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# Wheelwright divides over superintendent's suspension

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

A 6:30 p.m. Wheelwright utility commission meeting Thursday evening followed by an 11 a.m. Wheelwright City Council meeting the next morning combined to cause disagreement between council members after a motion was passed to approve the hiring of Michael Sparkman as the city's new sewer plant operator and, on the heels of that decision, to suspend longtime utilities

superintendent Gary McCoy. During Friday's utility commission meeting members agreed to hire Michael Sparkman, a former plant operator in Hindman at the rate of \$11 an hour. The hourly rate will increase to \$12 after a 90-day probationary period is passed.

But then, to the surprise of several citizens, utility commissioners came back from a closed-door session to announce that Utilities Superintendent Gary McCoy had been placed on a two-week suspen-

sion. No clear reasons were given for the action.

The agenda for the special-called council meeting which followed the next morning included two items: The utility commission and a second reading for a proposal to change the ethics ordinance.

After a second reading of the proposed ethics ordinance, which stated that an ethics board member could be removed for any reason, Wheelwright

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Members of the Wheelwright City Council gathered for a special-called meeting Friday morning to discuss, in closed session, the events of the previous night's utilities commission meeting.

photo by Sheldon Compton

## Arrest made after Magoffin robbery

Times Staff Report

Stephen J. Risner, Salyersville, is currently being held at the Big Sandy Detention Center following an alleged armed robbery at Rice's Truck Stop in Salyersville.

According to the police report, at approximately 12 a.m., 911 received a call about the robbery.

An employee and James McFarland were allegedly held at gunpoint. Risner allegedly demanded that McFarland get into his vehicle and proceeded to travel towards the Mountain Parkway.

McFarland persuaded the subject to release him and there were no injuries sustained.

Risner was later arrested at a residence on Johnson Fork and was charged with first-degree armed robbery and first-degree unlawful imprisonment.

He is currently being held at the Big Sandy Detention Center.

The robbery is still under investigation by Detective Billy Meade and Trooper Ryan McComas.

## Drug use suspected in five-car accident

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Another collision on U.S. 23 at the intersection of U.S. 119 at Buckley's Creek in Pike County has left one man injured and 25-year-old Sonya C. Dotson of Kimper charged with 11 criminal and traffic counts offenses.

At 5:47 p.m. Thursday, Dotson was allegedly speeding as she approached the U.S. 119 intersection, according to Pikeville police reports.

Officer John Hunt of the Pikeville Police Department said that he witnessed Dotson changing lanes and then noted that she was unable to slow down for the intersection, striking three other vehicles in the process until finally striking a fourth and coming to rest, according to reports.

The fourth vehicle was transporting lumber, doors and windows on a pull-along trailer. The collision

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## OXYCONTIN TAKES TOLL

# Drugs, death and distress

## Report: Deaths skyrocketed when OCs went on sale

by GRETA FIELDS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Oxycodone products have been on the market for years. But deaths from oxycodone products shot up 93 percent one year after a strong new oxycodone product, OxyContin, went on the market.

That is one of the findings in an information bulletin released by the National Drug Intelligence Center for the U.S. Department of Justice.

The use of oxycodone products increased 12 percent from 1990 to 1996, the year that OxyContin went on the market, with no corresponding increase in the abuse of oxycodone products.

However, between 1997 and 1998, the number of oxycodone-related deaths went up 93 percent.

The natural assumption would be that the OxyContin, which just



photo by Greta Fields

The pills shown above are a blue Xanax and a yellow OxyContin tablet. The yellow tablets have OC written on one side and the number of milligrams on the other side — 10, 20, 40, 80 or 160.

entered the market, caused the increased death rates, according to a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

However, the study did not specify which product caused the deaths. OxyContin, Percocet, Lorcet and Percodan are all trade names for drugs containing oxycodone.

The databases used for the study do not distinguish which oxycodone drug caused the deaths. The DEA spokesman explained that when a patient goes into a hospital for an overdose, the hospital does not mark down the cause as OxyContin, just oxycodone, unless there is proof that OxyContin was the pill involved.

OxyContin is different from other oxycodone products in the

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## Hazard woman dead of apparent overdose

by GRETA FIELDS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Lisa Russell, 33, had a new apartment in Airport Gardens, Hazard, and had just gotten a car with the help of her family.

On April 4, she was found dead.

An autopsy is to be performed, according to Jimmy Maggard, the Perry County Coroner.

Russell was found slumped

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## Six more found guilty of prescription drug violations

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. District Judge Joseph M. Hood once again busied himself this past Monday afternoon about the daunting task of hearing cases connected to sting operations and undercover efforts from "Operation Oxyfest."

The U.S. District Courthouse in Pikeville has already been the scene of several people being found guilty of prescription abuses, and now six more can be added to the total of prescription medicine abusers answering to

the charges against them and facing the consequences.

Among the six prescription-related cases, two husband-and-wife couples were involved.

Monday afternoon, Judge Hood approached the bench at 11 a.m. and immediately instructed the clerk to call the first case to be heard, exhibiting a readiness to get ahead with the work at hand.

The first case called before the court was a case involving the distribution of a controlled substance.

Perry County resident Christa Morris, 26, was first on the dock-

et and was accompanied by counsel as she hesitantly came forward for a arraignment hearing in her case, which had been set for trial Wednesday of this week.

Morris, who along with her husband, Stephen Michael Morris, 27, also of Perry County, allegedly conspired to knowingly possess with intent to distribute and did distribute 2,500 tablets, of which the primary types of medicine included were Vicodin and Lorcet, from March 21, 2000 through October 24, 2000.

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## Feds rule against R&S Truck Body

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

Employees who were laid off or fired from their positions at R & S Truck Body Company approximately five years ago have returned to work, following a decision handed down by the National Labor Relations Board.

According to Steve Caudill, who has been employed with the company since 1994, the working atmosphere has been tense at R & S since problems began in May 1996, when workers became interested in organizing a union.

During the months that followed, over 20 workers, almost the entire aluminum department at R &

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photo by Greta Fields

Hazard City Commissioner Herman Maggard, far left, talks to Gov. Paul Patton, along with some industrial officials, Jim Goodman, president of DJ/NYPRO Joint Venture of Louisville, and Wayne Sweazy, center, plant manager. Goodman said the company might not have chosen Hazard as a plant site if not for Maggard. Maggard served them his famous bologna sandwiches from his store when they first visited Hazard.

## Factory marks grand opening, announces plans to expand

by GRETA FIELDS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

DJ/NYPRO, the world's 10th-largest plastic injection molding company, celebrated the opening of its second plant in Hazard with a ribbon cutting Wednesday, and may even open a third plant in the area.

The second plant actually opened in October 1, but officials delayed the ribbon cutting until last week to see how the plant would do. The plant not only did well, it became the top producer in the entire company.

The Hazard operations, over the past three years, experienced a 42 percent growth in sales and a 21 percent growth in employment.

Gov. Paul Patton, a guest speaker at the ribbon cutting, talked about the company's value as a showcase to attract more companies to Eastern Kentucky.

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Report

way it works. The DEA official said that his understanding is that OxyContin was developed as a time-release drug. However, drug abusers crush the shell on the pill to try to get a stronger effect all at once by snorting or injecting OxyContin, and death can result.

The studies were examined in an April 2000 article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, and based



In certain parts of northern Europe, it was believed the man in the moon carried a tar bucket, which accounted for different marks on the moon as seen from earth.

on data collected by the DEA and from emergency departments and medical examiners through the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN).

"Diversion and abuse of the prescription pain reliever is a major problem, particularly in the eastern United States," according to the bulletin.

The effects of OxyContin make it a suitable substitute for heroin. Law enforcement reports show heroin abusers get OxyContin because the drug offers enough strength and dosage to satisfy them. Plus, their health insurance may even cover it.

On the other hand, people who don't have insurance or can't afford OxyContin are now happy to buy the lower-priced heroin.

OxyContin is the "drug of choice in Eastern Kentucky," the drug report said. "The Kentucky State Police in Hazard report a significant shift from cocaine and methamphetamine abuse to OxyContin and Tylox abuse."

Maine, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia

also report a growing threat from OxyContin.

Oxyedone is manufactured by modifying one ingredient in opium. It acts like morphine.

Oxycodone depresses the central nerve system. It can activate responses ranging "from analgesia to respiratory depression to euphoria," the DEA report said.

People who take the drug can become tolerant of its effects. Thus, a cancer patient can take a dose on a regular basis that would kill somebody else.

OxyContin abusers chew the tablets like candy or crush them and snort the powder. Or they dissolve them in water and inject it.

"The Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in Prestonsburg reports Individuals who have never injected drugs are using OxyContin intravenously and they have never seen a drug proliferate like OxyContin has," the report says.

OxyContin was developed and patented in 1996 by Purdue Pharma L.P. It was made in 10 mg, 20 mg, 40 mg and 80 mg tablets. Then 160 mg tablets were introduced in July 2000.

By comparison, Percocet and Tylox contain just 5 mg of oxycodone; Percodan, 2.25 mg.

One milligram of OxyContin can go for 50 cents to \$1 on the street. So, a 100-tablet bottle bought for \$400 from a pharmacy can bring \$2,000 to \$4,000 illegally.

OxyContin is inexpensive for people with insurance, since insurance covers the visit and the prescription. However, if insurers refuse to pay for prescriptions, the patients are attracted to low-cost heroin, even though they never used heroin before.

OxyContin abuse drives addicted people to commit excessive crime.

In one month, Tazewell County, Va., reported 150 people committing felonies associated with OxyContin abuse. People will commit a string of armed robberies to finance their habit.

OxyContin is diverted when pharmacy employees take it off the shelf, when doctors or

patients make fraudulent prescriptions, and when patients go "doctor shopping."

In Mercer County, W.Va., two pharmacists took pills off their shelves and created fraudulent prescriptions. They then traded the drugs for sex.

The most widely used diversion technique is doctor shopping. People, who may or may not have a legitimate ailment, visit doctors in different counties or states to get large amounts of pills to abuse or sell.

Some people forge prescriptions, then fill them with their Medicaid cards.

Some doctors have also been known to commit Medicaid

fraud involving OxyContin, and dispense pills for sex. In Grundy, Va., one doctor has been arrested for 79 counts of illegally dispensing drugs, including OxyContin.

According to the report, OxyContin abuse creates a cycle of fraud. The corrupt doctor writes the patient a prescription for a fake injury. The doctor bills an insurance company for that visit, and subsequent visits. The patients use some pills, sell the rest and buy more.

This type of fraud is prevalent in some areas. One West Virginia drug task force member reported, "There are too many doctors supplementing their

income by writing improper prescriptions."

Oxycodone pills are controlled substances. However, sentencing guidelines are based on drug weight, not strength. OxyContin is stronger than other oxycodone products, but weighs less, so drug dealers may get stiffer penalties for selling Percocet and Tylox than OxyContin. Some states want to stiffen penalties.

Maine wants to make possession of large amounts of the drug a felony instead of misdemeanor.

The drug report said that OxyContin abuse will likely increase.

## Child Abuse — A matter of fact

by PETER O. SAMPLES, STATE CHAIRMAN

### Abused children come from all income groups

Maltreated children can be found in all income groups. According to the National Study of the Incidence and Severity of Child Abuse and Neglect, children from low-income families are, however, more likely to suffer maltreatment than are children from higher income families. This

finding would tend to lend some weight to the hypothesis that various environmental and family stresses associated with low income, contribute to child abuse and neglect. A widely accepted explanation is that children from low-income families are not necessarily more likely to be abused or neglected, but are more likely to be reported, because of a greater exposure to the public health and day care systems. The most persistent characteristic of child abuse

and neglect is its universality. No geographic, ethnic, or economic setting is free of child abuse and neglect. In fact, the National Study of the Incidence and Severity of Child Abuse and Neglect found the incidence rates to be similar for urban, suburban, and rural communities.

To obtain more information about child abuse or neglect, call the hotline number at 1-800-468-8920.

## R&S

S, were either laid off or fired from their positions. The company claimed the layoffs were due to "economic conditions" and "lack of orders."

Facing resistance from management regarding the establishment of a union, workers contacted John Thacker of the National Conference of Firemen and Oilers, Service Employees International Union, and began seeking help.

On June 6, 1997, charges were filed by the Service Employees International Union, on behalf of R & S employees who alleged that the company had violated the National Labor Relations Act by "unlawfully discriminating against its employees and interfering with their exercise of protected rights."

According to the decisions released by the NLRB, Charles Collins, then general manager who now serves as president of the company, was against forming a union, stating that William Smith Jr., who was at the time president of the company, "would close the plant before allowing his employees to bring in a union."

A hearing was held before Administrative Law Judge Steven M. Charno on July 8-9, and September 23-24, 1997, in Prestonsburg, and post-hearing briefs were thereafter submitted to the general counsel of the NLRB.

After reviewing the testi-

monies of several employees during the next several months, Charno decided that R & S engaged in unfair labor practices by "interrogating employees concerning their union activities; threatening employees with job loss, layoff, denial of recall, suspension, reduced profit-sharing bonuses, contacting former employers, plant closure or relocation, or other unspecified reprisals if they select a union to represent them; impliedly threatening employees or promising them benefits by soliciting them to campaign against the union or to disclose the pro-union activities of other employees; promising or impliedly promising employees reject union representation; and giving employees the impression that their union activities or the union activities of other employees are being kept under surveillance."

The NLRB agreed with Charno's decision, and ordered that R & S "cease and desist" from the aforementioned unfair labor practices, and offer full reinstatements to all employees who were laid off or fired during that time, or offer them substantially equivalent positions within the company.

R & S has been further ordered by the NLRB to remove references to the unlawful suspensions, layoffs and/or discharges of those employees, and to compensate back pay for wages lost to all said employees.

"This is one of the strongest worded decisions I've ever seen," said Thacker. "What this decision does is reaffirm what Charvo said in the comparison to the clear intentions of the company to stop employees from forming a union."

"Not only do we have the majority of the employees back," continued Thacker, "but over 80 percent of the employees have signed up for the union. These people are strong and committed, and have united to make this decision."

Workers have established a negotiating committee, hoping to create a better working environment for the employees at R & S. They plan to submit a contract to the company asking for better medical benefits, wages, vacation time and personal days, a retirement plan and seniority.

"We've been treated unfairly in the past," said Caudill, "and we think we deserve a little more respect from the company. We want a place that has a future for us."

R & S currently plans to appeal the decision of the NLRB and has thus far refused to negotiate with members of the committee concerning the contract. But Caudill feels optimistic about the situation, claiming that sooner or later, they'll have to meet at the bargaining table.

Representatives of R & S refused to comment about the NLRB's decision.

## Council

Mayor Marlee Sammons, who voted against changing the ordinance, insisted that the matter of McCoy's suspension, which passed at Friday's utilities commission meeting, be discussed.

The motion did not pass easily as council member Andy Akers expressed that it could not be discussed in an open meeting because it dealt with city personnel. But the motion did pass as Sammons solved the problem by urging the council to go into closed session to further discuss the utility commission's decision late Friday evening.

As council members remained in closed session, Wheelwright residents discussed the nature of the proposal to change the ethics ordinance. When the ethics board, and consequently the ethics code, was implemented in 1994 for the city of Wheelwright, the original ordinance stated that an ethics board member could be removed for "misconduct, inability or willful neglect of duties" and was afforded the opportunity to have a hearing before the executive authority on the matter.

The newly-proposed ordinance so that any ethics board member could be removed for "any reason by a majority vote of the legislative body."

It is not clear at this time what action could have prompted this ordinance, which has

stood, unchallenged, for nearly a decade, to be proposed for change, but the matter is hardly settled as Sammons, who voted against changing the ordinance because he was "not clear was it was about," refused to sign any documents enabling the ordinance to go into effect.

Citizen conversation ended as council members came back into session. Once a motion was made to return to session, city attorney Tim Parker explained that no action had been taken during closed session in connection to the utilities commission's decision to suspend McCoy.

McCoy's suspension is set for two weeks, during which time he will receive full pay. But this stipulation, however, did not sit well with Sammons who was obviously irritated as the special-called meeting came to a close Friday.

"They suspended Gary (McCoy) for no reason," Sammons stated after the meeting.

Sammons said he is concerned about the action against McCoy primarily because McCoy stands as the city's only class 2 water operator and it seems that for the next two weeks, the city will be without a utilities employee who holds this certification.

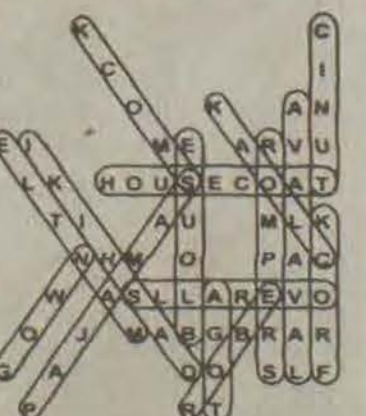
Sammons' left without signing the proposal for the new ordinance.

"Three of us agreed to this," Akers said, as council members and citizens alike made their way out of city hall. "We're going to take it the attorney general and request that an investigation be done on the utilities commission that will cover the last 10 years. If we have to get the state police involved, then we'll do that."

## Answers

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## Guilty

The manner by which Christa and her husband Stephen Morris, who would appear later that afternoon, went about obtaining their pills also implicated another party. However, this other party was not present during court Monday.

According to her own statements, Morris obtained the medicine by abusing her authority as a nurse at a local health care clinic in Hazard.

She admitted during questioning that she would call in prescriptions under names other than her own, and her husband, Stephen, would then take these individuals whose names she had used to pick the medicine up at the pharmacy.

In addition to that technique, Morris also used the help of another clinic employee, the absent other party, to sign that certain persons had been given examinations that would warrant prescriptions of the desired medicine. This would generally

be followed by the prescription call-ins mentioned earlier.

Later, detailing his case to Judge Hood, Stephen Morris explained briefly how the operation worked.

"I conspired with Mr. Whitaker to obtain these controlled substances," said Stephen Morris. "She (Christa) would phone in the medications and then I would take them and pick them up."

The court, having been offered a plea agreement in which Christa Morris pleaded guilty to the charge of possessing with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, found her guilty of the count, and arranged for sentencing on the matter to be set for August 6.

Hood was asked by U.S. Attorney Roger West to extend the sentencing for 30 days so that Christa Morris could continue to cooperate with the government during the ongoing investigation and Hood granted the request just before excusing

the defendant from the courtroom, pending sentencing on August 6.

The second husband-and-wife team, Finley Baker and Bridget Michelle Baker, went before the judge together and answered questions in a very simple, straightforward manner as their lawyer, Ben Hall, had advised them do before approaching the court.

"The judge is going to ask you a lot of questions when you get up there," Hall was heard to say to the Bakers just before the case was called. "Just answer 'yes' and 'no' — mostly 'yes.'"

After Hood explained the terms of both plea agreements offered on behalf of the Bakers, in which they each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute prescription medications, Bridget Baker, 31, was the first questioned by Hood as her husband stood silent beside her.

Bridget Baker, initially, gave Hood a moment's pause when she claimed that she had not actually sold any of the drugs on the dates mentioned — October 26 through December 15, 2000 — or at any time for that matter.

"I was just there," said Bridget Baker. "Someone would call the house, where we live in Perry County, and I told them he could get them some."

As Bridget Baker revealed that she had taken phone calls for her husband, setting up times and meeting places for transactions to take place, the U.S. Attorneys found this to be sufficient evidence presented. Hood agreed and, accepting the plea agreements, found them guilty and ordered for sentencing to be carried out on July 2.

Other cases heard in federal court Monday include:

■ Darrel Hall — Hall was sentenced to 32 months in prison on three counts connected to his cultivating not more than 200 marijuana plants in a back lot near his trailer. Hood declined to grant probationary terms because Hall also sold the marijuana grown from his trailer in the presence of his three children.

■ Martin Slover, 59, of Perry County — Slover was found guilty of selling 55 OxyContin pills within 1,000 feet of Perry Central High School while in possession of a

firearm on November 14. Sentencing will be on July 2.

■ Stacey Baker, 20, of Perry County — Baker was found guilty of two counts of distributing an unspecified quantity of

oxycodone within 1,000 feet of Perry Central High School. Sentencing is set for August 6.

■ Jack Coomer — found guilty of six counts for distributing a total of approximately

140 Tylox tablets from November to December, and guilty of one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Sentencing for Coomer will be carried out on August 6.

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## Home repair loans available

USDA Rural Development offers the Section 504 loan program to homeowners. The objective of this program is to assist eligible very low income home owners to improve their homes by removing health and safety hazards.

Basic qualifications for this type of assistance are as follows:

applicants must own and occupy the home being repaired; have an adjusted annual income not exceeding the very low income limit set for the area; have an adequate and dependable income to repay all planned obligations; have an acceptable credit history; and be without sufficient resources to provide the neces-

sary repairs without the loan.

The maximum loan assistance cannot exceed \$20,000; the interest rate for all Section 504 loans is one percent; loan terms cannot exceed 20 years.

To inquire about a housing loan, you may contact the Prestonsburg Local Office at 606-886-9545.

## DJ/NYPRO

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"We are spotlighting our greatest resource, our exceptional workforce," Patton said. "This is proof of the fact that our workers are productive. When they come the first time, they come on faith. But when they come the second time, it's because of proof."

"I'm looking forward to the third time," added Jim Goodman, the president of DJ/NYPRO. "Hazard is our number-one facility. It's not because of machines; it's not because of buildings; it's because of the people."

Goodman said his company has plants in 26 locations, and the plant which opened last October in Hazard is "the most productive of all."

DJ Inc. merged in 1997 with NYPRO, an international company, to form DJ/NYPRO Joint Venture of Louisville. The company hires 400 people in Louisville and 77 in injection molding operations in Hazard.

The company first came to Hazard in 1996 and opened a plant for 35 workers. It then expanded into a second plant Oct. 1, 2000, with about 35 people. The new operation is expected to hire 75 over several years, and eventually 100.

"Having an existing business expand in Kentucky shows the corporate world that Kentucky is

a profitable place to do business," said Gene Strong, secretary of the state's Economic Development Cabinet.

DJ/NYPRO may expand even more as the company enters one of the most rapidly expanding industries, computers. The company has begun to make computer keyboard frames.

In general, the employees at the Hazard facilities make plastic components and assemble

them. They also stamp numbers and letters on appliance parts and dials. In addition, they offer some complete products, or a "full service solution," to satisfy their customers.

For example, they make a "Roller Ball" for the Tide company which distributes laundry detergents in wash machines. They also make a paper towel dispenser which operates without the customer touching the equipment for Georgia Pacific.

## Pike woman killed in head-on collision

Times Staff Report

Judy A. Kennedy Mullins, 55, of Elkhorn City, died on Monday, April 2, following an automobile accident which occurred at the Garden Village in Pike County.

According to police reports, Mullins was driving westbound on US 460 when her car was hit head-on by a vehicle driven by Randy Tucker, 34, of Pikeville.

Trooper Valerie Breeding, investigating officer, stated in her report that Tucker apparently lost control of his vehicle

and slid into the westbound lane.

Mullins was taken to Pikeville Methodist Hospital and was later transferred to University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, where she died.

Jason Ramey, 15, Mullins' grandson, who was a passenger in the vehicle, was treated and released at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

The accident is still under investigation by the Kentucky State Police, and criminal charges may be pending.

## Wreck

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resulted in the load becoming disrupted, scattering debris along the highway.

In the five-car collision, one man was injured. John Edwards Jr. was a passenger in one of the vehicles struck by Dotson. Edwards was transported to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, where he was treated for injuries sustained in the collision. According to Pikeville Methodist, Edwards was treated and then sent home.

Dotson refused medical attention at the scene of the collision and was arrested at 6:45 p.m., one hour after the accident occurred.

At the time of her arrest, Dotson was charged with reckless driving and speeding, however several more charges have now been added.

A total of 11 charges were brought against Dotson in connection with the collision, as, among other developments, drugs appeared as a factor.

She was charged with driving under the influence of drugs, second-degree assault, seven counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, speeding and possession of drug parapherna-

lia, according to the Pikeville Police Department.

"She had a plastic straw used for snorting pills in her shorts pocket," Hunt said Friday. "She also had a set of scales that we found while hunting for her registration."

Pikeville police are still waiting for toxicology reports from Frankfort on blood and urine samples taken from Dotson.

Hunt said her behavior following the accident led him to believe that drugs were involved.

"She was totally disoriented," Hunt said. "Her speech was slurred and her eyes were glassy and she wasn't very coherent when she talked to me. However, the nature of the collision itself was a pretty good indicator of her condition at the time."

Dotson was arraigned Friday morning in Pike District Court and was placed under a \$50,000 cash bond in connection with the charges brought against her after the collision.

She still remains lodged in the Pike County Detention Center awaiting a preliminary hearing scheduled in district court on April 13.

## Overdose

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over the steering wheel of her car, which was parked on KY 15 near the entrance to the Coalfields Industrial Park, in the vicinity of Ten Mile Creek. The car was still running, and Lisa had a needle still in her arm, according to a family member.

An employee going to work at Trus Joist MacMillan found her. The call came into the 911 center at 9:07 p.m.

Russell was the daughter of Joyce Bryant of Busy and Marion Russell of Hazard. She

had three brothers, Jimmy Collins of Busy, Elmer Vanover of Breathitt County and Jeff Vanover of Lexington; five sisters, Mary Lou Russell and Jeanie Russell, both of Ohio, Florence Jones of Lost Creek, Nannie Belle Sruell of Sam's Branch, and Mona Pearl Bush of Lower Second Creek.

Russell's funeral is today at the Engle-Walker Funeral Home in Hazard, with burial in Will Combs Cemetery at Lost Creek in Perry County.

## Shelbiana man arrested after police find pot plants

Times Staff Report

Approximately 179 marijuana plants and several weapons were seized by Kentucky State Police on March 30 at the residence of Michael K. Sowards of Shelbiana.

Sowards was arrested on

Tuesday, April 3, by Trooper Randy Hunter and charged with cultivating marijuana.

Following his arrest, Sowards was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center.

The incident is still under investigation by Trooper Randy Hunter.

## Pikeville College to host grant writing workshop

Pikeville College will host the Grantsmanship Center's five-day grant writing workshop May 14-18.

The Grantsmanship Center is the world's oldest and largest grantsmanship training organization for non-profit organizations. The five-day workshop is a "hands-on" seminar designed for both the novice and the experienced grant seeker.

The workshop covers all aspects of researching for grants, writing proposals, and negotiating with funding sources, including foundations, corporations and government agencies. Participants will learn the Grantsmanship Center's proposal writing format, search out funding for their organization

using a wealth of materials on-site, and work in teams to actually develop a proposal.

Pikeville College invites anyone involved in grant writing and grant research to enroll in this intensive training program. The cost of the five-day workshop is \$675. A limited number of partial scholarships are available to organizations meeting certain criteria. Registration is limited to 25 participants.

For more information about the Grantsmanship Training Program, please contact Rob Justice at (606) 218-5282 or Cindy Wilder at the Grantsmanship Center at (800) 421-9512. Information is also available on the Internet at www.tgci.com.

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## MSU-Big Sandy to hold blood drive

Morehead State University's Big Sandy campus will join with schools across Kentucky to "outSave, outCare, and outGive" during the first-ever "Survivor Blood Drive: Helping Generations Survive."

Students will be donating on Monday, April 9, from noon until 6 p.m. in the Central Kentucky Blood Center's (CKBC) bloodmobile that will be located in the Highlands Plaza off University Drive.

CKBC is conducting the drive in partnership with the National Marrow Donor Program, Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates, and the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Trust for Life.

Dawn Wheeler, of CKBC, urges students to give blood, join the National Marrow Donor Program registry, and sign the backs of their driver's licenses in a commitment to become organ donors. "Morehead State University students can make a significant impact on saving lives in Kentucky - even the lives of patients from their own generation."

Each donor will receive a "Survivor" t-shirt and a "Survival Kit" complete with chocolate donated by Hershey's. Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh 100 pounds or more, and be in good general health. Potential donors must be at least 18 years of age or older to join the national bone marrow registry or agree to become an organ donor.

For more information, contact Dawn Wheeler at (606) 432-4979, or 1-800-775-2527.

# expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

—Felix Frankfurter

## our view

### Each of us can send message to China

While it is not often that we presume to comment on international affairs, the showdown between the United States and China is a confrontation in which each of us can play a role.

The Sino-American relationship has always been a marriage of convenience — a union of the world's greatest concentration of people with the world's greatest concentration of wealth. Neither country particularly likes the other, but economics has kept the two in an arm's-length partnership.

"Each time we spend a dollar on a good produced in China, we are telling the Chinese — and the rest of the world — that it is okay to hold the members of our military hostage."

And it is through economics — or, more precisely, our spending habits — that Americans can send the Chinese a message.

Last year, Americans bought \$107 billion worth of Chinese goods, making the U.S. China's second-largest trading partner. And while the Chinese preach the tenets of communism at home, the future of their country's economic system is rooted firmly in capitalism.

Any ripple in the flow of American money to China is certain to be noticed, and our best bet to send a message that Americans will not tolerate China holding 24 U.S. servicemen captive is to cut

that flow to a trickle.

To do that, each of us needs to pay closer attention to the things we buy and make sure that none of them are made in China.

We have all heard the calls to "Buy American" before, and, to a large degree, we have ignored them. For some reason, we seem unable to protect our own self-interest when it comes to saving a buck or two.

But now there is more at stake than our country's manufacturing base. Now, each time we spend a dollar on a good produced in China, we are telling the Chinese — and the rest of the world — that it is okay to hold the members of our military hostage, that we will not bat an eye when Americans are held against their will in a foreign land. Every time Chinese clothing, electronics, toys or food pass over the checkout counter, we are undermining our position in the world.

As Americans, we must ask ourselves where our priorities lie. If we find that we truly do value the concepts of freedom and justice and democracy, then we must take a stand and boycott all Chinese-made products, at least until our servicemen are safely home.

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## guest column

### What happened to the conservatives?

by SHELDON RICHMAN

Are conservatives so desperate to have a Republican in the White House that they are ready to toss their principles overboard and become boosters for whatever President George W. Bush hands them?

It seems so. Mr. Bush's two earliest initiatives — education and aid to faith-based organizations — should have had conservatives objecting from the rooftops. Instead, they are praising the moves in tones not heard since Ronald Reagan said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

Take education. Mr. Bush's plan would impose national standards and testing on local schools. On top of that, he would institute a national voucher system for schools that fail to improve.

Once upon a time, conservatives opposed federal involvement in education — and for good reason. There is no constitutional authority for it. Conservatives used to know that unless a power is expressly delegated to the federal government in the Constitution, that power is reserved to the states or the people (see the neglected Tenth Amendment). I guess the election of George W. Bush simultaneously repealed that fundamental constitutional principle.

Mr. Bush would like us to believe that the states will establish the education standards and do the testing. But not really. The states will have the feds

looking over their shoulders. As the New York Times reported, "Senior Bush administration officials said today that each state would develop its own test to measure achievement, but the federal government would use a national test, known as the National Assessment of Education Progress, to gauge how those tests correspond to progress in reading and math ... An administration official said using the National Assessment as a measure of state tests would ... prevent state and local officials from adopting tests that posed no challenge."

Translation: The feds will be in charge. So much for local schools under local control.

As for vouchers, this should be driving conservatives up the wall. First of all, even conservatives who like the voucher principle should object to a federal program. With money comes strings. Conservatives used to understand that. But no more. I can understand their wanting vouchers at the state level. But from Washington? What's going on? Have the bodies of conservatives been taken over by statist aliens? Don't they know that for any school to be eligible to accept vouchers it will have to abide by countless federal regulations? The Supreme Court said so years ago in the Grove City College case.

More basically, when will conservatives learn that the voucher principle per se is perilous? Without doubt it will end up corrupting private, independent schools, sucking them into the government's orbit. Vouchers will spell the end of private schools as a real alternative to the government's schools.

Conservatives have fallen for the same scam with respect to faith-based organizations. By making them eligible for government funds, the Bush plan

will compromise the organizations' independence and integrity. Rules follow money.

Moreover, there is no way that the program can avoid funding religion — which is anathema in a free society. The Bush folks assure us the money won't be used this way, but they are being disingenuous.

Earlier, when the administration stopped the flow of taxpayer money to international organizations that provide abortion services, it correctly pointed out that it doesn't matter that the organizations don't use the money directly for abortion-related activities, because money is fungible. But suddenly the word "fungible" has vanished from the conservative vocabulary. Yet the fact remains that a religious social-service organization gets taxpayer money to, say, feed the poor, it will free up other money for its ecclesiastical work. A dollar is a dollar is a dollar.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that conservatives have sold their souls for political victory. Now that their guy is in power, they are ecstatic about seeing federal power wielded to the max. This is dangerous and shortsighted.

They will be the first to scream bloody murder when the next Democratic occupant of the White House uses the Bush programs to push his (or her) agenda. But they will have no one to blame but themselves.

If the conservatives wish to be true to their principles, they should oppose Bush and advocate deep tax cuts (better: tax repeal) and full separation of school and social work from the state.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va. ([www.fff.org](http://www.fff.org)), and editor of Ideas on Liberty magazine.

## letters to the editor

### Bush an isolationist?

I have been following the reaction the European Union has had to President Bush's response to pleas to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and compliance with the Kyoto Treaty of 1997. Mr. Bush's position is that the economic cost outweighs the benefits. Reuters News service has

reported that an open letter to the president will appear in Time Magazine signed by Gorbachev, Jimmy Carter, John Glen, George Soros, Jane Goodall, Walter Cronkite, Celera Genomics chief J. Craig Venter, biologist Edward O. Wilson and physicist Stephen Hawking. The letter states that while provisions of the Kyoto treaty are debatable, "the situation is becoming urgent,

and it is time for consensus and action."

It goes on to say, "There are many strategies for curbing greenhouse-gas emissions without slowing economic growth. In fact, the spread of advanced, cleaner technology is more of an economic opportunity than a peril. We urge you to develop a plan to reduce U.S. production of greenhouse gases.

"The future of our chil-

dren — and their children — depends on the resolve that you and other world leaders show," the letter said.

Is Mr. Bush really protecting the U.S. economy or is he protecting his special interest — Big Oil? Over 150 nations have signed on to the Kyoto treaty and the U.S. stands alone. So who is the isolationist?

John Burgess  
Louisiana

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# conversation

with Paintsville Mayor Robin Cooper

## Cooper sees rising tide for Eastern Kentucky

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Robin Cooper is in his second term as mayor of Paintsville. He has also been a commissioner on the Johnson County Fiscal Court from 1981 to 1984 and served on the Paintsville City Council from 1985 to 1993.

In addition to taking the mayor's office to a full-time position in 1997, Cooper has also been involved on a state level as well. In 1998 and 1999, Cooper served on a task force created by the General Assembly to study the feasibility of a bottle bill. He is currently serving his second term on the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, a board he was selected to chair for the second consecutive time in January.

Paintsville has also been a busy place in recent years, with several economic development projects currently in the works, most notably the city's participation in Gov. Paul Patton's Community Development Initiative, a program which provides funding for concentrated economic development efforts.

In the private sector, Cooper has also operated several businesses in the past, including magazine distributor East Kentucky News and The Weekly Progress newspaper.

Cooper sat down with The Sunday Times Herald last week to give his views on the issues which are shaping his office, his city and Eastern Kentucky.

**Sunday Times Herald:** You currently serve as president of the Kentucky League of Cities. How has that helped you as a public official?

**Robin Cooper:** Well, just the fact of being recognized by my peers as being a leader is quite an honor. To be put in leadership of an organization which has 352 city members all across the state is in itself a point of recognition, not only by other mayors and other local officials, but also by state government and the governor. This organization is very well respected and works very closely with all agencies of state government and federal government. So, anytime you're associated with and president of an organization like that, you're sort of thrust into the spotlight.

As far as personally benefiting, personally it's been a great experience for me, traveling the state and forming friendships and relationships with other officials, addressing problems

that other cities are having and then also working very strongly with the legislature on issues that affect all cities.

**STH:** Do you think your position with KLC helps the city of Paintsville?

**RC:** Yes, for a lot of the same reasons. It's put me in contact with a lot of people at the state level and brought attention to the city of Paintsville. As we request funding, it's a lot easier I guess to walk into an office where they know you personally and sit down and try to explain your situation than it is going in cold turkey. That's been a good experience, being recognized.

Also with the legislature, as part of my position, I was able to address the full House of Representatives when Jody Richards, speaker of the House, was sworn in this last time. I dare say there's not a state representative in the House who doesn't know who Robin Cooper is, and he's the mayor of Paintsville. So, there's a hundred members of the House of Representatives who know who I am. I got up and gave a 10-minute address.

So the benefit to the city of Paintsville is direct and indirect, in that we're recognized across the state and in state government. And in federal government. I do the same thing on the federal level.

**STH:** In 1998 going into 1999, you served on the solid waste task force created by the General Assembly to study ways of reducing litter and illegal dumps.

**RC:** Actually, what I consider the bottle bill committee.

**STH:** Yes, the bottle bill committee. What did you gain from that experience, particularly considering how the General Assembly has failed to adopt any new legislation on the issue since that time?

**RC:** Having served on that task force, what I guess I realized from that is that, in this particular situation, regardless of the will of the people and the way the issue has been introduced, that big business, the lobbyists for these bottlers, the lobbyists for these grocery companies and their representatives were able to prevent and sway the legislature to prevent them from addressing an issue which I think is very important to all of Kentucky, especially to us here in Eastern Kentucky.

It's very defeating. I spent almost a year in monthly meetings down there and, under normal circumstances, the conclu-

sion we reached was that the bottle bill was feasible, it did positively affect the amount of litter and reduced the amount of litter that is on the sides of the roads, it was embraced by the people of the states that have passed it, it was very popular, it was not a burden on the grocery community, and that the people of Kentucky, in our surveys, showed they were willing to accept it and even embrace it. You would think that the legislature would have voted accordingly, or at least addressed it accordingly. That was not the case. They were swayed by the bottling industry and those who had the money to directly influence the legislature. So that is one case in which the will of the people did not prevail.

**STH:** Do you think you better understand the other side of the issue, the lobbyists' side?

**RC:** I understand it to a point. But I think the comment I made is, if the beverage industry chooses to market their product in a container which is the cheapest possible, least expensive container they can find and that container just happens to be a product that winds up on our roadsides and is not biodegradable, then they're enjoying the benefit of being able to sell their product in a less expensive container and they should in turn share some of the responsibility for the environmental problems that container creates.

The fact that they want to have their cake and eat it, too, is very upsetting. I understand no one wants to shoulder the burden of having a product that is directly affected by deposits, but it is a deposit, not a tax. It's actually a concept the beverage industry came up with years ago. That's how they were able to retrieve their containers. That was their idea and it worked very well for them, one that they used for many, many years, all bottlers — milk bottlers and beverage bottlers. So all we're trying to do, maybe for a different reason, is return to that concept they created. And now that we're asking them to go back to address another problem that's not necessarily theirs, it isn't their fancy anymore, so we're having to deal with it.

**STH:** Turning to another issue, prescription drug abuse has been in the news quite a bit lately, particularly with the drug OxyContin. And Paintsville has been in the center of much of the coverage, following the raid of one local doctor's office and last year's roundup of "doctor shoppers." Given your experience both as mayor and as chairman of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, what is your take on the problem, and just how serious is it?

**RC:** My take on the problem is that it is a problem and the source of this problem is very frustrating for law enforcement. The whole reason that you address street peddlers or users of any particular narcotic or drug is so that you can determine the source and try to affect that, do away with it. In the case of normal drugs like marijuana or cocaine, the user or the street seller is not necessarily the person we're interested in. We want to go to their provider, the bigger dogs, the higher ups.

But in the case of prescription drugs, which seem to be the prevalent drug of abuse right now, the next step up from these people on the street, in most situations, is a licensed medical doctor. We have no jurisdiction over a licensed medical doctor as he prescribes his narcotics, so if a doctor chooses to conduct himself in a way that some of these obviously have done, then other agencies other than local police departments have to deal with them. It's very frustrating.

So we have, of course, gone after, as well as other communities, gone after the actual doctor shoppers. Those are the ones who abuse the privilege of getting a prescription and they abuse that prescription after they receive it. We also have asked for and have received help from the Kentucky Medical Licensure Board's investigative unit, state police's special investigations, the FBI and various other agencies that have some control over the actions of these so-called doctors. That's a problem that needs to be stepped up, the remedy has to be stepped up. We need more involvement by the agencies, which can actually police medical doctors and their privilege to write prescriptions.

**STH:** What sort of toll is the prescription drug problem taking on the community?

**RC:** It's funny that you should say that and I'll be really brief with this, but I was down in Alabama a couple of weeks ago fishing and it was odd that they had a story in the Birmingham News about OxyContin abuse down there and the fact that it was becoming such a problem in rural Alabama. And it's the same thing here. I think I've seen papers where some of the so-called experts have alluded to the fact that we're sort of off the beaten path for all the cocaine traffic and everything, so we have to take what we've got here and OxyContin seems to be the drug of abuse.

For us, it creates other problems in the fact that, in the one particular incident we had here with a medical doctor, and we still have, who is under investigation and his records seized, is that he's bringing in an element of what I call "customers," not necessarily patients, that are not from this area and a lot of times they're intoxicated, a drug-induced intoxication, when they get here and even more so when they leave. We've seen a rise in DUI. We've actually had altercations in the parking lot, fistfights. We've had a lot of vehicles we've had to tow because they're not licensed properly. And these people are not necessarily from this immediate area. They're from even different states. So they're coming into our community and they're doctor shopping, and they've got in this case one particular doctor in mind, and whatever background or criminal element that might be ends up in our community and in other communities. It's almost you've got a reason for them to come in your community. So you've got some petty theft, some break-ins. I'm not going to say we've tracked those directly, but you can almost imagine these people, if they stay here for any amount of time, will be responsible for something.

So we see it, and as I've said in my letter to the Kentucky Medical Licensure Board, we consider this to be a blight on

our community. The fact that you've got sometimes 15 or 20 patients lined up outside of a doctor's office here, with no apparent medical problems, is

the already funded projects we've got and how to bring all that together. Basically, how to make the plaza area and our downtown and residential areas into what you know as Paintsville.

We feel like this is not something that's going to happen overnight. It is, of course, what our vision is, how we want Paintsville to be 10 years from now, and I do say that it will probably take at least another couple of years before we actually see a strong result from the actual CDI.

But as a direct effect of CDI, because of the recognition we got, we have already had some inquiries from some businesses. We've already had some interest from companies. I've been contacted by local people, entrepreneurs, who have sort of been sitting by and wondering how they would take their idea ...

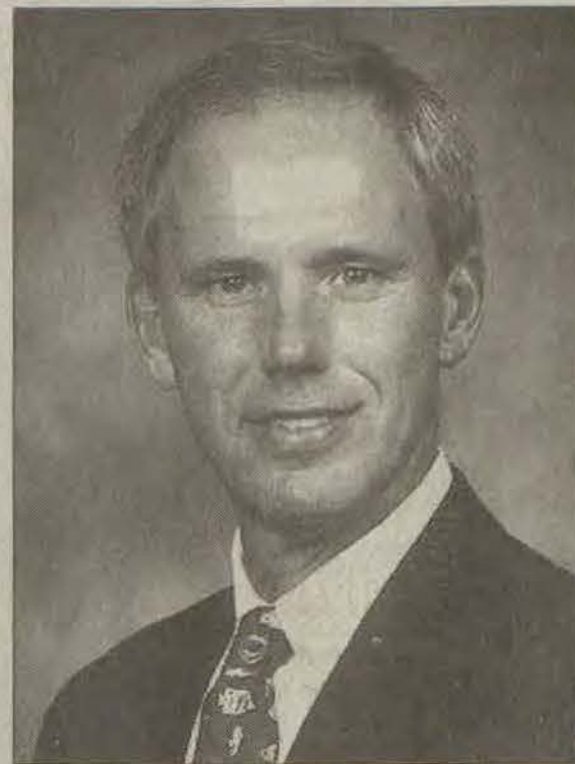
and they're entrepreneurs who need some help that an incubator would provide. I'm real encouraged about the concept that we're trying to see prevail in Paintsville, as it will as we try to take entrepreneurs here and create jobs from people's ideas and not necessarily worrying so much about trying to get Frankfort or somebody else to ship a company here and give us jobs. That part of it is very encouraging.

**STH:** Do you anticipate any sort of spillover effect on surrounding counties and communities?

**RC:** Basically, it will. As we see, as the Appalachian Regional Commission and I've been to the incubator workshops, we see that anywhere these incubators have been located, up through Pennsylvania and West Virginia, almost without fail, if you've got a business incubator in a county, that county goes from distressed to transitional, which means they've started improving.

We feel like this incubator, just because it's in Paintsville, does not mean it's only going to

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Mayor Robin Cooper

not the kind of image that Paintsville or any other community I think wants to have. It's a problem.

**STH:** Last year, Paintsville became the fourth community to be chosen to take part in Gov. Paul Patton's Community Development Initiative. What impact will that make on your city?

**RC:** To this point, of course, we're very much in the beginning steps of that. We have just signed a contract for a company to start the planning process, which will take our ideas and concepts and tell us how best those things can be implemented and then also tell us sources of funding that we might be able to tap into.

There is a strong emphasis on the entrepreneurial and the business incubator with Mayo Technical College being a source of technical training and lending themselves to that process. Of course, the CDI is also the development of the Teay's Branch area as an industrial location. Also, a smaller part of that will be a general way to transform our town into a more livable area and to give us some information on how to incorporate our downtown into some of

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# Obituaries

## Floyd County

Bert Cartmell, 99, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 2, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Vertrice Rice Cartmell. Funeral services were

conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Beulah Mae Wells Keel, 66, of Auxier, died Sunday, April 1, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended

illness. She is survived by her husband, Franklin Keel of Inez. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Maudie Howard Joseph, 97, of Frankfort, died Sunday, April 1, at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of W. G. Hardy Valley Funeral Home, in Louisville.

Miriam R. Howell, 72, of Allen, died Saturday, March 31, in the Parkview Nursing Home in Robinson Creek, after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Billa Wanda Miller Fraley, 82, of Cecil, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, died Friday, March 30, in the Leisure Oaks Nursing Home, Defiance, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Fred Fraley. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 2, under the direction of Hall

Funeral Home.

Rita Sue Whicker Hall, 59, of Martin, died Thursday, March 29, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Ken L. Hall.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Alice Stone, 78, of Mallie, died Sunday, April 1, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dr. Claude Pritchard Frady Jr., 81, of Bowling Green, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at Greenview Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Eloise Hall Frady. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 1, under the direction of J. C. Kirby & Sons Funeral Home, Bowling Green.

Lewis Neeley, 72, of Roundhead, Ohio, died Thursday, March 29, at the Select Specialty Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Graveside services were Monday, April 2, at 1 p.m., at Roundhead Cemetery, Roundhead, Ohio. Burial was under the direction of Hanson-Neely Funeral Home.

Ronnie Moore, 46, of Inez, died Tuesday, March 31. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home, Inez.

Patton Jay (Pat) Duff, 56, died Friday, March 23, at St. Lukes Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Varson Duff. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 28, under the direction of Sadie Baker Memorial Chapel, of Baker Funeral Home, Poinir, Virginia.

Anna Kiser McGlone, 96, of Carter County, died Wednesday, March 28, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 30, under the direction of Globe Funeral Chapel, Olive Hill.

John Hunter, 85, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, March 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thelma Pauline McCown, 87, formerly of Ligon, died Saturday, March 17, in Taylor, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 20, under the direction of Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor, Michigan.

Dr. Melvin Knight Stewart, 62, of Fishers, Indiana, formerly of Catlettsburg, died Monday, April 2, at the St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Judith Salisbury Stewart. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Neal Funeral Home.

Edgel Hayes, 89, of Langley, died Monday, April 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Marie Arms Hayes of Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Estill Ousley, 70, of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 3, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Lucy Frazier Ousley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Luxmore, 72, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, April 3, at his daughter's residence in Lexington, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Betty Aileen Little Luxmore. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 6,

under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Elder James Edward (Little Ed) Tackett, 70, of Melvin, died Wednesday, April 4, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

## Pike County

Margie Hunt, 77, of Kimper, died Sunday, April 1, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Glady's Keen Skeens, 82, of Grundy, Virginia, died Sunday, April 1, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted at noon, Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Denver Adkins, 72, of Summerfield, Florida, died Friday, March 30, in Ocala, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Esta Fay Adkins. Arrangements were under the direction of Hiers Memorial Chapel, Lady Lake, Florida.

Stephanie Ann Wright, 33, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Friday, March 30, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Luta McFadden, 89, of McAndrews, died Saturday, March 31, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Alfred L. Stiltner, 76, of Grundy, Virginia, died Sunday, April 1, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Rose Kennedy Stiltner. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 5, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Bert McKinley Dotson, 81, of Hurlley, Virginia, died Monday, April 2, at his home. He is survived by his wife,

Edith Vanover Dotson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Nellie Meade, 86, of Pikeville, died Saturday, March 31, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 2, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Peggy Jo McCoy, 65, of Burnwell, died Saturday, March 31, at her home. She is survived by her husband, John E. McCoy. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Viola Daniels, 103, of Majestic, died Saturday, March 31, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Geraldine Maynard, 78, of Majestic, died Sunday, April 1, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

June Ratliff Jones, 76, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, April 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Conrad Raymond

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## Church presents cantata

Living Waters Church will present an Easter cantata entitled "The Champion of Love" Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, April 15, at 6 p.m. Living Waters is located in Hazard on Dawahare Drive across from the National Guard Armory. All are welcome.

## PRIDE coordinators will give out free garbage bags

PRIDE cleanup volunteers are invited to pick up garbage bags and gloves at Hazard City Hall to prepare for the spring cleanups.

Groups which plan to clean roads, woods and streams can get assistance by contacting the PRIDE coordinators listed below. There will be three dates this year when volunteers can go to city hall and sign up and get garbage bags and gloves.

The three dates are Thursday, April 12, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, April 17, from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The county spring cleanup is April 21 to May 5 and the county coordinator is Tony Lewis

(476-9011). The city cleanup is April 21 to 28 and the city coordinator is Charlie Hammonds (436-3171).

The Buckhorn Lake Annual Cleanup will be April 21 only. Call 398-7251 or 398-7510 for information.

The city dropoff site is the old L & N parking lot at city hall. Two county dropoff sites will be at the county garage on Christopher Road (Rt. 451) and the County Metal Dropoff Center between Chavies and Krypton.

Dropoff sites will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

People should not bring regular household garbage, batteries, oil, barrels or contractor debris.

## Big Sandy Health Fest 2001

In collaboration with Big Sandy Health Care of Prestonsburg, Remote Area Medical Corp of Knoxville, Tennessee, will host a three-day free Health Fest 2001 for low-income Appalachian residents. The Health Fest will be held at the John M. Stumbo School at Mud Creek, on April 28-29.

Medical services, full eye care and dental care will be provided free of charge to participants. Local hospitals have donated services in support of this effort, including blood/urine screening, mammograms, etc. Hearing aid and podiatry services may also be provided.

Many out-of-town volunteers are expected to assist in this endeavor as well as more than 12 local service organizations. The National Guard, Kentucky Mountain Dental Society, Pikeville Osteopathic College, the Mayor's office, Rotary Clubs and the Medical Society will be involved. Governor Paul Patton's office and the Kentucky Medical Association have given their verbal support for this activity.

For more information on the Big Sandy Health Fest 2001, call or email Eula Hall, Mud Creek Clinic director, at (606) 886-1242; Stan Brock, Remote Area Medical Corps president, at (856) 579-1530—ram@usit.net; Ancil Lewis, Big Sandy Health Care director, at (606) 886-8546; and Dr. Gan Maddiwar, at (606) 874-9946—ganmad@rocketmail.com.

Members of the Big Sandy Region are encouraged to provide medical support in all health related fields, or to serve as volunteers in making the event a success.

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Jones. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lois Jean Grimmet, 70, of Huddy, died Tuesday, April 3, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Grimmet. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 6, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Robert J. Dompke, 76, of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, April 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Louvina Coleman Dompke. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 8, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Donald Ward, 82, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of

Grapevine, died Sunday, April 1, at Regency Manor, Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Cook & Son Funeral Home.

**Knott County**

Ada Slone Nickles, 95, of Mt. Sterling, died Saturday, March 17, at Mary Chiles Hospital. Funeral services were conducted March 20, under the direction of Taul Funeral Home.

Albert Stewart, 86, of Hindman, died Sunday, April 1, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Mary M. Wireman, 75, of Spencerville, died Wednesday, April 4, in St. Rita's Medical Center. Funeral services were

conducted Friday, April 6, under the direction of Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home.

**Lawrence County**

Bobby E. Cordle, 59, of Louisa, died Monday, March 26, at Three Rivers Medical Center emergency room, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Dianne Cordle. Wilson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Brent Weaver, 20, of Inez, died Tuesday, March 27, at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 30, at Alberts-Brown Funeral Home, Albertsville, Alabama. Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez, was in charge of local arrangements.

Rebecca Nell Burgess Bogema, 75, of Stuarts Draft, Virginia, formerly of Louisa, died Monday, March 26, at the

University of Virginia Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Stuart Bogema. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 29, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Mildred Edwards, 77, of Adams, died Friday, March 30, at her residence. Graveside funeral services were conducted Monday, April 2, under the direction of Heston Funeral Home.

Jay Harm Moore, 77, of Louisa, died Sunday, April 1, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Thurman Porter Sr. of Radnor, West Virginia, died Monday, April 2, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Arrangements, under the direction of Youngs Funeral Home.

**Johnson County**

John Calvin Walters, 77, died Thursday, March 29, at his Williamsport residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Ward Walters. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 31, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Alicia Raeann Gwinn, infant daughter of Shawn Michael and Amy Renee May Gwinn, died Friday, March 23, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 26 and burial was in May Family Cemetery at East Point.

Danielle Nicole Ward, 16, died Friday, March 30. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 2, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Edith G. Davis, 80, died Thursday, March 29, at Baptist East Hospital, Louisville. She is survived by her husband, Lon Cecil Davis. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Robert Lee Castle, 60, died Thursday, March 29, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Imogene Wheeler Castle. Funeral services were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Walter Dixon, 87, of Urbana, Ohio, died Tuesday, March 27, in McAuley Center, Urbana. He is survived by his wife, Deryl F. Maynard Dixon. Funeral services were conducted

ed Saturday, March 31, under the direction of McDonald Funeral Home.

Audie Skaggs Rigsby Davidson, 86, of Flat Gap, died Sunday, April 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Jay Harm Moore, 77, of Louisa, died Sunday, April 1, at his Louisa residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 4, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Mabel Baldwin Spears, 91, died Sunday, April 1, at Highlands Regional Medical

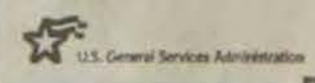
Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

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**State police sell chances on Disney cruises to raise money for Trooper Island**

Each of the 16 posts of the Kentucky State Police are selling chances to win two Walt Disney cruise line vacations, to raise money for the Trooper Island Children's Camp.

The summer camp is for underprivileged children. Many kids from Eastern Kentucky went last year. Troopers from state police posts also volunteered their personal time to go to the camp with kids.

About 700 kids totally visited the camp, from age 10-12, last year.

The camp costs \$130,000 per year. Without donations, the camp would not be provided.

The camp is located at Dale Hollow Lake near the Cumberland and Clinton county line.

Chances are \$5 per person. The winners will be drawn at the Kentucky State Fair on August 26 at 2 p.m.

For more information, people may call the post nearest them. Trooper Tim Kilburn at Post 13 in Hazard said that people can call the posts and order them by mail, or talk to any trooper.

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affect people in this community. We're going to accept any person or any company that meets our criteria from any area here in Eastern Kentucky or anywhere. The only criteria we have, that the governor has stressed and that we've embraced, is that whatever we manufacture or produce or whatever service we provide, it has to be something that can be exported. We don't want somebody in there who is going to set up a doughnut shop to sell doughnuts to the people here in Paintsville. If they want to set up a doughnut shop, it has to be something where they're shipping across the state, across the nation, across the world. The whole purpose of this is to bring money from outside of our area into Eastern Kentucky, into our region, into a three- or four- or five-county area. Our purpose of this is to create and develop and incubate these businesses to where at some point when they would leave the incubator and go either in our industrial site or back to their county or wherever, build their manufacturing plant, rent a building and their business would then be established, whether it be through the internet, whether it be through normal supply lines or whatever. We want, we have to have so many new entrepreneurs coming in order to graduate the others. So the whole success bit has to be continual.

**STH:** As you have taken on different roles with the solid waste board, the Law Enforcement Council and the League of Cities, your resumé has continued to grow and, one would have to presume, so have your contacts throughout the state. Are we likely to see Robin Cooper attempting to step up the political ladder anytime soon?

**RC:** (Laughing) I want want to be king. No, really, and I'm asked this question quite often, and at this point I'll honestly say I'm very satisfied with what I'm doing right now. I really intend, at this point, to serve one more term as mayor, because of all these projects and because of what we've got going on here. I really feel like my whole personal mission with this is to improve my community. My family, my grandparents and everybody, Paintsville is where we were born and it's been very good to my family and very good to me, and I guess in my own way I want to give back. I spend a lot of time and put a lot of effort into job development, education, to improving the infrastructure here in Paintsville and Johnson County.

But I'm not going to do this forever. At some point, new leadership has to come up. We've got plenty of people that could probably do this job as well or better than I can. But I've got a lot of things that I've started that will take at least another two or three years to accomplish and I feel like it would be unfair to this community to leave — of course, they might want me to — to leave in the middle of it and not see these through. Because ultimately, whether they succeed or fail, I feel like it's my responsibility to make sure they succeed. Then at that point, I will probably weigh my options. But really, having retired from my private business in 1996, and really retired in 1998, I do this exclusively and full-time. One more term. It would have to be a real

ly challenging position, a very lucrative position, before I would leave as mayor or want to even be in elected office or any other position after my term is up, if I'm elected one more term. I really intend to retire in five-and-a-half years.

**STH:** Retire altogether, or retire and start looking?

**RC:** Well, if the stock market will go back up ... (laughing). I've worked my butt off for 20-some years to try to get myself where I can — heck, everybody works. I'll work. I'll do something. I'm talking about being aggressive, going out here spending 50 or 60 hours a week trying to do something. As you can see, I've got so many projects right now, so many things going on, this is almost like owning three companies again. It's just crazy. And I bring it on myself and I like the challenge, but you can only do that so long.

And this is somewhat very trying in dealing with government. It's slow, the hoops you have to jump through. It's not like being in private business where, when you own your own business, you say, "This is what I want and this is the way I want you to do it." Here, everything is compromise, everything is communication and getting along with people, schmoozing and trying to work through the system. If you're like me, sometimes that frustrates you. Even though I am becoming more comfortable with that, still sometimes it's very trying. I don't know if that answers your question, but it's sort of the way I ramble around.

You do something and you start a project that you think nobody could be against you, that everybody would be positive. All of a sudden, for some reason that just comes out of the blue, somebody comes up and blows a hole in it. Not to say all my ideas are great and that I should never be questioned. It's not always the merit of the project. Sometimes it's the personality or who's doing it or what the situation is. You know, you can only deal with that so many years and then make enough enemies and step on enough toes that in time it's just best to go on and let somebody fresh come in, let them be the dandy and let them take over and that's what happens. I've actually been here longer than I thought I would. Probably longer than a lot of people would like (laughing).

**STH:** As someone who has served as a public official and has been involved in policymaking at numerous levels, what do you feel is in store for Eastern Kentucky in the future?

**RC:** Well, I was interviewed by the Lane Report the other day and we talked about the airport and sort of got around to a question like that, and I really see a very positive future for Eastern Kentucky. I think our education facilities and money being put into it is comparative with the rest of the state. The schools are getting better. I feel like under the leadership of Gov. Patton and his emphasis on Eastern Kentucky, and also with Congressman Hal Rogers and the initiatives he has undertaken with not only the PRIDE organization, but also with new companies coming and the tourism initiative, I feel like now we're getting focused on what makes Eastern Kentucky strong. It's our heritage. It's our people. It's our workforce. With some of the

new technologies we've got, we're not necessarily restricted by a lack of the best highway systems, even though ours have improved a great deal. With the new announcement with BellSouth we made down in Frankfort two or three weeks ago, with the access of broadband internet access, digital technology, high-speed access, that puts us up on a level playing field with Louisville, Lexington and other cities that because of their economic status have already achieved that.

So we're moving in a very positive direction. I feel like in the next three or four years, as you are seeing right now, we're moving to change, you're going to see more growth, as much growth as can be allowed under maybe a stagnant economy which we might be facing, but you're still going to see Eastern Kentucky moving up to the same level or close to the same level as other areas of the state and the region. I still feel like one strong commodity we have in Eastern Kentucky, one we've always had but it's not always been recognized, is the quality of our people. I think now we can see with these call centers coming, they're tapping into a workforce they know is reliable and responsive to their needs. We've got another level of the workforce that is a little higher skilled, a little higher tech, that I feel has not been tapped. We do have a good source of that. That's probably the direction I want to take us in, to cover all areas so we don't just worry about \$8-an-hour jobs, but we try to create \$12-an-hour and \$15-an-hour jobs with benefits and try to fill that whole range.

In a nutshell, I just really feel like we are started up. The economic slowdown, the national economic slowdown, will affect us also. But I still think as we recover from that, if we actually have a slowdown, we will be in the same tide as everybody else and we will rise with it. I can't say that has always been case.

People in Eastern Kentucky have always felt like that, as long as you've got a big hollow or a big flat piece of land, even though it didn't have any water, sewer, gas or electric to it, you had an industrial site. I think that thinking has hopefully evolved to the point that that's not an industrial site anymore. We now have sites, with the Honey Branch industrial site and the prison going up there, our Teay's Branch site and other locations that have been developed, now have water, now have access to sewer and some more of the infrastructure that is needed. We actually have places where we can locate industry, and we're not slowing down. We've got grants to build a million gallon a day water treatment plant on Route 3. It's going to take in Honey Branch and also develop sewer for all the property there surrounding American Standard. It's also going to sewer the airport property up there. As we provide this infrastructure out into our county, it just opens up more areas, more properties that can be developed residentially or for industrialization or whatever.

So we're moving, I feel like, in the right direction. It's just progress. We're slowly getting close to the 21st century. I don't know if we've entered it yet or not, but we're moving in that direction. It's a real exciting time.

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## SidelineShots

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITORAnticipation  
builds

Anticipation for next season's college basketball meeting between the University of Louisville Cardinals, under new head coach Rick Pitino, and the University of Kentucky Wildcats is building as we speak.

It seems as if any sports-related topic of conversation turns to the highly anticipated event that will take place in Rupp Arena, a place where Pitino once walked and stormed the sidelines. Rupp was a place Pitino made his home. He made it his own.

The pageantry surrounding the event promises to be nothing short of spectacular. Hey, it's already beginning. You have UK fans going with Pitino. You have UK fans who that at one time would do anything for the celebrated Pitino, denouncing their association with him and in the process bleeding even more blue. You even have a small realm of U of L fans who don't like the idea of Pitino, the FORMER UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COACH, coaching at their place. Go figure. I think, if anything, Pitino's move to Louisville is healthy for the rivalry. Here it is April and folks in the Bluegrass State, even sooner than usual, are talking basketball.

It won't be easy for Tubby Smith when Slick Rick and his Cards come calling next season. The pressure will be on Tubby Smith, not Pick Pitino. Tubby's contract extension will definitely get a test early as the Cats will be expected to win almost every game, as the case is expected most every season.

Adkins gets  
No. 700

Legendary high school baseball coach Charlie Adkins got his 700th career win on Wednesday night when his Paintsville Tiger

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## Track and field

Allen Central  
beats B. Layne  
in track meetTIMES HERALD STAFF  
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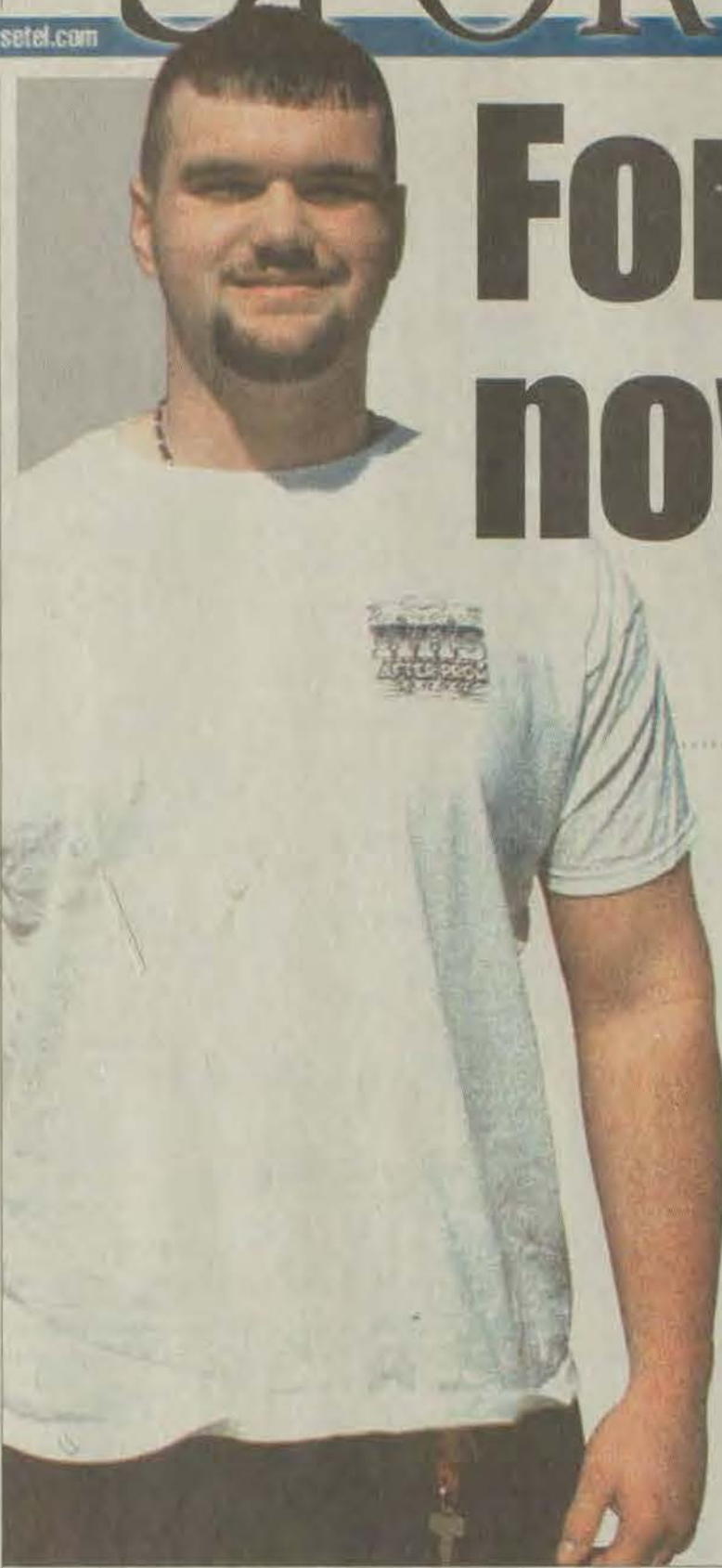
Allen Central beat Betsy Layne in a home, boys dual track meet held Thursday. The Runnin' Rebels took beat Betsy Layne 69-40 and had several first-place finishers in the process.

Allen Central track athletes took first-place honors in eight of the twelve individual events. The one lone team event, the 4x100 meter relay, was also won by Allen Central. Members of the winning relay team were Austin Francis, Paul Francis, James Hunter and Shawn Newsome. The AC relay team won the event with a time of 1:05. The Betsy Layne relay squad finished the event with a time of 1:11.

Josh Allen led Betsy Layne with three individual first-place finishes.

James Hunter, Travis Francis and Shawn Newsome each had a pair of first-place finishes for Allen Central.

(See TRACK, page three)

Former Dawg  
now a Bear

"His work ethic is unbelievable," said Coach Dixon. "He played offensive and defensive tackle for us and for him to go to Pikeville College and settle in at tight end and do as well as he's done is remarkable."

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Hazard Coach Maurice Dixon has turned out some good football players during his time as a head football coach. Hazard High School football teams are playoff-bound year-in and year-out.

Every now and then, a player comes along, a player that somehow makes a coach's job easier in some way. Bill Dixon, a Hazard High alum, now a tight end at Pikeville College, was such a player when he played in the high school ranks. He's pretty much the same player now, as he plays in a brand new college football program set to enter its first year of collegiate conference play.

"Bill is one of those kids I trusted completely," admitted Hazard Coach Maurice

Dixon. "Anytime I needed something done on the weekend, or needed help, I knew I could count on Bill to go do it or get a couple of guys to help do it. I never had to worry about him. He comes from a solid family."

The former player and coach are not related.

The one-time Hazard Bulldog's work ethic has impressed several at Pikeville College. But it's nothing new to those, like his former high school coach, who know him best.

"His work ethic is unbelievable," said Coach Dixon. "He played offensive and defensive tackle for us and for him to go to Pikeville College and settle in at tight end and do as well as he's done is

remarkable." One of the highlights of Pikeville

(See DAWG, page three)



Bill Dixon

BL Bobcats  
edge AC RebelsElkins, Sizemore  
go distance in  
pitchers duelby STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

A pair of seniors, Betsy Layne's Dustin Elkins, and Allen Central's Brandon Sizemore went to war in Wednesday night's 58th District baseball game between the host Bobcats and visiting Rebels. Both pitchers went the distance. One starter suffered the loss and the other an all-important win.

Allen Central, fresh off a 10-4 win over Breathitt County one night earlier, fell 4-3. The loss was their first setback of the season. The win evened Betsy Layne's sea-

(See REBELS, page three)



Dustin Elkins



"We got the hits we needed," said Betsy Layne Coach Scott Anderson. "It was a lot of real timely hitting, to go along with a strong pitching performance from Dustin (Elkins)."

Hazard  
athlete plays  
on national  
teamby TONY McGUIRE  
SPORTS WRITER

Last June, tryouts for the U.S.A. Junior National basketball team were held in Louisville, Kentucky. One of the over 100 participants in the tryouts was Hazard Lady Bulldog Romilda Haskins.

Girls from around the state met at the University of Louisville to compete for the honor of being on the Kentucky team that would travel to Madison, Wisconsin to play for the national title.

Coaches divided the girls into teams, and after watching them compete in three games, selected a squad to represent Kentucky in the nationals. After the evaluation process was completed, Haskins was among the ten chosen for the team.

On July 9, Haskins reported to the Madison gym for practice only to find out that only six of the ten girls chosen to represent Kentucky showed up. Fortunately for the six, Kentucky was not the only state that had players to no-show. The six girls were placed on teams from other states that were lacking players. Five of the girls from the Bluegrass State were placed on the Indiana team while Haskins found herself on the Oregon squad.

After readjusting the lineups for the tournament, 35 states put teams on the court. Due to the large number of teams in the tournament, pools were selected and a playoff was held for the tournament. The Oregon team was able to go 7-1 (losing to Pennsylvania) in their pool and advanced on to tournament play.

Oregon's first opponent in the tournament was the same Pennsylvania squad that had defeated them two days earlier. This time Oregon was able to exact some revenge, coming away with a 20-point victory.

(See HASKINS, page three)

Tryouts will include  
area hoops playersby STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Shelby Valley's Shannon Akers has been invited to tryout for the 60th annual all-star game between Kentucky and Indiana high school seniors. The game will take place on April 21-22 at Lexington Catholic High School.

Thirty-two boys were invited to the tryouts along with 32 girls.

Akers was the lone male chosen from the 15th

Region. Two seniors, Shelby Valley's Summer Jones, and

Sheldon Clark's Mandy Harmon, both Miss Basketball candidates, were invited to the girls' tryouts. A 14th Region standout, Kristie Miller of Perry Central, was also invited to tryout.

Akers averaged 19 points per game this past season while leading Shelby Valley to a 27-2 record. The Wildcats were upset by Allen Central in the first round of this year's 15th Region Tournament.

Other players selected to tryout for the boys' team are Brandon Bender and Adam Chiles of Ballard, Josh Carrier from Bowling Green, Ronnie Dawn of Newport Central Catholic, Carlos Hurt of Moore

(See TRYOUTS, page five)

photo by Steve  
LeMaster

Shaji Jackson (57) took part in a drill during Pikeville College spring football practice on Wednesday. Jackson, a South Carolina native, plays defensive end for the Bears.



Track and field

Prestonsburg High School Track Schedule

Table with columns: Date, Location. Rows: April 17 (Pikeville), April 19 (Pikeville), April 24 (Pikeville), May 1 (Pikeville), May 3 (Pikeville), May 8 (Pikeville), May 15 (Pikeville), May 24 (Leslie County), May 25 (Leslie County), June 1-2 (Lexington).

Allen Grade School Track Schedule

Table with columns: Date, Location. Rows: April 16 (Pikeville), April 23 (Pikeville), April 26 (Pikeville), April 30 (Pikeville), May 5 (Pikeville), May 10 (Pikeville), May 14 (Pikeville).

Basketball

NBA standings

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Western Conference. Sub-sections: Atlantic Division, Midwest Division, Central Division, Pacific Division. Lists teams and their records.

Championships

Table with columns: NCAA champions, NIT champions. Lists various sports teams and their locations.

Baseball

Table with columns: Cincinnati Reds, Dayton Dragons (A), Louisville Riverbats (AAA), Chattanooga Lookouts (AA), Mudville Nine (A). Includes schedules and contact information.

Quote of the day...

"Baseball is a lot like life. The line drives are caught, the squibbers go fair. It's an unfair game."

- Rod Kanehl, Mets infielder

2000 major award winners

Table listing award winners: Most Valuable Player (Jason Giambi), Rookie of the Year (Pedro Martinez), Manager of the Year (Jerry Manuel).

Football

Table with columns: College, Date, Opponent. Lists Marshall University 2001 schedule and Blue-White Spring Game.

Pikeville College 2001 football schedule

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Location. Lists Pikeville College 2001 football schedule.

XFL standings

Table with columns: East Conference, West Conference. Lists XFL team standings.

Tennis

Prestonsburg High School 2001 tennis schedule

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Location. Lists Prestonsburg High School 2001 tennis schedule.



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Prestonsburg martial artist Garrett Brown brought home two medals, one gold (sparing), and one silver (forms) from this year's Bluegrass Winter Games.

Auto Racing

NASCAR leaders

(Through April) POINTE: 1. Dale Jarrett, 1056. 2. Jeff Gordon, 981. 3. Johnny Benson, 946. 4. Steve Park, 933. 5. Sterling Marlin, 889. 6. Rusty Wallace, 879. 7. Bobby Hamilton, 825. 8. Elliott Sadler, 824. 9. Bill Elliott, 822. 10. Kevin Harvick, 811.

MONEY

1. Jeff Gordon, \$2,217,705. 2. Michael Waltrip, \$1,646,400. 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., \$1,523,673. 4. Dale Jarrett, \$1,426,855. 5. Rusty Wallace, \$1,286,216. 6. Ricky Rudd, \$1,022,275. 7. Steve Park, \$945,278. 8. Bill Elliott, \$882,412. 9. Bobby Labonte, \$802,320. 10. Mark Martin, \$795,758. 11. Jeremy Mayfield, \$778,708. 12. Tony Stewart, \$755,826. 13. Sterling Marlin, \$740,348. 14. Terry Labonte, \$711,911. 15. Mike Skinner, \$691,944. 16. John Andretti, \$688,853. 17. Ward Burton, \$683,094. 18. Jeff Burton, \$679,920. 19. Kevin Harvick, \$675,697. 20. Johnny Benson, \$669,074.

Fitness

Pro-Fitness Outdoor Events

April 29 - Dewey Lake Kayak Tour, convention center, 9 a.m. May 27 - German Bridge Mountain Trail Bike Ride, German Bridge Campground, 9 a.m. June 24 - Sandy Valley Century, Pro-Fitness, 7 a.m. July 29 - Little Shepherd Mountain Trail Bike Ride, Whitesburg McDonalds, 8 a.m. August 26 - Jenny Wiley Mountain Trail Bike Festival, Jenny Wiley Mountain Trail Bike Trails, 10 a.m. September 26 - Mountain Trail Bike Tour of Prestonsburg, Pro-Fitness, 1 p.m. October 7 - Levisa Cup river race, Prestonsburg River Park, 9 a.m. November 25 - Turkey Trot Mountain Trail Bike Ride, Pro-Fitness, 1 p.m. December 23 - Christmas Trail Run, Convention Center, 1 p.m.

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Softball

High School Schedules

Table with columns: Team, Date, Location. Lists high school softball schedules for South Floyd, Allen Central, Betsy Layne.

Running

BancOne Hillbilly 5K At Pikeville

MEN Individual - Mike Corbin 16:43; Dave Borell 17:02; Will Lindsey 17:12; John Stosider 17:42; Ben Scott 17:45. WOMEN Individual - Tracy Sullivan 16:40; Lauren McCoy 17:26; Shannon Loeffler 17:37; Carrie Knoeber 17:45; Brook Powers 18:01.

Fishing

4th annual South-East Marine Classic held

Warm weather has begun to set in and with it comes the start of fishing season. One of the largest events held in the state is the South-East Marine Tournament held on Lake Cumberland. This past weekend 286 boats were set afloat in the 4th annual South-East Marine Classic. The 500-plus fishermen competed for over \$33,000 worth of cash and prizes.

The event started with a rules clinic and cookout, and a round of prize giveaways (batteries, trolling motors, and tackle). When the sun came up the next morning the boats hit the water for a day of fishing. As the day turned to dusk the boats headed back to the dock for the official weigh-in.

With all the boats in and all the fish weighed, boat number 103 was declared the winner. The team of Boggs and McKnight from London, Kentucky were awarded the \$5,000 cash prize for their five bass that weighed in at 10.41 pounds.

Complete tournament results can be found by watching WYMT's April 11 special at 7 p.m. Co-sponsor, Tracker Boats, will be holding a Nitro Owners tournament May 6 on Cumberland Lake. Boats will put into the water at Bumside ramp. Top prize will be a \$10,000 Tracker Bass boat. The top 15 percent of this tournament will go on to fish in the Tracker Owners Classic on Table Rock Lake in Missouri. This tournament will have a \$21,000 top prize.

Wildlife Report

Wildlife, boating officials to begin courses for watercraft

State wildlife and boating officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will begin conducting educational courses for watercraft operators this April. Kentucky law now requires persons ages 12-17 to pass a state certified test operating any watercraft over 10 horsepower by themselves on Kentucky waters. The six-hour, free course and test will be offered twice a month in each of the state's nine wildlife law enforcement districts. No pre-registration is necessary and all course materials will be provided. During the course, officers will provide instruction on safe operation of various watercraft and boating laws. At the conclusion of the course, participants will be given the test. Those that pass will be issued a safe boating certificate (car) as proof of complying with the law. Boater Education Courses and tests will be given each year from April through September.

Sports Briefs...

Baseball

Pike Central no-hit by Lawrence County

Lawrence County pitcher Steven Castle fired a six-inning no-hitter as the Bulldogs blanked previously undefeated Pike Central 10-0 Tuesday. Castle also drove in two runs, while striking out nine. T.J. Caudill went 4-for-4 with two doubles for the Bulldogs (5-0). Adams Blevins, Adam Kirk and Castle drove in two runs apiece to round out a balanced Lawrence County attack. The loss dropped Pike Central to 3-1.

Ashland seven better than Sheldon Clark

Ashland scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to break open a close game en route to a 9-2 win over the Sheldon Clark Cardinals. Eric Salow pitched a three-hitter for the Tomcats, who improved to 4-1. Salow, with the win, improved his record to 2-0 on the year. Chad Howell took the tough loss, falling to 1-1. Coach Mike Hall's Cards fell to 3-2.

Cleveland GM leaving

John Hart is leaving his position as GM of the Cleveland Indians, as of Nov. 1. Hart will be replaced by Mark Shapiro, his assistant the past three seasons. Hart, 52, took over the franchise, when it was in dire need of restructuring and guidance. He was able to rebuild the Indians by being one of the first pro executives to identify and sign young players to long-term contracts in order to avoid arbitration hearings.

Football

Peterson leaves Tulsa, takes UT job

Buzz Peterson resigned as Tulsa Coach on Tuesday to accept the job as basketball coach at Tennessee. Last week, he led the Golden Hurricane to the NIT championship. Peterson grew up in Asheville, N.C., just across the Smoky Mountains from the Tennessee campus — and his father graduated from UT. He was the roommate of another Tar Heel, Michael Jordan.

Softball

Letcher wins home opener, drops next game

The Letcher Lady Eagles made it a grand opener as they pounded out 27 hits en route to a 19-1 win over visiting Red Bird. Letcher dropped their second game of the season, also at home, to Cordia 11-3.

Golf

Masters Champions

Table with columns: Year, Name. Lists Masters Champions from 1934 to 1996.

Search is on to fill Transy coaching vacancies

One of the longest and most successful coaching careers in Kentucky collegiate basketball history recently came to an end when Transylvania head coach Don Lane announced his retirement during a campus news conference.

Long-time assistant and Transy alum Ron Whitson also announced he was retiring after 27 years on the bench — one under former TU coach Lee Rose and 26 along side Lane.

Although they are retiring from their coaching positions, both men continue to teach as part of Transylvania's physical education department, where both are tenured professors and Whitson is a Bingham Fellow for excellence in teaching. Lane will also operate his annual basketball camp this summer.

"It's been a great run," said Lane, who completed his 28th year as Transy's head coach with the most successful season in school history, a 27-2 record and a berth in the NAIA Men's Division I national championship tournament. "It's difficult to give up something that has meant so much to me over the last three decades. Transylvania has become a part of me."

Recently named NAIA Coach of the Year, Lane's career record at Transy is 509-241. He won his 500th game at the school on Jan. 30. He also won 15 games in a single season as head coach Indiana Southeast, leaving him with a career collegiate mark of 524-254. He came into this season ranked fourth among active NAIA coaches in wins.

Lane, who graduated from Union College in 1965, is a member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame and in 1997, he was inducted into the NAIA Basketball Hall of Fame. Whitson replaced Lane on Rose's staff when Lane accepted the Indiana Southeast job, then remained on the bench when Lane returned to take Rose's place in 1975-76. Few head coach/assistant combinations have lasted as long.

A member of the Pioneer Hall of Fame, Whitson is a 1967 Transy graduate who scored 1,534 points during his playing career. Third on

www.americanheart.org logo and website information.

# P'burg teams tops at track meet

TIMES HERALD STAFF REPORT

Coach Dewey Jamerson's Prestonsburg High School track team competed in their second track meet in three days at Bob Amos Park on Thursday, coming away with impressive overall first-place finishes in both the men's and women's divisions.

The Prestonsburg men's team beat second-place Pikeville 109-87. The Prestonsburg women's team also won first over a Pikeville team, 148-139.

P'burg senior Brooke Hicks finished first in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.13, beating out Sarah Hobbs of Pikeville, who turned in a time of 14.27.

Shelby Valley's Jessica Mullins took first in the 200 meter dash with a first-place time of 30.37. Pikeville's Hobbs rebounded in the 400 meter dash event and scored a first-place finish with a time of 1:08.58.

Paintsville's Desiree Haney took home first-place honors in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:47.00, while teammate Hayley Castle's time of 6:58.00 was first in the 1,600 meter run. Lauren Francisco, a Pikeville senior, finished first in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 15:22.00. Prestonsburg track athlete Kristian Combs finished second in both the 1,600 and the 3,200 meter runs. Paintsville's Tiffany Vanhoose won the 100 meter low event with a first-place time of 19.19. Vanhoose finished in front of Pikeville's Brittany Hall (20.19) and Shelby Valley's Samantha Martin (23.11).

Prestonsburg captured first-place finishes in both the 4x200 and 4x400 meter relays. Prestonsburg's Hicks finished first in the triple jump and teammate Vicki Bowling, a junior, edged out teammate Bethany Joseph, another junior. Joseph

## Haskins

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From there they went on to beat teams from Texas, California, and Oklahoma. In the championship game, they were able to defeat a previously undefeated team from Iowa and Kansas 38-30 for the national title. Oregon finished the tournament with a record of 11-1.

then edged Bowling in the discus throw by a little over four feet.

Kevin Jervis, of Prestonsburg, beat out Jenkins' Jared Tackett for a first-place finish in the men's 100 meter dash. Tackett then slipped past Jervis, finishing just in front of him in the men's 200 meter dash.

Chris Spriggs finished first in the men's discus event and Kevin Younce in the shot put. Barrett Blankenship added a first-place finish in the high jump. Nicholas Jamerson added a pair of second-place finishes, one in the triple jump and one in the 110m hurdles. Prestonsburg relay teams finished first in the 400, 800 and 1800 meter relays. Chris Jervis was Prestonsburg's best individual performer in the 400 meter dash, finishing fourth with a time of 59.04.

## TEAM SCORES

Men	
1. Prestonsburg	148
2. Pikeville	139
3. Jenkins	110
4. Paintsville	30
5. Shelby Valley	26
6. Pikeville-White	25
7. Feds Creek	24
8. Jackson City	1

Women	
1. Prestonsburg	109
2. Pikeville	87
3. Shelby Valley	78
4. Paintsville	70
5. Jenkins	54.50
6. Pikeville-White	31.50
7. Feds Creek	16

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## Rebels

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son mark to an even three wins and three losses.

Home field advantage a factor? Maybe. Then again, maybe not.

"We got the hits we needed," said Betsy Layne Coach Scott Anderson. "It was a lot of real timely hitting, to go along with a strong pitching performance from Dustin (Elkins)."

Elkins struck out seven, gave up three hits, three walks and two earned runs en route to the win. His counterpart, Sizemore, struck out eight and walked just one, while giving up four hits.

Visiting Allen Central struck first when leadoff hitter Josh Yates led the game off with a walk and eventually came around to score the game's first run.

Betsy Layne's leadoff hitter, centerfielder Wes Senter, scored in the home half of the first inning to tie the game, 1-1. Sizemore helped his cause in the top half of the second inning by coming around to

score. The run gave Allen Central a short-lived 2-1 lead that was answered when Betsy Layne's Brian Roberts came around to score in the bottom of the second inning after reaching base on a triple.

Elkins was hit by a Sizemore pitch and came around to score in the bottom of the fourth inning to give his team a 3-2 lead.

Allen Central slugger Henry Napier, hitting out of the fourth-place cleanup spot, reached base on a Betsy Layne error and came around to score, tying the game, 3-3. A Senter's base knock in the bottom of the seventh gave Betsy Layne the win. The Betsy Layne senior finished the game two-for-four at the plate with two singles and a run scored.

Betsy Layne was back in action Saturday in a tournament hosted by Lawrence County. Results were unavailable at presstime. The tournament is scheduled to run through Monday.

## Track

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RESULTS	
<b>100m</b>	1. James Hunter (AC) 2. Brandon Keathley (BL) 3. Billy Hall (BL)
<b>200m</b>	1. Shawn Newsome (AC) 2. Paul Francis (AC) 3. Brandon Keathley (BL)
<b>400m</b>	1. Travis Francis (AC) 2. Brett Steele (BL) 3. Chris Cochran (BL)
<b>800m</b>	1. Travis Francis (AC) 2. Matt Hamilton (BL) 3. Wes Bradley (AC)
<b>1600m</b>	1. Waylon Newman (BL) 2. Austin Francis (AC)
<b>3200m</b>	1. Daniel Sazabo (AC)
<b>AC- Allen Central</b>	<b>BL- Betsy Layne</b>



photo submitted  
John Justice, of Prestonsburg, captured a bronze medal in a martial arts form event in the recent Bluegrass Winter Games.

## Coach

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the all-time scoring list when he graduated.

Whitson now stands 14th and he continues to hold the record for free throws made in a season.

"It's been a great relationship and it has meant a lot to me," said Whitson. "I've been given a lot of freedom over the years to coach and teach the game. It's been a very rewarding experience."

"Everything I've won over the years," Lane said, "I share with Ron. It wouldn't have been possible without him. And we've been blessed with other great coaches and players. You can't have the success we've had without great players."

Under Lane and Whitson, the Pioneers qualified for six NAIA tournaments, posted 20 wins 13 times, and have enjoyed 19 consecutive winning seasons. Including the early years of Lane's career, when Transylvania was a member of the NCAA Division III, the Pioneers have made it to post-season play nine times.

In 2000-01, Transy was ranked No. 1 in the country for the first time and was the top seed in the national tournament, also a first. The Pioneers established new school records for wins in a season, consecutive victories (22), and winning percentage (93.1).

Lane's players have also been successful in the classroom. During Lane's 26-year tenure, 92 of 97 four-year players have received Transylvania degrees.

"It has always been my goal that every player graduate and then use his degree for the betterment of his family and himself," said Lane. "I am very proud of our basketball alumni who are making a difference in their communities."

Lane also served as Transylvania's director of athletics for 20 years, from 1975-96, during which time Transy doubled the number of sports it offered.

In 1986, Lane became Transy's winningest coach, passing C.M. Newton's 176 wins. Newton left Transy in 1968 to become head coach at Alabama. Other milestones fell in rapid order: his 300th win in 1992, 400th in 1996 and 500th this season.

Lane and his wife, Monna, have two children — daughter Joy and son Brian. Both are Transy graduates. The Lanes also have two grandchildren. Whitson and his wife, Barbara, have two children, daughter Lynn and son Michael.

A search committee was formed and is currently in the process of filling the coaching vacancies.



photo by Steve LeMaeter

The Marshall Thundering Herd football team worked out at a recent practice. Marshall's annual Green-White Game was held last night.

## Dixon

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College's first season of football, played as a club, JV team, was the win at home over Fork Union Military Academy, a prep school that boasts several NFL alum, Eddie George and Vinnie Testaverde to name a few. The highlight of Bill Dixon's first season at Pikeville came in the Fork Union game. Dixon's one and only reception of the season came in the game against Fork Union. It was a game-winning touchdown reception that gave the Bears an overtime win.

It's now April, spring football practice is underway and Pikeville College is on the verge of entering the Mid-South Conference and engaging in its first season of varsity football. Bill Dixon is ready for the historic-first, varsity season.

"Spring practice is going real good," said the PC offensive lineman at a recent practice. "We're working on a little bit of everything, and everyone is excited about getting the season started."

Dixon, a versatile athlete, chose Pikeville College over both Eastern Kentucky University and Morehead State University.

"I like it up here," admitted Dixon. "It's not too far from home. My mom and dad are probably the biggest reason I came here."

The now-Pikeville College Bear went on to praise his former high school coach by saying, "Coach Dixon is great. He's the best coach I ever had. All of the coaches here are great, it's the best place for me to be."

Sincere praise is something felt mutually between former player and coach.

"Bill Dixon is a great kid," the Hazard mentor said. "He's a kid with a big heart who leads by example."

Yeah coach, and he's still leading at Pikeville College.

"I think we'll do real well this season," admitted Dixon, a freshman. "Everybody is working real hard."

A Bulldog is loose at Pikeville College. And it's a Bulldog who knows how to win and has a work ethic like no other. One who has solidified the fact that he can play college football.

Bill Dixon is just one of several former Hazard Bulldogs who have found their way into the college football ranks. He made a statement last season with a game-winning touchdown catch. This season his encore performance may be something to the effect of being part of a Mid-South Conference championship. Remember: Every 'Dawg' has his day.

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### 2001 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 1,056	Kevin Harvick, 1,097	Scott Riggs, 495
2. Jeff Gordon, 981	Jason Keller, 982	Joe Ruttman, 483
3. Johnny Benson, 946	Greg Biffle, 971	Ricky Hendrick, 472
4. Steve Park, 933	Jeff Green, 923	Ted Musgrave, 472
5. Sterling Marlin, 889	Jimmie Johnson, 917	Jack Sprague, 472
6. Rusty Wallace, 879	Mike McLaughlin, 870	Randy Tolson, 444
7. Bobby Hamilton, 825	Jeff Purvis, 858	Terry Cook, 435
8. Elliott Sadler, 824	Kenny Wallace, 848	Coy Gibbs, 400
9. Bill Elliott, 822	Matt Kenseth, 824	Rick Crawford, 397
10. Kevin Harvick, 811	Todd Bodine, 809	Travis Kvapil, 393

### TOP TEN

■ NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton ranks the top 10 drivers heading into this weekend's race. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- |                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. (1) Dale Jarrett       | <b>Shades of 1999</b>                 |
| 2. (2) Jeff Gordon        | <b>Best Texas finish by far</b>       |
| 3. (6) Steve Park         | <b>His breakout year?</b>             |
| 4. (4) Kevin Harvick      | <b>Strong every week</b>              |
| 5. (5) Johnny Benson      | <b>Knocking on victory's door</b>     |
| 6. (3) Sterling Marlin    | <b>Long day for the Intrepids</b>     |
| 7. (7) Ricky Rudd         | <b>Streak stopped by engine woes</b>  |
| 8. (-) Dale Earnhardt Jr. | <b>Won pole, and nearly the race</b>  |
| 9. (-) Dave Blaney        | <b>Much improved over rookie year</b> |
| 10. (-) Mark Martin       | <b>Signs of life at Roush Racing</b>  |

### FROM LAST WEEK

#### WINSTON CUP

JUSTIN, Texas — They played poker all Sunday afternoon at Texas Motor Speedway, but in the final hand, only Dale Jarrett drew a winner.

For Jarrett and crew chief Todd Parrott, it was all a matter of closing the deal. When crunch time came, in front of an estimated 180,000 fans, it was Jarrett who had all the advantages.

Jarrett, having watched Jeff Gordon try and fail to pass Johnny Benson for several laps, swept past the Pontiac driver and the 329th of 334 laps. Jarrett had disposed of Gordon just as effortlessly the lap before.

"It was just a rocket," Jarrett said, referring to his Ford Taurus, "and it's gonna look that way even more when you're racing guys who only have two tires or no tires (changed). They

couldn't get in the gas. Their cars were pushing, and with four tires (changed on his own pit stop), it was absolutely the right call."

#### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

JUSTIN, Texas — Hours after the Jani-King 300 ended, workers were still trying to repair the remnants of Kevin Harvick's celebration.

Harvick won for the first time this season in the Busch Series, holding off another Winston Cup regular, Jeff Burton. After taking the checkered flag, Harvick first took a reverse victory lap, then cut "doughnuts" in the pavement near the start-finish line, sending up enough white smoke to envelop the entire main grandstand. Harvick's antics left a deep black rubber burn in the pavement, necessitating the

### FEUD OF THE WEEK

#### Jimmy Spencer vs. Ron Hornaday

Spencer lashed out at Hornaday after a long day at Texas Motor Speedway. "It all started off when Ron Hornaday hit me and messed our car up," Spencer fumed. "He must need glasses, that's all. After that, something just broke in the rear end and I backed into the wall, but it all started on the fifth lap. He (Hornaday) did it at Rockingham. He did it at Bristol. He did it at Darlington, and he did it here, too. NASCAR needs to talk to him."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "There are those out there who will say that Spencer is one to talk, but it is a fact that Hornaday, the two-time Craftsman Truck Series champion, has come under a lot of fire early in what is his rookie season in Winston Cup. Hornaday has always been greatly respected for his short-track ability, so maybe next week's race at Martinsville will give him a chance to do well and put some of the criticism behind him."

## COMING UP ON THE CIRCUIT

### WINSTON CUP

**What:** Virginia 500  
**When:** 1 p.m., Sunday  
**Where:** Martinsville (Va.) Speedway (.526-mile track), 500 laps/263 miles  
**Defending champion:** Mark Martin

**Qualifying record:** Tony Stewart, Pontiac, 95.371 mph, Sept. 29, 2000

**Race record:** Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 82.223 mph, Sept. 22, 1996

**Notable:** Martin's victory in this race last year was his second at Martinsville. ... Tony Stewart won the fall race.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

**What:** Pepsi 300  
**When:** 3 p.m., April 14  
**Where:** Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn. (1.333-mile track), 225 laps/299.925 miles  
**Defending champion:** First

**Qualifying record:** None  
**Race record:** None  
**Notable:** This brand-new track is D-shaped and paved in concrete. ... Previously, BGN races in this area were held at Nashville Fairgrounds.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

**What:** Advance Auto Parts 250  
**When:** 2 p.m., Saturday  
**Where:** Martinsville (Va.)

Speedway (.526-mile track), 250 laps/131.5 miles

**Defending champion:** Bobby Hamilton

**Qualifying record:** Mike Bliss, Ford, 94.275 mph, April 19, 1999

**Race record:** Jimmy Hensley, Dodge, 74.294 mph, April 17, 1999

**Notable:** Hamilton will be in the field to defend his 2000 victory. ... Dodges have won the last two races here.

### PROFILE

## Terry Labonte

Winston Cup Series

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Terry Labonte won his first Winston Cup championship in 1984 and his second in 1996. No driver in NASCAR history has won championships with that large a gap between them.

Over the past three seasons, Labonte has slumped in the standings, finishing ninth, 12th and 17th, but it is not the first time his career has fallen on hard times. From 1990 through 1993, while driving for Richard Jackson and Billy Hagan, Labonte failed to win a race, but he rose to prominence again when he signed with Rick Hendrick's multi-car team in 1994.

The veteran driver holds NASCAR's all-time record for consecutive starts (655), although his streak ended in 2000 when he was unable to compete in the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis due to the aftereffects of injuries suffered in a Daytona crash.

Labonte's younger brother, Bobby, won the Winston Cup championship last year, and they are the only brothers ever to both win titles.

**Hometown:** Corpus Christi, Texas; now lives in Thomasville, N.C.

**Age:** 44  
**Career statistics:** 680 races, 26 poles, 21 wins, 176 top-five finishes, 339 top 10s, more than \$24 million in earnings

**Firsts:** Start (Sept. 4, 1978, at Darlington, S.C.), win (Sept. 1, 1980, at Darlington), pole (March 13, 1981, at Atlanta)

**Car:** No. 5 Kellogg's Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Rick Hendrick  
**Crew chief:** Gary DeHart  
**How is the season going?**



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

**Terry Labonte, a two-time Winston Cup champion, has started 680 races over two decades in Winston Cup racing. He carries the label as NASCAR's Ironman for starting 655 consecutive races.**

"Well, you know, we had a top five in Atlanta, and then a sixth place at Bristol, and we've had two DNF's (did not finish) also. We have been a little bit up and down. I really feel like we have a good team. I think we have some good tracks coming up for us that we can continue to have some good runs."

Have new tire compounds complicated chassis setups this year? "We've run good on some of them. At a few races, we kind of missed the setup a little bit. It's definitely a little bit different. I would say you've just kind of

got to go into it with an open mind. What we ran last year might not necessarily work this time."

Is there anything to the rumors that some teams might skip the upcoming Talladega race due to safety concerns? "I haven't really talked to anybody about that. I heard a rumor about that. You hear rumors about all kinds of stuff, too. I heard (one) that I was going to quit, that I was going to retire."

"So, I don't believe three-fourths of what I hear. I don't know. It's just a rumor. There's nothing to it."

### Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Dale Jarrett, with two wins in the last three weeks.

■ **NOT:** Michael Waltrip has fallen from first to 15th in points since Daytona.

### Trackside Trivia

- Whose first victory was Buick's last?
  - What make of car was Richard Petty driving when he won his 100th race?
  - How many victories did the three Flock brothers win?
- ANSWERS  
1. Brett Bodine; 2. Ford, at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Aug. 22, 1969; 3. 63 (Tim 40, Fonty 19, Bob 4).

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## As far as car makes, parity has been tough to come by

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Seven races into the season, Chevrolets have won four races and Fords have won three. That is not Johnny Benson's idea of parity. Benson drives a Pontiac, but he has resisted the temptation to complain.

"Parity is not in six different winners (meaning drivers)," Benson said. "There have been six different winners in 'people,' but not as far as makes. Pontiac hasn't won a race yet. The Fords have won three, and of course, Chevrolet has won the rest. But it has been very competitive."

"It seems to be fairly equal, and

I'm not really going to complain about anything else, although it sounds like that works for some of the guys. You've got to work hard on your team. That's what it's about. ... It's just a matter of sometimes, if you complain, you can try to get some rules changed, and I guess it works out."

✕ **DOUBLE FIRST:** Dale Earnhardt Jr. was not the only driver who had a first victory at Texas. In fact, Jeff Burton's 1997 victory was both his first victory and the first Cup race, i.e., the first victory by anyone at the track.

"Well, of course winning my first race is something that I will

never forget," Burton said. "I can promise that every driver in this garage will say the same thing. Winning your first race is such a landmark because it's like you've finally reached that plateau. Every one of my wins is important and memorable, but of the career highlights, that won't be forgotten."

✕ **MAGICAL MARK:** Ken Schrader became only the 22nd driver in NASCAR history to compete in 500 races when the Harrah's 500 took the green flag.

"When you are doing something you love, you don't keep count," Schrader said. "If I had spent the past 16 years doing

something that wasn't any fun, you better believe I'd be counting down the days until I was done."

The late Elmo Langley owned the car in which Schrader made his debut at Nashville in 1984. Schrader has run in every race since the Daytona 500 held on Feb. 17, 1985, meaning that he could reach 500 consecutive races on June 3, when the series makes the first of two stops at Dover (Del.) Downs.

✕ **NOTHING NEW HERE:** As expected, the National Stock Car Racing Commission rejected the appeal brought by Mark Melling over the fine and suspension of his team's crew chief, Chad Knuss.

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
As the cliché has it, "the dumbest question is the one unasked." So please bear in mind that I'm not trying to create any problems when I ask this perplexing question. I have yet to see an African-American or minority race car driver. Therefore, I am left to wonder why I have seen no other races of drivers besides Caucasian.

Darryl A.H. McLain  
Hagerstown, Md.

At present, in NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series, two minority drivers are competing regularly, Willy T. Ribbs and Carlos Contreras, and several efforts are under way to increase minority participation at the local level. Ideally, in order for the Daytona 500 to include, say, 10 minority drivers a decade from now, minority drivers need to become active at the local short track level now. The high costs involved in racing also have hindered minority involvement.

✕ Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Upon hearing about the race broadcasts being moved to Fox, I admit I was skeptical. But I have to tell you, the addition of Darrell Waltrip as race commentator was inspirational! He is informative as well as entertaining, with such enthusiasm, you can't help get caught up in the race. His sense of humor is delightful. Along with Larry McReynolds, they add a human element to NASCAR racing that, up until now, was missing.

Pam Cook  
Cadillac, Mich.

✕ Dear NASCAR This Week,  
Congratulations to Michael Waltrip for his Daytona 500 win, although he didn't get his wish for Dale Earnhardt's embrace of joy. It was very respectful and (sportsmanlike) of Bobby Labonte to go directly to his teammate after the crash, although his car was demolished and on fire.

It was a great race, and yet a sad race, of which many tears were and are still being shed.

I do NOT believe the HANS device will benefit our drivers whatsoever. Let it be their choice.

Evelyn Warner  
Fayetteville, Pa.

## Fan Tips

■ Randy Millwood, a fan in Wellford, S.C., is petitioning President George W. Bush to posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Dale Earnhardt. The petition can be located at [www.petitiononline.com/BIGEFAN/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/BIGEFAN/petition.html).

### CREW OF THE WEEK

■ When the leaders made their final pit stops during Sunday's Harrah's 500, it must have been tempting for Dale Jarrett's crew chief, Todd Parrott, to change just two tires on Jarrett's Ford.

Parrott and Jarrett decided to change all four, however, and the call was obviously the right one, because Jarrett roared into the lead with six laps remaining and became the season's first two-time winner.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ During the 1980s, a pair of modified drivers, Richie Evans and Charlie Jarzombek, died in violent crashes at Martinsville Speedway. Partly as a result, the rules regarding chassis construction in the NASCAR modified touring series were changed to make the chassis less rigid and to protect drivers from the ravages of head-on crashes. Similar concerns have been voiced over the past year with the death of Dale Earnhardt and three others.

# Bentley's COMMENTS

BY BUCK BENTLEY

Wanna know why baseball is the greatest game ever played? I'll tell you why. Look at what happened Wednesday night in Baltimore. It's the third game of the season, when guys are still getting to know each other and settle into their apartments or back into their houses after six weeks in Florida or Arizona. Nothing significant can happen this early.

Can it?  
Only in baseball.  
Hideo Nomo came to America a few years ago, saying he'd done all he could playing professional baseball in Japan. He joined the Los Angeles Dodgers, and after that first trip around the league, things started to go south for him. Batters, the best in the world, adjusted to his awkward delivery, and soon he was out of Hollywood.

He's been elsewhere, bouncing around some since those days, and now the Red Sox are his fifth team in the last four years. This year, he will ply his craft for a manager named Jimmy Williams who stirred up controversy before the season even began by telling two of his highest paid players they wouldn't be in the everyday lineup.

Maybe it's to Nomo's advantage that he hasn't exactly mastered the English language. He waited his turn, and it came Wednesday.

So Wednesday night, Nomo went out and threw blanks. Through three innings, then five, then seven, and finally, eight innings, he had 11 strikeouts, more than 100 pitches, and Baltimore had no runs and — shhh! no hits.

What? Are you kidding me? Guys don't throw 100 pitches the first week of April! They don't throw seven or eight innings. They throw five or six, get a good sweat going, and turn it over to the bullpen.

Nomo, going to the ninth, and the Orioles have no hits.

Only in baseball.  
Think about it. Three games in a baseball season? Nothing. Nothing at all.

Three games is 0.0185 of a baseball season. So it would stand to reason that nothing much could happen three games into a season, right?

Wrong.  
So Hideo Nomo went to the hill for the ninth time Wednesday night, with his team leading 3-0, and all of a sudden, the 35,602 people who came to beautiful Camden Yards to root for Cal Ripken and their Orioles suddenly stood and cheered for the enemy.

Nomo got Brady Anderson to tap back to the mound, and there was one out.  
Next up was Mike Bordick. The Oriole short-

stop worked to a 2-1 count, then hit a blooper into short center.

On most nights, this one would fall for a single. On most nights, the second baseman lets it go and covers second. But Wednesday wasn't most nights. On Wednesday, this was a bloop hit in the bottom of the ninth of a no-hitter, when only the best catcher and the seven best defensive players go to the field, and no one just lets it fall.

Mike Lansing was playing second in the bottom of the ninth Wednesday night, and he wasn't about to let this one fall. He ran as far as he could into shallow center, reached out and made a back-handed stab before tumbling to the ground.

Two outs.  
Are you kidding me? A no-hitter? Absolutely, a no-hitter. It's why this is the greatest game ever. My apologies to the thousands of basketball fans in these mountains, and to those die-hard football guys who live for autumn Friday nights. But this is baseball, and this is why even three games into 162 it's the greatest game ever invented.

Think about it. Could something like this happen the first week of the NFL season? What? A quarterback could throw for 300, 400 yards? Not comparable.

In the NBA? Someone scores 50? Who cares? But this is baseball — the greatest of them all — and Wednesday night, Hideo Nomo proved why people pay their way in to the park 81 times a year for their favorite team's home games. Because you never know when something brilliant will happen.

It's why I'll turn 34 next month, but I'll never forget something that

happened in my first year of real, organized baseball. I stood in left field at the Little League park at Fishtrap Lake, nine years old and nearly oblivious to what was going on while wearing that lovely orange uniform with "TIGERS" spelled out across the front. I remember my cousin Brian, a real grown-up at 12-years-old, pitched a no-hitter. I remember that I caught a fly ball for the first out, and then in the sixth, another for the last out.

And while that happened 25 springs ago, I still recall it vividly.

Why? Because it's baseball, the greatest game of them all.

And with two outs, Hideo Nomo coaxed Delino DeShields into a fly ball to left, and Troy O'Leary hauled it in to seal the deal. Hideo Nomo had pitched his second no-hitter.

Why is it the greatest game of them all? This is why. Hideo Nomo signed with Boston this winter, and to be honest, he probably didn't have a lot of options. But he decided to go to the Sox and pitch in a supporting role for Pedro Martinez, baseball's best pitcher.

But on his first outing in a Red Sox uniform, he sent them all down without a hit.

Only in baseball.

## Prestonsburg slips past rival Betsy Layne, 5-4

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

A rather large crowd of spectators made it out to Archer Park Thursday evening to take in a 58th District softball game

### Sideline

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team beat Wayne, West Virginia. I was fortunate enough to be at the state tournament in 1990 when Paintsville, under the guidance of Adkins won a state title. Coach Adkins is one of the best baseball coaches around. He knows the game and he knows how to get the very best out of his players. Paintsville is currently ranked in the latest state poll. The Tigers have a lot of depth, and could, with a little clutch pitching down the stretch, make a run at another state title.

### Area baseball

The area is loaded with good high school baseball teams. Paintsville, Hazard, Betsy Layne, Allen Central, Pike Central — there are several good teams in the area. On farther north, you have Lawrence County, Boyd County and Ashland, along with a pretty good Sheldon Clark team. This season should be an interesting one to say the least.

### Tryouts

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and Patrick Sparks of Muhlenberg North.

Chiles and Carrier are both UK recruits. Dawn is a Marshall recruit and Hurt a Louisville recruit.

Other players invited to try-out for the girls teams include Stacy Felchner of Allen County-Scottsville, Katie Mendhall of Lexington Catholic, Tiffany Roaden and Candice Rose of Jackson County and Katie Schwegmann of Bishop Brossart.

All proceeds from the game go to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundations to provide research into causes and cures of eye diseases and blindness.

between two rivals, Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne. And the game proved to be no less than a rivalry, as Prestonsburg took it to extra innings, winning in the bottom of the ninth when senior Brooke Coleman, who had reached base on a walk, came around to score. An Amelia Conley triple in the bottom of the final inning was the eventual difference.

Host Prestonsburg jumped out early, scoring a single run in each of the first two innings for a 2-0 lead. Betsy Layne scored their first run of the game in the fourth inning and added three more in the top half of the seventh to take a 4-2 lead. Prestonsburg fought back with two runs of their own in the bottom of the seventh to tie the

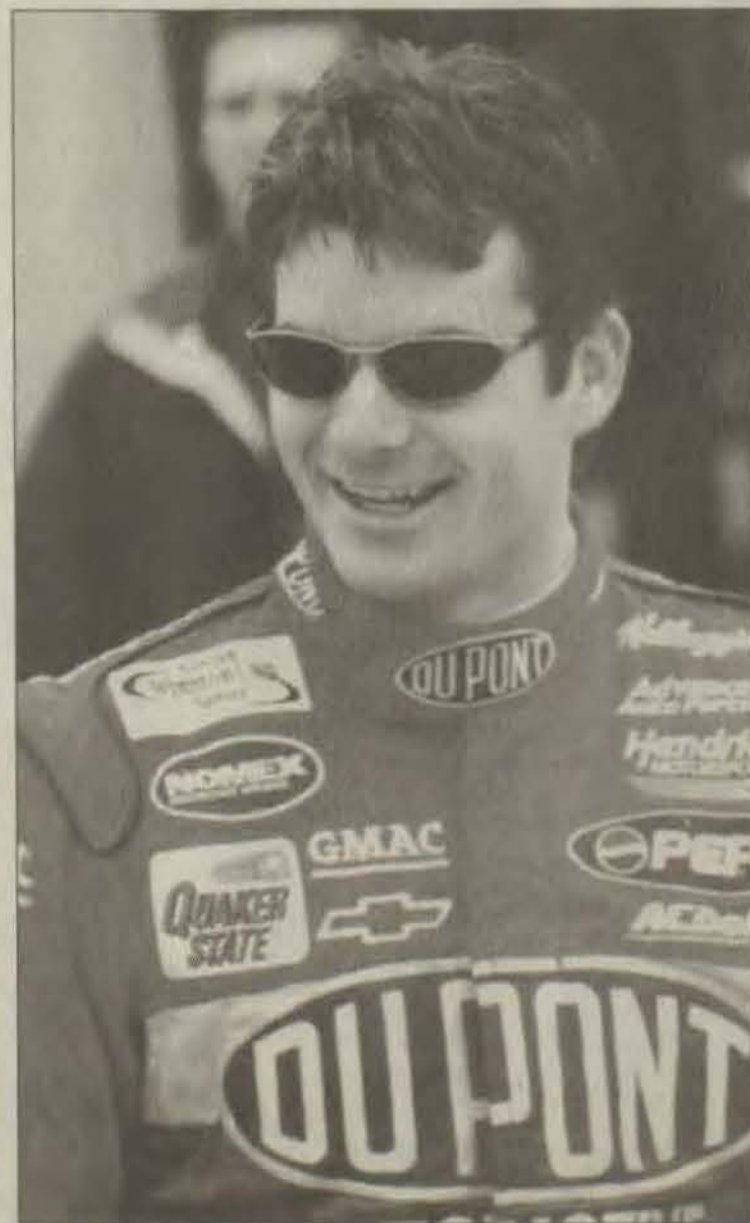
game and send it into extra innings.

Betsy Layne's Natasha Stratton gave the visitors on the scoreboard a shot at producing an extra inning run when she reached base on a walk in the top of the eighth inning.

With one out, Stratton was left stranded at third base. Betsy Layne went in order in the top half of the ninth inning, setting up Prestonsburg's extra-inning win.

Prestonsburg hurler Stacey Goble was the winning pitcher. Betsy Layne cleanup hitter Kim Tackett suffered the loss.

Both teams will have the upcoming week off. Each squad will return to action when school resumes from a spring break vacation early next week.



Jeff Gordon is currently second in the Winston Cup Series points and first on its money list.

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INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

# Rookie Vaults To Ala. Victory

Texas pro Kelly Jordon, a rookie on the BASSMASTER Top 150 circuit, finished off an impressive comeback Saturday for a decisive victory on Alabama's Lake Wheeler.

After being saddled with 22nd place after the first two rounds, Jordon blew away the competition on the final two days. Saturday's catch of 15 pounds, 15 ounces gave him a total of 59-1 and an easy win over his nine fellow finalists.



## Tim Tucker's Tour Notebook

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," said Jordon, who pocketed \$110,000. "You have to go into each tournament thinking you can win, but I am honored to have won against the top competitors in bass fishing."

Jordon's winning pattern involved bouncing shad-colored crankbaits off underwater logs in a creek channel. "There were literally several hundred fish in the area," he said. "I fished it a little too conservatively the first two days. If I had fished it hard

each day, I believe 70 or 80 pounds would have been possible."

Florida's Pete Thliveros climbed from 10th to second on Saturday to finish with 50-12. Dean Rojas of Arizona made a run at winning three consecutive Top 150 events before finishing third with 49-14. Missouri pro Mark Tucker caught 49-8 to finish fourth, followed by Todd Faircloth of Texas with 49-4.

**ESPN-BASS Deal.** It looks as if ESPN, the world's largest sports programming network, is poised to buy the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society. An announcement of the sale of BASS to the television giant is expected in the next week or so, according to The Huntsville Times.

The Alabama newspaper recently reported that ESPN is buying BASS for \$30 million to \$40 million, which is twice as much as CEO Helen Sevier and a group of investors paid for it in 1986.

The purchase would be a home run for the sport, since ESPN has the resources to promote professional bass fishing like never before. ESPN, based in Bristol, Conn., is a subsidiary of ABC, which is owned by the Walt Disney Corp.

Ironically, ESPN reportedly first became interested in buying BASS after being attracted to its controversial World Championship Fishing bass and boating competition series.

If the transaction is completed, ESPN will own the 600,000-strong membership organization, as well as the nation's premier fishing tournament circuit, and a media empire consisting of seven national publications, a television show and national seminar series.

Both parties have been understandably quiet about the deal. Sevier was quoted in The Huntsville Times as saying, "No deal has been struck with anyone. I don't have an extra dime in my pocket." ESPN spokesman Dave Nagle said the network had no comment.

**EverStart Winner.** Ricky Shumpert of South Carolina set an EverStart record Saturday with a five-bass catch weighing 28-2 to win the tournament on Santee-Cooper Reservoir and take home \$50,000.

Shumpert, who used tubejigs and buzzbaits to set the record, easily defeated Indiana's Koby Kreiger (21-8) and Billy Bowen of Florida (20-11).

## Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Wk	Last Wk	Wks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	92	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>In hot pursuit of third BASS Angler of Year title</i>
2	2	75	Tim Horton, Muscle Shoals, Ala. <i>Reigning BASS Angler of Year</i>
3	3	92	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. <i>Made FLW Miss. finals</i>
4	4	8	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. <i>Back-to-back victories end dry spell</i>
5	5	10	Dean Rojas, Lake Havasu City, Ariz. <i>Won consecutive Top 150s at Fla. and La.</i>
6	6	70	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. <i>Breakout season for California phenom</i>
7	7	56	Shaw Grigsby, Gainesville, Fla. <i>Finals of Fla. Top 150</i>
8	8	42	Gary Klein, Weatherford, Texas <i>Won two FLW events, Tracker Legends, WCF</i>
9	9	92	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won Top 150 season opener, FLW Miss. finals</i>
10	10	2	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. <i>Won BASS Eastern Division points title</i>

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

## Tips From the Pros



Veteran hunter WALTER PARROTT has won every major turkey-calling championship in the United States. He lives in Fredericktown, Mo.

### Learn to Use More than One Call

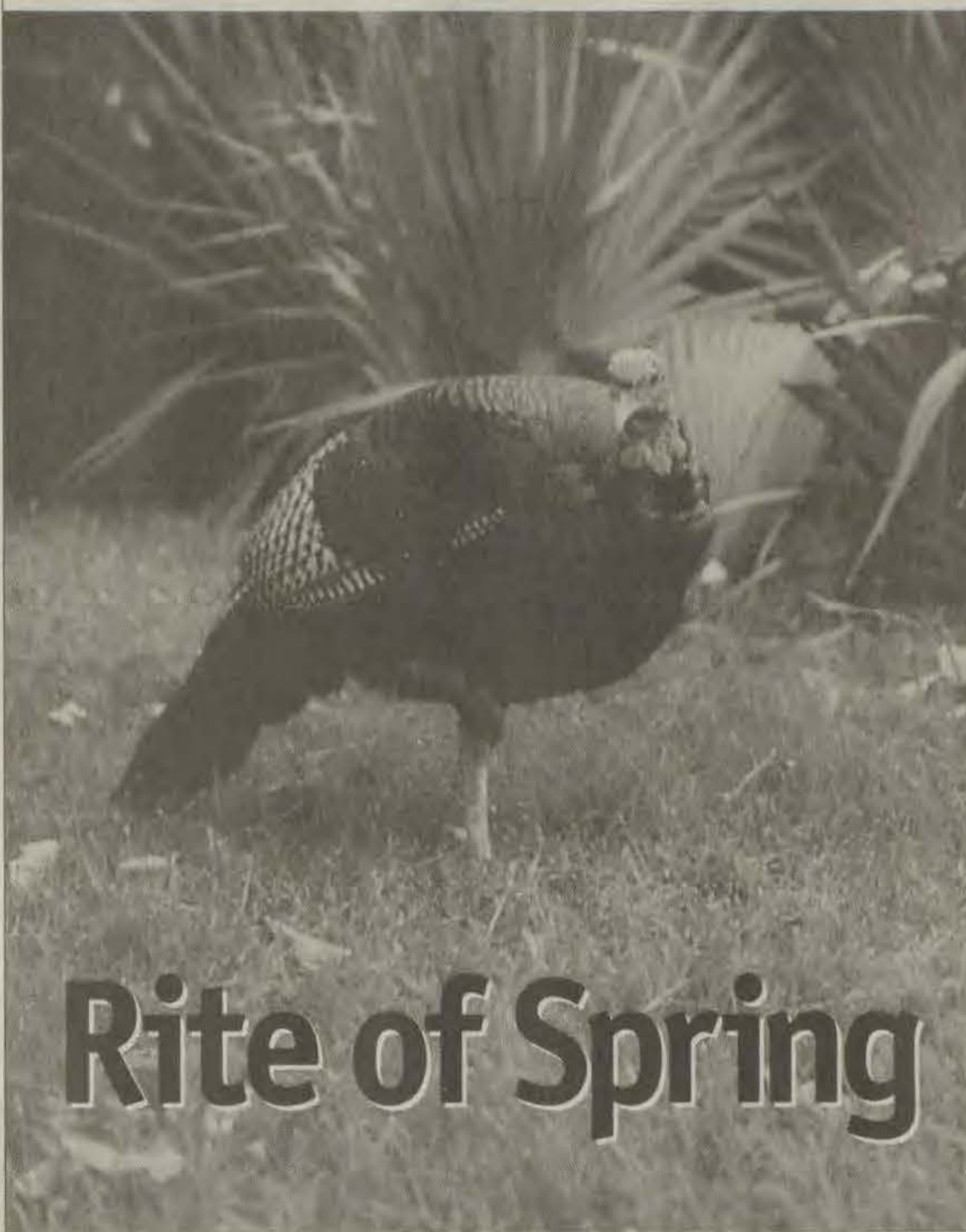
"Learn to use more than one call. Use a friction call, a two-sided box call and a mouth diaphragm. If you use a friction call like a Silver Queen and a box call like a Fightin' Purr along with your mouth diaphragm, you can sound like two or three different hens. If I've been using a particular friction call in a particular area, I'll change it up from time to time. And if the mouth diaphragm I'm using is not successful, I'll switch to a Split-V call. But the main thing is to use more than one call. "One of the important things is, you don't need to take your turkey call with you when scouting. Instead, take your locator calls. Use an owl call early in the morning or a crow call. The locator call is a natural sound that will make a turkey respond to it. He won't investigate; he'll just shock-gobble. Remember, it's illegal to use a turkey call in some states before the hunting season opens. Also, you can condition a gobbler if you use a turkey call before the season. So use a locator call during scouting."

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## TURKEY SEASON



# Rite of Spring

A lovesick male turkey wanders into camera range, lured by a decoy.

## Gobblers Gullible as Hormones Rage

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

It's spring — a time when young turkeys' thoughts turn to love, and the thoughts of turkey hunters turn to what may be the most challenging sport of all.

The opening of spring gobbler season throughout the country will bring hundreds of thousands of hunters out to both private and public lands in hopes of bagging one of the elusive birds.

Veteran turkey hunters know that spring is the time to succeed, a time when the gobbler's wary instincts are deadened somewhat by the hormonal riot going on inside his body. The instinct to mate is so strong during this time of year that gobblers will often respond to any call that could mean a waiting hen is nearby.

And getting a response to a call is the first step to bagging one.

For 23 years, Lovett Williams was the turkey program coordinator for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, a program he initiated. He has long been recognized as an authority on the habits and habitats of the turkey, and his books are considered among the most definitive works ever written on the subject.

Years ago, Williams left the commission to concentrate on his turkey writing and cassette tapes, as well as establish the Fisheating Creek Hunting Camp. Williams leased 14,000 acres that had rarely been hunted, where he offers an affordable semi-guided hunt service, as well as devises wildlife management techniques that he hopes will someday benefit wild game on both public and private land.

"One challenge that today's turkey hunters face is competing with other hunters for

turkeys on public lands," Williams said. "There are plenty of turkeys on some of the public hunting areas, although they are all being harvested in some cases. There are too many people allowed to hunt on some public lands at the same time."

"But even a good turkey population doesn't always ensure good turkey hunting, because turkey hunting has to be done in traditional style. That involves calling turkeys and having turkeys calling back — especially in the spring. A gobbler's gobbling to a turkey caller is going to be heard a long way, and if the area's too crowded and there's just no hunting etiquette being practiced, you are going to have more than one hunter trying to shoot the same bird."

"By the time you've approached a turkey that's gobbling and call it a little while, you'll soon realize that somebody else is calling it, too. You'll hear the other guy calling it. And when that happens, people get careless. They don't want the other guy to kill the turkey and the greed syndrome takes over. And they wind up scaring the turkey off while trying to kill it before the other guy."

To combat such competitive situations, Williams recommends that public-land hunters take extra measures like spending more scouting time and penetrating deeper into the woods to hunt places that other sportsmen aren't likely to reach. Another good strategic plan involves hunting areas that are more difficult to hunt on foot, such as dense woods or dry islands surrounded by wetlands.

Intelligent turkey hunters study U.S. Geological Survey charts of their public hunting tracts to pinpoint remote areas where turkeys are most likely to be found, and utilize handheld GPS navigational units to get around in the woods.

## BEACH PHOTOGRAPHY

# Work of Art May Just Be A Snap Away

By JOHN E. PHILLIPS

Every family loves to take pictures at the beach. But often, the results leave something to be desired. Children are squinting in the sunlight, or their faces are obscured in the shadow of their beach hats, or Dad looks as stiff as a statue.

Not at all like the framed enlargement in the neighbors' living room, showing them relaxing, bathed in a golden light, with waves crashing in the background.

Well, the neighbors may well have used a professional photographer. But believe it or not, you too can create a piece of photographic artwork at the beach with your friends or family.

No matter what your skill level or type of camera, you can take better photos at the shore if you follow the suggestions of professional beach photographer Marguerite Parker of Destin, Fla. And many of these tips apply to taking family photographs at any destination, not just the beach.

"I've always loved to take outdoor pictures, pictures of families and candid shots," Parker said. "I thought, 'Why not make a memorable moment out of these vacations and take beach photos for these families?'"

For a serene ocean setting, Parker often takes her clients to a particular place where she can create two different scenes to photograph. One scene features a tree surrounded by sea oats. She seats the family on a log with the ocean in the background.

"The second phase of the photo shoot I do with most families is actually along the coastline itself," Parker explained. "In these shots, I just include the ocean and sand in the photo."

When you get ready to take family photos at the beach or anywhere else on vacation, look for interesting backgrounds like a brightly colored boat pulled up on the beach, a dilapidated pier or a gnarled piece of driftwood standing out of the sand. Ideally, you should choose two or more settings close to each other. Then you won't have to move people very far to have a new background.

Parker says that the best time to take beach photos is between 6 and 9 in the morning. "At this time of morning, the air is still crisp and clean from the night, and I can get high-quality color shots. The other time to take great photos is at sunset with its mellow light. The colors of early evening create a beautiful, ambient atmosphere, and the sky often will look as though it's been painted by an artist's brush."

Parker may shoot photos at different times to create various moods, but she always uses a flash for her photography.

"A flash eliminates the shadows on people's faces, adds interest to the photograph, and balances the light being reflected from the white sand," Parker said.

Once you have obtained the right light, the next step is to arrange the subjects and choose a camera angle. Resist the temptation to stand everyone side-

by-side and shoot at eye level. Get people to relax in a natural grouping. Once everyone is arranged, you may have to become an acrobat to get a truly unusual, arty picture. Parker often must get on her knees in the sand or climb on something to get a lower or a higher angle for a shot.

"I'll even lie on my stomach to find a low angle and shoot up at people to create a more dramatic photo than if I hold the camera at its usual level," Parker said.

Also, Parker instructs her subjects to stand in many different poses to ensure a variety of photos.

However, Parker said, "the picture doesn't always have to be a posed shot. If you see a child looking out into the ocean with wonder or investigating a seashell for the first time, snap the picture. You can always get more film, but you can never recapture the moment."

Parker also recommends breaking up the group for some shots. "Shoot the mother and father alone. They probably haven't had their picture made alone together since they've gotten married. Then take some photos of the kids together. They'll never be those ages again."



Marguerite Parker

## GEAR AND GOODIES

### Gator Grip Measuring Board Stands Out

There are measuring boards for fishermen — and then there are measuring boards that stand out above the rest. That's the case with the new Gator Grip Golden Rule Professional Series measuring board, designed to meet the demands of serious tournament anglers.

When considering a measuring device, tournament fishermen look for two elements: absolute accuracy and ease of reading. Reigning BASS Masters Classic champion Woo Daves says the new Professional Series board provides a precision that is "unmatched by any other tournament board."

The manufacturer says its measurements are accurate to within .003 of an inch — the

thickness of a human hair. Its accuracy is ensured by a patented system of grooves that have been machined into the anodized aluminum at precise right angles every half inch. The silver grooves won't wear off, and they show up nicely against the black metal.

The Professional Series board is thicker, wider and stronger than the original Golden Rule. And it looks so good that you won't want to hide it below deck. It can even be personalized with the fisherman's name.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Gator Grip Inc. at (317) 398-6281 or go to [www.gatorgrip.com](http://www.gatorgrip.com).



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## Medicare AND YOU



**Donna R. Morton**  
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### Q. Does Medicare help pay for care in my home?

A. Yes. If your doctor sees the need for you to receive care in your home for treatment of an illness or injury, Medicare will help pay for:

- Skilled nursing care
- Home health aide services
- Different types of therapy like physical, speech and occupational

### Q. Are there any requirements that must be met before Medicare will pay?

A. Yes, there are four basic requirements that must be met:

1. Your doctor must order and write a plan for the care you will get at home.
2. The care you need must be skilled nursing care or therapy.
3. You must be home-bound.
4. The home health agency serving you must be Medicare approved.

### Q. What is the plan of care that my doctor must write?

A. A plan of care tells what type of services and treatment you will receive in your home. Your doctor will work with a home health care nurse to decide what types of services you need and how often you will need them.

### Q. What does "skilled care" mean?

A. Under Medicare rules, skilled care is care that can only be given by a licensed medical person. Skilled care might be given in your home by:

- Nurses
- Physical or Occupational Therapists
- Speech Language Pathologists

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## ChamberNotes

### Big Sandy Quilt, Art and Antique Show

In cooperation with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Paintsville Tourism Commission, Area Quilters, Citizens National Bank, Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative and Johnson County Arts Council, the Big Sandy Quilt, Art and Antique Show is scheduled for April 19 through 21. The Ramada Inn in Paintsville will be the location of this event, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This event will feature quilters throughout the Big Sandy, young and old, experienced and inexperienced. Categories include: Miscellaneous Quilted Items (Pillow, Vest, etc.); Original Design (Hand or Machine); Miscellaneous Quilt (Cathedral Window, Trapunto, Candlewicking,

(See **QUILT**, page three)

## KCTCS Ready to Work program receives national recognition

A statewide program through which Kentucky's community and technical colleges prepare welfare recipients for the world of work has won a major national award.

The Ready to Work program — a partnership between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and the state Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC) — is one of three recipients of the 2001 Model Program Award conferred by the American Association of Women in

Community Colleges (AAWCC).

"We were impressed with your effort to serve high-risk, hard-to-serve recipients who are usually undereducated," said Vena Alesio, chair of the AAWCC Model Programs Committee.

KCTCS, represented by Ready to Work program director Shauna King-Simms, accepted the award April 6 at a ceremony in Chicago. It is one of only three such awards that the AAWCC will present this year.

The Ready to Work program is funded

by a \$2 million grant from CFC; KCTCS is matching the grant with more than \$150,000 of its own resources.

### Ready-to-Work emphasizes:

- Efforts to enroll and retain welfare recipients in academic and technical programs.
- Short-term training for students who are not seeking degrees.
- Tutoring, mentoring and counseling to ensure students' success in college.
- Paid and unpaid work experience.

- Job development, placement and retention strategies.
- Marketing to expose welfare recipients to the benefits of education.

"Welfare reform requires welfare recipients to move relatively quickly from dependence to independence," said Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president. "Our colleges provide the education, training and life-skills instruction that are

(See **KCTCS**, page two)



Four assembly workers who celebrated the grand opening of DJ/NYPRO are Gary Franklin of Knott County and Pam Adams, Michelle Roark and Teresa Centers, all of Hazard. The Hazard plant is the most productive out of the system's 26 plants worldwide.



Governor Paul Patton presents Jim Goodman, president of DJ/NYPRO Joint Venture, with a picture of "My Old Kentucky Home."

## USDA to award \$25 million in grants to promote value-added ventures

USDA Rural Development recently announced that \$25 million in grants is available for the development of agricultural producer-owned processing businesses. The new Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants program is designed to encourage independent producers of agricultural commodities to process their raw products into marketable goods, thereby increasing farm income.

Of the total amount, \$20 million will go to help associations of independent producers establish value-added business ventures. The remaining \$5 million will be awarded to establish a pilot project known as the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center.

Ventures in which agricultural producers add value to their prod-

ucts by processing, packaging, or other means, are eligible to apply for grants. Grants can be awarded for such activities as conducting feasibility analyses, developing business and marketing plans, or using as working capital while the venture develops cash flow.

Grant funds cannot be used for the development or acquisition of buildings or other facilities, or to purchase, rent, or install fixed equipment. The maximum allowable grant amount is \$500,000, and grant recipients must provide 1-to-1 matching funds.

Grant applications for this purpose will be accepted in two rounds. Applications for the first round must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time, April 23. The dead-

(See **USDA**, page three)

## Bounced checks: The only money made of rubber

"Sometimes good people write bad checks," said Steve Rhode, president of Myvesta.org, a nonprofit financial services organization. Whether you race to the bank hoping your checks won't post until the money is in your account, or you just don't realize how much money you actually have, writing bad checks is bad news.

It has been reported that

Americans write more than 1 million bad checks a day—some on purpose, some by mistake. Those bad checks total more than \$50 million a day, and it's rising.

Bounced Checks: What to Do If You Write Them...or Receive Them, is a free publication from Myvesta.org that offers suggestions to avoid the

(See **CHECKS**, page three)

## Increasing life expectancies may require additional retirement and estate planning

Submitted by J.R. BLACKBURN

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, people today can expect to live longer in retirement than ever before. Increased life expectancies mean we'll all probably have to do a better job of planning our retirement and protecting our estate assets than previous generations. Working out a sound financial plan now—before you need it—can help accomplish retirement and other important financial goals.

### Retirement Planning

Creating a financial plan can help ensure a comfortable retirement. In drawing up your plan you'll have to review your

- Anticipated costs of living during retirement
- Current retirement assets
- Current retirement savings and investments
- Expected rates of investment, and present and potential inflation rates.

Once this information is determined, any shortfall between projected retirement income and anticipated costs of living during your retirement can be calculated. It's important to plan so that you have enough assets to get you through, not merely to, retirement. A comprehensive retirement plan might include elements such as

- 401 (k) plans
- Traditional or Roth IRAs
- Life insurance or annuities
- Tax-advantaged investments.

### Estate Planning

Most of us already know that our estate includes every asset and debt we have. However, few of us probably also realize that

- The federal government may collect taxes of 37 percent to 55 percent (or more) from estates valued at more than \$675,000 for 2000-01
- Estate taxes are due within nine months of death.

TO HELP MEET ESTIMATED FUTURE NEEDS, TYPICAL FINANCIAL PLANS OFTEN EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIES:

- Updating current estate plans
- Tiling assets to maximize unit credit deductions

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## Nominations sought locally for ECU's new excellence in entrepreneurship award

Eastern Kentucky University's College of Business & Technology has established an award to honor excellence in entrepreneurship by its alumni.

Nominations for the award are being sought in 47 Kentucky counties. The recipient will be recognized at a Small Business Week luncheon on the Richmond campus in June.

Nominees must be ECU alumni who reside or have businesses located in one or more of the following counties: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyle, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

"We've seen that small companies comprise the engine that drives most of our economy," said Dr. Robert Rogow, dean of ECU's College of Business & Technology. "We want to do whatever we can to foster small business development and recognize those who've been successful in developing companies."

For years, the college has taken a leadership role in enhancing economic development in the area, through two outreach operations—the Center for Economic Development, Entrepreneurship and Technology (CEDET) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

The award recipient will be determined by the economic success of his or her enterprise, contributions to the community and operational achievement, as measured by innovative employee training programs, superior safety achievement and superior use of technology. A nominee's company must have been in operation for at least five years.

Nomination letters, including a brief statement of qualifications, must be received by Dr. Jack Dyer, 317 Bert Combs Building, Eastern Kentucky University, 521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond, Ky., 40475-3102, by no later than April 15. Nominators will receive by return mail, a nomination packet containing a formal nomination document that must be returned by May 15.

The award recipient will be determined by a committee of faculty and staff in ECU's College of Business & Technology and will be recognized with "an appropriate memento" and inclusion on a permanent plaque in the College.

For more information, call 859-622-1409, or 859-622-1775.

## Manpower office a top performer

Manpower's customers in Prestonsburg have high expectations, and the Manpower office in Prestonsburg has proven that they can meet and exceed them.

Manpower, a world leader in the staffing industry, annually surveys thousands of customers and employees across the country to assess their satisfaction with the company's local service. This year, Manpower's Prestonsburg office ranked in the company's top U.S. operations in terms of customer satisfaction with their overall performance.

"Customer service is paramount in a service industry like ours," says Manpower manager. "Our ability to consistently deliver the right person for the right job is critical. Manpower has the resources to follow through when many of our competitors cannot. We understand the unique needs of our customers, and are able to customize our services to meet those needs."

Manpower's system of assessment, called the Predictable Performance System, helps to ensure the best possible match between employees and the jobs that customers ask them to fill. It assures a consistently high

(See **MANPOWER**, page two)

# Wrongheaded persistence killed George Washington

The headline, "Who Killed George Washington?" grabbed me as I was surfing past National Review's web site on a recent day. Until that moment, I didn't know foul play had been suspected. I had to know more.

It turns out that old George had fallen ill after riding in the rain and his doctors kept bleeding him—a common practice back then—until he died. In their National Review article, researcher Dale Kopel and Dr. David Stolinsky say medical scholars are still debating whether the bloodletting directly killed Washington, or indirectly killed him by preventing a search for a genuinely effective treatment.

It's easy for 21st century inhabitants to shake our heads at the wrongheaded practice of bloodletting, and wonder what the heck those doctors were thinking. But, Kopel and Stolinsky use Washington's untimely demise to make the point that, in general, once people "accept something as 'good,' we often persist in doing it even when the result is clearly bad, while telling ourselves that we just haven't done enough of it."

That's an interesting theory that may explain a lot of human behavior, including the historic founding of the United States. Our founding fathers, you will recall, spoke in the Declaration of Independence of a "long train of abuses" by the

British Crown. Had the king of England been more benevolent and not persisted in mistreating the colonies, the Revolutionary War might never have been fought. In that case, Washington might not have gone riding and gotten sick after his presidency, that never was, and even if he did, who'd know about it today? Indeed, the king's misguided determination cost England the colonies, the entire USA, the Chevrolet, and the NBA, not to mention the NFL and the NFL. Well, we might want to consider trading that last one to the British for some more of their TV sitcoms.

Turning inward, most of us are aware of wrongheaded persistence in our own lives, from do-it-yourself home repairs that eventually take a qualified carpenter or licensed plumber months to correct, to refusing to stop and ask for directions unless we are confronted by armed guards at a border crossing. An elderly gentleman in the South made the news a few years ago after he got in his car one morning for a short trip to town. Losing his way, he turned up a couple days later in Ohio.

Motorists who don't lose their way still manage to prove the theory of wrongheaded persistence every winter: We crank our car's cold engine over and over until the fast, high-pitched cranking slows to a halting electromechanical groan. At that point, we know

we're supposed to give the battery a rest. The experts say to wait a full minute. We look at our watch. Five seconds pass. We turn the key. "ERRRUUUUU...ERRRUUUUU...erruuu..." Silence. A dead battery. And we know who killed it.

By sheer coincidence, the same kind wrongheaded behavior outlined in the National Review article is the subject of Fortune magazine's February cover story titled, "How to Manage for the Slowdown." In the article, business consultant Ram Charan and Fortune editorial director Geoffrey Colvin shake a stick at fundamental mistakes business leaders often make during economic slowdowns.

The No. 1 fundamental mistake, according to Charan and Colvin, is that executives, driven by management fads during good times, "refuse to deviate from course, even when the environment changes dramatically," such

as when business goes down the you-know-what.

Speaking of the environment, California's continuing electrical power crisis can be traced to the fact that no new power plants have been built there in the past decade, even though energy demand has increased 25 percent. Too much red tape. Meanwhile, the state's highly regulated "deregulation" required utilities to buy power on the expensive spot market without allowing them to pass along increased costs to customers. That's the same kind of wrongheaded persistence George Washington's doctors used in treating their patient. And, we all know what happened to him.

*Rex Martin is chairman, president and CEO of the NIBCO INC., an Elkhart, Ind.-based worldwide provider of plumbing products to the residential and commercial construction, industrial, and irrigation markets.*



## Greene honored as manager of year

Floyd Greene, Floyd County Farm Bureau Agency Manager, has been named Agency Manager of the Year for the insurer's District Six for the fourth time. Floyd's enthusiasm and positive attitude have earned him numerous outstanding awards throughout his 15 year career with Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance.

He and his wife, Betty, have two children, Angie, who works in the Floyd county office and Doug, who is a Farm Bureau agency manager in neighboring Magoffin county.

The Floyd county office is located at 328 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Agency was founded in 1944, and has offices in 120 Kentucky counties. Farm Bureau companies offer a wide variety of insurance, from homeowner's and automobile coverage to life and health and retirement planning. The companies enjoy an A++ rating from the A.M. Best Company, Inc., America's foremost insurance ranking service.

Shown receiving his award is Greene, his wife, Betty, and Chuck Osborne, district sales manager.

## Quilt

YoYo, Tacked; Pieced/Patchwork Quilt (Hand Quilted and Machine); Wall Hangings (Miniatures); Whole Cloth (Hand Quilted); Hand Embroidered; Baby Quilts; Oldest Quilt; Mixed Quilt (Hand work and Machine work : patched or embroidered); Hand Appliqued; Cross-stitched; Machine Appliqued; Painted; Quilt Tops; Preprinted Panels; Photo Transfer and Storybook Telling.

Demonstrations will also be a part of this event including, Crazy Quilting, Pictorial Quilting, Quality Stitching, Appli-Bond Applique, Origami Flowers and more. The nationally renown Rebecca Siegal will be teaching about Story Book Quilting Saturday at 10 a.m. Artists and Antique Dealers from the Big Sandy Area will be featuring their work and showcasing glimpses of our heritage.

Local woodworkers will provide quilt racks, easels and trunks for purchase.

Admission is only \$1. Pre-registration for quilts is April 2. Quilt display times are Thursday, April 19 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with pickup by 5 p.m.

Make plans to attend or participate in this exciting show. If you have any questions, contact Theresa Scott at 606-886-2668.

The Chamber reminds everyone to register for the upcoming Memory Magic Workshop. This workshop will teach you to retain all the important information and throw away the note pads. If you have any questions regarding this workshop, contact the Chamber.

Upcoming Chamber Events: April 19: Floyd County Community Theatre, 7 p.m. at

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high fees and problems that come with bounced checks.

"Writing or receiving bad checks is a serious matter that can be costly," says Rhode, who is also the organization's co-founder. "We've seen people who have written four or five bad checks in a month and it has cost them an unexpected \$200. That can sink the family's finances." The consequences of paying with this rubber currency can range from bank and merchant fees up to \$50 each, being sued for up to three times the amount of the check, or being prosecuted for check fraud if bouncing checks becomes a regular habit.

If you're one of the unlucky people on the receiving side of

a bad check, not only will you have to try and collect payment yourself, but your bank may charge you a bad check fee as well. Some steps you can take to protect yourself are:

■ Watch out for low numbered checks, an estimated nine out of ten bad checks are numbered from 101-499.

■ Keep an eye out for fakes, examples include checks, with four smooth edges or glossy numbers.

■ Use a check verification service to confirm authenticity before the bad check is in your hands.

For more information on bounced checks and some great tips on managing your checking account, download the free publication from Myvesta.org.

## KCTCS

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required to succeed in the workplace."

CFC Secretary Viola Miller said the Ready to Work partnership

achieves the worthiest of welfare reform's objectives: It equips welfare recipients for a better life.

"We don't want to merely encourage families to move from dependence to a subsistence job and then leave them stuck there," Miller said. "We want to erase the limits on how far their effort and aspiration can take them. Education is — and always has been — the one sure way to do that."

Ready to Work, now in its third year, serves welfare recipients enrolled at 26 of the 28 colleges in KCTCS. From fall 1999 to fall 2000, those colleges increased their enrollments of welfare recipients by 37 percent.

Ready to Work focuses in part on teaching work skills to students and keeping students in school. The number of Ready to Work students participating in work-study programs increased 96 percent from fall 1999 to fall 2000. Retention of welfare recipients who attend KCTCS campuses

averaged 87 percent from the beginning to the end of the fall 2000 semester — that rate exceeded retention rates for all

students.

"Having support systems in place is a key to success," McCall said. "That's why our Ready to Work coordinators cooperate closely with Cabinet for Families and Children case-workers to ensure that welfare recipients who attend our colleges benefit from available services such as financial aid, transportation and child care."

Alesio, of the AAWCC, praised Ready to Work as a statewide program "that addresses the needs of women at various points in their lives — women who are getting back into the workforce, women who don't have the money to do certain things. It's a highly recognized program, a very successful program."

KCTCS includes 28 colleges with 50 campuses. KCTCS colleges change lives by providing accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry;

and distance learning. For more information on KCTCS, visit [www.kctcs.net](http://www.kctcs.net).

## Fabric awnings lower energy costs

Exterior fabric window awnings can reduce interior heat in homes and businesses during periods of direct sunlight by 77 percent, according to a study by the American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning Engineers. Since awning fabric doesn't trap heat and moisture, an awning can reduce air-conditioning costs by as much as 25 percent.

In Europe, to reduce energy costs, awnings are placed everywhere. Just as in Europe high energy costs have finally hit the U.S. One great way to reduce energy consumption and cut costs is to install awnings.

Awnings reduce interior heat build-up by blocking the sun's rays. Available in hundreds of color, awnings add value to any home or commercial structure. Fabric awnings pay for themselves with the money saved on energy costs alone.

For information on local awning manufacturers who are members of the Professional Awning Manufacturers Association, visit our web site [www.awninginfo.com](http://www.awninginfo.com) and click on the manufacturers directory or call Karen Musech, Professional Awning Manufacturers Association of IFAI, 1801 County Rd. B.W., Roseville, MN 55305; 800/225-4324, 651/225-6948; fax 651/631-9334; e-mail [awninginfo@ifai.com](mailto:awninginfo@ifai.com).

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line for the second round is 4 p.m. Eastern Time, June 27.

Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher learning are eligible to apply to establish the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center. The center will collect and make available information on value-added processing to independent producers and processors. It will also develop a strategy to establish a nationwide market information and coordination system.

The recipient of the \$5 million grant must supply an additional \$5 million in matching funds. All applications for this grant must be received by 4 p.m. Eastern Time, April 30.

This program is administered by USDA's Rural Business Cooperative Service. Further information is available at USDA Rural Development state offices, or at the following Web address: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coop/s/vadg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coop/s/vadg.htm)

## Medicare

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**Q. What does "homebound" mean?**

**A.** Under Medicare rules, you do not have to be bedridden to be homebound. Leaving your home should require extra effort. You may still be homebound if you are gone from home only for short periods of time or for medical care.

**Q. How do I find someone to provide home health care covered by Medicare?**

**A.** You may find a Medicare approved home health agency by asking your doctor or hospital discharge planner. You might also ask your local aging agency for help.

*More to come next week on Medicare and home health care! Have questions about Medicare? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY/TDD 1-877-486-2048 (toll free for the hearing impaired)*

# New business at Ivel



Miller Supply Company, an extension of Ken Miller Supply Company in Wooster Ohio, recently held its grand opening. Located just off Route 23 in Ivel, the store services the needs of not only the gas and oil industry, but local consumers as well.

The parent company currently has nine stores located in Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, but Miller's Supply is currently the only branch in Kentucky.

Miller's service area focuses on the needs of the oil and gas industry East of I-75 throughout Eastern Kentucky.

The store deals with major manufacturers of gas and oil as well as manufacturers of equipment for the following markets: oilpatch, gas, transmission, culvert pipes, and transmission and supply.

Miller Supply carries a variety of products including pipe fittings, meters, various types of pipe for both industrial and individual use.

"We are plain talking people who like to do what we say, do it well, and do it often," said Terry Sizemore, sales representative. He says the company is enthusiastic about serving the supply needs of the people in Eastern Kentucky.

the MAC : FREE to all.

Apr. 19th - 21st : Big Sandy Quilt, Art and Antique Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville. For information contact Theresa Scott at 606-886-2668.

Apr. 24th : Memory Magic Workshop, 10 to 3 at Jenny Wiley Convention Center

The Chamber would also like to send a reminder to any Tourism-Action 23 Team Members that the April Meeting

## Manpower

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level of satisfaction at a time when labor and skills shortages make it difficult to find qualified employees to fill customer job requirements.

Manpower was the first global service company to receive registration to ISO 9002, the international standard for quality. The company has received this quality recognition in the United States and throughout the world. "Our 50 years of experience in the staffing business allows our customers to depend on us for their workforce solutions," says Manpower manager,

Manpower is a world leader in the staffing industry, providing workforce management services and solutions to customers through more than 3,500 offices in 54 countries. The firm annually provides employment to more than two million people globally, and is an industry leader in employee assessment and training. Additionally, there are more than 250 Manpower professional offices worldwide that specialize in the assignment of information technology, engineering, scientific, finance, telecommunications, and other professionals.

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■ Purchasing life insurance to cover estate costs  
 ■ Putting other assets in trust  
 ■ Making gifts of \$10,000 or less to reduce estate assets.

In short, talking with a financial and tax advisor regarding the adequacy of current estate and retirement plans is an essential first step for anyone interested in leaving behind a lasting personal and financial legacy.

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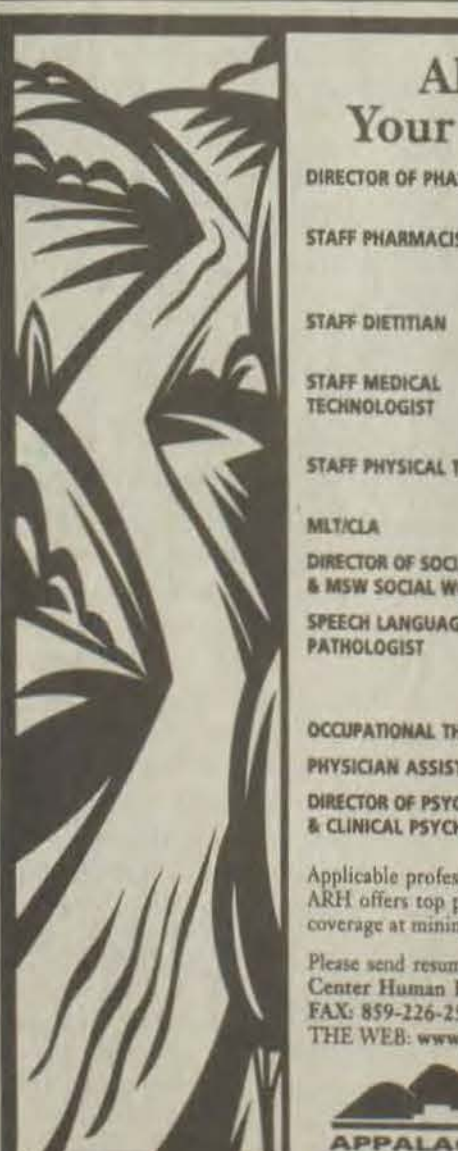
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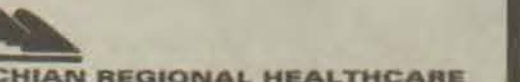


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**570-Mobile Homes**

**'73 12X60:** 2 BR, needs minor repairs. Priced to sell, \$2,500 OBO. 886-7937.\*

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**1 LOT WITH 3 BR TRAILER:** Gas heat/AC, 2 porches + utility Bld. Just off 4 lane at Stanville 478-5577.

**RENTALS**

**610-Apartments**

**Apartments for Rent:** 1 & 2 BR. Executive suite also available. Call 349-7285. leave message.

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**EXTRA CLEAN UPSTARIS EFF. APT.:** Elect. heat, air. \$275 mon., dep. req., util. extra. 886-6208.\*

**2 BR APT.:** Near McDowell, also, 1 BR Apt. near McDowell, Dep. req., Util. included. 606-663-7694.\*

**2 BR APT:** Located at Harold. \$330 mo. Includes water & trash pickup. Call 673-3835.

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**2 BEDROOM APT,** \$425.00 a month. Call 606-785-9222.

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**3 BR, 2 BA DOUBLEWIDE:** On large private lot, 6 miles from P'burg on Mtn. Parkway. \$350 + util., ref. & dep. req. Call 886-8258.\*

**2 BR MOBILE HOME:** AC, on own lot, on Rt.80 above Garrett, KY. 606-946-2159.\*

**630-Houses**

**3 BR HOUSE:** 2 BA, large yard. About 3 miles from P'burg. No Pets! 886-9007.\*

**2 BR HOUSE** in Prestonsburg. \$450 per month + utilities. Call 886-6362.

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** New Allen, 4 rooms + bath. Central heat & air. \$300 mo. + util. & dep. 606-874-2238.\*

**2 BR HOUSE:** In Prestonsburg. Call 886-6490 or 886-3687 after 5pm.\*

**640-Land & Lots**

**LOT AVAILABLE:** Between P'burg & Paintsville, at Airport Trailer Court. 1992 models and up only. 886-9007.

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**MOBILE HOME LOT:** In Slone's Trailer Park. 886-6186 or 886-8286.

**MOBILE HOME SPACE FOR LEASE:** Will accommodate doublewide. Private drive, farm setting, city water, Van Lear area. \$135 to \$155 monthly + \$135 to \$155 dep. (606)789-5296 or collect; 1(803)957-5931.\*

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