getting huge pops working with Harlem Heat.
- Former ECW and WWF strongwoman Nicole Bass is working various independent promotions and has plans for a new video.
- Monday "Nitro" in Columbus a couple of weeks ago drew 8,150 paying fans and 10,656 total.
- The Blue Meanie is temporarily moving to Memphis to work for Jerry Lawler's promotion there. "I am looking forward to this next chapter in my career," said Meanie. He's dropped 50 pounds and is going to polish his game.
- Dale Torborg is the new Demon in WCW. He doesn't seem to be getting big pops from the crowd, however.
- ECW has decided to cut its house shows from four a week to two in order to do a better job with them and its TNN and "Hardcore" television tapings.
- Bobby Duncum Jr., who died last week at age 34, was ranked No. 202 in the PWI Top 500 last year.
- Taka Michinoku suffered a serious shoulder dislocation when he landed on the mat at ringside during the Royal Rumble. Wade Keller reports that the Japanese wrestler was clearly in agony backstage after the event.
- Rena Mero is shopping — not for a new wardrobe but rather a publisher for her book, "Busting Out: My Life as Sable and Beyond." Her agent says there will be an auction among publishers for the book. Mero also has the lead role in a new hourlong action series called "The Consultants."
- Some think Kevin Nash wants to retire from the ring for real. Apparently Nash has an idea he is pitching to WCW exec Brad Siegel about this. Meanwhile, Nash fractured his ankle last weekend in matches with Ric Flair in Tennessee. He'll be out indefinitely.
- The WWF has hired a creative director to take some of the burden of writing television off Vince McMahon. Two WWF main writers left for WCW last year.



COMING TO YOUR TOWN

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

WWF...
Feb. 6, New Orleans
Feb. 7, "Raw is War," Dallas
Feb. 8, "Smackdown!" Austin

WCW...
Feb. 6, Wichita, Kan.
Feb. 7, "Nitro," Tulsa, Okla.
Feb. 8, "Thunder," Oklahoma City

ECW...
Feb. 5, Tallahassee, Fla.
Feb. 11, Washington, D.C.
Feb. 12, Norfolk, Va.
Feb. 18, Lacrosse, Wis.

MAT MEMORIES

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

- March 18, 1950: Gorgeous George wrestled Lucky Simonovich in the main event in Mansfield's Ashland Road Armory.
- Sept. 20, 1985: Fred Blassie and Lou Albano wrestled inside a steel cage at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y.

WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT

ON THE RISE

Big T: The former Ahmed Johnson is trying to get a fresh identity with Stevie Ray as the new Harlem Heat. But Tony Norris has gained some weight since his WWF days.

TAKING A FALL

Shane Douglas: Just when his bicep injury is almost healed, he finds his career in limbo. He has left WCW and apparently has alienated the WWF and ECW.

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Howell

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Lady Blackcats and the last one. Actually, Howell scored the first five points in the game. Music then scored a two-point basket to give the Lady Blackcats a 7-0 lead with 6:21 remaining in the first quarter of play.

Lykens came off the bench for the Lady Bobcats and drove to the basket to give the Lady Bobcats their first two points of the game. But the Lady Blackcats pretty much controlled the first quarter and led the Lady Bobcats 18-10 at the end of the quarter.

Howell had a three-point basket in the initial quarter to give her eight points. Lykens attempted a three-point basket as the buzzer sounded, but without any luck, and the quarter ended with the Lady Blackcats leading the Lady Bobcats 18-10.

The second quarter started the same way as the first, with Howell scoring first for the Lady Blackcats. Howell hit two free throws to give her team a 10-point advantage.

Natasha Stratton came off the bench for the Lady Bobcats. Amber Roberts spent most of the second quarter on the bench due to foul trouble. But Tackett stepped up for the Lady Bobcats and went to the boards for Betsy Layne. Tackett also had seven points in the second period of play.

The Lady Bobcats played very good defense in the second quarter and held the Lady Blackcats to only 11 points, while they scored 20 points.

With 4:21 remaining in the half, the Lady Blackcats had a 10-point lead. The Lady Bobcats went on an 11-0 run to take the lead at 29-28 with 1:16 left in the half.

Brooke Coleman broke the dry spell for the Lady Blackcats by hitting a two-point basket, but Tackett would answer for the Lady Bobcats and Betsy Layne went into the locker room up one point on the Lady Blackcats.

In the second half, Hyden started scoring for the Lady Blackcats. Hyden would regain the lead for the Lady Blackcats, but Roberts would give the lead back to the Lady Bobcats.

The lead changed hands several times in the third quarter, but it was the Lady Blackcats who were on top at the end of the third.

The biggest problem for the Lady Bobcats was the fact that they had three starters in foul trouble. Jenny Parsons, Roberts and Devon Reynolds each had four fouls.

Both teams had trouble scoring at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Stephanie Adams finally scored for the Lady Blackcats with 6:06 remaining in the game. Tackett answered for the Lady Bobcats. The lead again changed hands many times. But with 4:34 left, the trouble started for the Lady Bobcats. Roberts was called for her fifth foul. Then Reynolds was called for her fifth and so was Parsons. This hurt the Lady Bobcats, but they refused to give up. Tackett remained to be a force on the inside for the Lady Bobcats. Stratton, Lykens, Heather Hamilton and Tabitha Mitchell refused to give up.

The score was tied with 3:29 remaining. Howell was unstoppable for the Blackcats. Howell hit a basket for the Lady Blackcats to give them back the lead.

But Lykens took the ball coast to coast for the Lady Bobcats to tie things again. Hyden would score again for the Lady Blackcats. Hyden really got hot in the second half. She scored 11 of her 13 points in the last half, seven in the final quarter.

With 1:11 left in the game, Lykens hit two free throws for the Lady Bobcats to bring them within one point. But Brooke Coleman would hit two free throws for the Lady Blackcats to give them a three-point lead.

With 44 seconds left on the clock, Prestonsburg had the ball and a three-point lead. Music was called for traveling and Betsy Layne got the ball back.

Lykens was called for a 'touchy' foul, her fourth, and Prestonsburg got the ball back. Hyden went to the line for the Lady Blackcats and hit one of the two free throws.

With 33.9 seconds to go, Prestonsburg had a four-point lead. Lykens hit a two-point basket to bring the Lady Bobcats to within two points. Coleman had the ball, and Betsy Layne really intended to foul, but the foul was called on Lykens, when really Stratton was the one who fouled. If it was an obvious foul by Stratton, but the official called it on Lykens, bringing her to five.

With 21 ticks left, Prestonsburg had a three-point lead, after Coleman hit both free throws, and four of Betsy Layne's players fouled out of the game. But the Lady Bobcats still refused to give up. Seventh grader Clark went in for Lykens when she fouled out.

Clark was fouled by Amelia Conley and made both free throws. With 11.3 seconds to go Brandy Wells went to the line for the Lady Blackcats and missed both free throws, but Prestonsburg got the rebound and Betsy Layne immediately fouled Angela Howell.

Howell also missed the free throws, the first she missed all night, and Betsy Layne got the ball back with 8.4 seconds left.

The Lady Bobcats got the ball down the floor and Tabitha Mitchell went in for a layup and made it to tie the score.

Everyone thought the game was going into overtime. But the official made a very questionable call. Betsy Layne was called for a foul, but there was no time remaining on the clock.

After everyone got over the shock, who other than Howell went to the free throw for the Lady Blackcats. Howell had a wonderful game and the whole game was in her hands. This was a lot of pressure on the junior, but she held her composure and hit the first free throw to give the Lady Blackcats the one-point advantage. She missed the second, but it didn't matter, Prestonsburg won the game by one.

The Prestonsburg Ladycats will host the Sheldon Clark Cardinals on Thursday night. They will travel to South Floyd on Friday night to take on the South Floyd Lady Raiders.

The Betsy Layne Bobcats will travel to Allen Central on Friday night and will travel to South Floyd on Saturday night.



BETSY LAYNE'S SCOTT COLLINS (24) SQUARED OFF against Allen Central's Jeremy Hayes (35) Friday night in conference basketball play. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Overtime

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anything but an eighth-grader. She showed team leadership and wanted the ball at the end of the game. Her last second three-point attempt fell short in an attempt to tie the game and send it to a second overtime.

Jenny Parsons finished with 13 points before fouling out. She pulled down 10 rebounds in the game. Senior Heather Hamilton netted 10 points and dished off six assists.

The two teams battled to a 52-52 tie after regulation play. Betsy Layne had the final look at the basket. Freshman Natasha Stratton, off a nice assist from Hamilton, tied the game at 52-52 on a strong move inside with 55 seconds to play. On the ensuing inbound play, a jump ball situation occurred with the possession arrow favoring the Ladycats.

Coming out of the timeout, with 17 seconds on the clock, Betsy Layne missed two inside shots with the ball going out of bounds and over to Allen Central with one second left. The Lady Rebels could not get up court as an extra four minutes was needed to settle the outcome.

The Ladycats turned the ball over on their first two possessions of the overtime, but Sizemore gave

Allen Central a 54-52 lead with two free throws with 2:10 to play. On a good move in the middle, Lykens tied the game at 54.

Parsons picked up her fifth personal foul but Sizemore missed the front end of a bonus foul and Betsy Layne was in control and working the clock. But the Ladycats forgot to take care of the basketball and a turnover with 56 seconds remaining gave the ball to Allen Central.

Coach Moore put his team in a holding pattern, working the ball to the right side of the circle where Martin buried the three-pointer and a 57-54 Lady Rebel lead. Was the shot perchance?

"It was by design," admitted Coach Moore. "We hadn't shot free throws well all night long and we wanted to stay in our offense as long as we could. I told them I didn't care who shot the ball as long as it was in the offense and they were open. Jessica was wide open on that side and we wanted her to take the shot."

Coach Moore said that Martin was one of the Lady Rebels' best three-point shooters percentage wise, but because of having to post up in the paint area, she doesn't get that many looks from the arc.

"We have to play her inside more

because she is also our best inside scorer," said Coach Moore.

Lykens attempt to tie the game came with 27 seconds left to play with Allen Central taking the rebound. Sizemore, instead of holding the ball, lofted a shot from the corer that missed and with nine seconds to play, Betsy Layne had the ball out of bounds with Allen Central taking a timeout.

Coming out of the timeout, the Lady Rebels guarded against the three-point shot and Lykens' desperation attempt dipped in the basket and came out with the horn sounding.

Allen Central's handling of the Betsy Layne pressure defense was an improvement over past games as they got some easy baskets over the defense. The Lady Rebels built a 28-20 lead midway through the second quarter, their biggest of the game. Coach Moore said the bigger lineup helped.

"We had a bigger lineup in there and Jackie Martin coming in helped us out a lot," said Coach Moore. "We got some good play out of Erin Majakey and Tiffany Turner."

Moore said he had informed his team that, "It is all on the line right now."

"You can play or go home,"

Moore told his team. "We came out tonight and we wanted to win a little more than Betsy Layne did."

Allen Central led 13-12 at the first stop with the game tied twice. After the Lady Rebels rolled out to an eight-point lead in the second quarter, Betsy Layne rallied behind Parsons and Lykens to pull within two, 30-28. But just before the buzzer sounded to end the first half, Lykens drilled a three-point basket that gave Betsy Layne the lead, 31-30, at the half.

Allen Central claimed a five-point advantage in the third quarter, 38-33, but Lykens hit four consecutive free throws to tie the game at 40

after three quarters. Betsy Layne had only one field goal in the third period, a jumper by Parsons.

Allen Central was shaky at the onset of the fourth quarter, turning the ball over three straight times. Betsy Layne took control of the game and went on top 47-40, the Ladycats' biggest lead. Devon Reynolds completed an old-fashioned three-point play for the seven-point cushion.

Not able to stand prosperity, Betsy Layne saw the lead disappear as Allen Central rallied back and took a 49-48 lead on two Shanna Howell free throws at the 2:41 mark. After a basket by Hamilton

that gave the lead back to Betsy Layne, Sizemore scored underneath and hit a free throw for a 52-50 Allen Central lead. Stratton then tied the game with her basket underneath.

Reynolds finished with five points for Betsy Layne. Stratton added four and Kim Tackett scored one.

Kari Osborne and Howell had two points for the Lady Rebels. Howell dished off six assists.

Allen Central (11-9) will travel to Prestonsburg in a big conference game Tuesday night. Betsy Layne (11-11) will host Johnson Central Monday night.

Allen Central

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Allen Central came back to tie the game on both occasions. Howell tied the game at 29 on a trey and after Betsy Layne had taken a 31-29 lead on a basket by Adam Collins, Howell tied the game again with a lay-in ahead of the horn.

The two teams were tied at 31 going to the locker room at the half. Coach Rose said he was disappointed his team did not take the lead to the locker area.

"We were kind of disappointed at halftime we did not have the lead," said Coach Rose. "We missed so many little easy shots. I thought we played good defense the first half."

Coach Rose said his team's defense faltered when they lost to Sheldon Clark.

"After the loss to Sheldon Clark our kids rededicated themselves to playing defense," said Rose. "Our kids haven't practiced offense in

about a week now."

The need for practice was not evident as Betsy Layne found paths around the pressure defense of the Rebels for some easy baskets at the other end.

Brock Keathley, Betsy Layne's leading scorer, failed to score in the game but his team played well. Coach Rose said the win didn't seem possible without the scoring of Keathley.

"Brock played about as bad as he could play and we still won," said Coach Rose. "I have noticed that when he plays an average game or a so-so game, he usually comes back and has a big one. So I am hoping that he will have a big one tomorrow night (Betsy Layne was scheduled to face South Floyd Saturday night)."

It was a homecoming of sorts for Nathan Tackett as he performed against his former teammates. Tackett drained a three-point basket and scored six points in the game. His trey in the fourth quarter gave Betsy Layne a 10-point cushion.

"That was a big game for Nathan," said Coach Rose. "He got some confidence against Prestonsburg. He was pretty nervous the first half. Once he got in the flow of the game, he played pretty well."

"It is a shame we couldn't get things worked out to where he could have been with us at the first of the season. He is still learning the system. He is going to help us," said Coach Rose.

Rose commented on playing nine players against Allen Central.

"All nine contributed," he said. "Brook and Adam, they are going to give us something every night out. Adam and Brad have played super. Bradley Brooks is in the best shape I have seen him in a long time. He is running the floor well."

Allen Central took a 39-37 lead on a three-point basket by Slone and extended it to four on Sexton's lay-in. A steal by Bartley, baskets by Brooks and Collins gave Betsy Layne a 45-43 lead. A 10-3 spurt netted Betsy Layne a 55-46 lead after three quarters.

Betsy Layne's biggest lead was 10 points and that came twice in the final quarter. Allen Central cut the lead to two, 66-64, when Howell hit his third trey with 2:11 to play in the game. But Allen Central could not score again over the final 2:11 as Betsy Layne put the game in the win column.

THE ALLEN CENTRAL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS built a mound during a time out in the Betsy Layne versus Allen Central game Friday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)



58th District

It's official: Caudill inks with UK



Prestonsburg lineman, Jeremy Caudill, made it official this past Wednesday when he ink a letter-of-intent with the University of Kentucky football team.

Caudill excelled at Prestonsburg High School for four seasons. He is expected to compete for a linemen spot for the UK Cats.

Caudill was the only player from Kentucky to be named to the Parade All-American team.



Allen Central Rebels look for answers

Articles by Ed Taylor

It hasn't been a good month of February for the Allen Central Rebels as they have dropped their only two games of the month.

Coach Johnny Martin's team is looking for some answers and one of those answers is how to take better care of the basketball.

The Rebels committed four costly turnovers Friday night against Betsy Layne in losing their third district game of the season.

With the regular season winding down, the

Rebels need to find some answers quickly and re-focus on what lies ahead.

The 58th District tournament and 15th Region tournament will be staged on the Rebels' home court, but if they don't survive the district, they will watch from the sidelines during the regional tournament.

As of now, the Rebels would play Betsy Layne in a first round game and that could be a tough assignment as the Bobcats are on a

roll. The Rebels need more point production from point guard Larry Mullins and consistency on offense from Rodney Scott.

It does not appear that Shawn Newsome will be able to go at full tilt in the district. Newsome gives the Rebels added outside scoring.

The opposition is keying on high-flying Jeremy Sexton.

South Floyd just keeps running and running

Coach Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders are not only a district power and a regional power, but they have become a state power.

It will be hard for anyone to prevent the Raiders from advancing, but Coach Webb is not going to look beyond any opponent.

Ryan Shannon is a team leader and a senior. Freshman Michael Hall continues to wow the crowds with his play, while John Meade and Rusty Tackett add fuel when they come off the bench.

Big men Jimmy Stumbo and Byron Hall dominate inside the paint area. Stumbo just gives Coach Webb another three-point shooter.

The Raiders are a three-point shooting, up-and-down-the-floor, defensive-minded team. They are hard for a defense to solve.

Lady Raiders could be upset minded in district

It has not been a good season for the South Floyd Lady Raiders in terms of wins, but it has been a season that has shown a vast amount of improvement over past seasons.

Coach Paul Cline's ballclub has played well in spurts this season.

Maybe, just maybe, they could jell at tournament time.

One thing is needed for the Lady Raiders and that is for Kandance Mitchell to be on the floor more than she is on the bench. Mitchell has a bad habit of unnecessary fouling. She is more valuable on the floor than the pines.

Lindsey Hall and Martha Crawford lead the Lady Raiders' scoring.



Lady Blackcats look at conference championship

Coach Bobby Hamilton and his Prestonsburg Blackcats are just a win away from claiming a conference championship. The Lady Blackcats are favored to win a second straight district tournament title this year.

Coach Hamilton has seen good play out of Amelia Conley and Ramanda Music. Megan Hyden is an excellent point guard with Angela Howell contributing off the bench.

Points need to come from Brook Coleman and Brandy Wells needs more consistent play. Stephanie Adams gives a good sixth man off the bench for the Lady Blackcats.

Lady Rebels looking like improved team

Coach Anthony Moore is pleased with the improvement his team has shown in taking care of the basketball going against full court pressure.

Shannon Sizemore is playing excellent basketball and Jessica Martin is just being herself as she leads the Lady Rebels in scoring.

Freshman Jackie Martin has given Coach Moore some added depth under the basket and can spell either Martin or Kari Osborne.

The Lady Rebels need some offense from their guard positions to keep the defenses honest in the paint area. Shanna Howell and Jennifer Risner need to hit some outside shots to loosen things up under the basket.

The Lady Rebels are playing much better.

Betsy Layne rededicates to better defense

Forgetting what got them to a high spot in the 15th Region, the Betsy Layne Bobcats have rededicated themselves to going back to playing defense.

The Bobcats suffered an unexpected loss to Sheldon Clark and reason among themselves it was a lack of an effort on defense, according to Coach Brent Rose.

The Bobcats looked impressive on "D" against Allen Central in picking up a big district win on the road.

Bradley Brooks and Adam Collins have picked it up on the boards. Both had an excellent game against the Rebels.

The Bobcats need to be more consistent on defense and learn how to put the opposition away.

Ladycats hesitant in taking shots on the floor

Eighth-grader Whitney Lykens has become the icon of Betsy Layne Ladycat basketball that is good and it is also bad.

Lykens had been one of the most prolific scorers in the district this season and has become the player the Ladycats are looking to for points.

However, while that is all right, the rest of the team is passing up good looks at the basket. In looking for Lykens, the much-passing Ladycats are turning the ball over.

Heather Hamilton and Devon Reynolds need to look for their shots.

Jenny Parsons needs to stay out of foul trouble if she is to contribute to the scheme of things for Betsy Layne. Parsons is very valuable on the boards. Amber Roberts has to pick up her point production.

Freshman Natasha Stratton had a good defensive game for the Ladycats against Allen Central.

Blackcats have shown improvement from day one of regular season

The Prestonsburg Blackcats got off to a horrible start at the onset of the 1999-2000 season, but Coach Jackie Day Crisp's ballclub has shown much improvement since then.

The Blackcats have become more offensive-minded and the addition of Ryan Martin to the starting lineup gives Prestonsburg a strong outside shooter.

Dustin Music and Seth Crisp have picked up their games a lot and are looking to score. Leading scorer Ricky Powers has been solid this season.

Needed is better bench play. The Blackcats have gotten good minutes from Matt Stone and Matt Clay.

Prestonsburg is not to be taken lightly the rest of the way. The Cats have come to play.

Sports *Plus*

High school coaches want separate grade school seasons

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The grade school basketball season is over and it was an exciting one.

One thing we are seeing more and more of is talented grade school players playing at the varsity level.

High school coaches who use these players in girls basketball, is hoping for an earlier girls grade school season so these talented players can play high school ball as well.

Coach Cassandra Akers is one of those coaches and it stands to reason. Whitney Lykens, one of the most talented grade school players to come along since Ramanda Music of Prestonsburg, has been the go-to person for the Lady Cats.

But Lykens was forced to make a choice of playing grade school basketball or high school when the two teams were scheduled the same night. Akers contends an earlier girls' season in grade school ball would eliminate that problem.

Well, Lykens won't have that problem next season because she will be a freshman somewhere. But the Ladycats and Coach Akers will be confronted with the problem again in Kim Clark, who played varsity ball as a seventh grader.

Up at South Floyd, talented players such as Megan Ousley and Ashley Johnson opted at the start of the season they would not divide their allegiance between the middle school and high school. Rather both chose to complete their eighth grade season before joining the high school team for the final three weeks.

Prestonsburg had Heather White playing high school varsity ball but White was leaned more toward the grade school season than the high school. After her season ended she joined the Lady Blackcats program.

Coaches have been trying to have the grade school season played earlier, like during football season, to free up the younger grade school players.

Also, a divided season would free up gym time for all teams.

Will the change come about? No! Don't look for it. Grade school principals don't want to be out more than they have to. If the girls and boys played different seasons, that would mean more trips to the gym for school principals.

It has been voted down time and time again, and I don't see it going through on another vote.

■ CROWD AT TOURNEY

It was a successful grade school tournament that we just completed. The crowds were large every night and a tournament of this magnitude should never be held in a grade school gym.

There is not way this year's tournament would have been held in the smaller gyms. Adams Middle School has the largest gym of the grade school that have gyms. Betsy Layne uses the high school gym while South Floyd plays their games at spacious Raider Arena.

Every year it should be played at a high school gym. No one is over crowded and you have room to move around.

There will be plenty of good young players coming along in grade school next season. It will be a fun year!



Thanks Jessica!

Betsy Layne Elementary coach Jim Roberts presented Jessica Bentley with a bouquet of flowers and a kiss during ceremonies Wednesday night at the conclusion of the grade school tournament at Allen Central. Jessica has been an inspiration to many around the county after going struck with meningitis last year.



From Ed's Notebook

Look for the Floyd County Times All-County team of grade school basketball players, boys and girls.

We thought it would be a fun thing to do. What a wealth of talent we have in the grade school ranks.

Coaches of the Year in grade school basketball? A lot of them did an excellent job. Mickey Newsome, Stumbo, certainly deserves consideration. So does Kevin Stumbo at Allen Central.

For the girls, Jim Roberts, in his first year, did an tremendous job. Melena Osborne at South Floyd deserves consideration as well.

But what about you? What do you think? Send us your vote on a card, email (fctimes@eastky.net), or phone call. Let's see who is the coach of the year in both boys and girls grade school basketball.

Any AAU team who has a schedule or knows when they will be playing, I would appreciate a copy of the schedule.

We are going to try to publish all the results we can and, if you have any photos to send in we would like that.



FLOYD COUNTY Lifestyles



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SCIENCE

Students have fun learning



This group is "in gear:" David Crumley (standing), Jessica Bryant, Christy Hall, Kelly Adkins, Tashia Bowling and Ashley Hall.



Designing a bicycle are, from left, Jonathan Howell and Bradley Adams.



Kevin Tackett and Dustin Tackett try their hands at building machines.

The WORLD we create

"There are some things I never knew were science," said Heather Keathley. "I learned science is fun."

Story and photos by Pam Shingler

"This is good," declared Courtney Adams, articulating each word, raising her eyebrows and looking around the lobby of the Mountain Arts Center.

Adams and nearly 50 other seventh graders from John M. Stumbo Elementary School were the first class to try out "The World We Create" exhibit, which previewed Thursday at the MAC.

"There are some things I never knew were science," said Heather Keathley. "I learned science is fun."

Tammy Hall's response was terse and confident: "Science rocks!"

The exhibit is from the Louisville Science Center and is brought to these parts by the East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

The colorful components are all hands on. They simulate science and engineering principles, allowing students to see and feel the lessons.

Teamwork is an important lesson in most of the displays. For instance, students have to heave and tilt as one to find the fastest route for a ball through a tabletop maze in a display called "Getting From Here to There."

"It takes a lot to work in teams," said Kayla Hamilton, with the sigh of experience.

The youngsters also worked in teams to put together foam blocks to build a bridge and to get dozens of gears to move together.

The exhibit is divided into three "zones" in the MAC lobby. In the Construction Zone, participants can operate a type of crane, using brains and coordination to build a tower. Or they can experiment with building a bridge or learn how structures are affected by earthquakes.

The Transit Hub relates to movement, with complex machines made simple, gears cycling and fluid flowing against resistance.

In the zone called Tech Works, students can design a bicycle and build it on the computer screen, they can put together

a robot or work together on an assembly line of sorts.

"We can incorporate just about every bit of this exhibit in the classroom," said Stumbo science teacher Michael Joseph. "It ties in with the Kentucky Core Curriculum. Everything is a reinforcement."

Joseph's only complaint was of the limited time his students could interact with the exhibit. They came in at mid-morning and had to get on the bus at 11 a.m. to be back at school for lunch.

"They would have loved to spend an hour or two with each thing," Joseph said.

Other staff members who accompanied the Stumbo students were Janice Newman, English; Kim Hayes, special education; Wanda Johnson, instructional aide, and Carol Shubinski, science lab.

The exhibit officially opens Tuesday and runs through February 29. It is open during regular MAC hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and when performances are scheduled.

Cooperative Extension Opportunities

The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service has scheduled the following activities for local learners:

■ Auxier Gardening Program
February 7, 14, 21, 28
Old Auxier School
6-8 p.m.

A variety of home lawn and garden topics will be covered, including vegetable variety selection, fertilizing, lawn care, container gardening, insect and disease control and more.
Call Sue Schaffer, 606/886-8709, to register.

■ Spring Beekeepers Workshop
February 15
Co-op Extension office, 921 S. Lake Dr.,
Prestonsburg
7 p.m.

State Apiarist Phillip Craft will cover the prevention and treatment of honeybee diseases and pests, with an emphasis on varroa and tracheal mites and American Foulbrood. He will also hold a general discussion session to answer questions. Participants will be eligible to win one of the 10 three-pound packages of bees (with queen) to be given away.

Contact Ray Tackett, 606/886-2668.

When I was a child, we lived across the road from the railroad tracks in the Greentown section of Paintsville, and a part of my life was counted by the train schedule.

Before I started school, every afternoon at about the same time, Mammaw would say, "Here comes the Manifest." That was my cue to lie down for a nap.

In summer, that meant a pallet on the floor in front of the screen door, where my body took on the movement of the house as the heavy freight rolled the earth under the track.

The Manifest was my clock, and it was easy to sleep to the rhythmic drone.

Of course, I had no idea what the word was that signaled my nap time, and didn't for many years. I thought Mammaw was mangling the words "mighty fast."

I was grown before I realized what she must have been saying, much as I was when I realized that her "dreckly" was really "directly" and that the meaning was off. ("Dreckly" meant "in a little while," not "at once.")

It was likewise comforting when I later heard the song "City of New Orleans" to learn that other trains had names, and Manifest was likely not something Mammaw had made up.

Trains were more important to our lives then. They carried out our coal and brought in goods we needed.

They also made traveling easy. In fact, I rode the train, or really a series of

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



Manifest destiny

trains, to Athens, Georgia, to college shortly before passenger trains stopped stopping at the stately old depot in Paintsville.

When I moved to the house beside the railroad track in Auxier last fall, I

didn't think too much about what the location meant.

I guess I considered trains to be relics, the rail traffic very light. On the highway, we see so many trucks hauling coal and other freight that we forget that trains are still very much in the freight business.

Unless we live in Auxier or Dickeytown or Tram or any number of tucked-away villages, we don't generally have a chance to see the trains up close. The tracks tend to be hidden, hugging hillsides on the slope side of the river.

I am amazed at the train traffic. On the double tracks beside my house, trains clang by regularly, dozens, it seems, a day.

My first few nights here, I woke up every time the whistle blew and the massive engines hurled by. But then I grew accustomed to the sound and the feel. Now, I hardly notice the trains.

I've even become used to my outdoor dogs' howling at the trains. To my ears the sounds are pretty much the same, but sometimes the dogs ignore them and other times they join in singing a railroad anthem, their faces pointed to the sky, their voices emitting a series of pleading bays as the train rumbles along.

Occasionally, I have to wait for the

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This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

The Prisoner

The Prisoner paced restlessly back and forth, back and forth. He sat down, figured a book, stared out the window, rose to resume the aimless pacing.

Out there the sun was shining. He recognized the driver of a passing automobile. Children ran and whooped with abandon. Off in a distance, a train bell clanged. Business went on as usual, and he had been a part of all that activity out there, but not now.

His knees grew wobbly. Was it because he had in his confinement had so little exercise, or was it because he had walked too long and without purpose?

He thought of how many times he had, without considering the implications, written about others, being sentenced to years, even life, in prison. "Freedom and liberty"—liberty to come and go, to feel the good earth beneath his feet, to mingle with others—took on a new meaning.

Then, finally, the prisoner sat down, gave forth with his deepest sigh of the day and set his mind to reading. He almost succeeded in laughing at himself.

This wasn't the end; it all would pass soon. Why fret? The doctor had merely said, "Be sure you stay inside the house all week—don't take a chance on getting a backset from the flu."

Of Business Plans

In the mail comes a communication from Detroit. It reads:

In a Detroit automobile plant several men from the Prestonsburg area were sitting around during lunch period discussing their plans for the future. Said the first man:

"I hear that business is pretty good back home. Now that Bert Combs is our Governor, things are going to be much better. I think I will go back and build me a skating rink. Then, all I'll have to do is sit back and watch the girls skate by."

Big Promotion

State Employees might take encouragement from the rise of the Commonwealth's No. 1 employee at present. This state worker started out as a \$125-a month clerk in the Department of Highways. Today he's governor of Kentucky—Bert Combs.

Briefs

Life, art, love form exhibit

"Life is Art and Art is Love" is the title of an exhibit by artist Johnny Johnson, which opened February 4, at the Gallery for the Arts in Mt. Sterling.

The show is sponsored by the Montgomery County Education Foundation.

Johnson is an artist and educator, described by some as one of the country's leading watercolor artists. His work is widely acclaimed and collected in Virginia and North Carolina.

A "Meet the Artist" reception is planned for February 25, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the gallery.

Regular gallery viewing hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. For information, call 606/498-6264.

Arts workshop slated

Arc of the Bluegrass/Minds Wide Open Art Center is sponsoring an art workshop, "Everyone for the Arts," on Friday, February 18.

The workshop is set for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Theater at 214 Main St. in Lexington.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Price at 606/233-1483 or Rita Brockmeyer at 606/623-6074.

SOCIETY NEWS



Betsy Layne grad wins volunteer award

Dr. Emogene Moore Hogg-Hartman of Berea was recognized by the Berea Chamber of Commerce as the 1999 Volunteer of the Year.

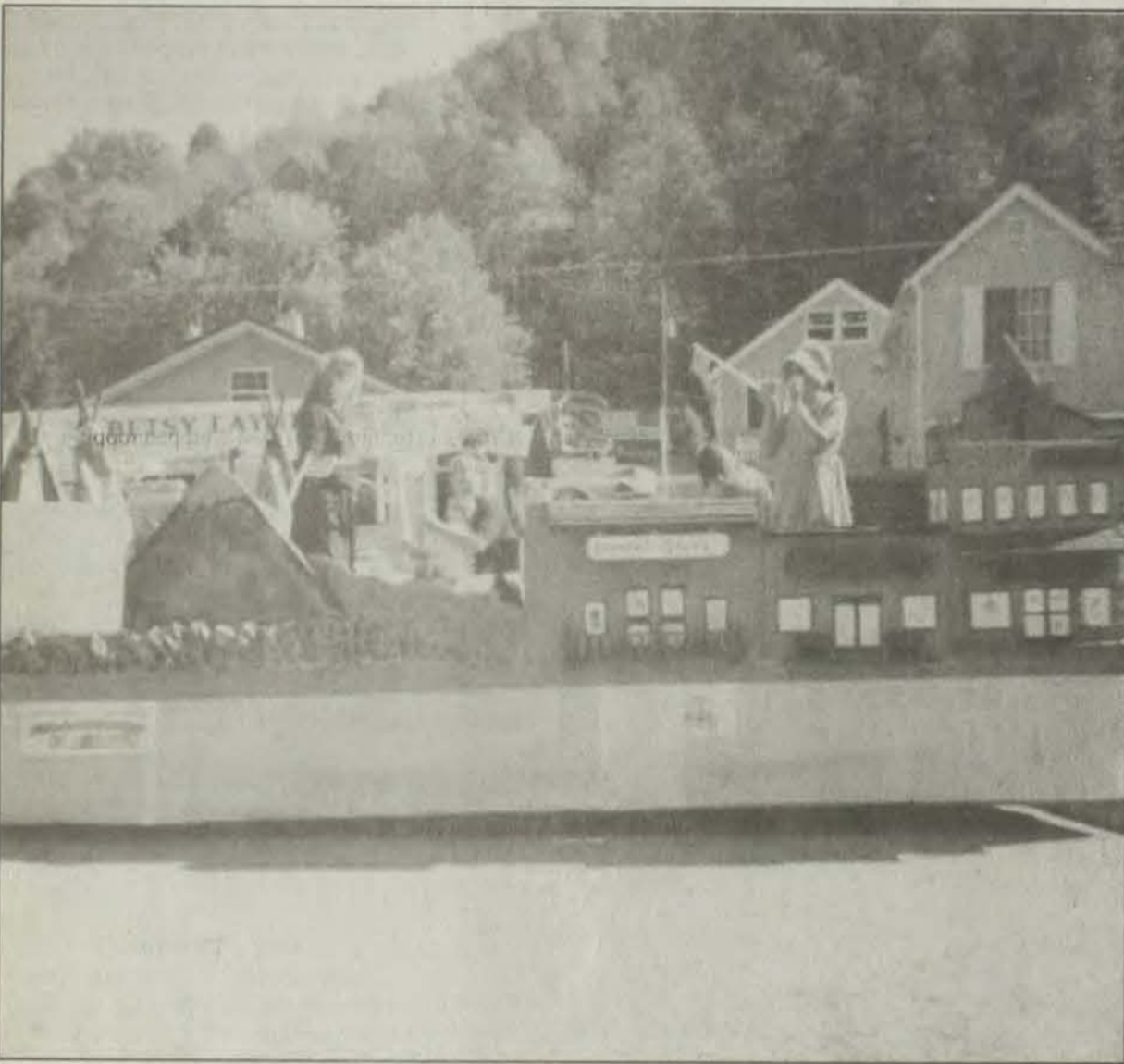
Hogg-Hartman was recognized for her outstanding work with the Chamber of Commerce as an active board member and chair of the city's successful Spoonbread Festival.

She was cited for her work at Berea Baptist Church over the past 45 years, working as deacon, teacher, choir member, member of numerous committees, and for perfect attendance in Sunday School for 34 years.

In addition, Hogg-Hartman is active in ministries at the local nursing home, city council, Boys & Girls Club of Madison County, and serves on the board of the Berea Housing Authority.

She graduated from Betsy Layne High School in 1949 and received a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

She is the daughter of the late Ellis and Josie Moore of Harold.



Earning a first-place award in last fall's Jenny Wiley Festival parade was the float representing the Dream Factory. It was built for the charity by inmates at Otter Creek Correctional Center at Wheelwright.

Postscript

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train to get by before I can leave or come home. But, it's rarely more than three or four minutes, and I welcome the chance to sit motionless. The train absolves my guilt over idling.

Some in the village complain about the trains. I don't.

Deep in my memory is an appreciation of trains and railroad tracks. They remind me of an uncomplicated life.

Plus, I fear the time when the trains cease to rumble, when there is no coal to ship out.

Kathy Rubado of Highlands Regional Medical Center called Wednesday to add to the legacy of Ervin Akers, who died this week. She reminds that, in addition to numerous school buildings throughout the area, Mr. Akers also built the hospital. More reason for us to honor his memory.

I got word last weekend from an old friend of the death of a mutual friend and former colleague in Pennsylvania. Apparently, he ignored symptoms until when he did go to the doctor, his colon cancer had spread and could not be contained. He died not long after the diagnosis.

Dr. Robert Leffingwell was one of those people who was slightly out of step, laughable and generally unaware that people were laughing at him. But, he had such a good heart, and he loved the college students he taught.

Near the end of my time in Pennsylvania, my living arrangements changed and I had to find homes for my two cats, Moose and Zeus. Leff, who had just bought a house and lived alone, agreed to take them both. If anyone thought the cats were spoiled with me, they needed to see the two with him.

When each of the cats died of old age, he wrote me long letters to share some of his experiences with them. I knew then, for a fact, that I couldn't have found them a better home.

New arrival?

Put your little one in the news. Let the Times help you celebrate your child or grandchild's birthday. We'll print the youngster's picture and birthday information — free.

Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family has had a reunion within the last six months, the Times will publish a picture or two and basic information about the gathering.

Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email ftimes@east-ky.net.



Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.
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of Family Medicine



Athlete's foot fungus can attack other areas of body

Question: Can athlete's foot fungus be found in the neck, scalp and ears areas? What is the best treatment for it?

Answer: We humans are susceptible to a number of conditions that damage our skin, including athlete's foot. Athlete's foot is a general term used by most people to describe any rash on the feet. There are many conditions that can cause a rash, while athlete's foot is a specific rash caused by a fungal infection. And, it is the most common cause of rash on the feet.

Athlete's foot typically involves the skin between the toes, causing it to become dry, scaly and cracked. On some occasions the infection may cause a moist, macerated and peeling rash instead. Though athlete's foot is most common between the toes, it can also affect other parts of the foot. A fine, scaling rash or a series of small blisters along the side of the foot — at the junction between the thick skin of the sole and the thinner skin on the side of the foot — is another frequent type of athlete's foot. It can occur, though, anywhere along the sole of the foot.

And, to answer your question directly, these kinds of fungal infections may attack the skin of any area of the body.

When other areas of the body are involved, though, other labels are used to describe the infection. Most of these non-foot fungal infections are commonly called "ring-worm," although the rash may not be "ring" shaped and there certainly is no "worm" involved in the process.

Tinea capitis is the "doctor label" for a fungal infection of the scalp; Tinea crura is on the groin and Tinea corporis is on the trunk.

There are, actually, several specific types of fungus that can infect skin. The most common ones are transmitted from person to person, but others may be caught from infected animals while a few may be acquired directly from the soil.

In all of these types, the infecting fungus is confined to the superficial layers of the skin and does not spread to cause a life-threatening systemic infection in those with an intact immune system.

The types of fungus that cause athlete's foot thrive on warm, moist conditions. That is why this infection typically occurs between the 4th and 5th toes. The fungus that infects the skin of the head and neck is usually subtly different in that it thrives where there is less moisture.

Despite the specific fungus that causes a skin infection or the labels we doctors use to describe it, something is needed to eliminate the annoying rash and persistent itch it causes.

Many of the non-prescription products that are sold for athlete's foot are very effective. Terbinafine, the generic name for the most recently approved product in this category, is perhaps the most effective of this group. All of these products are effective at treating most fungal skin infections, regardless of the area of the body involved.

The dilemma your question poses is whether or not your rash is actually caused by a fungus. You see, there are other conditions that can initially appear very much like a fungal infection.

Consequently, I suggest that you see your family doctor or a dermatologist if your rash fails to promptly clear after using terbinafine for one week. If you do have a fungal infection that terbinafine doesn't clear up, a prescription medicine that is taken by mouth may be necessary to give you relief.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Use the Web to learn about alternative health

(NUE) - Marketers tell us that millions of Americans use the Web to learn more about health. What about alternative health? Super-savvy Web surfers and dot-com novices alike can find valuable information at the click of a mouse.

The surge of interest in alternative medicine nationwide has resulted in consumers making 200 million more visits to alternative practitioners per year than to conventional doctors. Never have people been more in need of trusted sources to sort through the clutter of advice about health matters.

Want to learn why some people swear by green tea? Need to know more about bovine growth hormone in America's milk? Looking for a list of lifestyle changes that will reduce your cancer risk? These are the types of questions that can be answered on the Internet.

One alternative health site, www.vitalcast.com, not only provides health information, it also airs several health radio talk shows from around the nation.

Each day on VitalCast's home page, a new "15 Seconds to Good Health" audio clip offers "news you can use" and health tips based on the latest research. Like a newspaper, the Web site separates its content division from its e-commerce side. No one can pay to have his or her books reviewed on the site, and seats on the expert board of advisers are not for sale.

Daily radio broadcasts from 36 health talk shows are simulcast live and then archived. Consumers will find other useful information in the roundup of alternative health headlines, as well as original reporting in an online magazine. Reference materials are searchable. Top practitioners and experts prepare research summaries. As for personal attention, the site invites consumers to "ask the experts" for answers to individual health concerns.

Deborah Ray, host of "Here's To Your Health!" a nationally syndicated health talk show, is the flagship show on www.vitalcast.com. Ellen Kamhi, Ph.D., R.N. (the Internet's "Natural Nurse"), is another [vitalcast.com](http://www.vitalcast.com) Web site radio show host.

She personally believes that using plants as medicine brings people back toward an understanding of how they, themselves, fit into the cycles of nature.

You can click on "Allergies" leading to a footnoted, encyclopedic discussion, along with links to related conditions. For example, click on the "hay fever" link and you'll find a list of herbs and supplements that could be helpful, and links to related articles.

A panel of experts including Kamhi and Chamberlain write for vitalcast.com and maintain the accuracy of all the materials that are posted.

THINGS TO PONDER

Getting the Bully off your back: Phrase I

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Well, isn't it as usual? The problem has been identified, as if a lot of people didn't know a Bully when they saw one or maybe recall their last episode with one.

Like many things, there are several types, such as the happy foursome — the Bully brothers:

- Chronic (been allowed to survive since childhood);
- Opportunist (competitive "climber" who will do anybody in to get what he wants on the job);
- Accidental ("social fool" who will stop when confronted); and
- Substance Abusing Bully (very dangerous, usually remains undetected, and frequently the mood swinging boss).

Of course, most every situation has to be enabled; the Bully always has a Target. Miss Target often is an ethical, just and fair lady, who thinks it is her task to save the world, stand up for honest principles with high moral goals, and is willing to cooperate with anyone necessary, even Mr. Bully, to rescue all, whether they want it or not.

Needless to say, Miss Targets tend to get lost by the wayside, if Mr. Bully is not taken care of appropriately. Since they are so involved with "Campaign Against Workplace Bullying," the Drs. Namie suggest a "2-phase method for individuals (with a little help from your friends) to bust bullies."

The first phase described in the broadest sense was "Bully-Proof Yourself." The beginning step is to stop letting Mr. Bully hurt you, stay out of range for assaults, and avoid one-on-one opportunities to get blasted in private. For example, this technique means to volunteer for a different committee than Mr. Bully.

■ #1 Block out the lies: Don't forget who you were prior to the bullying, such as you ARE competent, kind, loving, a decent human being. In contrast, like everyone else, you may tend to let hurtful messages in, as the bully wanted.

But be on guard to counteract the painful lies and set new limits mentally so the trash can't get by. Don't repeat the junk, so it is given credibility. Be aware to not repeat destructive comments made by Mr. Bully and avoid any pity-parties.

Instead of taking-in the harmful taunts, keep your mind on the positive and loving messages given by family and friends.

Truths and affirmations will not allow room for Mr. Bully to set up shop in your workplace by beginning in your mind.

■ To further protect yourself, #2 Don't be isolated: It is said that bullies battle people for control over their perceptions. You are more likely to control your own viewpoints by staying around others to help maintain perspective. Building a support group that helps you celebrate your successes is important.

■ #3 Understand the cues: Make sure that you have not dropped cues to Mr. Bully, suggesting you are an easy make for being a Miss

Target. Are you giving off that air of confidence by your body language; standing up straight, making eye contact, striding with confidence, and projecting an "I got it" attitude.

Remember, you can re-learn ways to convey a greater sense of power when in public. You don't have to bully others yourself, but send the message that you are not going to be stepped on.

Also remember that smart people are usually a threat to insecure Mr. Bully. However, the smart Targets' vulnerability often comes from their fear of rejection. Thus they need not rely on the evaluations of others about themselves, but depend on the quality of their work. If you are happy with the job you do, others' opinions of your work can be considered as "food for thought," but you are in charge of the final judgment.

This first phrase of preventing you from being a victim or target of workplace bullying is the major step for you to take care of and value yourself. This is one of those times that if you don't do it, who else will. After being bully-proofed, you pick the way to get Mr. Bully off your back.

But CAUTION, failure is more likely, if you take action while still vulnerable or upset from assaults from the bully. Get your mind and soul's energy together to keep the on-the-job creep from making you miserable.

Like a Boy Scout, this is the time to be prepared with strong defense and an armor of confidence. You are #1.

Resolve to get organized this year

(NAPSA)-If this is the year you resolved to get organized, don't spend a fortune on expensive systems. Instead, focus on what HouseNet.com considers to be the most overlooked areas in the home. They're right under your nose.

Under the Stairs

Open the space under the stairs and finish off as a library alcove or built-in shelving unit.

Over the Toilet

Even in the tiniest bathroom the area over a toilet offers storage potential with shelf units. The back of the door can also do double-duty when fitted with a coated wire or plastic over-the-door rack that acts as a towel bar or rack for toiletries.

Kitchen Soffit

If your kitchen cabinets are hung on a soffit you can open the soffit and reclaim this space if it is free of pipes and heating ducts.

Beneath the Bed

Buy low-profile zippered plastic bags or particle board

drawers with wheels to use under the bed. Or make your own storage containers with cardboard boxes. Cover them with contact paper for a more finished look.

Cabinet & Closet Systems

Make optimum use of cabinets and closets using various plastic-coated wire rack systems and space saver items designed for these interior spaces.

Basement Ceiling

While it's not attractive to look at, an unfinished basement ceiling can be useful. Store lumber, snow skis, and anything long and lightweight between the deep, long space between floor joists. Make simple braces with 1x4 lumber to hold items safely in place.

In the Rafters

Even though you can't stand in the low, wedge-shaped area under the roof rafters around the perimeter of the attic, it's good for storage. Consider built in utility shelving made of 2x4 braces and particle-board shelving. Also, mount closet poles between rafters for hanging garment bags.

Utility Room Nooks

Tuck storm windows and screens snugly behind a hot water heater and use the space above to store change-of-season items like ice chests and bicycle helmets. Don't forget the space over a washer and dryer. Ready-made suspension pole shelving units fit the width of a standard washer and dryer and snap together easily.

Garage Spaces

Start by cleaning out the garage to unearth extra storage. Then keep it clean by using long galvanized nails driven into wall studs to hold long handled items like garden tools and snow shovels. Store lightweight objects like soccer balls and sports equipment in a hammock suspended across the rafters. Suspend bicycles upside-down from their wheels with plastic-coated hooks that screw directly into the garage rafters or wall studs.

For more tips

log on to HouseNet (www.house.net) the complete home and garden resource on the World Wide Web.

KOUNTY KETTLE

The following recipes are reprinted from the Northeast Area Extension Homemakers' new cookbook "From Our Table to Yours." The cookbook can be purchased for \$12 from any area homemaker or by calling Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

ICE CREAM WITH MALTED MILK BALLS

Darlene Campbell
2 c. malted balls, crushed
1 (12 oz.) lite Cool Whip, thawed
12 ice cream sandwiches
1 c. hot fudge sauce, fat-free (opt.)
Ten minutes to prepare. Place malted balls in plastic bag. Tap with rolling pin. Reserve 1/3 cup. Mix Cool Whip and crushed malted balls. Arrange ice cream sandwiches on 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Spread Cool Whip mixture over ice cream. Sprinkle 1/3 cup crushed milk balls. Cover and freeze till firm. Cut in squares. Top with fudge sauce.

CHEDDAR PEAR PIE

Janice S. Cook
Pike County
4 large pears, peeled and sliced thin
1/3 c. sugar
1 T. cornstarch
1/8 tsp. salt
1 unbaked pie crust
Topping:
1/2 c. shredded cheese
1/2 c. all-purpose flour
1/4 c. melted margarine
1/4 c. sugar
1 1/4 tsp. salt
In bowl, combine pears, sugar, cornstarch and salt. Pour in pastry shell. Mix all topping ingredients until crumbly and sprinkle over filling. Bake at 425° for 25 minutes till crust is golden and cheese is melted. Cool for 10 minutes. Serve warm. Store in refrigerator. Yield: 6-8 servings.

BANANA SPLIT

Dearl Faye Holbrook
Magoffin County
2 c. crushed graham crackers
1 stick melted margarine
2 eggs
1 stick softened margarine
2 c. powdered sugar
4 bananas
1 (20-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
1 (12 oz.) Cool Whip
Maraschino cherries
Chocolate syrup
Mix graham crackers and melted butter and press into a 9 x 13-inch pan. Mix eggs, 1 stick softened margarine and powdered sugar on high for 15 minutes. Spread on crust. Layer 4 bananas lengthwise. Top with crushed pineapple and Cool Whip. Place 12-16 cherries on top. Drizzle chocolate syrup over entire dessert. Refrigerate at least 3 hours.

ORANGE JUICE CAKE

Carolyn Ward
Magoffin County
1 box yellow cake mix
1 box vanilla instant pie filling
1/2 c. vegetable oil
1 c. orange juice, pure
4 eggs
Heat oven to 325°. Mix all ingredients in large mixing bowl. Pour into greased, floured bundt pan. Bake 30 minutes. Pour icing on cake immediately after removing from oven.

Icing:
1/2 c. sugar
1 stick butter
1/2 c. orange juice, pure
Mix all ingredients in saucepan; cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture is thick. Pour over cake. Let set about 30 minutes.

NORWEGIAN BUTTER WREATHS

Carolyn Ward
Magoffin County
1 c. (2 sticks) butter or margarine
1/2 c. sugar
1 egg, separated
1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 1/2 c. sifted plain flour
Red sugar
Cream butter, gradually add sugar. Beat until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolk and vanilla. Stir in flour. Heat oven to 350°. Pinch off walnut-sized pieces of dough. On lightly floured board or cloth, roll dough with hands into a 6-inch rope. Form in a circle on ungreased baking sheet overlapping about 1 inch from ends. Lightly beat egg white and brush over cookies. Sprinkle with red sugar. Bake 10-12 minutes. These rich, buttery cookies are brushed with egg white before baking. This makes the colored sugar cling to the dough and a shiny glaze on the baked cookies.

GLORIFIED RICE

Nancy Leaf
Gregoryville Club
Carter County
1 c. instant white rice
1 (16-oz.) can fruit cocktail, drained
1 (8 1/4-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
1 c. miniature marshmallows
1 c. whipped topping
Cook your rice as directed on package, then let it cool. Add fruit cocktail and marshmallows. Mix lightly. Add your crushed pineapple and mix. Stir in whipped topping. Set in refrigerator to get cold. To cool rice quickly, spread cooked rice on cookie sheet. Place in freezer for 10 minutes.

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

Lula Faye Terry
Wilson Creek
Carter County
1 baked pie shell or graham cracker crust
8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
2 c. powdered sugar
12 oz. whipped topping
1/2 c. creamy peanut butter
Milk chocolate, grated or chocolate sprinkles
Cream soft cream cheese and powdered sugar. Add peanut butter, cream together. Fold in whipped topping. Pour into crust. Top with chocolate.

YOU'RE LUCKY IF ANY IS LEFT

Virginia Dean
Lindsey-Pactolus Homemakers
Carter County
2 sticks margarine
2 c. flour
1 c. chopped pecans
2 (9-z.) ctn. Cool Whip
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese
3 boxes instant pudding (any flavor)
4 1/2 c. milk
1 c. confectioners sugar
Melt margarine. Mix with flour and pecans. Put in 9 x 13-inch pan. Bake 25 minutes at 350°. Cool. Mix well the cream cheese, 1 of the containers of Cool Whip and the confectioners sugar. Spread over the cooled crust. Mix the 3 boxes of instant pudding and the milk. Spread over the second layer. Top with the other 9 ounces of Cool Whip. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.

LIGHT CHOCOLATE ECLAIR DESSERT

Rachel Fankell
Gregoryville Homemakers
Carter County
2 pkgs. white chocolate instant pudding mix
3 c. skim milk
1 (8-oz.) ctn. fat-free frozen whipped topping, thawed
42 low-fat graham crackers (2 1/2-inch squares)
1 (16 1/2-oz.) jar fat-free fudge topping
1 oz. white baking chocolate, melted
In a large bowl, add pudding mix to milk, beat until thickened. Fold in whipped topping. Place a layer of graham crackers in bottom of ungreased 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Spoon 3 cups pudding over crackers. Repeat with another layer of crackers and pudding. Top with remaining crackers. Spread fudge topping over crackers. Drizzle melted white chocolate over topping. Cover and chill overnight. Cut into 2-inch squares. Yield: 24 servings.

GRASSHOPPER PIE

Karen Barker
Rattlesnake Ridge Club
Carter County
2 c. (24) Oreos
1/4 c. margarine, melted
1/4 c. creme de menthe
2 c. (7-oz. jar) marshmallow creme
2 c. heavy cream, whipped
Combine crumbs and margarine. (Reserve 1/2 cup for topping). Press remaining crumb mixture into 9-inch pie plate. Set aside. Gradually add creme de menthe to marshmallow mix until blended. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into pie plate. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Freeze firm.

ORANGE DELIGHT

Carol James
Carter Community Club
Carter County
1 sm. pkg. orange Jello
1 (20-oz.) can pears
1 (20-oz.) can crushed pineapple
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1 (12-oz.) ctn. Cool Whip
Mash pears up with juice and combine with pineapple and juice, bring to a boil. Put the dry Jello in a bowl. Add pineapple and pears, let cool. Add Cool Whip and cream cheese. Then refrigerate.

Wedding gift shopping made easy

(NUE) - The wedding is in New York, the bride and groom live in California, and you live somewhere in between. The days of growing up, getting married and settling down in the same town as your family and friends are gone for most of us.

Those were the days when buying a wedding gift was easy — you didn't have to travel with the gift, the couple was registered close by and you knew what they needed because they needed everything.

Modern times and modern weddings have changed all that. But modern technology can make it just as easy to get a wedding gift the couple will treasure without having to lug it with you all over creation.

In fact, online shopping makes it easier because you don't even need to leave your house to find that perfect gift. Mall.com, the premiere Internet mall, answers your questions about buying wedding gifts

online.

Q: How do I know what to get?

A: The options are limitless. Find out if the couple is registered. More and more, online stores allow access to their bridal registries online. Simply pull up the registry, choose a gift, pay for it, and it can be gift wrapped and sent directly to the couple. If the couple is not registered, you can still get them a wonderful and thoughtful gift online. Most online stores offer gift ideas for you.

Q: Where should I send the gift?

A: Weddings are hectic enough without the bride and groom having to worry how they'll get their gifts home without anything breaking. Send your gift to the designated address on the registry or to the couple's home after the wedding. This is the best way to avoid hassle for everyone, including yourself.

Q: Where do I go to find a gift?

A: This part is easy. Most major retailers and department stores have online counterparts. You could search them out individually or find them all in one place at Mall.com. Mall.com serves as a hub to online stores such as Williams-Sonoma, Nordstrom, Eddie Bauer, Bombay Company, Bloomingdale's and Dillard's, among others.

The layout of Mall.com looks like one of those free-standing mall maps at your local mall that says, "You are here." Clicking on a category such as "Home & Family" will pull up a mall layout featuring all the stores that sell housewares. Just click on the store of your choice, and you are there.

Mall.com also offers free e-mail service and customized service that allows you to create your own virtual mall online. For more information, visit www.mall.com.

Atla Consumer News

Recalling unsafe products

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. and Penny Gold

Families have relied on product information from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) since 1972.

Whether it's bike helmets with loose chin strap rivets, coffee makers that short circuit, or cribs that create entrapment and strangulation hazards, the CPSC moves swiftly to take corrective actions to help keep our families safe.

When Congress passed the Consumer Product Safety Act, it directed the CPSC to "protect the public against unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products."

In all, the CPSC has jurisdiction over about 15,000 types of products, and responds annually to thousands of requests for information from the public. This small agency has about 400 people working at its headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland, or at one of the nearly 40 field offices across the country.

"We're a fairly small agency, and we're fairly vocal for such a small agency," says CPSC spokesperson Mark Ross.

Once you visit the CPSC website, you'll understand just how vocal the agency is. The site is updated regularly with links to the agency's latest press releases, fact sheets, and recall notices, as well as information on how to access studies and product investigations.

In addition, the agency asks consumers to be equally vocal about the products their families use.

Consumers visiting the website can click on the button "Talk to Us" to send the agency reports about dangerous products. You can also report unsafe products to the agency through its hotline which is (800) 638-2772, or, for the hearing and speech impaired, (800) 638-8270.

CPSC spokesperson Ken Giles says the hotline provides people with a recorded list of recalls and safety messages, and access to live operators (between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.) who will lead callers through

a 25-question product interview.

"We value this information from people," says Giles who explains that the CPSC relies on the information to help launch investigations.

When a product is reported either by the public or a manufacturer, the CPSC considers whether the product or its labeling violates a safety regulation and whether the product has a defect that could cause injury or death.

"If you cannot say yes to either, no immediate action may be taken," says Giles. "But we still make use of the data. A pattern of injury could indicate a need to establish a new standard."

The agency tracks down dangerous items with the help of the U.S. Customs Service which checks shipments as they arrive in the United States for compliance with U.S. regulations. The CPSC also has its own investigators who check products in stores.

Many products would wind up at the agency's Maryland laboratory, where, depending on the item, they may be tested for flammability (fabrics), fuse length and powder content (imported fireworks), or faulty circuitry (small appliances), among other things.

If the CPSC decides to recall a product, notice goes out to broadcast and print media. With major recalls, the agency creates an informational video, called a video news release, so television stations can show viewers the dangerous product.

Most companies, when notified that a product must be recalled, comply. In fact, Ross says companies cooperate with CPS requests "ninety-nine percent of the time."

While it is important for companies to promptly cooperate with the CPSC, Giles says consumers play an important role in the recall process. He says people need to check recall notices regularly, especially if they are buying an item second-hand or are planning on

recycling items like cribs from one child to the next.

For more health and safety information and tips, please visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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BIRTHDAYS



Hannah is one

Hannah Raen Jervis celebrated her first birthday on December 7, 1999, at her home with family and friends. "Bear in the Big Blue House" was the theme of her birthday party. She is the daughter of Robert and Misty Jervis of Hippo and the granddaughter of Harold and Sherrie Dixon of Hippo and Earl and Ida Jervis of Langley. Her great-grandparents are Harold W. and Louise Dixon of Wayland, Charles and Alice Stone of Estill, and Pearl Samons of Langley and the late Seymour Samons.

The courage to give

(NAPSA)-Tragedy, like many other things in life, is what you make of it. For some people it can be emotionally crippling and for others it serves as a wake-up call to all that's truly important in life.

A new book, The Courage To Give (Conari Press, \$15.95) offers 30 poignant and uplifting stories of people who have suffered great emotional or physical difficulties and then went beyond their pain to help others. In reaching out they discovered that their healing actually depended on contributing to a better world.

Inspired by the actions of Holocaust rescuer Oskar Schindler, the National Random Acts of Kindness Movement and

her own battles with multiple sclerosis, author Jackie Waldman has collected stories of people who transcended their own pain to help others—sometimes millions of others. Waldman and three of the people whose courageous stories are featured in the book, recently talked about their triumphs on The Oprah Winfrey Show.

According to Waldman, the stories, which include tales by famed physician Patch Adams and Habitat for Humanity's founder Millard Fuller, remind her daily "of the miracles of life."

For more information, call 1-800-685-9595 or you can visit www.conari.com.



Stories of courage that can remind you of the daily miracles of life may be found in an inspiring new book.

Youth News

Local students on EKV dean's list

Twenty-five Floyd Countians are among 1,489 students at Eastern Kentucky University who were named to the Dean's List for fall semester study.

To achieve Dean's List honors at EKV, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Students on the list from

Prestonsburg and their majors are Seidina D. Adams, interpreter training program; Contessa Sheena Brock, deaf/hard of hearing; Cori Michelle Duty, elementary education; Laura Elizabeth Neeley, biology; Kara Brook Sammons, biology; Serabeth Sammons, marketing; Kimberly Renee Slone, pre-communication disorders.

From Blue River: Melissa Kay Barrowman, occupational therapy; Ronald E. Collins, computer science.

From Garrett: Brittany D. Francis, sociology, and Jamie Charlenea Shepherd, biology.

Also, Justin Gregory Campbell, Dwayne, physical education; Chandra Lee Click, Banner, physical education; Jordan Sharaan Hall, Bypro, biology; Kevin Bernard Hays, Betsy Layne, chemistry; Elizabeth Howard, Eastern, pre-nursing; Christopher Alan Kidd, Dana, social work; Ashley N. Tackett, Teaberry, political science; Kelly Tenille Wells,

Auxier, psychology.

Others on the Floyd County list, but with different addresses, are Rebekah A. Recktenwald, Richmond, communication disorders; Phillip Dewayne Reed, Lexington, police administration; Launa Carol Rose, Berea, occupational therapy; Melissa Diane Turner, Richmond, elementary education; Rachael Dawn Woods, Paintsville, psychology; and Stephenie Nicole Word, Richmond, history.



Lakita Lykins and Kevin Ross performed during Our Lady of the Mountains School's annual talent show.

Talent show a success

Our Lady of the Mountains School in Paintsville recently had a talent show to demonstrate the talents of its students.

Tryouts were held a week in advance and several students were ready, but others needed to fine-tune their acts and were given a second tryout.

Both preschool classes performed by singing two songs, while the kindergarten students recited a poem, accompanied by motions.

Preschooler Allie Webb sang a song, accompanied by her mother, and kindergarten student Juliana Cybriwsky played the piano. Classmate Matthew Park showed off his karate skills.

Several first and second graders displayed their talents, among them

John Cybriwsky, piano; Elizabeth Hardt, Jerrilyn Kelsey, Hannah Webb and Athie Livas, gymnastics; Jehad Jaafar, song; and Megan Johnson, Sarah Fraim, Lexie Tate and Kristin Saul, song.

The third and fourth grades were represented by Laura Absher, Ashleigh Workman and Katelyn Webb, lip sync; Patrick Butcher and Logan Burchett, song; Larissa Cybriwsky, piano; Erin Endicott, impressions, and Ashleigh Workman, piano.

Fifth grader Thomas Cybriwsky played the piano, while the seventh and eighth grades were represented by Malorie Burchett, karate; Lakita Lykins and Kevin Ross, song; and Brittany Webb and Lauren Damron, sign language with music.



Students from Opportunities Unlimited traveled to Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes last fall to see the play, "The Thread That Runs So True."

'Mathletes' figure to score college scholarships and more

On February 12, about 500 Kentucky 7th and 8th grade students will compete in MATHCOUNTS, the annual math program for junior high school students that is sponsored by the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. The program is in its 17th year.

Student "mathletes" who are charged up with an aptitude for math and a passion for challenge are putting their mind's math muscles to work as they train for the first phase of competition—the chapter competition—by using specially-prepared coaching materials. The materials are provided free of charge to all qualifying schools.

Students who come out on top at the chapter competition on February 12 will advance to the March 18 state competition. It will be held in Louisville at the Holiday Inn on Fern Valley Road beginning at 9 a.m.

At all levels, students compete as teams and individually in written and oral math matches. Subjects include algebra, probability, statis-

tics and geometry.

Competing for trophies, medals, and trips is just one incentive for student mathletes. At the state competition, the four students with the highest overall individual scores figure to win a full-tuition scholarship to either the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville.

The universities, which fully support Kentucky's MATHCOUNTS program, donate the college scholarships.

The four top students and team coach will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in May to compete in the MATHCOUNTS national finals. The national competition will be held on May 12.

More than 500,000 students representing almost 7,000 schools nationwide will participate in MATHCOUNTS this year. Participating schools will be from the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, Department of Defense

Schools, and Department of State Schools.

The Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers, with financial support from a number of sponsors, aims to improve student interest and ability in mathematics by sponsoring MATHCOUNTS.

Professional engineers target 7th and 8th graders because they are at a crucial stage in sustaining and developing math skills and interest. The Society has over 1,400 members, many of which volunteer for MATHCOUNTS activities all year

long.

Local schools competing include Adams Middle School, Stumbo Elementary, Allen Elementary, Allen Central Middle, Mountain Christian Academy, Virgie Middle, Mullins Elementary, Inez Middle, Elkhorn City Elementary and Dorton Elementary.

For more information contact: Connie Davis, State Coordinator, 160 Democrat Dr., Frankfort, KY 40601, Phone: 502/695-5680; Fax: 502/695-0738, email: connie@kyengcenter.org.

FFA week is in February

The National FFA Organization, along with Case Corporation, will sponsor FFA Week, February 19-26 in Louisville.

An annual event, FFA Week is held each year during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture.

During the week-long event, FFA members from the United States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands and Guam will organize events and activities to build awareness of agricultural education and support.

Using this year's theme, "FFA

The Signature of Success." FFA Week will give local chapters and hundreds of FFA members the opportunity to tell the story about agricultural education and the positive difference being a member in FFA makes.

FFA is a national organization of 450,752 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

Beginning with last year's conference, Louisville will host the FFA Annual Conference through 2007, generating an economic impact of over \$20 million annually.

McDonald's® Ronald Scholars™ Program Will Award Up To \$1.6 Million In Scholarship Money To Happy Meal® Kids

(NAPSA)-The new millennium brings more educational opportunities to children at McDonald's restaurants with the initiation of the Ronald Scholars program. In reflection of McDonald's continuing commitment to children and families, Ronald Scholars is a program that will provide up to \$1.6 million in scholarships via Happy Meals through the year 2000.

Kids will have the chance to get a head start on their education and win a Ronald Scholarship by visiting McDonald's for a Happy Meal throughout the year 2000. Included in every specially-marked McDonald's Happy Meal will be a Ronald Scholars game piece, which will reveal an educational fun fact or an instant-win prize of \$25,000. One toy and one game piece will be included in each specially-marked Happy Meal purchased at participating McDonald's restaurants while supplies last.

McDonald's is conducting the Ronald Scholars program to provide educational opportunities for America's youth, keeping with McDonald's heritage of giving back to the communities in which it does business.

"McDonald's has always believed in the value of education for kids, our most important customers," said R.J. Milano, Vice President, McDonald's U.S. Marketing. "Through McDonald's Happy Meals, we are able to invest in the future of children by providing funds for their education with the Ronald Scholars program-feeding them in both mind and body."

Four scholarships worth \$25,000 apiece will be available during each Happy Meal promotion scheduled through the year 2000 at McDonald's restaurants nationwide. Up to \$1.6 million in scholarship money will be available to McDonald's Happy Meal customers.

National Business College announces dean's list

Thirty-eight area students attending National Business College have been honored by admittance to the Dean's List at the Pikeville campus.

Selection of the Dean's List is open to full-time students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Sabrina Akers, Jamie Blackburn, Dorothy

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Jessica Miller, Angeliq Mullins, Tina Pinion, Jennifer Potter, Sheree Prater, Leigh Ray, Tammy Rife, Dayna Robinette, Susie Sawyers, Beverley Smallwood, Stacey Smith, Donna Stevens, Karen Stewart, LaDonna Stewart, Penny Stewart, Terry Thacker and Beatrice Walters.

Floyd Countians named to HCC Dean's List

Four Floyd County students at Hazard Community College have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have attained a grade average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Those named are Tera Handshoe of Hueysville, Chrystal Howard of Garrett, Barbara Gibson of Garrett, and Doris Howard of Garrett.

Sullivan dean's list

Sullivan College, Lexington, announces that Deborah Burchett and Mary Hall of Floyd County have been placed on the Dean's

List for the Fall 1999 Quarter by obtaining a grade point average greater than 3.5.

Burchett is majoring in business management; and Hale is

majoring in accounting. These programs afford graduates a concentrated curriculum that will enable them to enter their employment field in less than two years.

Local man on WKU dean's list

Ty Martin of Auxier, was named to the Dean's List at Western Kentucky University for the fall 1999 semester.

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Floyd County students on UK dean's list

Sixteen students from Floyd County have been honored by the University of Kentucky for outstanding academic work.

The UK students were named to the dean's lists of their respective colleges for the fall semester and are among the top five percent of all undergraduate students enrolled at the university. (Although from Floyd County, some students list current addresses.)

The local students are Sulma Syeda Badrudduja, Prestonsburg, freshman, middle school education major; Pamela Sue Clements, Hippo, junior, architecture; Paul Edward Collins, Prestonsburg, senior, management; Christel Leigh Combs, Prestonsburg, senior, special education; Leigh Chantel Hicks, Louisville, senior, individual and family develop-

ment; Wesley Wayne Howard, Hueysville, sophomore, pre-chemical engineering;

Heather Pack Howell, Lexington, senior, political science; Rachele Nichole Howell, Lexington, senior, psychology; Sally Elizabeth Lambert, Prestonsburg, sophomore, undeclared; Elizabeth Ann Lawson, Prestonsburg, freshman, psychology; Neil Moore, McDowell, junior, computer science; Kathryn Rose Mullins, Prestonsburg, senior, mechanical engineering;

Joseph Ryan Owens, Langley, freshman, pre-mining engineering; Jesse Charles Robertson, Prestonsburg, sophomore, pre-accounting; Deanna Marie Spears, Lexington, sophomore, English; and Richard Neil Stewart, Martin, senior, nutrition and food science.

Local students named to dean's list at Transylvania

Four area students at Transylvania University have been named to the Dean's List for the 1999 fall term.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average during the term.

Hannah Halbert, a junior and a graduate of Allen Central High School, is a political science major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McKenzie of Garrett.

Monica Majmudar, a sophomore and a graduate of Piarist School, is an undeclared major. She is the daughter of Drs. Gopal and

Mina Majmudar of Martin.

Paul Richmond, a junior and a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is a business administration major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Arnett of Salyersville.

Ronald Tackett, a junior and a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is a business administration major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tackett of Melvin.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's 16th oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Cravens heads Challenger Learning Center

The Board of Directors of the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky has announced Tom Cravens has been named the permanent director of the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky, a position he has held on an interim basis since March 1998.

Cravens heads the staff which continues to develop innovative attractions to the center which allows students to learn concepts in science, math and technology by participating in a simulated space mission to rendezvous with a comet.

Cravens has been involved in the design plans for the new facility for the Challenger Center in the Clemons Center, slated for completion in summer 2001 at Hazard Community College.

With the move from its present Gorman Center location, the Challenger Center will include an interactive science and technology museum designed for children of all ages.

The new facility—named for the late Edward L. "Buggy" Clemons who donated \$1 million to the college—also received a \$1.15 million education grant for the project by Fifth District Congressman Harold Rogers. A \$5.5 million appropriation from the Kentucky General Assembly will enable the college to add a new science wing, in addition to the Challenger Center building.

Cravens said the expertise of staff members Earlis Thomsberry and John Handshoe has been invaluable in the first year of operation and that their past teaching experience has been a great asset to the center. The most recent addition to the staff is Melissa Collins, who has helped in the overall operation of the Challenger Center and its gift shop.

The Challenger Center began operation in 1999 with 16 school districts as Charter School Districts. A Charter School District agrees to have every sixth grader in the district along with sixth grade teachers involved with the Challenger curriculum.

This school year the number of districts in the region has expanded to 25 districts and includes districts from outside the region. According to officials the center has "flown" a total of 270 missions since the opening March 11, 1999, and has served more than 7,300 students. The Center attracted more than 3,500



Tom Cravens

students, teachers, and community members in its first four months of operation.

Schools from Ashland to Williamsburg, from Rockcastle County to Pike County, and most points in-between have traveled to the center. Cravens expects even more students to be coming since another mission scenario will eventually be added.

In addition, the Challenger Center now offers the mission simulation to corporations and other groups wanting to provide a unique team building experience and professional development for their employees.

Cravens noted that funding has come, in part, from participating school districts, an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant through Gov. Paul Patton, the above mentioned Department of Education grant from Congressman Hal Rogers, and the Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI) through the Ford Foundation.

Cravens holds a master's degree in vocational education and a bachelor's degree in agricultural education, both from the University of Kentucky. He first joined Hazard Community College in July 1996 as the School to Work coordinator. Three years prior to his moving to Hazard, Cravens worked for Speedling Inc. as a territory manager for horticultural products.

Anyone wishing to schedule their school or business for this experience can contact the Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky at 606/439-5856 or by e-mail at Tom.Cravens@kctcs.net

Youth News



Dr. Lee Majakey, Prestonsburg optometrist, visited third grade classes at Duff Elementary School in December. The students were studying the eyes as part of their Core Knowledge Curriculum. The students were in the classes of Kitty Frazier, Audreyetta Lawson and Faye Wright. Here, Dr. Majakey talks with "Miss Kitty's" students.

Second annual National Essay Contest searches for budding historians

(NAPSA)—Seventh grader Paul Kleist stood in a peaceful Gettysburg field surrounded by shabby post and rail fences listening to a park guide spin war stories told to him by a Civil War veteran nearly half a century ago. The tales of these courageous soldiers risking their lives in the hope that their actions would "better unite the country...and give freedom to everyone" became the subject of the Pittsburgh, Pa., native's winning entry in the 1999 "What History Means to Me" national essay contest.

Budding historians across the country are invited to submit entries for the second annual "What History Means to Me" essay contest, sponsored by American Heritage® magazine, the nation's leading history magazine, and Prentice Hall School, a division of Pearson Education and a leader in the U.S. education market. This national contest shows students that history isn't just about past events; it's about individuals and their everyday struggles, dramas and victories. Two grand-prize winners, one middle school and one high school student, each will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and find their essays published alongside work of the country's leading historians in American Heritage magazine and on the Prentice Hall School Web



Paul Kleist, a seventh grader from Pittsburgh, Pa., (left) and Sarah Lee, a high school senior from Austell, Ga., (right) each won scholarships in the 1999 "What History Means to Me" contest, sponsored by Prentice Hall School and American Heritage®. Middle school and high school students can begin submitting entries now for the Year 2000 contest.

site.

"This contest helps students see that history is so much more than a school subject; it's the stories of who we are, created through our experiences," said Richard Snow, editor-in-chief of American

Heritage magazine.

The 1999 high school winner, Sarah E. Lee from Austell, Ga., noted, "history is a discovery of ourselves—a lesson in who and what we are." To Lee, history is the story of the choices made not only by

her direct ancestors, but also by the inventors, explorers, philosophers and others who shaped her world. "History is me," Lee declared.

"The goal is to get students' perceptions and first impressions, to find links to the past that will pique their curiosity," said Martha Smith, president, Prentice Hall School.

For the second consecutive year, TIAA-CREF, a leading national non-profit financial services organization and the largest private pension system in the world, will be special sponsors, underwriting publication of the winning essays in American Heritage magazine and a gala luncheon at The Forbes Magazine Galleries in New York City.

Last year's winning essays and this year's entry forms and teacher materials are available on the Prentice Hall School Web site, <http://www.phschool.com>, or by calling 1-800-848-9500. Essays must be original, 500 to 750 words, and address "What History Means to Me." Prentice Hall School and American Heritage will judge the entries on creativity, organization and mechanics.

Entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2000, and sent to: Prentice Hall School Division, Attn: History Essay Contest, One Lake St., Rm. 2F24, Upper Saddle River, N.J. 07458. Winners will be announced in May 2000.



Two Floyd County students of Hazard Technical College recently received the Desiree L. Franklin Scholarship, which was established for post-secondary students who need financial assistance and perform well in their program of studies. The scholarship is an endowment fund given in the name of Desiree L. Franklin on October 10, 1973. She gave \$25,000 to the school with the interest of \$1,000 to be given in the amount of \$100 each to 10 deserving students of the HTC. A committee of administrators, instructors, counselors and students selects recipients. They are judged on shop performance, attitude, character, potential for success, leadership and initiative. The local recipients are Teresa Hall of Wayland and Eddie Caudill, right, of Wayland. They were honored by Mike Dixon, HTC director.

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