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Perkins center marks 20th anniversary

Senator Benny Ray Bailey will be the guest speaker as the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center hosts an open house to commemorate the center's 20th anniversary on Wednesday, May 3. Festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with center tours and special project demonstrations. Bailey will speak at 1 p.m. Federal, state, local and corporate officials will be in attendance.

Public meetings

- Allen city council, regular meeting, 7 p.m. tomorrow.
- The Community Education Advisory Council will hold a meeting on May 3 at 5 p.m. in the conference room at the new Floyd County Board of Education building.

Dancing her way to the top...



Donna Williams, inset, saw a dream come true as she was named to the Tennessee Titans cheerleading squad. Williams had only decided to pursue the opportunity a month before her tryout, but beat out more than 300 hopefuls to land the job.

Dream becomes reality as former Dance Cat becomes NFL cheerleader

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Dreams! How is that Noah Webster puts it for us: "a fanciful vision of the conscious mind," or how about, "the state...in which a daydream occurs."

For former UK Dance Cat and Prestonsburg Dance Cat, cheerleading and dancing have always been a big part of Donna Williams' life and it continues to be so even today.

Williams was recently chosen to be part of the 2000 Tennessee Titans cheerleading squad, fulfilling yet another "dream" that has to be the highlight of her career.

"I'm so excited. I guess when I am 80 years old, I still won't be over the excitement of it all," said Williams.

Williams was one of 35 cheerleaders chosen for the upcoming NFL season. But she was just one of the 350 who had the same dream — being an NFL cheerleader.

Why the Titans? "They played in the Super Bowl championship," said a laughing Williams. "No, it was convenient for me, and closer to home. It is only a three-hour drive from Richmond."

Williams was a member of the first Prestonsburg Dance Cat

squad to bring home a national championship. She was a cheerleader at Prestonsburg and a Dance Cat the first year of the group's initial season. Williams cheered for two of the three years she was on the dance team and her senior year gave up cheering to concentrate solely on the dance. She said the dance was a big part of her life

another former Prestonsburg Dance Cat, for inspiring her to take her talent to the next level. "Vikki helped me more than anyone," said Williams. "She encouraged me to send a tape of me to Dawn Walter's, the UK coach."

While the deadline for trying out for the Wildcat Dancers had come and gone, still Brown encouraged Williams to send the tape anyway.

"She told me that maybe they will put me on her competition squad for the winter season," explained Williams. "I wasn't too excited about it."

Following the advice of her friend, Williams received a letter from UK that she had made the Wildcat Dancers.

"I just went around my house screaming," said Williams. Williams then decided that school was not for her and she dropped out.

"I just decided I didn't want to go to school anymore," said an honest Williams. "I just felt like I needed a break."

A needed break from the books and classroom, but Williams soon found out that she still needed to be part of a dance program.

"I had been out of school a year and I wasn't dancing," she

Williams credits Vikki Brown,

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(See CHASE, page two)

Court sends chase case to grand jury

by RANDELL RENO
STAFF WRITER

A Prestonsburg man was in court Friday to answer 21 charges levied against him last Thursday, April 20, after he allegedly attempted to flee Floyd County Deputy Herman Morris and Martin Police Officer Dennis Hutchinson.

In Friday's preliminary hearing, Morris said he noticed a pickup truck, allegedly driven by Wade M. Price, exiting the Martin BP station westbound onto KY 80. That vehicle pulled to the traffic light across from the Mountain Christian Academy and stopped for a green light.

Suspicious, Morris drove up behind the vehicle when it suddenly "peeled out" and took off. Morris said he immediately activated his lights in an attempt to pull the vehicle. Price, 19, sped off trying to elude the officer, Morris testified. After activating his siren, Morris called for assistance from Hutchinson.

The two officers pursued Price to the intersection of KY 80 and KY 550 where Price attempted to turn, said Morris. Traveling at 84 miles an hour, Price locked the truck up, causing it to slide into a guardrail.

As the two police officers tried to pin the vehicle in, Rice allegedly pulled his truck into reverse hitting the front of the deputy's cruiser, and then into drive, ramming Hutchinson's vehicle.

Morris said the suspect continued to try to push the cruiser out of the way. As Rice attempted to flee

(See CHASE, page two)

Teen faces charges over stolen car

Times Staff Report

A Galveston teen was arrested Tuesday in Pike County after allegedly trying to hide a stolen vehicle.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Luke VanHoose arrested Aaron Tackett, 19, after VanHoose observed him driving a reported stolen 1993 Toyota pickup. VanHoose was reportedly attempting to phone the owner, Ernest Hall, at the time.

Apparently Tackett and Hall had been involved in an altercation on Sunday. Tackett allegedly took the truck then.

Tackett attempted to flee the officer by driving onto a gas well access road. He exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

VanHoose cited the suspect with auto theft, operating a vehicle on a suspended license, and attempt to elude an officer.

He was placed in the Pike County Detention Center under a \$10,000 full cash bond. That bond has since been reduced to a \$10,000 property or 10 percent cash bond.

A preliminary hearing is set for Friday May 5, at 9:30 a.m.

Couple unearths mystery during PRIDE cleanup

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF WRITER

Alan and Beth Speidlitz, from Goebel Branch in the Cow Creek community, were doing what many Floyd Countians had been doing — taking part in PRIDE Cleanup — when they discovered something that has stirred a desire to find out more.

While county workers were cleaning out the creek near the Speidlitzes' home, Alan spotted a stone that looked somewhat different than other stones. It turned out to be a tombstone from a long time ago — the 1800s if the stone is an accurate birth/death record.

The discovery has piqued their curiosity. The name on the stone reads Thomas, Franci(s) and lists a 1774 birth and what

appears to be an 1856 death. Since the stone was in the creek, Speidlitz surmises that the stone has been subjected to water erosion.

Speidlitz remembered the man who sold him the house used to sell tombstones.

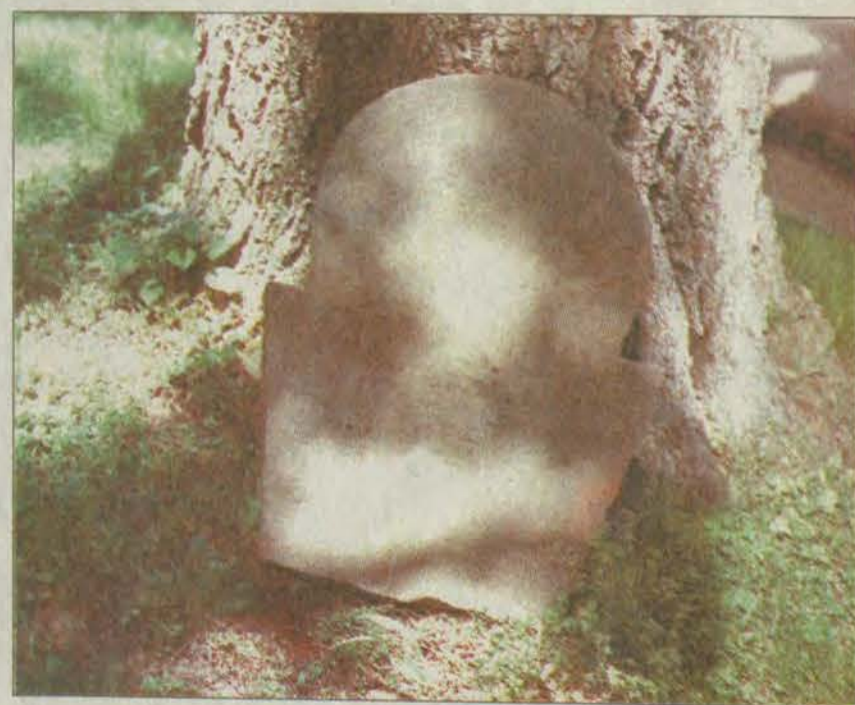
"Could it be that someone (and who?) brought the stone to be restored?" he asked.

Alan has also considered the possibility of a gravesite near his home.

Speidlitz, in his title search, has researched the property back from the 1890 to present. He said the first records indicate the property was first owned by a railroad company (he didn't know which one) and a coal company.

The Speidlitzes, who moved here from Topka, Kan., are in the process of renovat-

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This grave marker found on the property of Alan and Beth Speidlitz has aroused the curiosity of the Cow Creek couple.

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Williams

explained. "It was killing me. It drove me crazy. Vikki kept telling me to hang in there, something has to come along."

It was while traveling in her car the idea of the NFL cheerleaders entered her thoughts. Another dream, "a fanciful vision of the conscious mind," entered.

"I just got the idea to try out for the NFL cheerleaders," said a still excited Williams. "I looked it up on the internet and things began to happen."

Williams said from the time she looked it up on cyberspace, the question was whether she would have enough time to prepare.

"From the day I looked it up on the internet, I had only one month to train," Williams said. "I had just one month to practice my leaps and turns. I just started working very hard for one full month."

The wheels began to turn and the process began as Williams submitted her three-page application along with her resumé and photos.

"I finally got down to Nashville and to the clinic held in the Titans Bubble (a practice facility)," said Williams. "I was so intimidated, I

guess, because I was by myself."

Accompanied by her boyfriend, Gavin Hale, the trip to Nashville and the long road ahead proved to be fruitful, but nerve-racking at times for Williams.

"I was so nervous and scared," confessed Williams. "I was almost in tears. There were 350 girls trying out for the squad."

The preliminaries saw the hopeful contestants divided up into two groups. Williams, of course, was in group two.

"They wanted to see our high kicks and turns," she said of the first phase of competition. "So, I thought this could be good or bad, I knew I could do both of those and I figured, surely I would progress to the next level."

Confident she could make the semifinals, Williams performed well with the her high kicks and double turns. But then came the waiting.

"We had to wait for an hour, then they announced the girls who had made it to the semifinals," said Williams.

Prayer became a needed exercise for Williams as she prayed for suc-

cess.

"I never prayed so much in my life," she said with a joyful voice. "I had everyone praying for me."

Williams had made the second round, she had made it to the semifinals.

"Immediately after that, the other girls left, and there were over 100 girls in the semifinals," explained Williams. "They taught us a routine and we had 30 minutes to learn it and perform it in front of a panel of 12 judges."

With the panel made of a variety of professional people, Williams said no one had the upper hand in the semifinals.

"I just became so focused in getting the routine down," she said. "I was just trying hard to move to the next level."

Being divided once again, this time in groups of five, it was time to hear the music and perform.

"The music started and, I don't know, like everything I had done at PHS, in the nationals, at UK, all that was there and I said, 'You have to do this, you just have to do it.' I had to apply everything at that moment to get into the finals," said

Williams.

The semifinals were held on Saturday and those anxious contestants had to wait until Monday to find out if their dream would continue.

"We didn't find out until Monday who made the finals," said Williams. "Then you had to call a hotline or look it up on the internet."

"I tried the internet and it wasn't posted there yet. I called my sister Lisa and asked to call that number, because it was long distance. She called it and they were naming off numbers."

The suspense mounted, and it seemed like eternity as the numbers were sounded off one by one.

"It was torture," said Williams. "Then they called out my number. Lisa and I just screamed together. I couldn't believe it. It was like a dream."

From 350 to 109, now the numbers had shrunk to just 76. A total of 76 girls would compete in the finals to see who would be one of the final 35 cheerleaders for the Tennessee Titans.

However, Williams learned that 16 from last year's squad were com-

peting again and that meant only 19 out of the 76 would be part of the new squad.

"That also was torture," she said. "We had to attend two clinics for two weeks and we learned two routines. The second week we learned two more."

The clinics covered a variety of items such as how the tryouts are set up, how they would be run, how a contestant's hair should look, how makeup should be.

"The last practice they told us that every girl was going to get two tickets for somebody to come and watch," said Williams. "That meant 250 people would be watching the finals. There were 17 judges, a live TV camera, photographers, news camera people and the coaches."

To add to the suspense, Miss Nashville would question each contestant as they approached the podium.

"That was one thing I was really nervous about," said Williams. "I knew I could get through the dance routines but I was terrified over the interview questions. It was a little rough, but I made it through."

After the interview session, each contestant stood on the floor to be observed and then it was time to perform — adding still more suspense.

"You didn't know what dance they were going to call," said Williams. "They taught us four routines and we didn't know what dance we would do. When you perform at a game, there are 15 routines you are going to know. Your team captain may call dance five. You have to be ready to do that one."

As it turned out, according to Williams, the number called was one she was comfortable with.

"I danced harder than I had in my entire life," she said. "Everything was riding on that moment."

Each contestant was then to have a single pass before the judges with whatever they wanted to do. Williams chose gymnastics. With the final competition over, still there was no relaxing.

"After I got off the floor, I was so nervous," she said. "Did I answer my questions good enough? Was my dance good enough? Do I

have the looks they want?" I thought I was too short, but there were others just as short as I was."

With the past moments racing through her mind, Williams had to play the waiting game and doubt set in.

"I was so nervous, I did not think I was going to make it," she said.

For three hours all had to wait that special moment. All the contestants were then called to the floor for the final announcement.

"By this time I had convinced myself that I didn't make it," said Williams.

Doubting her performance, Williams stood to the back of the group hoping that disappointment would not show.

"I tried to hide from the TV camera," she said. "All I could think about was, if you don't make it, don't cry."

Then came the moment. "In no particular order, this is your Tennessee Titans 2000 cheerleading squad," was the beginning. Numbers were read off, and the first ten, Williams was not mentioned.

"By this time I was so upset, I was fighting off the tears," said Williams. "I was upset with myself."

Number 11, 12 and then number 13, Williams' number, was called.

"I was so completely shocked," she said. "I just started bawling. Everything was a blur. I remember going up and hugging one of the girls that I got to know, who also made it. She said, 'Go get your shirt and rose!' I remember taking my rose and shirt and I was just crying. I couldn't believe it."

Williams said the moment was bigger than life for her.

"I thought dancing at UK was huge, but this is something else," she said.

The 2000 squad of Titan cheerleaders will be busy through the summer and it begins on June 1 when they head to Florida for a beach battle against the Los Angeles Rams cheerleaders.

"We will be playing volleyball and tug-of-war," said Williams. "There will be photo opportunities as well."

Williams will fill the position of Titan cheerleader for one year.

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Chase

the scene, he allegedly fired upon the officers. Morris returned fire, unloading seven rounds at the vehicle, attempting to stop its escape.

With one tire flat, Rice freed the vehicle and drove back onto KY 80, Morris testified. Both Morris and Hutchinson renewed the pursuit another six miles before Price left the road and attempted to climb a strip mine road, said Morris. With the back tire unable to grab traction, the truck slid back into Morris' vehicle.

The deputy had exited the vehicle with a shotgun and was going to try to shoot the front tire out.

After Price got out of the truck, Morris said there was a short scuffle between him and Price, before the suspect fled into the hills.

A short time later, officers found Price hiding in a ditch. The alleged weapon was not

recovered. Morris said a short search was performed.

Price was charged with 21 separate offenses, including seven counts of wanton endangerment, two counts of third-degree assault, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, first-degree criminal mischief, second-degree criminal mischief, first-degree fleeing or evading a police officer, resisting arrest, two counts of reckless driving, speeding 25 m.p.h. over the limit, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, improper start from a parked position, no insurance, and possession of alcohol by a minor.

Four of the wanton endangerment counts resulted because Price had four passengers in the vehicle with him.

The case has been passed to a Floyd County grand jury for consideration.

Mystery

ing a house they purchased about a year ago from Danice Amburgey.

With all the construction going on in and around the house, Speidnitz does not have internet service, but he plans to do research on the matter as soon as he is able to have an internet connection.

Why is a couple from Topeka living in the Cow Creek community of Floyd County? Beth is a

nurse anesthetist. A headhunter, a recruiter of personnel, especially at the executive level, told her about a position in Floyd County and here they are.

Alan has another connection: He has a bachelor of science degree from Morehead State University.

The Speidnitzes plan to continue their search into the matter.

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The right preparation can make wilderness adventure safer

by Jeanne Johnson
Radford University

Some timid souls prefer to inhabit so-called "civilization" because they believe it offers protection from real or imaginary dangers that may lurk in the wilderness.

While fears of encountering Sasquatch or the "Blair Witch" are unfounded, there are real dangers that can be encountered in the wilderness, says Gary Nussbaum, a professor of recreation, parks and tourism at Radford University in Virginia.

For example, there are snake bites, bears and even human predators, who have struck on the Appalachian Trail and in Yosemite National Park.

"Urban and suburban problems have definitely encroached on the wilderness," says Nussbaum, who specializes in outdoor adventure.

"But the fact is that with the right preparation and attitude, a person is probably safer in the remote wilderness than anywhere else. Most incidents involving humans have been near access roads and not far off the beaten path.

"If you're closer to the 'front country,' on the edge of human development, you're more likely to encounter problems from other humans."

To be safer, Nussbaum recommends the following:

- Camp or hike in groups. "Most criminal acts have been directed at people who are alone or out as a

couple," he says. "One or two people are easy prey, both for humans and bears."

There are other reasons, as well. "You don't want to have to leave somebody alone if you need to go and get help."

- Remember that bears are attracted to odors. Avoid cooking pungent foods and learn to secure and protect your food away from your campsite.

- Travel with a first aid kit and a cell phone, but don't count on the cell phone to work unless you research ahead of time whether it will be in range. "Such information can usually be found on your cell phone company's World Wide Web site," says Nussbaum.

- Use common sense measures if

you go off the trail, such as wearing higher socks, higher boots and thicker pants to avoid things like snake bites or poison ivy.

- Leave an itinerary with a responsible person and be sure to inform that person if your plans change.

- It's wise to stop in at a ranger station and let the ranger know where you will be, even if a permit is not required.

- Ask a ranger if there's anything you need to know or plan for.

- Do your homework. Find out what's the prevailing weather, during both the daytime and nighttime, and be prepared for the worst.

- Don't bring valuables.

- If you meet someone, it's good sense to be flexible and unspecific about your plans. Don't let strangers know your itinerary.

"Your best survival tool is your brain," says Nussbaum. "Use common sense, look ahead and trust

your instincts. The more educated you are, the more likely you are to survive."

To sum up the best approach nature lovers should take in the

wilderness, Nussbaum quotes environmentalist Rachel Carson: "A good environmentalist is someone who does her homework, minds her English, and cares."

USDA applauds 'new tool' for rural economic development

Agriculture Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson has praised the Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone for initiating a "revolutionary new tool" for rural development.

"In a few short years, the Kentucky Highlands area has seen a surge of economic growth, transforming its unemployment rate from one of the highest in the state to one below the national average," said Long Thompson, who heads USDA's Rural Development mission area.

"These gains are partly the result of a revolutionary new tool for promoting rural development in struggling communities: a venture capital fund that not only provides funds for new and expanding businesses, but actually participates in

the ventures as a part-owner. It is proving that investing in rural America can reap big dividends in increased prosperity.

The venture capital fund established by the Kentucky Highlands Empowerment Zone invests in promising business start-up operations and expansions, taking an equity capital position in return.

Using \$11 million in funds from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Social Services block grant, Kentucky Highlands has financed two yacht-building businesses, a specialty plastics manufacturing company and other light industry.

The Empowerment Zone also provides farm loans to increase productivity and helps finance necessary community facilities, such

as youth activity centers. To address falling incomes suffered by tobacco farmers, its Alternative Crop Fund makes interest-free loans to farmers to develop alternative non-tobacco crops.

Empowerment zones in rural areas are designated by USDA Rural Development under President Clinton's Empowerment program. The designation makes them eligible for special federal economic and program incentives, including tax breaks for businesses locating there and grant funds for development projects.

Designations are made through a competitive application process; programs run for 10 years. Empowerment Zone grants are administered by local organizations.

Where to find music news on the Internet

(NUE) — When you want to hear the latest music news, where do you go? Do you turn on the television or listen for it on the radio? Probably not.

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Brain: For the past 10 years, research has explored questions surrounding the consequences of menopause and cognitive functioning, memory, and Alzheimer's disease.

Heart: Since the 1990s, large-scale clinical trials have researched cardiovascular disease in postmenopausal women, looking at cholesterol, heart attacks, and death.

Colon: Ongoing research continues to explore the risk of colon cancer among postmenopausal women.

Eyes: Ongoing research continues to investigate cataracts in postmenopausal women, as well as age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in the aging population.

Teeth: Research continues to explore the association between tooth loss and menopause.

Uncomfortable Symptoms: For over 50 years, it's been known that estrogen loss associated with menopause causes the hot flashes and night sweats that often influence mood and sleep.

Sexuality: Half a century of study has confirmed that estrogen loss causes vaginal thinning and dryness and increases the frequency of vaginal infections, which can be uncomfortable and interfere with intimacy.

Bone: Decades of research have proven that estrogen loss decreases bone mineral density and increases the risk of fractures from osteoporosis.

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DISTRICT 29 - FLOYD, JOHNSON, BREATHITT, and KNOTT CO.

I would like to introduce myself to the voters of District 29. My name is Johnny Ray Turner. I am a 1967 graduate of McDowell High School, and a graduate of Morehead State University, receiving a B.S. in 1972, and a Masters Degree in 1981. I have been a teacher and coach for 28 years, and I know what our schools and young people need.

My parents are Ray Turner and the late Amy Lee Hall Turner. My stepmother is Berta Childers Turner. My dad and Berta live at Drift, Kentucky.

My wife of 28 years is Linda Hogsed Turner and we are the proud parents of two daughters, Margalee and Melissa Turner. Linda is the daughter of the late Clyde Hogsed and Margie Little Hogsed of Martin. Clyde's parents were James and Kathleen Johnson Hogsed. Margie's parents were John E. and Bessie Johnson Little.

I have one brother, Michael Hall Turner of Drift. My maternal grandparents were "Long" Johnny Hall and Nancy Gibson Hall, who was a 60-year member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of McDowell. My paternal grandparents were Ernest and Mae Burns Turner of Drift.

My maternal great grandparents were Henry "Hen" Hall and Amy Johnson Hall of Bevinville, and Ben Gibson and Agajane Jones Gibson of Knott County. My paternal great grandparents were W.J. "Big Bill" Turner and Cicely Robinette. Cicely's parents were Elbert and Betty Robinette.

I urge you to go the the polls on May 23, 2000, and cast your vote for the best candidate for State Senator in District 29 for the New Millennium, Johnny Ray Turner.

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Viewpoint

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QUOTE OF THE DAY...

One man with courage makes a majority.

Andrew Jackson

Editorial

It's time to win this battle

News this week that Floyd County will receive a \$1.5 million grant to clean Left Beaver Creek came as a pleasant but double-edged surprise.

The grant itself is welcome relief to one of our community's more prominent waterways. But an even greater shock, perhaps, is the amount of money it will take to accomplish the task.

To spend half again over a million dollars is amazing, particularly since the money is used to pay to clean up a mess made by many of our neighbors.

We certainly do not wish to look a gift horse in the mouth, but the news is enough to make us pause a moment to consider exactly what we are getting for our money.

After all, the money is being used to correct an all-too-preventable problem — litter and illegal dumping. And while it is true that Eastern Kentucky simply must clean up these environmental nightmares, it is equally true that we must take steps to end the hydra syndrome of dumping which sees one dump cleaned up, only to have seven more spring up in its place.

If we examine the issue of illegal dumping, it is evident that there are three needs to address.

Two of those needs are being met adequately, even commendably. We solve the problem of past dumping by cleaning up the illegal dumps along hillsides and creekbanks. And we tackle the problem of future dumping head on with the education programs which are teaching our young not to mess their own nests.

So with the past and future being addressed, all that is left is the present. And though we are making some headway in that department, it is the one area which deserves more of our attention.

Every now and then, we hear of a high-profile dumping case being prosecuted. And every now and then, we see in the pages of our own paper an advertisement from some poor bloke who has been ordered by a judge to publicly admit his shame and apologize for it.

But the mountains of trash continue to pile up along our roadsides, so we have to assume that we must try harder in that arena.

There is perhaps no sadder commentary of how far we yet have to go than to revisit the site of a dump cleanup, only to find that the dumpers have returned. By making an even greater effort to punish and expose the dumpers among us, perhaps we can make more progress.

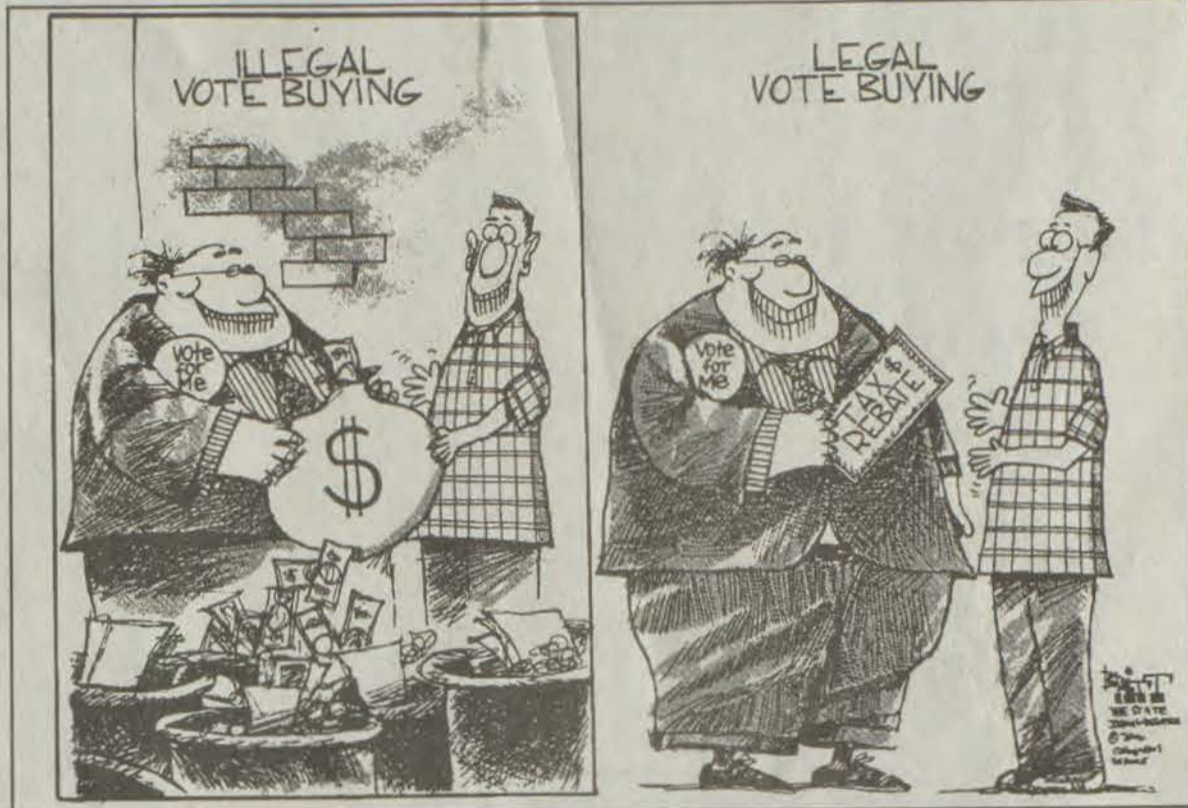
We assign no particular blame in saying this, though we will accept part of the responsibility ourselves. We have done a good job of publicizing the cleanups and the educational efforts taking place. Now it is time to redouble our efforts on an unpleasant but necessary task — to reveal the dumpers among us.

That's only a small step, but it is one we can take that, if joined by similar small steps from others, can hopefully make a difference.

Our law enforcement officers can step up their efforts to catch illegal dumpers. Our court system can continue to deliver swift and certain justice to those caught in the act. And every person can do more to think before dropping trash on the ground, be it a pop bottle or an overstuffed Hefty bag.

In short, every one of us can do just a little more. We'll make more of an effort on this end. How about you?

—Ralph B. Davis



A lighter look at the Vietnam experience

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

Have you noticed how much media coverage the Vietnam War is getting 25 years after we pulled out and told the South Vietnamese to "root hog or die?" That was the year of the pig, you know.

You know why we have so many articles at this time, don't you? The time frame — 25 years, which is somehow more significant than, say, 24 or 26 years. Hopefully when 50 years have passed, they will let us rest. This is quite likely to be the case since the great majority of us will be dead. Egads.

One article said that the war left a large portion of its veterans psychologically scarred. I try to use that line on Linda when I do something that makes her doubt my cerebral capacity (translation: she thinks I'm not too smart). She simply says, "Willie, you were scarred before you went to Nam." But that is not so — slightly warped, but not scarred.

Spending a full year with all those "lifers," a term we civilians-at-heart used to describe career soldiers, did take its toll on me. Today we would say that is a politically incorrect term since they didn't like the term. Duh? Why do you think we called them that? They called us names we didn't like either — soldiers.

Can you imagine spending a year with people whose idea of upscale jewelry was gold dog tags and thought "Stars and Stripes Forever" was the song of choice of everyone?

Others view our presence in Vietnam as an unethical killing ground, where massacres such as the killing of civilians at My Lai were common. My Lai, Your Lai, or His Lai — I was in country at the time, but I was not in My Lai. I was in a bar in Saigon (now affectionately called Ho Chi Minh City). No, I just threw that in hoping it would be funny. And

before you ask, no, I did not smoke marijuana while I was there and even if I did, I didn't inhale and it isn't any of your business.

Did you see the story about John McCain going back to the place where he was held as prisoner? The communists were holding him and the U.S. Army was holding me, because I certainly didn't want to be there and have even less of an urge to go back.

Another myth (but a true one) states that it was a war disproportionately fought by the poor. That is definitely true. I can remember every time I had to do guard duty. I would say, "Poor old me." If that is not proof, I don't know what is.

One thing is going on that makes me upset. After poring over thousands of war records, one writer concludes that many who claim to be traumatized Vietnam veterans either never served in Vietnam or never spent time in the military. That will not do. That was our war. If you weren't there, keep your hands off or start your own war — I'd suggest Cuba. You could tell everyone you were bringing little Elian back to the U.S. so the news media would have something to report other than the falling stock market, or heaven help us — Hillary wearing a New York Yankee baseball cap saying she hopes the New York Razorbacks win the election — I mean, World Series.

I have some more things I need to get off my chest, like that agent orange scar, but right now I'm having a Vietnam flashback. I can taste water buffalo as strong as if I were back in-country. We used that term to mean we were in Vietnam. Where else would be — Mayberry?

I would end this column by quoting some memorable lines in Vietnamese, but I don't know any. I don't even know any memorable lines in English except our line about the war: We went, we saw, and then we came back home (we lucky ones).

Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



We're not that busy

From the something which gets on my nerves department...

Driving across town the other day, I met a funeral procession. As I've been taught to do, I stopped my car until it passed by.

The cars behind me didn't have any choice but to do the same. But the cars in front of me came to what has been described as a "rolling stop," taking off before even the hearse had gone by.

Since when did our lives become so hectic that we cannot afford to pause for a tiny tribute to a neighbor who has fallen among us? How did our lives become so busy that we cannot take 60 seconds out of them to honor someone's parent/child/sibling/grandparent/friend?

Tacky. So very, very tacky.

And what do you know — most of the Republicans on Capitol Hill spent the past week blasting Attorney General Janet Reno and the rest of the Clinton administration for the tactics they employed in obtaining Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives so that he could be reunited with his father.

[Pause while placing tongue firmly in cheek.]

That figures. Those conservative Republicans, always siding with the law-breakers instead of the victims. They're so caught up in their dreams of peace and love and warm fuzzies to realize that law enforcement is generally not pretty, especially when you're at the wrong end of the enforcement action.

Who elected these GOP congressmen, anyway? Probably a bunch of hippies in a commune somewhere, smoking their dope and driving their Volkswagen buses.

This just goes to show that the Republican Party is against law and order, not to mention ... gasp! ... family values!

[Second pause to smile in ironic glee.]

For those of you who have become fans of our website, hold on to your hats. In the next few weeks, we'll be taking the wraps off two major improvements in service.

One, which we have been promising for quite some time, will be a premium service option, allowing subscribers to it to get more local news, sports and commentary than ever before from the internet.

The other ... well, I'm not going to let the cat out of the bag on that one yet, but I can give you a hint in the form of question:

Have you listened to your newspaper lately?

That's all. Can't say no more. Watch for it.

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Guest Column

Privacy police or data dictators?

By Jessica Melugin

New developments in the online privacy debate are threatening to push federal and state bureaucrats' desire for control to a critical, regulating-mass. But not only are new Internet privacy regulations unnecessary, they may well prove harmful to the consumers they seek to protect.

Recent calls for online data regulation born out of FTC investigations, lawsuits, special advisory commissions and new legislation, ignore the truth about consumer privacy. Proponents of new regulations insist that only the government can keep consumers' privacy safe from menacing marketers. It's not so. The truth is, technology is already putting Internet users in control of their information. What's more, data collection benefits consumers by increasing their chances of actually being interested in the advertisements they receive.

So how do companies collect information from their online customers? For the most part, websites simply ask visitors to fill out a form or they send a tiny file known as a "cookie" to the visitors' hard drive. The cookie keeps track of what sites the user visits and what advertisement banners catch his or her

attention. This information can be kept by the business for in-house use, sold for use in a larger marketing list or cross-referenced with other consumer information.

These lists reduce the chances of renters getting lawn-care solicitations, dog-owners receiving cat-food coupons and Jennifer Lopez seeing advertisement banners for turtle-necks online. It's win-win. Companies don't waste their resources sending ads to disinterested consumers and consumers are more likely to be interested in the ads they see.

Not convinced?

No problem. This trade-off of convenience for privacy is bound to make some consumers queasy, so it's important to point out that individuals are in control of what information they share online.

The most obvious way consumer control their personal information is by being selective about what websites they visit and their privacy policies. Just as discerning consumers may choose not to deal with off-line businesses whose standards and policies prove disagreeable, so too will they avoid websites whose privacy standards fall short.

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Letters to the Editor

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The best way to pick up a pet mouse is to scoop it up, supporting its feet.

FOR THE RECORD

RESTAURANT, SCHOOL AND MOBILE HOME PARK INSPECTIONS

Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, 98; outside dumpster area or container not covered.

Reno's Roadhouse, Prestonsburg, 94; Stove missing covers on vents, women's restroom without a covered waste receptacle, floor in dry storage area missing guard on drains, floors in dry storage area in poor repair, outside dumpster missing drain plug.

Autobahn, Auxier, 95, 99; Thermometer not conspicuous or present in all freezer or cooler units, food in walk-in freezer not kept at minimum of six inches from the floor, not using test kits for sanitizer of utensils, wall behind sink open, ceiling in storage room in poor repair.

Jet's Pizza, Prestonsburg, follow up; Sanitation methods are now in practice, proper sanitation and kits are being used.

Boyd's Dairy Bar, Dana, 99; Pots in kitchen beside stove not stored properly.

The Market Place/deli, Prestonsburg, 92, 95; If thermometers present in all coolers - not conspicuous, hair nets not in use, ice machine in disrepair, cover missing, reach-in cooler edges in retail area heavily soiled, refrigerator unit in kitchen in very poor repair, refrigerator unit in kitchen heavily soiled also, soft drink dispenser with residue build up on spouts, various cooking utensils (pots/pans) not stored properly, walls behind cash register in poor repair, ceiling tile in disrepair above canned foods, no lighting in storage room.

Pat's Courtyard Cafe, Prestonsburg, 95; No test kits provided at three-compartment sink, build up of dust underneath hood on fire extinguisher lines, improper storage of utensils over three-compartment sink, garbage container not covered, also container not adequate.

Velocity Market #2, Betsy Layne, 87; Some can food dented/crushed at rims and seals (cans of pineapples and pet food), not all coolers have working and conspicuous thermometers, no shields provided for lights in several reach-in coolers and other displays (bread shelves), handle broken off of ice cream cooler, no cover on waste receptacles in women's restroom, no self-closing doors on men's or women's restrooms, outside dumpsters in poor repair (holes rusted through and no drain plug in receptacle), ceiling tiles in disrepair throughout back of store, ceiling in men's room in disrepair.

Velocity Market #2, Betsy Layne follow up, 92; not all coolers have working and conspicuous thermometers, no shields provided for lights in several reach-in coolers and other displays (bread shelves), handle broken off of ice cream cooler, no cover on waste receptacles in women's restroom, no self-closing doors on men's or women's restrooms, outside dumpsters in poor repair (holes rusted through and no drain plug in receptacle), ceiling tiles in disrepair throughout back of store, ceiling in men's room in disrepair.

Dollar General, Stanville, 93; Potable water drains extending below rim of mop sink, no hot water at mop sink or restrooms.

Dollar General, Stanville, follow

up, 100.

Conley's Motel, Allen, 96; Wall next to air conditioner in room seven is in disrepair (has paint flaking off), in room 12 light over bathroom mirror needs replacing order to have adequate lighting for the bathroom.

Conley's Restaurant, Allen, 93; Wooden handles on food contact utensils (knives) in use, men's and women's restrooms without covered waste receptacles, light in restroom in disrepair, containers on outside not covered.

Mountain Christian Academy, Martin, 96; Dumpster in enclosed area, behind has a hole in top rim, no lids, and no drain plugs - all need fixed, some upstairs classrooms have ceilings with discolored tiles, need new ones or to be painted.

McDowell Grade School, McDowell, 85; Some hand lavatories were not working (primary B in boys' restroom, some had no handles), dumpsters have no lids and/or not closed, several hand lavatories had no water pressure, science lab - no cover on air conditioner, several holes in walls which need to be fixed throughout buildings, some floors need extra cleaning, several bathrooms need ceiling tiles repaired and wall cleaning or refinishing.

McDowell Grade School, McDowell, 92; No lid on trash can/self-closing doors not working properly, cooler vent near milk cooler needs cleaned in walk-in cooler, gasket on door of standup milk cooler needs repaired/replaced, tops of oven needs dusting, scoop for ice machine has no handle, dumpsters need lids.

Wayland Quick Mart, Wayland, 92, 94; Microwave needs cleaned, wiping cloths not properly stored, no test strips for sanitizer, single-service items stored on floors, no visible thermostats in little coolers under microwave, drink fountain and cappuccino machine needs cleaned, ice cream cooler needs cleaned/also shelves of milk cooler, dumpster have no lids, outside of ice machine needs cleaned.

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell, 98; Ice and water machine need some rust cleaned off of it, cappuccino machine needs cleaned.

Redi Mart #32, Lackey, 90, 93; No test strips for checking sanitizer, standup cooler behind deli needs cleaned, floor needs cleaned around deli, ice cream cooler needs cleaned, some utensils need replaced, food stored on floor of walk-in cooler, dumpster overfilled no closed lid.

Wheelwright Country Cafe & Inn, Wheelwright, 99; Single service articles not inverted or covered (hot dog servers).

Midtown Market, Auxier, 97, 99; Thermometers not provided in all cooler units, no towels provided in restrooms.

Papa John's Pizza, Prestonsburg, 97; Test kits not located at three-compartment sink, one hand sink did not have towels for drying hands.

Burchett's Grocery, Banner, 99; no test kits provided in dish washing area.

Hubert's Pizzeria, Prestonsburg, 94; Thermostats not conspicuous or present, items not labeled or dated in reach-in cooler, counter top in poor repair for food preparation, ceilings in kitchen area in poor repair.

K.O.R.C. Cardinal Mart, Prestonsburg, 98, 98; outside dumpster not covered.

Allen Happy Mart, Allen, 91, 92; Open pack of cheese below open rack shelf in walk-in cooler, ice scoop is cracked badly in kitchen area, reach-in pop coolers need

See RECORD, page eight

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Dear Mr. Turner:

It is my pleasure to notify you that the United Mine Workers of America's Kentucky Coal Miners' Political Action Committee (COMPAC) has endorsed your candidacy for Commonwealth Attorney in the 31st District.

COMPAC bases its endorsements upon well-defined and closely scrutinized criteria, past records and level of candidate support for issues of concern and importance to Kentucky coal miners, the statewide labor movement and all working people and our families. As a result of our careful consideration of all candidates and issues in this race, we are proud to extend to you our endorsement.

You may be confident that the UMWA members throughout the state are committed to an aggressive, decisive member education, information and get-out-the-vote program toward our shared goal of victory on May 23. With best wishes for a successful campaign, I am

Sincerely,

Steve Earle

Steve Earle
Kentucky COMPAC Coordinator

SE/sr

For the five years I've practiced law, I've worked hard to build my own practice around helping injured and disabled people. I have represented coal miners and laborers of every kind, including their widows and children. I am determined to be a Commonwealth's Attorney everyone can trust.

My roots go deep into coal mining families in McDowell, Ligon, and Wheelwright. My earliest memories of childhood focus around my great grandfathers, Joe "Hoss" Turner at McDowell, and Dewey Osborne at Wheelwright. Both were recipients of black lung disability benefits, as are three of my living great uncles and two that have passed on. Also, I will never forget how my grandfather, Arnold Turner, Sr., of McDowell, instilled in me a deep respect for every man who dug coal for a living.

Regardless of what my opponent may say, my friendship to coal miners and working men and women is a fact, proven by the strong support of the United Mine Workers of America. This endorsement speaks for itself and you should read it closely. The UMWA considered both my opponent and myself, and now urges coal miners and working people every where to support me in this race. I invite every fair-minded voter to join with us as we work together to make Floyd County a better, more decent place.



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Guest

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In 1998 the Federal Trade Commission reported to Congress that while more than 85 percent of websites collected some form of personal information, only 14 percent provided some type of notice to their patrons. But in their most recent study in January of 1999, a Georgetown survey found that almost 66 percent of sites posted some type of privacy disclosure. It's in the interest of businesses to give consumers what they want and as more consumers make their preference for privacy known, even more online sites

will respond accordingly.

For now, Internet users can stick to sites they trust, choose not to fill out registration forms and set their browsers to consult them before accepting any cookies (learn how at www.cookiecentral.com). Concerned consumers can also take advantage of the numerous technologies currently available to protect online privacy. It is now possible to browse anonymously (www.anonymizer.com), browse under an authenticated digital pseudonym (www.zeroknowledge.com) or be shown a "just in time" summary of any site's privacy policy

(www.enonymous.com).

Legislators and technocrats should practice restraint and thwart attempts at regulating online privacy.

The choice between the convenience of targeted advertising and the privacy of savvy web surfing should be left to consumers, not Big Brother. The task of striking a balance between the free flow of personal information and the right to be left alone is too private a matter for the heavy hand of government.

Jessica Melugin is a Policy Analyst at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a free-market think tank in Washington, D.C.



If you're a night person, animal experts recommend you avoid birds because they tend to be early risers.

OBITUARIES

Bascom Horn

Bascom Horn, 86, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on February 11, 1914, in Cliff, he was the son of the late Walker and Martha Hibbits Horn. He was a retired coal miner where he was an electrician. He was a member of the U.M.W.A. Local 5899 at Wheelwright and an honorary Kentucky Colonel.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal Mae Sparks Horn.

Survivors include six sons, Bascom Horn of Lexington, Arnold Lee Horn of Ft. Pierce, Florida, Harrison Walker Horn of Banner, Harry Allen Horn of Opelika, Alabama, Darrell Ray Horn of Lexington and George Archer Horn of Printer; one daughter, Sharon Ohnalene Horn of Hi Hat; 23 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 30, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Lori Vannucci officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers will be Jonathan Horn, Jason Horn, Harrison Horn Jr., Keith Horn, Tommy Horn, Jeremy Horn, Chris Horn, Joseph Horn, and Steven Horn.

Honorary pallbearers were Jeff Howell and Kenny Newman.

Smith pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Blanch Robinson Smith were her grandsons: Richard, Charles, Michael and Brian Conn, James E. Smith, Randy and Don E. Nichols, Joe Burkett Jr., Daniel Smith, Anthony Smith and Charles Buddy Conn.

Ella Jean Goble

Ella Jean Goble, 62, of Van Lear, died Friday, April 28, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born on August 9, 1937, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late James Honeycutt and Darkus Bowling Honeycutt.

She is survived by her husband, Frank G. Goble.

Other survivors include one son, Michael Goble of Van Lear; two daughters, Wenona Gillispie and Toni Goble, both of Van Lear; two brothers, James Honeycutt of Sitka, Delmas Honeycutt of Auxier; two sisters, Willadean Wells and Maxine King, both of Van Lear; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, May 1, at 11 a.m., at the Old Log Church, Daniels Creek, Van Lear, with Ted Dawson and Steve Hazlett officiating.

Burial will be in the Goble Family Cemetery, Daniels Creek, Van Lear, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Herbert Ratliff

Herbert Ratliff, 71, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, at the Pikeville Health Care Center of an extended illness.

Born on December 6, 1928, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Lillian Stinson Ratliff and Charlie T. Ratliff. He was a retired security guard.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Hughes Ratliff.

Other survivors include one son, James T. Ratliff and one daughter, Mary Jo Burke, both of Pikeville; one brother, James Ratliff of Titusville, Florida; one sister, Peggy Hobson of Cowpen; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, May 1, at the Immanuel Baptist Church, at 1 p.m., with Sam Crawford and Larry Keene officiating.

Burial will be in the B.D. Ratliff Cemetery, Rt. Fork, Cowpen, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Bascom Harris

Bascom Harris, 82, of Auxier, died Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at his residence.

Born on January 13, 1918, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John W. Harris and Martha Kendrick Harris. He was a retired electrical contractor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Louise Harris.

Survivors include one son, Carlen Luther Harris of Lexington; four daughters, Marvella Ferland of Prestonsburg, Delora Kraus of Auxier, Rita Harris of Lehigh Acres, Florida, Lidola Webster of Walton; two brothers, Irvin Harris of Prestonsburg, Fred Harris of Little Paint; one sister, Dicy Collins of Mt. Sterling; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 28, at 11 a.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel, Paintsville, with Calvin Setser officiating.

Burial was in the Harris Family Cemetery, at Auxier, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lester Parsons

Lester Parsons, 65, of Printer, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, following an extended illness.

Born on August 28, 1934, in Honaker, he was the son of the late Sid and Gertrude Kidd Parsons. He was a retired coal miner and member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emmalene Spurlock Parsons.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Parsons and Barry Parsons, both of Printer; one brother, Millard Parsons of Honaker; four sisters, Florida Tackett of Lexington, Virgie Hall of Prestonsburg, Doris Tackett of Alger, Ohio, Loriane Skeans of Branchland, West Virginia; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Frank Junior Kidd officiating.

Burial will be in the Parsons Cemetery, at Honaker, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.



Theatre gift

Greg Wilson, right, of First Commonwealth Bank, recently presented a \$5,000 check to Jenny Wiley Theatre for co-sponsorship of the orchestra. Bill Francis, treasurer for the JWT board of Trustees, accepted the gift. "The theatre appreciates loyal supporters like First Commonwealth Bank who help achieve their mission of enriching our regional community through the performing arts," Francis said.

Medical booklet available

Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., has just published a new booklet, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care." The booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program.

The Hill-Burton program has been in effect for more than 50 years, providing more than \$35 billion in free and low cost care to qualified participants. The program was established in 1946 to assist in the construction and modernization of hospitals and medical care facilities. Nearly \$6 billion in grants and loans were given to 7,000 facilities in 4,000 communities.

In exchange, the facilities

agreed to provide a reasonable amount of services to persons residing in the local community who are unable to pay.

"There are currently 687 facilities that provide free or low cost medical care, but there is rarely any publicity to let the public know about this program," says Paul Navestad, founder of Financial Assistance Network. "A step by step outline guides consumers through the process of finding a participating family, and applying to determine their eligibility for free or low cost care. Consumers can apply before or after receiving care from a participating facility."

Financial Assistance Network is an organization established by volunteers dedicated to helping people

who cannot afford medical care or prescription medication. The primary purposes of Financial Assistance Network are to inform potentially qualified applicants about the patient assistance programs for which they appear eligible and assist them in the enrollment process.

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Patton orders study to find if racial profiling exists

"Stopping or searching individuals on the basis of race is not an effective law enforcement tool nor is it a defensible strategy for public protection," Governor Patton said as he signed an Executive Order recently to determine if racial profiling is a problem in state law enforcement.

"While an attempt to address this issue in the General Assembly was unsuccessful, we believe this is an important policy issue that needs to be addressed. It's my opinion that state government should collect information and statistics regarding law enforcement activities at the state level to ensure the fairness of our law enforcement practices and ensure the protection of the civil rights of our people," the governor added.

The order calls on all state-level law enforcement agencies and officials to begin collecting data on activities related to citations, drug related stops, and

requests for consent to searches and warrant less searches. Over the next three months, the information will be analyzed by the Secretary of the Justice Cabinet and the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council to better define racial profiling and assist them in designing and implementing a model policy to prohibit racial profiling.

Once the state has a model policy in place, the order urges all local law enforcement agencies and sheriff's departments in Kentucky to either adopt the state's policy or come up with one of their own.

Governor Patton said, "I believe that tracking the race, ethnicity, and gender of those who are stopped and searched by law enforcement officials will help us determine whether problems related to racial profiling exist, and can act as a guide in the development of solutions."

The "Word" for the Week

Seek Peace

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

Here is a great motto. Something to live by. "Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14). When confronted with evil, we want to lash back and get even. We want to avenge injustice and set the record straight.

A vengeful spirit is the opposite of one that seeks peace. "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone"

(Romans 12:17). Remember this and avoid a lot of violence and heartache. God will balance the scales of justice. We must not take matters into our own hands. "Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:19).

What can we do on the positive side? Here are a couple of suggestions. First, be ready to overlook the faults of others. "Hatred stirs up strife but love covers all transgressions" (Proverbs 10:12). So, "keep

fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). Love overlooks much.

Second, always be ready to forgive. When we realize how much God has forgiven us, how can we be unforgiving toward others? "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). Love forgives.

Seek peace. Overlook faults. Readily forgive.

State offers new way to access mining data

FRANKFORT — Citizens, industry and others who want to know about coal mining applications or enforcement actions taken against coal mines can now find this information online.

The Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement has launched a new system that allows this information to be viewed over the World Wide Web.

The Surface Mining Information System (SMIS) can be found on the department's Web site at <http://kydmsr.nr.state.ky.us>. The SMIS provides information on these topics:

- Permit applications
- Permit changes
- Inspections
- Enforcement actions
- Bonding
- Reclamation

The site does not provide any confidential information.

The SMIS is another improvement made possible by EMPOWER Kentucky, Gov. Paul Patton's initiative to improve the delivery of service in state government and to look for ways the Commonwealth can save money.

The information on the SMIS site will be constantly updated to make the system as useful as possible for members of the public and the coal mining industry.

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Hazel Sally Sturgill Hamilton, 85, of Island Creek, died Tuesday, April 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 29, 1 p.m., under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Rick Lucas, 37, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 22, at Winchester. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 26, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Virgil Clevinger, 64, of Belcher, died Wednesday, April 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m., under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Joe Adkins, 57, of Shelby Township, Michigan, a native of Penny, died Monday, April 24, at Bi-County Hospital in Warren, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 28, under the direction of William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home.

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cleaned, soft drink dispenser nozzles need cleaning, sliding door grooves on sandwich cooler needs cleaned, no hand washing soap provided in men's restroom, garbage dumpsters have no lids present.

Puck's Tattoo, Prestonsburg, 100.

Daniel's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, 98; outbuildings not at the required 15 feet from home, this includes structures such as decks, patios, or storage buildings.

Parkway Connection Inc. Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, 96; Mobile home lots not clearly numbered systematically, accessory structures such as decks, patios, or storage or outbuildings not 15 feet from homes.

George's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, 98; Accessory buildings or structures violating the 15 feet separation distance between homes.

Wells' Mobile Home Park, Auxier Road Prestonsburg, 96; Poor conditions of driveways and walkways (potholes and poor drainage), accessory buildings do not meet the required 15 feet distance from each home.

Garrett Quick Mart, Garrett, 98; Stand-up cooler which contains milk needs cleaned. Chocolate and cappuccino machine needs cleaned.

Hamilton Mobile Home Park, 88; Some trailers were missing numbers, some potholes and mud holes were appearing, some outside buildings were not maintaining the 15 feet setback, premises had a small amount of debris lying around, a few trailers needed some under skirting repair.

Otter Creek Correctional Center, Wheelwright, 96; Freezer in back room needs cleaning on inside of top part, refrigerator handle needs replaced.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Sarah Elaine Scott, 16, of Prestonsburg to Elmer Eugene Stepp, 19, of Hardy.

June H. Stephens, 72, of David to Adrian L. Hall, 79, of McDowell.

Tuni Renee Collins, 22, of Bypro to Wade Anthony Slone, 26, of Lavallette, W.Va.

Jessica Dawn Clemons, 20, of Leburn to Brian Keith Tackett, 25, of Hi Hat.

Mellia Carol Keathley, 23, to Arich Demar Parsons, 24, both of Harold.

SUITS FILED

Denver B Collins, vs. Carlena Collins. Petition for child support and health care insurance.

Linda K. Adams vs. John K. Adams. Petition for Health Care Insurance.

Ilene Shepherd Castle vs. Ronnie Castle. Petition for dissolution of marriage.

Patsy Shelton vs. Michelle Kidd. Petition for compensatory damages due to auto accident.

Janet Salisbury vs. the City of Prestonsburg. Petition for compensatory damages due to property damage.

Community Trust Bank vs. Keith D. Webb II. Petition for debt collection.

Kimberly Lynn Collins Chaney vs. Kevin Tate Chaney. Petition for dissolution of marriage.

Matewan National Bank vs. James M. Allen, et al. Petition for debt collection.

Virgil Lee Hunt vs. Cheryl Darlene Smith Hunt

Gwendolyn Ann Howell (Watson) vs. Gary Howell Jr. Petition for dissolution of marriage.

Nadine Mitchell et al vs. Moslyn Wilburn, et al. Petition for compensatory damages due auto accident.

Equity One Inc. vs. Alan P. Adkins. Petition for debt collection.

Associates Mortgage Co. vs. Eugene Rose, et al. Petition for debt collection.

DISTRICT COURT

Delano Hagans, 39, of Langley. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence, fourth-degree assault, first-degree assault, no/expired registration receipt, no insurance.

Will Carroll. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence, no plates, no insurance, disorderly conduct, no operators license.

Timothy D. Stephens, 20, of Topmost. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, possession of marijuana, third-degree assault of police officer, fleeing or evading a police officer, disarming a peace officer, third-degree criminal mischief, failure to wear a seat belt, resisting arrest.

Edward Glen Moore. Fugitive governors warrant. Extradited.

Jeremy R. Thacker, 23, of Pikeville. Receiving stolen property.

Christopher J. Hamilton, 22, of Dana. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident.

Shauna L. Sloan, 18, of Melvin. Alcohol intoxication.

Daniel Hatfield, 23, of Hi Hat. Alcohol intoxication.

Jason S. Martin, 24, of Hi Hat. Alcohol intoxication.

Christy M. Greer, 18, of East Point. Terroristic threatening.

Randy D. Prater, 28, of Hueysville. Terroristic threatening.

Charles R. Lewis, 42, of Prestonsburg. Fourth-degree assault.

Donald Adams, 45, of Hi Hat. Fourth-degree assault - spouse abuse.

Jeffrey L. Jones, 37, of Lackey. Public intoxication. Pled guilty. Fined \$50, and \$83.50 court costs.

Karen Waugh, 39, of Drift. Public intoxication.

Amanda Hall, 24, of Garrett. Fourth-degree assault - spouse abuse. Dismissed. No unlawful contact with victim, no domestic for two years.

Anthony R. Hall, 24, of Garrett. Fourth-degree assault - spouse abuse. Dismissed. No unlawful contact with victim, no domestic for two years.

Robert McAllister of Dana. Terroristic threatening.

Marcus Henry Samland, 18, of Westland, Mich. Violating a grave, first-degree criminal trespass.

Matthew Joseph Brown, 18, of Flat Rock, Mich. Violating a grave, criminal trespass 1st.

Billy Hall, 28, of Auxier. Wanton Endangerment - five counts, terroristic threatening.

Mark Patton of Martin. Third-degree criminal mischief, menacing, terroristic threatening.

P.D. Gearheart of Harold. Harassment.

Danny Thomas SESCO, 32, of Marshville, N.C. First-degree wanton endangerment, prescription in an improper container, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, attempt to elude a police officer, driving from side to side of the highway, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, no insurance, wanton endangerment.

Mildred Brooks of Betsy Layne. Harassment.

Jeremy Thacker, 23, of Harold. Prescription in improper container, possession of marijuana.

Anthony Greer, 21, of Harold. Forgery (checks) - three counts.

Gary Tackett, 35, of Beaver. Alcohol intoxication, drinking alcohol in public.

Jeff Jones, 37, of Lackey. Theft by unlawful taking - shoplifting.

Vernon Hall, 29, of Pippa Passes. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, operating a vehicle on a DUI-suspended license, giving false name/address, possession of marijuana.

Jerry P. Caudill of Hindman. Alcohol intoxication. Pled guilty. Fined \$25 and court cost of \$83.50.

Levon Slone, 27, of Hindman. Alcohol intoxication. Pled guilty. Fined \$25 and court cost of \$83.50.

Brandon Murriel, 19, of Garrett. Public intoxication, two counts of third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor. Pled guilty. Fined \$25 and \$103.50 court cost.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Clarence and Christine Kidd of Dana to Katie Lynn Boyd of Harold, Adam Wesley of Harold, and Amanda Lynn Boyd, property location not listed.

Charles Jeff and Beverly Faye Hall of Bevinville, Linda Carol and Greg Rae Hall of Morehead, and Morgan Rae Hall of Morehead to Lanny Paul Hall of Bevinville, Left Beaver Creek of Bevinville.

Don Holbrook of Prestonsburg to Don Holbrook and Diane Stacey of Prestonsburg, Mays Branch.

Adams Real Estate Limited Partnership to James Benjamin Wells Jr. and Aaronda DeRossett Wells, property located on Mare Creek.

Lorena Lee Hall and Bonita Jo Fairchild to Delano Hagans, property located on Wilson Creek County Road.

Wayne Shepherd to Deborah K. Crager, property located along Salt Lick Creek to Lick Fork Creek.

Joan Walker to Deborah K. Crager, property located along Salt Lick Creek to Lick Fork Creek.

Joyce Cramer to Deborah K. Crager, property located along Salt Lick Creek to Lick Fork Creek.

Steven N. Slone and Rebecca L. Slone to Blake E. Campbell and Jessica Campbell, property located on Right Fork of Bull Creek.

Randy E. Blankenship and Nadine Blankenship to Ricky Duncan, property located on Big Sandy River.

Deborah Buckley to Ronald D. Slone, property location not listed.

Chad Rogers or Renee Lynn Rogers, property location not listed.

Melissa F. Spears and Jerry Wayne Spears to Chad Casey and

Donna Casey, property located on Big Mud Creek.

Walker Hamilton and Gorment Hamilton to Virgil L. Crum, and Judy Crum, property located on Steeles Creek.

Ardenna Hamilton Boyd as guardian of estate of Emma Lou Boyd to Ardenna Hamilton Boyd, property located on Steeles Creek.

Ardenna Hamilton Boyd and Andy Hamilton to Walker Hamilton and Gorment Hamilton, property located on Steeles Creek.

Margaret Mullins, now Minnix to William G. Mullins, property located on Mud Creek.

Sterlion Gayheart to Basel Moore, property location not listed.

Michael Clark to Diana Marsillett, property located on Cow Creek.

Billy Gene Hamilton to Thomas Dale Hall, property located on Branham Creek.

Issac Poe, Alpha Poe, Gladys F. Scott, Dwayne Scott, Emma K. Marsillett Minix and Tom E. Marsillett Jr. to Terry L. Marsillett, property located on State Road Fork of the Right Fork of Middle Creek.

Vickie Hamilton and Chris Hamilton, Dena Spencer and Billy Spencer, Michael Howard and Christopher Howard to Glenda Jarrell, property located on Sammy Clark Branch of Little Mud Creek.

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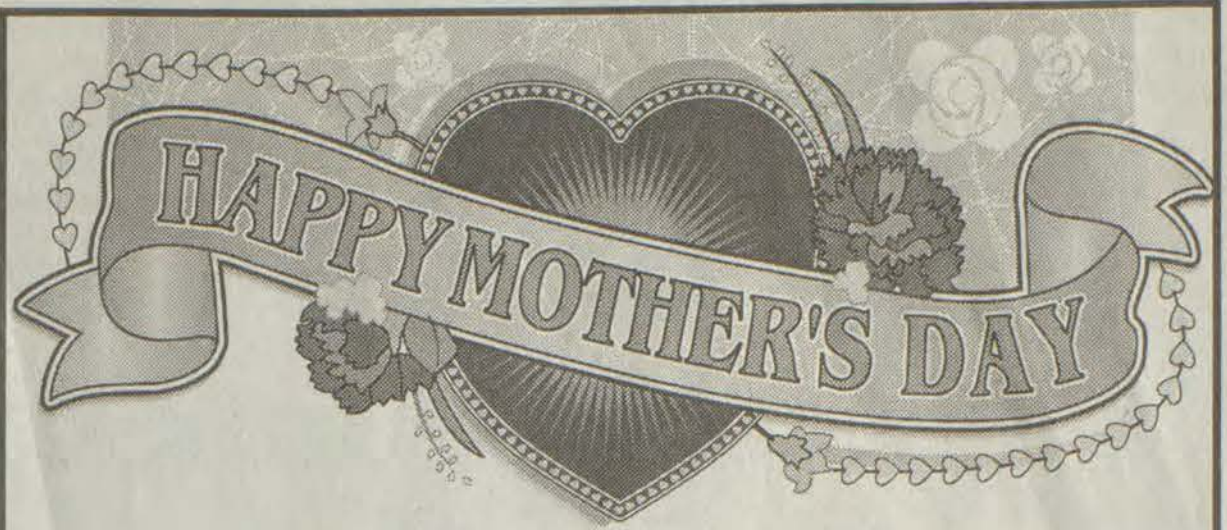
Dalton R. Conley to Marsha Ratliff, property location not listed. The Bank of New York, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of May 31, 1996, Series 1996-B to George A. Kidd, property located on Little Mud Creek.

Larry Alan Hale and Janalyn G. Hale to Janalyn G. Hale, Trustee under The Janalyn G. Hale Trust Agreement dated September 14, 1998, property location not listed.

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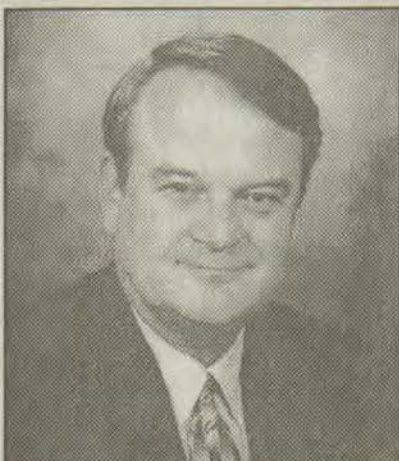
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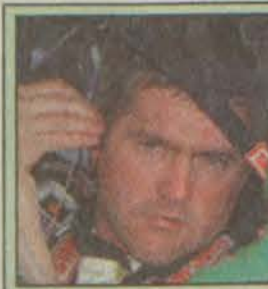
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Hinchman one of minor league's big name stars

Local hurler won 24 games in '53 season

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

He never made it to the major leagues, like most minor league players, but he did get a taste of big-time baseball for the seven years he competed in the minor leagues.

For Prestonsburg's Joe Hinchman, from the time he picked up a baseball he knew he

had some magic in his left arm and he rode it to a stellar minor league career.

"I always noticed when I picked up a baseball I could throw a curve ball," he said. "It just seem to come natural."

Big name stars like Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Willie Mays, Frank Robinson, Cal McLish and others were moving on and finding success at the major league level but Hinchman became a

household name out of the minor league level.

He was a lefthanded pitcher and compiled a 24-10 record in 1953, his best during his minor league career.

While not making the a major league roster, Hinchman went to spring training with the Chicago Cubs one season.

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A Look at Sports

Congrats to Williams



Donna Williams has become somewhat of a local celebrity for most of us. Definitely, all of us are very proud of her and her accomplishments. Not many young ladies get to enjoy the kind of accomplishments that Donna has achieved the past two weeks.

As all know by now, Donna was named to the Tennessee Titans NFL football cheerleading squad for the year 2000. When I spoke with her about making the team, you had to hear her to hear the excitement in her voice.

Putting a story in print does not really give the expression one feels when having such an honor heaped on them.

Just imagine your son making an NBA team. Try to imagine your son playing for UK. The thrill, the excitement, the wanting the whole world to know your kid made it.

For Donna, she consistently used the expression "bigger than life!"

She was a happy camper when she called me at home Sunday night. She was on the proverbial cloud nine and going higher.

"Ed, this is Donna Williams, remember me?" she said overflowing with that happiness.

"Sure I remember you, you are the one who said you would be a UK Dance Cat," I said.

"Ed, I made the NFL Tennessee Titans cheerleading team," she came back.

I remember that night at the Prestonsburg gym, when Donna was a cheerleader at Prestonsburg High School, she

(See SPORTS, page three)

Brooks homers in Betsy Layne's 6-4 win over Shelby Valley

Tackett goes distance for Bobcats in win

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Anthony Tackett pitched out of a bases loaded jam in the sixth inning and Betsy Layne went on to post a 6-4 win over visiting Shelby Valley Friday night in regional baseball play at the Allen Park.

Bradley Brooks provided the fire power with a double and a third inning solo home run. Designated hitter Adam Tackett had a single and double for the winners, Josh Kidd picked up two RBI's in the game with a second inning double.

Tackett allowed four runs on seven hits in the seven innings he worked. He fanned three batters and issued only two walks.

Brandon Stevens suffered the loss for Shelby Valley going six innings. He gave up six runs on eight hits, fanning four and did not issue a walk.

The Wildcats threatened to tie the game in the sixth inning against Tackett. With one out, Kyle Pinson singled and leadoff batter, Todd Newsome, reached on an error at shortstop. Terry Wright dribbled a grounder between the pitchers mound and third but the throw for a force at second was too late, loading the bases with Wildcats and one out.

Tackett bowed his neck and got John Wright on a pop to short that Aaron Swiger raced into short left field to make the catch. Tackett then got Scottie Hamilton on a come-backer for the final out.

(See TACKETT, page three)



ALLEN CENTRAL'S HENRY NAPIER was greeted at home plate by teammates after his fourth inning home run tied the game at 3-3 against South Floyd. Allen Central won the game on a lead off home run by Keith Crum in the bottom of he seventh inning. (photo by Ed Taylor)

■ South Floyd at Allen Central

Crum's blast sends Allen Central past Raiders, 4-3

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

With one swing of the bat, pinch hitter Keith Crum sent the Allen Central Rebels home happy after pulling out a 4-3 win at the Garrett Park Thursday evening.

The Rebels defeated the South Floyd Raiders in a game that had a little bit of everything, including a clash at home plate.

Brandon Sizemore, who started on the hill for the Rebels, collided with South Floyd catcher Byron Hall at home plate, taking Hall out of the game. Sizemore was out as well, but he was ejected by home plate umpire Shannon Potter.

Tempers flared during the course of the game on several calls that were questioned by both teams. However, when it came to the bottom of the ninth, Allen Central Coach Frank Martin made a move that proved to be the right one:

Rebel catcher Tim Davis was due to lead off the Allen Central seventh but Martin inserted Crum as a pinch hitter. The left handed batter hit an 0-1 pitch that cleared the right center field fence for the winning run. Was it a fast ball?

"It must have been," said Crum after the game. Crum is known for his ability to hit the fast pitch.

Jeremy Hayes, who came on in place of the ejected Sizemore, hurled the sixth and seventh innings for the win. He did not allow a run or a hit in the two inning stint. He walked Joe Skeans with two out in the seventh but picked him off at first, a call that brought South Floyd Coach Barry Hall to the first base side.

Sizemore worked the first five innings, yielding three runs on seven South Floyd hits. He surrendered a solo home run to Kyle Tackett in the fourth inning. Sizemore fanned six batters and walked two.

Skeans suffered the loss but pitched well enough to win. He went the full seven for the Raiders, allowing four runs on eight hits. He struck out three

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JEREMY HAYES MADE A STRONG THROW to first base against South Floyd last Thursday at the Garrett Park. (photo by Ed Taylor)



SOUTH FLOYD'S KYLE TACKETT GOT ALL OF this pitch as he drove it over the center field fence for a solo home run against Allen Central Thursday afternoon. The round-tripper gave the Raiders a 3-2 lead, but Allen Central rallied to pull out a 4-3 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Hinchman

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"That was in 1955," he recalled. "I went off and played winter ball before and, because my arm was sore from winter ball, I didn't even get to throw batting practice."

"But the Cubs gave me every opportunity in the world to make the team."

Hinchman's career began in 1949 while working as a clerk at the old A&P store in Pikeville. He was one of several who found a professional baseball career out of the old Elkhorn Baseball League.

"They had just put lights up at the old Drift Park and they heard that I was a pitcher," recalled Hinchman. "They wanted me to

come and see if I could make the team."

With the opportunity to play baseball and get paid for it, Hinchman accepted the call and was made a member of the semi-pro team.

"We will give you a job, pay you, they told me," he said. "I made the team and they gave me a job working at the tippie."

Along with his normal job, Hinchman received \$25 for every game he played in.

"If I worked the night shift and we played a night game, then I got paid for my shift plus the \$25," he said. "I thought I was rich. It was the first year of the Elkhorn

League."

The Elkhorn League was made up of various coal companies as they competed against each other for "bragging rights" and would import players from out of state. The league became very popular with local fans.

"The people would pack the stands every Sunday," said Hinchman, "especially when we played Wheelwright."

At the age of 19, Hinchman got a break when local businessman, Joe Weddington, then a scout for the Cleveland Indians, signed Hinchman to a minor league contract.

"I went to Daytona Beach, the Cleveland Indians' farm team," said Hinchman. "After that they sent me to the Alabama-Florida League and I played in Enterprise, Alabama."

"Later I was a starting pitcher in 1954 for Los Angeles out of the Pacific Coast League," recalled Hinchman. "In Triple A baseball they paid you \$10,000 a year for a salary but the Pacific Coast League paid you \$15,000. We had players like Cal McLish, Joe Hatton, Gene Mauch and Tommy Brown, who later played for the Brooklyn Dodgers."

While at L.A., Hinchman received a salary that amounted to \$800 a month.

"That was good money back then," he said. "Your expenses were paid for half the time (when they played on the road). They gave you meal money and things like that. I remember back in the '40s a yearly salary was \$5,000."

Hinchman remained in the Pacific Coast League only two months when an accident to his foot hurt his chances to stay at Triple A.

"I was shagging balls in the outfield when an errant ball came in and hit me on the foot," he said. "It was sore and I could hardly walk on it. The Cubs were getting ready to start their major league season and were sending down players like Bubba Church."

Hinchman then was moved down to the Three I League where he had a banner season.

"My foot got well and I had a good season down there," he said. "I pitched about 80-90 innings that

year. I pitched there long enough to make the All-Star team. I had to pitch against players like Roger Maris, Louie Apparicio, Norm Cash and players like that."

Hinchman recalled one night when Maris had no respect for the outfield.

"He hit a home run to left, center and right that night," said Hinchman. "I knew then he couldn't miss making the major leagues. He hit 28 home runs that year."

Hinchman moved on to Macon, Georgia and played for Macon in the Sally League.

"Frank Robinson played for the Columbia Redlegs then," recalled Hinchman. "Frank came up the next year, hit 38 home runs for Cincinnati and was Rookie of the Year. I was really impressed with Robinson's hitting ability. He stood right on top of the plate and got hit a lot. One game, I remember, at Columbia I had struck Frank out three times. The fourth time, he lost the ball for me."

Hinchman admits to being a "pretty fair hitter" and said he had

a few hits of the home run variety.

"In 1953 I hit .315 at Albuquerque and had three or four home runs," said Hinchman. "One of the home runs was off Bob Shaw. I was pitching in Macon in 1955 and Bob and I was hooked up in a pitcher's duel. It was a scoreless game in the seventh inning. We had two runners on base and Shaw threw me one where I liked, right down the middle, and I hit it out and we won the game 3-1."

Hinchman played for a former major league standout, Pepper Martin, while at Macon, which was one of the highlights of his brief career.

"The major league teams used to travel on Mondays and picked a minor league team to play," said Hinchman. "On a Monday, June 15, 1955, we were playing the Redlegs. They were a powerhouse team with Robinson. I had pitched two nights before and had not had the three days rest. Pepper came up to me and said, 'Joe, could you go tonight?' I did."

Art Gleason did the radio for Mutual's Game of the Week, and he gave me the scorecard and autographed it for me. I was the winning pitcher that day."

Hinchman's best game performance was a 16-strikeout effort against the Abilene Blue Sox. While at Albuquerque, Hinchman set several records including the most wins (23), most complete games (24), most strikeouts (228) of any hurler for the Dukes.

As the years passed, at the age of 26, Hinchman knew he was coming down to having to make a decision on a professional career. The decision was made, he would not return to the game after the 1956 season.

"I had won 72 games. The last year I played I only won three games," he said. "My arms and shoulders got stiff and I was pitching only every three weeks. The last year I played, I won three and lost 10. I knew I was through and had they offered me a contract I wouldn't have taken it. It was my decision to quit."

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DUSTIN ELKINS (22) round first base after getting a safety against the Wildcats of Shelby Valley Friday night. Betsy Layne pulled out a 6-4 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Two Lady Bears make All-KIAC

KIAC softball coaches selected the 2000 All-Conference team as part of this weekend's tournament, and two Pikeville College players were honored.

Junior Charlotte Taylor and freshman Robin Potter were among the players selected by a panel of coaches.

Taylor was selected as an outfielder, and was the runner-up in

balloting for Player of the Year. The native of Richlands, Va., entered the post season the winner of the team's triple crown, a .449 batting average, having hit all six of her team's home runs and driving in 31 runs.

In addition to pacing the squad in all three of those categories, she led in runs (32), hits (53), doubles (14), slugging percentage (.737) and on-base percentage (.492). In addition,

she tied for team honors as one of only three players to start all 41 regular season games.

"Charlotte has had a tremendous season for us, there's no question about that," said Pikeville Coach Bill Baird. "She may have had the best season anyone has had since we started fast-pitch softball here at Pikeville. She is well deserving of this honor."

Earlier this season she had a hit streak of 10 games and entered the post-season with hits in her last eight contests.

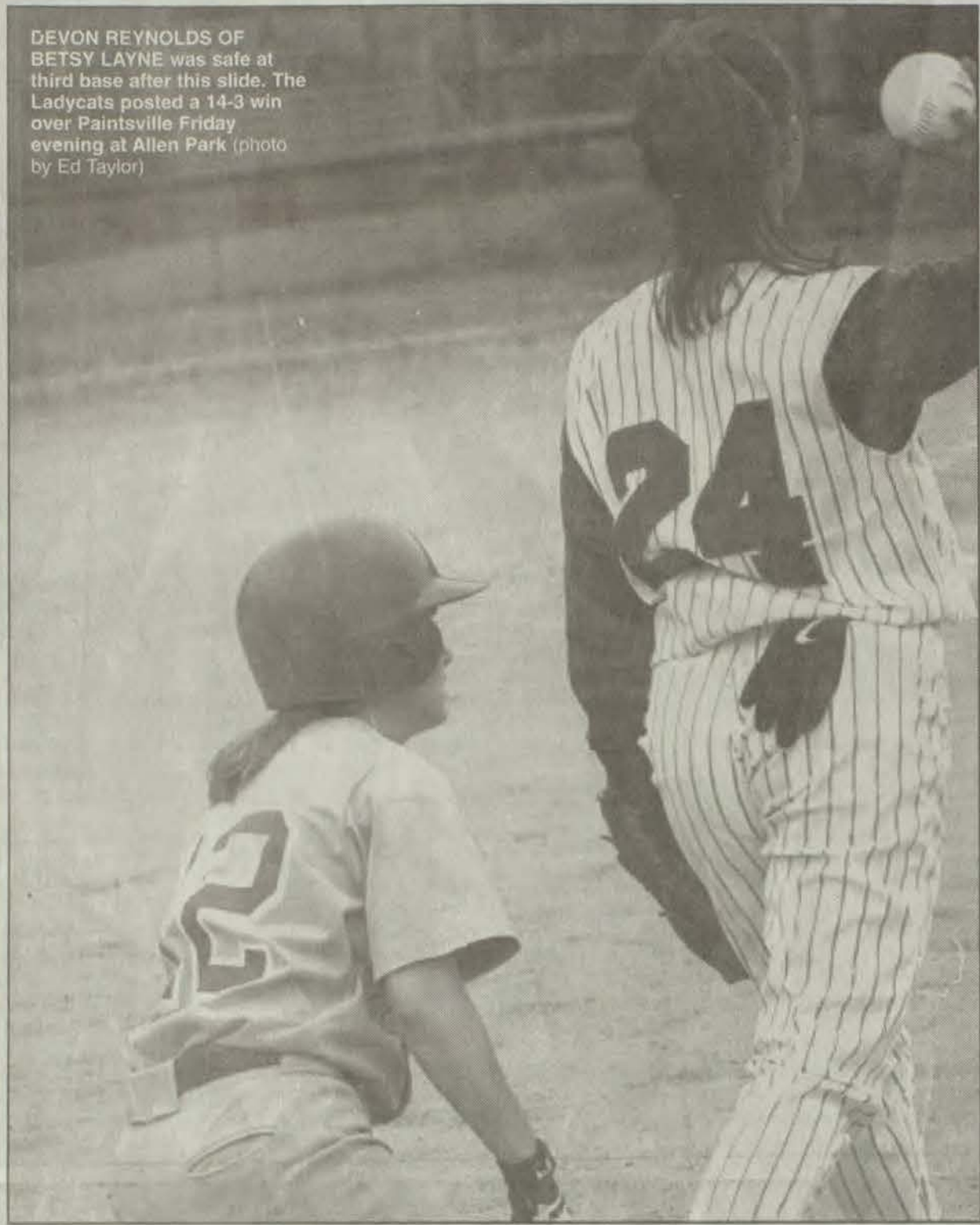
Potter, a native of South Shore, was the all-conference first baseman. She entered the tournament with a .330 batting average, which

was second on the club. She led or was tied for the team lead in games played (41), walks (14) and fielding percentage (.965).

She is second in hits (37), RBIs (29), and doubles (10), and was third in slugging percentage (.420) and on-base percentage (.398).

"Robin has been a great player for us," Baird said. "She has been a solid performer for us at the plate and in the field. Robin has a wonderful future here. She could be a tremendous college player, and we're fortunate to have her here at Pikeville."

DEVON REYNOLDS OF BETSY LAYNE was safe at third base after this slide. The Ladycats posted a 14-3 win over Paintsville Friday evening at Allen Park (photo by Ed Taylor)



Webb shuts out Betsy Layne, 17-0

Bentley collects lone Ladycat hit

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Hold the phone. What was that Dee Webb was throwing at the Betsy Layne Ladycats in what was supposed to be a softball game?

Webb looked to be throwing b.b.'s because the Ladycats could not see the ball, as big as it was. All Webb did was allow Betsy Layne no runs on just one

hit in picking up the 17-0 shutout.

It wasn't that Betsy Layne played that bad. They only trailed 1-0 after two innings. But Pikeville played that well.

Jill Kimberlain led the Pikeville assault from the plate with 4-for-4 batting which included two doubles and two singles. Amber Trimble had a single and double for the Lady Panthers.

In the third inning, Pikeville collected seven hits in scoring 11 times and five more runs in the fourth on seven hits.

Webb secured the win in the five-inning game. Tackett took the loss for Betsy Layne.

"We just fell apart after the second inning," said Mitsy Collins, an assistant coach with Betsy Layne.

Tackett

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Shelby Valley took a 2-0 lead in the first inning over Tackett and the Bobcats. Terry Wright had a one out double and scored on John Wright's RBI single. Wright then scored the second run when Mike Burke laced a base hit to left field.

After Betsy Layne went out in order in the first inning against Stevens, Shelby Valley left two runners stranded in the second frame.

Betsy Layne struck for four runs in their half of the second as eight players went to the plate. Brooks started the rally with a lead off double and scored when Adam Tackett lined a hit up the middle. With two out, Dustin Elkins

reached on a two base throwing error that allowed Tackett to score to tie the game, and Elkins advancing all the way to third base. He came in on Daniel Knausz run scoring single to make it a 3-2 game. Knausz scored the fourth run of the inning on Josh Kidd's double. Swiger had singled between Elkins and Kidd but was tagged out at third for the final out.

Shelby Valley went out quietly in the third inning, putting a runner in scoring position with two out.

With one out, Brooks drove the ball over the left centerfield fence for his home run. Adam Tackett followed with a double but was left stranded as Stevens got Bill

Kidd on a fly ball to center and Anthony Tackett on a grounder to short. Betsy Layne led 5-2 after three innings.

Shelby Valley made it a one run game with two in the fourth. Stevens started the rally with a lead off double and came home on John Bentley's RBI single. Bentley scored on consecutive errors at third base for Betsy Layne to make it a 5-4 game.

The Bobcats added their final run in the fourth on a lead off single by Elkins and an error. Stevens then retired the last nine he faced, but the Wildcats could not generate any offense over the final three innings against Tackett.

Rebels

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and walked three.

Henry Napier blasted a pitch that cleared the center field fence and went into the nearby creek. His home run in the fourth inning tied the game at 3.

Josh Yates had a two-hit night for the Rebels and just missed making a sensational play on a drive off the bat of Ryan Shannon. Shannon hit the ball to the deepest part of the ball park and it had home run written on it.

In fact, Shannon thought it was going to clear the wall, but Yates made the play and kept the ball in the park, but dropped it with Shannon stopping at first base.

Pat Martin, one of the region's top third basemen, had two hits for the Rebels.

Byron Hall, before being injured, had two hits and batted in two of the three Raider runs.

South Floyd scored first in the opening inning. Shannon drew a lead-off walk from Sizemore and came home on Hall's RBI single for a 1-0 game.

Allen Central came back in their half of the first and plated

two runs for a 2-1 lead. Yates opened the inning with a single and Josh Howell drew a walk. Skeans got Sizemore to pop to Nick Moore at first and then Martin lined a two-run single to left center, scoring both Yates and Howell.

Neither team scored in the second inning but South Floyd pushed across a run in the top of the second. Shannon hit a drive to center field that was dropped for an error. Brandon Hansford booted a grounder to second. After a good play by Hansford forced Mike Hall, Byron Hall then roped a hit to center, sending home Shannon and making it a 2-1 game.

Allen Central threatened in the third on a lead-off single by Yates. But he was caught stealing at second. With one out, Sizemore doubled and Martin walked with two out. Skeans got Dwight McKinney to pop to short for the third out.

In the fourth, Kyle Tackett led off with his long home run to give South Floyd a 3-2 lead. Kevin McKinney singled to right but was left stranded.

Napier tied the game at 3 with his two-out home run. The round-tripper cleared just about everything beyond the fence.

Skeans and Byron Hall had consecutive singles with one out in the fifth, but Sizemore got Nick Moore on strikes and Tackett grounded to second.

In the bottom of the fifth, Yates and Howell went out on fly balls to Shannon in center. Sizemore walked and moved to second on Pat Martin's second hit of the game. McKinney then lined a soft liner to center where Shannon made the pickup and strong throw to the plate. As Sizemore approached the plate, Hall, with ball in hand, blocked the plate and Sizemore stayed upright, hitting Hall hard. Sizemore was called out and never did touch the base. He was then ejected for failing to slide.

Hayes got the Raiders in order in the fifth, walked one batter in the seventh only to pick him off.

It was the second conference win for Allen Central, evening the Rebels' record to 3-3 overall.

Sports

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told me "You had better take my picture because one day I am going to be a Kentucky Dance Cat!"

Sure enough, she was a dance cat at UK for two years. Today, she is one of the many, many young ladies who dream of becoming an NFL cheerleader.

I think Donna is a picture of someone who, when she sets her mind to it, can accomplish a lot of things.

Donna could have used all the excuses of not pursuing her goal of being at UK and even making the Titans cheerleading team. But you never know what happens when you set your goals, follow your heart and work hard at toward that goal.

Floyd County should be proud of what Donna has done. The month-long ordeal was nerve wracking, I'm sure. At times, in her own words, there were doubts. There were those anxious moments. But yet, when it was all over, it was Donna who was an NFL cheerleader and on her way to some national recognition.

I wish Donna the best. I really do. She is a fine young lady who has proven, no matter of your eastern Kentucky heritage, you can make it

outside of Floyd County and Kentucky.

I am sure that there are those who have mixed feeling about the dance teams, and I suppose I have been one of them. But they are national champions and one of their own has gone as far as a cheerleader or dance member can go — the NFL.

REDS STARTING PITCHING IMPROVING

The Cincinnati Reds are still swinging anemic bats but the pitching staff, especially the starters, has shown improvement over the past two weeks. Denny Neagle, Steve Paris and even Pete Harnisch, which is my least favorite, put together some strong outings the last three starts.

Neagle won his game against the Mets, while Paris pitched well enough to win, but the Reds could not get him any runs.

While the pitching staff has held the opposition to just two runs in the last two games, the Reds aren't knocking any fences down with only three runs in the last two.

Talk is of Dimitri Young being used for trade bait to lure a front line

pitcher, but that is silly. What pitcher will they get for just Dimitri Young. Unless they can get a consistent winner who can throw strikes, then keep Young.

I would like to see Chris Stynes play more. I would like to see him replace Aaron Boone at third for some games. He swings a better bat and is just as good of a defender.

Did I ask this: Where is D.T. Cromer? Bring him back!

KIDS DAY IN PARK

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon for Kids Day in the Park this past weekend. I am glad the weather turned nice. Working Saturday at the office, I had to run out and get some pictures of the kids.

What a great turnout. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. Thanks to Tim Johnson of the Prestonsburg Fire Department for going to the top of the huge ladder. He only had to make a couple of stops.

Ranger Rick was emceeding things and doing his usual good job. It was a lot of fun!

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! See you in church today.

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Sports In PERSPECTIVE

Denis Harrington

Hall of Fame

Halls of Fame are largely about politics, the right connections, and, unfortunately, not really all that much about performance in the game arena.

For these reasons George Allen is never going to have his memory enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

For all of his years as a head coach in the National Football League, he never once suffered the indignity of a losing season. This attainment, marvelous of itself, can be laid to the man's savvy as a dealer in football flesh, a canny knack for imparting his own effective brand of psychology (getting inside a player's head, no matter how vacant, and tripping the right button) and a bent for innovations that always kept him one step ahead of the pack.

"The future is now!" persists as Allen's most memorable quote, and well it should. These few words embody a philosophy to which every coach, in his heart, truly pays homage. You don't win, you don't keep your job.

Allen once observed, "A rookie, no matter how talented, no matter how mature, is going to cost you two or three games a year simply for lack of experience."

Without a doubt he fully appreciated the fact that "old bones" don't run as fast, endure as long at optimal efficiency or heal as quickly as do their younger counterparts. But the "battle-tested vet" isn't going to choke in the clutch and won't make a bone-head move

when all the marbles are on the line.

So it was that Allen traded away high draft picks and downey-checked pretenders for longer-in-the-tooth soldiers who could and would execute under pressure. In his day this was considered foolhardy but he made believers of them all. They called his players the "over-the-hill gang."

If Allen had a fault as a coach it was his inability to accept the authority of the team ownership as omnipotent. He had the tendency to act first and ask permission later.

"Yes, I did a lot things I didn't have a right to do," he once admitted, "Many times ownership moves too slowly for the job that has to be done on a moment's notice. So I took matters into my own hands, and I would do it again because if you don't do it and you lose, you're going to get blamed anyway."

When Allen began his NFL sojourn as defensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears under George Halas, it was not a marriage made in heaven. But they got along because Allen developed the Bears' defense into the envy of the league. When he finally got a head coaching opportunity with the Los Angeles Rams, it only happened after Papa Bear made it rough for everyone involved.

At that time Halas accused Allen of opportunism, lying, scheming, cheating, lack of character, etc. This public outburst prompted the Green Bay Packers' Vince Lombardi to remark, "Sounds like the Rams got themselves a heck of a coach." And that they did.

But Rams owner Dan Reeves

didn't like Allen's disregard for authority and declined to renew his contract after five years despite the fact his team was a perennial division champion.

Allen moved on to the Washington Redskins and promptly turned them into an NFL powerhouse. But, again, he often took administrative matters into his own hands. Edward Bennett Williams, then in charge of the franchise, said, "I gave Allen an open-ended budget and he's exceeded it."

Some of the things Allen initiated as a head coach are now staples in the NFL. He started the trend of building a successful team around veterans placed in key spots on both offense and defense. Under his direction the Washington Redskins acquired their own headquarters and training complex, a new thing in the league. He also was the first field boss to emphasize the importance of special teams and hired a position coach for the job. What's more, he instituted the practice of a required weightlifting regimen for his players, complete with a strength instructor.

Football was figuratively and literally Allen's life.

"Sure I have leisure time," he said. "Five or six hours every night while I'm sleeping." As for eating, he noted, "I prefer ice cream. You don't have to waste so much time chewing it."

Allen had a winning way but not in the front office. He wasn't one to stroke the egos and it cost him dearly.

So it is George Allen's bust won't be gracing a pedestal in Canton, Ohio — ever.



DANIEL KNAUSZ OF BETSY LAYNE singled in the a run to help the Bobcats to a 6-4 win over Shelby Valley Friday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

WEATHERING THE STORMS OF SPRING BASEBALL

The problem with high school baseball is its played in-season, which while technically correct is obviously wrong. Baseball is played in the spring, which ideally is perfect, but like so many other great ideas, it doesn't quite work out that way when put into practice.

This has long been a problem. The correct time to play interscholastic baseball would be the fall, but with football dominating the scene, it will never happen.

The first problem with playing baseball in the spring is it comes on the heels of a long, draining basketball campaign, which of course, followed closely the grind of football season. When it comes time to hit the diamond, many athletes are too burned out to participate.

But of course, the biggest hurdle in playing outdoors in the spring is the weather. This is another reason the fall would be perfection, as Chandler Bing might say: It's much more pleasant to be outside in the early evening in the fall, and it doesn't rain nearly as much.

The inclement weather has caused problems for at least two local coaches, who are lamenting the wet stuff for two different reasons.

Randy Casey's Belfry Pirates are rolling through the season with a 6-1 worksheet. The only problem is were in the last week of April and they've only played seven times.

"We need game experience," Casey said. "We try to put our guys in game situations, but all of them are inside. Were trying to evaluate our guys and keep them strong."

While Casey's club has started strong, it is a young team last sea-

son, five or six freshmen may have started any given game and they need to play.

"We felt we'd be pretty good," the fourth-year coach said. "All we needed was another year to get bigger and stronger."

The young Bucs were 14-11 last season, and finished second in the 60th District to Elkhorn City. They then lost in the opening round of the 15th Region to Pike Central by a 9-6 final.

"Our kids got a taste of the regional tournament last year, and from the first day, all they talked about is getting back there this year and doing some damage." Casey said.

Casey, whose only loss this season was an 8-7 setback to Fleming-Neon in the tournament at Pike Central, has several players who are having fine seasons.

Derrick Pauley, a senior left fielder who was one of the first players to sign a football scholarship with Pikeville College, is proving to be a fine baseball prospect as well. He's hitting over .700, with nine hits in his last 11 at bats.

At one stretch the season, he had hits in seven straight at bats, and mixed in three triples to lead off the games.

Sophomore Boo Hager is 2-0 on the hill and hitting just under .500. Junior Curtis Childers is at .500 with 12 RBIs on the young season, which is made even more remarkable by the fact that he's already been intentionally walked seven times this season. First baseman Matt Hale has 10 RBIs and a batting average more than .500.

In fact, Casey's club is hitting a mind-warping .444 through seven games.

Meanwhile, the foul weather is causing problems of a different kind for Millard skipper Kevin Justice.

After the Mustangs opened the season 4-0, a loss in the bottom of the seventh to Pikeville started a five-game losing streak which has mushroomed into seven losses in eight games.

"That game kind of had our guys a bit down, and were working to try to rebuild their confidence," said Justice.

"We're trying to stay in positions where the kids experience nothing negative," he said. "Were trying to keep them in situations to keep their confidence up."

The problem is as of Wednesday, the Mustangs hadn't played in a week, which is keeping the team off the field and preventing them from playing themselves out of the slump.

"I guess we aren't the only ones in this situation," Justice said. "It seems every time we get rolling, we have a week off."

Senior Mark Tackett is hitting .361 with two home runs this season, and, said his coach, "is doing real well on the mound." Nick Baldridge, a junior, is also throwing well for the Mustangs.

Sophomore Josh Lawson is probably having the best season, hitting .420. "He got invited to play in Florida this summer, so he's excited about that," Justice said.

Freshman Tyler Ratliff got a win over Betsy Layne, and has a grand slam.

"Were still fairly young," Justice said. "We only have four seniors on the team."

Another problem at Millard is the inconsistency of the feeder programs. While the Little League is on par with any in the area, the Senior League has been spotty, often not having enough players to field a team.

"We have kids coming to us as 13-14-year olds who haven't played since Little League," he said. "To start off with, they're going from a little field to a big field. You wind up teaching them from scratch, spending a year just teaching them the fundamentals."

And with poor weather, they wind up teaching baseball in the gym. When you're working on your jump shot, that's ok.

But you don't turn many double plays around the three-point line.

BETSY LAYNE'S ANTHONY TACKETT scattered seven hits as the Bobcats won over Shelby Valley 6-4 Friday night at the Allen Park. (photo by Ed Taylor)



SOUTH FLOYD'S RYAN SHANNON had a big cut against Allen Central last Thursday evening at the Garrett Park. The ball was leaving the park until Josh Yates made a great save on the play. (photo by Ed Taylor)



I am glad the Cat is back.



by Jason Klanton

It is getting harder and harder to tell that Andres Galarraga missed all of the 1999 season.

He is once again leading the Atlanta Braves, as he is back in his first base position.

To many, Galarraga had already been through many challenges.

After starting his career with Montreal, it seemed like his career was on the downhill slide until stops with St. Louis and Colorado came along.

But last season, he probably would have traded a yearlong slump in place of those chemotherapy treatments.

For you that don't know, Galarraga was fighting a more important battle than against the New York Yankees — a fight against cancer.

People have told you about those chemotherapy treatments.

The kind of chemotherapy that

strong smells or loud music makes one sick.

Certainly no "treat" in those treatments.

He battled through and returned to spring training and many wondered if he could make a comeback.

Well, in the first month of the season, Galarraga has most likely wrapped up the Comeback Player Award.

He might not even had to have the stats that he did post in the start of the 2000 season.

Seems like everytime I turned on the TV, there he is rounding the bases another home run.

But as much as he does on the field, his importance might be felt more in the clubhouse.

Galarraga is a leader. Something, I think, the Braves missed in last year's World Series.

After watching him battle cancer and all the experience that he has, it would be hard not to listen to the 38-year-old veteran.

His body is cancer-free and all he needs is a check-up every two months to make sure he stays that way.

Hopefully, he can stay that way for a long, long time.

It's good to see the Braves fan might have a 'real man' to look up to after all the John Rocker stuff.

■ BRAWL DRAWS HIGH PENALTIES

What a scene.

Last weekend's Chicago and Detroit main event — uh — baseball game had the most incredible fight that I have ever seen.

Sixteen members of the Tigers and the White Sox were suspended for 82 games.

It is believed to be the harshest penalty for a baseball fight in the history of the game.

Detroit coach Juan Samuel must sit out 15 games for throwing punches.

Out of all the players either fined or suspended, former Johnson Central and now Tiger pitcher Willie Blair was one of the few that nothing happen to.

There were 25 people fined — including the 16 suspended — ranging from \$3,000 to \$500.

Some say they will not appeal. Others will. The suspensions will be staggered from last Friday until May 10 because of the number of players involved.

This fight and the penalties that came with it will give the other players something to think about before they hit someone or charge the mound.

But, I writing about rich baseball players so maybe not.

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WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Mark Martin, 1,370	Jeff Green, 1,273	Mike Wallace, 1,008
2. Bobby Labonte, 1,346	Todd Bodine, 1,249	Andy Houston, 969
3. Ward Burton, 1,293	Randy LaJoie, 1,208	Jack Sprague, 909
4. Dale Earnhardt, 1,272	Matt Kenseth, 1,190	Steve Grissom, 877
5. Jeff Burton, 1,236	Ron Hornaday, 1,135	Kurt Busch, 872
6. Dale Jarrett, 1,167	David Green, 1,102	Joe Ruttman, 858
7. Jeff Gordon, 1,149	Kevin Grubb, 1,050	Dennis Setzer, 846
8. Rusty Wallace, 1,129	Elton Sawyer, 974	Greg Biffle, 837
9. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,120	Kevin Harvick, 965	Rick Crawford, 752
10. Terry Labonte, 1,118	Jason Keller, 965	Terry Cook, 749

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. (1) Mark Martin | Point leader, race winner |
| 2. (2) Bobby Labonte | Ran out of luck at Talladega |
| 3. (3) Dale Earnhardt | In the hunt for eighth title |
| 4. (4) Jeff Burton | Still working on consistency |
| 5. (5) Rusty Wallace | Similar story to J. Burton's |
| 6. (7) Dale Jarrett | Four finishes outside top 15 |
| 7. (8) Jeff Gordon | 2 wins in 3 California tries |
| 8. (6) Ward Burton | Has title aspirations |
| 9. — Ernie Irvan | 26th to sixth |
| 10. (9) Terry Labonte | Nearly off the chart |

2000 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
April 30	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 6	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 28	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 4	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 11	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 18	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 25	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 1	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 9	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 23	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 5	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Indianapolis
Aug. 13	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 20	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 26	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 3	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 9	Richmond International Speedway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 17	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 24	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 1	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 8	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 15	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 22	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 5	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 12	Homestead-Miami Speedway	Homestead, Fla.

FROM LAST WEEK

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Chevrolet driver Andy Houston passed Dodge driver Dennis Setzer on the last lap to win the annual series stop in Portland, Ore.

Ironically, the race was held on a road course. But both Houston and Setzer cut their racing teeth in the weekly events held at Hickory Motor

Speedway, the 0.363-mile short track in North Carolina that is located near both drivers' hometowns.

Houston, whose father, Tommy, was a longtime standout in the Busch Series, cut the point lead of Ford driver Mike Wallace to 44 points. Reigning champion Jack Sprague is third in the point standings.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Scott Pruett vs. Jeremy Mayfield

Pruett was a popular target of blame for the 16-car pileup on lap 138 of the DieHard 500, but Pruett said his skid began with a tap from behind by Mayfield's Ford.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Since the crash began with Pruett's Ford sliding into Robby Gordon's, it was all too easy to blame the two ex-CART drivers, but Mayfield's car did have an orange paint streak, apparently the result of contact between him and Pruett."

ON THE SCHEDULE

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: NAPA Auto Parts 500

Where: California Speedway, Fontana (2-mile track)

When: Sunday, April 30

Defending champion: Jeff Gordon

Format: 250 laps/500 miles

Track qualifying record: Greg Sacks, Chevrolet, 183.753 mph, June 21, 1997

Race record: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 155.012 mph, June 21, 1997



Gordon

track record during second-round qualifying. ... Joe Nemechek and Gordon are former pole winners.

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Notable: Gordon, coming off his Talladega victory, has won two of the three previous races at California Speedway. ... Sacks set the

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

What: Auto Club 300
Where: California Speedway, Fontana (2-mile track)

When: Saturday, April 29

Defending champion: Matt Kenseth

Format: 150 laps/300 miles

Track qualifying record: Steve Park, Chevrolet, 175.157 mph, Oct. 18, 1997

Race record: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 148.576 mph, July 19, 1998



Burton

finish ever by a Ford driver.

Notable: Chevrolets have won every race and every pole at California Speedway. ... Jeff Burton finished second to Kenseth last year, the best

PROFILE

Bobby Labonte



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Bobby Labonte is having a strong year in Winston Cup racing.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Bobby Labonte, the younger brother of a two-time Winston Cup champion, has himself been leading the standings for most of the 2000 season.

Labonte won at Rockingham, N.C., in the season's second race and took the point lead the following week with a top-five finish in Las Vegas. Mark Martin wrested the lead away from Labonte on April 16, when Labonte was involved in a multicar crash in Talladega, Ala.

A former Busch Series champion (1991), Labonte debuted in Cup racing in 1993, the same year that Jeff Gordon and Kenny Wallace were rookies. He drove a Ford for Bill Davis and later switched to Pontiac. In 1995, Labonte switched to Joe Gibbs Racing, originally with Chevrolets and eventually Pontiacs.

Labonte finished a career-best second in the points standings last year, winning five races.

Hometown: Corpus Christi, Texas

Age: Turns 36 on May 8

Wife: Donna

Children: Robert Tyler (6), Madison Elizabeth (2)

Car: No. 18 Interstate Batteries Pontiac Grand Prix, owned by Joe Gibbs

Career statistics: 233 starts, 13 wins, 60 top-five finishes, 104 top-10 finishes, 18 poles, almost \$15 million in earnings

Firsts: Start (June 2, 1991, at Dover), pole (Sept. 9, 1993, at Richmond), win (May 28, 1995, at Charlotte)

Does it surprise you that rookies like Dale Earnhardt Jr. have been doing so well? "Not really. It's all in the team. Dale Earnhardt Inc. has been an established team for two or three years now, and they've worked real hard to get their Cup program together. Dale Jr. won two straight Busch titles, so the learning curve for those guys is a little shorter than it might have been six or seven years ago. It all goes back to a great race team, one with good experience, and a young driver with a good head on his shoulders. Kind of like my teammate (Tony Stewart, the 1999 rookie of the year)."

How difficult was it to have to work your way through the field from 37th starting position at Talladega? "Well, I talked to Jeff Burton before the race since he has the most experience. He started 36th, one spot in front of me. It took him 40 laps to get to the front. The cars are so close. I talked to Jeff because he qualifies at the back all the time and still manages to finish at the front. I've got a lot of respect for how Jeff is able to do that, but I'd prefer to qualify up front every week."

How difficult is it for your family to have a race driver as head of the household? "The first thing you have to have is a wife who is very understanding. There are a lot of benefits, but there's lots that we as a family can't do. It takes a lot of time and hard work to be successful, and that means you have to spend a lot of time away from your family. Everybody has to be understanding, and you've got to make the best of the time you do have."

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Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
During the race at Texas, it was mentioned how close it was for Rusty Wallace's pit crew on getting to the race. They were held up because of bad weather and flew in within an hour of the start of the race. My questions: 1. Can members of other crews help out in his pit if he should pit at a different time than their own driver? 2. Could a Busch crew fill in for his crew throughout the entire race if it was available? 3. If these two other options didn't work, could he pit at his teammate's pit and have that crew do the work for him, as long as they both didn't have to come in at the same time?

Sandra Leonard
Jay, Vt.

All those options are possible under the rules.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I heard that Michigan International Speedway got its name changed to Michigan Speedway. I think that name sounds weird or funny. I heard that NASCAR is racing in Germany. I heard that Dodge is going to have race cars in Winston Cup.

Matthew Bartnik
Caro, Mich.

The Michigan track changed its name a couple of years ago. No plans to race in Germany have been announced. Dodge will enter approximately seven cars in all Winston Cup races in 2001.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
What team is Terry Labonte connected with? I heard that Jerry Nadeau is now teamed with Jeff Gordon, and I know Terry was teamed with Jeff.

Diane F. Hack
Michigan City, Ind.

Both Labonte and Nadeau are Gordon's teammates. Hendrick Motorsports has fielded three cars for a number of years.

Fan Tips

■ Race fans coming to Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., in May might be interested in the nearby Concord Mills shopping complex, which will offer a free shuttle service between the mall and the speedway from May 19-27. Concord Mills also has NASCAR Silicon Speedway, a simulated racing experience that features 750-horsepower stock cars racing against one another, as well as the 140,000-square-foot Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, 24 theaters with stadium seating, the Alabama Grill theme restaurant and the Jillian's entertainment complex.

Trackside Trivia

- Who won the closest Busch Grand National point race in history?
- What is the shortest distance ever run in a Winston Cup (then Grand National) point race?

ANSWERS
1. Joe Nemechek, by three points, over Bobby Labonte, in 1992; 2. 27 miles, at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C., on April 23, 1962.

Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Jeff Gordon finally has a win ... and two straight top-fives.

■ **NOT:** Kenny Wallace has nine straight finishes of 20th or worse.

AROUND THE GARAGE

Former textile mill will serve as South Carolina racing hall

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Officials in Spartanburg, S.C., will honor NASCAR great David Pearson on May 12-13, naming a section of U.S. 221 in his honor.

Also in the works is a multimillion-dollar project to locate a South Carolina Racing Hall of Fame in a building that once housed a textile mill. The building has already been donated by textile executive Jimmy Gibbs, and efforts are under way to make it the home of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, an organization that exists only on paper, as well.

Spartanburg was once as important to NASCAR as Charlotte, N.C.,

as teams owned by Bud Moore, Cotton Owens and James Hylton were headquartered in the area. It was also the racing base for drivers Rex White and Jack Smith, as well as the home of hall-of-fame promoter Joe Littlejohn.

Pearson won 105 Grand National/Winston Cup races, second only to Richard Petty's 200. "Grand National" in this context does not refer to the present Busch Series; what is now Winston Cup was known as Grand National during much of Pearson's career.

RUN, MIKEY, RUN: Michael Waltrip successfully completed the Boston Marathon on April 17, one

day after placing 31st in the DieHard 500.

Officially, Waltrip finished 14,315th out of 17,813 entrants, completing the 26-mile course in 4 hours, 42 minutes, 20 seconds. It was his second marathon.

Waltrip said his eventual goal is to complete a marathon in less than four hours.

TALLADEGA TEST: Following the April 17 post-DieHard 500 test at Talladega, Ala., Roush Racing crew chief Jimmy Fennig said: "We helped NASCAR attempt to collect information to slow the cars down and increase the size of restrictor plates to increase throttle response.

If we can increase the throttle response on the cars, that should make better racing for all of us."

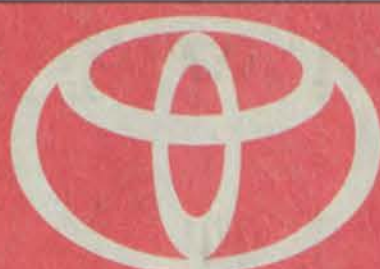
Rookie Matt Kenseth handled the driving duties in the No. 6 Ford normally assigned to Mark Martin. Among the experiments used were: increasing rear-spoiler angle to 65 degrees, raising the front clearance from 3.5 to 6 inches, and adding a 1-inch wicker to the roof of the car near the windshield.

A Richard Childress Chevrolet, driven by Dave Marcis instead of Dale Earnhardt, also participated in the tests.

Winston Cup Series director Gary Nelson reiterated his view that the tests are unlikely to eliminate the use of carburetor restrictor plates.

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ **Sure, it was Andy Houston who managed to slip past Dennis Setzer on the last lap to win the Craftsman Truck Series race in Portland, Ore., but it was Houston's crew, led by Rick Ren, that managed to put the Hickory, N.C., driver in position to win. Mike Addington owns Houston's No. 60 Chevrolet.**



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Listening Toms

by Bill Francis



When I was a teen-ager, businesses had a private telephone line and most others had a party line. As many as five and six different families shared the same telephone line.

We didn't have a telephone, but I can remember friends, neighbors and families having problems due to unscrupulous individuals on the party line eavesdropping. Plain, old "Listening Toms" might hear other people's not-so-private telephone conversations and repeat half-truths or parts of conversations.

In the privacy of your home with the shades drawn, while undressing, you don't expect a "Peeping Tom" looking into your windows or keyholes.

Also, in the privacy of your home, while using your cordless telephone, you don't expect a "Listening Tom" to be monitoring your telephone conversations.

Both are invasions of privacy and individuals can be prosecuted for either act. Is there a difference? Granted, on the party lines you knew you were taking a risk of your conversations being overheard.

Talking with a friend some time back, I asked, "Why aren't you working today?"

Her reply was, "I was fired, along with my friend, because someone with a scanner listened to what I thought was a private conversation about my work of that day on my cordless telephone."

I asked, "How can anyone listen to your telephone conversations?"

The friend said, "If you are talking on a cordless telephone, 'Listening Toms' with police or radio scanners can program them to monitor or listen to all cordless telephone conversations within 1,500 feet, about a quarter mile away.

In other words, you may be using your telephone which is not cordless and be unaware that the person you are talking with is using a cordless telephone, and the conversation can be monitored by someone on the other end who has a neighbor with a scanner.

You can even use an AM radio and tune in and pick up telephone conversations.

Now, these "Listening Toms," who sit and listen or monitor your cordless telephone don't do so by accident.

Anyway, the friend went on to say that while she was talking on her cordless phone, individuals were taking, out of context, bits and pieces of her conversations and telephoning her employer while she was still on the phone.

The employer called the other individual, who was at her own home, to say both were fired.

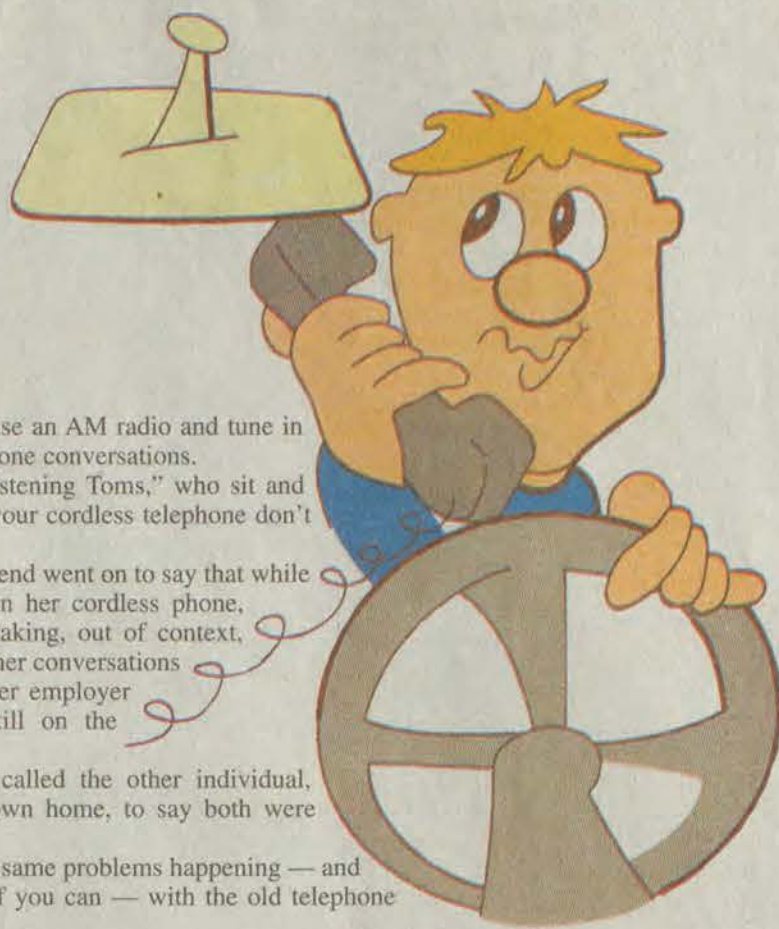
I remember the same problems happening — and I am sure many of you can — with the old telephone party lines.

So, if you think, as I have heard individuals say, your telephone is tapped, it doesn't have a wire tap — which is illegal — but it could be monitored by a "Listening Tom" with a programmed scanner if you or the party you are talking with is using a cordless telephone.

Incidentally, some individuals have these scanners in their automobiles. Don't think you are exempt if you are using a cellular phone, car phone or the more updated hand-held telephones. These telephones can be heard for 20 miles or more away.

As they said in Russia, Big Brother or someone meaning to do you harm may be listening, but in this case, it may be your neighbor or anyone who wants to monitor your conversations to blackmail you, if you are not careful of what is being said on a cordless, cellular or hand-held telephone.

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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.

Mothers are only human, but I find it difficult to believe.

Every Mother's Day season, I am tempted to undertake an exercise in English composition which would test my ability to write about my own mother and yet steer clear of sentimentality. I have not yet convinced myself, I could do this, and so those who read this column have been spared.

OUT-PATIENT TB CLINIC NEEDED HERE

There is a possibility that an out-patient clinic to serve t.b. patients of a six-county area may be established at the Floyd County Health Department. We think it will be, if the situation faced by these unfortunates is properly considered.

These are women and men, even children, who have been ill months in sanatoria and who are on the way to health, no longer dangerous as spreaders of the disease. But they must be examined from four to six times a year. These examinations are now being given at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Ashland.

If the State Department of Health will only consider the financial strain which these t.b. sufferers and their families have already undergone while they were hospitalized, and if they also will consider the financial straits many thousands are in all over these Eastern Kentucky counties, they will realize that the cost of these trips to and from Ashland will be an onerous burden, in some cases actually preventing patients' receiving proper attention, because they cannot afford the added travel expense.

Added to this is the physical strain of travel for these who need to conserve their strength. The round-trip for many to and from Ashland covers more than 200 miles.

Certainly it will be easier, and generally more economical, for one man to come here to make these examinations than for a hundred or more to go the extra miles to him.

READ IT!

If you read HAPPY HUNTING GROUND, the Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources' Magazine, don't miss the letter written by Ross Johns, of Eastern, this county, on the subject of stream pollution. He wonders, and so do we, why it is that anti-pollution laws can be so blatantly flaunted and how the flaunters can consistently escape legal flogging.

HELP!

The postal rates climb and climb, and the Postmaster General, the President and almost everybody else take turns telling the dear public why we must pay more. The deficit is something awful, they say, so whack the guy who has letters to write or newspapers to mail, and so on.

Yet a flood of political propaganda is mailed, free as the wind, under the Congressional franking privileges; the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which rarely serves any useful purpose, bulges the mail-sacks under the same gracious privilege, and advertising matter by the ton goes out under cheap postal rates.

While we're at it, we also rise to point to the added expense incurred by the printing of all those special stamps which apparently are issued at the rate of a new one a month. Latest of these is a stamp memorializing Masaryk of Czecho-Slovakia.

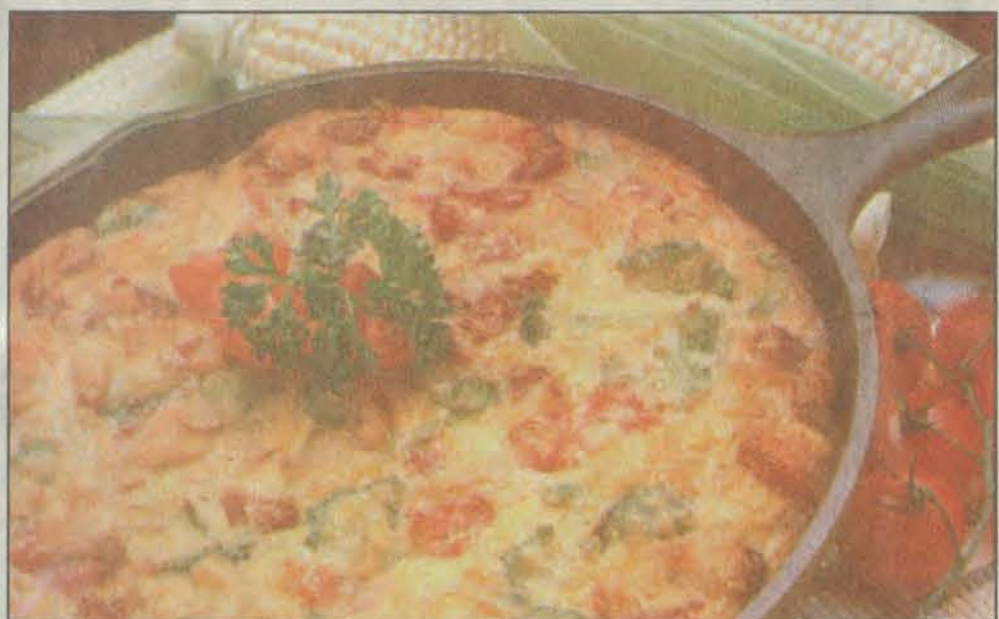
A great patriot was Masaryk of Czecho-Slovakia. But what about us poor patriots of the U.S.A.?

Gripe, gripe. I do not!

SYMPTOMS AND THE CURE

When you have a fever, your mind wanders. You start from your chair or bed, then as quickly stop. You have a feeling that things are passing you up, that can never be captured again. You would like to have your hands in cool water, to feel the wind whipping across your face. You're in a fix, verily.

And the only cure for this ailment is simply take off and go fishin'...



Ham and Broccoli Cornbread Bake—Variation on a classic theme

Popular doctored-up cornbread recipes made with cream-style corn and cheese are an all-time favorite.

Add meats and other vegetables to the batter and turn the moist cheesy cornbread into a main dish, suggests Linda Carman the Martha White baking expert and editor of "Southern Traditions, 100 Years of Recipes from the Martha White Kitchens," (CPI, 1999).

The Martha White cookbook is available in bookstores everywhere, by special offer on Martha White products and through the Martha White web page at www.marthawhite.com.

Ham and Broccoli Cornbread Bake

- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cups chopped cooked ham
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk

1 cup Martha White® Self-Rising Corn Meal Mix

- 1 (8.5-oz.) can cream style corn
- 2 cups frozen broccoli florets
- 4 oz. (1 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese
- Dash hot pepper sauce

Heat oven to 400° F. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in 10-inch cast iron or ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add onion; cook until tender stirring occasionally. Add ham; cook 2 to 3 minutes or until hot and lightly browned.

In large bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add milk, remaining 3 tablespoons oil, corn meal mix and corn; blend well. Stir in broccoli, cheese, onion/ham mixture and hot pepper sauce. Wipe skillet clean with paper towel; spray with nonstick cooking spray. Pour batter into sprayed skillet.

Bake at 400° F. 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown and set. 6 servings.

Granddaughter makes plea

Veterans — one in particular — deserve memorial

by Lori A. Carraway

My grandpa, John Pershing Bentley Sr., served this country as a PFC in World War II, from February 23, 1943, until he separated from the service on November 7, 1945.

He served at five major battlegrounds: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

As he served his country in Germany, he was wounded by an airburst of artillery in the early morning hours of March 24, 1945.

He says he can remember the young man next to him had been killed and that another had fallen over the embankment screaming. He is sure that the second young man was also killed in the line of duty as were so many others.

Shrapnel pierced my grandpa's left hand and leg, which was enough to send him to the 100th Evacuation Hospital. My grandmother still speaks of the horror of receiving the telegram that began, "We regret to inform you..."

I thank God every night and give thanks to Him for watching over my grandpa, for bringing him home safe and sound and for blessing me with the opportunity of having such a magnificent, notable man to call my grandpa.

My grandpa is a modest man. He believes that hard work, honest living and a strong belief in our Heavenly Father is all we need to make it in this world.

I believe that, too.



Mr. and Mrs. John Pershing Bentley Sr., then...

He speaks of this country that he fought for with pride and patriotism, and the men that he served with in the same respect. He should have received the following medals: American Theater Ribbon, EAME Ribbon with five bronze stars, Good Conduct, Purple Heart, and Victory.

It is hard for me to believe that his sacrifice and bravery have been ignored. I feel

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A long way back

From California, via Ohio, via Indianapolis, we learn about a Floyd County woman.

How our branches do spread and settle! Sylvia Stumbo Reinhardt of Indianapolis sent a copy of an article that appeared in The Press-Enterprise in San Bernardino, California, on March 27. It's about a speech given there by Barbara Musselman, the daughter of Ruth "Dottie" Stumbo Musselman, a Floyd County native, now living in Dayton, Ohio.

Barbara refers in her speech to her great-grandmother, Jane Hopkins, who is also Sylvia's great-grandmother. The ancestor, writes Sylvia in a separate note, "lived and died in Floyd County" and is buried on the Stumbo Cemetery in Minnie.

To preserve the story, I'm running parts of the article by Press-Enterprise reporter Sharon McNary, with permission.

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



"In 1900, the 34-year-old widow Jane Hopkins wore a badge.

"She was a tiny figure, only 4 feet, 8 inches tall, striding in her long skirt, farm to farm, counting her neighbors for the 1900 U.S. Census Bureau in Floyd County, Ky.

"A century later, her great-granddaughter, Barbara Musselman, one of San Bernardino County's highest-ranking women employees, wore the same badge while giving a Women's History Month talk for the County Women's Network.

"I'm going to put this on for a day and use it as an illustration," Musselman said, holding aloft the stamped tin badge.

"Here's someone who was widowed," Musselman, who is director of the county's Human Resources Department, said recently. "She went out and took the census and yet could not vote."

"Hopkins died in 1952 at age 86. Musselman remembers her as a feisty, assertive woman, proud of her history.

"I remember her telling me, You are the first generation of women born in this country that were born with the ability to vote when you get old enough," Musselman said.

"That was a long time in coming, she said Hopkins would say. The lesson stayed

with Musselman, who studied to be a historian. Her doctoral dissertation traced working conditions and the life of laborers from 1890 through 1920.

"Musselman came to her county job in 1987 after working as a professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Ohio State University, then in private industry as a manager of professional relations.

"Most women in most families were doing some gainful employment," Musselman said, referring to old census records she examined.

"But when you lost the major breadwinner, there was no safety net, no welfare state," Musselman said.

"After her great-grandfather was killed in an accident, his widow worked for the census, and later helped raise her 12 grandchildren.

"... Musselman related women's role in the workplace from the days of indentured servitude, when women worked as temporary slaves to pay for their passage from

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Things to Ponder

When beauty turns ugly

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

By this time, some folks have made up their minds about what beauty is or is not, plus whether they have one or more "beauty" features. Others of us have strived hard to avoid even finding the mirror, much less look into one.

Then there are those who have tried to trim the unwanted extra bumps and remove excess wrinkles in an effort to arrange things to match others' view of what was ideal. Even if we have to pay for "beauty" out of our own pockets, many will save up for that fantasy look.

It's hard to believe that some communities give teen-agers as gifts "corrections" of Mother Nature's so-called flaws, based on peers' opinions. It's also hard to believe that members of society seek the "perfect look," although the criteria cannot be listed.

What is beauty? Will you know it, when you see it?

With all of the focus on being beautiful—young, slim, and firm—there still seems to be contradictions within the culture that reflects a sad, sometimes ugly side of beauty. While some people eat to live, others live to eat. Many ad campaigns talk about eating right to have a long and healthy life and recite nutritional research results that preaches ways to do so.

In contrast, 15 percent of women and 11 percent of men admitted that they would sacrifice more than five years of their life to be at their ideal weight. In another instance, a mid-20s female talked about loving children and wanting to have one more, if she could do so without gaining the weight.

A question becomes, is life not worth living unless you're thin? A Harvard eating disorder expert viewed girls as "literally weighing their self-esteem... a culture that is completely bonkers. We're obsessed with sylphike slimmness, yet heading toward obesity."

We also evaluate ourselves according to how we eat. "Let's be really bad today and have dessert. I was good. I didn't eat lunch."

One study revealed that 80 percent of women were dissatisfied with their bodies. At the most severe extreme, unhappiness with our self-image can lead to an eating disorder, such as anorexia, a self-starvation syndrome, or bulimia, a binge-and-purge cycle in which people gorge and then vomit or use laxatives. Both can be fatal.

This reminds me of a woman in her 40s, who was aware that she was really having significant problems, but had a very difficult time even keeping her first appointment. This woman was successful on her job, working every day. Yet, she usually vomited after every meal without gagging herself; all she had to do was think about wanting to lose what she had swallowed. If she thought she would need energy later in the day, she would control herself not to vomit.

It was hard to believe that she had been using this routine to control her body size for 15 years. In the end, she only came for two sessions. It was as though she could not tolerate the prospect of having a different way of life.

Americans, about 5 to 10 percent, are not the only ones to have eating disorders, although inappropriate eating patterns were first observed in wealthy Western cultures. When TV first began in Fiji, eating disorders were mainly unknown. But after three years, 15 percent of the females had tried vomiting to lose weight.

In the 1960s, anorexia was first described in Japan, but now affects about one in 100 of Japanese women and has scattered to other Asian areas—Korea, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

Women most often have eating disorders, a complex situation with an interaction of biology, family dynamics, and cultural influences. Usual contributing factors are that these women don't know how to cope or soothe themselves and have low self-esteem.

Additionally, the distance between the cultural idea of what we would like to look like and the reality of what we actually look like is becoming wider; i.e., in these days, Marilyn Monroe would probably be viewed as overweight.

Everyone is well aware of the magazine pictures of gorgeously thin women with a handsome guy next to them. Yet, there are other ideas of what is beauty:

"Beauty is all the wonderful creative things that a person is, how they handle themselves and treat other people... Of course it's a lot easier for (one) to see beauty in others than in (one's) self. Still... there are things about (the person) other than (his) body. Things that—are (almost) beautiful... Beauty can be sheer self-indulgent pleasure as well as downright fun, and it's best not to forget it" (National Geographic, January 2000).

Even though "people are so quick to say beauty is shallow... they're fearful... it's fun to reinvent yourself, as long as you don't take it too seriously. Think of the tribesmen in New Guinea in paint and feathers. It's mystical. It's a transformation. That's what we're doing when we go to a salon. We are transforming ourselves, (according to a magazine beauty director)."

There has been the belief for years that "a little paint always makes an old barn look good," according to Granny Grace. So often you also hear, "I wouldn't go out of the house without my make-up." However, the speaker has blue jeans on, which would not have been accepted years ago as OK for wear on the street.

"What's glorious—and what's grotesque—in our endless quest for beauty is often far more apparent than the motivations behind it. But why we seek beauty is only part of the enigma: how we define it has been, and remains, the most provocative question of all."

Do you have a clearer definition of beauty now? Of course, there are still many more questions about beauty, such as, do you think beauty pageants are OK? What about children, who really do not understand why and what it all means?

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg. Any comments or suggestions may be made to the Floyd County Times.



ALC choir completes tour

The Voices of Appalachia, Alice Lloyd College's concert choir, completed a tour through Missouri, Louisiana and Texas in March, performing 10 concerts under the direction of Richard Kennedy.

Each year, the Voices travel to different parts of the country to share their Southern Appalachian hymns and ballads.

In spite of a rigid performance schedule, the choir members had a chance to tour Dallas, as well as the Alamo and River Walk in San Antonio.

"Given the chance to be in the ALC choir was an honor, as well as a wonderful experience," said Crystal Crowe, freshman alto. "I met many people and had the

chance to share Christ through our music. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity."

When they weren't staying in hotels, choir members stayed with host families in the area. During their stay, many formed lasting relationships with host families.

The year's tour culminated on April 2 with a concert at the college.

Stonewall Theatre reopens

The historic Stonewall Theatre (circa 1905) in Clifton Forge, Virginia, will feature Charlie Waller and the Country Gentlemen for its grand re-opening on Saturday, May 6, at 8 p.m.

The theatre received a \$130,000 grant from the Allegheny Foundation for renovations and restoration. The work, including more than \$55,000 worth of improvements to the stage, is being completed.

Appalfocks of America Association, the non-profit corporation that owns and operates the theatre, closed the facility last

December for the renovations.

Charlie Waller and the Country Gentlemen have played bluegrass music since 1954. Among musicians who have been a part of the group are Ricky Skaggs, Jerry Douglas, John Duffy, Doyle Lawson, Bill Emerson, Eddie Adcock, and Bill Yates.

Waller was inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Association Hall of Honor in 1996. He has received many other awards and has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry.

The band now consists of Darren

Alridge on mandolin, Ronnie Davis on upright bass, and Greg Corbett on banjo.

Advance tickets for the performance are \$12, or \$15 at the door. For reservations, call Olde Forge Travel in Clifton Forge at 540/862-1245 or the Stonewall Theatre box office at 540/863-9606.

A charity auction for the theatre will also be held on the evening of May 6, according to M. Ray Allen, president and AAA founder.

Also appearing for the reopening will be the Old Dominion Cloggers at 7:30 p.m.

A new contest will reward service

(NUE) - In celebration of the centennial year for the Firestone brand, Bridgestone/ Firestone is launching "100 Who Serve," a national contest to identify and recognize 100 people who serve others.

The company's trust fund will make a \$2,000 contribution to the nonprofit charity or organization of choice for each person selected to receive the award. Additional contributions totaling \$30,000 will go to the top three honorees' designated charities or organizations.

"Firestone 100 Who Serve is our way of celebrating not just our 100th birthday, but also of celebrating the spirit of service to others that has been a cornerstone of our business," says Christine Karbowski, Bridgestone/ Firestone vice president of public affairs. "We want to begin our second century by honoring those who truly make a difference in the lives of others."

To be eligible for consideration, individuals must be nominated, and anyone who is a legal resident in the 50 states and District of Columbia, 13 years of age or

older, can make a nomination by filling out an official entry form and writing a brief essay about the nominee. No purchase is necessary.

Honorees will be recognized in national and local advertisements, and the top three honorees' designated charities will receive additional contributions totaling \$30,000. The top three nominees and their guests will attend the 2001 Indianapolis 500 race and be recognized by the participating drivers.

"We're hopeful this combined financial support of nearly one-quarter million dollars will foster additional good works and service across America," Karbowski says. "That service may be on a local, state or national level, ranging from extraordinary acts to the simplest gestures of helping other people."

For entry forms and a complete set of rules, visit www.firestone100.com, visit a participating Firestone retailer or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to "100 Who Serve" rules, P.O. Box 1031, Ellenton, FL 34222-1031.

Postscript

Europe, and through the course of wars and the industrial and information ages.

"When the country was formed, women were counted in the census as full persons only if they were white, but still lacked basic rights.

"You couldn't vote, you could not hold property, you could not divorce, and if you were a woman of color or a man of color and were a slave, you were counted as three-fifths of a person," she said.

"She described the irony that women helped to abolish slavery and win the vote for former slaves but could not vote themselves until 1920. She recounted the Civil

Rights Act debates in 1963 and 1964, and the Pregnancy Anti-Discrimination Act in 1973.

"She said county government is a good example of women's progress but also for the continuing challenge for women to seek equality in work and pay.

"If you look at the highest levels of the organization, it looks different here than it looks in comparable private sector employment places of 18,000," she said.

"Of the county's 18,000 employees, 66 percent are female.

"In the public sector, we are far more reflective of the diversity of the population we serve, but get-

ting past the glass ceiling, we're still doing that."

It was heartening to read about these particular eastern Kentucky roots. We can claim some pride in Barbara Musselman and the Jane Hopkins blood that runs in her veins. We can be grateful that Musselman appreciates her ancestry.

Unfortunately, 100 years later, eastern Kentucky has little use for these types of women.

Greetings to subscriber Winfred Ward of San Antonio, Texas. Thanks for reading the Times.

Memorial

that all veterans deserve to be recognized and honored for their service to their country.

This is why I strongly support the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

I also want my grandpa to receive his medals. He very much deserves them. They should be free of charge, since by defending this country he already paid for them with his (and many others') blood, sweat and tears.

I have asked (the American Battle Monument Commission) to help me honor my grandpa. I would like for my sons to see that when so much is sacrificed, it will be honored and recognized.

Help me make sure that he gets what he deserves, his medals. All the men and women, who deserve their medals and have not received them, deserve to be recognized before another soldier is gone and forgotten.

My grandpa is my hero. Because of men and women like him, I have my freedom, and you have yours, to live as we choose to live. I cannot perceive a greater blessing, can you?

My Granddad

We sit and tell stories of long ago, about loved ones and times of woe.

I sit and I listen and marvel at you, of your sweet presence and

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... and now.

things that you knew.

I can only imagine this life of yours, of things that happened on distant shores.

It's such a great feeling of love that I have to know this great man that I call

Granddad.

Lori A. Carraway lives at Martin. She urges people to write to US Congressman Hal Rogers, 551 Clifty St., Somerset, KY 42501, in support of the World War II Memorial and of John P. Bentley Sr. receiving his service medals.



'New Star'

Nicholas Ryan Scott is New Star Discovery's Most Beautiful Baby Boy. He participated in the New Star Discovery Pageant at Cedar Knoll Galleria on April 8, where he won first place in the main contest and the head shot category. Prizes included two trophies, a medal and a photography session for possible print and ad work. He is the 18-month-old son of Patricia and Thomas Scott Jr. of Fallsburg. His maternal grandparents are William and Valerie Stone of Fallsburg, and paternal grandparents are Thomas and Janet Scott of Garrett.

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Engagement Form

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Engagement and wedding announcements are included in the Lifestyles section of the newspaper, which appears in the Wednesday and Sunday editions. One-time announcements are free, unless a particular edition or another section is requested. Pictures and completed forms should be at the newspaper at least two weeks before the wedding. Pictures will be returned if a stamped self-addressed envelope is included, or they may be picked up at the Times office after publication. Please type or print legibly.

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Her memberships, clubs, etc. _____

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WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



June nuptials planned

Former Floyd Countians Jami Campbell of Lexington and Steve Cole of Berea plan to wed on Saturday, June 3, 2000, at 3:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Allen. The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Gail Campbell of Prestonsburg. She is employed by McCoy and West in Lexington. The groom-to-be is the son of Carl and Ocelene Cole of Bevinsville, and is employed by Overnite of Lexington. Both are graduates of Wheelwright High School. They will make their home in Berea. The gracious custom of open wedding will be observed.



May wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Click and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conn, all of Martin, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Renee Click and Billy Conn Jr. The wedding will take place on Saturday, May 27, 2000, at 3:30 p.m., at Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

BIRTHDAYS



Celebrates 75 years

Betty Frances Bentley will be feted with a 75th birthday celebration on Saturday, May 20, 2000, at the Maytown United Methodist Church at Langley. Her family is hosting the open event, which begins at 2 p.m. She is married to John Pershing Bentley.



Turns two

Dylan Lee Slone will turn two years old on May 4, 2000, but he celebrated early with a Barney-theme birthday party at his home on Saturday. He is the son of Winson (T-Tom) and Amanda Slone of Blue River. His maternal grandparents are William Tussey of Blue River and the late Lynn Tussey, and paternal grandparents are Lori and Winson Slone of Blue River. He is the great-grandson of Don and May Tussey of Blue River, Daniel and Aileen Campbell of Gas Fork, Joe Simpson of Martin, Elmer and Pauline Slone of Salyersville, the late Irene Slone, and the late Dora and Palmer Osborne. He is the great-great-grandson of Beulah Delong of Gas Fork.

Birthday?

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. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email fctimes@eastky.net.



Turns seven

Josh Whitaker celebrated his seventh birthday on Saturday, April 29, 2000. He is the son of Robin and Pam Whitaker, and brother of Krystal Slone of Prestonsburg. His paternal grandparents are Don and Joan Whitaker of Prestonsburg, and maternal grandparents are Doug and Montagall Burkett.

Getting the word across: Parents must carry anti-drug message

When it comes to spreading drug abuse warnings, Phil Palmgreen campaigns from a national platform. He helped develop the federal government's billion-dollar anti-drug advertising program.

Palmgreen, a communications professor and researcher at the University of Kentucky, worked with his now-retired UK colleague, Lewis Donohew, to develop the theories that led to dramatic national ads like the television spot featuring a young girl who uses an iron skillet to show the destruction wrought by drugs.

But Palmgreen knows that reducing teen drug abuse relies less on advertising techniques than on continuing efforts by parents to help their children resist the pressures to experiment and use marijuana and other substances.

"What you want to get across to your kids is that you're on their side. This means parents need to work on their listening skills," Palmgreen said recently.

Palmgreen is supported by William Turner, an associate professor in UK's Family Studies Department. Turner said a parent's success regarding drugs depends on the parent's relationship with his or her child or children.

"It really is never too early to start talking with your children about issues they may face at a later time," Turner said.

"But for these talks to have real meaning and impact, a parent must start early in a child's life by developing open lines of communication and spending time with the child," Turner said.

"If you don't communicate well with your children or you don't spend time with them, you may not establish the foundation on which to build trust and meaningful messages," he said.

Turner urged parents to consider their children's ages and tailor age-appropriate messages on any important issues, including drug abuse.

"At the early elementary school ages, don't try to address issues in serious terms. The child isn't ready. Nancy Reagan's old adage, 'Just say no,' is a simple message that works for that age group," he said.

"At the ages of 9, 10 and 11, children are ready for more serious discussions," he said.

Parents shouldn't be surprised if their children raise the issues. "They'll hear something and ask about it," Turner said.

At that point, parents can talk about marijuana and other drugs and how they affect people. "You may want to emphasize that drugs affect behavior in ways that make you act in ways you don't want to act," he said.

Middle-school and adolescent children generally are receptive to more specific and dramatic discussions, he said.

"At this age, it's important to have established a relationship that permits frank discussions. When they come to you, don't brush them off," Turner said.

He noted that children in these age groups are becoming increasingly susceptible to peer pressure. "You need to let them know you understand the pressures they face," he said.

Turner also said parents should make sure they explain the different levels of danger presented by drugs. "You want to distinguish that heroin is worse than marijuana. This helps them trust that you know what you're talking about."

It's also important to address the temptation adolescents face to experiment, Turner said. Parents may wish to use family experiences with members who have faced drug-abuse problems. They can use these experiences to explain the consequences of drug abuse.

Both Turner and Palmgreen said parents should present their warnings calmly.

"It's probably not effective to be overly dramatic, the way we are in our national ad campaign. Those ads have 30 seconds to make an impact," Palmgreen said.

"Parents should take more of a soft approach, especially with kids who seem to need a lot of stimulation. A hard approach may have the opposite effect from what parents hope," he said.

Reader's Whiplash might benefit from DO manipulative treatment

Question: Last May, over Memorial Day Weekend, I was "rear-ended" in an auto accident and received a whiplash injury. I'm still having trouble with pain and soreness in my neck and shoulders, and I have frequent headaches, which I never had before. How long does it usually take to get over this kind of problem?

Answer: Whiplash injuries are due, in part, to human anatomy. The head — a relatively heavy object — is secured to the end of a flexible support that we call the neck. The suppleness of the neck allows us to move it so we can easily point our head in the direction we desire.

However, there is a "downside" to this flexibility — the muscles and ligaments that move and support the neck are easily injured in situations like your auto accident.

Let's take a look at your specific case. As you drove down the highway, your neck muscles were only under sufficient tension to hold the head in a position to see the road. However, when you were struck from the rear by the other vehicle, your car suddenly accelerated and placed your neck under tremendous strain.

While your body — supported by the car seat, seat belt, shoulder harness, feet and arms — accelerated

nearly as fast as the car, your "heavy head" continued backward. Your head didn't stop until it had reached or exceeded the normal limits of the neck's mobility and thereby strained the supporting muscles and ligaments.

It is injury to these structures that is the source of your pain. This type of injury happens less often now that most vehicles on the road have some form of headrest, but it certainly doesn't eliminate the problem, does it?

In severe whiplash, the damage to neck muscles and supporting ligaments is quite apparent. Even damage to the arteries that supply blood to the brain is relatively common. People who suffer this degree of injury — about 24 percent of whiplash victims — are only a mile-per-hour or two away from having had a fatal accident.

Though the majority of whiplash injuries are milder than this, they can still cause excruciating pain that is often incapacitating. This severe pain typically subsides sufficiently to allow return to normal activities in two to eight weeks.

However, as you have discovered, the acute phase of whiplash is often followed by a period of several months of chronic discomfort. Neck ache and headache, as well as



Family Medicine

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soreness and muscle tightness in the upper back between the shoulder blades are the most common complaints.

In this chronic phase of whiplash, X-rays, MRI and other tests often are unable to find a clearly identifiable abnormality that causes pain. Insurance companies tend to assume those with this type of whiplash complaint are actually malingering or exploiting the legal system in search of some undue compensation.

My experience, however, has been just the opposite. I find that almost all of my patients with chronic whiplash complaints have signs of abnormal motion of the muscles and bones in the neck and back. This abnormality is subtle. It is not like a dislocation or fracture that is easily identified with testing equipment.

Fortunately, the most sensitive of testing equipment — the trained human hand — can easily find it. Osteopathic physicians, chiropractors and physical therapists are all well trained in this type of palpatory diagnosis.

Unfortunately, identifying the problem doesn't always lead to a

simple resolution of it. Physical therapy and osteopathic manipulative treatment usually promote healing, but this is no miracle cure. It takes time to heal the damage that has been done, and healed tissue is not the same as "never injured" tissue.

Most people are well within one year but can still tell in subtle ways that their neck isn't the same as it was before their injury.

Without examining you, I'm unable to tell where you are along this path of recovery. Your doctor should be able to help you determine what to expect, particularly if he or she has a good understanding of the subtle changes that take place in the musculoskeletal system with a whiplash injury.

Perhaps you would benefit from an examination by an osteopathic physician.

"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.fradio.org/jm.

Be respectful when trying to help survivors of a child sexual abuse

by Kathie Dickenson
Radford University

One out of five women and one out of seven men experienced at least one incident of sexual assault as a child. For some, the effects of those childhood incidents have trailed them for years.

Friends or family members who learn of a child abuse survivor's experience may be eager to help them or to guide them toward help, but those impulses should be tempered by respect for the survivor's wishes, says Ann Elliott, a psychology professor at Radford University.

"Don't go in with pre-conceived notions about what they need," she says. "Instead, listen and find out what they need or want."

"Some may want to talk about it, while others may not. Some may prefer to talk about it with friends or family, while others may prefer to talk about it with a counselor."

Understanding the effects of child sexual abuse can help both former victims and their friends and families.

Just as the circumstances of sexual assault can vary greatly, there is a highly diverse set of responses by victims, says Elliott. "Some experience very high levels of stress," she says, "while others appear to have few if any symptoms. Many are in the middle."

"Not everyone is severely traumatized," agrees Isaac Van Patten, who teaches criminal justice at Radford, "but of those who are, the destructive effects are ubiquitous."

Some of the more common long-term effects of sexual assault

include:

- difficulty establishing trust at a level necessary for true intimacy
- post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- symptoms of anxiety and fear, such as panic attacks
- depression
- low self esteem
- sexual dysfunction
- pattern of becoming a victim in abusive relationships

One important factor in determining whether a child who is abused develops such symptoms is the strength of the child's social support system. Are there adults who reinforce the child's self worth and make him or her feel safe?

The term "social support system," says Elliott, has a broad definition. "It could mean a parent, another friend or relative, a teacher, or another positive adult."

Of all the possible symptoms, "none occur in more than 20-30 percent of victims," says Elliott, "except PTSD, which occurs in about 50 percent."

Of course, she adds, exhibiting these symptoms doesn't necessarily signal a history of sexual abuse. For example, depression can have many causes, and PTSD can stem from a variety of traumatic experiences.

One common misconception about those who were sexually abused is that they are destined to become abusers themselves. "This is a myth," says Elliott. "Just look at the statistics: At least 80 percent of sexual abuse victims are women, yet 80-90 percent of perpetrators are men. The best estimates suggest that only 20-30 percent of perpetrators have a

history of sexual abuse."

Many adult survivors who struggle with the effects of abuse do not seek help for their problems. Often this is because of trust issues, says Van Patten. "By definition, therapy is an intimate, though non-sexual, relationship."

Other obstacles to seeking help may be victims' fear of being disbelieved or fear that they are not "worthy." Realizing that their reluctance to seek help stems from the very abuse that caused their problems may help adults decide to take the first difficult step toward support.

When a survivor does decide to seek help, finding the right kind is important. "Help is available through both public and private sector providers," says Van Patten, "and in a variety of formats, from support groups to intense individual psychotherapy."

The private sector, he says, offers more choices but is also more costly. Some health insurance plans will cover a portion of counseling costs.

Community service agencies usually offer "young, enthusiastic clinicians with less experience, but they are substantially less expensive," says Van Patten.

The search can begin with contacting a community service board or a local women's shelter. For private clinicians, the yellow pages, a family doctor, or word of mouth recommendations can yield good results. Recommendations from members of a support group can be especially helpful.

In choosing a therapist, Van Patten encourages taking a consumerist approach. "Have an initial

meeting with the therapist to try them out," he says. "Many private clinicians will agree to a reduced fee session for an introductory meeting. Respect your own gut feeling about a therapist."

"If you get a 'bad vibe' from the first meeting it probably won't get better. This is your therapy, so don't worry about hurting anyone's feelings. Just say 'no thanks' and move on to the next one. But don't quit trying until you find a good fit."

Elliott adds that a therapist who specializes in or has extensive experience with sexual victimization is often the best choice.

People need not envision a counseling experience involving a couch and extensive Freudian psychoanalysis.

Elliott says through cognitive behavior therapy, abuse survivors can improve their symptoms by learning to think about themselves in new ways. They can also learn to see the abuse in their past from a new perspective.

"A person may be thinking, 'This horrible thing happened to me, so I'm a damaged person, unworthy of respect,' but they can learn to think, 'Okay, this horrible thing happened. But the fact that it happened doesn't mean I'm a bad person.'"

"They can learn to take control of their thoughts and feelings about the abuse instead of the abuse controlling them," she says.

Learning these skills usually takes the help of a therapist and practice on the part of the client, but with patience, sexual abuse survivors can overcome many of the cumulative effects of their experience.

Youth News

Program prepares students for 'living'

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

Students at Betsy Layne High School have an opportunity to participate in a program that will help them in their day-to-day living once their formal education is completed.

The vocational program called Family and Consumer Sciences (formerly home economics) offers such courses as Life Skills, Consumer Education, Parenting, Child/Human Development, Relationships, Foods, Career, and Family.

As part of the vocational training, students are encouraged to join a club called Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America (formerly known as Future Homemakers of America).

Students must have at least one of the classes in Family and Consumer Sciences to qualify for the club.

Club members qualify to compete in STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition). The competition includes 11 categories: Applied Technology, Chapter Service Project, Chapter Showcase, Entrepreneurship, Focus on Children, Food Service, Illustrated Talk, Job Interview, Skills for Life, Parliamentary Procedure and Creed Speaking.

The Floyd County Board of Education at its April meeting recognized four students for their achievements in the club.

Junior Arnold Joshua Howell, son of Connie King of Harold and Arnold Howell of Grethel, has been a member of the club for three



Competition winners, from left, Jason McCoy, Instructor Elizabeth Jones, Candice Branham, Stacey Stevens. (photo by Willie Elliott)

years and took first place at the regional meet at Johnson Central High School in the Technology Project category.

Junior Stacey Stevens, daughter of Teresa and Joie Stevens of Harold and three-year member, was a co-winner with Howell at the regional level in the Technology Project category.

The Applied Technology category asks student to develop a project using technology and show evidence of problem solving, critical thinking and integration of applied communications, math and/or science in a family and consumer sciences related area.

Sophomore Jason McCoy, son of Christine McCoy of Ivel, placed

first at regional and first at state (held at Galt House in Louisville) in the Modified Creed category.

Creed speaking asks first-year students to demonstrate the ability to recite the FCCLA Creed and interpret the meaning of the creed. This event provides an individual opportunity to gain self-confidence by speaking before a group.

Candice Branham, senior, daughter of Larry Branham of Grethel and Brigett Jones of Ligon, has been a member of the club all four years of her high school career. She competed in the job interview category and won first place at regional and fourth place at the state competition.

The job interview category hon-

ors participants who use Family and Consumer skills to develop a portfolio, participate in an interview and communicate a person's understanding of job requirements and the ability to perform them.

Elizabeth Jones, instructor for the vocational classes and sponsor of the FCCLA, said she and her students were appreciative of businesses that help sponsor trips to take part in competitions. Those sponsors include Big Foot BP of Grethel, Layne Brothers Ford of Ivel, Childers and Venters of Pikeville and Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Betsy Layne High School students did well in vocational competition at the regional and state level.

Free art contest open to area students

Arts and Kids announces that \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships will be awarded this year in its Annual Art Competition.

Students from the Prestonsburg area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of 145 prizes.

The deadline for the contest is July 31. The contest is open to everyone 17 years of age and younger, and entry is free.

"Everyone will enjoy an equal chance of winning the contest since entrants will be judged using age-appropriate standards," stated Suzanne Lawrence, contest director. "Many of the artists who enter this contest will gain national recognition through the publication of their artwork."

In addition to the scholarships and prizes totaling \$38,000 that will be awarded to young artists, a \$1000 grant will be awarded to the schools of the five finalists for art education or to provide supplies or art-related technology.

To enter, send one original work of art, any style and any medium. All entries must include the child's name, address and age on the back. Artwork should be sent to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2111, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

Arts and Kids is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of young artists to the public's attention. In the last 10 years, it has awarded more than \$100,000 to talented artists, most of whom have never before entered—or expected to win—any type of artistic competition. You can visit their website at www.ArtsandKids.com.



Students at Allen Elementary, grades K-2, participated in a Horrible Hair Day contest, in honor of the book, "Harriet's Horrible Hair Day." Winners among the girls were, Dara Bartley, kindergarten, first place; Meghan Lewis, second grade, second place; and Erica Crace, second grade, third place. Winners among the boys were Nathaniel Fraley, first grade, first place; Corey Carter, first grade, second place; and Michael Jervis, first grade, third place.

Osborne Elementary's third nine weeks honor roll released

Robin Hall's Fourth Grade—A Honor Roll—Danielle Bates and Faith Little; B Honor Roll—Matthew Crittendon, Elena Fouts, Ashley Hall, Jordan Hall, Westley Hunt, T'Kiah Jackson, Jeri Ann Jones, Ethan Meade, Samantha Tackett, and Stephanie Stone.

Colleen Johnson's Fourth Grade—A Honor Roll—Ryan Johnson; B Honor Roll—Maria Curry, Martha Hall, Tonya Johnson, Terri Slone, Amber Tackett, Whitney Tackett, and Brittany Thornsbury.

Sherry Caudill's Fourth/Fifth Grades—A Honor Roll—Wesley Akers and Ethan Mullins; B Honor Roll—LeeAnn Day, Brandi Hall, Mark Helton, Austin Johnson, Kyle Ray, and Tia Salisbury.

Tammy Mullins' Fifth Grade—B Honor Roll—Casey Anderson, Jacob Couch, Erica Hall, Morgan Johnson, Amanda Lindemuth, Bessie Maynor, and Katie Spears.

Dale Pack's Fifth Grade—A Honor Roll—Bianca Bailey, Christopher Hamilton, and Tara Little; B Honor Roll—Jessica Bartley, Kim Elkins, Kortney Hall, Tiffany Hall, Sarah Harris, Ethan Johnson, Alena Little, Tobie Little, Heather Newsome, Brittany Puckett and Brian Williams.

Jeff Castle's Sixth Grade—B Honor Roll—Sarah Bakay, Tiffany Hamilton, Ashley Johnson, Scott Johnson, Brooks Letterman, Ryan Little, Stephanie Slone, Megan Tackett, and Sunni Williams.

Susie Tackett's Sixth Grade—A Honor Roll—Stephen Blanton, Chrissy Blocker, Meagan Castle, and Sandra Hunter; B Honor Roll—Eva Cook, BreAnna Daniels, Cassie Elkins, Leslie Holbrook, Matthew Johnson, Ryan Johnson, and Christal Ramsey.

Duff students learn about the Civil War

by Samantha Hackworth



Duff student Michaela Tussey is helped by presenter Stephen Bowling as she tries on a Civil War coat. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Mr. Stephen Bowling visited Mrs. Sheilah Ratliff's primary classroom recently to the Civil War. One of the things he showed us was a confederate uniform. I liked it the best. It was tan and the pants had a hole in the back of them.

The shirts were long so they could cover up the pants and they wouldn't show their rear.

He also talked about hardtack. A hardtack is a cracker they had to eat. He said most of them had bugs in them so they put them over a fire and cooked them. Then they ate them. The hardtack was one of my favorite things too.

He also talked about a lot of other things, but I haven't got that much room.

By Michaela Tussey

Mr. Stephen Bowling visited Mrs. Sheilah Ratliff's primary classroom recently to discuss the Civil War. We learned that a lot of bugs got into their food.

We learned about metal items that they carried in their backpacks. He showed us some uniforms. The pants must have been shot with a gun too much. They had holes in them.

We thought the hats were very wonderful. We got to try on hats. We enjoyed Mr. Bowling's visit very much. We thought the stuff he brought made us feel smarter about the Civil War.

Eastern Kentucky academic conference holds awards banquet

The Eastern Kentucky Academic Conference (EKAC) held its awards banquet on April 14, at Johnson Central High School to honor the outstanding teams and students who have participated this past year.

High school students named to the all-conference teams in each area of regular competition are:

Mathematics: Josh Allen and J.R. Conn, both of Betsy Layne; Tiffany Caldwell of Pike County Central; Swathi Rao of Johnson Central; and Justin Shofner and Evan Smith, both of Pikeville.

Science: Pavan Bhatraju and Sean Deskins, both of Pikeville; David Campbell, Anthony Fraley, Stephen Stone, and James Stambaugh, all of Johnson Central; Brenessa Matney of Phelps; Joseph Ratliff and Jeremy Tackett, both of Betsy Layne; and Jamie Stewart of Millard.

Social Studies: Steven Bartley of Millard; Joe Brown of Paintsville; Galen Conley of Johnson Central; Noah Friend and Pradeep Mettu, both of Pikeville; Eddie Gilliam of

Pike County Central; Jonathan Maynard of Sheldon Clark; and Trent Tackett of Betsy Layne.

Language Arts: Noah Friend and Josh Salyers, both of Pikeville; Billy Newsome of Betsy Layne; Swathi Rao and Laura Wells, both of Johnson Central; and Brittany Smith of Pike County Central.

General Knowledge: Pavan Bhatraju, Pradeep Mettu, and Justin Shofner, all of Pikeville; Tiffany Caldwell of Pike County Central; Stephen Conley of Paintsville; and Jonathan Maynard of Sheldon Clark.

Quick recall: Steven Bartley of Millard; Stephen Conley of Paintsville; J.R. Conn and Billy Newsome, both of Betsy Layne; Richie Duncan of Belfry; Noah Friend of Pikeville; Jonathan Maynard of Sheldon Clark; and David Simpson of Johnson Central.

The EKAC high school regular season champions are:

Mathematics: 4. Johnson Central; 3. Pike County Central; 2. Betsy Layne and 1. Pikeville.

Science: 4. Millard, 3. Betsy

Layne; 2. Pikeville; and 1. Johnson Central.

Social Studies: 4. Betsy Layne; 3. Sheldon Clark; 2. Paintsville; and 1. Pikeville.

Language Arts: 4. Pike County; 3. Pikeville; 2. Betsy Layne; and 1. Johnson Central.

General Knowledge: 4. Pike County Central; 2. Tie between Paintsville and Sheldon Clark; and 1. Pikeville.

Quick Recall: 4. Sheldon Clark; 3. Johnson Central; 2. Pikeville and 1. Betsy Layne.

Overall: 4. Sheldon Clark; 3. Johnson Central; 2. Betsy Layne; and 1. Pikeville.

In conference tournament action, Betsy Layne went undefeated to take top honors. Pikeville finished second, Johnson Central placed third, and Pike County Central was fourth.

Middle school students named to the all-conference teams in each area of regular competition are:

Mathematics: Sarah Billiter of Virgie; Caleb Branham, Garrett Conley, and Melissa Geary, all of

Johnson County 8; Nathan Mills and Joshua Taylor, both of Johns Creek; and Nick Ruktanonchai of Pikeville.

Science: John Compton of Paintsville; Lana Damron of Mullins; Josh Daniel of Johnson County 8; Brandon Rinebold of Johnson County 7; Shawn Reynolds of Johns Creek; and Nick Ruktanonchai and Tyler Shockey, both of Pikeville.

Social Studies: Braden Blankenship and Justin Howard, both of Johns Creek; and Josh Daniel and Kevin Wells, both of Johnson County 8.

Language Arts: Charla Hughes of Pikeville; Shefa Sikder and Chris Wells, both of Johnson County 8; Renee Thompson of Johns Creek; and Carrie Wells of Johnson County 7.

General Knowledge: Braden Blankenship and Justin Howard, both of Johns Creek; Nick Chapman of Pikeville; and Garrett Conley, Chris Wells and Kevin Wells, all of Johnson County 8.

The EKAC middle school regular

season champions are:

Mathematics: 4. Virgie; 2. Tie between Johns Creek and Pikeville; and 1. Johnson County 8.

Science: 3. Tie between Johnson County 7 and Pikeville; 2. Johns Creek; and 1. Johnson County 8.

Social Studies: 3. Pikeville; 2. Johns Creek; and 1. Johnson County 8.

Language Arts: 4. Pikeville; 3. Johns Creek; 2. Johnson County 7; and 1. Johnson County 8.

General Knowledge: 3. Pikeville; 2. Johns Creek; and 1. Johnson County 8.

Quick Recall: 4. Pikeville; 3. Johnson County 7; 2. Johns Creek; and 1. Johnson County 8.

Overall: 3. Tie between Johnson County 7 and Pikeville; 2. Johns Creek; and 1. Johnson County 8.

In conference tournament action, Johnson County 8 held off a tough Johns Creek team to win. Johns Creek placed second but defeated Johnson County 8 once during the tournament. Pikeville finished third, and Johnson County 7 was fourth.



Lora Conley, of Elkhorn City, a nursing student at Mayo Technical College/Pikeville Center, was chosen Student of the Month by her classmates. She is the daughter of Jennifer Mullins of Elkhorn City, the wife of Todd Conley, and mother of Alyssa Cantrell and Amie Conley.



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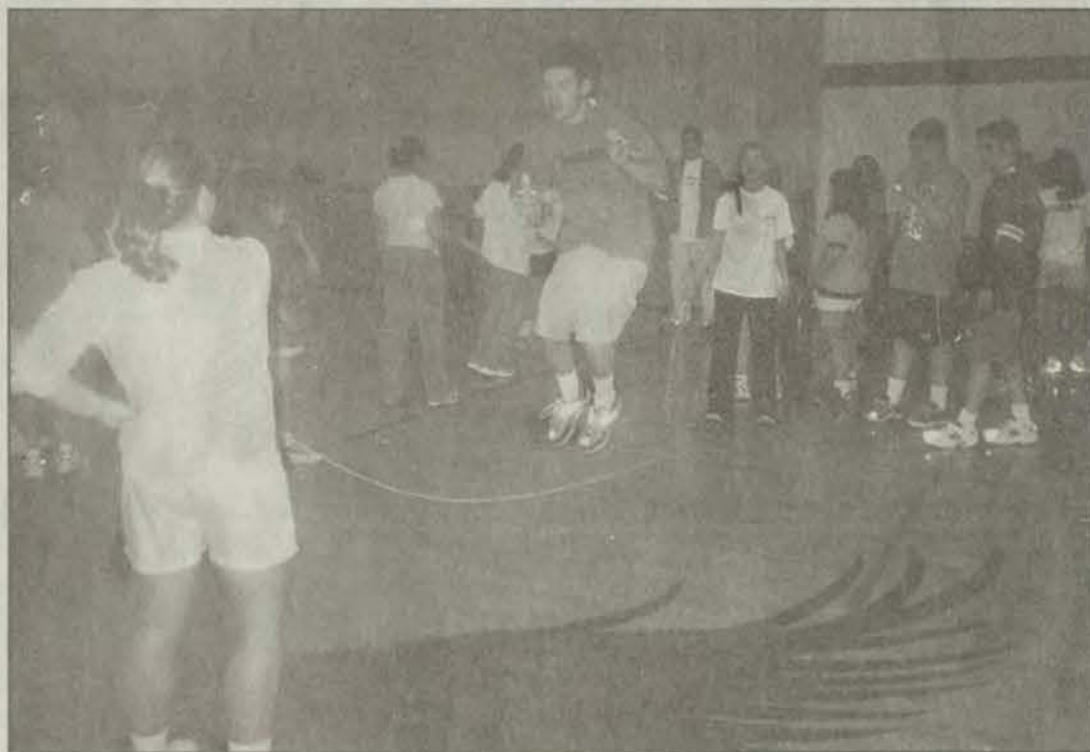
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Which one is the Cat in the Hat? Donna Collins' Primary class at Allen Elementary became cats for Dr. Seuss' birthday. Here are, from left, Kelli Arnett, Seth Carter, Patrick McGuire, and, front, Nathaniel Fraley.



Students from the fourth through eighth grade at Allen Elementary recently participated in Jump Rope for Heart, a program co-sponsored by the American Heart Association. In exchange for collecting pledges and volunteering to jump rope for the day, students win prizes and the school receives certificates toward purchase of physical education equipment. Allen students raised \$2,522.19, according to physical education teacher Waynette Hoppman, who commended parents and other members of the community for their time and contributions. Happy Mart, she said, donated water for the event. "The students had a wonderful time participating," she said. "We can all be proud of their efforts on behalf of a very worthy cause that benefits so many in our community. Let's hope they take the message about exercise to heart."



Students in Gladys Gibson's first grade class at Mountain Christian Academy studied the Rain Forest during the month of April.

Seven students selected for Duke program

Seven Floyd County students have been recognized through TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, which sponsors a series of recognition ceremonies for seventh graders.

Local students include Edie Lackey and Alex White, both of Prestonsburg, Adams Middle School; Gordon Chaney and Nicholas Tackett, both of Dana, Betsy Layne Elementary School; and Molly Burchett and Mary Clark of Prestonsburg and Sarah Hall of Pikeville, all of Mountain Christian Academy.

Students invited to the TIP ceremonies earned high scores on standardized tests. Local students have been invited to participate in recognition programs at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green on May 26.

"The gifted youngster is arguably America's most precious natural resource," said TIP's executive director and professor of psychology, Dr. Steven Pfeiffer.

"TIP plays a critically important role — to the student, her/his family, school and community — in identifying America's most academically talented students. All too often, gifted students go unrecognized or overlooked by their teachers.

"This is particularly true in the case of certain minority group and less economically advantaged and more rural families, as well as among students in which English is not a primary language spoken in the home."

TIP sponsors both State Recognition Ceremonies and a Grand Recognition Ceremony, for the very highest scoring students.

Students attending the state ceremonies scored as well or better than the average college-bound high school senior on either the SAT or ACT.

TIP's Talent Search identifies seventh graders in 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the top five percent on a national achievement test.

Talent Search participants receive a variety of materials and publications. A results summary and counseling guide help students interpret their scores and provide suggestions for using their ability more effectively.

TIP publications help students find out more about academic opportunities and about the needs and interests of people like themselves. The publications include a guide to educational opportunities, a newsletter, and a magazine on college choices mailed to TIP students in the 10th grade.

Parents and students interested in TIP's Talent Search should contact the Duke University TIP office for more information, 919/684-3847.



Two Clark Elementary students, Seth Hackworth and Brianna Slone were named as state semi-finalists at the Bowling Green State Tournament. Brianna and Seth were among the top 10 performers in the state. Clark Elementary was the only team in the region to have a fourth and fifth grader place in the semi-finals.

Local students win Sullivan College scholarship

Two Floyd County students won Scholastic Achievement Scholarships at Sullivan College's annual Spring Scholarship Day on March 4.

Students from Throughout central and eastern Kentucky participated in the event on the Lexington campus.

The local students are Angela Tackett of South Floyd High School, and Zach Haywood of Prestonsburg High.

Both students plan to pursue degrees in computer programming at Sullivan, beginning in September.



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