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Boyd pays court-ordered restitution

by RANDELL RENO
STAFF WRITER

Paid. Eleven months after being sentenced to make full restitution of \$26,821.95 to Floyd County, former County Clerk Carla Robinson-Boyd has paid the bill. County Clerk Chris Waugh received a check for the full amount Monday that saw Boyd complete the major part of her sentence.

Deputy Circuit Clerk Kathy Goble had the check presented to her April 21. The office holds checks for seven days before depositing them, said Goble.

With the payment received, Boyd has only the community



Boyd

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Restoration complete...



photo by Pam Shingler

This area of natural beauty bears scant resemblance to the dumpsite it was as recently as last year. State and local leaders celebrated the dump's cleanup during a ceremony Tuesday.

The end of a shameful era

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

Gen. James Bickford was in Floyd County yesterday to play taps over a segment of the area's ugly past.

The Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet officially laid to rest what was billed as the state's largest illegal dump. The remains have been hauled away and the earth resuscitated.

The infamous, mile-long Auxier dump, dating, some say, to the 1940s, has been cleared of 7,000 tons of appliances and

household trash, 18,000 tires, and 20 car bodies.

"It's cleaned up," Bickford said. "The largest dump in Kentucky is cleaned up."

Bickford and other officials gathered to say their farewells and vow to fight for stricter laws to prevent such a dump from recurring.

State Rep. Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg said the state has about 5,000 more illegal dumps to clean up. He referred to the defeat in the recent General Assembly of his environmental proposals, which included container recycling and mandatory garbage collection.

"This was just Round One," Stumbo said. "It may take six years to get a comprehensive program, but we will get there."

State Sen. Benny Ray Bailey, whose district includes Floyd County, pledged to continue the fight.

"We can't pick (garbage) up as fast as they throw it out," he said. "We have to clean it up and we have to quit throwing it out."

Bickford said that, with support from Stumbo and Bailey, he will continue his initiative to clean up Kentucky.

"We are not going to let up on the bottle bill and mandatory garbage collection," he said.

The cleanup process at Auxier "wasn't an easy job," according to Doug Gilkerson of Enviro-Pro, the Pikeville company that did the work.

He spoke of the difficulty of clearing debris, including appliances and vehicles, from the steep slopes that plunge down the hill at almost 90-degree angles in places.

"All I would say is if you're going to dump, do it on a flat spot," he joked.

Bickford said that education remains a key to cleaning up the state. He said video surveillance cameras at dumpsites throughout the state have caught scenes of fathers illegally dumping garbage while their children sit in the car watching.

"That makes me mad," he said. "This is not acceptable in Kentucky any longer."

(See **DUMP**, page two)



photo by Pam Shingler

Doug Gilkerson, center, spoke of the difficulty in cleaning the mile-long Auxier dump. He was joined by Gen. James Bickford, Kentucky's secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Floyd jail to squeeze in Knott County prisoners

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF WRITER

A crowded Floyd County Adult Detention Center will become even more so after Jailer Roger Webb tentatively entered a contract to house Knott County inmates after that county's jail was closed, failing to meet fire codes.

Sunday night at midnight, the Knott County jail closed and four inmates were transported to the Floyd County facility Monday morning.

Knott County has proposed a simi-

lar agreement with Letcher County.

Webb's proposal would net the county \$25 per inmate plus costs for transporting inmates to Floyd County. In most cases, the cost per inmate would be \$26.52. The proposal still must go before the Knott Fiscal Court, which is expected to approve the agreement.

Webb said that, as a general rule, "the more paying customers" (inmates), the more profit the center would realize.

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Deputy Joey Griffith talks about the needed adjustments and precaution with the arrival of Knott County inmates to the Floyd County Adult Detention Center.
photo by Willie Elliott

Murder suspect free on bond

by RANDELL RENO
STAFF WRITER

Ernest E. "Bucky" Collins 54, of Prestonsburg, who is charged with the Easter murder of Henry Clifton, is out of jail awaiting a grand jury's decision on his case after posting a partially-secured \$75,000 bond Tuesday.

During a preliminary hearing in the case Monday, investigating officer George Tussey of the Prestonsburg Police Department told the court that seven witnesses said Clifton fired upon Collins first. Those witnesses had seen Clifton's gun jam and then Collins return fire.

The incident may have stemmed from a necklace which was found at the crime scene, Tussey testified. Supposedly, Clifton, 49, of Prestonsburg, had given the necklace to Collins' estranged wife as a gift. Witnesses told Tussey that Collins became upset when he discovered the necklace.

Collins was at the Lancer home of his in-laws when he saw Clifton pull into the Jenny Wiley

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Official finds himself in EPO battle

Bartley, wife seek protective orders, then dismiss them

by RANDELL RENO
STAFF WRITER

An apparent dispute between one local official and his wife resulted in both filing to obtain emergency protective orders against each other in Floyd Circuit Court last week.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley requested an EPO Thursday against his wife, Jamie, alleging she was stalking him.

Jamie Bartley alleges in her petition that she was dragged through the parking lot of Dairy Cheer by Keith Bartley's vehicle when she attempted to open his car door.

Keith Bartley wrote in the petition "She has been in my office and other places of business ranting and raving looking for me. Approximately 4:30 p.m. at Dairy Cheer she punched the window of my vehicle, ripped the door open, cursed and threatened me. Then followed me for several miles."

In a petition filed the next day, Jamie Bartley said that when she attempted to open his car door he proceeded to pull out of the parking lot, thus dragging her across the pavement. She also said that an unidentified woman proceeded to strike her with her car.

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Two Day Forecast...

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Murder

Village gas station just after 11 a.m., Tussey said. Witnesses had said Collins entered his vehicle and drove across the highway to meet Clifton, said Tussey.

The confrontation quickly escalated to a gunfight, leaving Clifton dead and Collins charged with murder.

Collins had left the scene before officers arrived. He traveled to the Prestonsburg Police Department and turned himself in. After being read his Miranda rights by officer William Petrey, Collins reportedly spoke to the police about the incident. He told officers that he fired upon Clifton

in self defense.

Henry Clifton's body was sent to Frankfort for an autopsy. The results revealed he received four shots to his body, said Tussey. Three of those shots were to Clifton's left chest area, with the other lodged in his right collarbone area. The investigation revealed that five shots were expelled from the snubnose .38 special allegedly used by Collins. The fifth slug was not found.

Ernest Collins' estranged wife, Patty A. Collins, had sought a domestic violence order against him January 1. In that order, Patty Collins stated "He said if he

caught me with someone he would kill me and them, too, then kill himself. He follows me, calls me on the phone and threatens to kill me, comes to my house. I just want him to leave me alone."

That order was amended Monday. The order now states that Ernest E. "Bucky" Collins is to have no unlawful contact with Patty Collins.

Collins is charged with murder and violating a emergency protective order. His brother, Estill Collins, posted his bail early Tuesday morning.

The case has been sent on to a grand jury for consideration.

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EPOs

In a telephone interview Tuesday with Keith Bartley, the county attorney said the accusations were "absolutely false."

Calling his wife's petition a "retaliatory EPO," Bartley said, "Each and every allegation in her petition is completely false."

Bartley said he had met with Jamie Bartley's lawyer and the two had agreed to drop the petitions.

"At her lawyer's request, I have reluctantly agreed to mutually dismiss both of these EPOs," he said.

"I have done so simply to avoid the embarrassment of having to disprove those patently false allegations against me."

Keith Bartley had filed for divorce from his wife last week, just days before the alleged incident. Prestonsburg Police Department logs confirm that Bartley had called the police, saying his wife was following him.

Jamie Bartley, a Prestonsburg Elementary teacher, and some of her friends went to Dairy Cheer for something to eat, said

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Prestonsburg City Police Officer William Petrey. The group apparently had a site-based decision making council meeting that night. Petrey filled out the petition for Keith Bartley. Trooper Rick Conn served that order to Jamie Bartley.

She had apparently decided to fill out an order herself, said Petrey. Conn filled out a petition for Jamie Bartley that same night.

Jamie Bartley refused to comment about the petitions saying, "This is my private life. This is how lies get spread."

Dump

Cleanup costs at Auxier totaled \$1 million, with funding coming from fines paid by the Laurel Ridge Landfill, LLC, a subsidiary of Waste Management. The landfill pleaded guilty in 1999 to Clean Water Act violations and agreed to the restitution.

The Auxier cleanup began last summer. In the final phase, Enviro-Pro applied 1,200 pounds of grass seed to the area, along with wildflower seed.

The road that goes by the former dump has been closed, and plans are being discussed to turn it into a bicycle and hiking pathway.

Bickford said that, as part of a statewide cleanup effort, the cabinet has issued 2,398 notices of violation since February 1997. More than 3,000 sites have been investigated, 728 sites have been cleaned up by illegal dumpers, and 1,879 tons of garbage have been removed from dumpsites.

The surveillance tapes of dumping taking place at illegal sites can be viewed on a cabinet website — www.nr.state.ky.us/nrepc/dump-photos.asp.

Viewers who recognize unidentified dumpers are encouraged to report the information by calling 1-888-NO-DUMPS.

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Jail

Webb said the closing would pose a hardship for Knott County as the county would lose a deputy and Knott Jailer Ricky Prater's job would consist of two primary responsibilities — transporting prisoners and acting as bailiff for court. Webb said small counties do not have the revenue to upgrade jails to meet state standards.

The Floyd County Adult

Detention Center has a capacity of 116 inmates but at present has a population of 139. Webb said the overcrowding was not a desirable situation, but "they (the inmates) have to go someplace."

Deputy Joey Griffith said the move would require an adjustment period as the center gets to know the inmates. He said new inmates would be separated from the general population for about a week.

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Boyd

service portion of her sentence remaining. Circuit Judge John David Caudill sentenced her to perform five hours of community service a week for a year.

Boyd resigned from her office April 16, 1999, and just days later pleaded guilty to the charge of "not making proper deposition" of public funds in the amount of \$26,821.98.

The former clerk said she had set up a personal account and used the money on personal things — one of which was college tuition. Three years prison time was recommend-

ed by special prosecutor Hydee Hawkins of the state Attorney General's Office. Instead, she was given a year of probation.

Boyd had been under the investigative eye of then-state auditor Ben Chandler for some time. His audit alleged a deficit of \$193,126 missing from county funds.

Chandler went so far as to say the county's records were "the worst of any clerk's records" he had seen.

Boyd served as clerk from 1983 to 1999 and ran unopposed in her last election.

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McDowell man is MSU speaker

The student speaker at Morehead State University's spring commencement on Saturday, May 6, will be a McDowell man, Brandon Michael Stumbo.

In addition, two eastern Kentucky humanitarians will receive honorary doctoral degrees at the 10:30 a.m., ceremonies in the Academic-Athletic Center.

More than 800 undergraduate and graduate students are candidates for degrees to be conferred by MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin.

Honorary degrees will be awarded to Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting, founder of the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), and to Dr. Paul F. Maddox, a family medical practitioner in Wolfe County for nearly 47 years.

Stumbo, a candidate for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree, is a graduate of the Honors Program and a participant in the Morehead State Leadership Development Program.

A Dean's List student, he is a 1995 Kentucky Governor's Scholar and a member of the Accounting Club and Delta Mu Delta National Business Society. He was recently named the university's Greek Man of the Year 2000 by his peers, and selected as an Alumni Leader of Tomorrow by the MSU Alumni Association Inc.

Active in Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he has served as the organization's president as well as ceremonies and scholastic chair. Listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities," he is a member of Gamma Sigma Alpha, Order of Omega Greek Honor Society and Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society.

As a college student, Stumbo worked in the Office of Retention, where he served as a peer adviser during his junior year. During the summers, he worked as a laboratory technician for Standard Laboratories Inc., in Catlettsburg in 1997, as a tutor counselor with MSU's Upward Bound Program in

1998, and as a computer technician for Manpower Inc., of Prestonsburg in 1999.

He recently accepted a position with Ashland Inc. as an internal auditor.

Stumbo is the son of Ivan and Wanda Stumbo of McDowell and the grandson of James and Leona Hall of Topmost, and Dorothy Moore of McDowell, and the late Woody Stumbo.

Fr. Beiting has served as a Roman Catholic priest for 50 years and serves as pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church in Louisa, St. John Neumann in Hode, and St. Stephan in Inez. A native of Newport, he earned a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's Seminary in Norwood, Ohio, and the Licentiate of Theology degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

He was appointed Monsignor by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

For his humanitarian efforts, Fr. Beiting has been recognized by volunteer organizations throughout the nation.

Fr. Beiting served as president and chairman of the board of the Christian Appalachian Project from its inception in 1964 until 1996. CAP was created as an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization committed to providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through a variety of programs and services to Appalachia.

Today, the organization sponsors 75 programs that range from day care to job training and each year provides assistance to an estimated 50,000 people in eastern Kentucky and more than 500,000 throughout the 13-state Appalachian Region.

Dr. Maddox, named America's Country Doctor of the Year for 1999, practices 40 hours a week at a local clinic and serves as medical director of a 100-bed nursing home in Campton. This is a change from the first 30 years of his practice when he was available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

For more than 20 years, Dr.



Brandon Stumbo

Maddox treated about 100 patients each day, at any time his services were needed. As recently as 1970, he charged \$3 for an office call and provided treatment without concern for payment.

Now at 74 years of age, he has delivered more than 6,100 babies and treated an estimated 1.5 million patients in Wolfe and the surrounding counties.

A Fleming County native, Dr. Maddox finished pre-medicine studies at MSU in 1947 and graduated from the University of Louisville College of Medicine in

1953. He completed his internship at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington.

Once the degrees are conferred, the new graduates will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association by its president, Janet Coakley of Harrison, Ohio.

Dr. Ted Pass, professor of biology and recipient of the 2000 Distinguished Teacher Award, will be the grand marshal, assisted by Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Mary Jo Netherton, associate professor of French.

Student marshals will be Kaye Easter of Olive Hill and Wayne Mason of Morehead, representing Graduate Programs; Thomas Frazier of Louisa and Jessica McClain of Hillsboro, College of Science and Technology; Jessica E. Fannin of Morehead and Olivia J. Terry of Jackson, College of Business; Ralph Garvin of Ashland and Joseph Lewis of Morehead, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; and Erin Christine Akers of West Van Lear and Amy Lyn Kelly of Mt. Sterling, Caudill College of Humanities.

Immediately following commencement, refreshments will be provided for graduates and their families. The receptions, co-sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association, will be hosted by each college's dean and faculty.

First Ladies team to promote literacy

Frankfort — First Lady of Kentucky Judi Patton and First Lady of Indiana Judy O'Bannon have teamed up to promote children's literacy.

Besides being neighboring states and sharing the same first names, the First Ladies have found another thing they share in common. They both have a deep concern and passion in the future of children.

"We care about the welfare of our children and want them to succeed," said Patton. "We know how critical the early years are to child development and we know that children who are read to have better success in school."

"Early childhood development is a very key issue in Kentucky. Gov. (Paul) Patton scored a major victory in the 2000 legislative session for the KIDS NOW bill. Kentuckians support an environment that will allow them to grow at an early age so they are not at a disadvantage for the rest of their lives," she said.

Early childhood development is also the focus of Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon's Building Bright Beginnings initiative. Additionally, the governor initiated a reading assessment and remediation program to assure that all children have mastered their reading skills by the time they leave the third grade.

"Today our children have endless possibilities for their futures," said Judy O'Bannon. "Because of that,

we want to help them learn to read so they can read to learn. It is the best gift we can give them."

A public service announcement featuring both first ladies will be distributed to television stations in Louisville and Evansville, Indiana. The PSA was taped at Second Street School library in Frankfort, where the First Ladies read to the children and talked about the benefits of reading.

This year, First Ladies nationally have chosen literacy as one of their joint efforts. Patton and O'Bannon decided on the promotion because the two states share media in several cities.

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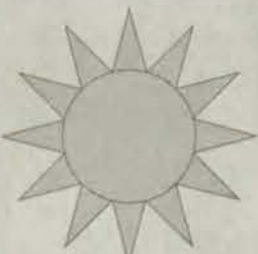
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Viewpoint

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Editorial

End the useless Cuban embargo

Even in the emotional wake of the Elian Gonzalez case, those who call for an end to the U.S. economic embargo of Cuba are right. The embargo is only hurting Cuban citizens and, despite his caterwauling, Cuban dictator Fidel Castro simply doesn't count for much anymore.

In the heyday of the Cold War, the embargo made sense. Castro was not only providing cover for drug smuggling into the United States, he was encouraging — and supplying weapons to — every leftwing terrorist group in the Western Hemisphere.

Castro believes in socialism so it is irony indeed that he needs a capitalist country to come to the economic rescue of his socialist paradise. The Cuban dictator probably doesn't understand that, though. Egomaniacal dictators are not renowned for their appreciation of irony. Humility and kindness are not on their list of virtues either.

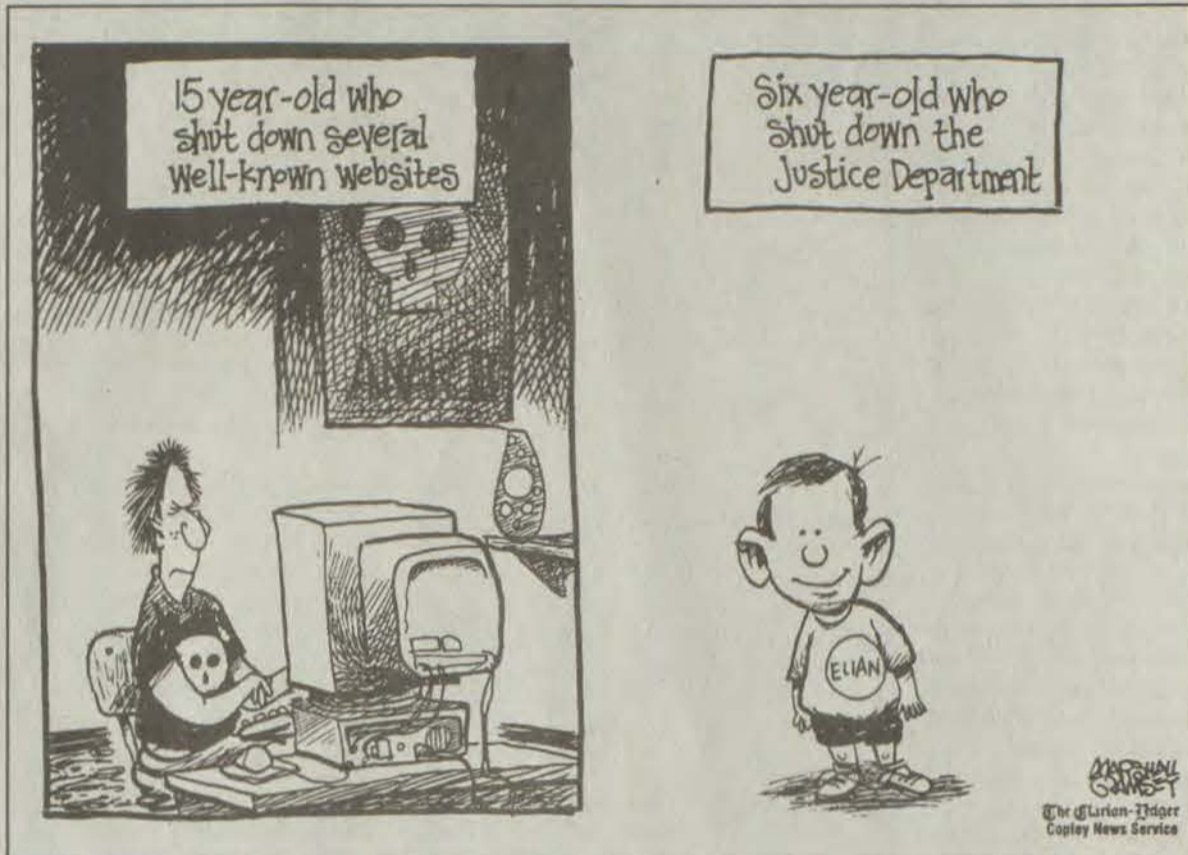
But the United States' economic embargo is not hurting Castro — it may have even helped him. If, in the aftermath of the Cold War, there are American companies that want to trade with Cuba, let them. In fact, open the embargo so the 21st century can sweep over the island. Inundate Castro with computers, faxes, and hook him — and hundreds of thousands of Cubans — up to the Internet. That would do more to destabilize his regime than an embargo.

A writer in Britain's Economist magazine rightly calls Cuba "the Western world's last sad, failed remnant of communist central planning. In the information age, that kind of total control will be impossible to sustain. Cubans will get personal computers, cell phones, fax machines, photocopy machines. They will understand that for half a century, Castro has kept them in suspended animation, a long economic snooze, and that he has done so through brutal coercion."

They already know Castro has ruled through brutal coercion but high-tech instruments, such as cell phones and personal computers, make it more difficult for tyrants to control information. However, as the price to end the embargo, we could tell Castro to empty his political prisons.

The Cuban American community in Florida would protest the lifting of the embargo, but it should be pointed out to them that free trade may be a benefit to their cause.

— Bowling Green Daily News



Letters to the Editor

Seeks input for study

I am an associate professor of history at Western Carolina University in North Carolina. I am writing a book on the impact of the social movements of the 1960s—both liberal and conservative—on American high schools.

Even though it is the recent past, the 1960s were a key era in modern American history. We know a lot about the role of college students, but we have forgotten that the same movements that rocked higher education reverberated through secondary schools, too.

Some important concerns for high school students included dress codes, rules about political action and expression, disciplinary procedures and curriculum. High school students reacted to the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, the Black Power Movement and the counterculture, with some students embracing the movements of the era and others vehemently opposed.

I have looked at educational journals, as well as contemporary magazines and newspapers, and have

found an astonishing degree of upheaval in high schools across the country, probably even more than existed on college campuses. Commentators at the time expressed grave worries about the state of secondary education.

Most of the works I have consulted give me the voices of administrators and university-based educational experts. To round out my study, I need to hear from teachers and, particularly, students who were working in or attending high school during the years 1965-1973 and who have memories of how the 1960s affected them.

Readers may write to me in care of the Department of History, McKee Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723, or email me at: graham@wpoff.wcu.edu.

Thank you very much for your help.
Gael Graham
Associate Professor of History
Western Carolina University

PCC students create websites

Editor:

In my last letter to you, I made the claim that Prestonsburg Community College is preparing its students for life in the Information Age. Now it is time for me to support that claim with evidence.

For the past two years, I have been using the Internet as a teaching tool in my writing classes, but not until this past semester did I attempt to teach my students how to create their own websites. Now that the semester is drawing to a close, it is time for me to announce the results of that experiment.

It gives me great pride to announce that 25 of my students have created their own websites.

The sites were created in free cyberspace provided by Yahoo-Geocities, using their Pagebuilder website editor.

Creation of the sites wouldn't have been possible, of course, without the excellent computer labs provided by Prestonsburg Community College.

I would like to thank Dean Nancy Johnson for

allowing me to hold my classes in these labs, and I would like to thank John Dove and Darrell Newsome, our computer technicians, for trouble-shooting the labs and responding to my frequent requests for help.

I am particularly proud of the students of my Tuesday morning remedial writing class (ENC 091-02). They include Melody Conn, Michelle Hamilton, Exer Johnson, Kevin Johnson, and Brian Mullins.

All of them have posted five essays on their sites. Melody has even posted some pictures of her new baby girl, Hannah.

Their essays are well worth reading. If you are interested in getting to know these students and sharing some of their joys and sorrows, I urge you to visit their websites and read their essays.

To access their sites, go to www.geocities.com/heartland/9999 and click on Perry's Student Links.

Robert Perry
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Prestonsburg Community College

Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



To market

Quiz for the day: With all the news about the stock market, you should be familiar with these terms.

(1) The Dow Jones Averages is an index of relative price of securities based on daily prices of selected industrial, transportation, and utility stocks traded on what exchange? That was the easy one.

(2) What does NASDAQ stand for?
(3) What is a portfolio? Everybody knows that it is a collection of student writing that drives both students and teachers to the edge during the month of April and May. No, I just threw that in. I want to know what a portfolio means in the business world.

The answers? I have no idea; I thought you would send me the answers. That is the way it always worked in school. I gave the questions and the students found the answers. Not a good way to do it, you say? It worked for me. Happy investing.

Enough of that business talk. Sounds like General Business all over again. You say you didn't take general business? If you went to high school in the 1950s and 1960s, you took general business so stop your lying. Writing sample checks was a big deal to some of us as we had never seen a personal check before.

I have been keeping up with the news since the stock market has been behaving like a roller coaster. On Good Friday I asked Pam Shingler if the stock markets were closed. She thought I meant the stock sales at Paintsville so she said, "Call down there and see."

Any way there are other mysteries that must be solved before we can go worrying about the national debt, interest hikes and the failure of the stock market. Talking about markets, you know it is the season for flea markets. Just think about that term for a moment. Now stay with me on this one. At a fruit market, one purchases fruit, at a stock market, one purchases stock (whether the monetary or animal kind) so doesn't it follow that one would purchase fleas at a flea market?

The phrase "flea market" never did make any sense so I did some research. Actually I did the research as I usually do — I stumbled across it on the Internet.

People in Ohio are wild about flea markets and their country cousins, yard sales. The town of Avon sets aside a whole weekend in July when the people of the town trade junk with one another. Any kind of natural disaster is forbidden in Avon during this weekend. You could be taking an expectant mother to the hospital for childbirth and someone in the car would insist on stopping at one more yard sale.

Avon is one of the cleanest towns in the United States. They throw nothing away but wait for the following year and trade it for some other junk from their neighbors. Visitors are tolerated but not encouraged to attend.

But my research, oh yeah: the actual origin of the term most probably lies in Paris, where Le Marche aux Puces (liter-

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UK young women in Science program accepting applications

University of Kentucky researchers at the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research are accepting applications for the Young Women in Science Program to encourage young women from Appalachia to pursue scientific careers in drug abuse research. The application deadline is May 15.

The program participants will be selected from the following 13 southeastern Kentucky counties: Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, and Wolfe. Under the program, two groups of 26 young women entering the ninth grade are selected to participate, for a total of 52 participants. The first group of participants was chosen last year.

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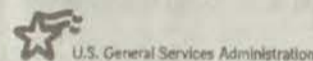
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training, education and mentoring over a three-year period. Each young woman will be given in-depth training and education in drug abuse research at UK for three weeks each summer and five one-day weekend session each year. This year's three-week session will be held July 9-28.

Established women leaders of both the local and scientific communities also will support the young women during the project.

Each young woman will earn a stipend upon completion of the summer study and a scholarship to the college of her choice upon completion of the three-year program.

"It is important that the young women make contacts with women who are succeeding in scientific and mathematically-based careers that are traditionally dominated by males," said Caroline Reid, program coordinator. "A mentor can confirm that society's pressures are real and also provide assurance that young women can conquer these obstacles."

"Very few opportunities exist for rural high school women to learn about the excitement of science and the related scientific career opportunities in drug abuse research," said Carl Leukefeld, professor, Department of Psychiatry, UK College of Medicine, director of CDAR, and principal investigator for the grant. "This project will provide scientific education and mentoring to attract more young women to the field."

While young women and men in high school take about the same number of total science courses, young men are more likely than young women to take courses in all three core scientific areas biology, chemistry, and physics. This disparity continues into the work force where women cluster in only 20 of

400 job categories, and two out of three minimum-wage earners are women.

Drawing from the experiences in this project, UK researchers plan to refine the curriculum and develop a manual for use in repeating the pro-

gram. The program is supported by a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a division of the National Institutes of Health.

For more information or an application, contact Reid of CDAR at (859) 323-3058.

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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
 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.



ELECT ARNOLD BRENT TURNER COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

Paid for by Arnold Brent Turner, Angel Turner, Treasurer, P.O. Box 388, Prestonsburg

Mountain

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ally, "market of the fleas") was a popular shopping venue. Le Marche aux Puces took its name, as you might have guessed by now, from the semi-humorous (and probably at least partly accurate) popular perception that the market's rag-tag goods were more than likely to be infested with fleas. Now you know the rest of the story. (Eat your heart out, Paul Harvey).

I would tell you the guy's name and the webpage address where I found the material, but unfortunately I stumble off all these exciting pages I find and never can find my way back again. You say use bookmarks. Yeah, I can see me sticking bookmarks all over the screen telling me where to go next.

The same page gave the origin of such expressions as hillbilly, scapegoat and rule of thumb, but I don't remember what it said about them — but it was interesting, whatever it was.

 You people that said I had lost it during my trek around town playing a portion of the "William Tell Overture," I never had it to lose, so there. By the way, most of you knew it was the music used on the "Lone Ranger Show." Many knew the overture was the source of the music and a couple of you knew that the composer was Rossini.

Some of you said "running horses," "a John Wayne movie," "west-ems," and one even said it was the theme music for "Bonanza." It was fun, but next time we are going to do a painting — be on the lookout for me.

And finally, what song did Mark Anthony sing to Cleopatra? Of course, it was "You Sang to Me."

Home Owners CORNER



by Stan Stumbo & Voncel Thacker

HOW SHEET METAL SHAPES UP

When making repairs to heating and air-conditioning ducts or replacing roof flashing, it may be necessary to resort to shaping sheet metal to meet the needs of the job. Sheet metal is defined as any expanse of metal that is no more than 3/8-inch thick. Anything thicker is regarded as metal plate. Sheet metal can be shaped by bending, finished with hems, and joined together with locked seams. With a homemade jig and a mallet, homeowners can perform most shaping jobs. Sheet metal is quite malleable and can easily be bent into shapes and angles. Straight or angled sheets can simply be overlapped and then fastened with screws, rivets, or solder. Edges can also be interlocked and reinforced with fasteners.

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Kentucky PRIDE campaign wins \$8 million water cleanup grant

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) says the U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded \$8 million to the Kentucky PRIDE program for its ongoing efforts to fight water pollution and to improve water quality in the 40-county PRIDE region. Rogers says the funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will give PRIDE renewed funding to clean up streams, rivers and groundwater in the region.

Rogers secured the grant last year in the appropriations measure that provides funding to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Rogers obtained the funding in his role as the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary. Nearly \$70 million in funding has been provided for

PRIDE-related projects since the program began in 1997. The NOAA grant was announced at the conclusion of the PRIDE Spring Clean Up which called renewed attention to the region-wide campaign.

"The PRIDE Spring Clean Up was a big success, with literally hundreds upon hundreds of volunteers working tirelessly across the region," Rogers said. "This money will help us continue our efforts to rid our region of straight pipes and connect more and more of our people to safe and sanitary sewer service. Another important part of the PRIDE effort is education, and these funds will help build even greater public awareness about the importance of our cleanup effort. We must continue the important work of PRIDE so we can promote tourism and encourage economic development and create new jobs

for the people of this region."

Kentucky PRIDE—Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment—was established in 1997 by Congressman Rogers and Kentucky Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Jim Bickford. PRIDE is a comprehensive, region-wide effort that combines the work of local, state and federal authorities, to address the challenge of cleaning up rivers and streams in the region of garbage and sewage. The program's goals include the elimination of illegal trash dumps and straight pipe dumping, the promotion of environmental education and awareness, and renewing citizens' pride in eastern and southern Kentucky.

For more information about local PRIDE activities, contact the Kentucky PRIDE office at 1-888-K-PRIDE-Y (577-4339).

Free skin cancer screening offered at Leonard Lawson Cancer Care Center

May is National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. To help celebrate this event and raise awareness of the dangers of Melanoma and Skin cancer, Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Leonard Lawson Cancer Care Center is conducting its fourth annual free skin cancer-screening.

The screenings are part of a national campaign to encourage early detection and teach prevention of skin cancer, the most common form of cancer in the country. Last year, more than 100 people

received free screenings during the event, and 23 of those people were referred to a dermatologist for further testing due to suspicious lesions.

According to Ronald Hall, M.D., a dermatologist participating in the event, the key to successful treatment of most types of cancer is early detection and treatment. "With melanoma, early detection is easy because the signs are right there, visible on the surface of the skin. "Melanoma, an increasingly common, fast spreading cancer, will strike about 44,200 Americans this year and 7,300 people are expected to die of this disease. Since the 1930s, the incidence of melanoma

has increased by more than 1,900 percent. One person dies of melanoma every hour.

The screening will be held in the Leonard Lawson Cancer Care Center on May 13, from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. You may schedule an appointment with Pauline Looney during the week of May 8, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 437-3500, ext. 3280 for an appointment.

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Are we satisfied? Certainly not. We have much left to be done. We are making great progress and we must not stop and start over, but build on our successes to build better

educational opportunities for our children right here in the mountains.

Benny Ray Bailey was born and reared in Floyd County, on Left Beaver Creek. He graduated from McDowell High School and taught school at Wheelwright and Prestonsburg High Schools. Benny Ray earned the BA, MS, and Ph.D. degrees. He knows the importance of education and he has led the fight in the Senate to improve our schools. "I know that education is the best avenue our children, can take to a productive, satisfying life. The investment we make in our children which accounts for 67% of Kentucky's General Fund, is the most important investment we can make. I want to make sure that our area and our children are treated equally and fairly." Benny Ray Bailey – fighting for our children. That's why we need to keep Benny Ray Bailey as our State Senator.

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Report gauges progress and public opinion on goals for the state's future

The Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center has released the third in its Visioning Kentucky's Future series of reports, which provides a biennial assessment of the state's progress on 26 long-term goals for the future.

Measures and Milestones 2000 presents data, some of which has never been reported before, that gauge progress on each of the 26 long-term goals and, in most cases, compare Kentucky's performance to that of the nation, the region, or surrounding states. New data on such topics as recycling, volunteer activity, personal safety, housing, Internet access, historic properties, and other topics were collected from participating state agencies and in general population surveys conducted by the University of Kentucky (UK) Survey Research Center in 1998 and 1999.

The report also includes an analysis of the results of a 1999 public opinion survey. This survey, which was also conducted by the UK Survey Research Center, asked citizens to rank the goals for the Commonwealth by order of importance and to assess the state's progress on each goal. Specifically, respondents to the survey were asked whether the state is making progress, standing still, or losing ground on each goal.

As in 1998, an inverse correlation was found between the importance citizens assigns to a goal and the progress they believe the state has made. The more important the goal, the less progress citizens tend to think the state has made; the less important the goal, the more progress they perceive.

While education is the exception, health care is a case in point. Concerns about the cost and accessibility of health care have elevated its importance to citizens over the past two years. In 1998, the public rated accessible health care as the third most important goal. They now rank Goal 4—All Kentuckians will have access to affordable, high-quality, and comprehensive health care that stresses the importance of preventive care—as the most important goal to the state's future, but they remain discouraged by what they see as a lack of progress on the goal. As in 1998, results of the 2000 survey show that, by a wide margin, the public sees the least evidence of progress toward realization of the goal of universal health care. On both the 1998 and 2000 survey, this goal ranked last on

the progress scale. Goal 7—Kentucky will achieve an education system of lifelong learning that exemplifies excellence—was a close second as the most important goal to the state's future. In 1998, citizens ranked it as the most important goal. Unlike health care, however, a majority of citizens continue to believe that the state is making progress on this goal. Moreover, the percentage of respondents who saw progress increased between 1998 and 2000. Overall, the goal of an excellent system of lifelong learning also moved the farthest upward on the progress scale, jumping from 14th in 1998 to 2000.

Citizens ranked Goal 1—Kentucky communities will be safe and caring places that enable all citizens to lead productive fulfilling lives—3rd overall in importance and 12th overall in terms of progress. In 1998, this goal was ranked 2nd overall in importance, but few saw progress toward the goal. It then ranked 17th.

Citizens reported seeing the most progress on efforts to protect the state's environment. Goal 21—Kentucky will protect and enhance its environment through the responsible stewardship of its natural resources and the preservation of its scenic beauty—garnered the most points for progress in our analysis. In 1998 progress toward this environmental goal ranked sixth. Arts opportunities in the state and benefits from participation in an integrated global economy ranked second and third, respectively, in terms of progress, while waste reduction through recycling ranked fourth.

The inverse correlation between assigned importance and perceived progress as again evident. While the public sees high rates of progress on opportunities to participate in and appreciate the arts, the goal was rated the least important among the 26 long-term goals. Similarly, citizens ranked environmental protection 18th in importance, recycling 21st, and beneficial participation in the global economy 24th.

Some of the changes in public opinion between 1998 and 2000 are noteworthy. For example, overall assessments of progress dropped sharply for five goals: beneficial participation in the global economy, civic pride, a fair tax and regulatory structure, a state-of-the-art technology infrastructure, and partnerships to promote education. Goal 5—

Kentucky communities will have high levels of trust and civic pride realized from broad citizen participation in their continuous development—fell the farthest in terms of progress, dropping from 10th in 1998 to 19th in the 2000 assessment.

Launched in 1994, the Visioning Kentucky's Future project sought broad citizen input into the development of a vision for the future of the state. A vision statement was shaped based upon findings from 15 public forums held around the state and numerous mailings that sought public comment on various drafts. From the vision statement, the Center's Board of Directors developed a series of goals that were subject to review by agencies throughout state government. Measures or benchmarks used to assess progress were subjected to similar levels of public scrutiny and evaluation in mailings and in discussions at the Center's 1995 conference.

The 2000 public opinion survey was conducted by the UK Survey Research Center in the summer of 1999. Surveys were mailed in June 1999, and the survey was closed September 1, 1999. A total of 566 eligible responses were received.

The values of overall rankings of goals were generated by assigning numerical values to the responses given. For each goal that citizens said the state is "making progress," a +1 was assigned; for those goals that citizens said the state is "losing ground," a value of -1 was assigned. No value was assigned to "standing still" responses. To evaluate overall importance, the goals that citizens ranked as most important were assigned a value

of 3 points while the second- and third-ranked goals were assigned values of 2 points and 1 point, respectively.

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Jerry Patton is a 1980 graduate of the University of Kentucky, College of Law. He served as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for two years and as our Commonwealth's Attorney from 1988 through 1993. Jerry Patton is a proven trial lawyer. In fact, a 1998 court review published by the Kentucky Trial Lawyer's Association, credited Jerry Patton as one of the most prolific attorneys and ranked him as 4th in the state.

The Kentucky Trial Court Review Year In Review 1998

The Most Prolific Attorneys of 1998 Who Tried the Most Cases in 1998?

Rank	Name	No. of cases	Description of 1998 cases
(1)	Campbell Ewen, Louisville	10	Car Wreck insurance defense in the Louisville area; also tried a case each in Trimble, Nelson and Bullitt County
(2)	Michael Farmer, London	9	Defends Wal-Mart across Eastern Kentucky
	Michael Bishop, Bowling Green	9	Car wreck and general insurance defense in Southern Kentucky
(4)	Jerry Patton, Prestonsburg	8	Plaintiff's practice in Eastern Kentucky, but also tried two cases in Fayette County
	Kevin Matthews	8	Mostly insurance defense in Louisville

(Compiled by Kentucky Trial Court Review)

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Written by
Judy Yates
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Bobby Robinette

Bobby Robinette, 50, of Pikeville, died Friday, April 28, 2000, at his residence, of an extended illness.

Born on May 3, 1949, in Pike County, he was the son of Opal Burnette Robinette of Pikeville, and the late Ferrell Robinette.

He was owner of Robinette Trucking; a truck driver for Jones Oil; and a member of the Zebulon Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Sonja Thompson Robinette.

Other survivors include one son, Robert Dustin Robinette of Pikeville; two daughters, Angela Denise Branham and Kristie Renee Ratliff, both of Pikeville; one brother, Gary Robinette and one sister, Shirley Hensley, both of Pikeville; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 1, 2 p.m., at the J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home Chapel, with Hillary Underwood officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Frank Branham, Larry Ratliff, Tyler Maynard, Rie Roberts, Billy Slone, Jerry Robinette, Scott Hensley and Britt Hensley.

Martha Ritchie

Fugate

Martha Ritchie Fugate, 88, of Talcum, died Monday, April 24, 2000, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was born on February 7, 1912, in Knott County, the daughter of the late George Dobson and Liza Jane Noble Dobson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Wess Fugate.

Survivors include four sons, Paul Jean Napier of Springfield, Ohio, Amel and Billy Ray Ritchie of Talcum, and Kenneth Ritchie of Mousie; one daughter, Ethel Ritchie of Talcum; one brother, Leslie Dobson of Talcum; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 26, at 10 a.m., at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Carl Slone and others officiating.

Burial was in the Little Jink Ritchie Cemetery at Talcum, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Mary "Lou" Bevins Hatmaker

Mary "Lou" Bevins Hatmaker, 57, of LaFollette, Tennessee, formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, at Methodist Medical Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, of an extended illness.

Born on July 14, 1942, at Meta, she was the daughter of the late Hazel Blackburn Bevins and Forrest Bevins.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Howard G. Hatmaker and Larry Vaughn. She was self-employed; former owner of Cornerstone Books and Gifts and a member of Indian Mound Baptist Church, Jacksboro, Tennessee.

Survivors include one daughter, Sheila Hatmaker Stewardson of Jacksboro, Tennessee; two brothers and two sisters, Bobby Gene Bevins, Douglas Clinton Bevins, Joyce Mae Bevins, all of Meta, and Eunice Ruth Bevins Ward of Kimper; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, May 3, 2 p.m., at Immanuel Baptist Church, Mullins Addition, Pikeville, with Rev. Larry Keene officiating.

Burial will be in Bent Ridge Cemetery, at Meta, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Elva R. Allen Kirby

Elva R. Allen Kirby, 87, of Greenfield, Indiana, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, at Pleasant View Lodge Nursing Home, following an extended illness.

Born on February 15, 1913, in Northern (Floyd County), she was the daughter of the late Melvin E. and Lula Gayheart Allen. She was a former teacher, and manager of several area restaurants.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alva Kirby.

Survivors include one son, Alvin Ratliff of Indianapolis, Indiana; two daughters, Verinda Bryant of Greenfield, Indiana, Coretta Gunn of Hodges, South Carolina; two brothers, James E. Allen of Langley, Woodrow Allen of Grayson; one sister, Anna Mae Curtis of Greenfield, Indiana; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, May 5, at 10 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Elder Scott Applegate officiating.

Burial will be in the Allen Family Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hobert Tuttle

Hobert Tuttle, 78, of Topmost, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, at his home.

He was born on November 1, 1921, in Knott County, the son of the late Andrew Tuttle and Angelina Thornberry Tuttle.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fairy Bell Tuttle.

Survivors include one son, Jackie Tuttle of Topmost; six daughters, Doris Waddles of Convoy, Ohio, Juanita Patton and Marlene Hall, both of Topmost, Anna Jean Hall and Mabeline Caudill, both of Rogersville, Tennessee, and Louilla Thornberry of Pikeville; three brothers, Ronnie and Charles Tuttle, both of Ohio and Billy Ray Tuttle of Tennessee; three sisters, Ollie Gean Johnson of Wayland, Emogene Short and Faye Green, both of Tennessee; two stepdaughters, Nannie Rose Johnson and Judy Short, both of Kendallville, Indiana; 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 28, at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church at Wayland, with Wayne Stephens, Red Morris and Willie Duff officiating.

Burial was in the Waddles Cemetery at Kite, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Faye Virginia Gilliam Hobson, 73, Pikeville native, of Whitehouse, Tennessee, died Thursday, April 27, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Lola M. Baldwin Morris, 61, of Winchester, formerly of Detroit, died Tuesday, April 25, at the Winchester Center for Health and Rehabilitation. She is survived by her husband, Glenn Morris. Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, May 6, at Emmanuel General Baptist Church, Allen Park, Michigan.

Bobby Robinette, 50, of Pikeville, died Friday, April 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sonja Thompson Robinette. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 1, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Lucretia Sheppard, 32, of Lenore, West Virginia, died Thursday, April 27, in the Charleston Area Medical Center Memorial Division. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 30, under the direction of Chafin Funeral Home.

Frankie Hardin, 84, of Cicero, Illinois, formerly of Freeburn, Illinois, died Thursday, April 27, at LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange, Illinois. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 30, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Jim Helvey, 62, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Thursday, April 27, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 30, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Minda L. Damron, 74, Pike County native, of Plymouth, Michigan, died Thursday, April 27, at IHS of Michigan at Riverbend. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 2, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Gary Simpkins, 46, of Salyersville, died Saturday, April 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Bailey Simpkins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 26, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Ricky Poe, 43, of Salyersville, died Sunday, April 23, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 26, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Hall pallbearers listed

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KCTCS regents approve degrees, name college

PADUCAH — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Board of Regents today took action to approve seven degree programs; to name a network of college campuses in the Bowling Green area; and to give initial approval to a proposal to consolidate functions, services and programs at Hazard Community College and Hazard Technical College.

All of the board's actions during the meeting at Paducah Community College were designed "to promote seamless system of colleges to serve communities and ensure the success of students," said Dr. Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president.

"By adding academic and technical programs, working cooperatively with internal and external partners, and promoting efficiency, KCTCS colleges change the lives of the students we touch," McCall said.

During the two-day meeting, parts of which occurred at West Kentucky Technical College and other sites in Paducah, the regents:

- Established guidelines for development of the 2000-01 KCTCS budget. The budget will support implementation of the KCTCS strategic plan, which includes this vision statement: to create, by the year 2020, a comprehensive community and technical college system recognized as the nation's best.

The guidelines focus on promoting a unified system; developing instructional programs of excellence; creating a seamless pathway across the education system; serving as the commonwealth's primary provider of workforce training; participating in the development of vibrant communities; strengthening partnerships; maximizing efficient use of technology; creating a dynamic, open work environment; achieving continuous improvement; and using resources effectively.

- Heard a report from President McCall on the 2000 session of the General Assembly. McCall said the System achieved its legislative agenda. KCTCS will see its operating funding increase \$5.9 million next fiscal year, besides receiving \$13.5 million from the state Workforce Development Trust Fund.

The legislature also approved capital projects including a \$10 million community-technical college in Northern Kentucky.

"I am extremely pleased with how higher education and KCTCS came out of the session," McCall

said.

- Approved spring semester 2000 candidates for graduation in the community and technical colleges. The list included the first 15 candidates for degrees in the technical colleges. Before passage of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, which created KCTCS, technical colleges were not authorized to award degrees.

"This is a great day for our System — another historic first," said Martha C. Johnson, chair of the KCTCS Board of Regents.

- Approved the name "Bowling Green Technical College" for a three-campus network of institutions in Bowling Green and Glasgow area.

- Accepted a grant of \$1.23 million from the Appalachian Regional Commission to Hazard Community College. The grant will assist with funding the Knott County Opportunity Learning Center and the Knott County branch of Hazard Community College.

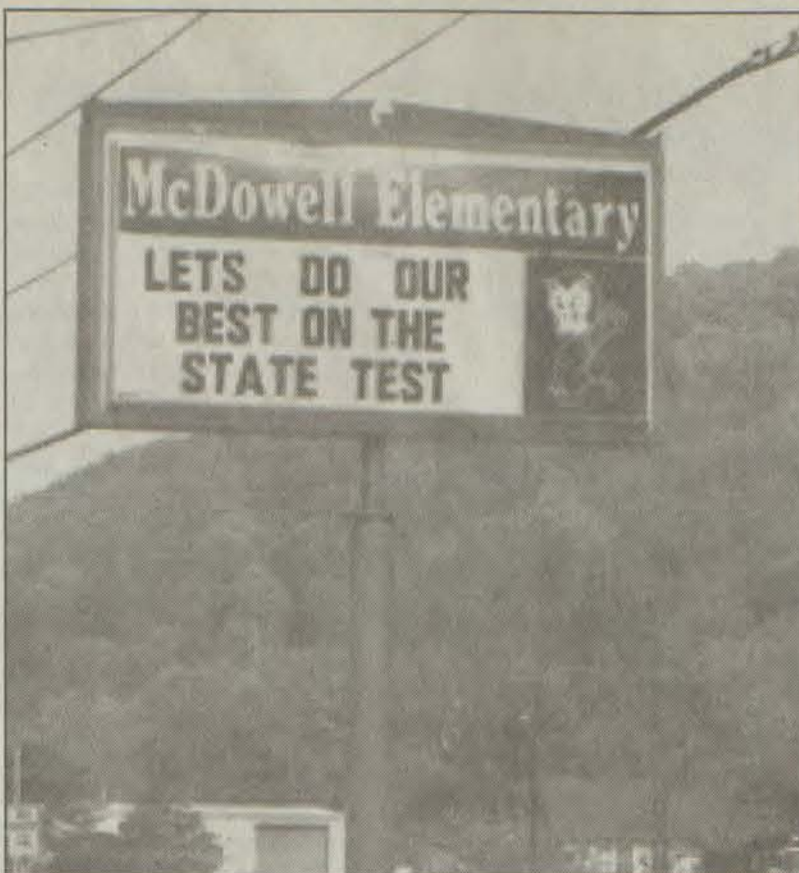
- Approved seven new associate degree programs: Elizabethtown Technical College — Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Electrical Technology and Electronics Technology; Somerset Technical College — Electronics Technology; Northern Kentucky Technical College — Medical Office Technology; West Kentucky Technical College — Radiography.

- Gave initial approval to a proposal to consolidate functions, services and programs at Hazard Community College and Hazard Technical College. The colleges will hold a public information forum on their proposal, and must return to the Board of Regents for final approval.

On Thursday night, the KCTCS regents heard comments at a similar forum on consolidation of functions, services and programs at Paducah Community College and West Kentucky Technical College.

While some employees of West Kentucky Technical College urged close cooperation and full partnership in the process, business and community leaders expressed strong support for the proposal. The regents must give final approval at a later date before consolidation can proceed.

"That's why we are here — to hear the input of the community," said Chair Johnson. "The information we received will be very valuable as we further consider this proposed consolidation."



McDowell Elementary got a little poetic in stressing the importance of the CATS tests that Floyd County students are in the process of taking. Before you call the school and ask about the apostrophe as we did, know that punctuation marks are not available for messages placed on the marquee. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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Unlike my opponent, I have openly pledged to make the Commonwealth's Attorney a full-time job. I will have no private law practice. My only client will be you, the citizens of our county. My only ambition will be to serve you with competence, decency and fairness. I'm convinced our county needs and deserves a full-time Commonwealth's Attorney, and it appears I alone am willing to serve full-time.

The choice is clear. Vote for my opponent and continue with a part-time prosecutor, where your needs will always be second. Or, vote for me, Arnold Brent Turner. I will be a full-time prosecutor, dedicating all my energy and ability to do the job right. Let's not lose this opportunity to better ourselves by turning again to the failed ways of the past.

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Is automatic withholding for you?

by Jim Kelly

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To get a Voluntary Withholding Request, Form W-4V, call IRS toll-free, at 1-800-829-3676. Your local Social Security office does not have these forms. However, the forms are available on the Internet at www.ssa.gov.

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Dewey Earlen Collett, 69, of Salyersville, died Sunday, April 23, at the Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital, in West Liberty. He is survived by his wife, Gathel Louise Allen Collett. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 26, under the

direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Katherine Meek, 85, of Salyersville, died Monday, April 24, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 25, under the direc-

tion of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Dorsey Lemaster, 67, of Salyersville, died Thursday, April 20. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Caudill Lemaster. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 23, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Mitchell Gullett, 88, Magoffin County native, of Reesville, Ohio, died Saturday, April 15, at a Cincinnati hospital. He is survived by his wife, Stella Hieneman Gullett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 18, under the direction of Littleton Funeral Home.

Lorena Jenkins, 75, of Salyersville, died Saturday, April 22, at the Salyersville Health Care Center, in Salyersville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 24, under the direction of

Salyersville Funeral Home.

Adam Watson Jr., 69, Magoffin County native, of Ironton, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 12, at an Ashland hospital. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Marie Williamson Watson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 16, under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

Goldie Wills, 57, of Jackson, Ohio, died Monday, April 17, at a Gallipolis Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 20, under the direction of Eisnagle-Lewis Funeral Home.

Grace Howard, 94, Salyersville native, died Thursday, April 13, at a Waverly, Ohio hospital's emergency room. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 16, under the direction of Howe Wheeler Boyer Hornback Funeral Home.

Magoffin County



Pauline "Dutch" Shearer, 86, died Wednesday, April 26, at North Hardin Health and Rehabilitation Center, Radcliff. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Diana Bond Criner, 58, died Wednesday, April 26, at her Thelma residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 29, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

The family of Paul Francis Mullins would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the pastor, Paul Dove, for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Paul Francis Mullins

Card of Thanks

The family of Christina Compton wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergymen, Dan Heintzelman and Jack Howard, for their comforting words; the Allen Volunteer Fire Department for all their assistance and special efforts shown to our family; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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Shopping and banking safely on the web

by Jeff Crooke
Radford University

As the last Christmas shopping season built to its usual frenetic pace in December 1999, one person was making a list. Not a list of who was naughty or nice, not even a shopping list, but a list of stolen credit card numbers.

Sliding through the retail site CD Universe as easily as Santa slides down the chimney, a hacker identifying himself only as Maxim managed to crack software CD Universe used to secure customer credit card records.

After the web site refused to pay extortion money to Maxim, he began posting credit card numbers on his web site on Christmas Day.

The hacker's site was shut down shortly thereafter, but not before hundreds of credit card numbers had been posted.

Maxim left few clues, not even cookie crumbs and an empty milk glass, and his identity remains unknown. CD Universe called in security experts to correct the situation and remains in business.

This is exactly the sort of nightmare that reinforces the belief held by some that the Internet is not a safe place to give out credit card numbers.

"The same people who are hesitant to use their credit cards on the Internet will think nothing of going to a restaurant, handing their card over to a complete stranger, and letting them walk away with it," notes Ed Oakes, director of academic computing at Radford University.

He insists that the Internet is just as safe a place as any to use a credit card, and may even be safer than most, since an "e-transaction" often involves only the consumer and no one else.

On-line transactions often pose a greater risk to merchants than to consumers, due to credit card fraud. However, even fraud in on-line transaction is comparable to that in telemarketing, since no signature or magnetic strip is involved in either type of transaction.

On-line transactions are secure on the consumer side, due to encryption built into most web browsers. Encryption is the process by which data is scrambled and then sent from one computer to another, where it is re-assembled.

As Oakes notes, encryption is usually too tough for hackers to crack, so they most often resort to trying to break into computers where credit card data is stored.

Those computers are often very difficult to crack, as well, but lapses in security do occur, such as a February leak of personal information, including phone and credit card numbers, at the Internet company RealNames.

It is suspected that 15,000

entries from a customer database were leaked before the hole opened by hackers was closed.

So, while shopping on-line is just as safe as shopping anywhere else, warning from an age without computers still applies: "caveat emptor," Latin for "let the buyer beware."

Some tips for making purchases and transactions on-line:

- Do some research on companies with which you plan to conduct business. Many e-commerce sites now prominently post security guarantees. Read these. Use email addresses to contact companies with your security concerns.

- Keep a record of your on-line purchases, including the date, time, amount, item details, and where purchased.

- Keep a credit card with a low limit and use it only for on-line purchases. This makes it easier to keep track of your purchases.

- Upgrade your browser. Both Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator contain encryption capabilities that are upgradeable to an industry standard of 128-bit encryption.

"It would take a computer the size of a small athletic facility to crack 128-bit," says Nozar Hashemzadeh, professor of economics at Radford University.

He notes that 128-bit encryption is exactly what the government has blocked exportation of for fears that the technology would fall into the hands of hackers who could then operate with almost total anonymity, so 128-bit can also provide that anonymity for the average credit card user.

Simply make sure the locked padlock is displayed on your browser whenever you are transmitting personal data to an e-commerce site. An unlocked padlock means the transaction is insecure and open to hacking.

5. Buy and install anti-viral software for your computer. This software scans your computer for any foreign programs and removes them. Anti-viral software usually requires frequent updates to keep it current, but those updates are usually free and take only minutes to download.

6. Several sites exist to alert people to scams and hacked sites. Some of these are Scambusters (www.scambusters.org/), the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org/index.asp), and NetCheck (www.netcheck.com/scamalert.htm). Checking these sites often can keep you updated on the latest attempts to take advantage by hackers and funds.

7. If you are banking on-line, make sure your bank is reputable, with a good security record. Before deciding on a bank for on-line banking, ask questions regarding the security they provide for their customers.

Card of Thanks

The family of Roger Irving Berry wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent food, flowers, or gifts of love. We especially want to thank the clergyman, Randy Turner, for his comforting words; the Drift Independent Freewill Baptist Church; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Roger Irving Berry

Card of Thanks

The family of Ruby Napier Richter would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the clergyman, Jerry Scott, for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Ruby Napier Richter

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The family of John David Slone wishes to express their appreciation and thanks to all who sent food and flowers or just spoke comforting words during our time of sorrow. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of John David Slone

KHEAA mails grant notices

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) has begun mailing notices to thousands of Kentucky students regarding their qualifications for College Access Program (CAP) Grants and Kentucky Tuition Grants (KTG) for the 2000-2001 academic year.

A CAP Grant may be used at an eligible Kentucky public or private college or university, proprietary school, or publicly operated vocational-technical school.

The award amount for the 2000-2001 academic year for college students is \$1,200, an amount equal to the community college tuition rate plus \$50. Students attending a proprietary school or public vocational-technical institution receive awards of \$810, an amount equal to the tuition rate at publicly operated vocational-technical colleges plus \$50.

KTG awards may be used at an eligible Kentucky private college. The maximum KTG award for a full-time student is \$1,600 for the school year, a \$100 increase over the award level of previous years.

"KHEAA is pleased to offer these significant increases in grant awards to help Kentuckians pay the expenses of their college education or technical training," said Linda L. Wolanin, KHEAA's Chief Operating Officer.

"Our goal is to make higher education more affordable for all Kentuckians. Not only have the grant award amounts been raised, but more students will also qualify for grants. Last year, students whose families were expected to contribute more than \$1,500 toward college expenses, as determined by the federal need analysis process, were not eligible. This year, the limit has been raised to \$3,100, more than double what it was last year."

KHEAA, a state agency, will continue mailing notices to students as they apply. KHEAA will also notify students who do not meet eligibility requirements or did not provide sufficient information to determine their eligibility. Students are urged to carefully review the information contained in the notification and respond immediately to any requests for information.

Students who do not plan to attend the institution listed on the notification letter should advise KHEAA as soon as possible by writing to KHEAA Grant Programs, 1050 US Highway 127 S, Frankfort, KY 40601-4323 by August 1, for the fall semester, or December 1, for the spring semester.

Students may also provide this information by e-mail addressed to studentaid@kheaa.com or by faxing

a change to 502/696-7345 to the attention of KHEAA Grant Programs.

Students who plan to attend college or technical college this fall still have time to apply by completing the 2000-2001 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available from postsecondary school financial aid offices, high school counselor offices, KHEAA, or online from FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov/.

To check the status of their application or account history for state grants, as well as Federal Family Education Loans and Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships (KEES), students can use KHEAA's Web site www.kheaa.com.

Students should click on the photo underneath "KHEAA Online" followed by a click on "Your KHEAA loan(s)," "Your KHEAA grant(s)," or "Your KEES account." Next, they should enter their Social Security number and birth date. The information about their account will be displayed on screen.

For more information, write to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, 1050 US Highway 127 S, Frankfort, KY 40601-4323; call (800) 928-8926; or visit www.kheaa.com.

Rural libraries bridge digital divide

Jill Long Thompson, USDA Under Secretary for rural development, has announced the awarding of \$49,000 in federal financial assistance to help eight small libraries to participate in the My Online Resource (MORE) shared automation system, which electronically links the holdings of participating libraries into a single, interactive catalog.

"USDA is helping to close the digital divide through programs such as this, which ensure that rural Americans have full access to advances in information technology," Long Thompson said. "This program shows how we can achieve big results for a very small investment of public funds."

The MORE system gives small libraries access to the vast resources of other libraries, enabling them to offer more services, maximize resources and save money.

The funds are being awarded under the Community Facilities (CF) program of USDA Rural Development, which provides financing for essential rural community facilities, such as health clinics, fire stations, schools and municipal buildings.

Thomas G. Fern, Kentucky state director for USDA Rural Development, said that new technology is helping overcome the barriers of rural isolation. "The information superhighway can turn

a small, rural library into a super library, and can make rural schools and health clinics competitive with those found in urban areas," Fern said.

"Boosted further by the rapidly evolving new frontiers of telecommuting, rural communities that once appeared headed for extinction can now compete with cities and better maintain and expand their population base."

These eight projects are located in Wisconsin; however, projects in rural Kentucky could benefit from the CF financial assistance. For more information on this program, contact USDA Rural Development at 859/224-7300, or visit our website: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ky/

Is your vehicle ready for summer?

(NUE) - Prepare now to avoid summertime breakdowns. "Summer's heat and stop-and-go traffic can cause weak systems to fail," note the experts at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

ASE offers the following tips on getting your vehicle ready for summer.

- Read the owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedules.
- Correct hard starts, rough idling, stalling, etc., before hot weather sets in.

- Flush and refill the cooling system (radiator) according to the service manual's recommendations. The level, condition and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (Never remove the radiator cap until the engine has cooled!)

- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, look for repair facilities that employ ASE-certified automotive technicians.

- The tightness and condition of belts, clamps and hoses should be checked by a qualified auto technician.

- For your comfort, have a marginally operating air conditioner system examined by a qualified technician.

- Change oil and oil filter as specified in the owner's manual.

- Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV, etc.) as recommended.

- Check the condition of tires; make sure the spare is properly inflated and the tire jack is in good working condition. Let tires "cool down" before checking air pressure.

- Inspect all lights and bulbs; replace burned out bulbs.

- Replace worn wiper blades and keep plenty of washer solvent on hand.

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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.

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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.

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Post offices join health campaign

Local post offices are joining with the Floyd County Health Department to raise awareness of breast cancer. The Dana Post Office is planning activities for Thursday, May 4. Representatives of the health department will be at the post office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide information about breast cancer, and at 1 p.m. postmaster Brenda Kilgore will present a plaque to the family of a local cancer victim. On Monday, May 8, the Drift Post Office is sponsoring a Breast Cancer Awareness Day, with breast cancer survivors, families and friends encouraged to display a pink ribbon on the "Celebration of Life" wall in

honor of their fight against the disease. Members of the health department will participate in the event from 10 a.m. to noon, providing information about breast cancer, according to postmaster Vickie Boyd. On Wednesday, May 10, the Stanville Post Office will have the Mobile Mammogram Unit from Appalachian Regional Healthcare in the parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to give on-site mammograms. Postmaster John McIntosh has a personal reason for participating in the awareness activities. His sister is a breast cancer survivor.

"Her cancer was detected in its very earliest stage because she had mammograms run annually," he said. "So having the base mammogram to compare to made the physician's diagnosis a lot easier." In conjunction with the post office activities, director Carol Holbrook has arranged to have an extra nurse on duty at the Betsy Layne branch of the health department to perform screening exams and pap smears, after which a mammogram can be approved at little or no cost, McIntosh said. Most kinds of medical insurance will cover the cost of the mammogram, he said. To make an appoint-

ment, call 606/478-5400 or toll-free 1-888-273-1928. The post offices are also encouraging customers to purchase the special breast cancer stamp. A 20-stamp sheet costs \$8, with \$1.40 going to breast cancer research. Nationally, about \$11 million has been raised through sale of the special stamp, with a goal of \$20 million. "This stamp continues our active role in the fight against breast cancer, one of the deadliest diseases among women," said Drift postmaster Boyd. "We encourage everyone to purchase and use the stamp before it goes off sale July 29."

Blue thumb project adds up for drinking water

The quality of your drinking water counts on you. That's the message from the Kentucky Division of Water and this year's "Water Works Wonders" Blue Thumb Project, an international public awareness campaign to get the public involved in conserving and protecting our water resources. The project urges everyone to take positive actions for water throughout the year and especially during Drinking Water Week, which is May 7-13 this year. The Blue Thumb Project is an initiative of the Blue Thumb Alliance, 22 nonprofit organizations that contain water awareness in their mission. Blue Thumb Alliance participants include the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water and other national and international groups.

Every day, people make decisions that affect water, whether it's turning off the tap when brushing their teeth, disposing of household toxins properly or voting for land-use policies that protect community water resources. The most important decisions about water are made by individuals, and each positive decision adds up to safer, cleaner, purer drinking water. Single actions multiply into citywide results when individuals, organizations and companies work together to clean up waterways, protect watersheds and curb pollution. Add your Blue Thumb to the countless others who work to make water better—conserve, protect and get involved. For more information about how "Water Works Wonders" or to learn more about the Blue Thumb Project, contact the Kentucky Division of Water at 14 Reilly Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601 or call

502/564-3410. You can also contact the American Water Works Association (AWWA). Attention: Blue Thumb Project, 6666 West Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235. You may telephone AWWA at 303/347-6284. Information is also available on the Kentucky Division of Water's Drinking Water Web site at <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/dw/>. A link on that page will direct you to the AWWA Blue Thumb Project information.

New attorney assessment fees
A new law, effective February 1, allows Social Security to charge an assessment fee to recover the costs for determining and certifying fees to attorneys who represent Social Security applicants. An assessment fee of not more than 6.3 percent will be taken out of the final approved attorney's fee. People who do business with Social Security have the right to be represented by an attorney who can charge them a fee for their services. Social Security approves the amount of this fee. Under the change in the law, Social Security will assess the attorney for the cost of processing, withholding and distributing the fee to the attorney. Attorneys and their clients will retain the right to question the amount of the fee approved.

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Mosley finishes first in low hurdles

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Erica Mosley ran a 18.54 for first place in the women's low hurdles at Pikeville last Thursday for the lone top finish for the Prestonsburg High School women's track and field team. Kayla Wiley finished sixth place in the same event.

The 3,200-meter relay team did have a strong second place finish with a time of 16:57.47. The foursome consisted of Tabatha Jarvis, Terra Calhoun, S. Patton and Kayla Wiley.

In the field events, Amanda Coburn took fifth place in the shot put with a throw of 15 feet. Brittany Waugh also competed in the event.

Coburn threw the discus at 32-feet with Waugh competing in the event.

Mosley finished third in the long jump being measured at 11-feet, 1-inch. Kassie Prater placed eighth overall. Competing also were Jenna Gearheart and Kayla Wiley.

Kindra Spurlock finished sixth overall in the women's 100-meter dash. Jenna Gearheart, Katina Spurlock and Ricki Murray competed in the event but did not place.

Prestonsburg took fifth, sixth and seventh places in the 1,200-meter run. Krystal Layne placed fifth, Tabatha Jarvis sixth and Patton seventh.

The women's 400-meter relay team finished fourth overall with a time of 1:05.2. The foursome consisted of Ricki Murray, Mosley, Spurlock and Kassie Prater.

Jenna Gearheart and Katina Spurlock competed but did not place in the 200-meter dash.

It was a third-place finish for the Prestonsburg women's mile relay team of Spurlock, Mosley, Layne and Prater. The foursome had a time of 6:28.56.

A Look At Sports

Youth Leagues underway around the county

Little League baseball got the first pitch this week with all leagues opening their seasons this past Monday.

The skies were clear most of the day but clouded up and the rain came down slightly, but still the games were completed.

I stopped by Archer Park and saw some of the first game there, only to find that the league has fewer teams than in the past.

I was told that soccer had hurt the league and had taken several players. Let me see. In high school there is no soccer but they still play baseball.

I made it up to the Allen Park and they were playing high school softball but the Harold-Allen-Prater League was waiting in the wings to get started. According to Tommie Layne, the games were completed.

At Martin, I watched some of the Reds versus Braves game. They have done a great deal to the Martin Park and it looks real nice.

It is no longer the Bambino League but the five teams went back to Little League and there is a revival of the old Beaver Creek league.

I also was told, while at Allen, that the Babe Ruth League had folded because of a lack of teams. I haven't been up with Harold Case (president of the Babe Ruth League) to see if

(See **SPORTS**, page four)

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Unlike previous weekends, the sun was out and in full force this past Saturday as a good number of karts showed up for a day of racing at Dwale's Riverside Raceway.

Four classes ran Saturday at the local facility.

In the Stock Light, first place went to Zack Haekworth in his No. 45 kart. He won over Jimmy Lindsey and Paul Breiks, a third-place finisher.

Breiks came back in the second feature race, the Stock Medium and took first place in his No. 29 kart. He edged out R.L. Cornett, a second-place finisher in kart No. 1B. Third place went to Jason Setser in kart No. 44.

In the Stock Limited, Scottie Lemaster took the checkered flag in his No. 30 kart. Second place went to David Setser, while Chris Vaughn placed third.

In the Briggs division, James Hale drove all the way to the winner's circle in his No. 10 kart. He was followed across the finish

line by Chris Hall and R.L. Cornett.

The track was in excellent shape and all the improvements were being discussed by the drivers. One area added was the viewer's stand where kart owners could watch and time their drivers.

The flag stand was moved back about 10 feet and an automatic timing system was installed.

Racing continues this Saturday afternoon at Riverside Raceway with a large turnout expected.

"They had a points race at Clay City

and that sort of hurt us today," said track promoter Henry Setser. "But we still had a good turnout today."

Setser said the track is planning a special Memorial Day outing in cooperation with the Tourism Committee.

"We may have a two-day event here (Memorial Day)," said Setser. "We may run on Friday night and then Saturday as well."

Currently all racing is on Saturday afternoons but will move to Friday nights in June.



THE BIG WHEEL DRIVERS were off the starting line and on the track during Kids Day in the Park Saturday afternoon. Thousands of kids gathered at Archer Park (photo by Ed Taylor)

Thousands take part in Kids Day in the Park

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR



On one of the most pleasant days in a long time, Kids Day in the Park went off with a hitch, even from the weather.

Under nothing but sunshine, thousands of kids gathered at Archer Park for the seventh annual Kids Day in the Park, sponsored by Food City and WMDJ radio.

Free snack packs were made available to all the kids who competed and even

some who did not. A "pop stop" was located throughout the park as kids and adults enjoyed the day.

Just about the whole park area was used as a parking lot as a parking space was a valuable thing. But no one minded as they were taking in the seven sporting events offered during the games.

As expected, the ponies and petting zoo were a big hit with all. The big wheel race continued to draw large numbers as did all the activities.

GAME RESULTS:

Football Toss:

3-under
 1st place Christopher Slone, Paintsville
 2nd place Jeni Dingus, Prestonsburg
 3rd place Austin Sexton, Hager Hill

4-year-old
 1st place Steven Perry, Prestonsburg
 2nd place Mason Nelson, Prestonsburg
 3rd place Austin Lowe, Salyersville

5-year-old
 1st place Olivia Ray, Prestonsburg
 2nd place Kaleb Rodebaugh, Prestonsburg
 3rd place Kayla Ray, Rocky Road

6-year-old
 1st place Tyler Collins, Martin
 2nd place Gregory Skeens, Johnson County
 3rd place Billy Owens, Garrett

7-year-old
 1st place Robbie Grigsby, Prestonsburg
 2nd place Scott Collins, Prestonsburg
 3rd place Jimmy Hall, McDowell

8-year-old
 1st place Cobby Little, Wheelwright
 2nd place Stephen Perry, Prestonsburg
 3rd place J. Chaffins, McDowell

9-year-old
 1st place Chase Burgess, Prestonsburg
 2nd place Nathan Ousley, Prestonsburg
 3rd place Nick Collins, Hueysville

50-yard dash
3-under
 1st place Braxton Tibbs, Dana



Carlene Burchett



Rick Caudill



Dale McKinney

Thunder Ridge Results

Thornsberry wins Late Model, May rolls

Adams, Combs place one, two in Modified feature

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR



CHUCKIE MAY RAN HIS NO. 18 car up the fence off the first turn this past Saturday night at Thunder Ridge Speedway. May walked away from the crash and was not hurt (photo by Scott Porter)

The Thunder Ridge Speedway opened the gates for the second time this race season and last Saturday's race card had plenty of action before a huge crowd that turned out to watch the opening night for the Late Model stock cars.

Last year's points champion, Shannon Thornsberry, picked up from where he left off last race season and took the first Late Model checkered

flag of the 2000 season, edging second place finisher Eddie Carrier Jr.

In an effort to save time, track promoter Brad Martin held only qualifying rounds for the Late Models and modifieds while the rest of the classes drew for positions.

Paul Harris and Chuckie May held the pole positions, but it didn't take long for May to exit the race when he played the "Spider Man" role, with he and his car clinging to the fence.

May walked away from the wreck with a smile on his face.

"It was the first time I ever crashed the fence," he said. "The track was slick that night and I just went off the edge. I just drove in too hard and slid off the edge."

After walking away from the wreck, May went to the hospital to be examined.

"I was there for two hours," he said, "because there were so many people there. I was dizzy after the wreck I thought I should go. But the longer I sat there, the better I felt."

"I was just shook up and after I calmed down I was all right. I told them, let's go home. They kept waking me up every three hours to make sure I was all right."

Paul Harris held the inside pole positions by taking

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Allen Central's Howell shines in wins over South Floyd, Central

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Anthony Moore's Allen Central softball Lady Rebels continue to roll through the regular season and picked up two more wins last week, defeating South Floyd on Thursday and winning over Pike Central Friday evening.

Shanna Howell got both the wins in lowering her ERA to 1.33. She improved her personal record to 5-3 on the year. She struck out six batters while issuing seven walks.

Allen Central took South Floyd 9-1 behind a four-hitter by Howell. She gave up an unearned run in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Minnie Tackett suffered the setback for South Floyd, allowing nine runs on eight hits. However, Tackett was the victim of some shoddy fielding by the Lady Raiders as they committed six errors in the game.

Kristi Howard collected two hits in the game, both doubles for Allen Central. Howell and Terri Mullins had a triple each. Howell drove in two

runs with her three-base hit.

The Lady Rebels went in front 2-0 in the first inning and added three runs in the second. Jennifer Risner singled with one out in the first and came home to score on Howell's long triple. Howell scored on Shannon Sizemore's base hit.

In the second, Jenni Joe Spurlock walked and Angie Green singled with Mullins walking to load the bases. Risner's sacrifice fly scored Spurlock. Sizemore walked to reload the bases, but on a bounce to the mound off the bat of Howell, Green was forced at home for the second out. Mullins and Sizemore both scored in the inning for a 5-0 lead.

A single run in the third gave them a 6-0 lead before the Lady Raiders made it a 6-1 game in the bottom of the fourth. Melissa Thacker had a one-out single for the Lady Raiders with Tackett drawing a walk. Melissa Hobson singled home Thacker for the lone South Floyd run.

Allen Central added a single run in the sixth and two in the seventh. In the Lady Rebels' sixth, Mullins tripled to

start the frame and scored on Risner's grounder to second.

Kristie Howard doubled with one out to begin the seventh for Allen Central. She moved to third on a sacrifice by Amanda Tackett and scored on an error. Spurlock, who walked, scored the second Allen Central run in the seventh, also unearned.

Howell retired the first seven batters of the game until she walked a batter in the third.

PIKE CENTRAL AT ALLEN CENTRAL

Howell scattered five Pike Central hits en route to an 8-3 win over the Lady Hawks Friday night that improved Allen Central to 5-3 on the season. However, the Lady Rebels are currently 2-0 in conference play.

Howell went the full seven innings, allowing three runs on five hits. She fanned six and walked three while hitting one batter.

Howell did some damage from the plate as well, collecting three hits including a triple. Jeni Joe Spurlock had two hits and one stolen base in the win.

Allen Central jumped in front of the visiting Lady Hawks with a single run in the first. Mullins singled to right to start the inning, moved to third on Howell's safety and came home on a sacrifice fly by Sizemore.

The Lady Rebels pushed across two runs in the bottom of the second without a base hit. Three walks and two errors opened the gate.

In the third, Howell started a three-run inning with a lead-off triple. Howell and Sizemore, who walked, scored on Tiffany Turner's two-run single. Turner, who stole second and went to third on a wild pitch, scored Howard's ground out to second. Amanda Tackett walked and eventu-

ally scored on a base hit by Spurlock.

Pike Central got all three of their runs in the sixth inning on a hit batter, single by Honaker, a walk to Chapman and a two-run single by Justice.

Thunder Ridge

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the checkered flag in the first heat race. May won the second heat for the outside pole spot.

"We just took off and the next thing I knew I was going off the edge," recalled May.

Of the 16 Late Models entered, Thornsberry took the checkered flag ahead of the rest of the field earning him \$1,500 for his night's work. Carrier was close second. Randy Boggs, Brandon Kinzer and Bill Bocook rounded out the top five finishers.

After the crash, Harris held the pole position for the first two circuits before giving way to the 17 car of Thornsberry. Carrier, in his number 1 car, became an instant challenger for the remainder of the race but was unable to find a way around Thornsberry.

Harris finished a distant 12th while May, whose car flipped twice before settling on the fence, placed last.

Jackie Boggs, who has always found The Ridge one of his favorite speedways, was a sixth place finisher. David Powers, Tommy Boggs and David Sanders rounded out the top 10 finishers.

The first feature of the evening belonged to the popular 4-cylinders with Keith Anderson crossing the finish line to take first place. John Henson took the inside pole position with Anderson on the outside. But it was Anderson grabbing the early lead, with Henson not far behind. Henson could not hold up on the circuits and had to be satisfied with a fifth-place finish. Patrick Morris placed third and Shane Combs took fourth place.

Dennis DeBoard drove his 46 car across the finish line and into the winner's circle in taking the Bomber feature. The pole positions belonged to Tandy Spurlock (2x) and Danny Lowe (44) at the onset of the race. Lowe gained the lead on lap four after Spurlock held the advantage the first three rounds. DeBoard came into the picture on lap 10 and never looked back the rest of the way.

Second place went to Brandon Johnson while Benny Butcher placed third. Lowe and Tim Moore rounded out the top five finishers.

The Sportsman feature followed the bombers with the 10-car field approaching the starting stand awaiting the drop of the green flag. Brandon Mason (15) and Kevin Hall (43k) led the field from the pole positions. Mason grabbed the lead but was found the challenge of Mike Morris present all race long. However, it would be Mason taking the checkered flag and first place, followed by Morris for second place.

Jeremy Livingood, Jimmy David Good and Steve Stolling finished to complete the top five racers.

A full field of cars made up the large modified grid as drivers from all over came in an attempt to win the \$2,000 purse.

Don Adams and John Burdett led the field of 24 cars to the starting line with Adams on the inside and Burdett sitting outside. While Adams got the early advantage, both he and Burdett felt an instant challenge from veteran driver Gary Combs as he passed Burdett to take the second spot.

Combs had Adams in view the whole race but he could only see him from the rear-end of his car. Adams held off the challenge of Combs and rolled across the finish line taking the checkered flag and a trip to the winner's circle.

Combs finished a strong second while Randy Boggs, Jimmy Owens, and Burdett filled out the top five finishers.

The ever-lovable road hogs finished the night of racing with Keith Branham taking the checkered flag for a first-place finish.

Racing continues at The Ridge this Saturday night with \$700 going to the bombers. The Late Models will return again this weekend with another card of stock car racing.

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FEEDING THE ANIMALS was part of the activities at Kids Day in the Park. The kids loved the animals, and the animals loved being fed. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Kids Day

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2nd place Hunter Hall, Hager Hill
3rd place Philip Carr, Prestonsburg

2nd place Dylan Kidd
3rd place J. Little

4-year-old
1st place Ashleigh Williams, Prestonsburg
2nd place Ashley Hannah, Prestonsburg
3rd place Trey Stapleton, Prestonsburg

4-year-old
1st place Brian Handshoe
2nd place Caseton Adkins
3rd place Aaron Foley

5-year-old
1st place Kaleb Rodebaugh, Prestonsburg
2nd place Anthony Collins, Prestonsburg
3rd place Emily Coleman, Betsy Layne

5-year-old
1st place Kassidy Frasure
2nd place Dalton Harris
3rd place Tyler Clark

6-year-old
1st place Nathaniel Fray, Emma
2nd place Taylor Collins, Martin
3rd place Kendall Jones, Prestonsburg

6-year-old
1st place Tyler Newville
2nd place Scott Perry
3rd place Tyler Collins

7-year-old
1st place Dick Tackett, Ivel
2nd place Erica Meade, Allen
3rd place Joshua Stakes, Prestonsburg

7-year-old
1st place Erica Meade
2nd place Jonathan Scarberry
3rd place Kimberly Osborne

8-year-old
1st place Whitney Ousley, Martin
2nd place Josh Craynor, Prestonsburg
3rd place Justin Montgomery, Prestonsburg

8-year-old
1st place Nathan Dillon
2nd place Josh Blackburn
3rd place Kayla Dingus

9-year-old
1st place Allen Craynor, Prestonsburg
2nd place Jimmy Beager, David
3rd place Eric Hannah, Paintsville

9-year-old
1st place Joshua Epling
2nd place Eric Hannah
3rd place Jordan Tackett

Kickball
3-under
1st place Hunter Hall, Hager Hill
2nd place Austin Sexton, Hager Hill
3rd place McAllison Preece, Paintsville

Hole In One
3-under
1st place Eric Collins, Prestonsburg
2nd place Chris Stone, Prestonsburg
3rd place Kevin Marsillette, Prestonsburg

4-year-old
1st place Christopher Fitch, Prestonsburg
2nd place Trey Stapleton, Prestonsburg
3rd place Caston Adkins, Pikeville

4-year-old
1st place Zack Curry, Bonanza
2nd place Trace Stapleton, Prestonsburg
3rd place Sosha Kidd, Martin

5-year-old
1st place Kayla Ray, Pikeville
2nd place Matthew Thorpe, Prestonsburg
3rd place Cassidy Frasure, Cow Creek

5-year-old
1st place Kaleb Rodebaugh, Prestonsburg
2nd place Kevin Ross, Wayland
3rd place Brandon Owens, Prestonsburg

6-year-old
1st place McCay Tackett, McDowell
2nd place Cassie Tackett, Martin
3rd place Brittany Hurd, Banner

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1st place Brittany Hurd, Banner
2nd place Scott Perry, Prestonsburg
3rd place Jordan Hamilton, Teaberry

7-year-old
1st place Mikeal Marsillette, Prestonsburg
2nd place Jonathan Scarberry, Paintsville
3rd place Joshua Lewis, Ivel

7-year-old
1st place Tori Hunt, Okshire
2nd place Zachary Spiggle, Prestonsburg
3rd place Kimberly Osborne, Paintsville

8-year-old
1st place Chris Martin, Prestonsburg
2nd place Hannah Mullins, Auxier
3rd place Kayla Hannah, Staffordsville

8-year-old
1st place David Fraley, Prestonsburg
2nd place Kayla Hannah, Little Mud
3rd place Seth Jones, Printer

9-year-old
1st place Allen Craynor, Abbott Creek
2nd place Kyle Hamilton, Mud Creek
3rd place Ethan Filowiant, East Point

9-year-old
1st place Cory Cherchio, Prestonsburg
2nd place Tristian Moore, Frankfort
3rd place Jesse Gullet, Staffordsville

Sack Race
3-under
1st place Braxton Tibbs, Dana
2nd place Brady Chalfins, Martin
3rd place Jessica Hall, Prestonsburg

Big Wheel Race
3-under
1st place Kevin Marsillette, Prestonsburg
2nd place Jeni Dingus, Prestonsburg
3rd place Austin Rowe, Prestonsburg

4-year-old
1st place Ashleigh Willis, Prestonsburg
2nd place Tia Young, Wheelwright
3rd place Bryan Handshoe, Prestonsburg

4-year-old
1st place Justin Horton, Prestonsburg
2nd place David Foley, Prestonsburg
3rd place Steven Flannery, Pikeville

5-year-old
1st place Kaleb Rodebaugh, Prestonsburg
2nd place Jacob Webb, Prestonsburg
3rd place John Paul Hayes, Martin

5-year-old
1st place Matthew Thorpe, Prestonsburg
2nd place Joe Fitch, Coldwater
3rd place Sancha Milter, Harold

6-year-old
1st place Ashley Stewart, Buffalo
2nd place Adam Pinks, Hueysville
3rd place Latasha Bryan, Prestonsburg

6-year-old
1st place Kendall Jones, Prestonsburg
2nd place Kelly Sexton, Paintsville
3rd place Zack Tackett, Mud Creek

7-year-old
1st place Mickey Parsons, Pikeville
2nd place Tony Hunt, Auxier
3rd place Derek Tackett, Ivel

7-year-old
1st place Derek Tackett, Ivel
2nd place David Tackett, Allen
3rd place Michelle Fitch, Coldwater

8-year-old
1st place Josh Craynor, Prestonsburg
2nd place Whitney Ousley, Martin
3rd place Colby Little, Wheelwright

8-year-old
1st place Trey Stapleton, Prestonsburg
2nd place Ashley Hannah, Staffordsville
3rd place Deshea Elliott, Martin

9-year-old
1st place John Corey Little, East Point
2nd place Taran Parsons, Pikeville
3rd place Allen Craynor, Abbott Creek

9-year-old
1st place Benji Bentley, Stanville
2nd place Jordan Tackett, Ivel
3rd place Kyle Hamilton, Mud Creek

Hot Shot Basketball
3-under
1st place Braxton Reffitt

(Every effort was made to correctly list all names. At times some were not legible.)

Pikeville track meet...

Jamerson places first in two events

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Last Thursday, the Prestonsburg track and field team traveled to Pikeville's Bob Amos Park where Nicholas Jamerson brought home two first-place finishes in both the high jump and triple jump.

Coach Dewey Jamerson has a large turnout this year with some very promising athletes.

Jamerson captured the high jump event, clearing the bar at 5-feet, 1-inch. Robbie Murray and Steven Jones both competed, with Murray taking fifth place and Jones, sixth.

Jamerson was measured at 34-feet, 11-inches in his first-place finish in the difficult triple jump. The first-place finish was good for 10 points.

Patrick Porter took third place overall in the shot put field event. Porter had a throw of 32-feet, 6-inches. Jordan Caldwell placed eighth overall at 25-feet, 8-inches.

Both participated in the discus, with Porter finishing third overall and Caldwell, eighth.

Jones finished a strong second in the long jump being measured at 14-feet, 7-inches. Gary Stratton (13-7) placed fourth and Robbie Murray (13-6) finished fifth.

Prestonsburg's 400-meter relay team took home a first-place finish with an overall time of 52.57. The foursome consisted of Robbie Murray, Gary Stratton, Nicholas Jamerson and Keathley. Keathley finished with the quicker run on his leg at 12.16.

Keathley took first place overall in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.46. Murray placed fourth at 1:08.41.

The two-mile relay (3,200) team finished second at 16:21.78.

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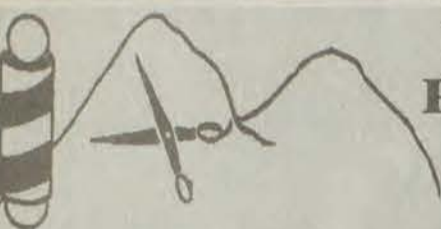
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this is so. If it is, it will be the first time in many, many years the county was without a Babe Ruth program.

The Babe Ruth program used to be the strongest of all the youth programs in the area. Johnson County, Pike County, Martin County, Floyd County, Morgan County and all those had Babe Ruth programs.

The Martin Pee Wee League looked like it was very active. Chuckie Hall said he had to come out of retirement and umpire six games last Saturday. Chuckie used to umpire and referee basketball games.

I see they still have Joey Conn behind the plate at the Martin league.

Chris Holbrook, who played for the Betsy Layne Bobcats, was umpiring the Little League game at Martin.

"I am also coaching a junior league team," said Christ. "Coaching and umpiring, that is what I am doing."

The other day at Allen Central I saw a young man I hadn't seen much since he graduated from South Floyd — Terrance Mullins. Terrance is doing good and almost out of school. He was helping Barry Hall with the South Floyd baseball program.

It is good to see youngsters like Chris, Joey and Terrance give their time to help out. I remember when they all played in the grades and high school. Yes, I have been here that long!

I really enjoyed the short time I got

to spend at Archer Park last Saturday, I left from work and went over for about an hour, shot a lot of pictures and was just thinking about the first time all this happened and how it has grown.

You wonder if, in the future, it is still going, just how big it is going to be and if the city park can hold it. Parking was nil that day.

Food City and WMDJ radio are to be applauded for what they are doing once a year for the kids around the area and, yes, even some out-of-state folks as well. This thing has really caught on.

I was stopped by a parent at Kids Day in the Park and she asked me if I was going to cover the youth games this year. I really want to be at every single game. I wish I could. But until the high school softball, baseball and track and field seasons are over, I can't make every Little League game.

Honest, there is only one of me. I cannot be at everything. I really can't. I know that is hard for some folks to believe, but I can be only at one place at one time.

Now, however, I can put your games in the sports section, and would love to. If the coaches or a concerned parent will just get me the scorebook, a copy of the game sheets, I will write it up from that.

Now, I have done this for years. Just get me a copy of the scorebook. We will see that it gets in the paper. I

do ask you to do this: make sure that both teams names are listed, first and last. We cannot put just one team in the paper.

Now mom and dad remember; coaches have a problem with losing. All of us do. Sometimes they don't want their games in the paper, only the victories. So, you may have to

prod them a little bit.

Each league should appoint a PR person, have a league book and turn it in twice a week to me for print in the paper. It is that simple. Meanwhile, I can stop by and shoot a few pictures to go with the games. Simple isn't it!

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Track Meet

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The team consisted of Caldwell, Nick Derham, Porter and Charlie Yates.

Jamerson just missed the top spot in the high hurdles, finishing a strong second. Jamerson had a time of 16.24. Teammate Gary Stratton placed third at 16.54. Derham placed seventh overall.

Keathley had a time of 12.88 for second place in the 100-meter dash. Prestonsburg also took fourth and fifth place with Jones placing fourth and Stratton running in at fifth.

It was a fourth-place finish for the Prestonsburg 800-meter relay team with a time of 2:10.51. The foursome was made up of Caldwell, Porter, Jones and Stratton. Stratton, the anchor, had the quicker leg with a time of 25.80.

Charlie Yates ran the 1,600-meter run and placed seventh at 5:22.77

Stratton, after working hard all day in other events, did finish a strong first in the 800-meter run. Stratton had a time of 2:45.69, edging out teammate Nicholas Jamerson who had a time of 2:47.36. Charlie Yates finished eighth.

Keathley ran well in the 200-meter dash but had to settle for a second place finish. Keathley was clocked at 26.79, two seconds faster than teammate Steven Jones, who had a time of 28.10. Porter took seventh place.

One of the top relay teams in the region is the Prestonsburg mile relay team and they showed it by taking first place at the Pikeville meet. The foursome of Jamerson, Stratton, Murray and Keathley posted a time of 4:32.66. Keathley ran the last leg at 1:04.89.

Tennis team in national tournament

If Coach John Kitchen's men's tennis team was celebrating this weekend instead of preparing for today's beginning of finals week, don't expect him to mind.

The squad won the KICAC crown last weekend, but unlike a year ago, when the team made its initial appearance in the national tournament, no automatic bid was at stake. The team still needed to win the Region XII title to qualify.

And on Saturday in Johnson City, Tenn., it did just that, knocking off No. 18 Virginia-Intermont 5-0 to claim the crown in what will be its only Region XII appearance.

"These guys were determined; they were going to win," Kitchen said after his club won its 10th consecutive match, running its record to 19-5 on the year. "They were nervous Saturday morning, so much

that none of us could eat. But it was a good nervousness. We had said all year we were going to win, and that's just what we did. I couldn't be more proud of this team."

The Bears, who shut out King (Tenn.) College in Friday's opening round, enter the national tournament having not lost a point in the post-season. They won both matches in the KICAC tournament 5-0 as well.

All men's tennis matches are a best-of-nine format, but when a team wins the decisive fifth point, the contest is stopped for timing purposes. Therefore, all wins have been 5-0.

Friday saw Pikeville claim all three doubles matches and cruise to the title with the first two singles victories.

Saturday was a rematch with VI, the only squad with two regular-season wins over Pikeville. The Bears

lost two heated contests with the champions of the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference earlier this season.

But Saturday was a different story.

Rodrigo Puebla and Todd Kitchen knocked off Andrew Gonzales and Sebastian Donoso 7-5, 6-1, to get things started.

"Todd and Rodrigo played the best doubles match I've seen since I've been here at Pikeville College," Kitchen said, referring to his four-year playing career and three seasons as coach. "And I'm talking about us or an opponent. It was beautiful."

The doubles sweep was completed when Leo Lopez and Hunter Doerr took Brandon Pike and Ryoto Kubo 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, while Jesse Rudd and Chad Sellers knocked off

Scott Kidd and Phillip Zauala 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

The score went to 4-0 when Sellers closed out Zauala in singles 6-2, 6-4, and the senior Rudd, who now plays No. 5 for his team only two seasons after defaulting the KICAC championship due to injury, wrapped things up with a 6-2, 6-2 whipping of Kidd.

"Jesse stepped up for us," Kitchen said. "I'm thrilled to death for him. He's been a leader for us, and he deserved to be the one who put us over the top."

The other four singles matches were stopped, but at the time Rudd sealed the deal, all four Bears were leading their contests.

The 24-team national tournament will be played May 22-27 in Lexington. The pairings will be announced at a later date.

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This time last season, Tony Stewart was going about the business of showing everyone that just because you are a rookie in Winston Cup, you can still be competitive and even win races. The Home Depot driver raised the level for rookies to the point that it may be tough to duplicate, let alone try to top.

Stewart's stats at the end of the season were the envy of not only the rookies in the series but all but three of the veteran drivers. Stewart ended in fourth place in the points standings thanks to three victories and 20 top-10 finishes. He sat on the front row of the five races with two of those being on the pole on his way to winning over \$3 million.

Those numbers he put up his rookie year not only raised the level of expectations for incoming rookies in the series, it also raised the level of expectations that were being set for him. It should be noted that all though he was a rookie in the Winston Cup Series, Stewart had seat time in just about every other series that races.

Tony had an open wheel background that saw him compete in everything from midgets to Indy cars in the course of a season. Even last season with the grueling schedule that faces a driver in Winston Cup, Stewart still found time to race in other series. His most famous excursion outside of Winston Cup occurred on Memorial Day when he competed in the Indy 500 that day

and then flew immediately to Charlotte in time to run in the Coca-Cola 600 that night.

Looking back on last year, it is easy to see why Stewart became one of the favorites this year to be in the thick of the points battle as the series rolls into the month of May. His owner, Joe Gibbs, was able to keep his team intact during the off-season and even signed the key personnel on the team to long term contracts. Everything it seemed was in place for Stewart to start off the 2000 season where he ended last season.

Stewart hadn't won at this time last season, but he was showing signs of becoming a force in the series. A rookie wasn't expected to win that early in his career, but after posting three wins last year, he became one of the drivers who was expected to have posted a victory by this time.

To make matters worse, when Jeremy Mayfield crawled out of his car on the roof in victory lane at California Sunday, he was the 10th different driver in 10 races to take the checkered flag. Tony did finish in 10th, but really wasn't a threat for the win.

A closer look at the year that Tony has put together isn't that bad for the races that he has been around at the finish. The problem is that Stewart has already put three DNFs in the record book compared to just one for all of last season. Out of the six races that he has been running at

the end he has posted six top-10 finishes with three of them being top-fives.

Reasons why he hasn't made it to victory lane might be found in the six races that he was around at the finish. NASCAR awards five bonus points for every driver that leads at least one lap during a race and five additional points for the driver that leads the most laps during a race. Stewart's point totals from those six races do not show any bonus points.

Last season the Home Depot Pontiac became a common sight leading laps, thus making him a threat to win. Combine Stewart's failure to lead any laps this season along with the three DNFs and it becomes evident just why we haven't seen Stewart and his team do any celebrating in victory lane.

In Stewart's defense, more than one team has turned up the wick on Sunday afternoon. The series has gone from one that the winner usually came from a handful of drivers to one that could see the winner come from a list of 20 different drivers.

This Saturday night the series rolls in to Richmond for the first race of the season. It was on a Saturday night last September at Richmond when Tony made this first-ever appearance in a Winston Cup victory lane and who knows, maybe this Saturday night we will be treated to his first win of the 2000 season.



JACOB ISON AND DAD ENJOYED riding the ponies at Kids Day in the Park this past Saturday. Ison, not old enough to compete, rode and enjoyed some chocolate chip cookies (photo by Ed Taylor)

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gree says he can win at a mile-and-a-quarter and anyone paying close attention to how the Derby horses are training over the past two weeks in Louisville will tell you that More Than Ready is sitting on the race of life.

Personally, I think his best will leave him a little short, but this is one live contender.

As for Wheelaway, I think this race is just a tad much too soon. I wouldn't be surprised at all if this colt wins the Belmont Stakes, but while he's improving rapidly, I can't foresee anything better than third for him this weekend.

I don't think most of the rest have accomplished nearly enough to suggest they could jump up and win the Kentucky Derby, leaving a pool of three horses to join More Than Ready in the group from which I think the first Derby of this century will come.

First is The Deputy. If you give out a prize for the horses that are training best, I think The Deputy and More Than Ready would share it.

Jeanine Sahadi is also making her first trip to the Derby and I think she's worked too hard to get some well-deserved respect to bring anything but a very live contender to Louisville. This horse has the seasoning that Derby's duo lacks but I think he may be a little like last year's Derby runnerup, Menifee — a horse that was talented enough to perhaps win the roses but which is really best at distances of a mile-and-an-eighth or less.

That leaves the Drysdale-trained duo, with only a combined nine starts between them to this point.

Even though they're lightly-raced, their campaigns were "geared toward being here," said Drysdale and from most any other trainer, I would dismiss such a statement as wishful thinking.

Fusaichi Pegasus' temperament is the one of the big stories of this year's Derby, but I'm convinced that Drysdale is a keen enough horseman to know that his charge can handle the environment.

But there are two things about Pegasus that I don't like.

First, his race in the Wood Memorial was so good that I think a lightly-raced horse like this may have peaked a tad too soon. But more than that, I think Fusaichi Pegasus could fall victim to what cost a great UNLV team the 1991 NCAA basketball title. That squad was never seriously challenged all season and when it finally encountered some adversity, it came up short against Duke. Fusaichi Pegasus has not encountered much adversity on his road to the Derby and I don't like to pick those kinds of horses in a race like this one.

Furthermore, students of pedigree might question whether a son of Mr. Prospector can win a mile-and-a-quarter race at this point in its racing career. There's no denying that Fusaichi Pegasus' pedigree is slanted more heavily toward speed

than stamina.

I won't be surprised if Fusaichi Pegasus finishes off the board, but my respect for this colt's ability and Drysdale's skill force me to put him on the list of likely winners.

That leaves me with War Chant.

I circled this one as potential Derby winner when I got the chance to see him in person on January 16. He won his second career start in a conditioned allowance race against a very mediocre field. What was most impressive, though, was the way he did it and then the 104 Beyer speed figure he earned.

The next time out, War Chant regressed a bit in his stakes debut. He won the San Rafael, but he barely beat an average group of horses. However, the circumstances of the race worked against his chances as jockey Kent Desormeaux had to make an early move to keep position down the backstretch rail. This horse was required to put in a very long, sustained run to the wire and yet he still prevailed with a 103 Beyer number.

War Chant's final pre-Derby start came in the Santa Anita Derby, in which he lost a narrow decision to The Deputy, still getting a career-best 107 Beyer. No horse's speed figures go up forever and I think either The Deputy or Fusaichi Pegasus, or both, are due the inevitable step backward.

Drysdale is not a trainer prone to excuse-making, so that makes his assessment of War Chant's Santa Anita Derby quite interesting:

"Tactically, he'd prefer to come from further back. I don't think he really liked being pinned down on the rail and I don't think he handled the race surface that day very well. So I look for a lot of improvement from him. He's a May 22nd foal, so he's not even going to be three-years old when he competes in this race," Drysdale observed. "He's never yet been able to probably maximize his racing style."

War Chant will be equipped with blinkers in the Derby, which should keep him from paying attention to a rival, as he did while battling with The Deputy in the stretch last time. And jockey Jerry Bailey, who will be riding this colt for the second time, says a horse often gains a great deal from the first time he engages in a dogfight like the one in the Santa Anita Derby.

With that seasoning and the addition of the blinkers to keep War Chant focused, along with the fact that the Derby should provide a swift pace that he can track rather than set, I think this is the horse that is sitting on the race of his life. And I think War Chant had the talent and the pedigree to take advantage of those ideal circumstances. All he lacks is the experience, and I'll put my faith in Drysdale on that count.

Make it War Chant first under the wire this Saturday, followed by The Deputy and More Than Ready. Good luck with your picks.



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We'll never know how good Pulpit might have been as a race-horse, since an injury cut his career on the track short in the 1997 Kentucky Derby. But we do know that even though he didn't run his first race until January of his three-year old year, he was good enough to win the Bluegrass Stakes at Keeneland and finish fourth in what may have been the strongest Derby field of the past decade.

Trainer Frankie Brothers, whose Derby dreams were dashed recently when Mighty was sidelined with an injury, says the day is coming when one of those lightly-raced but enormously talented horses will confound the experts and win the roses.

I think he's right. And I think this is the year.

The late Hall of Fame trainer Charlie Whittingham almost won the Derby with one of those unseasoned horses back in 1994, when Strodes Creek encountered some bad luck early in the race and finished second to front-running Go For Gin. You know not to discount the chances of Whittingham's horse this year, despite the less-than-impressive resume, because of the Bald Eagle's reputation for his skill at pointing a horse for a single race.

Well, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree when it comes to a former Whittingham chief assistant Neil Drysdale.

In 1992, Drysdale had to scratch the horse many later felt would have won the roses, because A.P. Indy was suffering from a sore foot on the morning of the big race. It says here that Drysdale will finally get his first Derby in his first try, but not with the horse you might think.

My pick for Derby 126 is the stablemate of heavy favorite Fusaichi Pegasus — War Chant.

WHY WAR CHANT?

Sometimes the best way to pick a winner is to identify the horses you think are highly unlikely to succeed.

Personally, I don't think the pool of viable contenders is all that deep. And I think this year's Derby winner is almost certain to come out of California.

High Yield's record looks impressive, but he has two major negatives in my book. First, in each of his two wins this year, he was aided by a strong bias toward inside speed horses. He's competed well in tough company but he's never been a good horse without the help of that bias. Secondly, I can't get past the idea that this horse is another Cat Thief — an honest, hard-tryer who will (almost) never beat really top-caliber horses.

More Than Ready and Wheelaway finished second and third behind High Yield in the Bluegrass but don't be surprised if both of them are ahead of him at the wire this Saturday.

If a non-California horse wins the roses, I think it would be More Than Ready. His preparation has been quite similar to that of Silver Charm in 1997, but because he failed to become the second coming of Easy Goer last fall, many eastern-based turf writers wrote him off as a sprinter. Well, this colt's pedi-



THIS ONE COULD BE A future quarterback as he took his turn during the football toss during Kids Day in the Park. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Gray leads Angels to title and state AAU tournament



Rebecca Gray

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

McDowell Lady Daredevils. Rebecca attends Georgetown Middle School where she also plays basketball. She has the honor of being ball girl for the Georgetown College women's team.

A little touch of Floyd County will be represented in this year's 10-under girls' AAU state tournament when the Lexington Angels will be one of the entrants in this year's tournament.

What have the Lexington Angels to do with Floyd County? Well, Rebecca Gray is the team's leading scorer and Rebecca's parents are former Floyd County residents.

Gray is the daughter of Amy (Turner) and Todd Gray, who now reside in Georgetown. Todd is from Allen and the son of Jimmy Delano and Kay Gray. Amy is the daughter of David and Peggy Turner of Drift. Amy played basketball for the old

Her brother Steven, 8, plays on the Georgetown Junior Pro team, which went undefeated and also won a championship. Sister Rachel, 14, is on the Georgetown High School dance team.

Rebecca averaged 11.2 points per game for the Angels. She also averaged five assists per game in the AAU tournament. She is best known by her nickname, "Bee."

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Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Bobby Labonte/\$1,144,611	1,516	1
2. Mark Martin/\$1,091,736	1,496	1
3. Ward Burton/\$915,976	1,443	1
4. Jeff Burton/\$2,947,784	1,396	1
5. Dale Earnhardt/\$850,841	1,384	1
6. Dale Jarrett/\$3,098,159	1,305	1
7. Jeremy Mayfield/\$714,271	1,300	1
8. Jeff Gordon/\$847,496	1,279	1
9. Rusty Wallace/\$1,112,701	1,271	1
10. Ricky Rudd/\$725,621	1,251	0

Leading Stats (through 10 races)

Driver	Miles led	Times led	Races led	Miles run
1. Mark Martin	557	19	7	4,051
2. Mike Skinner	436	15	5	4,015
3. Ward Burton	370	12	4	4,049
4. Rusty Wallace	353	14	5	3,779
5. Bobby Labonte	318	12	5	4,048
6. Dale Jarrett	307	11	6	3,870
7. Matt Kenseth	252	6	4	3,776
8. Jeff Gordon	238	19	5	4,015
9. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	234	11	3	3,658
10. Jeff Burton	189	11	6	3,651

Next Winston Cup race:
Pontiac Excitement 400, May 6;
Richmond International Raceway

NASCAR BUSCH Series through 10 races

Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Jeff Green/\$317,750	1,443	0
2. Todd Bodine/\$232,105	1,404	0
3. Matt Kenseth/\$385,955	1,370	2
4. Randy LaJoie/\$263,570	1,328	1
5. Ron Hornaday/\$224,305	1,241	0
6. Kevin Grubb/\$147,640	1,182	0
7. David A. Green/\$197,805	1,145	0
8. Elton Sawyer/\$203,040	1,112	0
9. Jason Keller/\$216,405	1,111	0
10. Kevin Harvick/\$164,890	1,092	0

Next Busch race: Hardee's 250, May 5;
Richmond International Raceway

NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES through 6 races

Driver/winnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Mike Wallace/\$202,445	1,008	2
2. Andy Houston/\$168,143	969	2
3. Jack Sprague/\$115,080	909	0
4. Steve Grissom/\$63,515	877	0
5. Kurt Busch/\$115,965	872	0
6. Joe Ruttman/\$116,668	858	1
7. Dennis Setzer/\$87,370	846	0
8. Greg Biffle/\$71,370	837	0
9. Rick Crawford/\$66,530	752	0
10. Terry Cook/\$75,805	749	0

Next Craftsman race:
Ran Tough 200, May 7;
Gateway International Raceway

By the numbers

Last year was the first year that no driver won more than one short-track race. Following is a list of drivers who won the most short-track races each year:

- 1999: Rusty Wallace, John Andretti, Dale Jarrett, Dale Earnhardt, Tony Stewart, Jeff Gordon
- 1998: Gordon (2)
- 1997: Gordon, Jarrett (2)
- 1996: Gordon (4)
- 1995: Earnhardt, Wallace, Terry Labonte (2)
- 1994: Wallace (3)
- 1993: Wallace (5)
- 1992: Geoffrey Bodine (2)
- 1991: Earnhardt (3)
- 1990: Mark Martin, Bodine (2)
- 1989: Wallace, Darrell Waltrip (3)
- 1988: Earnhardt (2)
- 1987: Earnhardt (6)
- 1986: Wallace, Waltrip (2)
- 1985: Earnhardt (4)

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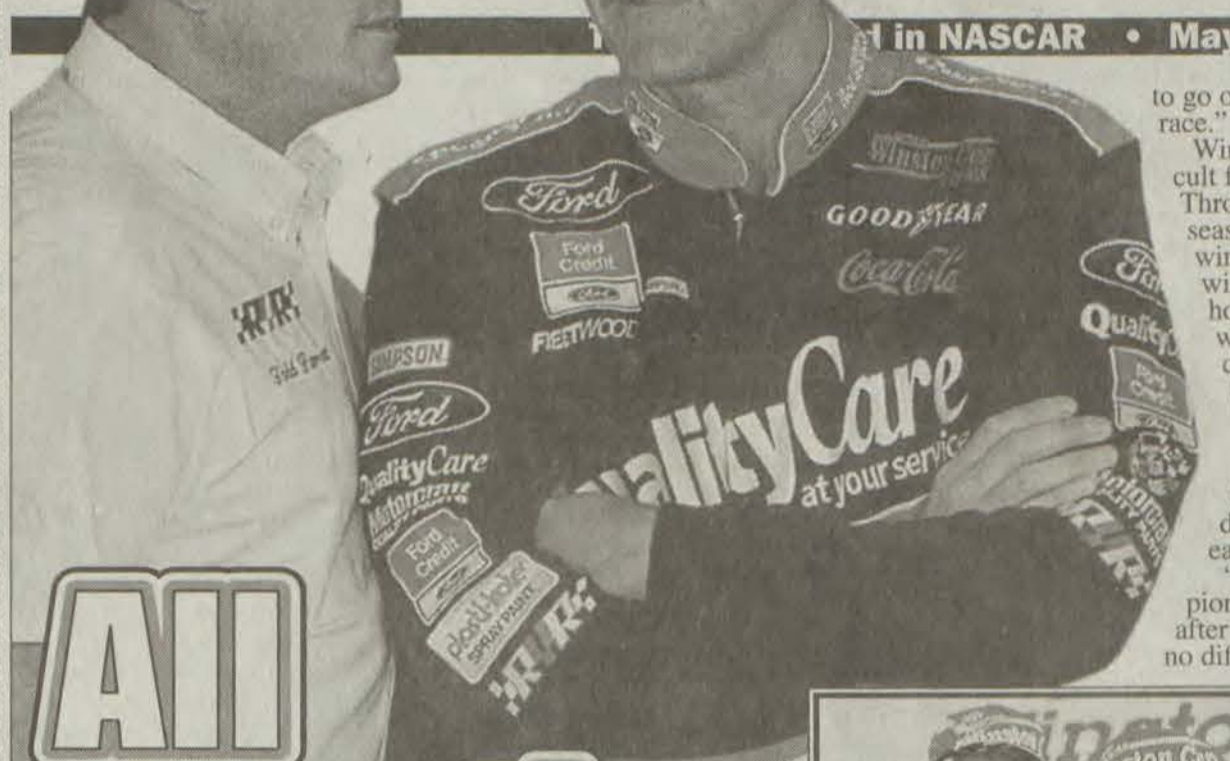
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Todd Parrott signs a lifetime contract with Robert Yates and Jarrett's No. 88

By HENRY MILLER

SILLY season almost arrived early this year. But Todd Parrott put a stop to it. Silly season is that time of the year when the rumor mill goes crazy in NASCAR. Gossip spreads like wildfire during silly season, which usually arrives toward the end of the year. One of the first major rumors in the pre-silly season was that Parrott, crew chief for Dale Jarrett's No. 88 Quality Care Ford, was talking with other teams. He stopped that one dead in its tracks when he announced the signing of a lifetime contract with Robert Yates Racing. Now that that hearsay has been silenced, Parrott can focus on defending his team's Winston Cup championship. "We brought this No. 88 team from ground zero, from nothing to a championship-caliber team in four short years," Parrott says. "We know what other teams have done that, and they raised the bar. We just got up to the bar. "We've had a little bad luck this year. We've run great at some races, [but] we're defending champions so everybody expects us

to go out every week and win every race." Winning any race has been difficult for all the drivers this year. Through the first 10 races of the season, there hasn't been a repeat winner. Jarrett started the streak with a win at Daytona. Since then, however, things haven't gone as well as hoped for the defending champions. The team is sixth in the points, 211 points behind leader Bobby Labonte. Jarrett says that the rumors have not been a problem during the year. In fact, he says, he didn't hear about them until early last week. "You always know with a championship team that other teams are after your people," Jarrett says. "It's no different than any other sport. "Going after people from a championship, or championship-caliber team, serves more than one purpose. Not only does it add talent to the team that successfully lures someone from a championship team, but it also breaks up the team people consider the team to beat - just like what Jeff Gordon is going through. "We realize that over the years what has won championships and multiple championships has been keeping that core together, and that's been very difficult for Robert and Doug and Todd to do," Jarrett says. "We gave a great organization, but people can make things very attractive to others sometimes." Car owner Robert Yates says that his team is there to stick together and that his "franchise players," Jarrett and Parrott, will only go if he and engine builder Doug Yates go with them. "If there's somebody out there that wants us, we're a cherry tree and you're gonna have to take the whole tree. That's my plan," Yates says. "I didn't come in here with the stress of owning a race team and trying to keep it together. I came in here with the skill of working on cars and engines. "I don't want to go through this laying awake at nights worrying if Todd is leaving. I think we have an attraction among ourselves that we want to be together, we want to do this." Jarrett says while sometimes he and Parrott will have their blowups at one another, just like any other sport or business. After the disagreement is taken care of, it's off to the next race. "There are no problems with us," Jarrett says. "But we get through those [arguments]. I'll assure you that by every weekend if we don't happen to speak at the end of the race, we talk on the phone on Sunday night before either one of us goes to bed. It's something you have to work at. There is always aggravations because you're never perfect, but you work through that." And Jarrett and the Yateses are more than happy to know that they'll be working out those imperfections with Parrott for a long time.



Dale Jarrett and Todd Parrott celebrate last year's Winston Cup championship.

been keeping that core together, and that's been very difficult for Robert and Doug and Todd to do," Jarrett says. "We gave a great organization, but people can make things very attractive to others sometimes." Car owner Robert Yates says that his team is there to stick together and that his "franchise players," Jarrett and Parrott, will only go if he and engine builder Doug Yates go with them.

Do Winston Cup drivers have a place in the Busch series?

By HENRY MILLER

THE NASCAR Busch Grand National season started with a motto that went something like this: You never know who's going to win. Well, that's not totally true. You know, for one, that if Mark Martin is racing in the series, he's probably going to drive into victory lane. You also know that if there are other Winston Cup drivers entered in a race, the Busch regulars are probably going to be out of the picture. While that preseason advertisement isn't really living up to its suspenseful promise - in 10 Busch races thus far, Winston Cup regulars have won nine times, including four by Martin - there is one preseason prognostication that is following form: the points race. Jeff Green, Todd Bodine and Randy

LaJoie are leading the way one-third of the way through the season. So far, LaJoie is the only driver with a win. But with NASCAR's emphasis on consistency rather than victories, watching Winston Cup drivers win almost every week isn't as hard to swallow. "We want to win races to win the championship," says Green, driver of the No. 10 Nestle NesQuik Chevrolet Monte Carlo. "But when we can't win, we want to try to finish in the top five." Green was caught up in a wreck in Saturday's event and finished 42nd out of 43 drivers. He wasn't the only one among the leaders to have a poor showing. Todd Bodine, who started the race second in the points behind Green, finished 34th, also an accident victim. LaJoie was seventh. Green was the preseason favorite to win his first BGN title and Bodine was expect-

ed to give him a run. LaJoie, a former BGN points championship, had mixed reviews regarding his 2000 season after a subpar 1999. "Someone said to me, 'It must be nice to be back atop the standings,' but this is the first time I have ever been leading the points in my entire Busch career, which dates back to 1990," Green said heading into the Auto Club 300. "My goal from the beginning of the season has been to win the championship. Nothing would mean more to me than to make sure that myself and my NesQuik Racing team are in the very same position when the checkered flag falls at Homestead in November." Green made a quick climb to the top of the point standings after finishing 42nd in the season opener in Daytona. "It's a pretty good feeling being the points leader, especially since we had to climb from 42nd place, which is where we were after Daytona," Green said. "I really felt like I let the team down flipping at Daytona.



Mark Martin has already won 4 of the 10 Busch Series races this season.

"We're top-fiving 'em to death, but we want to win some races. I know my race is coming if we just keep sticking around the top five." It seems that's the only thing Busch drivers can look forward to. The race LaJoie won was in Nashville, where no Winston Cup drivers were entered. So far, Cup drivers Martin, Jeff Burton, Matt Kenseth, Joe Nemecek and Sterling Marling have all been to victory lane. Martin's win came in the only Busch race he has entered this year.

In Brief

Under investigation

Jeremy Mayfield proved his racing prowess during the NAPA 500 at Fontana, coming from 42nd and a lap down to win the race, making him the 10th Winston Cup winner in as many races this season. But NASCAR impounded the No. 12 Mobil Ford after a post-race inspection revealed that the roof of the car was lower than the 51-inch minimum requirement. Some suspect that the height of the roof may appear to be lower due to Mayfield standing on the roof during his victory celebration. Mayfield's win will stand, but the Penske Kraneff Racing team may be slapped with a penalty. The team is also under investigation of another possible offense during the DieHard 500. A decision from NASCAR is expected Friday.

This Week's Track

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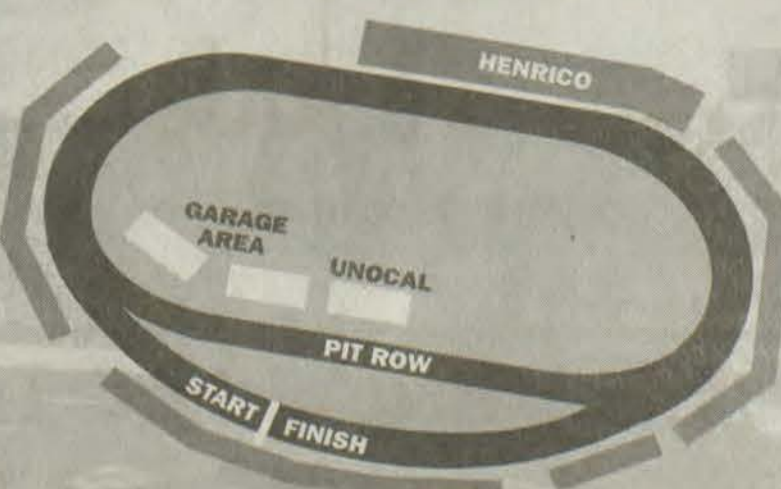
Length: .750 mile

Qualifying record:
Jeff Gordon, 125.558
mph, June 5, 1998

Race record:
Dale Jarrett, 108.707
mph, Sept. 6, 1997

Last year:
Pontiac Excitement
400, May 15, 1999;
Won by Dale Jarrett

Last year:
Exide NASCAR Select
Batteries 400, Sept. 11,
1999; Won by Tony Stewart



Banking: 14 degrees

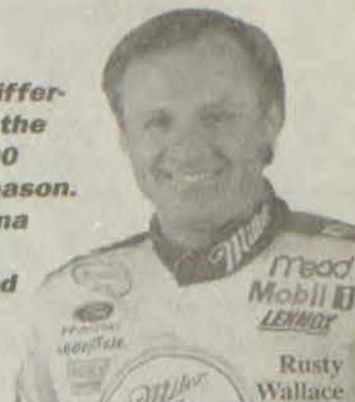
Listen up

For the past three years we've had to dig ourselves out of a hole after Daytona. That has made a huge difference in the points.

- Mark Martin on his top-five finish at Daytona and strong start to the 2000 season

Fast Fact

There have been eight different Bud Pole winners in the first 10 races of the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup season. Only Dale Jarrett (Daytona and Atlanta) and Rusty Wallace (Rockingham and Martinsville) have won more than one Bud Pole this season.



The Lugnut

By Rod Thrown

Hats off to Jeremy Mayfield

I need to congratulate Jeremy Mayfield. No, not for his win Sunday at California. That pales in comparison to the real reason to celebrate.

I'm cheering him on for trying to sneak past NASCAR after apparently putting some charge in his gas tank at Talladega. After that remark I know some of you are going to say stupid things like, "I can't believe you're promoting cheating," and other cliches that will bore me to a sudden coma-like state. But, hey, like I say when I'm on the radio: That's why I'm me and you're not. Get used to it.

Mayfield's actions at Talladega deserve a medal. You see, NASCAR is a lot like this card game I know called Euchre (pronounced "you-ker"). If you get caught cheating at this game, you lose a certain number of points. Some people don't like to cheat at it, but my feeling is that if there are rules saying what the penalties are for cheating, and those rules aren't something like lopping off an arm, leg or other body part, then it's OK to try and sneak something by.

Besides, some of the funniest stories of NASCAR's olden days are those in which a driver had an illegal engine that could probably power a jet under their hood.

My only concern with the whole Mayfield thing is: How could he not win at Talladega with rocket fuel, then come back and win at California? It wasn't as if Mayfield had been challenging anywhere else.

Anyway, based on what's been happening, here's how they should finish at Richmond:

1. Tony Stewart. Why not? He hasn't been close yet;
2. Jeff Burton. He's gonna start kicking it in now;
3. Rusty Wallace;
4. Jeff Gordon;
5. Mark Martin.

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RACING Reporter

Gerald Hodges

MAYFIELD WINS NAPA AUTO PARTS 500

Neither heat, mechanical problems, nor competition could keep Jeremy Mayfield from winning the Winston Cup NAPA Auto Parts 500 this past Sunday at California Speedway.

It was Mayfield's second career Winston Cup victory and his first in 61 races.

"We had problem after problem," said Mayfield. "The seat was hot, I'm blistered, but sometimes you just got to suck it up, and that's what we did today."

In addition to handling problems and a hot seat, Mayfield was leading the race on the last restart when the primary electrical system conked out on his No. 12 Mobil Ford. This temporary electrical malfunction allowed Bobby Labonte to almost pass him with just four laps remaining in the 250-lap race. But once Mayfield switched over to the backup electrical box, he pulled

away from the rest of the field.

"It was a good race," said second-place finisher Labonte. "We qualified 36th and finished second. What we needed was just a little better race package."

Matt Kenseth, who won the NASCAR Busch Series race on Saturday, led the most laps and was the third-place finisher.

After 10 races into the 2000 Winston Cup season there have been 10 different winners.

TOP 15 FINISHERS:

1. Jeremy Mayfield
2. Bobby Labonte
3. Matt Kenseth
4. Ricky Rudd
5. Jeff Burton
6. Ward Burton
7. Mike Skinner
8. Rusty Wallace
9. Dale Jarrett
10. Tony Stewart
11. Jeff Gordon
12. Dale Earnhardt
13. Jerry Nadeau
14. Mark Martin
15. Chad Little

TOP 10 WINSTON CUP POINTS LEADERS

1. Bobby Labonte, 1,516
2. Mark Martin, 1,496
3. Ward Burton, 1,443
4. Jeff Burton, 1,396
5. Dale Earnhardt Sr., 1,378
6. Dale Jarrett, 1,305
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,300
8. Jeff Gordon, 1,279
9. Rusty Wallace, 1,271
10. Ricky Rudd, 1,251

CRAWFORD CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES DRIVER

Rick Crawford, a 20-year veteran driver, moved into the Craftsman Truck Series in 1997 where he finished 12th in the points standings and was runner-up for Rookie of the Year. He qualified for all 26 races, piling up two top-five and five top-10 finishes.

In 1998, he scored his first truck victory in the second race of the season at Homestead, Fla. He finished 18th in the points with four top-five and five top-10 finishes.

He started the 1999 season off with a bang with two top-10 finishes and found himself in fifth place in the standings. Veteran crew chief, Mike Cheek, joined the team just after mid-season and they immediately had seven top-10 finishes as a result. Crawford and his Circle Bar team finished 14th in the final points.

Prior to joining the Craftsman Truck Series as driver of the No. 14 Ford, he spent 12 seasons in the NASCAR Slim Jim/All Pro series where he had 111 starts, won 11 times and had 61 top-10 finishes. After Circle Bar Motel and RV Park of Odessa, Texas, came on board as a sponsor, he never finished lower than eighth in points.

In addition, he won the 1989 Snowball Derby for late models as well as track championship at Pensacola, Fla., and Mobile, Ala.

After getting a new sponsor, Milwaukee Tools for 2000, he is currently ninth in the points. His best finish was fifth place, April 22 at Portland, Ore.

ROBINSON TO RUN FULL ARCA SERIES

Shawna Robinson plans on becoming the first female driver in motorsports history to run a complete season in a major national stock car racing series.

"I don't do things to be the first but I do things to be the best," said Robinson, an Iowa native now residing in Charlotte. "I want to be the best mom there is to my two kids, and the best race car driver I can be."

"It's not going to be satisfying to run the full schedule. What

makes it exciting is running the full schedule with a team capable of winning races and winning championships, and being with a sponsor like Kmart and a program like Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs."

Robinson finished 13th in the season-opening ARCA 200 at the 2.5-mile Daytona International Speedway. She ran near the front through most of that race and appeared to be headed to at least a top-five finish. A crash that began with two other drivers caused her to spin, though, with eight laps remaining. The Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs Ford finished on the lead lap, however, but was never able to make up the lost track time in the short period remaining in the race.

The team, owned by Winston Cup car owner Michael Kranefuss and Winston Cup driver Jeremy Mayfield, ran seven ARCA events last season, winning at Michigan and picking up five top-10 finishes. Robinson's lone event with the team came at Charlotte in May 1999, where she finished fourth and only a late caution flag cost her third place.

KENSETH WINS BUSCH RACE

Here are the race results of the Busch Series Auto Club 300, run Saturday at Fontana, California.

1. Matt Kenseth
2. Jeff Burton
3. Jeff Green
4. Michael Waltrip
5. Todd Bodine
6. Mike Skinner
7. Jason Keller
8. Hank Parker
9. Elton Sawyer
10. Jay Sauter
11. Lyndon Amick
12. Chad Little
13. Dick Trickle
14. Kevin Harvick
15. Jimmie Johnson

TOP 10 BUSCH POINTS LEADERS

1. Jeff Green, 1443
2. Todd Bodine, 1404
3. Matt Kenseth, 1370
4. Randy LaJoie, 1328
5. Ron Hornaday, 1241
6. Kevin Grubb, 1162
7. David Green, 1145
8. Elton Sawyer, 1112
9. Jason Keller, 1111
10. Kevin Harvick, 1092

BENSON TAKES WINSTON WEST RACE

The No. 50 Learnframe Pontiac driver Johnny Benson saved his best for last on Saturday in the Pontiac Wide Track Grand Prix 200 at California Speedway.

Benson's lap of 40.844 seconds on lap 103 enabled the 5-year Winston Cup veteran to remain in front of a battling Ken Schrader and Brandon Gaughan, earning Benson the victory in the first NASCAR Winston West Race of his career.

Ironically, Schrader was driving a car sold to him by Tyler Jet Motorsports.

"Man, that was a lot of fun," said Benson who had traded the lead with Schrader and Gaughan throughout what was supposed to be a 100-lap race. But a late yellow invoked the Winston West rule that calls for all races to end under green.

Team Owner Tim Beverley, crew chief James Ince, Learnframe sponsor representatives and the Tyler Jet Motorsports crew celebrated the victory into the evening hours in Fontana. The team had tested the Winston West car two weeks ago. A Winston West car is very similar to a Winston Cup car with the exception of a few minor engine requirements and spoiler requirements.



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'I'm floored'

Former First Lady dedicates library

Story and photos by Pam Shingler, Lifestyles Editor

When Martha Wilkinson cut the ribbon and walked into the library bearing her name at The David School on Sunday, she said simply, "I'm floored."

The former Kentucky First Lady, along with her husband, the former governor, Wallace Wilkinson, was at the school for the formal dedication of the Martha Wilkinson Library.

She had donated money for the library furnishings, including sofas, tables, chairs, and shelves. She also provided computers for the room and most of the books, through her family's book sales business.

Sunday was the first time that Martha Wilkinson had seen the new school building, which she helped to break ground for 10 years ago.

The David School Director Dan Greene said the Wilkinsons were instrumental in securing Appalachian Regional Commission funds to begin site development work for the new school.

The second floor library is part of the final phase of construction on the school's main building.

In his remarks during the dedication ceremony, Greene said he asked Wilkinson to be the graduation speaker at the private school in the spring of 1988, just months after her husband took office as governor.

The school was so financially strapped, he said, that a representative of the power company had come to turn off the electricity because of non-payment.

"I told them that the governor's wife was coming and they wouldn't want her to speak in the dark," Greene said. The lineman left the power on, and the money was soon forthcoming to pay the bill.

He added that later when the school was having legal problems over mineral rights on the land it had purchased for the new building, the Wilkinsons assisted again.



Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, guests crowded into the new Martha Wilkinson Library at The David School.



Director Dan Greene presented Martha Wilkinson with a picture of The David School's original building — the old Princess Elkhorn Coal Co. administration building, 1988, before the new building was constructed. Also participating in the presentation were Frank Carlson left, and Betty Cavins.



Martha Wilkinson and Dan Greene, director of The David School, look at the newly unveiled stained glass sign denoting the school's library, named in honor of the former Kentucky First Lady.

"The day Martha came for the groundbreaking was a new beginning," Greene said. "This facility would not be here if not for Martha's commitment to the school."

Two David students, senior Lee Powers and junior Jessica Hale spoke on behalf of the school's students. "I extend thanks and appreciation (to Wilkinson) for being a friend to The David School," Powers said.

Hale said she has learned "never to underestimate the power of giving." She added, "Without Martha Wilkinson, I'm sure I would not be standing here today expressing my appreciation."

"I've never seen anyone do so much with so little," the former First Lady said, referring to Greene and his wife, Ann.

"This is truly a second chance school," she said, addressing a crowd of more than a hundred students, parents, school staff, community and political leaders. "All the young people here have struggled ... but the success stories are overwhelming."

Students at the school, she said, "are taught that they can do."

She expressed pride in the library and its potential. "I'm hoping this library will give the tools — computers, books — for students to learn, to read, to seek out what they want to do in life."

She urged people in the audience to give "books or dollars" to the school. She said she was establishing her family business on 928 Nandino Blvd. in Lexington as an "official drop off for people to donate books" to the school.

The "drop off" location is in response to Lexington Herald-Leader writer Dick Burdette's request in a recent column that readers donate books to the new library.

After the ribbon cutting, visitors toured the library and had refreshments in the school dining room.

The David School was established in 1974 as an alternative school for area students and to provide literacy and adult education programs. It was originally housed in the former administration building of Princess Elkhorn Coal Co., which built the community of David.

During her tenure as First Lady, Martha Wilkinson led a campaign to promote literacy and adult education, enlisting volunteers in "Martha's GED Army." During her husband's term as governor, the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) was passed into law.



The chimney in the dining room of The David School provided a backdrop for the reception in honor of Martha Wilkinson on Sunday. She was accompanied to the library dedication by her husband, former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.



Instructor Dwayne Shepherd, left, an alumnus of The David School, led the private, alternative school's choir at Sunday's festivities.

Things that matter

Many of us are impressed by famous quotations and statements, usually made by famous people with experiences we can relate to. Sometimes we are even so touched by these sentiments that we will have them etched in calligraphy and mounted in some appropriate place. I have one on my kitchen wall above the telephone.

Some of the things that touch us will express some deeply held beliefs far better than we can do it ourselves, or they will explain a truth in a way we want to remember. But whatever written words we treasure, there will be some special meaning that we want to hold on to.

I saw a beautiful example of the effect words can have when my friend Emily White passed away in

Pikeville last November. She had two messages attached to the front of her refrigerator, both in perfect, cared for condition, though the paper had yellowed with age.

The words were not professionally typed but hand written in a childish scrawl more than 20 years ago. They were from her granddaughter, Cody Pauley, who is a grown-up young lady now.

One was a Christmas message and intended to be a gift from the heart. It read:

SMALL WORLD by Aileen Hall



IOU a house cleaning
IOU another house cleaning
IOU a gourmet dinner
IOU another dinner
No Refunds
These can be renewed.
BONUS—A million kisses
A million hugs
Merry Christmas!
Cody Pauley

The other message was not meant to be a present, but rather a hint for something Cody wanted in a way she obviously thought it could be obtained.

It read: "Dear Mamaw and Gigi, (Gigi was her great-grandmother Rachel Ratliff.)

"The Deskins family is having a yard sale tomorrow. Our TV isn't working. I didn't get to watch Different Strokes and Hello, Larry. I love you both very much. Love, Cody."

These messages had been written in early grade school. Cody went through high school and college after that and is now employed professionally. Through the years she has, no doubt given her grandmother many notes and little gifts; but whatever else had pleased or impressed Emily, the most treasured of all was for all who visited her home to see.

These little messages are evidence of a very special relationship between a very loving lady and her grandchild, and they might serve as a reminder to all of us that it really is the little things in life that matter most of all.

Organizations Local camp meets

The Col. Andrew Jackson May Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, met Thursday evening at the Historic Samuel May House in Prestonsburg for the regular monthly meeting.

Rodney Holbrook, commander, conducted the meeting. Plans for the joint meeting of the eastern Kentucky camps in May were discussed.

The camp is asking the public to help members locate graves of Confederate soldiers, so that stones can be placed on them.

Historian Robert Perry presented the program, "Andrew Jackson May in his early years as a lawyer."

Briefs

Spiritual poems sought

A \$1000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling more than \$3,000.

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WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



Couple wed in March

Lenoir, North Carolina, was the setting of the wedding on March 25, 2000, of April Suddreth and Patrick Dye. The bride is the daughter of Rena and Wendell Tackett and Mike Suddreth of Lenoir, and the groom is the son of Jasel and Mary Dye of Grethel. The wedding took place at the Nazareth Advent Christian Church, with a reception following in the church's Fellowship Hall. The couple resides in Lenoir.



May 13 is wedding date

Tim and Karen Howard of Auxier announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stacia Elizabeth, and Ron Stone, son of Ronnie and Joyce Stone of Eastern. The prospective bride is a 1992 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is employed by Country Hills Veterinary Clinic. She is the granddaughter of Josephine Ellis Howard of Prestonsburg and the late Ray Howard, and Lucille Wells Patton of Auxier and the late Charlie H. Patton. The groom-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Allen Central High School and is employed by Site Design in Greenville, South Carolina. He is the grandson of the late Bernis and Clara Tufts Stone, and Ruben and Polly Patton Lafferty. The gracious custom of open church will be observed at the wedding on Saturday, May 13, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (May 2 & 4, 1990)

In the final days of the state legislature, an allocation of \$2.16 million was made to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park to develop or expand the present golf course... A proposal to establish an Eastern Kentucky Outreach Health Clinic in Pike or Floyd county, designed to improve veteran health care in the surrounding 12-county area, was announced by US Rep. Chris Perkins... By an almost three to one margin, Price residents in the Gearheart district elected to stop liquor sales in their district during a specially called election Saturday... Frank Davis Jr., 17, of Mountain Parkway, a junior at Prestonsburg High School, lost control of his pickup truck Saturday and was killed after running into a concrete building on KY 1428 near Goble-Roberts Bridge... A collision between a passenger car and a truck that was thought to be carrying an explosive form of fertilizer occurred Wednesday evening at the intersection of KY 80 and KY 7 at Garrett, closing the highway for 45 minutes while firefighters and police sought to determine the overturned truck's contents... A Columbia Gas pipeline leak at Mare Creek, near Stanville, Wednesday forced the evacuation of two homes and caused authorities to close Mare Creek Road to traffic for about five hours... Charges against 35 people cited for cockfighting during a January 14 raid on a sports arena at Doty Creek, near Minnie, were dropped Wednesday following a March decision by Attorney General Fred Cowan that cockfighting is not illegal. There died: Frank W. Davis Jr., 17, Mountain Parkway, April 28, at Prestonsburg following an accident; Richard Sturgill Burchett, 21, Delaware, Ohio, grandson of Woodrow and Norsie Burchett of Prestonsburg, April 27, following an accident; Oma Howell Freeman, 76, Prestonsburg, April 27, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Herbert Leroy Swiger, 68, Betsy Layne, April 29, at his residence; Paul Simmons, 72, Huntington, formerly of West Prestonsburg, April 28, at Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Huntington; Mattie Hall Compton, 90, Martin, April 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Charles Burchett, 59, Prestonsburg, April 30, at ARH Skilled Nursing Facility at South Williamson; Leva Spurlock Clark, 75, Prestonsburg, April 30, Highlands Regional Medical Center; Nancy Shepherd, 78, Water Gap, April 27, HRMC; Haval Salisbury Ison, 76, Langley, April 27, at Knott County Nursing Home in Hindman; Relda N. Kilgore, 79, Hueysville, April 26, HRMC; Ezra Prater, 68, Hueysville, April 26, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Walter Paige, 31, Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Martin, May 2, at Miami Valley Hospital; Regina Belle Daniel, 77, Harold, May 1, at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital in Concord, North Carolina; Evangelist Willie Newell, 58, Harold, April 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Levi Jones, 79, McDowell, May 1, at his residence; Debia Tuttle, 83, Melvin, May 1, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Garner Adkins, 80, Martin, May 2, OLWH; Mae Daniels, 71, Willard, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg; April 22, Doctor's Hospital in Columbus; Margaret Caroline Bays, 56, Prestonsburg, May 2, HRMC; Walter Conley Justice, 42, Ann Arbor, Michigan, formerly of this area, May 1, St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

stunned staffers and triggered a scramble for remaining personnel and program dollars. Hardest hit by the cuts on Mountain Comprehensive Care were programs for rehabilitating alcoholics and for educating children with learning disabilities...The location of the old Style Mining Company chosen this week could create complications. The site picked was the former Co-Op Mining Company location within the city limits of Prestonsburg which the city protested when the mine was in operation before...Two Floyd County residents were killed in separate accidents last week. Ten-year-old Eddie Lynn Burchett of Craynor suffered a broken neck in an auto wreck near Robinson Creek, and Oakie Thompson, 45, of Grethel, was fatally injured when struck by a train...There died: Bossie Hale, 80, of Harold, Friday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Glenn Monroe, 64, Monday at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Virgie Layne, 83, of Martin, Saturday at a Paintsville hospital; Shirley B. Rice, 60, of Banner, Friday at his home; George Porter Hall, 75, of Pinetop, Thursday, April 17 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Topsy Newsome, 68, of East McDowell, Saturday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Zeala Hampton Johnson, 72, of Halo Monday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Estalene Hamilton, 54, of Beaver, Tuesday, April 22 at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Chatman Foster, 64, formerly of Allen, Sunday at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Daisy Belle Goble, 66, of Pikeville, Saturday at OLWH; Shawn Gregory "Bee" Clark, 9-week-old son of Gregory and Berniece Rogers Clark of Betsy Layne, Tuesday, April 22, at home; James Sherman, 20, of Leburn, Tuesday, April 15 at UK Medical Center where he was taken after being found wounded on April 13. State Police are continuing the investigation into his death.

Thirty Years Ago (April 30, 1970)

The vault of the Sheriff's office was bulging this week after Friday, Saturday and Monday work of county, state and city officers had added 305 half-pints of whiskey, seven full pints and 1231 cans of beer to the stock of contraband liquors stored there...Cora Lou Montgomery, 13-year-old Auxier schoolgirl, last Saturday brought to Floyd County the first regional spelling championship won by a student from this county in the 22-year history of the Tri-State Spelling Bee. She is the daughter of Glennora Montgomery and late Henry Montgomery...Six-foot-four Danny Thornsberry of Wheelwright, who averaged 19 points per game in his senior prep season, has signed a grant-in-aid scholarship agreement with the University of Southern Mississippi...There died: Maudie Belle Layne, 80, of Hueysville, at a Martin hospital, Sunday; George Jasper Stephens, 69, at his home at Harold, Monday; Susie Miller, 77, of Abbott Road, last Wednesday at Cresthaven Nursing Home; Ezra Lafferty, 62, of Hippo, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital Thursday; Eliza Sanders, 70, last Thursday at her home at Betsy Layne; John Rexford Clark, 64, of Prestonsburg, Thursday at McDowell ARH; Gilbert L. Williams, 72, at his home at Wayland; Jesse B. Music, 73, formerly of Prestonsburg, at Eaton Rapids, Mich., March 24; Bill Jack Stephens, 69, at his home in West Prestonsburg, Saturday; Joe Cline, 76, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday in Lakeland, Fla.; Mary Howell, 78, of East McDowell, Tuesday, at McDowell ARH.

Twenty Years Ago (April 30, 1980)

Out of the executive session of the City Council Monday came the dismissal of Patrolman Tommy Shelton and Auxiliary Policeman Don Bayes. The resignation of Patrolman Charles Murdock was also accepted. No official reason for the dismissals was given...The stiffest penalty yet assessed by a Floyd court was executed on Doug Neeley of the Auxier Road who pleaded guilty of trafficking in a controlled substance before the Circuit Court. The substance was PCP and the sentence was two years in prison and a fine of \$5000...Layoffs and program cuts in the area's chief mental health agency have

Forty Years Ago (May 5, 1960)

New sewer construction, a sewage disposal plant and implementing auxiliaries will cost Prestonsburg \$739,797, the City Council was told Monday evening by James E. Lacy of Howard K. Bell, Consulting Engineers Inc., of Lexington...The grand jury in its last three days of work here last week voted an indictment against the Hi Hat Elkhorn

(See YESTERDAYS, page three)



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ANNIVERSARIES



First anniversary marked

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fannin of Paintsville recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. They were married April 24, 1999, at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church. The former Nanna Allen is the daughter of Elmo B. and Barbara Allen of Prestonsburg. The groom's parents are Mike and Karen Stambaugh of Van Lear.



Charlene Park, center, recently marked her 50th wedding anniversary, but she acknowledges she has a way to go to match her parents, Ben and Lottie Hall, who were married 71 years on April 15.

Couple's anniversary featured

Any time a couple stays married for 71 years, that's news.

So it is with Ben and Lottie Hall, who were married in Floyd County on April 15, 1929, by I.A. Smiley, long-time county clerk.

But the couple, who now live in Somerset, made the Lexington Herald-Leader on April 23 in the "How They Met" feature of the Kentucky Life section.

Ben Hall, the article states, met Lottie Patton at the home of her sister, Vernie Martin. The two began dating and before long he asked her to marry him.

He is quoted as saying: "I was walking her home one night, and we stopped under a peach tree. I asked her to marry me, and she said she would have to think about it."

After a couple of days, she accepted his proposal.

The 94-year-old groom recalled that County Clerk Smiley also managed a movie theater, and he per-

formed the wedding ceremony there.

According to the Herald-Leader article, a theater worker found a record of the song "Blue Heaven" and played it for the wedding.

After a honeymoon trip to Detroit, the Halls lived in Wayland for 25 years. He worked for an automobile dealership.

In 1972, he retired, and the couple moved to Florida, but Lottie, now 89, wanted to come back to Kentucky. They then settled in Somerset, near Lake Cumberland, a popular place for retirees.

The Halls have a daughter, Charlene Park, 70, who recently marked her 50th wedding anniversary. The Halls also have a grandson, a granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.

(Editor's note: Thanks to Irene Hayes for contacting the Halls to send the photograph.)



Celebrating 40 years

Don and Joan Whitaker of Prestonsburg, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 30. They were married on April 30, 1960. They have one son, Robin Whitaker, and one grandchild, Josh

Yesterdays

Coal Company alleging it is guilty of stream pollution...Dr. James L. Patton, director of vocational education in Kentucky, has promised Floyd County a branch vocational school if the Floyd County Board of Education will make a building available. The board voted Tuesday to have a surveying team to determine location and size of structure needed...Floyd is one of the 37 Kentucky counties now declared free of brucellosis, according to an announcement of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Brucellosis or is the cause of abortion in cattle and is transmittable to humans, it is said...Senate Bill 743 which amends the Federal Mine Safety Act, was passed last week by the Senate by a vote of 80-4. It places all coal mines under federal inspection, but contains four provisions favoring mines employing 14 or more...There died: Edward "Chick" Moore, 74, of Drift, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Rainey Bradley, 83, formerly of Martin, at the Jackson (Mich.) Hospital; Orbie Newsome, 58, of Mousie at OLWH.

next month, resulted last week in the indictment by the grand jury of four residents of the community of a charge of forging names on a petition memorial or remonstrance intended for presentation to the General Assembly...The Floyd County Sesquicentennial Committee this week swung into the actual work of staging a celebration fitting to the observance of the original Floyd County's 150th anniversary...Last month saw some of the coldest April weather in half a century and clear cold nights which brought heavy frosts—yet Floyd County's fruit crop is not a total loss...“The best thing that has ever happened to the Big Sandy Valley Association!” Dr. O. W. Thompson, president of the group which has long led an unsuccessful fight for river canalization, declared at Pikeville as the United Mine Workers officially announced support on the waterway improvement...There died: Jane Newberry Jones, 82, of Tram, Monday at home; Katherine Elliott, 19, Sunday at her home at Water Gap. She is the sixth member of her family to die within the last four years of tuberculosis; Effie Salyers, 65, Sunday at her home at Wayland.

J.T. Parker, mine superintendent, Inland Steel Company, Wheelwright, told delegates at the opening session of the 17th Annual Coal Convention and Exposition of the American Mining Congress in Cincinnati, Monday, that the use of steel mine jacks in supporting roofs in the company's mine had been a great contribution to safety and efficiency...Instructors trained in the Louisville offices of Works Progress Administration by E.A. Marye, director, and Ray H. Chumbley, have been giving an intensive training course to WPA foremen in Floyd County with classes held weekly for the last 16 weeks...Of the 34 applicants who have filled Floyd County's quota for attendance this summer in the Citizen's Military Training Camp at Camp Knox, 21 are from the town of Martin...Meeting one of the strongest teams in the circuit at Gasco Park, Sunday afternoon, the recently-organized Prestonsburg baseball team bowed to Van Lear, 6 to 1, in a Big Sandy League game as 14 of the local boys went down to strikes...There died: James W. Burchett, 81, of Emma, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Emma Rice Gunnells, 85, of Banner, at the home of her daughter; Lucy Homes Johnston, 79, of Betsy Layne, at the home of a daughter; Pearl Jones, high school freshman, at her home at Betsy Layne; Rebecca, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Cox of Rock Fork.

Fifty Years Ago (May 4, 1960)

Advancement by the Legislature of the town of Martin to a city of the fourth class, and the consequent move to hold a local option election there

Sixty Years Ago (May 2, 1940)

Safe kids are no accident

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. and Penny Gold

Finally—Spring is here! Then again, if you have children in your household, there's no need to inform you of this fact.

All it takes is seeing those kids shucking off their heavy overcoats and running outside to play, bike and frolic 'in the sun.

Unfortunately, with this childhood fun oftentimes comes the risk of serious injury. It's no coincidence that many doctors refer to these warm months as "trauma season."

The majority of childhood injuries occur between May and August.

Despite advances in safety, in 1996 alone nearly 6,300 children died from unintentional injuries, and each year more than 14 million chil-

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dren—one out of four—are injured seriously enough to require medical attention. Of those, nearly 120,000 children are permanently disabled.

Injury rates vary with a child's age, gender, and socioeconomic status. Younger children, males, and poor children suffer disproportionately.

These frightening statistics about the cost of preventable injury has prompted the National SAFE KIDS Campaign to hold a week-long public awareness initiative every May to help show parents that they can prevent or minimize needless

injuries to their children.

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign is the first national organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury.

It was launched in 1988 in response to one distressing statistic: More children under age 14 were being killed by what were referred to as "accidents" (sports injuries, crashes, fires, etc.) than by any other cause.

From the start, SAFE KIDS has worked to develop injury prevention strategies such as holding public outreach and awareness campaigns, endorsing legislation, stimulating hands-on community activities and working to make injury prevention a public policy priority.

This year, SAFE KIDS will focus on sports injury prevention. Nearly one million children ages 5 to 14 are treated in emergency rooms each year for sports injuries such as concussions, broken bones and dislocated joints—injuries that can lead to a lifetime of disability and pain.

From May 6-13, safety activities and educational programs are sched-

uled in communities across America.

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign relies on the support of more than 270 state and local coalitions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

For more information on how you can participate locally in this year's SAFE KIDS Campaign, visit <http://www.safekids.org>.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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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."

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.

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Seasonal changes affect foundation choices

(NAPS)—Just as there are different wardrobes for different seasons, your beauty needs change with the weather. Leading dermatologist, Dr. Karyn Grossman, offers expert tips to help make sure your skin is protected, healthy and beautiful despite the elements.

• During spring we spend more time outdoors soaking up the sun after a long winter. For a new look, women can switch to a lightweight, oil-absorbing powder foundation that helps the skin look naturally radiant without layers of heavy makeup. For an added bonus, look for one that contains broad-spectrum protection against UVA and UVB rays. One to try is Olay Complete Radiance Powder Foundation.

• In summer, sun exposure increases and dries out skin. Even swimming in a pool can strip your skin of its natural oils. A tinted moisturizer with broad-spectrum protection may be the smartest way to go and offers a lovely hint of color. Try one with a hydrating formula enriched with vitamins to re-



Dr. Karyn Grossman

talize your skin!

• Fall weather calls for more protection from the cool winds. Look for an all day hydrating formula loaded with glycerin, which helps draw moisture to the skin.

• Winter poses the greatest threat to our skin. Women can get maximum protection to keep skin soft and radiant with a liquid foundation that offers an all day moisturizing formula to hydrate your skin no matter what the temperature drops to.

For a variety of options, look for the Olay Cosmetics Complete Radiance line—also available in a liquid and tinted moisturizer. In addition to offering great skin care benefits, they provide broad-spectrum protection against daily sun damage, which is beneficial no matter what season. For more information, visit www.olay.com

Dr. Karyn Grossman is a board-certified dermatologist specializing in dermatologic surgery, as well as state-of-the-art cosmetics and laser procedures, who puts her expertise to work helping women achieve their skin care goals.

Tips to bring magic into your kitchen

by Chef Mario Martinez
Disney Institute

(NAPSA)—Whoever coined the adage "Too many cooks spoil the broth" probably never visited the Disney Institute at Walt Disney World Resort. That's where a talented team of chefs develops and delivers an exciting array of hands-on culinary and wine appreciation programs for its guests.

Recently, we began brainstorming a list of common items found in hardware stores that can save you time and trim your costs. Here are some items that may help turn "hardware" into "easy fare" for you and your family:

• To save your expensive rolling pin from unnecessary damage on sharp, metal edges, try using 12-inch lengths of wooden dowels (two or three inches in diameter) to

remove excess dough or pasta from the edges of tart pans or ravioli molds.

• Zippered freezer bags are perfect to spread frostings and canapé filling pastes. Store the product in the bags and cut off a corner when needed for piping.

• A hand-held propane torch is a popular chef's tool for caramelizing sugar on top of creme brûlée, as well as browning meringue-topped desserts. Be sure to exercise caution around open flame.

• Trimming strawberries can be quick and easy by inserting a drinking straw from the tip of the berry toward the leaves. By doing so, the core and the leaves will be pushed out the opposite side.

• Plastic bubble wrap can add pizzazz to your desserts by pouring melted chocolate over it

and placing it in the refrigerator. After chocolate hardens, break into sections for a sweet and simple garnish.

• For more intricate fruit or vegetable carvings, try a small razor-blade hobby knife and wood-carving chisel to add an extra touch of detail.

• Metal putty knives of different sizes are perfect for flipping small items on the griddle. They also come in handy during clean-up.

As these ideas suggest, be creative with your cooking. But remember that all of the hardware should be clean and sanitary. So buy new tools and designate them strictly for your kitchen.

To learn more about what culinary programs are offered year-round at the Disney Institute, call 800-496-6337 or visit the web site at www.disneyinstitute.com.

AARP kicks off community campaign

A nationwide effort to help aging Americans stay independent longer is underway in a number of Kentucky communities as AARP, The American Association of Retired Persons) celebrates its annual "Independent Living week," May 1-7, by educating local residents about how simple home modifications and assistive devices can enhance their safety and reduce health care costs.

According to AARP/Kentucky President Nelda Barnett, a recent study determined that fall-related injuries are the leading cause of accidental deaths and disabilities among people aged 65 and older.

The report by the Centers for Disease Control, revealed that in 1996, there were 340,000 hospitalizations for hip fractures in the age

group, and 80 percent of those admissions occurred among women. The release of a corresponding study shows a direct correlation between home modifications that improve safety and a reduction in related health care costs.

"In Kentucky, it is estimated that this year there will be 25,468 fall-related injuries, costing some \$219 million," she said. "By helping residents make some simple safety improvements in the home, AARP volunteers are reducing the likelihood of injuries and potentially saving millions of dollars in medical and hospitalization costs."

Barnett said modifications such as grab bars in bathrooms, building an entrance ramp, and lowering kitchen cabinets are some of the

suggestions. Simpler steps such as using night lights, replacing burned out light bulbs, installing non-skid mats in bathrooms, taping down throw rugs and keeping electrical cords out of the way, are also very effective.

When asked, an overwhelming number of Americans, 83 percent, have said that they would like to stay in their current residence for as long as possible.

"As people age, even the most simple task—such as climbing stairs, reaching for objects in high cabinets, even pressing telephone numbers—can be challenging," Barnett said. "So, during Independent Living week, our goal is to help as many people as possible continue living independently for longer."

More comfort indoors, thanks to new heating/cooling systems

(NAPSA)—New engineering ideas in home air conditioning and heating systems are paying off in a big way—with extra comfort. New systems keep temperatures and humidity much more constant, and they're quieter. Even with more comfort, the systems reduce energy costs—and they last longer.

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home more comfortable.

To learn more about advances like TS Technology, look on the web at www.bristolcompressors.com or ask your local air conditioning contractor.



Elected

Jonathan Sallsbury was recently voted president of his law enforcement class at Prestonsburg Community College. He is the 19-year-old son of Bill and Linda Sallsbury of Langley. He is a law enforcement major with a goal of joining the Kentucky State Police. He and his twin brother, William, were chosen as PCC Ambassadors for

Food prices in Kentucky are falling

Food prices in Kentucky are falling for the first time in a year, as retail markets begin to reflect the prolonged slump in farm commodity prices, according to a Kentucky Farm Bureau survey.

The organization's April survey of food prices throughout the state shows a 4.5 percent decline since January in the average cost for 40 popular food items. The April average of \$80.09 is \$3.75 below January, with 31 of the 40 items at lower average prices.

This marks the first decline in the state average since the second quarter of 1999.

For one of the few times in the survey's 21-year history, all of the major food groups showed an average decline, ranging from 11 percent for poultry and eggs to less than one percent on pork products.

Grain-based foods, like bread, flour and corn oil dropped by nearly 10 percent, driven by many months of low corn and wheat prices at the farm gate.

Fruits and vegetables, which normally are more expensive in the winter months due to tighter domestic supplies, showed a 3.3 percent drop from January to April.

The best bargain is chicken breasts, which plunged from \$2.08 to \$1.54 a pound during the first quarter. That's the lowest average price on this popular item since October, 1987.

Major retailers, including Kroger and Winn-Dixie, have been selling name-brand chicken breasts for as low as 99 cents a pound during April. Some independent stores have been even cheaper or lesser-known brands.

Chicken is cheaper because of massive stocks in refrigerated storage. The February stock of 794 million pounds of poultry was a record for that month, and was 72 million pounds higher than a year earlier, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"There's a glut of product on the market right now," said Carole Knoblett, executive director of the Kentucky Poultry Federation. "Production has been up for quite some time and consumption just hasn't kept pace."

Another factor on chicken breasts is low export demand. Most foreign nations, particularly those in Europe and the Pacific Rim, prefer dark meat, according to a USDA report.

Other items showing significant price drops: A loaf of wheat bread at \$1.47, down 29 cents; white bread at \$1.34, down 21 cents; a pound of ribeye steak at \$6.75, down 38 cents; a pound of pork ribs at \$1.81, down 27 cents; a pound of butter at \$2.18, down 38 cents; and a 32-ounce bottle of corn oil at \$2.17, down 24 cents.

The only big gainers among the 40 items were a two-pound package of pork sausage (up 41 cents) and a pound of cheddar cheese (up 37 cents).

In the produce case, tomatoes, bell peppers, apples, potatoes and

lettuce were cheaper, while corn and cucumbers were a little higher. Milk was down by about a nickel a gallon, but ice cream was up by about the same amount per gallon. The seven dairy items surveyed had an average cost that was 23 percent below January.

Communities surveyed by Farm Bureau market reporters were: Augusta, Bardstown, Clinton, Falmouth, Greensburg, Harrodsburg, Lancaster, Lexington, Morganfield, Owensboro, Salyersville, Somerset and Stanford.

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Martin County plans history

The Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society is gathering photographs for a Martin County Pictorial History Book to be published later this year.

Photos can be on any aspect of Martin County life, including agricultural methods and equipment, old churches, schools and other structures, modes of transportation, early homes, or family histories.

Photos can be taken to Fay Hall at Inez Deposit Bank. She will make a photocopy and return the

Accompanying the photographs should be a description of the scene, including names of people in the picture, place, date, and location, as well as the name and address of the person submitting the picture.

Orders are now being taken for the book at a pre-publication price of \$34.50.

Send pictures and orders to the Martin County Historical Society, PO Box 501, Inez, KY 41224. For information, contact Evelyn Cassady at 606/298-7278, or Fay Hall at 606/298-3511.

BUSINESS

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Taking care of business



Dinosaur Playland II, on Westminster Street in Prestonsburg, opened for business last week.

Center offers extended hours, space, peace of mind

Story and photos
by Pam Shingler
Business Editor

Having already built a reputation for quality child care, Karen Martin has recently opened a new center in Prestonsburg.

The owner of Dinosaur Playland I, near Highlands Regional Medical Center, now offers Dinosaur Playland II on Westminster Street in town.

The new day care center provides more of just about everything. Recognizing that not all parents have the luxury of working "9 to 5" jobs, Martin opens the new facility at 6 a.m. and stays open until 11 p.m.

"I think there's a demand," Martin said. "I believe there are people who have to work second shift and need child care."

In addition to regular shifts of eight or nine hours, the facility will accommodate parents who work part-time, as well as those who just need to drop off the kids for an hour or two while they shop or take care of business.

The new center, which opened last week, is also open on Saturdays.

Martin is licensed to serve 40 children, infants to 13 years old. She said that at Playland I, which remains open, she has a four-year-old who came to her at the age of four weeks. "The child is like my own," she said.

The center also serves children after school. Assistant Rita Eppenbaugh will pick up students at Prestonsburg Elementary School and bring them to the center to be cared for until their parents get off work.

Space is ample in the new facility. Martin purchased a large double wide, modular home — 28' x 80' — to house the day care center.

She took out a wall to enlarge the center's common space so that child care workers have an easier time of "keeping an eye on the children." A sofa, chair and several child-size tables and chairs occupy the space, along with a television and VCR.

A separate play room has a variety of toys, and another room, filled with baby beds, is for infants.

Located on a quiet street with trees and hill in back, the spacious



Angel Riley, Dustin Spurlock and Casey Hamilton try out the variety of playthings in the playroom at Dinosaur Playland II, which provides child care from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m.

yard is fenced in. The grass is slowly coming in. "It's been seeded, but the rain has been a problem," said Martin.

Children who are at the center during the day receive two meals and a snack, the owner said. Those staying during the evenings get two snacks and a meal.

Martin is planning on the center becoming a "learning center" with instruction in numbers, shapes, letters, sounds and crafts. She also plans soon to have computers for children to use.

The center accepts Community Action Program payment for parents in training programs.

The former Karen Burchett opened Dinosaur Playland I five years ago. She previously worked for the state and for the Job Corps and was in the restaurant business.

She is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College. She now takes classes at Morehead State University.

Married to Jerry Martin, she has one son, Tony Skeans, who is the assistant commonwealth's attorney in Johnson County.

For more information on Dinosaur Playland II, call 606/886-2386 or 3484.



Summer Ousley, Lakeyn Greene and Elizabeth Skeans share some fellowship around the table at Dinosaur Playland II. Summer and Lakeyn have been regulars at Dinosaur Playland I since they were very small.

Advance Auto encourages recycling

Advance Auto Parts, the nation's second largest automotive parts chain, urges customers to clean up the environment by taking advantage of the company's free recycling services. Used automotive batteries and motor oil are accepted at all Advance Auto Parts locations.

"Educating citizens about responsible, safe alternatives for hazardous waste disposal is something Advance Auto Parts takes seriously," said Larry Castellani, Advance chief executive officer.

"It is estimated that do-it-yourself automotive mechanics improperly dispose of more than 200 million gallons of used motor oil each year. Through community recycling programs such as the ones offered by Advance Auto Parts, this just shouldn't be an issue."

Customers can recycle used motor oil and automotive batteries for free at any of Advance Auto Parts' 1,700 stores throughout the nation. Each store also offers free battery installation, unless prohibited by local law, allowing customers to dispose of their old batteries while purchasing new ones.

Advance's environmental commitment stemmed from awareness of the dangers of improper disposal of used vehicle batteries and engine oil. Throwing these items in trash containers, pouring them down drains or taking them to landfills are all hazardous methods of disposal that contaminate soil and groundwater and pollute the oceans and atmosphere.

"Advance is committed to enlightening people on the benefits of recycling," said Castellani. "Recycling saves our health, environment and natural resources."

Both recycling programs have been successful. Advance has recycled more than five million gallons of used engine oil since 1991. Nearly two million gallons were recycled in 1999 alone. The company has worked with GNB Technologies, the largest battery recycler in North America, to recycle millions of used batteries since 1990.

Advance's battery recycling commitment began more than 50 years ago. In September 1990, the company partnered with GNB Technologies to formalize the pro-

gram. Through the program, Advance stores will accept any used lead-acid battery to recycle.

Nearly 100 percent of the lead and plastic in lead-acid batteries is reclaimed through recycling and used in manufacturing new batteries. During the recycling process, all lead, plastic and sulfuric acid are steered away from landfills to keep the environment safe.

"Chemicals in old vehicle batteries can be extremely hazardous to your health if the battery is not disposed of properly," said Castellani. "We try to make recycling convenient and accessible to everyone to avoid such health risks."

Advance Auto Parts recycles used oil through the Safety-Kleen/First Recovery program. Used oil can be processed to make new fuel and re-refined into new base oils for lubricants. Reusing oil helps reduce the need for oil imports and conserves energy.

The Advance commitment to community service extends beyond the stores' recycling efforts. On a local level, Advance Auto Parts is involved in various community activities, service projects and sponsorships. Nationally, Advance is a strong supporter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the United Way. In 1999, Advance Auto Parts raised \$2.1 million for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Advance encourages its employees to take an active role in non-profit activities within their communities.

Advance Auto Parts is the primary trade name for Advance Stores Company Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Advance Holding Corporation. Established in 1932 with three stores in Virginia—two in Roanoke and one in Lynchburg—Advance now has more than 1,700 stores in 38 states, primarily located in the eastern and midwestern regions of the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The company is based in Roanoke, Virginia, and is the second largest auto parts chain in the nation. Additional information about the company, employment opportunities and services can be found on the company web site at www.advanceautoparts.com.

Environmental awards go to Hamer

Kenova, West Virginia — The Jim C. Hamer Co. received two prestigious awards this past month for its contribution to bettering the environment.

On Thursday, April 19, Gov. Cecil Underwood presented the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Award to the company in a Charleston ceremony.

In a printed statement the WVDEP stated, "Eastern Hardwood's ingenuity and persistence in reclaiming damaged land and water is a testament to its partnership in the protection and preservation of West Virginia's environment."

Lawrence Beckerle, who oversaw the work in the Mt. Hope area, accepted the award on behalf of the Jim C. Hamer Company.

The company also received a water quality award from The Big Sandy Watershed Association. The award was presented in Williamson, West Virginia, on April 7. The association is comprised of members from Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia. It is committed to the improvement of streams in the Big Sandy Watershed and recognizes those who lead in improving water quality in the watershed.

Hamer has been recognized for his efforts in other environmental efforts, such as his work in schools throughout the state promoting environmental education.

He said the company is committed to sustainable forest management practices. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the country has 82 percent more hardwood trees than just 40 years ago.

To minimize waste, Hamer uses 100 percent of the sawdust produced in the manufacturing process for energy production. "We use what was once waste to provide energy for our dry kilns," Hamer said.

Rob Jones, spokesman for the Jim C. Hamer Co. stated, "Most people in the United States are environmentalists. We all want to see the environment improved while supplying economic benefits for our employees and communities. Everyone can win if we strive together in this effort."

The Jim C. Hamer Co. manufactures Appalachian hardwood lumber, fuel pellets, and associated products with about 350 employees in various locales around West Virginia and eastern Kentucky, including Prestonsburg. The company is backed by four generations of Hamer forestry expertise.

BUSINESS Professionals

How to apply for a commercial loan

Memo

One key to a successful business start-up and expansion is the ability to obtain and secure appropriate financing. Raising capital is the most basic of all business activities.

There are several sources to consider when looking for financing. One of the most common sources for a small business is a commercial loan provided by a financial institution.

There are different types of commercial loans available depending on the intended cash need of the small business. Short-term loans are paid back in less than one year. The most common type of short-term loan is a seasonal or revolving line of credit.

Long-term loans have maturities greater than one year but usually less than seven years, which require monthly payments of interest and principle.

Real estate and equipment loans may have maturities of up to 25 years. Long-term loans are used for major business expenses, such as the purchase of new assets or refinancing current debt.

To be successful in obtaining a loan, a business owner needs to be prepared and well organized. Presenting the financial institution with a thoughtful and professional looking business plan is an excellent way to improve your chances of obtaining a loan.

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A business plan generally includes an executive summary, analysis of the industry and competition, information about the management, and financial information including projected financial statements.

The executive summary should be a summary of your request. In a brief statement, describe the amount needed, what you intend to do with it, why this will be good for your company, how you will pay it back, when you will pay it back and the collateral available.

Also, give a quick snapshot of your company. Describe your business in simple terms and language.

Another important part of the business plan is an industry analysis. An analysis of your industry and competition indicates that you have done your planning and research. Investigate your market thoroughly, and present facts. Use verifiable figures from annual reports, industry associations, and trade groups. Identify what makes your business different from similar businesses with similar products.

Information on the management of the company is a major concern to the lender. The lender needs to believe that you have what it takes to run the business profitably and

that you can be trusted. In this section describe the organizational structure of the company.

The business is an extension of the strengths, weaknesses, and personality of the owner. Describe who owns the company. Identify the key personnel, their function and major areas of contribution to profitable operations.

The financial information is to a large degree historical. This section should contain at least the past three-years' income statements, balance sheets, and cash flows. If it has been more than 60 days since your financial year-end, provide interim financial statements.

Also, include the past three years' business tax returns and personal tax returns of all stockholders. Most financial institutions use credit-scoring software programs that analyze your past performance, examine your balance sheet and income statement, and project your future.

The lender wants to know how much of your money and that of any other stockholders is at risk in the company. He wants to know how rapidly your company earned profits in the past and what was done with those profits. You must thoroughly understand the financial statements yourself. If the data is not comparable from one period to another, you need to include pertinent footnotes explaining the variations.

There are many components that go into the approval process of a commercial loan, both tangible and intangible. The financial institution's decision is based on risk. The objective of the prospective borrower is to lower the level of risk presented to the lender. Successful borrowers are able to do that and anticipate the lender's questions and concerns.

Pioneer open 'frontier'

Pioneer Credit Company has purchased eight offices of Gulfco Finance Company of Texas. The offices are in Tyler, Texarkana, Mt. Pleasant, Marshall, Longview, Greenville, Carthage and Atlanta, Texas.

Pioneer, which has an office in Prestonsburg, is a diversified consumer finance company headquartered in Cleveland, Tennessee. In addition to Texas, Kentucky and Tennessee, the company operates in Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Appointed

Vivian Johnson of Pikeville has been appointed to the Kentucky African-American Heritage

Commission, replacing Edward J. Holmes of Lexington. Representing the public at large, Johnson will serve a term ending February 1, 2003.

John Caudill of Hindman has been reappointed to the Governor's Postsecondary Education Nominating Committee, with a term expiring April 14, 2004.

Honored

Bernie Sandfoss was named Kentucky Superintendent of the Year last fall. The superintendent of Southgate schools in northern Kentucky is married to Myra Gibson Sandfoss, daughter of Champ and Alta Gibson of Maytown. Sandfoss was recognized by the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents and American Association of School

Administrators. Myra is a graduate of Maytown High School and the University of Kentucky.

Business opens

Billed as the area's only "Lazar Tag" operation, The Shack Inc. has opened in Pikeville, in the old Dawahare building on Second Street. According to manager David Copley, The Shack Inc. also has pizza and other foods, as well as the latest video games. Hours are Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

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Gallatin Steel receives award

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Labor Secretary Joe Norsworthy has announced that Gallatin Steel Company of Ghent and its employees have received the Kentucky Governor's Safety and Health Award.

The award is given because the company has achieved 1,981,958 hours of work without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness.

Norsworthy said, "This demonstrates what can be accomplished when management and all employees become jointly committed to the good cause of working safely."

Kentucky's 1998 Annual Survey of Injuries and Illnesses indicates that industries similar to Gallatin Steel experienced an average of 5.1 lost-time injuries or illnesses per 100 workers.

The Governor's Safety and Health Award was presented at a ceremony at the Gallatin Steel Plant in Ghent on April 13.

Anthony Russell, director of OSH Education and Training, made the presentation to representatives of management and the employees on behalf of Norsworthy and Gov. Paul E. Patton.

Tips to effectively manage accounts receivable

by William G. Carroll, CPA
Kentucky Society of CPA's

One of the most critical parts of managing a business is managing its sales and collections operation. Typically, accounts receivable can be the largest asset on a company's balance sheet. The sales and collections procedures can have a significant impact on the success or failure of any business.

Managing of accounts receivable properly involves these steps:

- Establish appropriate policies and procedures. This includes investigating your potential customers' creditworthiness and establishing credit limits. If this step is done properly, you've saved a significant effort in collecting past due accounts receivable and managing cash flow.

- Establish strict policies regarding sales to past due customers and collection procedures for past due accounts receivable. Collecting past due accounts as well as assessing customer relationships involves a great deal of judgment.

You may not want to jeopardize your relationship with a good customer who has incurred past due accounts receivable, however, continued sales to past-due customers

can be risky. Obtaining a signed note and/or additional collateral from customers having past due balances can provide some protection against significant bad debts.

The use of commercial collection agencies to pursue and collect past due accounts receivable may be a decision you need to consider; however this may be the collection procedure of last resort.

- Manage your accounts receivable with a good accounting/computer system. To be effective in collecting accounts receivable, you need to have accurate and current information with which to assess the status of your accounts receivable. There are several tools that you could use to assess your accounts receivable, including review of the aging of your accounts receivable as well as comparison to previous months and years.

As the business owner, you are the best judge of the procedures for credit and collection, management of accounts receivable, and monitoring of accounts receivable for your business. To assure its ultimate success, review the various procedures discussed above, analyze each to see what works best for your business, and implement them.

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BUSINESS

Professionals

Rogers and Bickford see progress

Story and photo by Pam Shingler Business Editor



More than a hundred civic and business leaders gathered April 25 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park to hear a couple of government leaders "talk trash."

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and Prestonsburg Rotary Club teamed up to host a luncheon with U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers and Kentucky Secretary of Natural Resources James Bickford, founders of the successful PRIDE campaign.

Both guests stressed that eastern Kentucky's problems of litter, illegal garbage dumping and polluted water are not just environmental problems, but also economic problems.

Rogers said that prior to the start of the PRIDE program, he had "shied away" from tackling the problems of trash and pollution because he thought "it was impossible."

He said he finally came to the conclusion that "we would be disappointed if we failed, but doomed if we didn't try."

About four years ago, he and Bickford came up with Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment — PRIDE, focusing on getting rid of illegal dumps and roadside trash, cleaning up the area's water, and educating citizens — particularly schoolchildren — about maintaining a clean environment.

Rogers commended Bickford on his commitment to cleaning up illegal dumps. He said 214 grants, worth \$3.5 million, have helped to clean up 377 illegal dumps, to clean 109 miles of streams, to

sponsor 19 appliance buybacks, and to buy equipment, including 25 cameras for surveillance at dumpsites.

Funds have also helped community groups monitor the water quality in streams.

Rogers said \$31 million in federal grants have gone toward extending sewer lines. Using satellite maps, 32,000 straight pipes and failing septic systems have been identified in the region. More than 2,000 have been eliminated, and within a year, 7,000 will have been replaced.

An important role in diverting sewage from streams is being played by the US Army Corps of Engineers, which, Rogers said, has been authorized to deal not only with water, but also with wastewater.

The Corps, he said, is working on innovative ways to solve home sewage problems, including a

low-interest loan program for homeowners to install safe septic systems.

Education is critical to the PRIDE effort, the congressman said. "If we don't correct attitudes, cleanup will be for naught."

Bickford said the PRIDE campaign is "making some dents in eastern Kentucky and in Kentucky, as a whole." He also commended Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson for his environmental efforts. "Paul's doing a great job," he said.

Rogers pushed for developing tourism opportunities, once cleanup efforts are successful.

"In Nashville, they have tour buses seeing homes eastern Kentuckians have built," he said. "I'd like to see them have tour buses here showing where they started."

Is a technology career the right choice for you?

(NUI) - The growing shortage of technically skilled workers is translating into opportunities for job seekers interested in entering the information technology (IT) field.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projected in 1999 that the number of core IT workers will grow to a staggering 2.6 million by 2006 — an increase of 1.1 million from 1996.

If you've heard the media reports, scanned the IT-related want ads or watched co-workers with technical skills land the promotions, you know IT is in demand. You may have even decided that a job in information technology is right for you. As you prepare to jump on board the IT bandwagon, be sure to do research into job opportunities, career choices and educational requirements.

"The key to deciding if IT is the field for you is to first learn about the industry," said Sunand Bhattacharya, director of corporate curriculum development for ITT Technical Institutes, which currently offers IT and related programs at 34 of the 68 campuses across the country.

"Information technology is a very broad term encompassing many areas involving computer software, hardware, the Internet and networks. IT workers are the people who design, develop, support and manage these systems." Bhattacharya offers these tips

for people interested in an IT career:

- Find out what IT areas have the highest demand for employees. Your goal in choosing a career is not only to do something you enjoy, but also to find an area that offers many employment opportunities.

- Talk to people already in the field. Ask family, co-workers, teachers and friends if they know people in the career you're considering and request an informational interview with them. Find out about their profession, how they got started, what skills are required as well as the opportunities for advancement.

- Contact trade associations, corporations and colleges. The Information Technology Association of America's Web site www.itaa.org is a good place to start. There are many resources to help get you started. So are the Web sites of IT corporations. Check out Microsoft's Skills 2000 page found at www.microsoft.com.

Also, find colleges and universities offering degree programs of study in IT such as ITT Technical Institute (www.itt-tech.edu).

If your career path requires you to return to school, you'll need to do research in this area as well. "Talk to your manager or human resources department about your career goals and training opportu-

nities," said Bhattacharya. "Another source for information is colleges and universities, particularly technical colleges that specialize in technically oriented programs of study."

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Is your company vulnerable to fraud?

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What is the environment and what are the circumstances that permit embezzlers to flourish? Consider the following advertisements:

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Obviously, this job description is a recipe for disaster. Let's take the items one by one:

- Never allow the same person who reconciles the bank statements to also sign the checks. Petty cash should be kept under strict controls. Anytime there is cash around, there's a potential for abuse.
- Independent work is fine unless it means total autonomy. This breeds feelings of control, power and ownership over company funds.
- Minimal supervision creates an opportunity for fraud. With no one looking over a clerk's shoulder, he or she could easily rig the books for embezzlement.

- You probably wouldn't post a job without offering a vacation and sick time. But you may think yourself lucky if an employee never calls in sick and declines vacation time, citing a heavy workload.

However, this is a clear danger signal, especially if the employee refuses offers of help from others. Embezzlers can't afford to go on vacation or call in sick, because that leaves their work open for others to potentially spot discrepancies.

RED FLAGS

- Unusual behavior on an employee's part such as excessive drinking, suspicious behavior, irritability, refusal to take vacation time, extravagant spending, generous gifts to others.
- Tips or complaints about fraudulent activity are often the best source of employer information. Unfortunately, many are not followed up until it's too late.
- Missing checks or stale reconciliation items. Checks and other documents (e.g., deposit slips) not included in the bank reconciliation could indicate a bogus payee or misappropriated funds intended for deposit.
- Excess voids and credit memos. An increase in voided sales slips could mean the sale was rung up, the payment embezzled, and a voided sales slip created to cover the theft. Excess credit memos may be made out to phony customers, and the cash taken out to create a balance.

- Repeat refunds to same customer or same address. Refunds may be being diverted to the address of an employee or friend.

- Books that don't balance. If funds are taken and not covered with a paper trail, the books obviously will not balance.

- Duplicate payments and excess purchases. An employee may divert a duplicate payment or funds for unnecessary purchases to his or her own account.

- Increased amounts receivable write-offs. An increase in company write-offs of receivables by customers may show that the employee has taken customer payments.

While most employees are trustworthy, it's often the least likely person you'd suspect who becomes an embezzler. The only way to minimize the potential for fraud is

through strict internal controls and a fraud-unfriendly environment.

SIX TIPS TO PREVENT FRAUD

1. Enforce vacation policies and cross-train employees.
2. Never sign a check without seeing and canceling original supporting documentation.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Floyd County Schools are requesting sealed bids for the following services for the 2000-2001 school year.

Air Filters, Sealing and Striping, Fencing, Carpeting, Paint, and Fire Extinguisher Service and Supplies.

Bids will be accepted at the Central Office located at 106 North First Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, until 10:00 a.m., on May 8, 2000, by Chantel Reed in Finance Dept., and will be opened at this time. Please mark on the outside of the envelope "Sealed Bid Enclosed," and specify what service you are bidding.

For specifications or further information, contact Gregory Adams, Director of Facilities, at 606-874-2049.

The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 6850.010 City of Prestonsburg Sealed proposals for a golf course clubhouse building will be received on behalf of the City of Prestonsburg by Mayor Jerry Fannin at City Hall, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The deadline for the submittal of sealed proposals is 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2000.

Immediately following the closing time for the reception of the bids, all proposals that have been submitted in accordance with the contract documents will be publicly opened and read. Bid opening will be held in the Council Room at City Hall. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The project consist of a 4400 sq. ft. concrete ground floor for cart storage with a 4400 sq. ft. frame construction clubhouse/pro shop/snack bar on the main level. The project includes wood roof trusses, field stone veneer, and poplar siding. The project will be constructed at the site of the new golf course as described and depicted in the contract documents.

The bond now in effect for the Increment 2 & 3 is \$34,500,000. Approximately remainder of the original bond amount of \$234,800.00 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding and tree planting. Written comment, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal

structured at the site of the new golf course as described and depicted in the contract documents.

The bid documents are available for examination at the following locations:

City Hall City of Prestonsburg 200 North Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653 606-886-2335

Summit Engineering 131 Summit Drive Pikeville, KY 41501 606-432-1447

The bid documents may be obtained from Summit Engineering, Inc., in Pikeville for a payment of \$35.00 per set. No refunds will be issued.

The Owner shall not be responsible for any full or partial sets of contract documents obtained from any other source. No bid will be considered unless submitted on the bid form provided herein.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to let a contract in whole or in part and to waive formalities.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Brancham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit Number 836-0162 which was last issued on 3/15/94. The application covers an area of approximately 82 acres located 0.75 miles north of Hippo in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 miles south from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road and located 0.2 mile south of Pitts Fork. The latitude is 37°33'03". The longitude is 82°51'30".

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conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 6/9/2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 6/12/2000, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 6/9/2000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Lizzie B. Jones of 154 Crum Branch, Banner KY 41603, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet for placement of fill. The property is located approximately 2 1/2 miles south of Allen, KY. Approximately one-half mile from US 23 on Prater Creek at Banner KY. Between new KY 1426 and Old KY 1426. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prestonsburg Elementary will be accepting nominations for two parent members for the School Council (SBDM) Election, April 12, 2000 - May 8, 2000, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the school office. The term will expire June 30, 2001. Nominations need to be submitted in writing to Gwen Harmon, Principal.

The Prestonsburg Elementary School Council Parent Election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium during the regular P.T.A. monthly meeting.

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To the People of Kentucky Honorable Paul E. Patton, Governor John P. McCarty, Secretary Finance and Administration Cabinet Mike Haydon, Secretary, Revenue Cabinet Honorable Paul H. Thompson, County Judge/Executive Honorable John K. Blackburn, Floyd County Sheriff Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

The enclosed report prepared by Berger & Ross, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, presents the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlement - 1998 Taxes and 1998 Unmined Coal Taxes.

We engaged Berger & Ross, PLLC, to perform the financial audit of this statement. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; the resulting audit comports with our reporting format. As part of the audit, Berger & Ross, PLLC, evaluated the Floyd County Sheriff's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Enclosure The above transmittal letter accompanied the audit report presented to the fiscal court. KRS 43.090(2) requires that this letter be published in this newspaper. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and additional information, are available in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.kyauditor.net or upon request by contacting the Auditor of Public Accounts, 144 Capitol Annex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

For the Project Titled: **LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** Floyd County Schools, Kentucky

Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for the LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION, ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Thursday, May 11, 2000, at the offices of the school board located at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1124. Bids are to be submitted to Chantel M. Reed. The envelope should specify what type of bid is being submitted.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the Contract documents will be publicly opened and read aloud.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of the renovation of locker and shower rooms of the Allen Central High School, including removal of existing concrete masonry partitions and replacement with new concrete masonry partitions in new locations, new accessible shower, toilet and locker facilities, new toilet fixtures and accessories, reworking of existing ceilings, patching of existing tile finishes, new concrete work to provide ramped surfaces, new hollow metal doors and frames and hardware, new toilet and shower partitions.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following places:

- F.W. Dodge/ABC Planroom, 132 Venture Court, Suite #12, Lexington, KY
- F.W. Dodge Corporation, 303 N. Hurstborne Lane, Louisville, KY
- Builders Exchange, 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, KY
- Kentuckiana ABC, 425 W. Lee, Louisville, KY
- Kentuckiana ABC, 1051-F1 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY
- Associated General Contractors of KY, Inc., 3830 Taylorsville Road, Suite 11, Louisville, KY
- Associated General Contractors, 2331 Fortune Dr., Lexington, KY
- Construction Market Data, 1951 Bishop Lane, Suite 202, Louisville, KY
- Johnson-Romanowitz Architects, 300 E. Main St., Lexington, KY

Bidding Documents may be obtained upon deposit of \$75.00 per set cash or check, payable to Johnson-Romanowitz Architects, Inc. After receipt of deposit by Lynn Blueprint & Supply Company, documents may be obtained from Lynn Blueprint & Supply Company, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (606)/255-1021. If documents are to be mailed, a non-refundable charge of \$10.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Blueprint & Supply Company, Inc. Deposits will be returned upon receipt of Bidding Documents in good condition within ten days after bid opening. If more than one set of Bidding Documents are desired, the cost

of \$75.00 per additional set must be remitted by separate check. Deposits for additional sets will not be returned. Deposits of Contractors bidding on the work will be returned upon the return of Bidding Documents in good condition within ten days after bids are opened. Documents must be returned to Lynn blueprint and Supply, not to the office of the Architect. Deposits will also be returned for documents returned not less than one week prior to the bid date; all other deposits will not be returned.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on Bid Form included in the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the office of the school board at the address listed above.

Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Owner.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Big Sandy Federal Prison Project
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
Separate Sealed BIDS for the construction of Big Sandy Federal Prison Project - Contracts 1 and 2 will be received by the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, at the Commission's office until 10:00 a.m., local time on May 23, 2000, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Contract 1 consists of approximately nine miles of 10, 12, and 16-inch water line with appurtenances and 2 Booster Pump Stations. Contract 2 consists of one 200,000 gallon water storage tank. The address of the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 Kenvirons, Inc., 452

Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601
F.W. Dodge Corp., 132 Venture Court, Suite 12, Lexington, KY 40511
F.W. Dodge Corp., 1812 Taylor Ave., Louisville, KY 40213
Associated General Contractors, 2321 Fortune Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40509

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at Kenvirons, Inc., 452 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, upon payment to Kenvirons, Inc., of \$100.00 for each non-refundable set.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids. Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected.

Federal law prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, age, handicap, and sex in this project.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his BID, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The BIDDER awarded the Contract shall execute a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond and shall furnish insurance as required by the General Conditions. Contracts 1 and 2 shall be completed within 150 calendar days after authorization to proceed. Liquidated damages will be \$300.00 per calendar day.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Title VI, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. Local Firms, Minority Firms, Small and Female businesses are particularly encouraged to participate. Also if Bidder anticipates the use of subcontractors, as a part of this project, the use of Local Firms, Minority Firms, Small and Female businesses is encouraged.

No BIDDER may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Seldon D. Horne Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION OF PARENT MEMBERS TO THE SBDM COUNCIL

will be held on Monday, May 15, 2000, at 6:00 p.m., in the school library. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the school office by 3:10 p.m., on Monday, May 8, 2000—Parents may nominate themselves or another parent.

*A parent council member shall be a parent or legal guardian of a student to be enrolled in the school during the parent's term of council service. A parent council member shall not be an employee at Allen Central High School or the District Central Office, the relative of an employee at Allen Central High School or the District Central Office, a local Board member or spouse of a local Board member. Relative shall mean

father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

* Any parent of a child enrolled at Allen Central High School or a parent of an incoming student, may vote to elect the parent council members.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. 1
CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-CI-00131
FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, INC., PLAINTIFF
VS.
KENNETH BRADFORD and RITA BRADFORD and FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 30th day of March, 2000, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, for the principal amount of \$91,662.88, at the rate of 7.48% annum from June 26, 1999, and continuing thereafter until fully paid, Plaintiff's court costs and attorney fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 11th day of May, 2000, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements, appurtenances, fixtures, any personal property described in the subject mortgage and title lien statements, and the rents, issues and profits therefrom and thereon, said real estate being situated in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I: BEGINNING at a point at the right of way of Rough and Tough road; thence N 21 degrees 59' 38" W 123.97' to a point in the drain; thence with the drain N 20 degrees 22' 22" W 31.88'; thence N 40 degrees 56' 41" W 41.16' with the drain; thence N 27 degrees 47' 18" W 28.22' with the drain to a Buckeye on the left bank; thence turning right N 66 degrees 37' 19" E 75.31' to a White Oak; thence N 89 degrees 25' 37" E 109.34' to a Black Oak; thence turning right and running S 38 degrees 16' 40" E 26.92' with the fence and Greeley Dotson line; thence S 34 degrees 11' 04" E 51.06' with the fence and Dotson line; thence S 40 degrees 03' 53" E 41.70' with said line to the right of way of the county road; thence right S

44 degrees 38' 29" W 52.24' with the said county road right of way; thence S 49 degrees 28' 52" W 153.00' with the right of way to the point of beginning containing 0.74 acres more or less.

TRACT II: BEGINNING at a fence post at the edge of the garden on the Greeley Dotson line; thence running N 67 degrees 06' 14" W 83.61' to the right of way of the county road; thence turning right N 49 degrees 32' 45" E 153.78' with said right of way; thence N 44 degrees 38' 29" E 50.66' with said right of way; thence turning right S 40 degrees 03' 53" E 9.92' with said Dotson line to a Poplar; thence S 39 degrees 47' 35" E 66.52' to a fence post at the corner of the garden and Dotson line; thence S 48 degrees 38' 27" W 165.95' to the point of beginning containing 0.32 acres more or less.

TRACT III: BEGINNING at a one inch iron pipe on the Greeley Dotson property line; thence around the hill with the said Dotson line N 21 degrees 45' 15" W 218.40' to metal fence post; thence N 74 degrees 47' 02" E 17.27' to a Buckeye on the edge of the bank; thence turning right and running with the drain S 27 degrees 47' 18" E 28.22'; thence S 40 degrees 56' 41" E 41.16'; thence S 20 degrees 22' 22" E 31.88'; thence S 21 degrees 59' 38" E 123.97' to the right of way of the county road; thence right S 78 degrees 59' 14" W 34.00' to the point of beginning containing 0.15 acres more or less.

The property hereinabove described will be sold in three (3) separate tracts and then together as whole in order to bring the best and highest price by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow. The mobile homes located on these tracts shall not be sold by the Master Commissioner and shall be sold separately by Plaintiff pursuant to KRS 355.9 et seq.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the Plaintiff, interest, costs, attorney fees, and Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed by the primary defendants, Kenneth and Rita Bradford.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

The Plaintiff, First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Inc., is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky) upon the hereinabove described real property.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said

property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd Kentucky, real property taxes for the fiscal year 2000, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

This the 19th day of April, 2000.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 19th day of April, 2000, to:

Hon. Martin L. Osborne
Fitzpatrick, Osborne & Sturgill
P.O. Box 3370
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Hon. Keith Bartley
Floyd County Attorney
P.O. Box 1000
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Mr. Kenneth Bradford
Mrs. Rita Bradford
284 Rough & Tough Rd.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. 1
CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-CI-00424

UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF

VS.
GREGORY CONN AND KEYBANK & TRUST, f/k/a KEY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 1st day of March, 2000, in the above styled cause, for the amounts:

Principal \$26,916.69
Interest from 08/1/98 \$ 5,180.31

Advancements for the protection of the property, including taxes and insurance (negative escrow) \$ 2,865.40
Insurance Refund <\$ 2,265.67>
Attorney fees (KRS 411.195) \$ 950.00
Total \$33,888.78 for which total amount personal judgment is hereby rendered in favor of the plaintiff and against the primary defendant, together with interest at the rate of 14.75 percent per annum from the above date until paid plus costs herein and any sums expended by plaintiff for insurance, ad valorem taxes or for preservation of the real estate until date of sale, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 11th day of May, 2000, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements, appurtenances, fixtures, any personal property described in the subject mortgage and title lien statements, and the rents, issues and profits therefrom and thereon, said real estate being situated at 649 Orchard Branch, Banner, KY 41603, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Lying on Orchard Fork for Prater Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky and being lot No. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5327, Renewal In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a renewal for an underground coal mining operation located 4.6 miles northwest of Bosco in Floyd and Magoffin counties. The proposed operation will disturb 11.4 surface acres and will underlie 3686.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 3697.4 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 miles northwest from S.R. 7's junction with S.R. 2029 and located near the head of Raccoon Branch. The latitude is 37°30'50". The longitude is 82°53'40".

The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix. The operation will underlie land owned by Ellis Shepherd, Lindburg Hale, Artie Shepherd, Russell Shepherd, Elizabeth Howard Heirs, Reggie Shepherd, Opal Hale, Hayes Vanderpool, Silas Howard Heirs, Andy Osborne, Harold Wireman, Vigil Handshoe, Graydon Howard, Jr., Nora Howard, Delia Shepherd, Haley Whitaker, Virgie Shepherd, Ethel Vanderpool, Delphia and Norman Hale, Randal Risner, Jay Handshoe, Monroe Vanderpool, Robie Shepherd, Fred Shepherd, Eli Howard, Delphia Hale, Harold Howard, Julia Howard Estate, Berlin Howard, Johnny E. Howard, Curtis Handshoe, Jr., Jack Warrix Estate, Clyde Howard Estate, Buck Patrick Estate, Lois Conley, Tressie Kalibachuk, James Howard, Jr., Ellis Bailey, John Oberst, Ellis Howard Heirs, Ella Allen Heirs, Dottie Hayes, Donald B. Clester, Julie Howard Heirs, Annie Handshoe, Clinton Handshoe, Glen Shepherd, Glen Handshoe, Ellis Shepherd Heirs, Harry Ousley Heirs, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Clayton Ramey, Ronald Currey, First Commonwealth Bank, Johnny Hoover Heirs, Ollie Jack Howard, Marty Ratliff, Martin L. Vanderpool, Hiram Vanderpool, Jr., James Vanderpool, Ronnie Slone, Deana G. Martin, Bruce

Ratliff, marlin Bolen, Wayne Gearheart, Lawrence Hicks, Gladys Bailey, Leslie Bradley, Cletis Howard, Tilden Shepherd Heirs, Kirk Shepherd, Cora Wireman Heirs, Kermit Handshoe Heirs, Harris Handshoe Heirs, Phoebe L. Bryan, and Clayton Handshoe.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following property will be offered at public sale at Worldwide Equipment, Highway 1428 East, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, on 5/11/00, commencing at 11:00 a.m.:

- 1997 Mack RD854SX Vin # 1M2P225C5VM00107 9
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- 1997 Mack RD854SX Vin # 1M2P225C0VM00108 5
- 1997 Mack RD854SX Vin # 1M2P225C0VM00109 9

The property may be inspected by appointment prior to the sale at Worldwide Equipment, Highway 1428 East, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Cash sales only. Inquiries: ASSOCIATES at 513-677-8700 00-03594-0

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is requested that **JOHNNY D. HOWELL**, or anyone who knows him, please contact attorney J. Drew Anderson at 886-2206 or P.O. Box 1313, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Mr. Anderson has been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court to attempt to contact Mr. Howell regarding pending litigation, and any co-operation received is greatly appreciated.

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