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briefs

Martin heirs to meet

The Alamander Martin heirs and their immediate family are having a meeting at the Litt Carr Fire Station at the junction of Routes 160 and 582. The meeting will be held Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m.

Hill charged in robbery

A warrant was issued for Stoney C. Hill, 31, of Shelbiana on Feb. 22, when he failed to appear in Floyd Circuit Court to face charges of first-degree robbery.

Hill was indicted by a grand jury on Feb. 4, on charges that resulted from a robbery he allegedly committed on Oct. 21.

According to Det. Greg Roberts of the Kentucky State Police, Hill allegedly robbed the Action Food Mart at 1461 while armed with a knife.

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Closing fears boil over

Angry mayor confronts board

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin addressed the Floyd County Board of Education on Monday evening to air his concerns in regard to the handling of the school system's business affairs.

Fannin voiced disapproval in regard to the board's lack of communication with city offices.

Making reference to the school system's Long Range Planning Committee meeting of Feb. 19, in which several options involving change in the existing

Prestonsburg Elementary School building were discussed, Fannin said, "I would like to be notified of this sort of planning. As it was, I didn't know about it until the next morning."

Stressing the importance of community involvement in school decisions, Fannin informed the board, "The city is not for the closing of any school. We are for developing a school and doing anything we can to help further education."

Fannin also reminded the board of times past when both he and

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

A large number of Prestonsburg area residents traveled cross-county for a showdown with the Floyd County Board of Education Monday evening. Concerns were aired in response to recent rumors in regard to the potential closing of Prestonsburg Elementary School. The board assured all present that no such plans have yet been finalized.

Effort begun to return to independent district

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Moving quickly in the wake of sweeping and controversial concerns about the possible closing of Prestonsburg Elementary School, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin has taken the first step toward formation of a new school district.

Fannin is seeking to add an question to the November ballot which would ask voters if they are

in favor of seeing the city return to a long-abandoned independent city school system.

Fannin visited Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh Monday afternoon to get the initial approval to advance on the idea, asking if, indeed, such an item could be placed on the ballot in November.

"Basically he asked whether or not a question could be put on the

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Several options being explored

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Heated commentaries and pointed accusations set the stage for a showdown between some Prestonsburg citizens and the Floyd County Board of Education at Monday evening's regular meeting, held at South Floyd High School.

Several staff members of Prestonsburg Elementary School, as well as parents, Prestonsburg city officials and concerned citizens made the 30-plus mile drive to the small Hi Hat community in order to have a face-off with board members and to seek answers to the rumored possible closing of the Prestonsburg school.

According to board chairman Johnnie Ross, "some miscommunication" occurred last week in regard to the possible closing of the elementary school during a meeting of the school district's Long Range Planning Committee.

The committee, responsible

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Another arrest made from fall drug bust

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Three days after two drug-related arrests were made by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department in connection to a drug roundup last year, a third arrest was made Monday, bringing the total now to 12 Floyd County residents brought in as a result of that investigation.

Wade Meadows, 43, of Meadows Branch, was arrested Monday and charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school and prescription in an improper container.

According to Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Meadows was arrested and brought to the detention center Monday evening for allegedly having sold a quantity of marijuana to an undercover deputy during a controlled buy. The buy was made near the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Prestonsburg Elementary students Shyanna Newsome, Traci Spradlin, Terry Thacker, Brian Branham, Amanda Miller and Clara Potter gathered with Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin Monday morning as Fannin read a proclamation recognizing Read Across America Week. The six kindergarten, second-, third- and fifth-graders were chosen to represent the school based on their character and picked from the student body by participating teachers.

Woman says reprisal to blame for injury

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A one-time Wheelwright utilities commissioner filed a civil suit against the city and commission she formerly represented in Floyd Circuit Court Friday, saying the city government's negligence contributed to an injury which incurred after she fell into an open drainage hole along Main Street.

Laura M. Bowers, who filed the suit on her own behalf and appears to be prepared to represent herself in the case, detailed in her suit

filed Friday that on or about Feb. 25, she was injured when she fell into an open drainage hole along the city's main roadway, which, although within the city limits of Wheelwright, is a state-maintained road.

Bowers said in her suit the city did undertake procedures to repair the exposed drain, but added those efforts only increased the risk of injury to residents of the city by making "a dangerous condition even more dangerous."

Bowers insists in her suit

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Gambling bill introduced in legislature

Thunder Ridge among sites proposed for slots

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The state would get only 28 percent of the first money bet on slot machines under a proposal by Kentucky race tracks for expanded gambling.

Track officials said during a press conference Tuesday the actual take for the state would rise to about 35 percent once total gambling increased. But the state would have to cover all its expenses from its share, plus apportion some money to local governments and for treatment of compulsive gambling.

Race tracks would keep more than half the money. Horse interests would initially get only 10 percent of the proceeds in the form of larger race purses and special funds for racing of Kentucky-bred horses with their take increasing only slightly with an increase in gambling.

Rep. Jim Callahan, the House Democratic caucus chairman and prime sponsor of the bill, said the state could realize as much as \$1.7 billion in the first six years of slot machines.

Callahan, though, said the prospect for passage of the legislation is anything but a sure bet.

Callahan said he promised his colleagues during a closed meeting of House Democrats he would not seek any action on the bill until he has firm commitments for votes for passage from the Senate and the House. And Callahan said he expects to do no lobbying in the Senate.

"The industry's responsibility is to talk to them and get the number. That is not our responsibility," Callahan said.

The two top Republicans in the Senate have already made known their opposition to expanded gambling. Senate Democratic whip Marshall Long of Shelbyville said he sees little support for the notion.

"We've got our work cut out for us," said

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■ **HUTCHINSON, Kan.** — A dare from friends apparently led a community college student to chase after and tackle two costumed mascots after a basketball game.

Nathaniel Winston, 18, is charged with two counts of misdemeanor battery and is free on \$1,000 bond pending an appearance Friday in Municipal Court.

The alleged attacks happened Saturday, after a game between Hutchinson Community College

and Colby Community College.

The mascots — a bear played by Gerald Devine, 39, and an orange-headed boy played by Devine's son, Jeremy, 14 — were walking in a hallway at the Hutchinson Sports Arena when Winston attempted to tackle the elder Devine, Police Sgt. Lee Fesler said.

When Devine was able to fight him off, Fesler said, Winston rushed Jeremy Devine — pushing several children aside

in the process — and slammed the teen-ager to the floor, police said.

The younger Devine refused treatment for chest and leg injuries, Fesler said.

"The excuse he gave us for the first one was he thought it was a classmate," Fesler said. "He never did explain the other one, though."

■ **STATE COLLEGE, Pa.** — When the music finally stopped, Paul Sharkey just fell backward. And who could blame him?

He was one of 600 dancers, aided by thousands of volunteers and supporters, who raised a record \$3,613,178.61 in this year's Penn State dance marathon, about \$3,300 more than last year, organizers announced.

Many dancers still looked active even an hour before Sunday's end of the two-day event, taking part in line dances and singing along with the songs.

After the final countdown and tally announcement, however, many didn't hesitate to drop to the floor, feeling the effects of 48 hours of nonstop dancing.

"I didn't care who was behind me," said Sharkey, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. "I just fell back."

Elizabeth Engelbret was still sprawled on the floor an hour after the event ended, but considered her exhaustion unimportant compared to the goal of helping children cope with cancer and supporting research to find a cure.

"Those kids were all the encouragement I needed," said Engelbret, who collapsed into the arms of a cancer patient shortly after the music stopped. "I was thrilled to be able to make it through. It was absolutely amazing."

■ **HINSDALE, N.H.** — The wooden shelf support caught home inspector Stan Edmunds' eye the first time. And the second and third time.

So Edmunds finally inspected it. What he found was a hidden drawer containing about \$20,000.

"It's every kid's dream to find buried treasure," said Edmunds. Home inspectors check for hidden problems in houses that are being sold. A home inspection is usually part of a sales agreement.

On Jan. 29, Edmunds was inspecting a home on Brattleboro Road with a buyer and real estate agent Lewis Major.

Walking through the house, Edmunds had to go through a closet to get to the attic. The unusual shelf support kept catching his eye.

"I tugged on it, and it came out and it was a drawer," he said.

Inside were some papers and four bank deposit bags. Edmunds unzipped one of the bags and found money envelopes and some \$100 bills. When a second bag revealed more \$100 bills, Edmunds called in Major.

"He had us come in and get it. He didn't want anything to do with it," said Major. "He could just as well have put it in his pocket."

Major turned it all over to David Ward, the lawyer for the estate of the former owner. Heirs to the estate have divided the windfall and one sent Edmunds a \$50 reward, which he vowed to give to a charity.

Edmunds said he never thought about taking the money. "That's the nature of my busi-

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Senator 'flattered' to have GOP headquarters bear his name

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell said he is "deeply flattered" that Kentucky Republicans named the newly refurbished headquarters for him, a tribute to his masterminding of the party's ascendancy.

Before McConnell's election in 1984, Kentucky had Democrats in both U.S. Senate seats, five U.S. House seats and in control of both chambers of the General Assembly. Now, both senators and five congressmen are Republicans, and the GOP con-

trols the state Senate.

But, like the renovation project, the work isn't done, McConnell said during a tour of the building Thursday.

"Lest they think we'll rest on our laurels, we still need to elect a Republican governor, and we still have one Democrat in the congressional delegation," McConnell told The State Journal.

Senate President David Williams said McConnell was the "spiritual architect" of the expanded headquarters building, an 1860s-era house near downtown Frankfort.

Building peace — piece by piece

Christian Appalachian Project will be welcoming nearly 500 students from across the nation to its 11th annual spring break alternative, Appalachian WorkFest 2002- Building Peace, Piece By Piece.

Students will arrive from destinations as far as Texas, Maine, Florida and Wisconsin. A break from classes and collegiate demands oftentimes finds students heading for warmer temperatures, sand, sun and

someplace to soak up fun. However, CAP provides a volunteering experience that gives students a lasting, meaningful vacation, while supplying deserving families substantial housing. Students often realize their presence in Appalachia changes the lives of those they assist, consequently impacting their own viewpoint in the process.

Throughout the break, groups will be repairing leaking roofs,

removing rotting floors, building porches and replacing broken windows, as well as participating in the construction of new homes throughout Eastern Kentucky. In addition to manual labor, the participants of WorkFest 2002 will become acquainted with Appalachian culture and traditions through a series of evening programs and activities, through music, local speakers, artisans and entertainers.



Workfest 2002 will host close to 500 college youth during Spring Break this year. The annual event, sponsored by the Christian Appalachian Project, will repair dilapidated homes for needy families in Appalachia during the weeks March 4-8 and 11-15, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and 7 to 10 p.m. each evening.

Gartner, partner buy West Virginia weeklies

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa Cubs owner Michael Gartner and media partner Gary G. Gerlach have bought two weekly newspapers in West Virginia for an undisclosed sum.

Their company, New West Newspapers Inc., bought the Jackson Herald, Jackson Star Herald and Star Herald Weekender, a shopper, along with a printing plant from Community Newspaper Holdings Inc., based in Birmingham, Ala.

New West, based in Carson City, Nev., formed about 2 1/2 years ago. The company owns several weeklies in the Denver

area and a daily and other weekly newspapers in eastern Nebraska and Kansas.

The company also does commercial printing at a plant in Nebraska. Part of that business will move to the West Virginia plant, said William Welsh, president of New West.

In 1999, Gartner and Gerlach sold the Daily Tribune in Ames and other small central Iowa newspapers after buying the Iowa Cubs, a Chicago Cubs AAA affiliate baseball team.

Gartner, a former NBC News president, won a Pulitzer Prize in 1997 for editorial writing. He also is a former editor of The Des Moines Register and The (Louisville) Courier-Journal.

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Bills offer merger incentives for fire departments

by JOSHUA HAMMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SILVER GROVE — On the back wall of the modest two-story building, at the only stop light in town, across the street from the gypsum factory, the Silver Grove Volunteer Fire Department boasts its logo. "We fight ... What You Fear" it proclaims in bright red letters. Like many small volunteer departments, there are fewer firefighters at Silver Grove. To save itself, and continue providing the service that many local governments cannot, the department merged. It is now awaiting the General Assembly to see if the merger was its salvation or its death sentence.

Last year, Silver Grove and its 20 active volunteers merged with adjoining northern Kentucky fire districts Eastern Campbell and Camp Springs. In doing so, says Silver Grove lifetime member Kevin Sell, they hung the future of all three volunteer departments on Senate Bill 66. The bill, written by Sell and sponsored by Katie Stine, R-Fort Thomas, would provide a financial incentive for departments that merge. Under the present law, volunteer fire departments receive \$8,250 a year in state funding. Departments that merge — sometimes to compensate for dwindling volunteer numbers or the need to pool equipment —

receive the identical funds as a single department. According to the Kentucky Fire Commission, there are approximately 18,700 volunteer firefighters in the state, working in 765 departments. The state considers a department to be volunteer if it has more volunteers than paid firefighters. The bill would multiply a merged department's share by the number of departments it comprises. That would mean \$24,750 for merged departments of Silver Grove, East Campbell and Camp Springs for the first three years of their new alignment. The amount would be cut in half for the next three years. After the seventh year, the state stipend would return to

the original \$8,250. But there would be a yearly "bonus" of \$4,000 for as long as the departments stay merged. But Sell is concerned about a similar bill sponsored by House Majority Leader Jim Callahan, D-Wilder. The House bill is identical to Stine's in all respects, except that the funding returns to \$8,250 after six years instead of eight. Some form of the merger proposal appears likely to pass. "This will reduce redundancy and increase service," said Sell, whose full-time job is with

a construction company in Erlanger. "The fact is mergers are going to become more of an issue with consolidated government and dropping volunteer numbers, and do you want to do it yourself or wait for the government to do it?" Stine's bill would prevent local governments from forcibly merging departments. But some volunteers aren't convinced their departments won't be merged against their will. David Owens, chief of the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department, says his county

judge-executive wants to merge all the volunteers into one Grant County fire department under one chief and redistribute each department's equipment based on population. This plan particularly stings Owens, whose 17-member

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Backlog of gubernatorial hopefuls about to burst

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Nearly eight years of what economists might call pent-up demand is about to spill over the gubernatorial dam. A high-profile Republican candidate, Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson, was scheduled to announce her gubernatorial exploratory committee yesterday. Two Republican legislators have already let it be known they are examining gubernatorial campaigns and the GOP is waiting to see if a shoe drops from the foot of a member of Congress.

At least four big-name Democrats are biding their time. And the next gubernatorial election is not until 2003. It's almost a throwback to the days before public financing of gubernatorial elections with candidates jockeying and riding the chicken-and-peas speaking circuits well before a primary or even a filing deadline. Before 1995, Kentucky rolled over governors every four years, giving each new crop of prospects a relatively short time to wait. Paul Patton is the first governor in nearly two centuries to serve successive four-year terms, thanks to a constitutional amendment. The result is a backlog of candidates in both parties. There are still some constraints, notably the requirements of the partial public financing plan for gubernatorial elections. Under public financing, a candidate can create an exploratory committee and raise and spend \$90,000 while plumbing the prospects of a full campaign. Once the campaign gets under way, though, a candidate has to name a running mate and adhere to the other spending limits — estimated to be about \$2.1 mil-

lion for 2003. Among Republicans, state Rep. Steve Nunn of Glasgow, the son of Kentucky's last GOP governor, Louie Nunn, is also considering running. State Sen. Virgil Moore of Leitchfield has also formed an exploratory committee, but is considered something of a fringe candidate even within his own party. Fifth District U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers of Somerset is the largest figure looming on the horizon, but he has dropped few hints. Sixth District Rep. Ernie Fletcher of Lexington is also known to be giving the race some thought. A spokesman for Rogers said a decision could come by spring. "I think the week after the (2002) election, you'll see a lot of candidates coming out," said Kentucky GOP Chairwoman Ellen Williams. "There may be people out there who are going to run whose names you're not hearing yet."

Eastern Kentucky University political scientist Paul Blanchard said Republicans must be careful not to fall into an old trap and wait for Rogers to come to their rescue. The state GOP has a tradition of informally coalescing around a single prospective candidate to the exclusion of others. Three-time GOP candidate Larry Forgy is the prime example. "And that's backfired on them at least three times," Blanchard said. The Democratic field has been set to some degree for a long time — Attorney General Ben Chandler, Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, former Gov. Brereton Jones and House Speaker Jody Richards. Democrats, though, have a long tradition of gubernatorial primary battles. If a Republican primary is in the cards, Williams said the GOP central hierarchy will tread

carefully. The 1991 primary between Forgy and then-Congressman Larry Hopkins was bitter and divisive. "That did hurt our party and we didn't come back together very well," Williams said. Republicans failed spectacularly in the 1999 elections. Their nominee, political unknown Peppy Martin, was eventually disavowed by the GOP after she said on statewide television that many sheriffs and state police are involved in illicit drug trade. The party had no candidates for any other statewide office in 1999.

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P.S.—I've been trying to get out to see everyone that I can in District 2, and I will continue this up until Election Day.

Pd. for by Jackie Owens—550 Prater Fk. Rd.—Hueysville, Ky. 41640

Senate panel approves waste fees after exemption for steel industry

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A Senate committee Tuesday voted to extend the fees charged on new tires and hazardous waste that raise money to clean up dumps after attaching an exemption for the steel industry. The Appropriations and Revenue Committee votes is an important hurdle for the fees, which were scheduled to expire this year. Both bills now go to the full Senate. The hazardous waste assessment is 1.2 cents for each pound of certain liquid materials and 0.2 cents per pound of solid waste. The fee last year raised about \$2.5 million, which goes to clean up hazardous waste dumps and respond to spills of dangerous materials. The committee, at the urging of Sen. Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, attached an exemption for hazardous waste produced by the steel industry. The Natural Resources Cabinet said the industry now pays about \$150,000 a year, largely for

solid waste. The industry already pays a reduced rate because of its efforts to recycle some of the material it produces, but the Senate plan would exempt all payments. The House has already passed the hazardous waste fee without the steel industry exemption and would have to go along in order for it to become law. The committee also voted to extend the \$1 fee that is charged for each new tire sold in Kentucky. The fee raised about \$2.2 million last year, which helped underwrite the cleanup of about 3.5 million old tires at 31 dump sites around the state and collected another 6 million old tires in an amnesty program. Natural Resources Secretary James Bickford said the state is starting to have some success at getting rid of the old tires, notably by burning them at an electric utility in Owensboro. The tire fee has also been passed by the House and approval by the full Senate would send the bill to Gov. Paul Patton.

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Viewpoint

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"If people would recount their dreams truthfully, one might divine character more correctly from dreams than from faces."

— Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

Our View

'Security' bill goes too far

Americans are concerned about security here at home in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

It is not surprising that legislation has been proposed in Frankfort under the banner of "homeland security."

But that concern must be tempered with reason and weighed against the freedoms we cherish.

There is nothing tempered nor reasonable about a bill sponsored by Sen. Dick Roeding, R-Lakeside Park, and now approved by the Senate that would restrict public access to meetings and records when they've been deemed matters of security.

Roeding's Senate Bill 136 is simply too broad, extends too far and goes unchecked.

Its intent is to keep plans for dealing with terrorism and, as it puts it quite broadly, "criminal acts" under wraps and to restrict information that might aid those plotting an attack.

It surely does that but much more.

All control and power is relinquished to the government — be it elected officials, public safety officers or other bureaucrats — to classify information as security sensitive and to conduct business secretly behind a curtain of "security issues."

Under this bill, the public would not know how or why government decisions are made nor have input in those decisions.

Moreover, the bill would let public officials who want to conceal business for whatever reason put it under the heading of security and then conduct business in secret.

There would be no way to know if discussions held in secret really dealt with security or dealt with something altogether different — perhaps something that would be embarrassing if made public.

There are no checks, safeguards or reviews. An attempt to "sunset" the bill in a year so it could receive legislative review was turned down.

Already, under the current exceptions to Kentucky's Open Meetings and Open Records Laws, there are far too many occasions when the law gets stretched and public is shut out of a meeting or denied access to a report. Roeding's bill creates a whole new and very broad category.

Public oversight of how government responds to potential emergency situations is important all the time and critical now. Unless it is fully informed, the public can neither advocate for nor against changes.

We think the crucible of public scrutiny can refine and improve policy — even emergency plans. This bill would eliminate that scrutiny and, in so doing, remove a cornerstone of our freedom: an informed citizenry.

While there may be reasons to tighten security and safeguard information in some sensitive areas, Roeding's bill has far too great a reach and far too tight of clamps on your right to know.

— The Kentucky Post



Letters

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KET is our statewide public television network, providing the best educational programming for our children and inspiring, thought-provoking and helpful programs for Kentucky citizens of all ages. Of course, one of KET's most valuable services is its production of outstanding programs about Kentucky culture, history and issues — and these are the focus of this year's on-air fundraiser, TeleFund 2002, March 2-19.

Because we all treasure KET, I encourage the citizens of Floyd County to tune in for bluegrass, basketball and back-road stories on TeleFund 2002. Don't miss the long-awaited series, "Basketball in Kentucky: Great Balls of Fire," which follows the development of the game through rare interviews and footage. Travel the back roads with "Kentucky Life's" Dave Shuffett to discover some of the state's simple pleasures and hidden treasures. Relive the 1940s through the 1960s in a new documentary, "Louisville: 30 Years of Change." And enjoy the best of bluegrass from KET's "Jubilee" series and "The Ralph Stanley Story." Then check out more great specials, including country, pop, big band and doo-wop performances.

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Margaret Lewis
Director
Morehead State University at
Prestonsburg

Responsibility needed

I was reading in The Floyd County Times the other day that we already have as many drug overdose deaths in 2002 as we had in all of 2001. Is it not time to address this issue and take the problem of pills in Appalachia serious-

ly?

I grew up in South Florida. I've seen what cocaine, crack, heroin and other addictive drugs can do. I used to be in law enforcement and later worked with the state as a field investigator for Health and Social Services there.

One of the big problems is changing the way we look and treat people. Since LBJ came here in the 1960s with the "Great Society," those who chose not to go to school, not to work or look for work have been told, "It's OK, you live in Appalachia. The government will take care of you." As in the ghetto, folks around here learned that any excuse was plausible to garner a check and sit on their duffs.

However, with that realization came consequences. If folks were not expected to work and support their families, as God tells us we must do, then what to do with all that free time? Again, as in the ghettos, the government, doctors and lawyers realized that idle hands are dangerous. Besides that, many folks were feeling guilty about their laziness, their lack of responsibility and purpose in life. The aforementioned group of professionals decided that these folks needed a little something to cope with their new lives, or lack of them.

People with too much free time on their hands get into trouble. Many were lost after giving their manhood away. Many felt guilty seeing their neighbor drive off to work while they leached and lounged on the couch. So, as in the ghettos, drugs became an easy way to tame the masses and keep them docile, out of trouble. If you were stressed, guilty or bored stiff, a pill would make you feel better. If you had a bum leg, arm or back, pain pills would keep you mellow. Everything went along fine until the rise of OxyContin and crystal meth. Then, as in the ghettos with crack and heroin, we realized too late we had a big problem on our hands.

In the cities, we have gangs, crime and violence, much of it drug-related. In the hills, we have had huge increases in burglaries, robberies and other crimes because, as in the ghettos, these new drugs our folks have graduated to are highly addictive, as well as dangerous. It was fine and dandy when Bubby was taking a Xanax, Valium or Tylox. Now Bubby has graduated and he's

coming after your assets so he can stay high. No difference between Bubby and the addicts in the ghetto. Only the drugs are different. I guess we should be thankful that crack and heroin are not overly common here!

You can have all the D.A.R.E. programs in the world. You can tell kids to "just say no." You can increase the penalties for possession or prescription drugs. We've done all that, but that does not solve the basic problem. First of all, Bubby needs to be responsible and accountable for his life and his actions. Bubby needs to be given or, to put it more boldly, forced to spend his time doing something useful in society.

I went to school with kids who had cerebral palsy, in wheelchairs or who were blind. They all went on to college or careers in spite of what life threw at them. Think of all the veterans who came home from World War II injured or missing limbs. Nearly all of them retrained and worked jobs for years after that. My dad's family grew up in Eastern Kentucky during the Depression. Poor, sick, injured or not, the whole family worked and took care of itself as there were no leech checks around in those days. All 12 kids went to school and college. All had careers and not one sat home on the draw. It was called pride, a trait many folks have lost over the last 30 years.

In years past, people worked, able or not, because they had no choice. Nowadays, we have kids in their 20s wandering the stores at the first of the month, living off the rest of us because they are just too sorry to work.

We need to take the choice of whether to work or not away from the goobers. Take away the free food, the subsidized housing, the food and medical cards and force these bums to be what a real man should be. The Army had a term called the "walking wounded." You may not be 100 percent, but you were still expected to fight if needed. If a man can walk, he can work! By reinstalling responsibility, a sense of pride and by holding one accountable, we can strike at the root cause of drug abuse in Appalachia.

More government programs and throwing good money after bad only worsens the problem. Put the problem

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Congress adds more counties to Appalachian, reauthorizes ARC

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House passed a bill

Tuesday that adds new counties to the Appalachian Regional Commission and calls on Congress to fund the agency for another five years.

ARC officials were pleased with the reauthorization bill, because the economic development agency had never received a five-year nod from

Congress before, said ARC spokesman Duane DeBruyne.

The bill, approved in an unrecorded voice vote, states that the agency's non-highway programs should be funded at about \$90 million a year, about \$20 million more than the current level. It will be up to House and Senate appropriators to grant that request annually.

The authorization bill adds four new counties to the ARC region, bringing the total number of counties in the 13-state area to 410. The new ones are Hart and Edmonson counties in Kentucky and Panola and Montgomery counties in Mississippi.

"Based on economic indicators, these counties are just as deserving of assistance, if not more so, than some already in the ARC," said Rep. Ron Lewis, a Republican who represents Hart and Edmonson counties in central Kentucky.

The authorizing legislation requires the Appalachian Regional Commission to spend at least half its funding on distressed counties. That has been the practice for the past four years, but in the agency's early days it tended to spend money on wealthier communities that were close to cities.

The bill also includes language requiring the agency to help boost the availability of Internet and wireless communication services in Appalachia along with entrepreneurial opportunities.

The Senate passed the ARC reauthorization bill earlier this month. The bill now goes to the president, who is expected to sign it into law.

Board revises bus conduct report form

The Floyd County School District has issued a revised bus conduct report form for use by bus drivers and principals in identifying behaviors that require disciplinary action. The revised form goes into effect Friday.

The existing Student Code of Conduct guide also contains information regarding transportation rules of conduct. Certain

behaviors are expected of students in order to maintain an environment in which all students may travel safely to and from school. The principal is authorized to withhold bus-riding privileges in the case of habitual or serious conduct violations for several months. The form (inset) was designed to provide consistent district wide identification of dis-

cipline violations and disciplinary options.

The school district encourages parents to take time to discuss with their children the importance of using appropriate behavior when riding the bus.

If you should have any questions please contact your school principal or Karen Johnson, director of transportation at 285-9443.

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Not staying/refusing to sit in assigned seat	X		X				
Physical/verbal abuse of personnel			X	X	X	X	X
Weapons/drugs/alcohol						X	X
Fighting			X	X	X	X	X
Fireworks/open flames			X	X	X	X	X
Possession of prohibited items			X	X	X		
Use of tobacco products/spitting	X	X	X	X		X	
Profanity/indecent/abusive language	X	X	X	X		X	
Eating/drinking/littering	X	X	X				
Harassment/hazing/threatening	X	X	X	X		X	
Excessive noise/screaming	X		X	X			
Throwing items (in or out of bus)			X	X	X		
Delaying bus run/schedule	X	X	X	X			
Forgery/falsifying documents or signatures			X	X			
Sexual behavior/inappropriate gestures	X	X	X	X		X	
Lice/contagious disease	X	X	X	X			
Body parts/objects out the window	X	X	X	X			
Disrupting/impeding driver	X	X	X	X	X		X
Defacing/tampering with bus equipment	X	X	X	X	X		
Pushing/tripping	X	X	X	X			
Other (specify)							

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back into the hands of man who has it. Hold him accountable and use tough love. The money we save could be used for programs that create independence, rather than dependence. I've worked for 25 years now, and I don't take kindly to my hard-earned tax money going to a younger, healthier man so he can sit on his tail and party.

Charles E. Scoville
Ivel

Stories were touching

I have had many things to touch me very deeply in my life — the births of my four children, the birth of my grandson, the deaths of my parents and many other things — both joyous and sad.

Recently, there were two articles in The Floyd County Times that touched me — touched me to the point of shedding tears. The first article was in "Critic Corner," written by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM, for all of us animal lovers. This upsetting article that Dr.

Combs-Morris placed in her column was titled, "How Could You?" written by Jim Willis. This article is heartbreaking, but all too true in many families who own pets. I urge anyone who has a pet and is faced with having to give it up for whatever or take your pet to the vet that he or she is familiar with, hold it in your arms and talk to it while the procedure, putting it to sleep, is being done. Your pet will not be so scared. It will relax in your arms, knowing that you are with it and doing what is best for it.

Please, do not put your pet out beside the road, where it will starve, freeze, may be injured and suffer for days before it dies or some kind-hearted person feels sorry for it and picks it up.

Of course, the pound is the lesser of the two evils, but it is still the coward's way out.

The other article I'm referring to was written by Dr. Thomas V. Messe of Groton, Conn., concerning abortions.

First, let me say that I am totally and completely opposed to abortions. I cannot imagine any mother-to-be wanting to terminate the life of her unborn child.

I urge all parents to teach their sons and daughters to abstain from premarital sex. Parents should monitor the whereabouts of their teen-agers as to make it harder for them to fall into situations they cannot handle. Parents should tell their daughters if they should become pregnant not to have their babies killed, because there are many good couples just waiting for a baby to love and raise. Most of all, let her know and show her that you will stand by her and help her do the right thing. Show her that you will love her. And you know what? The grandparents might even want to raise that little angel themselves.

Having said all that, I will agree with the doctor that the mother and the baby should receive pain relievers, to at least stop the baby from suffering through this terrible ordeal.

What has happened in our country? On one hand, we try to raise pigs, for God's sake, to become organ donors. On the other hand, we are killing at least 1.5 million babies a year. For the life of me, I cannot understand this kind of reasoning.

I believe the Hypocrite's Oath has replaced the Hippocratic Oath with a lot of doctors.

I feel it would do our nation good if all high school students were required to read these two articles.

Bill Tussey
Hueysville

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Home Owners CORNER
by Stan Stumbo & Voncel Thacker

A NEEDED DIVERSION
If your home lacks rain gutters, you may get soaked when entering the house on rainy days. To alleviate this problem, purchase metal D-style drip edging (ordinarily used as roof edge flashing) and install it upside down as a rain diverter in the roof shingles over the entryway. Cut it to a length equaling the width of your stoop. Apply a 1/4-inch thick bead of clear silicone caulk to the underside of the drip edge, lift the shingle tabs on the third course of shingles, and slide the diverter under the tabs. Slide one end of the diverter tight to the bottom of the shingle tabs, and leave one-inch exposure at the other end to create a drainage pitch.
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Gary Rose's reorganization plan continues in this edition and will continue in future editions of the Floyd County Times. This reorganization will make the Floyd County Sheriff's Department more progressive, more professional and ultimately more efficient.

1. Private telephone line dedicated to the reporting of criminal activity.
When elected, Gary Rose will install a private telephone line dedicated solely for the reporting of criminal activity. The telephone number will be published in the newspapers and all citizens will be encouraged to call to report crimes.

This phone will ring only in Gary Rose's office, and when you call, you will talk personally with Gary. You will not have to identify yourself when you call. All Gary wants is the information you possess and not your name. Your identity can remain anonymous! Under Gary's plan, no drug dealer or other criminal will ever find out who called and reported them.

2. Eliminate nepotism within the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.
The Ethics Code adopted by Floyd County states that public officials (The Sheriff) may hire one member of his immediate family. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department presently employs eight (8) members of John K. Blackburn's family and pays them nearly two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) per year. John K. Blackburn's family is also provided take home vehicles to drive to and from work, as well as, for their personal use.

When Gary Rose is elected Sheriff, he will comply fully with the letter and intent of this code. Gary will not violate this nor any other law, and he will not hire any of his family.

3. Equal opportunity in hiring employees.
When Gary Rose is elected, and as new employees are needed, they will be hired based solely upon their qualifications. No longer will employees be hired based upon their political affiliations or the number of votes in their family.

4. Home security programs
When elected, Gary Rose will develop and implement a Home Self Defense Program for Floyd County's citizens. This program will be directed at our citizens most vulnerable to crime. This will include our elderly, women, and others who desire to participate.

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for prioritizing the school system's construction and renovation projects for the next five years, has been, according to a letter drafted to the Floyd County Board of Education from Floyd Supt. Paul W. Fanning, "charged by the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) Facilities Section to review under-utilization of space in the school system," before the school system's facility plan can be given consideration by the KDE.

"The primary reason for this week's LPC meeting was to continue addressing KDE's concerns about space utilization, along with continuing review of data and site plans for two schools," continued the letter.

"Four options were given for PES (Prestonsburg Elementary School) ... discussion and opinions of attendees during this week's LPC (meeting) included concerns about the age, floodplain level, limited site expansion, and facility needs of PES," he wrote.

Additionally, in a telephone interview yesterday, Fanning said, "Yes, closing was an option that was discussed, but discussion is one thing, and action is something else. I think the problem ensued with the idea that it had already been done, when it had not. The LPC can not make this type of decision, only the board can."

"Several other options were also discussed. Options that included renovations and other schools, such as Clark Elementary. Also discussed were options that involved con-

struction of a new facility. We were told to review our utilization of space by KDE, and that's what we are attempting to do. But no decision to close any school has been made."

Joe Jones, board architect, has submitted four initial concept plans to the LPC for consideration. Plan A involves the construction of a new two-story school that would house a first floor that would be four feet above ground level in order to accommodate the floodplain. The school's existing auditorium would remain as a freestanding building, with the addition of a new lobby. Advantages to that plan, as outlined by Jones, would be that the new facility could be constructed while the existing facility remained occupied; the original auditorium would be preserved; the school's front would be located on North Lake Drive; and, the plan calls for a "relatively low cost" of approximately \$9 million. Disadvantages include that the new school building would be separated from the auditorium; the second story library space of the existing facility would not easily lend itself to school use; bus routing on East Friend Street and North Highland Avenue may not be desirable; and, that students would have to endure construction processes and lose the majority of their play space for a

time.

Plan B involves the construction of a new one-story school connected to the existing auditorium. Advantages of that plan are that most of the school would be located on a single floor — with the tie-in to the auditorium building, the upper floor could be used for various school functions; the original auditorium would be preserved; the school entrance would be located across from the city park; the bus loop would be separated from parking area; and the new construction could "flood-proof" two of the auditorium walls. Disadvantages to the plan include that the school would need to be temporarily relocated; the one-story scheme would require the use of more land, thus leaving less for the playground area; and almost all existing construction would be demolished. This plan could be maximized to its full potential by acquiring property currently maintained by Save-A-Lot Groceries.

Plan C is a variation of Plan B, incorporating a new one and two-story school that would also be connected to the existing auditorium. Advantages to Plan C are equal to Plan B and again, acquisition of the Save-A-Lot Groceries property would be advantageous. The major drawback of the plan requires that the school be temporarily relocated.

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Plan D involves a two-story addition to the original Prestonsburg Elementary School Building. New construction would be erected at the front of the original building with two stories connected at the first and second floor of the original building. The gym and cafeteria/kitchen would be constructed at a third elevation just above the floodplain. Advantages to the plan are that both the original building and auditorium would be preserved; only a portion of the student body would have to be relocated; the playground area would be clearly separated from the parking lot and bus areas; and approximately \$1 million would be saved on the total budget. Disadvantages include that existing wood does not meet present standards for school construction; "light wells" would need to be created in order to allow daylight into classroom areas; new property would need to be acquired in order to provide sufficient playground and parking space; and, the school would need to be vacated from the site during construction and renovation.

The LPC will continue to consider these, and other options, in their planning meetings and will also announce a "community discussion" forum to be held in Prestonsburg at a time and site before March 15, to be announced at a later date.

Senate passes tough telemarketing bill

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to strictly limit telephone solicitors from calling people on a proposed "zero call" list and to punish unwanted callers.

The bill passed 38-0 against a backdrop of partisan fighting over who deserved credit for the tough restrictions, meant to stop telemarketers from interrupting dinner and other family time.

Sen. Charlie Borders of Russell, the Republican caucus chairman, said it was Republicans who took the lead to pass the "toughest piece of telemarketing legislation in the great United States of America."

Democrats said the GOP claims were an act of revisionism.

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, said Senate Republicans branded previous telemarketing bills as unworkable and unconstitutional.

"Oh what a difference a few months can make," Scorsone said. "Oh what a difference a few radio spots can make."

In recent weeks, the state Democratic Party ran radio ads accusing Senate Republicans of stonewalling on the issue, a top priority of the influential AARP. Democratic Attorney General Ben Chandler, a leading advocate of anti-telemarketing legislation, was featured in some ads.

"As Democrats, we rejoice, all Kentucky rejoices, in the

Senate Republicans' conversion," Scorsone said. "We welcome you into the fold."

Republicans scoffed at the ads and criticized Democrats for trying to turn the issue into a political issue.

The Senate vote came on a day when hundreds of AARP members, wearing T-shirts touting the organization, swarmed the Capitol for a rally.

Senate Republicans rewrote the bill to severely limit telemarketing calls to people who would add their phone numbers to the zero call list. The Senate version also toughened the punishment for violators.

The House passed a less-restrictive version. Senate President David Williams said the House version was riddled with so many exemptions that it would have made the legislation almost impossible to enforce.

The Senate version now returns to the Democratic-controlled House. Democratic Rep. Buddy Buckingham of Murray, the bill's original sponsor, said he needed time to review the Senate changes but was inclined to recommend that the House accept the Senate version.

The Senate version would create a zero call list maintained by the attorney general's office. Telemarketers could not call people on the list, with a few exceptions.

Solicitors could still make calls to people who had done business with them before, to people who gave permission for the call and for bill collections.

Calls from one business to another would also be exempt.

Violators could face civil penalties up to \$5,000. The Senate beefed up criminal charges to allow felony prosecutions after three violations within a year. The felony charges would allow the state to prosecute out-of-state telemarketers violating Kentucky's law, Republicans said.

The House version would have included a less-restrictive "no-call" list that would have permitted telemarketing calls from school and civic groups along with a broader range of businesses.

Williams predicted that Kentucky's telemarketing law would become a model for other states, but said it won't be foolproof. "This will not prohibit all invasion of privacy of homes," said Williams, R-Burkesville.

Sen. Marshall Long, D-Shelbyville, said the Senate version had a loophole that solicitors could take advantage of when they make calls for charitable contributions but retain most of the money themselves.

The political jousting continued as the roll call vote proceeded. Sen. Ed Worley, D-Richmond, said the many Kentuckians wanting relief from telemarketers weren't keeping political score and only wanted results.

"They don't really care if this bill is a Democratic bill or a Republican bill," Worley said.

(The legislation is House Bill 47.)

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Center, which recently implemented a high school system within its program.

At the time of his arrest Monday, Meadows was charged with possession of a controlled substance and prescription in an improper container, both misdemeanor charges. A felony charge of first-degree trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school was later added in connection to the alleged buy which, according to court records, took place in January.

Meadows became the third Floyd County resident arrested on drug trafficking charges in nearly as many days.

Jackie M. Ray, 52, of Toler's Creek, and Ella Mae Adkins, 40, of Harold, were arrested Friday afternoon and charged in connection to an investigation which came to a head with the arrest of nine suspected drug dealers in September. Both were arrested for allegedly taking part in separate controlled buys in which, according to

Blackburn, both sold unspecified amounts of the prescription medication Lorcet to undercover informants for the sheriff's department.

Meadows, like Ray and Adkins, will now await a preliminary hearing which Blackburn hopes will lead to another grand jury indictment.

Eight of the nine suspects arrested during the drug roundup in September have since been referred from the

district court level to a grand jury, which will soon meet to decide if those cases will be heard in circuit court.

Meadows appeared Tuesday morning before Judge Eric D. Hall and was arraigned in connection to the charges against him.

Meadows is currently being held at the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$10,000 cash bond issued by Hall on Tuesday.

Hill

Roberts said that he responded to an armed robbery report at the Action Mart early that morning and conducted an investigation.

According to Roberts, the Pikeville City Police were investigating another robbery at the Western Express Mart in Pike County.

Roberts said that through the

investigation they were able to identify Hill as being a suspect in both incidents.

Allegedly, Hill had robbed the Ivel Action Mart and then moved on to the Western Express in Pikeville.

Judge John David Caudill issued the warrant for Hill's arrest and ordered that the defendant be held without bail.

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ballot as to whether or not the city wanted a city or county school, and I told him that he could," said Waugh, who, as county clerk, handles any number of procedural and petition-related election concerns. "An item dealing with a public question can be put on there, according to state statutes."

Waugh pointed to state statute KRS 83A.120, which says "any public question authorized by statute may be submitted to the voters of a city by either resolution of the city legislative body or a petition meeting the requirements of this section."

According to Waugh, Fannin would need to successfully gain signatures from at least 20 per-

cent of city residents who voted in the last presidential election in order to bring the petition before a full council and be considered for a resolution.

Fannin said Tuesday it shouldn't be hard to gain the 20 percent needed.

"We just need to get the petition together and then the city would do it in a resolution and then it would go on the ballot for November," said Fannin. "It has to be 20 percent of the last vote in the presidential election, but I think we can probably get 80 percent of the vote. People just don't want the school to shut down and several people have asked over the years why we don't go back to an independent school system anyway. We

might be to the point that we can do that now."

Fannin said Tuesday he is concerned that, given the option of consolidation, many parents from Prestonsburg would simply send their children to private schools or out-of-county schools because of overcrowded conditions.

The possibility of forming another school district with a switch back to an independent school district would be possible and clearly conceivable, according to State Department of Education spokesperson Linda Gross, but not without the included responsibility of city funding.

"You have to realize there are some real complicated issues in

forming a school district," Gross said Monday. "One of those is funding ... Do you have the funding potential in whatever town you're going to have a school? You have to think of the number of kids that are required and then all the things one might not immediately think of such as transportation, hiring of teachers and salary scheduling."

According to Gross, for a city to be eligible to introduce an independent school system, there must be at least 200 students, or a special waiver overriding that stipulation from the local school board. Likewise, a city must rest in one of the five potential city classes for independent school systems.

Prestonsburg, which is classified as a fourth-class city, could qualify in terms of student enrollment from PES's student body alone, which is composed of approximately 540 students, as well as possibly seeing Prestonsburg High School incorporated into the system as well, providing additional boosts in enrollment figures.

Gross, who said she knew of no existing education statutes which applied to the formation of another school district in the state, said consolidation and school closings, although sensitive topics throughout a community, were not exclusive to any one area of the state.

"I don't see any education statutes that apply (to the formation of an independent school district), but school closings and consolidations happen all the time all over the state," said Gross. "We're dealing with that in pockets all over the state and it just continues to be an emotional issue for a lot of people."

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city officials worked together to raise funds for the benefit of the school system.

"The city raised \$300,000 for you and I, myself, drove to Frankfort and got an additional \$250,000 from the state," Fannin said. "I have worked to raise money for the football team, the dance team, for academics and for the library."

As discussions ensued regarding the proposed Prestonsburg Field House and the Allen Central Field House and football field, board member Glenna Slone, district 5, seemingly raised the mayor's ire when she made a motion that would have effectively resulted in a delay of the Prestonsburg project.

"I think Allen Central should go first," said Slone. "Prestonsburg already has a nice facility. Our kids are drinking out of muddy water hoses."

Slone continued to press the issue and was victorious in winning a 3-2 vote on the issue, providing a means for both projects to run concurrently, which would mean a delay for the Prestonsburg project.

In response, Fannin approached the board and said,

"As far as Prestonsburg, we've helped the board every time we could, and every time they come back and stick a knife in our backs."

Addressing the board, Fannin went on to say, "You all are just upset because we can go out and raise money and you all can't."

Greg Adams, director of maintenance, stepped in to inform the board that approval on both projects had already been granted by the Kentucky Department of Education, but that the Allen Central project had been stalled due to water and sewage conditions on the property site.

With this new information, Slone then made a new motion to strike the previous motion.

"I didn't know that the Allen Central BG-1 had been approved," she said. "But, still, we need to rush up the Allen Central fieldhouse."

The next day in a telephone interview, Adams said that the Allen Central project had "run into problems with soil testing."

"The health department tested the water and said that there was a problem with leaching," he said. "We are working around plans to install a lift station that

will serve the sewage plant directly behind the school."

Those plans involve securing encroachment permits, to allow for the laying of water pipes, from the Kentucky Department of Transportation, and, according to Adams, "The department says that since we are not a public utility, we need to secure landowner's permission to lay the pipes."

Adams said that the school system is currently working to secure the needed paperwork.

The 2002-2003 budget allocation was again brought up for discussion by the board members, with Supt. Fanning reminding the board that a recommendation had been handed down from the state for "us to take a conservative position (with the budget) and hope for relief later on."

Fanning reminded the board members that revisions to the budget could be made at a later date if financial relief were to come in the months ahead.

The current budget allows for a reduction in staffing of approximately 36 teachers, a point that board members are having great difficulty accepting.

Mike Schmitt, board attorney, informed the board that "it is almost impossible to do a reduction in force statute without incurring legal problems after April 30. It can not be done due to a loss of money, only when due to a loss of enrollment."

The current budget allocation has received the approval of Supt. Fanning, State Manager Zella Wells, and Matt Wireman, financial director.

Based upon those recommendations, board chairman Johnnie Ross made a motion to approve the budget. That motion died for lack of a second.

Also reporting to the board on Monday evening was Joe Jones, board architect, who reported that work is proceeding as scheduled on the South Floyd High School football field. Grandstands have been erected and drainage work on the field is underway.

Jones also reported that plans have been approved for the Betsy Layne High School softball field, and that work is proceeding on the McDowell Elementary and Duff Elementary projects.

Lawsuit

that during efforts to repair the problematic drain, city workers broke the grate in two pieces and left it in that condition. This then resulted, according to Bowers, in the broken piece being knocked from its mooring when vehicles passed along the road, leaving a gaping hole along the "narrow" road.

Bowers, who served as a voting member of the Wheelwright Utility Commission last year, also alleges in her suit that city officials neglected to consider repairs to the drainage hole based on her complaints over a six-month period of time due to the fact that she refused last year to vote in favor of a settlement agreement between the city and a family member of the commission.

Bowers claims in her suit that the legal agreement for which she refused to vote, would have resulted in drawing a substantial amount of the department's funds from the budget in order to pay lost wages and punitive damages to Paul and Ruby Preston, two former city employees.

Ruby Preston is the mother of Wheelwright city commissioner Don "Booty" Hall, a fact that Bowers points to in her suit when making claims of favoritism seeping into the day-to-day operations of the council, along with other systemic flaws.

"Further, (The city of Wheelwright and the Wheelwright City Commission) willfully, negligently, maliciously, intentionally transgress and ignore their own ordinances, regulations ethics guidelines, conditions of loans and grants, city, local, state and federal statutes to the detriment of the citizens of Wheelwright and (Bowers) in particular," the complaint reads. "Specifically, but not exclusively, the rule forbidding nepotism is violated by (the city of Wheelwright and the Wheelwright City Commission) and (Bowers) was damaged by her refusal to vote in favor of expending significant utility funds to settle a lawsuit brought against the city by one of the commissioner's family members."

In addition to presenting these accusations against the

city, Bowers also said in her suit that attempts to settle her own claim with the city through negotiations were met with refusal. She said city officials offered no responsibility in connection to her injury, telling her the road is a state-maintained road and therefore the city could not be held liable.

Alleging the city and city commission were in "bad faith" in their actions, Bowers openly seeks damages in retaliation, adding the city was "aware that serious harm would result from their gross negligence and willful and malicious misconduct" and did nothing to address the complaint once it had become known to them.

Also, Bowers asked for compensation for past, present and future capacity to earn a living, future and mental pain and suffering, as well as compensation for medical bills and punitive damages and a trial by jury.

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Two years have come and gone, since I bid this world adieu,

It seems like only yesterday, talking with each and every one of you.

My life on earth was troubled, but now I feel I am finally home,

The cares of this world left behind, to join God upon this throne.

He tapped me on the shoulder and I heard his loud voice, so I did as He instructed. I just packed it in and left. I guess it couldn't be helped, that I left some of you to fret!

So friends and family, don't mourn me for too long. Get on with life...take care of things...be brave, proud and strong.

I'll surely miss everyone. About that, I will not lie. But as long as you remember me, I didn't really die!

We miss you, Dan!
Ellie, Sandy, Dawn, Cathy,
Family and Friends

William Hite Martin

William Hite Martin, age 90, of Garrett, Ky., husband of the late Nora Stephens Martin, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2002, at the Oakmont Manor Nursing Home, Flatwoods, Kentucky.

He was born April 25, 1911, in Garrett, Ky., the son of the late Leek Martin and Kate Estep Martin. Mr. Martin was a retired Kentucky State Utilities Worker and a veteran of World War II, and served in the Philippines. He was in the Battle of Luzon, and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Survivors include two sons, William H. Martin Jr., of Prestonsburg, Ky., Robert O. Martin of Russell, Ky.; and two grandchildren, Natalie Martin and Tiffany Martin.

Funeral services for William Hite Martin will be conducted Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Kentucky.

Burial will follow in the Tom Martin Cemetery, Garrett, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Willis R. Slone

Willis R. Slone, 64, of Columbus, Ohio, died Saturday, February 16, 2002, at Mt. Carmel/St. Ann's Hospital.

Born January 23, 1938, in Floyd County, he was the son of Ida Pritchard of Dwayne, Kentucky, and the late L.C. Slone.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Slone.

Other survivors include two sons, Allen Slone and Carl R. Slone; and three grandchildren; three brothers, Larry Slone of Carroll, Ohio; James Slone of Youngtown, Arizona; and Randy Slone of Martin, Kentucky; seven sisters, Naomi Wampler of Lancaster, Ohio; Loma Fain of Pickerington, Ohio; Bernice Akers of Norfolk, Virginia; Joe Ann Jones of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Margaret McKinley of Galloway, Ohio; Mary Slone of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; and Judy Kendrick of Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Slone and Roger Slone; and two sisters, Rosa Slone and Loretta Blair.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at the John Quint & Sons Funeral Home, with pastor Roy Hutchinson presiding.

Burial was at the Union Evangelical Cemetery.

(Paid obituary)

William (Bill) Darby

William (Bill) Darby, 82, of Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, Ky., died Friday, February 22, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He was born September 6, 1919, in Emma, Ky., the son of the late John Darby and Virgie Woods Darby. He was former owner of State Wide Press, Prestonsburg, Ky.; a former teacher at Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, Ky.; a graduate of Alice Lloyd College; a member of Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church and Sunday school teacher for 47 years; and Navy WW II veteran, stationed in the sea of Japan.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice Jarrell Darby of Prestonsburg.

Other survivors include two sons, Martin Keith Darby (Sandy) of Prestonsburg, Bill Jack Darby (Debby) of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Lynn Holland Darby of Prestonsburg; four brothers, Larcie Darby (Louise) of Enon, Ohio, Joe Darby (Rose) of N. Union, Ohio, Thomas Darby (Mildred) of Xenia, Ohio, Huey (Erlene) Darby of Prestonsburg; four sisters, Lucy Waddles of Prestonsburg, Christine (Linzie) Hunt of Prestonsburg, Arizona Jarrell of Panama City, Fla., Hazel Mae (Hi) Blackburn of Oceana, W.Va.; four grandchildren, Jackie Howard of Salyersville, Beth Arnett of Prestonsburg, Mikka Franklin and Chris Darby, both of Winchester; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Darby; one brother, John Lee Darby and one sister, Geraldine Hunt.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 24, 2002, at 10 a.m., at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Interment was in the Darby Family Cemetery (Cow Creek), Prestonsburg, under direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Active pallbearers: Joe Bolten, Robert Mayfield, Chris Darby, Michael Arnett, Russel Howard, Scott Franklin, Paul Crider, Phillip Hunt, and Mark Hunt.

Honorary pallbearers: Braxton Thompson, Taylor Harris, James B. Goble, Virgil Hunt, Abe Vanderpool, Ralph Leslie, Larry Leslie, Chester Patton and Tom Graham Dingus.

(Paid obituary)



Tracy Hall

Tracy Hall, 46, of Meally, Ky., formerly of Floyd County, passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2002, following a brief illness.

He was born on November 11, 1955, at McDowell, Ky., the son of the late Willie and Stella Osborne Hall.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Irene Hall Hamilton and Vernie Hall and Loretta Martin; and one brother, Carl Hall.

He is survived by seven brothers, Paul Ray, Raymond and Glen Hall, all of Marion, Ohio, Rex Hall of Willard, Ohio, Clayton Hall of Warsaw, Indiana, Benny Hall of Elkhart Indiana, Ernest Hall of Paintsville, Ky.; three sisters, Rosalee Martin of Drift, Ky., Judy Newsome of Warsaw, Indiana, and Aleane Springer of Marion, Ohio.

Services were officiated by J.M. Scott and Eugene Stambaugh with burial following at Lake View Memorial Cemetery at Staffordsville, Ky., on February 9, 2002.

Arrangements were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. (Paid obituary)

Josephine Baldrige

Josephine Baldrige, 72, of Blue River, Ky., passed away, Saturday, February 23, 2002, at the Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky., following an extended illness.

She was born February 11, 1930, at Prestonsburg, Ky., a daughter of the late Greene and Martha (England) Hackworth. She was a member of the Goodloe Church of God, at Blue River, Ky.

She was married to Sanford Baldrige, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Luther Baldrige of Blue River, Ky. and Hershel Baldrige of David, Ky.; three brothers, Romine Hackworth of Blue River, Ky., Henry Hackworth of Salyersville, Ky., and Thomas Hackworth of Allen, Ky.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 26, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home at Prestonsburg, Ky., with Rev. Eugene Haney, and Rev. Glen Hughes officiating.

Burial was in the Baldrige Cemetery at Open Fork Hollow at David, Ky.

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Card Of Thanks

The family of Genevieve Tackett Hall would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families who helped during the passing of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or said prayers and kind words. Thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Genevieve Tackett Hall

Card Of Thanks

The family of Eddie Shelton would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Drift Pentecostal Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Eddie Shelton

Odds

ness," he said. "You're in people's houses. There's no room for crooks there."

■ MATTAWA, Wash. — No one huffed or puffed and tried to blow the new library down — even though it's built out of straw.

This little farm town got a 1,500-square-foot library on Saturday with the help of volunteers and directions from IronStraw, a nonprofit group that promotes building with straw.

The building was constructed with posts and beams and 330 bales of straw that will be covered with wire mesh and stucco. Such buildings have benefits over more traditional structures, advo-

cates said.

"They're a dream to keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer," said IronStraw co-founder Spring Thomas.

The library will stock Spanish periodicals and bilingual materials for many of the Spanish-speaking people who call this Columbia River town home or stay here during the summer fruit harvest.

The library cost \$150,000 to build, with money from the state Office of Community Development and the Community Foundation of North Central Washington.

The folks who promote constructing with strawbales point to the materials' ease of construc-

tion, stability, good insulation and fire prevention benefits.

■ COLUMBUS, Ohio — Things aren't looking good for a barefoot bookworm.

Robert Neinast has sued the Columbus Metropolitan Library, saying that the ban on going barefoot there blocks a healthy lifestyle and his First Amendment rights.

During a hearing Friday in U.S. District Court, Judge Algenon Marbley told Neinast, a software writer from nearby Pickerington, that he wasn't inclined to let the case go to trial.

The library's attorney, Philomena Dane, told the judge that the library has the policy to

protect patrons' safety and avoid injury lawsuits.

Dane said Saturday that Neinast failed to make the case that going barefoot is a form of expression.

"One doesn't know what the message is," she said.

Neinast wore a dark suit and black shoes in court.

"As I said in my affidavit, I wear shoes on formal occasions, and it doesn't get much more formal than this," he said after the hearing.

■ FARMINGTON, Utah — Despite being warned by a judge not to drive himself home, Brent

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OLW shutting down two services

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen employees at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin will soon find themselves collecting severance packages instead of paychecks, a decision which will make way for renovations to the facility, according to an announcement by the hospital last Friday.

The announcement explained that the hospital will soon "refocus" on acute health care services, a move which will eliminate two of the organization's service lines — the transitional care unit (TCU) and the home health agency.

The changes will become effective by Friday, the hospital said, and will admittedly have an "impact" on the workers who will leave the hospital in search of new jobs.

Our Lady of the Way President and CEO Kathy Stumbo explained the decision to close the two services was one part of a plan to cast an eye toward acute health care in the area, adding the 17 employees, which include registered nurses and nurse assistants, should have little problem finding work in the area.

"We made this decision so that we can focus more closely on acute health care services to better serve our community, now and in the future," Stumbo said after announcing the changes. "These employees will be impacted, but we provided all the employees with severance

pay and most of them shouldn't have difficulty finding jobs in the area, considering the demand and the present shortage in the health care field."

Stumbo said the hospital is currently working to transfer patients in the transitional care unit, a department consisting of a 13-bed nursing unit, and also those served by the home health agency to other providers throughout Floyd County.

The move, although severing a number of jobs for Our Lady of the Way employees, should not come as a windfall change to those effected, according to the hospital. The hospital has been gradually reducing staffing for both the service lines as transfers to other providers in the county have continued.

The hospital made the decision to cut the two services based on several factors, including what they have perceived as a "steady decrease" in the number of TCU patients served in that unit, as well as an examination of figures from financial analysis which have shown, according to the hospital, that future growth in the home health business would not be substantial enough to support any continued service in that area.

In an attempt to dispel any connection to the decision to drop the TCU and home health services, Stumbo stressed the reasoning for the change had nothing to do with the quality of work provided by related employees to both services.

"The decision to close these



photo by Sheldon Compton

Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin will begin to move ahead on renovation plans soon, but has decided to close its transitional care and home health units and eliminate 17 employees in those service lines to supplement their proposals for funding.

service lines is not a reflection of the quality of care or the efforts of the caregivers," said Stumbo. "We are very proud of the work of our transitional care and home health staff in serving area residents."

Instead Stumbo focused on the eliminated service lines in a positive light, claiming the decision will put Our Lady of the Way Hospital in a more favorable standing for public service and well as helping the organization as a whole.

"By redirecting some of our resources," said Stumbo, "we will be in a better position to improve essential hospital services through facility upgrades and the purchase of new equipment in the future."

Stumbo said Monday that the focus for the remainder of the fiscal year and into the next will be more on improvements to the facility, with new equipment taking a backseat for the time being.

"What we are trying to do at this point is some major renovations to the facility in the emergency room, radiology and in-patient rooms," said Stumbo. "We will start with the in-patient rooms and hope to get started in the next few months."

Stumbo said the hospital submitted a proposal to their corporate headquarters in February concerning the new plans for the facility and anticipates approval for those changes sometime in March.

Gambling

Churchill Downs President Alex Waldrop.

House Speaker Jody Richards, a known opponent of expanded gambling, said sentiment in the House is "very divided, leaning against any specific proposal."

Turfway President Bob Elliston said the tracks will have to shoulder the capital investment and operations costs in return for what could be \$3 billion in income in six years.

Waldrop said it was impossible to predict how much of that income would become corporate profits. But he and the other track officials said the bill proposes the highest state tax rate for gambling proceeds in the nation.

Callahan said the issue boils down to money for the state, not expanded gambling.

"This is the only legitimate opportunity we have to get increased revenue at this point in the session," Callahan said.

The horse racing industry has been struggling with expanded gambling for more than a decade, since the first casino riverboat arrived in neighboring Illinois.

Since then, a flotilla of boats have been launched, including huge luxury operations in Indiana that tracks say have siphoned millions of dollars from their betting windows and Kentucky tax coffers.

The idea has surfaced in the General Assembly before, but never in written form until the bill was introduced Tuesday.

"All aspects of our industry are together like we never have been before," Elliston said.

The proposal would give an exclusive gambling franchise to the eight existing tracks — Churchill Downs in Louisville, Keeneland and Red Mile in Lexington, Ellis Park at Henderson, Turfway near Cincinnati, Thunder Ridge near Prestonsburg, Bluegrass Downs at Paducah and Kentucky Downs at Franklin.

Total income from the slot machines, which could include everything from electronic blackjack to keno and traditional bells and cherries, would be defined as the amount left over after winnings are paid. The first \$50 million in income would be taxed at 28 percent for the state, with five brackets up to a maximum tax rate of 41.44 percent for income over \$200 million at individual tracks.

The amount set aside for horsemen would also rise, depending on the total amount spent on machines.

The state would have to return some of its money for local economic

development and compulsive gambling treatment. Plus, the indeterminable cost of a gaming control commission would have to come out of the state's share. A gaming control agency would be created, overseen by a seven-member part-time board of gubernatorial appointees.

In three years, if there was a total of \$919 million in income from the slots, the tracks would keep 52.25 percent and 12.7 percent would go to horse owners and breeders, including through the creation of a special fund to augment purses for claiming races, generally the cheapest but among the most common races. The state would get 35.05 percent.

The tracks would be able to decide all operational issues, from the number of slot machines to hours of operation. The bill would seem to require the slot facilities would have to be located on existing race track property.

Track officials said the bill includes no changes in local liquor laws or other tax breaks for tracks.

Gene McLean, director of the Kentucky Harness Horseman's Association, said the proposal is critical to standardbred racing.

"Without it, the standardbred industry is just a memory," he said.

Richards said there are other issues not directly addressed in the bill, such as whether voters in communities should be given a chance to veto slot palaces or whether the tracks should get a monopoly.

Sen. David Boswell of Owensboro, the Democratic caucus chairman, said he would only support expanded gambling if it was presented to voters in a constitutional amendment and allowed local option elections.

Supporters obtained a private legal opinion that a change in Kentucky's Constitution is not needed to allow casino-style gambling, but there has been no definitive court decision.

Opponents planned to pore over the 107-page bill, which was drafted after long secret meetings.

Former Republican legislator Stan Cave, who has been leading the opposition to expanded gambling from the Family Foundation, said there is little time for frank consideration. "But with the kind of raw political power and monied interests that are behind the legislation, anything can happen,"

Cave said.

The Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, director of the Kentucky Council of Churches and Kentuckians Against Gambling Expansion, said the secrecy and the late surfacing of the bill are cause enough for suspicion.

Tuesday was the 34th day of the legislative session, which is limited to 60 days.

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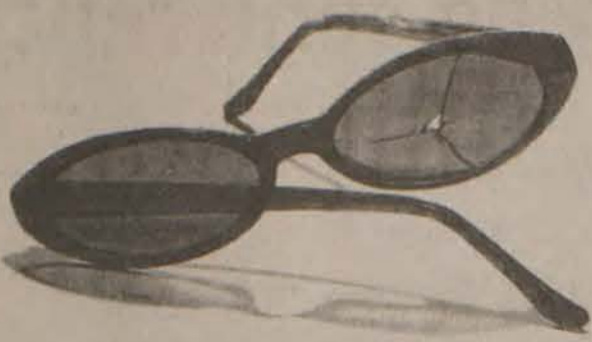
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Kentucky among other states using hundreds of retired teachers

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky is allowing hundreds of retired teachers back into the classroom without losing pensions, following a trend in Southern states, a new report says.

It is a way to combat teacher shortages — whether in geographic areas or in specific fields, such as math, science, foreign languages and special education.

New teachers tend to settle close to their universities, creating supply problems for other areas of a state. In addition, more teachers are approaching retirement age, according to the report by the Southern Regional Education Board.

The board, headquartered in Atlanta, is a consortium of 16 states, including Kentucky.

The report said retired teachers can return to work full time but keep collecting pensions in 12 of the states — Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Many of those states, including Kentucky, also permit part-time work. The other four SREB

states — Alabama, Delaware, Georgia and Mississippi — allow retirees to work only as part-time or substitute teachers.

Kentucky has about 40,000 teachers statewide. The number of retirees being used is equal to about 2,500 full-time teachers, according to figures from the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System.

Kentucky has a "100-day pro-

gram" in which a retired teacher can return to work for up to 100 days in a contract year.

The program, which has been around since 1960, was conceived as a way to assure a supply of long-term substitutes, Gary Harbin, the retirement system's executive secretary, said Monday. It has evolved into a popular way for teachers to enhance retirement income, Harbin said.

The program has had nearly 5,800 "uses" this year, meaning incidences of teachers working anywhere from one day to 100, Harbin said.

The General Assembly two years ago authorized the use of retirees to fill areas of critical need. Harbin said 575 such teaching positions have been certified to date, but only about a third have been filled.

Governors ask president — politely — to restore highway money

by WILL LESTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Governors have demanded more federal money during the first three days of their winter meeting, especially for Medicaid and highway construction, but they moderated their tone when they arrived at the White House.

Visiting President Bush on Monday, they accorded him the deference due a former fellow governor basking in huge

national popularity as a wartime president.

They politely asked the president to restore \$8.5 billion in highway construction money they would lose next year under his proposed budget. The tone was a far cry from the fiery speeches they've made at the J.W. Marriott Hotel during the National Governors Association winter meeting.

The delicate job of personally popping the question fell to Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton,

Democratic vice chairman of the association.

Chairman John Engler, Republican governor of Michigan, made a passing mention of the highway money problems in opening comments, which focused mostly on the governors' gratitude to the president for his efforts in the war against terror.

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Attorney general: Privacy of sex crime victims outweighs value of disclosure

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A new attorney general's opinion says police can blot names and addresses of sex-crime victims from arrest reports before releasing them under the Kentucky Open Records Act.

It is a change of position prompted by "a developing body of state and federal case law," the opinion by Assistant Attorney General Amye L. Bensenhaver said.

The privacy interest of "victims of these singularly traumatic crimes ... outweighs the public interest in monitoring police investigative action," Bensenhaver wrote.

She emphasized that her opinion applied to reports of cases classified in Kentucky law as sex crimes: rape, sodomy, sexual abuse and sexual misconduct. Police cannot perform a "blanket redaction" of arrest reports generally, Bensenhaver wrote.

The opinion was sought by The Courier-Journal because of arrest reports released by Louisville police for August through October. All had been redacted, regardless of offense. Bensenhaver agreed there was "no consistent pattern" to the way in which information had

been withheld.

Her opinion said "the city's policy of making random redactions ... is, in general, legally unsupported" except in cases of alleged sex crimes.

"Acknowledging that there is

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UK to recruit healthy people for clinical study of HIV vaccine

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Researchers at the University of Kentucky began looking for volunteers Tuesday to participate in a study of a new HIV vaccine.

The phase I clinical trial, sponsored by Merck and Co. Inc., will test the safety and tolerability of two investigational HIV vaccines in 126 healthy individuals, said Dr. Richard Greenberg, professor of internal medicine in the College of Medicine.

"The goal of the study is to evaluate the effect of these vaccines on the immune system's ability to produce T-cell responses and antibodies against HIV," Greenberg said.

Preliminary information about the Merck vaccine was unveiled to scientists worldwide Tuesday during the ninth-annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections in Seattle, Wash.

The two vaccines differ from earlier vaccines because they involve the production of cytotoxic lymphocytes (CTLs) known as "killer cells," which destroy cells infected with a virus before they can reproduce. Research efforts so far have determined that antibodies alone are ineffective in protecting against HIV.

The government estimates that 40,000 Americans each year catch HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. During the 1980s, government health officials believed that as many as 1.5 million Americans had HIV, but later revised that figure downward.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 2,560 people in Kentucky living with HIV as of June 2000 and 1,844 living with AIDS as of December 2001.

The university has participated in more than 50 HIV drug trials in the past decade. This trial, however, will be the first involving healthy people rather than HIV patients, Greenberg said.

Neither researchers nor volunteers will know whether the vaccine or a placebo is being

administered until the 18-month study is complete. Study participants will receive four injections during the study and have blood drawn during monthly clinic visits.

Participants must be healthy adults, age 18 to 50; have no history of chronic illness; weigh more than 110 pounds; not taking a daily prescription other than birth control pills; have no

history of alcohol abuse; have not used IV drugs in the past year; have not had a sexual partner who is infected with HIV; and has not been diagnosed or treated for a sexually transmitted disease in the last six months.

Volunteers will be compensated for their time. Those interested in participating in the study should call 859-323-3933.

Company ordered to make repairs to coal sludge pond

The Associated Press

SLEMP — The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration has ordered an Eastern Kentucky coal company to stop a leak from a 60-acre impoundment at Slemple in Perry County, a spokeswoman said Monday.

The 10-year-old pond is filled with the same black goo that swamped residential areas in Martin County less than a year and a half ago when a similar impoundment ruptured.

Water was leaking from Blue Diamond Coal's impoundment into an underground mine at a rate of about 140 gallons a minute on Friday, said MSHA spokeswoman Kathy Snyder. She said the leakage stopped on Saturday.

Federal and state inspectors spent the weekend trying to determine if the impoundment posed a risk to the community. The conclusion, Snyder said, is that the pond is not a danger.

"MSHA is continuing to monitor the situation closely and believes there is no significant hazard," she said.

Snyder said water from the Stone Coal Branch Impoundment was seeping into the underground mine beneath Blue Diamond's processing plant in Perry County and flowing out into streams.

Because coal particles were being filtered out by rock and dirt, the water leaking into the underground mine was clear, she said.

Local residents have no reason for alarm, said Dan Geiger, vice president for engineering for Blue Diamond's parent company, James River Coal.

"This is certainly not an impending disaster," he said. "There's absolutely no question about the dam's safety. The work we're doing is to make sure there are no future problems."

The company alerted MSHA and the Kentucky Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to a potential problem on Thursday.

Geiger said his company did dye testing to determine if water in the mine was coming from the sludge pond.

"Some of the water was coming from the impoundment," he said. "There's no way to know whether it's a little bit or a lot."

Geiger said Blue Diamond plans to uncover the openings to three underground mine portals, install stronger seals to hold back water and cover the bottom with a geotechnical fabric to stop future leaks.

"Maybe some of the seals aren't working like they should," he said. "We take this very, very seriously."

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our commander in chief," Engler said. He said he is confident the governors and the administration can find answers to their problems involving transportation and other issues, such as Medicaid. Governors say they're generally pleased with what they've heard about the president's proposals on welfare, due out Tuesday.

Earlier, Engler commented on a proposal before Congress to increase highway construc-

tion money by \$4.4 billion above the administration's request, roughly half the amount the governors want. "That's a very good first step," Engler told governors at the hotel. "We'd like to go all the rest of the way."

Patton opened his White House comments by complimenting the president's budget proposal.

"My impression is that in general your administration is

very state-friendly and very governor-friendly," Patton said, but he noted governors' disappointment about Medicaid and transportation money.

Patton said "due to some unusual and unanticipated circumstances," the amount of money provided by the law now would result in a 27 percent cut for state transportation programs in the next fiscal year.

Bush's budget plan for the year beginning Oct. 1 provides \$22.6 billion for the Federal Highway Administration, the agency in charge of road construction, down sharply from \$32.1 billion this year.

The drop is a consequence of a 1998 law on highway and transit programs that in part linked highway spending to money raised from gasoline taxes, which go into the highway trust fund.

"We would suggest that about \$8 billion be used for one year to maintain expenditures at the current level," Patton said.

Earlier, at the hotel, Alabama Gov. Donald Siegelman said: "It makes no sense to make cuts in transportation at a time the economy is showing signs of recovery.

This would deal a staggering blow to a very fragile recovery."

Patton picked up on that theme at the White House when he told the president:

"I'm sure you can understand what a 27 percent cut would mean in reduced jobs, what it would mean in reduced purchasing of equipment, a dramatic reduction in purchase of real equipment," he said. Then he looked toward the president.

"I know you know all that," Patton offered. "We just wanted to take this opportunity to ask you and your staff ... we're talking to your staff a little bit more than we're talking to you."

"Having been a governor, you know how important transportation is," Patton said. "To the staff, please take note of this request."

Later, Patton said Bush acknowledged to the governors during the private portion of their meeting that he understood the position states are in and would consider their request.

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14th annual spring conference

The Eastern Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics Executive Committee announces its Fourteenth Annual Spring Conference to be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge and Wilkinson Stumbo Conference Center. The theme this year is "Probability and Statistics." Conference check-in will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the foyers of both the Lodge and the Conference Center, depending upon grade level checked by individual participants on their original registration form. A registration form for the spring conference must be completed by each individual who plans to attend and returned with appropriate fees to John D. Sammons, by Friday, April 5. Fees for the conference will be as follows: \$25 for teachers, non-teachers, and administrators, and \$5 for students (we encourage student participation is encouraged; however, all students will be assessed the \$5 fee and must complete the registration process by April 5).

The conference itinerary includes an exceptionally strong group of session presenters including Brenda Blackburn, Paintsville Independent; Paul Prater, Region 8 math consultant; Jerry Barrowman, Region 5 math consultant; Tina Crum, Reva Slone, and Amy Halbert, Floyd County; and Dr. Robert Thomas, Eastern Kentucky University. Dr. Willis Johnson, highly regarded University of Kentucky math education professor and chairman of the middle school program faculty will be serving as keynote speaker. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Professor John D. Sammons, or Peggy Prater at Prestonsburg Community College, (606) 886-3863, extension 301 or extension 292, or 1-888-641-4132.

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a compelling public interest in access to records reflecting the identities of crime victims, we find that a developing body of federal and state case law, coupled with a perhaps long-overdue recognition of the singularly traumatic consequences of crimes of sexual violence, require us to modify our position," Bensenhaver wrote.

Bensenhaver issued an opinion in the same vein in October, ruling that names of alleged victims and a witness could be blotted from a campus police report at Jefferson Community College. That opinion was sought by a student who had been expelled, but never indicted, for allegedly touching two female students in an offensive

manner.

Attorney general opinions have the force of law in cases involving public records and public meetings. The newspaper's attorney, Jon Fleischaker, said the latest opinion was "an extension of the whole concept of right to privacy" but its significance was otherwise hard to judge.

The opinion says police are limited in what they can censor, but it remains to be seen how police agencies around the state will react, Fleischaker said.

He also said the newspaper had not yet decided whether to appeal Bensenhaver's opinion to a circuit court.


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Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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ments, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

Piarist School to hold entrance exam

The Piarist School will hold an entrance examination for students entering their freshman or sophomore years of high school in the fall. The exam will be given on Saturday, March 9, at 9 a.m., at the school, which is

located at the second traffic light on Route 80, in Martin. The Piarist School is a private, tuition-free, college preparatory high school. To register or to request more information, call 285-3950, or e-mail: piarist@kih.net or visit the school's website at www.geocities.com/piarist.

Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Seasons

Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Seasons have changed to February 15-April 30 and Oct. 1-Dec. 15. During these time periods it is unlawful to: set fire to, or to procure to set fire to, any flammable material capable of spreading fire, located in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., or when the ground is covered with snow.

Co-op Extension Services

*2002 Floyd County Horse Course will be offered in a 3-part series. Each course will be held at the Floyd County Extension Service Office and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

*Thursday, March 21 - Health and Feeding of your horse;
*Thursday, March 28 - Selecting the Recreational Horse; and
*Thursday, April 4 - Fencing and Facilities. For more information call Ray Tackett at 886-2668.

Notice to all veterans

If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be entitled to VA benefits that you are unaware of. Visit the Disabled American Veterans office located at Ivel, or call (606) 478-9810 during regular office hours, Monday - Friday. Our mailing address is DAV, Betsy Layne Chapter #169, 480 Conn Street,

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Mt. Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Service's Program will be offering free training sessions to become a volunteer advocate for victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. The training will be held on March 23 and 30 and April 6, 13, and 20 in Prestonsburg. If you would like to become a volunteer victim's advocate, call Linda Hutchinson, Volunteer Coordinator/Advocate, at 886-4323.

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Jenny Wiley AARP offers free tax service

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free tax assistance for elderly (60 and over) and low income persons at the Floyd County Library, each Tuesday, beginning February 5, through April 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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2002 Girl Scout Cookie Campaign

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Red Cross moves to new location

The American Red Cross, Big Sandy Area Chapter has moved to a new location. We are now located at the Big Sandy Area Development District Building, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Phone 886-8330.

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Don't let the lack of a high school diploma keep you from earning your college degree or diploma. Students who do not have a high school diploma or GED may still qualify for financial aid while attending college level courses. Contact Jennifer Leedy at Mayo Technical College for more information. 789-5321 extension 291.

PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derossett at (606) 874-9514.

Quilt

Guild to meet

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two - 18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread, and scissors. More info. call 886-2668.

Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) January, February and March. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims,

and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung, and accepting applications for social security numbers.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Attention Veterans!

The Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs has moved their veterans field representative office from the Prestonsburg Courthouse to the Kentucky National Guard Armory on Rt. 321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

"Looking for a Support Group?"

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

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Odds

Beaudry did just that. It turns out the judge wasn't bluffing.

At a hearing on a charge of driving with a suspended driver license, Beaudry had assured the Davis County Justice Court judge that he had a ride home.

Judge Gerald Jensen warned him that a bailiff would make sure he did not drive away, and Beaudry assured the judge everything would be fine.

The bailiff then watched as Beaudry jumped into his pickup truck and drove off.

In the few blocks he traveled before Bailiff Jeff Corbin pulled him over, he failed to signal twice and didn't make a complete stop at a stop sign. Corbin testified Wednesday during a hearing on new traffic charges.

"Mr. Beaudry was polite and cooperative, though," Corbin said.

The defendant was so helpful during a police stop on Jan. 29 that he purportedly told officers he had a weapon in the glove compartment and plastic bags of methamphetamine and heroin pipes in the truck.

"He even pointed out which pipe was his favorite one," said Corbin.

Beaudry, 44, of Green River, Wyo., was bound over on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia — and driving on a suspended license.

■ NEWARK, N.J. — A legal eagle is coming back to the federal courthouse in Newark.

The 2-ton, hand-carved limestone eagle, which sat at the base of the flagpole at the old courthouse for decades, will be unveiled March 5 during ceremonies at the federal courthouse.

The eagle vanished in the late 1930s, around the time when the old courthouse was demolished. However, few were aware of its disappearance until members of the U.S. District Court Historical Society in New Jersey commissioned a comprehensive study of the state's federal courts.

During their work, researchers unearthed a 1938 newspaper article about the statue. Investigators soon tracked it to a Montclair home once owned by B. Palmer Davidson, a former writer for The Star-Eagle, a predecessor of The Star-Ledger of Newark.

Family members said that around the time of the demolition, Davidson went to a warehouse where some of the stone was being stored and offered to buy the eagle for about \$100. The statue was cemented onto the side of a brick structure attached to a garage wall in his back yard, where it remained for many years.

The eagle was removed from the home in November and has been refurbished.

■ CHICAGO — The University of Chicago finally has its own answer to a vexing question: How many students does it take to change a light bulb?

Mary Ruth Yoe, the editor of the school's alumni magazine, decided students there had gone long enough without a good University of Chicago answer so she asked for contributions. Scores of responses followed.

"Change it to what?" answered Michael P. Richard. "We were taught to define terms."

Another entry argued that the answer depended on whether the students are undergrads or graduate students.

The answer for undergrads? "Four. One to change it and three to complain about how hard it was."

For graduate students, though, the answer was, "Just one. But it takes seven years."

The winning suggestion came from alumnus Paul L. Sandberg, whose answer, Yoe wrote, underscored the "true Chicago students."

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East KY Museum and History

The East KY Museum and History Center Association will meet at 6 p.m., in the law offices of Jerry Wicker, located in Hindman. An election of association officers will take place at this time. Any person interested in becoming a member of the association should attend this meeting. The association's mission is to build a museum and history center that will serve all of Eastern Kentucky.

Repair Affair Bingo

The Ball Creek Fire Department will hold a special bingo event with all proceeds going to benefit the Knott Co. Repair Affair project. The games will be held on Saturday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m., at the fire department building located at the intersection of Rt. 80 and 1087, at Soft Shell. For more info., call 785-4361 or 785-3322.

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6-7 p.m.

Senior Advantage
March 12
Meeting Place A & B
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Reach To Recovery
March 16
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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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March 21

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New center to celebrate the culture of the South

by JUSTIN BERGMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — It's not barbecue and banjo music, or cotillions and collard greens.

Rather, celebrating the culture of the South will take a decidedly more cerebral line when the South Atlantic Regional Humanities Center opens this spring. The center, created with support from the National

Endowment for the Humanities, will be one of eight regional sites around the country where universities and cultural preservation groups will work together to sustain regional traditions and promote tourism.

"There's a new feeling that we're all in this together," Robert Vaughn, president of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, said at a news conference Tuesday to announce the center.

"We need to pool our resources to assist in the continued development of our region."

The center, to be headquartered at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, will include universities and other groups in five coastal states — Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida — as well as the territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The goal is to protect certain aspects of Southern culture from the "Wal-Martization" of America, Vaughn said, but also to create a research bank for universities and colleges across the country and to spur tourism interest in the region.

The group will establish a digital library on topics related to the South, sponsor a forum of Southern women writers, publish a book on the history of education in the region since the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education desegregation case and commission a traveling exhibition of Jewish heritage in the South.

Universities in the region also have pledged to update their curricula with Southern humanities courses. Virginia Tech offered

the first such course last fall — a joint South Atlantic geography-history class in its master's program.

U.Va. President John T. Casteen III said the benefits to academia in the Southeast could be immeasurable.

"It gives us a chance to build on the disparate strengths of several institutions to enhance humanities studies for the region," Casteen said. "This will make Virginia a hub for humanities in the Southeast and, frankly, in the nation."

Funding for the center will come initially from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is driving the initiative to create regional cultural study centers across the country. NEH will donate nearly \$400,000 to fund the first stage of the project; Vaughn said the center must raise triple that in the next three years to stay afloat. Eighty percent of donations will be earmarked for a permanent endowment.

Due to Virginia's budget problems, Casteen said he doesn't expect much state support. The principal source of funding is expected to be individuals and private foundations and organizations.

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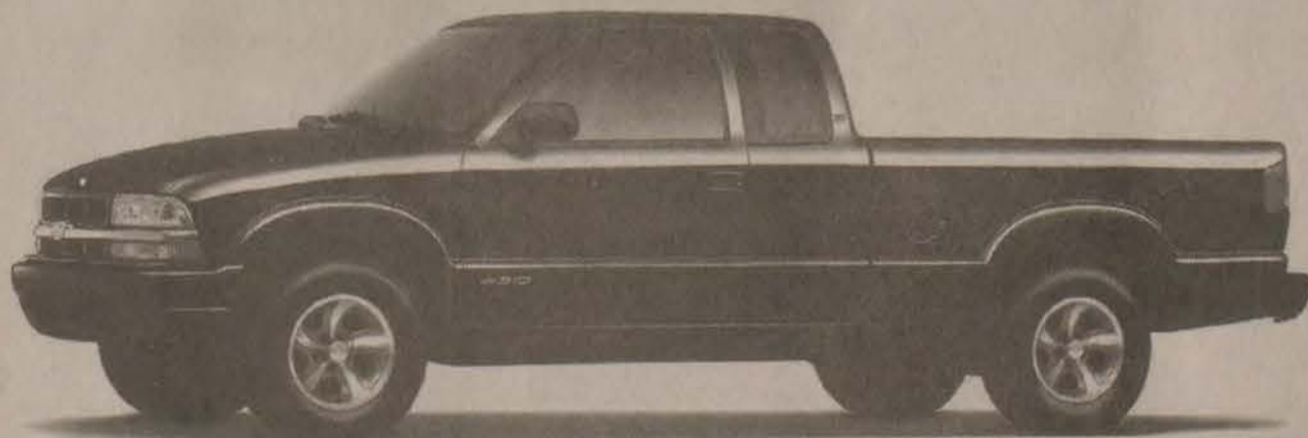


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Fire

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department, just bought two new fire trucks.

"He's a super nice guy, but he doesn't know anything about fire service," Owens said of Grant County Judge-Executive Darrell Link.

Link said the county is studying how to best provide its residents with fire service, but that no decisions have been made.

"I would be too premature to make a comment that I'm going to encourage those guys to merge," Link said.

For those opposed to mergers, lost equipment and larger districts are not the only possible casualties.

Don Calecod, 62, is the training officer with the Flaherty Volunteer Fire Protection District in northern Hardin County. The problem is, he has fewer volunteers to train.

Where Stine and Sell see merger as an effective combatant against the thinning volunteer ranks, Calecod sees it as first step to closing down firehouses and weakening the role of volunteer firefighters in communities across Kentucky.

The Flaherty district covers 2,500 homes spread over 50 square miles with two stations and 34 volunteers. Calecod said. The 62-year-old Army veteran, a volunteer for 20 years, says merger represents the potential end for community firefighting, not its salvation.

"When you start consolidating you lose that pride," Calecod said. "When you have that many people working that many hours for free, then you have to have something more than the thrill of turning on the red light and driving fast. There has to be a sense of pride and a sense of community and when you consolidate you lose that."

(The merger proposals are Senate Bill 66 and House Bill 272)

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Coping with the Syndrome

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

Spoiled-Brat Syndrome isn't an illness that you will find in any medical book. By no means is it restricted to talented young athletes. Their cases are simply the most publicized. Symptoms of SBS are selfishness, contempt for elders, an inflated ego, rudeness, and a big mouth. No dependable antidote has been developed.

Consider, if you will, the case of Adam Chiles. A freshman point guard at the University of Kentucky,

Chiles recently was seen mouthing off to Wildcat coach Tubby Smith during the Tennessee game in Knoxville. At the time, Smith was trying to make a point to sophomore Gerald Fitch.

When Chiles butted in, Smith told him to shut up and sit down. "I'm already sitting," Chiles said in a thinly-veiled reference to his lack of playing time. That led Smith to get right into the player's face and chew him out.

The truth be told, Smith

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In Competition

Bluegrass Winter Games open this weekend

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bluegrass Winter Games get started this weekend with martial arts taking center stage.

The Winter Games will offer 13 sports, including cheerleading. Registration for most sports is closed. However, the registration deadline for cheerleading is March 15.

Most of the Games will be held the weekends of March

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NWTF banquet scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Big Sandy Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its seventh annual banquet Saturday at the May Lodge in Jenny Wiley State Park at 6 p.m. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m., and an auction scheduled

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Perry Jones preparing for state tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

It's true, Perry Jones never met a stranger. If you know him personally, or have ever even met him for a split-second, you know this for a fact.

When he started working for Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

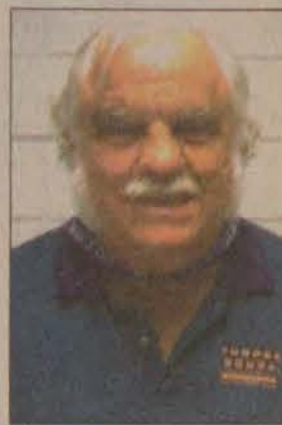
Department of Highways District 12 in 1974, he worked as a flagman. People often have said, "if you got in the road with Perry Jones holding the flag, you'd better not be in a hurry." Perry Jones knows virtually every driver, and it wasn't the road work that made the wait long — it was the man who didn't meet a stranger taking

time to talk with each person who drove through."

When he retired at the end of September of last year, after 27 years with the Allen Maintenance Garage, Jones had not only seen a lot of changes in the highway department, but over nearly three decades, there had been a lot of changes for him too.

After flagging for 18 years, he moved to the janitor's post at the garage. For Jones, his job with the highway department was great and fulfilling, but basketball has also filled a majority of his busy schedule. "I loved my job," said

(See STATE, page seven)



Perry Jones

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT



Allen Central Coach John Martin talked it over with his team during a timeout. The Runnin' Rebels had very little trouble in an 87-40 win over the Knights.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Runnin' Rebs move past Piarist

Hall nets 16 for victorious Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg Fieldhouse is the site of this year's 58th District Tournament.

On Monday night, the No. 4 boys' seed Allen Central took to the floor against the No. 5-seeded Piarist Knights. As other meetings between the two schools have been, Monday night's game was also a blowout win in favor of the Runnin' Rebels. To take nothing away from the Knights, it was over early as Allen Central put 13 points on the board before Piarist senior Robert Hall made good on two free tosses from the line. Allen Central, again, soon put a stop to

(See ALLEN CENTRAL, page three)

P'burg track athletes compete in Mason-Dixon Games

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — It was a busy weekend for Prestonsburg High School athletes. The Prestonsburg boys' basketball team played host to Knott County Central on Friday night. On Sunday, just a couple of days later, the PHS football team had its banquet, celebrating a Class 2A State Runner-up finish. In between, Coach Dewey Jamerson and the ath-

(See P'BURG, page seven)

PHS football team honored during banquet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2001 Prestonsburg High School football team was honored during a banquet held Sunday at the Mountain Arts Center. The evening began with an invocation by team chaplain Arnold Turner. After dinner, Kentucky Opry member Keith Caudill gave the welcome in the theater where highlight tapes, made by WPRG and WYMT, along with a tape of print photos, produced by Kaye Willis, all were shown.

Head coach John DeRossett honored his coaching staff and players during the event with several dignitaries on hand for the evening. Dignitaries present included legislators Greg Stumbo and Johnny Ray Turner, along with Prestonsburg Mayor

(See PHS, page six)

South Floyd rattles Lexington Catholic, but Knights prevail

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 2-ranked team in the state paid a visit to Hi Hat on Friday to take on the host South Floyd Raiders in a battle of two of the state's more entertaining teams.

Lexington Catholic came in

boasting a talented group of athletes and a 23-2 record to prove it. South Floyd has an excellent club as well and seems to be gearing up for another run at a region title. Lexington Catholic has only two blemishes on their record, one by a single point to national power Dematha and the other a last second shot by West

Jessamine earlier in the year.

The Knights have a well-known point guard by the name of Brian Smith (the son of Kentucky men's head coach Tubby Smith).

Smith showed great potential on Friday as he led the Knights with 22 points on the strength of six three-pointers.

The Raiders seemed a bit tight in the opening quarter as Catholic built a 15-point lead in the game's first eight minutes, but as most basketball fans in Eastern Kentucky know South Floyd never seems to panic and one could sense that the Raiders

(See KNIGHTS, page seven)



Tackett returns to the diamond with Brevard

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BREVARD, N.C. — Todd Tackett is back to playing baseball after leaving the University of Kentucky men's basketball team prior to the start of this season. Tackett has since enrolled at NAIA

Tackett starred in two sports, both baseball and basketball, at Paintsville High School

(See TACKETT, page six)



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd Middle School guard Ryan Johnson (3) worked the ball as Allen's Casey Duncan defended.

Lady Raiders down Piarist in 4 vs. 5 game

Ousley nets 21 as South Floyd advances

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Lady Raiders and the Piarist Lady Knights got the 58th District Tournament underway

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Briefs

BASKETBALL

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Former NBA star Jayson Williams surrendered to police and was charged with manslaughter in the shooting death of a limousine driver ... a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

BASEBALL

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona Diamondbacks third baseman Matt Williams broke his left leg and ankle in practice and will be lost to the team until after the season begins.

OLYMPICS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Members of the U.S. women's hockey team did not desecrate a Canadian flag at the Salt Lake City Olympics, American and Canadian hockey officials said after a joint investigation.

FOOTBALL

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Michael Vick era began when the Atlanta Falcons released Chris Chandler, their starting quarterback for the past five seasons.

HOCKEY

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Recently fired coach Larry Robinson is returning to the New Jersey Devils as an assistant coach while John Cuniff undergoes treatment for a recurrence of throat cancer.

TENNIS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic lost to Nicholas Pietrangeli 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the Dubai Open.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NEW YORK — Kansas became the first team this season other than Duke to be ranked No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll in consecutive weeks.

GOLF

WAIKOLEA, Hawaii — Twelve-year-old Michelle Wie claimed one of two qualifying spots for the LPGA Tour's season-opening Takeluji Classic, which starts Thursday.

Basketball

College AP polls

Men

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 24.

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Pts, Pct. Lists top 25 college basketball teams.

Women

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 24.

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Pts, Pct. Lists top 25 college basketball women's teams.

Others receiving votes: Fla. International 53, UNLV 35, Mississippi St. 34, Penn St. 33, LSU 22, Villanova 19, Arkansas 14, Arizona St. 12, Iowa 12, Virginia Tech 10, Washington 9, George Washington 5, New Mexico 5, Drake 3, Houston 2, UC Santa Barbara 1, Wisconsin 1.

Prep Polls

The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

Boys

Table with 5 columns: Rank, School, Pts, TP, Pvs. Lists top prep boys basketball teams.

Girls

Table with 5 columns: Rank, School, Pts, TP, Pvs. Lists top prep girls basketball teams.

Others receiving votes: UCLA 159, Texas Tech 134, Xavier 74, Hawaii 70, N.C. State 55, Pepperdine 44, Mississippi St. 43, Notre Dame 39, Kent St. 33, Virginia 31, Butler 30, Syracuse 9, Tulsa 9, Wisconsin 9, Georgetown 8, S. Illinois 8, Michigan St. 7, Memphis 4, Cent. Connecticut St. 3, Mississippi 2, Utah St. 2, Penn 1, Utah 1, Wyoming 1.

BluegrassPreps Top 20 Rankings

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Pts, Pct. Lists top 20 bluegrass prep basketball teams.

Others to Watch By Region

Table with 6 columns: Region, Team, Pts, Pct. Lists teams to watch by region.

SPORTSBOARD

Table with 2 columns: Region, Team. Lists regional sports events.

NBA standings

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Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Eastern Conference NBA teams.

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Olympics

Winter Olympic Medals Table

Table with 5 columns: Nation, G, S, B, Tot. Lists Winter Olympic medalists.

Auto racing

Notebook: Subway 400

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — Kurt Busch was the first hurt by NASCAR's new "one engine" rule, going to the back of the field for the start of Sunday's race after his team switched motors.

Busch, who qualified seventh for the event, started 43rd because his team changed engines after Saturday's practice when his crew discovered a cracked cylinder. He finished 12th Sunday.

Under the new rule, teams can use just one motor during an entire race weekend. If they have to change it, they are penalized by being sent to the back of the field.

But there's also the chance of an engine not lasting through an entire race, which happened to Dale Jarrett.

Jarrett was leading Sunday, when his engine blew on lap 145, knocking him out and to a 42nd-place finish.

"It didn't give any warning," Jarrett said. "Something just let go. As hard as we race, pieces and parts break sometimes, it just doesn't happen much in our camp. I had a top-10 car, maybe a car capable of getting a win."

Jarrett had finished inside the top 10 here in the past 12 events, including one win and six second-place finishes.

Stacy Compton also blew an engine Sunday, losing his on lap 25. Both Jarrett and Compton said the problems happened too early to be attributable to the new rule.

Park update: Injured driver Steve Park had a successful test session last week in front of several observers, one of many he'll need to complete before he can resume his racing career.

Park, who had a severe head injury in a wreck last September, tested a car at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord in front of Dale Earnhardt Inc. teammates Dale Earnhardt Jr., Michael Waltrip, several company executives and NASCAR officials.

"We were all in total shock," said Kenny Wallace, who has been filling in for Park at DEI since the accident. "Steve jumped in that car and it was amazing."

Park, who won this race last year, possibly could return to competition at Darlington Raceway on March 17. Park was injured in a Busch race accident at Darlington.

Pit stops: David Bryant, the right front tire carrier for rookie Jimmie Johnson, broke his right leg when he was hit by Mark Martin's car during an early pit stop.

Last race for Kmart sponsorship with Haas-Carter: ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — This was the final race for Kmart as the official sponsor of the Ford driven by Todd Bodine and Joe Nemechek, who finished 32nd and 33rd, respectively.

Nemechek brought out the Subway 400's first caution when he spun early in the race. Bodine was never a factor and finished five laps down.

Kmart filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January and can't fulfill its commitment. The contract was supposed to end at the end of this season.

Team owner Travis Carter said he has just enough money to take the cars to race in Las Vegas next weekend.

Carter has fielded two Winston Cup teams since 1999.

Transactions: BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with LHP Buddy Groom on a two-year contract extension.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Signed RHP Chad Durbin, RHP Kris Wilson and LHP Jeremy Affeldt to one-year contracts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Cam Essinger and OF Ross Gload on one-year contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHP Adam Eaton, RHP Tom Davey, RHP Jason Middlebrook, RHP Dennis Tankersley, RHP Ryan Baercholar, RHP Ben Howard, RHP Andy Shibley, LHP Cliff Bartosh, LHP Mike Bynum, LHP Eric Cyr, LHP Rob Ramsey, INF Cesar Crespo, INF Kevin Eberwein, OF Todd Donovan and OF Jeremy Owens.

BASEBALL: NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION: GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Activated F Cedric Henderson from the injured list. Placed F Chris Mills on the injured list.

FOOTBALL: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: ATLANTA FALCONS — Released QB Chris Chandler, WR Terance Mathis and FS Ronnie Bradford.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released OL Roman Obern.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed CB Robert Tate to a three-year contract. Signed TE Johnny McWilliams and P Brian Morton.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released WR Curtis Jackson, WR Charles Johnson and CB Terrence Shaw. Signed DT Jayce Sawyer.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed Herman Edwards, coach, to a one-year contract extension through the 2005 season. Released P-QB Tom Tupa, WR Matthew Hatchette and S Chris Hayes.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Agreed to terms with LB Jason Gildon on a five-year contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Announced the retirement of OL Randall McDaniel. Promoted Bill Muir to offensive coordinator-offensive line coach. Named Raheem Morris defensive quality control coach, Richard Mann receivers coach, Stan Parish quarterbacks coach, Art Valero tight ends coach, Kirby Wilson running backs coach, Jeremy Betes offensive quality control coach, and Michael Christianson assistant offensive line-offensive quality control coach.

HOCKEY: NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE: BOSTON BRUINS — Recalled D Gord Murphy and RW Dennis Bonvie from Providence of the AHL.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned RW Nathan Downey on conditioning loan to Norfolk of the AHL. Recalled C Tyler Arnason from Norfolk.

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled D Bryan Muir from Hershey of the AHL.

DALLAS STARS — Assigned D Dave Manson to Utah of the AHL.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled RW Nathan Perrott from Milwaukee of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Named Larry Robinson assistant coach for the remainder of the season.

OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled C Steve Martins from Grand Rapids of the AHL.

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Assigned D Brandon Smith to Cleveland of the AHL.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled RW Nikita Alexeev, RW Sheldon Keefe and C Martin Cibak from Springfield of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled RW Paul Healey from St. John's of the AHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Recalled LW Mike Brown from Manitoba of the AHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D J.F. Fortin from Portland of the AHL.

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Ladycats register win No. 20

Host Betsy Layne girls beat Pikeville counterpart 63-45

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

It's a nice time for the Betsy Layne Ladycats and head coach Cassandra Akers. On Friday, the Betsy Layne, which has remained near the top of the 15th Region for the entire

season, got win No. 20 when they beat the Pikeville Lady Panthers rather easily, 63-45. Betsy Layne sensational sophomore Whitney Lykens, one of the most talented players in all of the 15th Region, on a night when she was honored for scoring her 1,000-point, a feat she accomplished last week in a game against Sheldon Clark, netted a game-high 23 points to lead the Ladycats to the victory, in a game which saw Betsy Layne dominate throughout. Senior

Kim Tackett, a young lady who will open for the country music recording group Exile in an upcoming concert, added 10 points in the winning effort. Tackett was Betsy Layne's only other double-digits scorer.

Friday night was Senior Night at Betsy Layne and four senior Ladycats, Devon Reynolds, Tabitha Mitchell, Kim Tackett and Amy Keathley, were honored.

"The hard work and dedication of four seniors has helped put this program back on the map," said Akers. "They will be greatly missed."

Pikeville (9-16), a team which starts some young players, minus last season's star Jill Kimberlain, a current Pikeville College Lady Bear, played the host Ladycats tough in the first half. Betsy Layne won the first quarter 18-13. The Ladycats outscored Pikeville 11-10 to take a 29-23 lead into the intermission. Some solid play in the second, a 20-12 mini-victory in the third quarter, and a 20-12 triumph in the final quarter, and the Ladycats were able to score the 18-point win.

Tabitha Mitchell tossed in nine points for Betsy Layne while freshman teammate Kim Clark added six. Devon Reynolds and Natasha Stratton finished with five and four points, respectively.

Emily Colvin was the leading scorer for Pikeville with 10 points. Samantha Howard and Sarah Beth Dye ended the game with nine and eight points, respectively.

BOYS

Newsome tosses in 35, Runnin' Rebs beat Phelps 74-58

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PHELPS - Shawn Newsome, the state's leading scorer, went into Friday night's game against the Phelps Hornets looking to help his team, the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels past the .500 mark for the regular season. Allen Central went into the game with a 12-12 record. Coach John Martin isn't accustomed to just-over .500 win marks. On Friday night, Newsome, one of the best players to ever suit up and play for Allen Central, led the Rebels to a win, netting 35 points in a 74-58 win over the host Hornets. The loss dropped Phelps to 9-12.

Kyle Webb finished with 14 points for Allen Central while Rossi Samons chipped in with

11. Daniel Sazabo and Austin Francis finished with five points apiece. Neil Allen and Nathan Lafferty rounded out the Allen Central scoring as each scored two points.

Senior forward/center Brandon McGuire guided in 31 points to lead Phelps. Cody Reynolds scored 14 points for the Hornets.

The Rebels held a slim 17-15 lead at the end of the first quarter, before nearly doubling up Phelps in the second period, winning the frame 19-10. The Rebs won the third period in convincing fashion 23-12. Phelps took the final quarter 21-15.

Allen Central returned to action Monday night in the 58th District Tournament as a No. 4 seed, taking on No. 5 seeded Piarist.

Spring Training: Blair back with Tigers

Johnson Central alum trying to make squad

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LAKELAND, Fla. It's late-February, almost March, and 12-year Major League Baseball veteran Willie Blair, a Paintsville native, and a Johnson Central alum, is trying to find a place with the Detroit Tigers, the team he had his most successful MLB season with. Detroit, managed by Phil Garner, are looking to rise above this season. Blair, who has also played with Toronto and San Diego, resides in Lexington.

With the Tigers playing Florida Southern Wednesday, Pittsburgh Thursday and split-squad games Friday with Kansas City and the Pirates, Garner isn't planning an intrasquad game for next Tuesday. It isn't clear at this

time, when Blair, who will likely be relegated to a bullpen role, will pitch.

"I don't think you can get as much out of an intrasquad game as to what we're doing," Garner told a reporter earlier this week. "We have a lot of arms to evaluate and re-evaluate."

Blair had an up-and-down season in 2001

2001 Highlights:

■ Stay was short in his third stint with the Tigers after signing as a free agent on June 15...had spent the first two and a half months of the season at Triple A Buffalo in the Cleveland Indians system.

■ Posted a 1-4 record with a 10.50 ERA in nine games for the Tigers, seven of which came on the road...started four games (0-4, 12.18) and relieved in five

others (1-0, 6.43).

■ Plagued by control troubles, as five of the 11 batters he walked would later score...two-of-three hit batters eventually scored as well.

■ Allowed three runs on five hits in six innings of work in first start on June 16 at Arizona, a 3-1 loss...allowed two first-inning runs.

■ Was roughed up in a stretch of three starts from June 26-July 7 in which he allowed seven-or-more runs in each...lost all three games and posted a 16.36 ERA (11.0IP/20ER).

■ Surrendered seven runs on seven hits in 2.2 innings on June 26 at Kansas City...took the loss in a 12-5 Detroit defeat.

■ Gave up four runs on five hits in two innings of relief on July 21 at Cleveland (8-4 loss)...four of the five hits were doubles.

■ Was outrighted to Triple A Toledo on July 27, but opted for retirement.

■ At the time of his signing with the Tigers, ranked third in the International League with a 2.75 ERA.

■ Tossed six-or-more innings in nine of his 10 starts at Buffalo, going seven-or-more in five starts...allowed just seven walks, while fanning 50 batters in 72.0 innings...did not walk more than one batter in any appearance.

■ International League opposition hit .252 (72x286) with Blair on the mound.

Personal:

■ Attended Morehead (KY) State University and Johnson (KY) Central High School.

■ He, wife Trina and children Paige (9/29/91), Taylor (11/19/94) and Jaxson (2/5/98) reside in Lexington, KY, in the offseason.

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Allen Central

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the Piarist scoring, real quick. Allen Central went on to dismantle the Knights in convincing fashion, 87-40.

The win improved Allen Central to 14 -12, but more importantly it advanced the Rebels to last night's game against No. 1 seed South Floyd.

Allen Central led 25-5 at the end of the first quarter and took a 50-11 lead into the intermission.

Veteran Allen Central head coach John Martin had to do very little in the way of coaching his troops as things got out of Piarist's reach very early.

P.D. Francis put the first two points on the board in the third quarter for Allen Central. Francis would eventually become the first and only player from either team to foul out. Looking to rest his player's for last night's game against 58th District favorite South Floyd, Martin had four of his five starters and some reserves dress at halftime or at some point in

the third quarter, hoping to get in some rest prior to last night's showdown with the Raiders.

Justin Hall led Allen Central in scoring with 16 points. Rossi Samons followed with 15.

Freshman center Tim Griffith, an Allen Grade School product, scored 13 points off the bench. The majority of both Griffith's points and his minutes came in the second half.

Senior Shawn Newsome, a player who hit the Phelps Hornets for 35 points on Friday night, netted 11. Austin Francis finished with nine.

Shawn Rose led Piarist with a game-high 19 points. Hall finished with 11, while teammate Brian Yates added five. Justin Ross had three points on a trey and David Hicks rounded out the Piarist scoring with a free-throw. Jeremiah Minix started and played for Piarist, but did not score.

Kyle Webb and Nathan Lafferty both had six points for the Runnin' Rebels. Daniel Sazabo finished with four points, David Kilburn three, and David Kilgore and P.D. Francis two apiece, to round out the scoring for Allen Central.

Piarist ends its season winless with an 0-19 mark.

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What these Olympics were supposed to be about

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — A game. Finally. A game without whining, whispering or screams for review. Without over-the-top displays or under-the-table deals. Just the best athletes from two nations on the world's biggest stage, playing a game that for a few hours mattered more to one of them than anything else.

Brendan Shanahan, a Canadian by birth and a Detroit Red Wing by trade, said there wouldn't be a single car on a road anywhere back home.

"And if there was," he added, "it will probably have a satellite dish attached to the roof."

Back in Salt Lake City, the talk was about Russian and Spanish cross-country skiers being suspended from these Winter Games for using a performance-enhancing drug, and the French judge who poisoned figure skating pointing her finger in another direction.

But all that was put aside for a few hours here, in a minor league arena with just 8,500 seats, for a game that reminded everybody what these Olympics were supposed to be about.

For the first time in two weeks, nationalism finally felt

more like a balm than a weapon.

Cold-blooded professionals won Canada's first gold medal 50 years to the day after an amateur team from Edmonton called the Waterloo Mercurys last turned the trick. The players on the U.S. side were friends and will be teammates again the moment all of them depart for their regularly scheduled National Hockey League games.

But for two hours in the middle of a Sunday afternoon, they were fierce rivals, pulling the best from each other.

"We would have loved to win, but if we couldn't, there's nobody better to do it," U.S. center Jeremy Roenick said moments after the 5-2 loss. "We were playing hockey's creators."

A moment later, someone asked Roenick whether he could imagine the pressure in the Canadian locker room before the puck was dropped.

"No, I can't," he said pausing. "No I can't. Maybe they're just destined to win it every 50 years."

The wait was etched on Wayne Gretzky's face every day for nearly two weeks. The most famous athlete hockey has ever produced — arguably the most famous person Canada has ever produced — served as Canada's executive director for this effort and barely survived the tournament.

After Canada started slowly, he threw a tirade about all the people snickering behind his back and how much everybody — Americans included — would love to see his hockey team fail. He sat in the first row of the balcony every time his nation played and looked ready at a moment's notice to chew the

tips off his fingers.

"I just felt that Monday, our players were taking so much criticism. I just thought, OK, I'll take some heat off these guys, and I did," he said.

Across the way this time, U.S. coach Herb Brooks wore out one piece of gum after another. Twenty-two years earlier, he was behind that same bench for the 1980 U.S. team's

"Miracle on Ice." Nobody had to tell him what this game meant, either.

But afterward, Brooks wasn't in the mood to delve any deeper into the significance of the game. It already had taken too much emotion out of him.

"We had a tougher route to the final," he said. "They had better legs than we did."

The oldest pair on the

Canadian side belonged to 38-year-old Al MacInnis, but he was practically floating on his way back to the locker room. He won a Stanley Cup with Calgary 13 years ago, but Sunday he wondered aloud whether he was too young at the time to appreciate how important some wins

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■ ON TV

Grigsby, Coleman interviewed for KET production

Basketball in Kentucky—Great Balls of Fire looks at state's great basketball heritage

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Perhaps no other state can boast a sporting tradition as long, rich and admired as Kentucky's fascination with the game of basketball. From the lone child playing on a dirt court to the teams greeted every week by thousands of cheering fans, basketball has not only been a part of Kentucky's cultural fabric, but it is in many ways the very thread that binds it together across race, gender and social class.

Basketball in Kentucky—Great Balls of Fire, an ambitious new four-part series, looks at this phenomenon, tracing more than a century of the game in Kentucky. The series airs on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6, beginning at 8/7 p.m. CT each night on both KET and KET2. NPR's Bob Edwards narrates.

Beginning with an overview of the game's origins from Ian Naismith, grandson of Dr. James Naismith, the sport's inventor, Basketball in Kentucky moves through more than a century of the people, places and moments that have defined—and redefined—the game. Along the way, the series features more than 130 interviews with players, coaches, sports writers and fans, as well as archival pictures and film footage, some of which has never been released for pub-

lic viewing before now.

That basketball is a vital part of the state's identity is evident, but producer/director Tom Thurman goes on to say, "If you are a member of the basketball elite in Kentucky, you are not unlike royalty. Tubby Smith, Rick Pitino, Denny Crum, Donna Murphy, Ed Diddle, Adolph Rupp, Darrell Griffith, Geri Grigsby, Ralph Beard, King Kelly Coleman—these are

members of our royal family. And this is just one aspect of the game's revered status in our culture that I've tried to document."

Grigsby and Coleman are both native Floyd Countians

Tying each of the four parts of the series together is an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at the four games played by Louisville's Male High School

(See KET, page five)

■ GRADE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Adams runs past Allen Central Middle late

Host South Floyd, Stumbo advance

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Trailing by five points with less than two minutes remaining, the Adams Middle School Blackcats rallied to defeat Allen Central in the county tournament Monday night at South Floyd's Raider Arena.

In a low scoring game, the Blackcats trailed most of the game and had to fight back in the closing seconds to post the win and move on to the semifinals against Betsy Layne on Saturday. Despite a big game from Shane Feltner, the Rebels could not hold on late as Michael Stephens and Nick McGuire combined for all of Adams' 18 fourth quarter points. Allen Central could manage

only two field goals in the final quarter as the Blackcat defense smothered the Rebels in the final period and helped force several turnovers.

Adams will move on in the tournament as Allen Central ended their season on Monday. Two other games also took place on Monday as South Floyd battled Allen and Mountain Christian Academy took on John M. Stumbo in the nightcap.

Stephens led the way for Adams with 17 points. He was four of four from the free-throw line. Nick McGuire finished with 16 points while Andrew Sheperd and Zach Ousley added six and three points, respectively.

Allen Central was led in scoring by Feltner, who shared game-high honors with

(See ADAMS, page five)

■ HIGH SCHOOL

Blackcats fall to Pats in OT

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Everybody knows almost doesn't count? On Friday night, a team from neighboring Knott County came calling on the Prestonsburg Blackcats as the Knott County Central Patriots took on host P'burg in a game which went down to the wire and then some. Regulation couldn't hold Friday night's action, as after overcoming a 10-point halftime deficit, Prestonsburg tied the game and sent it into overtime where the visiting Patriots won out 71-68.

KCC center Vance Hurley sparked the Patriots in the overtime frame, netting six of the 11 extra period points. Hurley, who finished with 12, wasn't the leading scorer for Knott Co. Central. Mitch Dyer paced the Patriots offensively with 22 points.

Junior Chris Kidd scored a game-high 23 points for the host Blackcats, under third-year head coach Jackie Day Crisp. Visiting Knott Co. Central (11-14) won the first period 11-8

and took the second stanza 18-11 to go into the half with a 29-19 advantage. Then, after the half, Prestonsburg began to play better basketball. The Blackcats took the third period 19-14, and the final frame 22-17, to put the game into a fifth period. Prestonsburg (9-17) had its chances to go ahead in the final period before Hurley and company took the road OT victory. The game served as a pre-district tournament tuneup for both squads.

Senior point guard Brad Bevins flipped in 14 points for Prestonsburg while teammates Joey Willis and Brandt Brooks finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Prestonsburg, a No. 2 seed in the 58th District Tournament, will take on No. 3 seed Betsy Layne, tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

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Bentley's Comments: All the history...all the memories

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

It's closing time around Pike County, as basketball's regular season finally reaches a conclusion and three area high schools play their final home games.

Friday was the night for the folks at Feds Creek, as they closed the oldest, most storied

gymnasium in Pike County.

This gym was around before the days of Ralph Good. That is to say, before the days of Ralph Good the player. Plenty of you will remember Ralph's days as the most successful coach in Feds Creek history, but just in case you didn't, Ralph was a fantastic basketball player when he was a Viking.

Ralph went on to have such a career at Pikeville College that in 1991, he was a member of the third class of inductees into the school's athletics hall of fame.

If Feds Creek had its own hall, Good would be a shoe-in for a two-time inductee. His exploits as a player likely weren't topped until he coached the most successful teams in

school history in the late 1980s.

With all due respect to the talented Vikings who played there in the interim, odds are good that at least four of the top five players in Feds Creek basketball history were a part of those teams that culminated with a loss in the 1990 15th Region finals. Take Good, who was well established as the head coach at that point, and figure in Jody Thompson, Rodney Fuller and Shannon Keene, and you have yourself the lion's share of Feds Creek basketball history.

Of course, when you look for the fifth player on the list — and she probably wouldn't be fifth at all — you'd have to look to the other locker room at the storied old gym. Claire Fuller was the most prolific three-point shooter of her time. She came along just as the shot was settling in on the

high school scene and made her name synonymous with it.

At the time she was wearing a Lady Viking uniform, the top team around was her neighbor at Elkhorn City. But "Air Claire", as she became known, wasn't intimidated. She lit them up for 13 in one game, 12 in another. She was a big-time shooter.

Friday, however, was the last of those days. The old gym with a floor so short the center circle and three-point arc nearly intertwine hosted its last game tonight when the Vikings played host to regional power Paintsville.

The gym has long since been stripped of its ability to host district tournaments. Feds Creekers have had to rent another gym or sell the event to a school with a newer, larger facility.

It's sad too. Yes, it's small;

seating capacity is only a little more than you could squeeze into your living room; and there's hardly a seat to be found where you can actually see the entire court.

But it has robbed Feds Creek fans of being able to see their team have home-court advantage in the post-season. For some reason, Feds Creek has never chosen to or been allowed to move the tournament to a neutral court.

Instead of playing it at Virgie, Shelby Valley, Pike Central or

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photo by Steve LeMaster

P'burg football coach John DeRossett (left) prepared to accept a certificate from state legislator Johnny Ray Turner (middle) as Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin looked on.

KET

team during last year's Sweet 16 tournament.

The series also features a companion Web site at <http://www.ket.org/basketball>, which features a historic timeline, photo album, discussion forum and more.

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- Earl "Brother" Adkins
- Warren Amburgey
- Derek Anderson
- Mitch Bailey
- Heather Baker
- Dale Barnstable
- Ralph Beard
- Norris Beckley
- Tony Branch
- Junior Bridgeman
- Scoop Brown
- Wiley Brown
- Roger Burkman
- Bill Busey
- Jim Calhoun
- Darel Carrier
- Mike Casey
- Wayne Chapman
- Tom Chase
- Chris Clayborne
- (10-year-old Lexington Dirt Bowl participant)
- King Kelly Coleman
- Kristie Combs
- Marcus Combs
- Morton Combs
- Valerie Owens Combs

Olympics

become. "I took a lot of ribbing from these guys about being old. A few of them said they were surprised I missed the team picture with the 1952 team that won the gold," he said. "But when we left Nagano without so much as a bronze, it dawned on me I might never get this opportunity again."

MacInnis and his teammates made the best of it, not just because they were probably the most talented team at these Olympics or because hockey is Canada's game. But they did it most likely because all of them can remember a time when it was still just a game, when the play that thrilled you on a frozen pond somewhere wasn't the conventional one or the safest one or even the smartest one.

Trailing 1-0, MacInnis started one of those plays late in the first period. He dug the puck out from behind his own net and, surrounded by attackers, slipped it back through his crease to

- E.A. Couch
- Mary Taylor Cowles
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- Travis Grant
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- John Haury
- Jack and Helen Haury
- Basil Hayden
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- Guy Strong
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- Mike Tarry
- Newton Thomas
- Arnold Thurman
- Barney Thweat
- Jan Trosper
- Bobby Turner
- Charlie Tyra
- Robbie Valentine
- Marianne Walker

Adams

Stephens, netting 17 points. Nick Music finished with seven points, and Justin Jacobs, Ryan Bailey and Tyler Turner all had four apiece.

South Floyd rolled to a 75-44 win over Allen. Ryan Little netted 22 points and Josh Johnson 14 for the Raiders. Bryan Whitten had a game-high 12 for Allen. Ryan Johnson and T.J. Hall each added nine points apiece for South Floyd. Casey Duncan and Bill Collins had nine apiece. Justin Collins and Brennan Case netted six apiece for the Eagles. Austin Robinson rounded out the Allen scoring with two points on a field goal.

David Tackett finished with five for South Floyd and Dennis Matthews tossed in four on two field goals. Matt Johnson and Ethan Johnson had three points apiece, and teammates Anthony Thornsberry and Lyle Johnson added two apiece to round out the South Floyd scoring. The Raiders led 44-16 at the half.

In what was by far the most entertaining game of the night, the John M. Stumbo Mustangs hung on to defeat the MCA Falcons 55-50 in overtime. Mason Hall netted 20 and Brandon Kidd flipped in 18 to lead the JMS attack. Sean Leslie led MCA with 20 points. Lewis Barnette followed Leslie with 16 points.

John M. battled back from a 30-22 halftime deficit, only to trail 41-33 at the end of the third period before securing the OT win.

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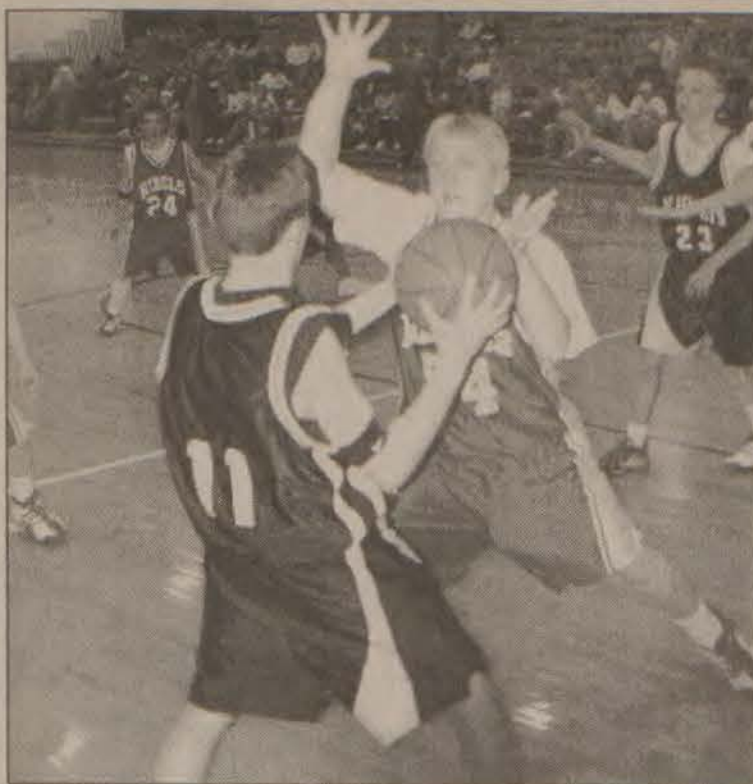
Fannin wins overall award at Knott Central lift meet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — The first annual King of the Mountain Weightlifting Meet was held over Saturday. The host Knott County Central Patriots came away with a fifth-place finish behind fourth-place Lawrence County, third-place Prestonsburg, second-place Somerset, and the top team in the event, Hazard.

Prestonsburg's Mikeal Fannin, the top lifter in the 205 class, won the Outstanding Lifter Award (185-Hwt.) along

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Brooks Herrick (11) looked to pass over or around Allen Central's Tyler Turner.

photo by Jamie Howell

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Jerry Fannin, Assistant coaches recognized included James DeRossett, Jackie Day Crisp, Jerry Butcher, Bobby Hackworth, Jackie Bush, Mike Blackburn, Dewey R. Jamerson, Clyde Johnson, Mark Stephens, Mike Campbell, Don Compton, Kenny Caldwell, David Barber, Claude Newberry and Johnny Ray Harris. The two-man video crew of Gerald DeRossett and Rodney Ousley were also recognized, along with booster club officers and members.

The 2001 senior football players have played their last down of high school football, but go away from the prep game with an undefeated record on Josh Francis Field.

Senior class members recognized were Brandt Brooks, Austin Clark, Jason Hall, Andrew Howell, Chris Jervis, Aaron Neeley, Matt Slone, Chris Spriggs, Matt Stephens, Adam VanHoose, Tony White, Matt Williams, Kevin Younce and Kevin Woods.

Junior players included Bart Barnett, Andrew Burchett, Nick Clay, Adam Dixon, Mikeal Fannin, Jeremy Garrett, John Greer, Hunt, Kevin Jervis,

Charlie Johnson, Greg May, Evan McNutt, Thomas Nelson, Josh Pennington, Rudy Pennington, Matt Setser, Willie Stewart, Michael Warrix, Joey Willis and Josh Francis.

Sophomore class members recognized were Jordan Caldwell, Kory Caudill, Chris Crider, Jeff Goble, Nicholas Jamerson, Grover Lewis, Patrick Porter, Josh Sergeant and Shawn Whitt.

Members of a freshman class, which mainly saw action late in games, because a high-power Blackcat offense ruled between the lines, included Chad Allen, Joe Blackburn, Jeremy Carr, Jesse Chaffin, Trevor Compton, Billy Hicks, Zach Lafferty, Michael Morrison, Chase Ousley, Kyle Ousley, John Mark Stephens and Elzie Webb.

Cheerleaders, Stat Cats and Dance Cars were also recognized. Cheerleaders included Ashley Collins, Laura Hall, Emily Jamerson, Michelle Lackey, Ali Meyer, Gerri Vance, Stacy Clark, Teela Gayheart, Tiffany Goble, Jerri Mitchell, Hope Sanders, Morgan Slone, Kristi Barrowman, Carly Bingham, Melissa Slone, Ashley

Thomas, Ashley Boyd, Christina Combs and Breanne Harmon.

Stat Cats included Megan Barber, Bridget Bellamy, Kelly Blackburn, Samantha Goble, Tara Goble, Heather Gray, Rachelle Greer, Megan Hyden, Bethany Joseph, Kate Lowe, Alicia Nelson, Allison Pack, Courtney Reitz, Allison May and Molly Burchett.

Dance Cats, some of whom are also Stat Cats, included Molly Burchett, Andrea Campbell, Caitlyn Clark, Kelsey Goble, Katherine Adams, Courtney Branham, Samantha Goble, Heather Gray, Alicia Nelson, Tess Collins, Leslie Heinz, Heather Leslie, Miranda Morris, Selenia Rowe, Whitney Slone, Bridget Bellamy, Rachelle Greer, Tabitha Hughes, Bethany Joseph, Allison May and Courtney Reitz.

The 2001 edition of the Prestonsburg High football team was tops in District 8, Region 4 and Semi-State 2. They were Class 2A State Runners-up. The Blackcats will open the 2002 season on the road in the Recreation Bowl, Saturday, Aug. 24 in Mt. Sterling against the Lawrence County Bulldogs.

AWF gets school involved with card

AC JROTC will offer concessions for event

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Appalachian Wrestling Federation, after a long wait, finally has a booking in Floyd County. The AWF will bring its product of independent professional wrestling to Floyd County in April. Getting the Floyd County date was spearheaded by AWF commissioner Jesse Younger and promoter Joe Clark.

"I just worked out the details with the owner of the old Maytown gym, so on April 6 the AWF rolls into Maytown Mayhem," said Younger. "I haven't booked any talent yet, but I am planning on a super show for all the pro wrestling fans of Maytown, Floyd County, and all of Eastern Kentucky."

The AWF, which will be in Ashland for a show on March 23, has teamed up with the Allen Central JROTC.

"I did something unheard of in the wrestling world last week," Younger noted. "I went to Allen Central High School and talked with Sgt. Hardy of

the JROTC and gave them the concession rights to the Maytown Mayhem show. They will be selling all the food products at the event and keeping 100-percent of the proceeds they take in. The AWF wants to establish itself as a friendly wrestling promotion. All other promotions either offer their

own concessions or charge a percentage to the seller. That's why it's so unheard of to donate the proceeds the way we did."

Maytown Mayhem

Advanced tickets will on sale in the next two weeks through any member of the Allen Central JROTC.

■ HIGH SCHOOL

Kerr, Cecil lead Pikeville boys past Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The last thing the Betsy Layne boys' basketball team wanted to do before the start of the 58th District Tournament was drop a game to the Pikeville Panthers, or any team for that matter. But as things went Friday night, that's just what would happen. Pikeville, coming off a huge loss to Allen Central earlier in the week, took advantage of Betsy Layne's troubles as of late, and held on for a 62-57 victory on the road.

It would be a record-setting night for Pikeville senior Dave Cecil as he hit eight three-pointers for 13 attempts en route to a

game-high 26 points. Yes, Cecil and the Panthers were definitely feelin' it against the Bobcats Friday night. Panther senior point guard Justin Kerr was feelin' it as well. Kerr hit five of six free-throw attempts in the final two minutes to help hold off the host Bobcats, under head coach Brent Rose. Kerr finished with a double-double output of 15 points and 12 assists for veteran Pikeville head coach Dave Thomas. Brandon Manica tossed in seven for the Panthers.

Bo Bo Hamilton led Betsy Layne with 15 points.

Senior center Jeremy Daniels and fellow final-year point guard Wes Senters finished with 12 and nine points, respectively.

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Pikeville, the tournament is always held at Elkhorn City or Phelps.

And what of those Viking fans who can't travel to support their team? Chief among these is the biggest Viking fan of them all — the one painted on the wall above the door of the Feds Creek Gym.

I've said many times that in my 15-year career as a (gulp) journalist, the interview that got away was the one with that Viking hanging there. After all, who knows more about Feds Creek basketball than him, other than Ralph

Good himself?

He was there will the gym opened — no doubt a showcase in those days — and he was there on Friday when they turn out the lights for the final time. He has seen them all come and go, from Good to Allen Estep to Thompson to Allen Harvel to tonight's club, which will be led by Matt Belcher.

Walk in that facility up there and you can feel it. What is it? It is that feeling that you're someplace important, someplace that things have happened, and that is historic.

Many times you've heard people say, "If these walls could talk." If the Viking on the gym at

Feds Creek could come to life, he could raise the ghosts of Vikings long since forgotten. He could tell of overtime games, high-flying theatrics and buzzer-beaters.

I hope now that it's through, that beautiful old place is treated with the respect it deserves. Shine it up, make it a place junior high teams can play and former Vikings can relive old memories through pickup games, or just walking their children into.

"This is it, this is where daddy was a star."

Goodbye, old friend, and thanks for the memories.

Raiders

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Monday night in a 4 vs. 5 seed play to see who advanced on to play the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats, the No. 1 seed, last night.

Piarist would hang with South Floyd, early, before the Lady Raiders pulled away for an easy 78-23 win.

South Floyd sophomore point guard Megan Ousley hit nine field goals and hit three of six shots from the charity stripe for 21 points. Sophomore teammate Ashley Johnson connected on eight field goals for 16 points.

South Floyd jumped out to a 4-0 lead before Piarist answered when Lakita Lykins connected on a three-pointer. The 4-3 disadvantage was as close as Piarist got. Leading 17-8, South Floyd pushed its lead out to a 21-11 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

Johnson scored four points to begin the second quarter, and teammates Ousley and Tabitha Berger added six and two points in the period, respectively. Johnson then added two more points on a field goal before Morgan Caldwell converted on a pair of free tosses to break the cold ice. South Floyd led 42-13 when Tabitha Tackett hit one of two free throws to make it a 30-point lead (43-13). A Sheree Hopkins field goal at 43.5 made it a commanding 45-13 South Floyd lead at the half.

Anderson tossed in two more points to start the third quarter.

NWTF

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to begin at 8 p.m., directly after the dinner.

The banquet is open to the public. Banquet tickets are \$15. Memberships are also available for \$25.

All proceeds from the banquet go to state and local chapters of the NWTF. Last year, more than 23,000 wild turkeys were harvested in Kentucky.

making it a 47-13 Lady Raider lead. Piarist's Lauren Preston then connected on a three-pointer, making it 47-16. The Lady Raiders held Piarist in check in the third period, doubling up the Lady Knights, and winning the frame, 16-8.

Tackett tossed in six points in the final quarter, for South Floyd's highest output of the period.

South Floyd reserves Carla Hall and Amanda Johnson each had two points in the final quarter, and Tabitha Trammell made good on a charity shot, giving her five points in the game, to finish the scoring for the Lady Raiders.

Berger, a Lady Raider starter,

finished with eight points, while Anderson and Tackett added seven apiece. Hopkins finished with four points on the night. Amanda Johnson, Candice Hall, Stephanie Skeans, Carla Hall and Heather Dean each had two points apiece for South Floyd.

Piarist failed to put a player in double figures in scoring. Lykins just missed double-digits with nine points. Kari Ross scored six points and Caldwell added five. Samantha Farthing came off the bench to score three points to round out the scoring for Piarist.

The South Floyd girls were scheduled to take on Prestonsburg last night. Results were unavailable at presstime.

Tackett

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Division II power Brevard College and is playing in infield for the Appalachian Athletic Conference team.

Tackett starred in two sports, both baseball and basketball, at Paintsville High School. Some predicted Tackett would be drafted by some Major League team in his senior high school season, but he went undrafted, and instead, made a verbal commitment to play basketball for Clemson University.

Then Kentucky and head coach Tubby Smith came calling.

A lifelong UK fan, Tackett, accepted a full scholarship to the national power. For Tackett, it was a dream come true, but playing time in Lexington for the former Tiger was limited. After struggling with injuries throughout his sophomore campaign, Tackett stepped back to take a look at his future, ultimately deciding to put baseball back in his life. At first, Tackett, pondered pro tryouts, before eventually heading to North Carolina to play for Brevard. With the North Carolina school, Tackett is enrolled in a well-known academic institution, and joins an outstanding college baseball program. He plays infield and wears No. 16 for Brevard.

The Brevard College baseball program has enjoyed record success under the leadership of Head Coach Gill Payne. Payne led his 2001 squad to an Appalachian Athletic Conference

Championship, a Region XII Championship, and a NAIA Super-Regional appearance in their first season of conference competition in the NAIA. There have been numerous post-season accomplishments and accolades for Brevard College baseball, under Payne's tutelage, over the past few years including a NJCAA World Series appearance in 1998 and six All-American selections.

In addition, a total of 20 Brevard College players selected by professional baseball organizations since 1992.

Payne brought a strong resume to Brevard College in the fall of 1997, including two national championship teams at Bristol University in Bristol, Tenn., and a wealth of baseball knowledge. He has a career record of 251-128 over seven years which includes a 161-74 mark during his previous four years at Brevard College.

During the summer of 1997, Payne served as the head coach of the Front Royal Cardinals of the Shenandoah Valley Baseball League, which is a NCAA-sanctioned summer league sponsored by Major League Baseball. While in Front Royal, Coach Payne guided the Cardinals to the League Championship Series for their first and only appearance since 1986.

Brevard began its 2002 season earlier this month.

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Knights

would make a run at the Knights. Lexington Catholic's bench was the key factor down the stretch as Coach Danny Haney rotated 12 players throughout the contest which eventually wore down the Raiders in the fourth quarter en route to a 92-71 LC win.

Earlier in the evening, South Floyd's Rusty Tackett was honored for being nominated to the McDonald's High School All-American Team. Tackett was presented a framed certificate for his achievement.

In the first eight minutes South Floyd struggled with the quickness of Lexington Catholic, and the Raiders failed to find the range from the field as the Knights built an early lead.

Brian Smith got things rolling for Catholic by connect-

ing on three treys in the opening quarter, and the normally effective Rusty Tackett was held to one first quarter point for South Floyd.

The athletic Knights controlled the boards in the first quarter as 6-5 center John Rompf pulled down five rebounds in the opening stanza. South Floyd was held to four first quarter field goals and Lexington Catholic shot a high percentage from the field which enabled the Knights to quiet the Raider faithful and build the comfortable 25-10 lead after one. Anyone who has witnessed a South Floyd game this season will take for granted that the Raiders will not throw in the towel, and Friday proved to be no different as the Raiders came out smoking in the second quarter. Rusty Tackett stepped to the

front and showed why he was nominated to the McDonald's All-American team scoring 13 points in the second stanza, and helping to get the crowd back in the game.

The Raiders also took advantage of their opportunities from the free-throw line, connecting on 10-of-11 from the line in the quarter. South Floyd would resort to the full-court press which gave the Knights fits, and enabled the Raiders to cut a 20-point lead down to 8 at the half.

Lexington Catholic led 44-36 at the half after holding a 20-point lead at the 6:02 mark of the second quarter, but more importantly for South Floyd the crowd was really behind their Raiders as the teams went to the locker rooms for the break.

The second half began as the first half did as the Knights

began to assert themselves on the boards and the Raiders struggled from the field. After a South Floyd timeout, the Raiders once again mounted a rally thanks to the pressure defense. The Knights would again turn the basketball over several times and Michael Hall's three at the 3:21 mark for the Raiders to within eight at 50-42.

Josh Johnson would come off the Raider bench to score 11 points and pull down five rebounds as his hustle helped to offset Catholic's size advantage.

The two teams would exchange baskets throughout the remainder of the third quarter and Catholic's Ryan Morton would nail a three-pointer at the end of the quarter to give Lexington Catholic a 65-54 lead after three quarters of play.

The Raiders would hang

around through three quarters, but the final stanza would belong to Catholic as the Knights would outscore South Floyd 27-17 to post the win by the 21-point final.

South Floyd can be proud of its effort against such a state power as one can rest assured that Lexington Catholic now realizes that the boys from the mountains can hoop it up just as good as they can.

Game Summary:

South Floyd-Rusty Tackett 24 points, 4-of-8 from the line; Michael Hall 19 points, 5-of-6

from the line; Josh Johnson 11 points, 3-of-5 from the line; Tyler Hall 10 points; Joe Skeams 3 points; Charles Ray 2 points; Jack Slone 2 points, 2-of-2 from the line.

Lexington Catholic-Brian Smith 22 points, 0-of-2 from the line; William Graham 17 points, 1-of-1 from the line; Harrison Morton 14 points, 2-of-2 from the line; Ryan Morton 13 points, 4-of-7 from the line; Demetrius Green 13 points, 1-of-1 from the line; Mark Balthrop 10 points 0-of-1 from the line; Drew Morton 2 points; John Rompf 1 point, 1-of-4 from the line.

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BSGS

9-10 and March 16-17. The cheerleading contest will be held March 30.

Besides martial arts and cheerleading, other sports included in this year's games are basketball, racquetball, bowling, chess, 5K Road Race, flag football, indoor soccer, disc golf, shooting, volleyball and fencing. Figure skating, Ice hockey and power tumbling have been dropped from this year's list of sports.

Local martial arts school Family Academy of Martial Arts will have representation present Saturday.

"We'll take around 25 students to this year's Winter Games," said Family Academy of Martial Arts Instructor Michael Gambill. "The group we're taking this year, with the new, older students, is probably a little stronger than the groups of previous years."

Entry booklets, which contain registration instructions, can still be obtained at any Valvoline Instant Oil Change locations; Marathon/Ashland service stations; McDonald's Restaurants in Central/Southeastern Kentucky; Meijer Stores; Verizon phone marts; Central Bank locations; local parks and recreation departments, public libraries and YMCAs.

Booklets may also be obtained by calling your local Area Development District Office, or the Bluegrass State Games office at 859/255-0336 or 1-800-722-2474 or e-mail bsgs@lfucg.com.

The Winter Games will officially kick off March 8-10, and continue March 16-17. Schedules and locations include:

- March 2: Martial arts, Frankfort.
- March 9: Chess, Louisville; 5K Road Race, Lexington.
- March 10: Bowling, Lexington.
- March 9-10: Basketball, Lexington and Danville; racquetball, Lexington.
- March 16: Disc golf, Harrodsburg; shooting, Morehead; volleyball, Lexington; and fencing, Louisville.
- March 16-17: Flag football, Lexington; indoor soccer, Nicholasville.
- March 30: Cheerleading, Frankfort.

The Bluegrass State Games are designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and abilities an opportunity to participate in statewide, family-oriented sports festivals

styled after the Olympic Games.

They are co-hosted by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the University of Kentucky.

Ashland Inc. and the Valvoline Company are founding sponsors of the Bluegrass State Games. The presenting sponsor is the Lexington Herald-Leader. Platinum sponsors include Verizon; the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust; Meijer; and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Lexington.

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deserves credit for showing restraint. We all can think of several coaches, including one at Texas Tech, who might have responded a lot more vehemently. In fact, it's difficult to imagine any of the Red Raider players even entertaining the thought of mouthing off to Bob Knight.

But here's the kicker: Chiles' mother blamed Smith, said she and her son would sit down with the coach after the season to discuss his future at UK, and hinted that Chiles might transfer if he didn't like what he heard.

The mother was as totally out of line as her son. What she should have done was order Adam to apologize to his coach and his teammates. Instead, in a graphic display of what's wrong with many of today's big-time players, she supported his unacceptable behavior instead of teaching him some manners.

At Louisville, Rick Pitino faced a similar situation with 6-foot-9 freshman Brandon Bender. Maybe it's a coincidence that Bender and Chiles were teammates at Louisville Ballard High, and maybe it isn't, but it's clear that both came from backgrounds that failed to teach them that the team is more important than any individual.

Like Chiles, Bender was unhappy with his playing time. He also reacted negatively to Pitino's insistence that he learn to be unselfish, work as hard on

his academics as he did his low-post moves, and get along with his teammates.

When Pitino took away Bender's car privileges, slapped a curfew on him, and demanded that he participate in supervised weight training, Bender quit, whining as if he had been sent to a Marine boot camp. Poor baby. All this did was confirm what had long been suspected about Bender — that he was too fat-headed and thin-skinned to accept anybody's tough love.

Bender and Chiles may well be nice young men. But they also have been infected by Spoiled-Brat Syndrome. They represent that exalted group who, as long as they can remember, have coddled and catered to by their parents, coaches, and hangers-on. At some point they began to think they could get away with just about anything because the same boundaries apply to other teens don't apply to them.

When they get to college, they run into a head coach who demands behavior modification. They can't believe it. Didn't the coach know they were stars?

Who needs all this discipline nonsense? The smart ones adapt, learn, and improve. The spoiled brats pout, complain, and blame their unhappiness on the coach, who's too dumb to see how special they are.

So they quit and transfer. It's easy to find coaches so desperate to win that they'll tell the spoiled brats what they want to hear. To the player, all is right in the world. They tell anybody who will listen that their previous coach didn't appreciate them, stifled their creative instincts, and took the fun out of basketball for them.

And in the background, the parents and hangers-on will be nodding agreement.

The problem isn't new, only more widespread and insidious than ever. At its highest level, college basketball has become little more than a training ground for the NBA. Only chumps are serious about their educations and expect more from the college experience than a big paycheck at the end.

So maybe coaches need to re-evaluate their recruiting philosophies.

Instead of stocking up on blue-chippers who all think they're the second coming of Michael Jordan and will blame

the coach if they're not, maybe coaches should recruit a solid corps of role players who will be around for four years and then roll the dice on two or three superstars.

Or maybe it's time to bring back the freshman-ineligible rule.

Obviously, Chiles and Bender needed time to acclimate to college life away from public scrutiny. Their lack of maturity is as obvious as their lack of respect for their coaches and their teammates. They needed time to learn about these strange concepts known as discipline and role-playing because they had never been exposed to them.

Understand, kids aren't necessarily better or worse than they've always been. But parenting has become a lost art. In the

old days, if a youngster got in trouble with a teacher or a coach, he couldn't expect sympathy at home. But now it's too often the other way around, especially with precocious athletes. When they come to college, their baggage doesn't include humility, respect, manners, and discipline. And their parents are mostly to blame.

A college athletic scholarship is a privilege, not a right. Playing for coaches as accomplished as Smith and Pitino should be a positive learning experience, not a study of ingratitude and irresponsibility. And parents should work to stamp out Spoiled-Brat Syndrome, not nurture it until it's too late.

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State

Jones, "but I just got to the point where I had to give it up."

Jones had to give up the work he loved before he was ready to quit. He hurt his back while trying to carry a huge oxygen tank that had fallen off a truck and blocked the intersection of US 23 at Allen.

In his time, Jones has logged several miles. He didn't have a driver's license until he was past 50 and had to hitchhike to work for several years and through all types of weather. "I left at 5:30 every morning and hitchhiked from Wheelwright to Allen," noted Jones. "I didn't miss many days; my friends took care of me. If I could get to Martin by six o'clock, I had no problem catching a ride the rest of the way."

Although he quit school in the seventh grade, it's safe to say Perry Jones never really left school. He's been manager of the boys' basketball team, first at Wheelwright, and now at defending 15th Region Champion South Floyd, for over 40 years in the capacity of a job he does for love, not money.

"I know the fans, the parents, the kids," Jones said. "I take 'em to the hospital when they get hurt. I'd go to battle for them and they would for me. When I die, I want them to take me to back to South Floyd. They love me and I love them." Once, before Wheelwright

and McDowell combined to become South Floyd High School, Jones was all packed and ready to go with the Wheelwright team to a tournament in Savannah, Ga. They didn't have school buses; everyone was going in their personal vehicles. When the team loaded up, they discovered there wasn't enough room for the beloved team manager. He said that was okay, for them just to go on.

But he didn't go back home. Hitchhiking, he passed the team in Johnson City, Tenn., and arrived in Savannah well ahead of anyone else from Wheelwright. Perry's path? It took him a total of three rides.

Last year, when South Floyd won the 15th Region Tournament, and went on to the State Tournament in Rupp Arena, Jones, a Kentucky high school basketball veteran, was making his 42nd trip to the event. This year, he will look for trip No. 42.

"My heart's been giving me some trouble lately, but hopefully I'll be able to go back again this year for the 42nd year," concluded Jones.

If the South Floyd Raiders, or anyone else, needs inspiration for anything, they need not look any further than Perry Jones. At 57 years young, the lifetime fighter continues to help out when needed and is the first to greet anyone who comes through the door.

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Fannin

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with Knox Central's Jonathan Metcalf (125-175). Andrew Burchett (235) and Matt Setser, also had first-place finishes for Prestonsburg. Knott County Central head coach J.J. Everage and his staff organized the event. Other teams competing included Fleming-Neon, Whitesburg and South Floyd. A complete list of results follows:

Classes

125

1. David Brown (Whitesburg)
2. Jerome Blanton (Hazard)
3. Dustin Feltner (Hazard)
4. Brian Swanson (Lawrence Co.)
5. Keenan Campbell (Hazard)

135

1. Michael Young (Knott Co. Central)
2. Sammy Mullins (Fleming-Neon)
3. Matt Bird (Hazard)
4. Adam Taylor (South Floyd)
5. Chase Gabbard (Hazard)

145

1. Brandon Buckner (Hazard)
2. Matt Hargis (Somerset)
3. A.J. Huff (Knott Co. Central)
4. Mike McCall (Fleming-Neon)
5. Larry Bingham (Hazard)

155

1. Jonathan Metcalf (Knox Central)
2. Brandon Deskins (Lawrence Co. Central)
3. Herbie Adams (Whitesburg)
4. Jonathan Smith (Knox Central)
5. Andrew Cobb (Somerset)

165

1. Dustin Duty (Fleming-Neon)
2. Matt Barber (Somerset)
3. Brandon Newell (Somerset)
4. John Hunt (Prestonsburg)
5. Brad Brooks (Lawrence Co.)

175

1. Robert Blanton (Hazard)
2. Brandon Little (South Floyd)
3. Matt Mc Elroy (Fleming-Neon)
4. Tim Cordle (Lawrence Co.)
5. Ronnie Johnson (Hazard)

185

1. Matt Setser (Prestonsburg)

205

1. Mikeal Fannin (Prestonsburg)
2. Thomas Bailey (Lawrence Co.)
3. Mark Trent (Knott Co. Central)
4. Larry Williams (Somerset)
5. Mike Roberts (Lawrence Co.)

220

1. Mike Luttrell (Hazard)
2. Eric Hall (Lawrence Co.)
3. Barret Smith (Hazard)
4. Josh Hoffman (Hazard)
5. Brandon Francis (Hazard)

235

1. Andrew Burchett (Prestonsburg)
2. Lee Madden (Hazard)
3. Adam Dixon (Prestonsburg)
4. Brandon Preece (Lawrence Co.)
5. Joe Collins (Lawrence Co.)

Hwt.

1. Donald Jones (Somerset)
2. Diamont Caudill (Knott Co. Central)
3. Charlie Johnson (Prestonsburg)
4. James Trent (Knott Co. Central)
5. Zach Lafferty (Prestonsburg)

Team

1. Hazard
2. Somerset
3. Prestonsburg
4. Lawrence
5. Knott Co. Central
6. Fleming-Neon
7. Whitesburg
8. Knox Central
9. South Floyd

Outstanding Lifter Awards

- 125-175 Jonathan Metcalf (Knox Central)
185-Hwt. Mikeal Fannin (Prestonsburg)

P'burg

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letes from the P'burg track and field team took part in the Mason Dixon Games, held in Broadbent Arena on the State Fairgrounds. A total of 33 teams scored in the indoor track and field event, and the Prestonsburg team made a very good showing for itself, finishing sixth.

"I'm real pleased with the sixth-place finish," said Jamerson. "They did well. Most of our kids help up a lot better than I thought they would for the State Indoors. We'll use this as a springboard to the outdoor season."

Three Prestonsburg track athletes medaled in the Louisville event. A total of six PHS participants finished in the top-8.

Senior Austin Clark had the top finish of the day for the Blackcats, placing second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.29. Junior Kevin Jervis had a third-place finish in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.75, and Aaron Neeley, a senior, had a third in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.61. Nicholas Jamerson, the son of Prestonsburg's track coach, had a fourth-place finish in the triple jump with a jump of 39'00.00."

Other Blackcats in competition in the Mason-Dixon Games included Jeff Jones, Gary Stratton, Andrew Howell, Kory Caudill, Jarrod McGuire, Trevor Compton, Stephen Allen, Elizabeth Mosley, Kristina Combs, Chanel Music, Kelly Key and Abby Shaffer.

Coach Jamerson has given the P'burg track athletes the week off. The PHS track team will begin practice again on

Monday. Prestonsburg opens its outdoor season on March 26 in a meet at Pikeville.

Harness racing

The following Floyd County-owned horses raced earlier this week or are entered to race this week:

Date of Race: Monday
Horse: Master Jate
Track: Maywood Park (change of track was at Balmoral Park)
Owner: Wilma Foley Prestonsburg
Trainer: James Wilkerson
Driver: David Martin
Class: Pace \$6000. Claimer (Plus allowances)
Purse: \$3900.

Date Of Race: Monday
Horse: Soupbone Bob
Track: Northfield Park
Owner: Rhonda Kay Conn, Printer
Trainer: Steve Morningstar (Change of trainer)
Driver: Elliott Deaton (Change of driver)
Class: Trot NW200PSCD
Purse: \$2000.

Date of Race: Today
Horse: Armbr Sweepstake
Track: Northfield Park
Owner: Harla Renae Conn, Martin
Trainer: Steve Morningstar (Change of trainer)
Driver: Elliott Deaton (Change of driver)
Class: Pace NW200PSCD
Purse: \$2000.

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Rijo refreshed, ready to keep pitching

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SARASOTA, Fla. — Jose Rijo is moving on.

"My comeback is over," he said emphatically.

The right-hander is no longer chasing a six-year dream. By overcoming five elbow operations and pitching for the Cincinnati Reds last season, Rijo made it all the way back and found fulfillment.

Now, he's trying to find a spot

in the bullpen.

Rijo showed up for spring training along with 36 other pitchers hoping to make the Reds' staff. Rijo, 36, agreed to a minor league contract that gives him a chance to continue what he started last summer, when he left his baseball complex in the Dominican Republic and returned to Cincinnati.

"It's time for me to pitch," he said. "I have two choices: Make the team or go home and take care

of my complex. Either way, it will be fine with me. It helps me relax to know that I have a plan B."

Last year, there was only plan A: a triumphant return to the majors.

Rijo hadn't pitched in the majors since 1995, when he had reconstructive surgery on his right elbow. He made several aborted comebacks and had four more operations over the years.

While recovering from the set-

backs, he built a baseball academy in his homeland, but kept pestering the Reds about one more chance to pitch. They obliged last summer, saying it was his last chance.

It turned into the feel-good moment of a 96-loss season. He returned to the team that he led to the 1990 World Series sweep of Oakland and proved he could still make it in the majors.

Rijo made 13 relief appearances and had a 2.12 earned run

average, best in the bullpen. He had hoped to come back as a starter, but had to settle for a more limited role because his arm wasn't strong enough.

Although the Reds desperately need starters this season, Rijo's best chance to make the roster will be as a reliever.

"At my age, you don't have a choice," he said. "My arm bounces back pretty good. Last year, my numbers were pretty darn good."

The Reds also liked the way he worked with the team's young starters, helping them make the jump from the minors. Rijo could be a big help in that regard again this season. The top candidates for the rotation have less than one year's experience in the majors.

When last season ended, Rijo pitched 12 2-3 innings in the Dominican winter league, went 0-2 with a 10.13 ERA, then took time off.

"I completed my program, then I rested," Rijo said. "After five surgeries, the best thing for you is to rest."

He kept in shape by pitching at his baseball academy, working out with other major leaguers — some of them veterans, some of them youngsters.

"I pitched against the major leaguers for the rookies to make it even," he said.

Collins, Taylor named All-MSC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CORBIN — The Mid-South Conference has named its all-conference selections for men's and women's basketball, and Pikeville College had one player tabbed for each.

Junior forward Amanda Collins and senior forward Cedric Taylor were picked in a vote of league coaches.

Collins, a native of Raccoon, has been nothing short of sensational this season. She finished the regular season leading the MSC in both scoring (18.9 points per game) and field goal percentage (61.1-percent). She is also fifth in rebounding, pulling down 7.8 rebounds per game, and sixth in free-throw percentage, hitting 78.3-percent.

On the season, Collins has gone from 13th on the school's all-time scoring list to fifth this season. She has scored 1,591 points entering the postseason.

"Amanda has had another very good season for us," said Coach Bill Watson. "We couldn't have asked for a better effort from her, not only this year, but also for her career. She's an outstanding basketball player."

Taylor, a 6-7 forward from Houston, Texas, has put together another solid season for the Bears. He's averaging 19.9 points and 9.2 rebounds per game. He is second in the league in both categories. Taylor is fourth in field-goal percentage (52.5-percent) and seventh in free-throw percentage (71.9-percent).

In two seasons, Taylor has 1,085 points, and is 21st on the all-time scoring list. Next up is Jeff Campbell, who had 1,100 in his career and is 20th.

"I've said all along I wouldn't trade Cedric Taylor for another player in the league, and I mean it," Coach Randy McCoy said. "He can do so many things that he's hard for the other school to match up with. He's a remarkable player and it's been a pleasure watching him for the last two years."

Collins and Taylor were joined by honorable mention selections Tecco Gallion and Joey Mirus.

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You get a line and I'll get a pole

by Clyde Pack

A scene from an old cowboy movie I saw at the Royal theatre on one long-ago Saturday morning, showed Gene Autry, and his sidekick Smiley Burnett, riding along down the trail singing, "You get a line and I'll get a pole, honey. You get a line and I'll get a pole, babe. You get a line and I'll get a pole, and we'll go fishin' in the crawdad hole, honey... baby... mine."

I was probably only about eight or nine years old when I saw that movie, but I just loved that song. I could identify with it, because crawdads were as much a part of life back then as were mustard sandwiches, kick the can, and going barefooted in the summertime.

You see, crawdad tails were considered excellent bait to use when fishing for sundads in the Number One Pond in Thealka.

And that was good.

What made it so good was that crawdads were easy to catch, and it was nearly as much fun catching them as it was catching the sundads. If we just wanted three or four, we'd usually just wade in and catch them by hand.

However, if we were really serious, we'd split a burlap bag (we called it a coffee sack) a made a seine. The good part about seining is that not only would we garner half a dozen or more crawdads with each dip, more often than not, we'd also come up with a big chub minnow or two and an occasional water-dog. So, quite naturally, the preferred sundad bait was crawdad tails. Besides, digging fishworms was too much like work, especially when they were so hard to find on those hot, dry, dog-day summers of the 1940s.

The little creek (a tributary of Boyd Branch, which in turn was a tributary of Muddy Branch) that ran behind the row of big, yellow two-story houses—affectionately known as Silk Stocking Row—was flat full of crawdads back then. Two or three of us boys (most of the girls—except one, and that's another story in itself—were too big a sissy to touch them) could have more than was needed in short order.

However, as was the case with most things of my youth, I sort of outgrew crawdads. That is until I was in my high school biology class at dear old Meade Memorial, and I had to draw one. They didn't call them crawdads in the biology books, however. They tried to pass them off as something called crustaceans. But, Bill Pack didn't raise any fools, and I knew a crawdad when I saw one.

What got me to thinking crawdads again was a little spot I saw on TV a week or so ago about the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. This heavy-set woman was pouring a big panful of boiled ones out in a big tray, and people were grabbing them and eating them like they were hot wings or something.

Now, I've eaten all kinds of seafood, and I even (on a double-dog dare) ate raw oysters once. But this is one thing I just don't think I could be persuaded to try. Call them a delicacy if you wish, but, like I said, I know a crawdad when I see one.

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LEAVE IT IN!

Everything but the squeal

by Bill R. Francis

Have you noticed that every time they remove or take something out to improve the taste, make it work better, run faster, or make things healthier for us, it costs us more?

I recall in the 1950's, the cost of sugar went up on one of its cycles. The cost of a 5-cent bottle of pop rose in price to 8 cents, on the promise that the increase was only temporary. When sugar dropped in price, so would the cost of pop. Well, that's been quite a few years ago and you know the rest of the story. Sugar dropped in price, but it had been inconvenient to make change using all those pennies. It had almost caused a copper shortage. Add to that, the new pop machines were pre-set to accept 5 cents. Of course, the next best thing to do, in the eyes



Bill R. Francis

of the "service" industry, was to change the machines settings to 10 cents! Since then, the ever-present climb in prices has never stopped. But wait a minute, I need to back up - sugar substitute came out in 1958. But, this didn't help lower the cost of a "big Pepsi" or a "small Coke." Remember, they completely took the sugar out, and a new product hit us - called "sugar-free." When the sugar-free pop first came out, it was slightly cheaper until they changed the name to "diet pop" making it become more popular. That's when they really stuck the pricing to us.

Do you remember coffee, that is, regular coffee? This was what we partook of before a new coffee product entered our coffee pots, this new product being called decaffeinated coffee. Yes, that's right, they took out the caffeine. Then they sold us the decaffeinated coffee and used the left-over caffeine in other products, such as sports drinks and pop. Now you could become addicted to, instead of coffee caffeine, the caffeine placed in these other drinks.

So what ultimately happened to the price of coffee? Decaffeinated coffee came on the market at a slightly cheaper price - few liked the taste and no one was addicted to it. Decaffeinated coffee began to gain in popularity with the advent of open heart surgery. Medical doctors were telling their patients that caffeinated coffee was raising their blood pressure - causing nervousness and sleepless nights. What happened next was that coffee companies began to see a loss in customers, more and more people were becoming "un-hooked" from caffeine. The price of regular, or caffeinated, coffee then dropped in price. It is now twice as cheap as decaffeinated coffee. It appears they want



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diabetics were paying a high price. Then we all became health conscious, watching our sugar intakes and all, and so the cost of sugar, as well as "fat-free" foods increased. Surprising?

Now let's take a look at that "little ol' can of tuna fish." First tune came to us packed in that expensive oil. Then the companies switched to vegetable oil, though the price remained the same. It now comes packed in nothing more than spring water, but the price is no cheaper. I don't know the kind of spring that water comes from (probably river water), but it apparently costs the same (or more) than "tuna oil." I just can't understand all this.

While writing this article, I had to stop and run an errand - to the grocery store. While there I noticed a sale sign that read, "Tuna on Sale." I was curious. I looked over the sale items and found that there is now a new kind of tuna in water. The sign display said, "low sodium tuna." You guessed it, without the sodium it costs more.

And what about the modest little cracker? Crackers used to be quite a bit cheaper. Now that they have taken out the salt and reduced the oil, they are higher.

Recollect when cigarettes were "non-addictive"?

(See FOOD, page three)



us to stay addicted.

I hate to get back on to the subject of sugar, but after all, the companies are all so sweet. Do you recall when cookie companies took the sugar out and began to use sugar substitute? There was no demand for these new "no sugar" cookies, and

Small World

Maybe soon

Our grandson, Jonathan, lives in Florida, with his pretty wife, Marla. She is a teacher, and, while John has another profession now, he also taught for a time and still continues to coach Little League baseball and to work with young people.

Jon and Marla always knew they wanted children of their own and, when they didn't have one right away, they adopted a delightful little boy named Brian Wade. He has been the center of their uni-

verse for more than two years. As his Feb. 25 third birthday was approaching, he knew they were expecting a little brother for him, and yes, they've known for a while that it's a boy.

There has been a lot of excitement in the planning for this new little one, with Brian helping in all the ways he can. He even donated one of his favorite bears to go in the new nursery and when a visitor drops by, he wants to show off the baby's room.

Jon's mother, Nancy, goes to see him often and he likes to show her how he can bat a baseball or kick a

football. This always takes a while for, if they change the game, he has to go change his shirt. He says his football jersey has to have a number on both front and back.

On a recent visit, he was anxious to show his "Gamma" the baby's room and some new things they have for him. They talked about the new car seat that would go in "Daddy's truck" and ways they would take care of him.

Seeing how pleased he was by all the expectations, she said "You love your baby brother, don't you?" But he gave her a look of surprise instead and answered, "Not yet!"

Real Loyalty

Young Brian has an Uncle David that he thinks is pretty special. They call each other names like "Slick" and especially enjoy going out to eat together. But David took a job that requires him to travel a lot and to live, for the time being, in Arkansas. They miss being able to see each other.

David is still single and has a black Labrador, named Jackson, to keep him company and to keep him busy with trips to the vet and other places a dog must frequent, especially

when that dog likes to swallow socks and other such indigestible items.

With so much travel for David, Jackson spends a lot of time being boarded in some kennel. Neither of them like that arrangement too well and they try to keep it to a minimum.

I sent David an e-mail message after a recent trip and said, "I know you were glad to get back to Jackson." He replied, "Yes, and there has to be something wrong when you're glad to get back to your DOG! But then a dog is loyal, always glad to see you, and if he gets mad at you, at least you know why." Sounds like he's made some comparisons.



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2ND PLACE:
CHRIS MULLINS
PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY

TARY

3RD PLACE:
SHYANNA RICE
MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL WRITING WINNERS

■ Adams Middle School
■ Allen Central Middle
■ Allen Central High School

1st Elizabeth Chaffin
1st Brittany Frasure
1st Brandy Parsons
2nd Tiffany Smith
2nd Joshua Alan Martin
2nd Kortney Rae Osborne
3rd Benjamin Fish
3rd Lacey Martin
3rd Lindsey Anderson

■ Betsy Layne Elementary
■ Betsy Layne High School
■ Clark Elementary

1st Tara Burchett
1st Eddie Hamilton
1st Kyle Hall
2nd Alyssa Reed
2nd Kristin Hall
3rd Kayla Thomas
3rd Amber Nichole Hall

■ Opportunities Unlimited
■ Prestonsburg High School
■ Mountain Christian Academy

1st Kim Tackett
1st Amanda Keathley
1st Joshua Ousley
2nd Josh Baisden
2nd Josh O'hala
2nd Jacob Moak
3rd Robert Boyd
3rd Kim Gibson
3rd Courtney Gullett

SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN WINNERS

■ Duff Elementary

■ May Valley Elementary
■ Prestonsburg Elementary

1st Kevin Andrew Hagans
1st Shyanne Rice
1st Chris Mullins
2nd Donavan Ray Meade
2nd Olivia Slone
2nd Shyanne Newsome
3rd Sarah Hackworth
3rd Kortney Greer
3rd Rachel Layne

SCHOOL ART WINNERS

■ Allen Elementary
■ Betsy Layne Elementary
■ Clark Elementary

1st Holly Collins
1st Jordan Tackett
1st Isaac Bentley
2nd Kelby Kisor
2nd Corey Parsons
2nd Kristen Bentley
3rd Andrew Hall
3rd Brandy Wallen

■ Duff Elementary
■ May Valley Elementary
■ Mountain Christian Academy

1st Corey L. Bailey
1st Zac Stanley
1st Aanchal Saraf
2nd Mike Howard
2nd Kevin Murphy
2nd Kiara Compton
3rd McKay Prater
3rd Autumn Castle
3rd William D. Rose Jr.

■ Prestonsburg Elementary
■ Stumbo Elementary

1st Shane Poynter
1st Faith Reynolds
2nd Cody McCoy
3rd Hannah Hitchcock

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Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (Feb. 26 & Feb. 28, 1992)

Prestonsburg's City Council set the wheels in motion, Monday, for the development of an intertrack wagering facility near Water Gap, giving first reading to an ordinance annexing the proposed site. As proposed, the annexation would follow Route 3 from the current city boundary to property now occupied by the Center Stage nightclub....An early morning break-in at Allen Central High School, Monday, caused thousands of dollars worth of property damage and several pieces of electronic equipment were stolen. Classes were cancelled, Monday, as a result of damages to the school...Floyd Circuit Judge Harold Stumbo ordered, Monday, that union dues may no longer be deducted from the paychecks of nine employees of the Floyd County Board of Education. Stumbo's ruling came as a result of a conflict between the Teamsters Local 783 and nine classified employees of the school system, who asked the court to dissolve their association with the union...The mother of a 16-year-old child with muscular dystrophy has filed a civil lawsuit against the Floyd County Board of Education, and transportation director Earl Ousley, claiming that a defective wheelchair lift on a school bus injured the girl and aggravated her daughter's condition. Doris Hunt, on behalf of her daughter Tammy Hunt, filed suit February 19, in circuit court alleging the board failed to repair the lift after it was reported that it had malfunctioned before....One area vacancy was filled, Tuesday, but there has been no word yet from Governor Brereton Jones on who will be named interim District Judge for Floyd County. The Governor's office announced, Tuesday, that Paintsville lawyer Susan Mullins Johnson had been appointed interim District Judge for the 24th Judicial District, which includes Johnson, Martin and Lawrence counties. Johnson will fill the seat vacated by the election of John Gardner as judge for Kentucky's Court of Appeals...The remains of a Floyd County woman were exhumed, Friday, as part of an investigation of suspected murder in Michigan. The body of Bonnie Jo Kiser, 51, was discovered on her bed in her Michigan home on December 20, 1991, following a blaze which apparently destroyed the residence. Kiser, a native of Floyd County, was buried December 25, in the Hackworth family cemetery near the Floyd-Magoffin County line on Kane Branch. She was exhumed, Friday, apparently to determine whether she "may have died as a result of a criminal act in the state of Michigan...Three days after Job Corps personnel and community leaders denounced news coverage of alleged gang activity at the Prestonsburg facility, eight students were arrested and two others were hospitalized as the result of a reported gang-style assault at the local center on Monday. Six adults and two juvenile students at Carl D. Perkins Job Corps were arrested, Monday evening, and charged in

connection with an attack on two female students, Monday, at the center. One female received a stab wound in the leg...Dixie Campbell of Maytown, whose son was killed in Vietnam, was presented a specially inscribed Bible by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 128 recently, following a three-year search for the families of eight soldiers who previously could not be located. The D.A.V. erected a plaque three years ago at Allen's Stumbo Park in memory of 21 Floyd County soldiers killed in combat in Vietnam, which included the name of Campbell's son, Andrew J. Campbell. All but eight of the soldiers' families listed were located and given the specially inscribed Bibles in honor of those who gave their lives for their country in Vietnam. Each Bible was personalized, with the name of the soldier inscribed on the cover...The wife of a Floyd County magistrate was one of three commissioners appointed by the fiscal court, Friday, to draw new magisterial district boundaries in the county. Hattie Owens, wife of magistrate Jackie Edford Owens, was named, along with Paul Gearheart and Tom Smith, to redistrict the voting boundaries, a statutory requirement that must begin in February...For almost fifty years, Eugene Wells of Goble-Roberts Addition has carried a piece of World War II embedded in his hip. Now Wells will so carry a piece of that war near his heart. Last week, Wells was awarded the Navy's Purple Heart, one of the military's highest honors, for injuries he received in one of the major air-naval battles of war...An attorney representing a Carl D. Perkins Job Corps counselor accused of soliciting an assault on a student said, Thursday, that his client's 1966 murder conviction has nothing to do with the misdemeanor charges pending against him. "They're just dragging his name through the mud for nothing," Prestonsburg attorney Keith Bartlett said. "He has repaid his debt to society..."There died; Elmer "Hoover" Vanover, 75, of Dorton, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Irvin Sparkman, 81, of Leburn, Thursday, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Stevie L. Milam, 28, of Harold, Sunday, at his residence; Green B. Johnson, 82, of Hi Hat, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Thelma Jones, 85, of Drift, Sunday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Madgie Childers Johnson, 74, of Jenkins, Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Jones W. Martin, 91, of Eastern, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; William Henry McCoy, 64, of McCombs, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Golda Tackett, 91, of Virgie, Monday, at Mountain View Health Care Center; David R. "Buddy" Sanders, 52, of Romulus, Michigan, Wednesday; Charles R. Moore, 18, of Chloe Creek, formerly of Harold, Friday, at his residence; Alec Spencer Bailey, Friday, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Charles Edvon Slone, 57, of Banner, Monday, at his residence; Gladys Kendrick Coleman, 83, of Elkhorn City, Saturday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Josephine "Penie" Davidson Fields, 88, of

Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dora Honaker Hawkins, 68, of Harold, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago (March 3, 1982)

Elisha Branham Jr., 23, of Prater Creek, pleaded guilty in circuit court, Monday, to charges of murder, kidnapping, and armed robbery in the abduction of 18-year-old Michael Dwayne Cline of Emma, and was sentenced to two life prison terms, plus 20 years...Commodore Lewis Truman, 36-year-old Topmost man, was killed instantly by a rockfall near the entrance of a Toler Creek mine...Arson is cited in a fire at a tippie recently leased by Ray-Mac Mining Company at Simpson's Branch, near McDowell...Kentucky Black Lung Program is being investigated, with special attention given to the millions of dollars paid to doctors and lawyers under the program...There died; Billy Ray Whitt, 47, of Sugar Loaf, last Thursday, at his home; Charles Reinsmith, 84, of Betsy Layne, Tuesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Flora Jones, 64, of Melvin, last Thursday, at Riverview Nursing Home; Cliva Jeanette Oaks, 64, of Weeksbury, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Georgia H. Martin, 65, of Dema, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Theda D. Hall Branham, 58, of Auxier, last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Melvin Hall, 56, of Galveston, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Cora K. Hale, 82, of Betsy Layne, February 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; William C. Conley, 22, of Allen, February 26, at University of Kentucky Medical Center; Nova Lee Lovely Hicks, 48, of Garrett, Friday, at University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago (March 2, 1972)

The University of Kentucky and the advisory board of Prestonsburg Community College are ready for final negotiations with the Porter Estate heirs for an additional 10 acres of land for an expanded college campus here...Although the danger of flooding was past, at least temporarily, for the Big Sandy river valley, Dewey, Fishtrap and Pound reservoirs continued Monday to hold back a tremendous volume of water...A blaze which, last Friday, heavily damaged a building maintained by ARDF at Grethel, is said by the state fire marshal's office to have been caused by arson...The Buffalo Creek flood disaster came near to Floyd County, last Saturday, when relatives of many who had moved to that region from the Mare Creek section of this county learned of the lives lost there...The consolidated school under construction at Eastern, will be known as the Allen Central High

School, it has been announced...The last Martin High School reunion will be a feature of the 58th district basketball tournament here this week...There died; Dawson Bussey, 58, of Prestonsburg, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Toby Howard, at Tutor Key, Saturday; Mrs. Jennie Kendrick, 82, of the Brandy Keg road, near Lancer, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Willard Patton Niece, 56, of Harold, Tuesday, at the McDowell Hospital; Elder Frank DeRossett Sr., 88, of Water Gap, Friday, at a Martin hospital; Peter Steven McKinney, 89, of Harold, Saturday, at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Laura M. Coble, 47, of Warsaw, Ind., formerly of David, February 24, in Warsaw; Mrs. Ida M. Tackett, 52, of Manton, Friday, at a nursing home here; Mrs. Cora M. Woody, 86, of Emma, last Tuesday, at a nursing home here; Johnny Adkins, 59, of Pikeville, Monday, at a nursing home there.

Forty Years Ago (March 1, 1962)

The closing days of February, historically a tragic month for Floyd County and the Big Sandy valley, saw floodwaters drive an estimated 500 families from their homes in this county...The fiscal court, at a special meeting, Friday, tied with a 2-2 vote on a motion made by Magistrate Bryant Derosssett to discharge all county employees. County Judge Henry Stumbo voted in the negative to untie the deadlock. Derosssett charged that the road employees were hauling "red dog" cinders and distributing these on private roads and driveways...An average of 41.75 of Floyd entrants drop out of school before graduation, according to studies compiled by Earl Martin, director of pupils personnel of the Floyd County School System...Coal production, in the field represented by the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association, is now up 21 percent above the corresponding period last year, it was noted by the most recent report of the mining group...There died; Ed Sutton, 71, Monday, at his home at Langley; John Bascom Bayes, 52, of Auxier, Thursday, en route to Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Cora Sherman, 69, of Auxier, Saturday, at Springfield, O.; Mrs. Victoria P. Hall, 89, of Bonanza, Sunday, at the home of a son there.

Fifty Years Ago (February 28, 1952)

At least two Floyd County mines did not work Monday, because a large number of their workers being in Leslie County, to ally themselves with the United Mine Workers' move to unionize that coal field, it was reported here, Wednesday...There will be two pre-induction calls for the army from Floyd County during the month of March, local board

(See YESTERDAY, page three)

Birthdays



Celebrates birthday in California

Julia Katherine Laille Prater, the daughter of Barry and Donna Prater, of Columbus, and Tim and Julia Francis Watson, of Somerset, celebrated her 19th birthday on Feb. 22, 2002. Laille, now a resident of California, is a native of Floyd County. Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. Ruth Prater, of Prestonsburg, and the late Herbert Prater. She is the maternal granddaughter of Ernie and Patricia Francis, formerly of Garrett.



Camren turns one!

Camren Chase Reid, the son of Stan and Lisa Reid, of Lexington, celebrated his first birthday on Feb. 11, 2002. Camren enjoyed his special day at home with his parents, his sister, Nikki, and his brother, Cody. Also in attendance were his "Nannie," Susan Hutchison, his aunts, Lana Neace and Lora Webb, and cousins, Heather and Charlie. Camren also had a special visit from a very special guest, "Barney." Camren received many nice gifts and everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream. Camren is the paternal grandson of Charles and Annabelle Reid, of Ivel. He is the maternal grandson of Susan Hutchison, of Paris, and the late Donald Hutchison. He is the great-grandson of Norla Tipton, of Paris, and Carrie Hutchison, also of Paris.

Celebrates 83rd birthday

Harlie Conn will turn 83 years old on Feb. 28, 2002. Harlie and his wife, Polly, reside on Butler Branch, near Printer. Harlie has three daughters, Norcie Hall, Theda Hackworth, and Juanita Branham, and six sons, Harlie II, Boge, Howard, Clyde, Johnny, and Willard Conn. He plans to celebrate his special day with his family.

Pageants



Miss Heart of Kentucky

Kortney Hall, the daughter of Rodney and Sherry Hall, was recently crowned "Miss Heart of Kentucky." She also succeeded in winning the titles of Miss Photogenic and Best Model - Overall Competition. Kortney, age 12, competed in the pre-teen division. She is a student at South Floyd Middle School.

Yesterdays

number 25 said here this week...The United Fuel Gas Company has brought in, on the Meathouse Fork of Johns Creek, a natural gas well that is producing about 17,000,000 cubic feet a day...The new Seventh Congressional district, as proposed in a bill introduced in the General Assembly by Harry King Lowman, of Ashland, House majority leader, will contain 13 counties instead of eight...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Stumbo, of Minnie, a son, Feb. 24, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin...There died: Hi Prater, 93, Wednesday, at his home at Blue River; Mary Ellen Flanary Robinson, 82, Feb. 20, at her home at Martin; Mrs. Anna Hubbard Potter, 50, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at Praise, Kentucky.

result of a snowfall ranging from five inches here to 22 inches in the upper reaches of the valley...Contract was awarded, Tuesday, by the Floyd County Board of Education to Reynolds & Gunnells on the construction of a nine-room grade school building and auditorium at Betsy Layne...Requests that all public school superintendents prepare estimates of the number of persons expected to register March 17-20 for the nation-wide sugar rationing program have been sent out by State Superintendent of Public Instruction John W. Booker...Paying rent? Well, if you're in Floyd County, you're paying only half as much as Mr. Average Kentuckian, according to Census Bureau figures...There died: Bee Castle, 32, Saturday, at Stumbo Memorial Hospital, five hours after being crushed beneath a two-ton rock in a country coal bank near his home at Salt Lick; Mrs. George Owsley, of Garrett, last Thursday, at the Martin General Hospital; Mrs. Lucy McNeer, 56, of East Point, Wednesday, at the Paintsville Clinic; Joel Martin, 63, of Drift, Tuesday, at the Martin General Hospital; Sam Jarrell, 78, Feb. 26, at his home at Emma; Frank A. Ellis, 62, Friday, at his home here.

Sixty Years Ago (March 5, 1942)

The entire upper Big Sandy river section was in black-out for hours, communication systems were disrupted and passenger traffic except by train was at a virtual standstill, Tuesday, as a

Food

Everyone that ever smoked knows just how non-addictive they truly are! Why, you can quit anytime you want. You just don't want to quit a dirty, stinking, unhealthy, cancer and heart disease habit.

The point I am coming to is in regard to menthol cigarettes - you'd think these particular cigarettes would be more expensive. You know, what with an added ingredient and all. But, not so. Why? Because menthol is also habit forming, and, combined with nicotine, this additional addiction makes them slightly cheaper. Yes, I have heard the tale that the addition of menthol helps those with sinus problems - never mind the heart disease and lung cancer that it doesn't help. And besides the fact that these sinus sufferers probably wouldn't have sinus problems (or as many) if they didn't smoke.

Let's move on, taking a quick look at good, wholesome milk. I'm not talking about the best, but rather, cows' milk that comes in plastic. The dairies all took out the butterfat and used it in other products. The demand for fat-free milk or skim milk (which is nothing more than "flavored water") is higher.

In the beginning, reduced calorie bread was, for the most part, only sliced very thin. This reduced the number of calories per slice. But later, they took out the fat, and

here again that slim healthy figure got us another price hike.

Another new realization is that they don't need to cut down as many trees nowadays as in earlier times. We now can buy what is called "recycled" paper. Is this recycled paper cheaper, seeing as how it is, you know, "used"? The answer is no, the price is just the same, sometimes maybe even more due to the label "made from recycled paper."

The oil companies were asked to "get the lead out" of their gasolines. When they did, the price went up. Do you remember when you could buy regular leaded gas? It was cheaper until the mandatory switch. We all thought when they began making gasohol or ethanol, that is, adding a little "moonshine" to gasoline, it would be cheaper, also. It wasn't.

Bear with me - I only have a couple more discoveries to go. I'm sure that everyone remembers when automobiles had steel fenders and bumpers. Then the automobile manufacturers switched to tin and the price went up. Even the dashboard used to be metal. Now we "ride in pride" displaying all our "lustering" plastic and rubber parts. I know some of this makes the automobile safer. I am all for it. But the price goes higher, not lower, with those plastic hub-caps that have a luster instead of a glis-

tening shine.

There was once a difference in the price of white and black wall tires. White-walls were about ten dollars more. Now if you want a black wall tire, simply turn the white wall inside; and the tire is the same price.

I'll end with this one last thought. Food prices are now higher, we know, due to the added cost of chemicals used in production for insect and disease control. Also comes in, the higher cost of fertilizer.

Enter, the now popular "organic gardening." The grower swears he doesn't use man-made pesticides or fertilizers, with the exception of that which comes from barn beasts in the form of manure. Many barn owners gladly give away, or pay to get rid of, the manure on their property - just to get the barn cleaned. Even so, the price of organic raised foods isn't cheaper - it's four to five times higher.

The companies and food industries have used or taken out most everything but the squeal. I say, "Once it's in - don't take it out." It's just too painful on our pocket-books.

Bill R. Francis, grew up at Garrett, and now lives at Mousie. To write, address to: Box 453, Hindman, KY. 41822.

New Arrivals

Highlands New Arrivals

- Feb. 12, 2002**
A daughter, Natalie Ann Crace, to Jack & Joann Crace.
 - Feb. 12, 2002**
A daughter, Raneem Alhomsi, to Baher & Rande Alhomsi.
 - Feb. 13, 2002**
A son, Dylan Joseph Tanner Freeman, to Joseph & Michelle Freeman.
 - Feb. 14, 2002**
A daughter, Lanzahrae Morgan Paige McCarty, to Kelli McCarty.
 - Feb. 14, 2002**
A son, Ethan Robert Dwayne Collins, to Tangena Marie Blevins.
 - Feb. 15, 2002**
A son, Peyton Chase Arnett, to Melissa & Charles Arnett.
 - Feb. 17, 2002**
A son, Dustin Wayne Miller, to Christina & Gary Miller.
 - Feb. 18, 2002**
A daughter, Jeonna Tyshay Manns, to Bonnie Collins.
- ### Pikeville Methodist Hospital
- December 31:**
A daughter, Angel Marissa, to Melissa and Jonathon Leon Tackett.
 - January 1:**
A son, Colton James Robert, to Anita Blankenship; a daughter, Madisen Starr, to Bridgette and Stephen Woolwine.
 - January 2:**
A son, Payton Tyler Hamilton, to Crystal McComas and Ronald Fredrick Hamilton; a daughter, Faith Ann, to

- Sonja and Preston Cantrell.
- January 3:**
A daughter, Hannah Cheyenne, to Robin Lynn and Brian Daniel Runyon.
- January 4:**
A daughter, Montana Sky, to Priscilla Dawn and Shawn Terrence Amburgey; a daughter, Sydney Catherine, to Stacey Lorraine and Bruce Wayne Chaney; a daughter, Hannah Reenay Hall, to Mitzi Vance and Woody Hall; a son, Bryan Keith Hopkins Jr. to Priscilla and Brian Hopkins.
- January 5:**
A son, Jesse Matthew, to Sarah Jane and William Adkins.
- January 6:**
A son, Jonathan Tyler, to Haley D. and Billy Morton.
- January 7:**
A daughter, Paula Gearl, to Reita Gail and Paul Edward Sammons; a daughter, Cassandra Ray Elizabeth, to Audra Mae and Bobby James Purvis; a daughter, Jessilyn Gabrielle, to Meranda Jane and David Garis Ramey.
- January 8:**
A daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, to Aimee and Carl Norman; a son, Matthew Ervine Mills, to Brbara Ann Keene and Johnny Thomas Mills.
- January 9:**
A son, Jeffersen McKade, to Marna B. Mitchell Spears and David Madison Mitchell.
- January 10:**
A son, Brady Alexander, to Leslie and Timothy Martin; a son, John Dakota Gage Coleman, to Mary Elizabeth Sullivan; a son, Jordan Blake, to Dana Sue and Kevin Ratliff; a son, Daniel Clay, to Dana Sue and Kevin Ratliff.
- January 12:**
A son, Skylar Jermaine Ray, to

- Christy Johnson.
- January 13:**
A daughter, Madison Lee, to Amanda Dawn and Ryan Scott Tackett; a son, Trevor Curtis, to Amanda and Tommy Wolford.
- January 15:**
A son, Phillip Zachery Allen, to Lydia and Jeffery Ward; a daughter, Halie Ann Casey, to Kathy Sanson and Willis Casey Jr.
- January 16:**
A daughter, Sidnee Marie, to Heather and Jamey Slone; a son, Christopher Edward Lewis Junior, to Elizabeth and Edward Dotson.
- January 17:**
A daughter, Madison Leeann, to Annette and Brian Goff; a daughter, Jaden Faith, to Amy Jo and Tommy Wallace; a daughter, Holly Rebecka, to Kimberly and Chuck Allen Tackett; a daughter, Ciara Elvleen, to Michelle Grace and David Reynolds.
- January 19:**
A son, Austin Scott, to Kristy and Jessie Kendrick.
- January 20:**
A daughter, Aariana Denielle, to Angela D. and Greg Sparks.
- January 21:**
A daughter, Krista Dawn, to Vicky Lynn and Glen Ramey Jr.; a daughter, Madison Grace, Chasada Michelle and Mack Arthur Newsome; a daughter, MacKinsey Brooke, to Chasadra Michelle and Mack Authur Newsome; a daughter, Katie Brooke, to Regina and Billy Reed.
- January 22:**
A daughter, Kendra Shelby Lynn, to Teresa Lavon Guernsey and Jackie Eugene Cleaver; a daughter, Chloe Michelle, to Brooke and Robert Walker; a son, Bradon Graham, to Danna and

- David Pruitt Jr.; a daughter, Bryana Devona Williams, to April Caudill and Abraham Williams; a daughter, Gabriella Dawn, to Anetha and Anthony Cole; a son, Morgan Dylan, to Teresa Fern and Lonnie Ralph Goff.
- January 24:**
A daughter, Abbey Elizabeth, to Janet Sue and Robert Howard Hannah.
- January 25:**
A son, Marcus Peyton, to Teresa and Shannon Layne; a daughter, Cassandra Ann Roberts, to Dollie Martin.
- January 26:**
A daughter, Taylor Marie, to Kristina Collins and Joshua Arnold Thacker.
- January 27:**
A son, Jackson Clay, to Melinda Sue and Michael Potter.
- January 28:**
A son, Dylan Ty Blackburn, to Sheila and Mickey Blackburn; a son, Logan Keith Little, to Sherry L. Rogers.
- January 29:**
A daughter, Meshayla Brooke, to Loretta Gaye and James Barry Price; a daughter, Halle Franklyn, to Tessa Ranell Jones.
- January 30:**
A daughter, Angel Leigh, to Lelia and Adam Gross.
- January 31:**
A son, Steven Brian, to Joy and Brian Cofield; a son, Steven Jacob, to Sharon Lowe and Dexter Dewitt; a son, Connor Morton, to Ashley and Charles Byers; a daughter, Sara Dawn, to Lola Mae and Donald Lee Belcher.
- February 3:**
A son, Johnny Douglas Baker II, to Jalina and Johnny Douglas Baker.
- February 4:**
A son, Braden Lee Spencer, to Vickie

- Grizzle.
- February 5:**
A daughter, Allison Kaye, to Kimberly Michelle and Gregory Neil Staton; a daughter, Allison Kaye, to Kimberly Michelle and Gregory Neil Staton.
- February 6:**
A son, Abigail Grace, to Della Renee and Tracy Neil Coleman; a son, Patrick Kane Rodriguez, to Colita Dawn Burchett and Juan Ramon Rodriguez; a son, Jackson Tyler, to Bridgett Ann and Rory Wayne Adkins.
- February 7:**
A daughter, Anna Cheyenne, to Vicky and David Stepp; a son, Northern Darren, to Tiffany and Northern Darren Wright.
- February 8:**
A son, Caleb Matthew, to Rebecca Ann and William Matthew Damron.
- February 10:**
A son, Bryan Keith Pauley, to Cindy and Jason Pauley.
- February 11:**
A daughter, Destiney Joy, to Carla Sue and Michael Boyd Vance; a son, Claeb Gregory, to Angela Kay and Gregory Young.
- February 12:**
A daughter, Jasmine Marie, to Sandra Kay and Jeffrey McCoy.
- February 14:**
A son, Jeremiah Eyan, to Brandi and Jerry Prater; a daughter, Blanca Azucena Valenca Mata to Ver'onica Valencia Mata and Jose Valencia; a daughter, Tony Wayne, to Machea and Mashay Thomas; a son, Dakota Bradley Coleman to Debra Ratliff.
- February 18:**
A son, Seth Andrew, to Christina and Chad McIntyre.

Area business beautification awards to be presented beginning in March

The Prestonsburg Woman's Club is expanding their efforts toward area beautification with the development of their new "Business Beautification Award." For many years now, the club has awarded an area residence their seasonal "Yard of the Month Award," which has helped to encourage the beautification of area homes and neighborhoods.

Having had great success with its "Yard of the Month" award, the Woman's Club would now like to extend recognition to area businesses. This rotating business award will be given each quarter, March through December, to a deserving business establishment. Award months will be March, June, September, and December.

The award will go to the business showing the best or most improved exterior landscape. Outer storefront and

entire area surrounding the business will be taken into consideration, also. Businesses will receive credit for renovations that enhance appearance/structural soundness of their property; for beauty and maintenance of landscaping with plants and flowers; and for overall cleanliness of the area.

The award-winning business will be selected by the 15th of each month and will receive an attractive plaque to hang in their business establishment for that quarter.

The "Business Holiday Decoration Award" will be presented to the business displaying the best holiday decorations, visible from the exterior or through the establishment's front windows. Awards will be given October (Fall Holiday), December (Winter Holiday), March/April (Spring Holiday), and July (Summer Holiday).

The winning business establishment will receive a certificate from the Woman's Club to keep and display. They will also receive a \$200 cash prize for their efforts.

Judges will be drawn from the members of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, who will strive to make the awards as timely as possible.

The Woman's Club, in presenting these awards, is working toward the goal of providing recognition to those who show civic pride through their investment of time, resources, and care thereby resulting in the creation of a positive environment in which all may live and work.

Any private citizen or business may make nominations to the Prestonsburg Woman's Club Business Beautification Awards. Additionally, businesses may nominate themselves. However, to qualify for the awards, the businesses must be located within the Prestonsburg city limits.

To make a nomination, please contact Joyce Short

Allen, at 886-2523, or Pam Weiner Skeen, at 889-9639. Be prepared to give the name of the nominated business, its location, and which award you are nominating it for (quarterly or holiday decoration).

Nominations should be submitted by the first day of the month of that quarter - March, June, September, or December. Nominations for the Business Holiday Decoration Award should be submitted as early as possible during the holiday month - October, December, March/April, or July.

The Prestonsburg Woman's Club has plans to make their first quarterly beautification award by March 15 of this year. The first Spring Holiday Decoration Award will be presented in late March or early April of this year.

The Prestonsburg Woman's Club will be waiting for your nomination, become involved and help work toward a more beautiful Prestonsburg for our residents, workers, and visiting tourists.

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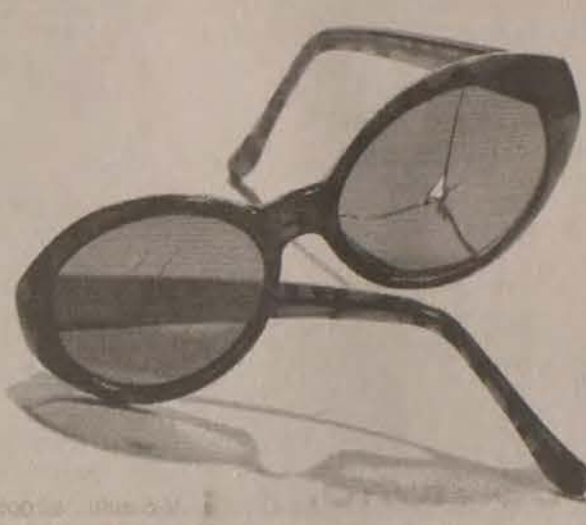
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The dealer who shows the greatest percentage of increase in sales during the month of February, compared to the month of January, will receive a full-page color ad (valued at \$1,000) for their business.

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3. Keep them neatly stacked and presentable.

The Times FLOYD COUNTY

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The Floyd County Times

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 Seeking a resourceful, detail-oriented, energetic professional to provide direct supervision for the departments of accounting, property, purchasing, food services and maintenance. Responsible for the overall management of the finance & administration department.
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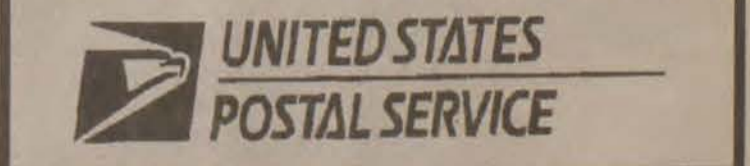
Will be open to the public for the 470 test battery, which is used to fill career positions of **CLERK** and **CITY CARRIER** in this area. **Starting salaries are \$15.19 (Clerk) and \$16.08 (Carrier) per hour.** Applications can be submitted only during this period:

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Apply on the Internet at www.usps.com/employment or on a Touch-Tone Phone by calling **1-866-999-8777 (TTY call 1-800-800-8776)** and follow the prompts. The announcement number for this examination is **16077**. You will need this to apply for the examination.

Applicants will be scheduled in about 60 days to take the 2 1/4 hour written examination. Those who pass the exam will be placed on a register according to score. This register will be used to fill future vacancies at the Ashland Post Office and surrounding offices within 411, 412, 414, 415 and 416 ZIP code areas.

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640-Land & Lots

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(PURSUANT TO 401 KAR 5:006 SECTION 4 & 5; KRS-424, and 40CFR 25.5 & 6) The Southern Water and Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, Kentucky 41647, has drafted a 20-year Facilities Planning Document containing wastewater collection and treatment, and its cost within the planning area, as described therein. The Facilities Planning Document proposes to sewer the Wayland/Garrett area, and to extend service to the surrounding communities. Interested citizens may obtain further information by viewing a draft copy of the Facilities Planning Document by contacting Bob Meyer, at the above given address, or calling (606) 377-9296, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on Monday through Friday. A public hearing will be held on Monday, March 11, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., at the Wayland Community Center. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Facilities Planning Document and its contents, specifically the collection and treatment alternatives, project cost, financing sources, user charges, and hook up/tap on fee. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting, and shall have a right to comment on the Facilities Planning Document for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, by writing to the above address, or before the termination of the hearing, whichever is later. A longer comment period may be requested in writing. All persons who believe any condition of the Facilities Planning Document is inappropriate, inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise not in the best interest of the public and environment, must raise all

reasonable issues, and submit all reasonable arguments, facts, and comments with supporting documents to the above given contact person.

EXHIBIT 2 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ROLLING ACRES SUBDLVISION AND INDUSTRIAL AREA SECTION 531 PRIDE PROJECT FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Rolling Acres Subdivision and Industrial Area Project is complete and available for public review. The project is located 8.2 miles southeast of the City of Prestonsburg, along the Levisa Fork and U.S. Route 23, Floyd County, Kentucky. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DEA for public review. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the DEA and draft FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about 19 February, 2002. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following locations.

Floyd County Public Library Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Office of the Mayor Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Copies of the DEA and draft FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at 304-529-5712. Comments pertaining to the documents should be directed by letter to:

Ms. Lucile V. Mullins, Chief Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch Huntington District Corps of Engineers 502 Eighth Street Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase I, II & III bond release on January 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES HOMEBUYER PROGRAM AND HOMEOWNER

No one has permission to hunt on property that belongs to Vannie Kidd. No one that has property joining Vannie Kidd will be allowed in. owner, Vannie Kidd.

The application covers an area of approximately 45.73 acres.

The permit area is approximately one mile north from U.S. 23's junction with Ivy Creek County Road, and located one mile north of Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37° 36' 04". The longitude is 82° 38' 56". The Bond now in effect for Increment #2 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$7,800.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$7,800.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Bond Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #3 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$4,400.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$4,400.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #4 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,000.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,000.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #5 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,900.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,900.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #6 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$9,200.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$9,200.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #8 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,000.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,000.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and the establishment of initial growth of vegetation, completed Spring, 1995.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 22, 2002, 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 19, 2002. Written comments, obligations or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 03/04/02.

This is the final advertisement of the application. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 03/05/02 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 03/04/02.

NOTICE

HOMES, INC. P.O. Box 8 Neon, KY 41840 (606) 855-4561, EXT. 10 or 13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at

REHABILITATION/RECONSTRUCTION SCATTERED SITES AND TRANSITIONAL SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING IN WHITESBURG, KY

Housing Oriented Ministries Established for Services, Inc. (HOMES, INC.) has received funding from Kentucky Housing Corporation through the HOME program and other Kentucky Housing Corporation funding to perform construction of new homes to be located in Letcher, Knott, and part of Floyd Counties, Kentucky, for families whose incomes are at or below 80% of median income adjusted to household size and rehabilitations/reconstructions on homes which are occupied by the owners, and whose household income is at or below 80% of the median income in counties of Letcher, Knott, and Floyd. Additionally, HOMES, INC., has been funded to rehabilitate an existing building in Whitesburg, Kentucky, into transitional housing units for targeted special needs clients. In compliance with the HUD HOME guidelines, HOMES announces it will be purchasing construction materials to perform these construction activities. Additionally, HOMES will contract the following activities: heating/air conditioning, plumbing, dry-wall, site work, grading and paving, potable water system development, water well drilling, on-site wastewater disposal, and asbestos removal and lead-based paint abatement. In addition to standard residential building materials, HOMES will be purchasing concrete, gravel, shrubbery, grass seed, concrete/metal culverts, etc. MINORITY OWNED AND FEMALE OWNED BUSINESSES are encouraged to participate. If you are interested in bidding on materials or performing contract services, please contact HOMES, INC., for a Statement of Qualifications, or supply a written response on your company letterhead outlining the services or materials you have to offer. Even if you have worked in the past, or supplied materials in the past to HOMES, INC., you must comply with this advertisement in order to be considered for work on this project. If you are interested in working for HOMES, INC., on these projects, please respond by March 15, 2002. HOMES, INC. is an Equal Employment and Equal Housing Opportunity organization.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5290 In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, has applied for Phase II Bond Release on increment 1 of permit number 836-5290, which was last issued on 10/27/97. The application covers an area of approximately 20.15 acres, located 4.5 miles northeast of Prestonsburg in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 2.46 miles southeast from Kentucky Route 3's junction with Long Branch Road, and located 0.3 mile southwest of the intersection of Johns Creek and Daniels Creek.

The bond now in effect for increment 1 is a surety bond for \$24,900.00. Approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$48,200.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding and mulching, completed fall 1996; tree setting completed spring 1997; and the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 03/04/02.

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HOMES, INC. P.O. Box 8 Neon, KY 41840 (606) 855-4561, EXT. 10 or 13

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at

10:00 a.m., on Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for the consideration of an application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2003, for the rural community transportation services in the big sandy area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments be made in person or through written submissions. The application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2002.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 858-5049, Operator Revision In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, intends to revise permit number 858-5049 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Tradition Mining Corporation, 425 Click Branch Road, Martin, Kentucky 41649. The new operator will be Eagle Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 339, Lovely, Kentucky 41231.

The operation is located 1.1 mile southeast of Odds in Johnson & Floyd counties. The operation is approximately 1 mile southeast from Right Fork of Daniels Creek road's junction with Old KY Rt. 3, and located along Sycamore Creek. The operation is located on the Offutt and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00022 BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. PLAINTIFF VS. GENE BLACKBURN AND TEEN BLACKBURN, HIS WIFE; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the June 22, 2001, and January 25, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$53,115.45, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the mouth of Payne Branch and running with the Dale Roberts' line up the left side of the branch to a sycamore stump and a popular

stump; thence running around the back side of the Dale Roberts' house down the creek to a popular; thence turning right and running up the hill to where a wire fence crosses the point; thence on up the point with the point and the fence with Dale Roberts' line to the top of the ridge between the said Pike and Road Fork and the Deadening Fork; thence turning right up the ridge by the Payne Rocks and following the same ridge to lands of Richard Adkins; thence running down the point with the Adkins' line to the road and/or creek; thence down said road with rights of way line to the beginning. This conveyance includes the surface only, and all minerals are excepted and not conveyed.

There is further excepted and excluded from this conveyance the following described tract, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Payne Branch and running with the Dale Roberts' line to a corner just back of his house aforementioned; thence turning right and running up said branch along the side of the hill approximately 255 feet to a double pine in a small ravine; thence turning a right angle down the hill and crossing the branch and up the other side and or the east side of hill approximately 115 feet to a Sweetgum; thence turning right and running down the branch along the hillside approximately 255 feet to a stake 25 feet above and east of a ditch line at back side of road; thence turning left and running around the hillside up the creek by way of two large pines located about 15 feet above the persimmon tree and straight on around the hill to road; thence down said road to the beginning. Containing two acres more or less.

For reference of source of title, see deed to Gene Blackburn and Teen Blackburn, his wife, dated September 28, 1988, in Deed Book 322, Page 328, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above

described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 01-CI-00228 BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. TIM FERGUSON AND VIVIAN FERGUSON, HIS WIFE; CENTRAL FINANCE SERVICES; FIRST UNION BANK OF FLORIDA; AND, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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feet to a point opposite a planted iron stake on the right of way of Kentucky Highway No. 1428; thence a straight line from the center of said creek to said planted iron stake; thence with the right of way line of said Kentucky Highway No. 1428 to the planted iron stake, the beginning, which includes lots 5, 6, 7 and 8.

There is excepted from this conveyance that certain property conveyed by Joseph B. Sharp, III, and Deborah B. Sharp to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, dated March 29, 1990, and lodged for record in Deed Book 336, page 192, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Said Deed is referred to for a more complete description of this exception.

Being the same property conveyed to Tim and Vivian Ferguson by deed from Unisign Corp., dated September 14, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 441, Page 162, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that FCDC COAL INC., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on Permit No. 836-9010, which was last issued on August 18, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 4.37 acres located 2.5 miles south of Banner in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.25 miles north from Water Birch Road's junction with KY Route 1426 and US 23., located 0.0 miles east of Prater Creek. The latitude is 37° 34' 28". The longitude is 82° 41' 34".

The bond now in effect for the permit is a Surety Bond of \$10,400.00 of which approximately 60% is included in this application for Release.

Reclamation work performed includes backfill and grading, soil sampling and testing, fertilization, seeding and mulching, completed during the summer of 2001.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 19, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., April 22, 2002, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Ky, 41653.

The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 19, 2002.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT TITLED: WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMER SERVICES PROJECT FOR THE FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT/SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for a WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMER SERVICES PROJECT for the Floyd County Fiscal Court/Southern Water & Sewer District, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge Executive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, until 11:30 a.m., Local Time, on March 8, 2002. The sealed bids for this Project will be opened and an award of the bids made at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on March 8, 2002, at 12:00 Noon, Local Time, to be held in the County Courtroom, located on the 2nd floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Project consists of the furnishing of equipment and labor for the construction of water system customer services in the following areas within the Southern Water & Sewer District: Deadening, Middle Branch (Royal Hollow), Caleb Fork, Hunter Branch, Sage Allen, and Frasures Branch (Mud Creek). Contract Specifications and Bidding Documents may be examined, during regular business hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Local Time, Monday through Friday, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge Executive, Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, Telephone (606) 886-9193.

Bids must be submitted on the Bid Form included in the Contract Specifications and Bidding Documents. Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered. Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and has satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered, based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work, if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

Bid Package #2 - Construction of a Fieldhouse. Bidding Documents may be examined, during regular business hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Local Time, Monday through Friday, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Telephone (606) 886-9193.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. A one hundred (100) percent Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on the Bid Form included in the Project Manual. Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered.

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The Floyd County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids, will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PROJECT TITLED: PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE PROJECT

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE PROJECT at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, until 11:30 a.m., Local Time, on March 8, 2002. The sealed bids for the Project will be opened, and an award of the bids made, at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on March 8, 2002, at 12:00 Noon, Local Time, to be held in the County Courtroom, located on the 2nd floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Project consists of the placement of fill, construction of a retaining wall, construction of a fieldhouse and installation of related drainage structures. The project work will consist of two (2) separate bid packages. Bid Package #1 - Site Preparation.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Brass Ring Mining Co., Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY, 41101, has applied for Phase I and II bond release on Permit No. 836-5035, which was last issued on Sept. 28, 1998. The permit covers an area of approximately 2.00 surface acres, and underlies an additional 340.08 acres. The operation is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Blue Moon, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 mile west of the junction KY 2030 and the Mud Creek Road, and is 0.1 mile north of Morgan Fork.

The current bonds (Certificate of Deposit) is \$10,800.00. Approximately 80% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by April 19, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 22, 2002, at 9:00 am, at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 19, 2002.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that V and M Mining Company of Paintsville, Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY 41105, has applied for Phase II and III bond releases on

Permit No. 836-5100, which was last issued on Nov. 22, 1999. The permit covers an area of approximately 1.75 surface acres, and underlies an additional 122.00 acres. The operation is located approximately 3.0 miles northwest of Harold, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles northwest of the junction of KY 987 and KY 1426, and located just north of Prater Creek.

The current bond (Letter of Credit) is \$6,900.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1991. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land use.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE (RUS) APPENDIX C STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION
Coalfields Telephone Company is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or handicap, shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.
The person responsible for coordinating this organization's Nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Nell Davis Tackett, Administrative Assistant. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5425

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Clark Elkhorn Coal

Company, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, KY 41101, has applied for permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 miles east of Betsy Layne in Floyd and Pike County. The proposed operation will disturb 21.28 surface

acres and will underlie 314.48 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 335.76 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.64 miles north-west from CR-1509's junction with CR-1510, and located along Pike-Floyd Hollow.

The proposed amendment is located on the Broadbottom and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by the East Kentucky Energy Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation; Oakie & Eunice Lawson; Jeffery Bentley; James & Aileen Maynard; Jimmy & Karen Crum; William T. & Diana L. Patton; James Gunnels; Williams Maynard; Bobby & Joyce Slone; Mike & Sandy Brooks; Robert Hughes; Tom & Martha Keathley; Jane S. Clark; Leonard J. Sturgill; Rhodes W. & Virgie Lynch; Adis & Emma Lou Clark; Ella Jean Compton; Toba M. Owens; Charles R. Owens; Maudie Flack; Billy & Betsy Steward; Jimmy & Joyce Smith; Gary & Renee Keathley; Gary & Dottie Duncan; Jane I. Syck; John G. Ratliff; Gary & Linda Bevins; James W. Allen; Wanda Compton; Stanley Stratton; Mary Belle Lewis;

Neely Jane Lewis; S.S.S. & P., Inc.; Lois Cline; KY Department of Transportation; Paul & Linda Gearhart; Glendle M. Adkins; Lisa Lynn Howell; Velva Stratton; George Hall, Jr.; Thomas Duane & Debra Daniels; Ronnie & Doris Leedy; Castle & Alice Collins; Stacy Lawson; Stella Akers; Billy Ray Ousley; Goldie E. Hamilton; Hassel & Juanita Collins; Alex & Beverly Carroll; Sylvia Hall; Hershell, Sam, Louise & Bob Spradlin; Jackie & Mary Adkins; and Floyd County Board of Education. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1397. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement for this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS OF EAST KENTUCKY UTILITIES, INC. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN

The company has a budget payment plan available for its residential customers, whereby a customer may elect to pay a fixed monthly amount for the budget year in lieu of monthly billing for actual usage. The monthly budget payment will be determined by each customer's estimated annual usage. This budget year will start in April 2002, and runs through March of 2003. Any residential customers that are interested in budget plan can call 606-886-2431, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for additional information.

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TELEPHONE 606-886-3113 OR 606-437-6147 COW CREEK GAS COMPANY, INC. P.O. BOX 820 PRESTONSBURG, KY. 41653

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Inter Mountain Cable, Inc., is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights acts of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provide that no person in the United

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HOW TO STOP YOUR TEENAGE SON FROM GETTING A HEROIN ADDICTION LONG BEFORE HE'S A TEENAGER

The Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Emmitt Branham, 2136 KY Route 979, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.6 miles north of the community of Grethel, on Route 979 on Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

American Heart Association
www.americanheart.org

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before March 29, 2002, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	00-P-00025	Cline Mitchell	Tex Mitchell	01/18/02
Final	00-P-00113	Hazel G. Boyd	Georgene Wright	01/18/02
Final	01-P-00017	Maggie Steele	William Steele, Jr.	01/28/02
Final	01-P-0238	Jack Jervis	Freddie Jervis	01/28/02
Final	93-P-00397	Jimmy Howard Brewer	Michael Fleet Johnson	01/30/02
Final	01-P-00211	Rosie Green	Rosemary Mitchell	02/04/02
Final	93-P-00297	Pearlie E. Spears	Roy Gene Spears	02/05/02
Final	01-P-00016	Ulavane Gunnels	Lois J. Howell	02/05/02
Final	01-P-00198	Sterling Smith, Jr.	Willis Newsome	02/06/02
Final	01-P-00360	Walter Stumbo	James R. Stumbo	02/07/02
Final	01-P-00218	Alma Crowder	Myrvin Honni/Steve Crowder	02/11/02
Final	99-P-00393	Herbert Lawson	Keith Edward Lawson	02/14/02
Final	01-P-00266	Ernest Terry & Lanie Terry	Bonnie Warrens	01/18/02
Final	01-P-00232	Thelma Hicks	Rocky R. Adams	02/18/02
Final	01-P-00049	Nellie M. Foster	Sherman Foster	02/19/02
Final	99-P-00039	Carl Little	Bonnie Little	02/19/02

STOP!

You've cleaned out your attic, your basement, your garage and now you're ready to host a garage sale. Before you proceed, follow these signs for placing the type of classified ad that will help turn your event into a best-seller.

Be sure to include in your Garage or Yard Sale ad...

1

WHAT. Describe the type of sale you're hosting. Is it mostly household goods? Nursery furniture? Apparel?

2

WHEN. Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.

3

WHERE. Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.

4

WHY. Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

Let one of our "ad-visors" help you with your ad. Call 886-8506



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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
01-25-2002	02-P-00035	Ethel Stumbo P.O. Box 118 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	John Mark McKenzie Rt. 114, Ethel's Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	G.C. Perry II P.O. Box 900 Paintsville, KY 41240
01-25-2002	02-P-00037	Martin V. Allen P.O. Box 43 Garrett, KY 41630	Mae Combs Allen P.O. Box 43 Garrett, KY 41630	
01-28-2002	02-P-00038	Paul Newton Martin 3366 KY Rt. 1428 P.O. Box 371 Allen, KY 41601	Clarence Martin, Sr. P.O. Box 344 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	David Neeley 112 W. Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-28-2002	02-P-00039	Ronald K. Chaffin 196 Bob White Lane Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Dena Myers 291 Elmwood Road Statesville, N.C. 28625	Jimmy C. Webb 187 E Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-30-2002	02-P-00040	Mary M. Osborne P.O. Box 219 Eastern, KY 41622	Romie G. Osborne P.O. Box 219 Eastern, KY 41622	
01-30-2002	02-P-00042	Ellie Francis Cole P.O. Box 365 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Arthur Cole P.O. Box 365 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-01-2002	02-P-00044	Kenneth E. Zemo 2764 KY Rt. 1428 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Mary Zemo 2764 KY Rt. 1428 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02-01-2002	02-P-00045	Ada Prater P.O. Box 394 Garrett, KY 41630	Dorothy Teel 540 Jefferson Road Hueysville, KY 41640	Timothy Parker P.O. Box 927 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-04-2002	02-P-00046	John B. Jarrell 5481 Mansfield Sterling Heights, MI 48310	Carlie A. Jarrell 5481 Mansfield Sterling Heights, MI 48310	
02-05-2002	02-P-00048	Roger Lee Ray P.O. Box 174 Beaver, KY 41604	Dylene Ray P.O. Box 174 Beaver, KY 41604	
02-05-2002	02-P-00050	Willie D. Brown 387 Doty Branch Road McDowell, KY 41647	Jonell Tackett P.O. Box 189 McDowell, KY 41647	Gregory A. Isaac 199 North Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-05-2002	02-P-00051	Elvie F. Spears Main Toler Rd. Harold, KY 41635	Roy Gene Spears 5164 Toler Ck. Road Harold, KY 41635	
02-07-2002	02-P-00052	Bonnie Goble 1148 Meadows Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Billy G. Goble 1148 Meadows Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Dwight S. Marshall P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-07-2002	02-P-00053	Celia J. Taylor P.O. Box 148 Auxier, KY 41602	Darl Taylor 723 Berkley Drive Wabash, Indiana 46992	P. Franklin Heaberlin 119 E. Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-08-2002	02-P-00057	Kermit C. Yates P.O. Box 22 Honaker, KY 41639	Wanda S. Yates P.O. Box 22 Honaker, KY 41639	
02-11-2002	02-P-00058	Robin L. Newhouse 67 Sally Stephens Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Pamela Horn 4387 East 850 South Claypool, IN 46510	
02-11-2002	02-P-00059	Alka Johnson 860 Stoker Br. Wheelwright, KY 41669	Gloria Jones P.O. Box 362 McDowell, KY 41647	
02-11-2002	02-P-00060	Cleopatra B. Howell 562 Steeles Crk. Wayland, KY 41666	Calvin Howell 562 Steeles Crk. Wayland, KY 41666	Gregory A. Isaac 199 N. lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-11-2002	02-P-00061	Brian K. Hughes 14146 KY Rt. 122 Hi Hat, KY 41636	Rhonda Hughes P.O. Box 235 Hager Hill, KY 41222	
02-11-2002	02-P-00062	Ronald D. Snodgrass 215 Corn Fork Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Kathy Snodgrass 103 Apple Ct. Pikeville, KY 40501	
02-11-2002	02-P-00063	Elmo B. Allen 65 Frasure Hill Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Barbara A. Allen 65 Frasure Hill Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02-11-2002	02-P-00064	Charles Bungardner 464 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Roxie Bungardner 464 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02-12-2002	02-P-00066	James W. Caudill 81 N. River St. Auxier, KY 41602	Ada V. Caudill 81 N. River St. Auxier, KY 41602	
02-13-2002	02-P-00067	Troy Hackworth 554 Station Br. Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Imogene Hackworth 554 Station Br. Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02-13-2002	02-P-00068	Gordon L. Williamson 129 Stumbo Dr. Harold, KY 41635	Jeanne Williamson 129 Stumbo Dr. Harold, KY 41635	
02-19-2002	02-P-00071	Mary Mabel Wiley #5/Second St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Jimmy Wiley 170 Little Flower LN Whitehall, OH 43213	David H. Neeley 112 W. Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-19-2002	02-P-00072	Eddie Shelton Gen. Del. Drift, KY 41619	Eddie Clark Shelton P.O. Box 701 McDowell, KY 41647	
02/21/02	02-P-00076	Donald Ray Pelphrey 390 N. Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Tonya Pelphrey 390 N. Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Charles Oppenheimer 431 Sixteenth St. Ashland, KY 41101
02/21/02	02-P-00077	Thomas E. Amburgey Dana, KY	Veronica Bolden P.O. Box 202 Blue River, KY 41607	

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wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** in March titles...

Reader's Choice

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction _____
- Church _____
- Civic Club/Organization _____
- College _____
- Community Festival Event _____
- Dining Atmosphere _____
- Elderly Care Facility _____
- Elementary School _____
- Entertainment _____
- High School _____
- Hospital/Medical Facility _____
- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
- Place to lose weight _____
- Place to meet friends _____
- Place to spend Saturday night _____
- Place to take out of town guests _____
- Place to work _____

BEST FOOD

- Barbecue _____
- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chili _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Desserts _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home Cookin' _____
- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Kid's Meal _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Onion Rings _____
- Pizza _____
- Roast Beef Sandwich _____
- Salad Bar _____
- Sandwiches _____
- Shakes/Malts _____
- Steaks _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____

- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygiene _____
- Employed at _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____
- Employed at _____
- EMT/Paramedic _____
- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Attendant _____
- Employed at _____
- Furniture Sales Person _____
- Employed at _____
- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Employed at _____
- Heating/Air Service Room _____
- Employed at _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- Jeweler _____
- Law Enforcement Officer _____
- Loan Officer _____
- Mechanic _____
- Employed at _____
- Nurse _____
- Employed at _____
- Optometrist _____
- Employed at _____
- Painter _____
- Paper Carrier _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____
- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
- Employed at _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____

- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

- Car Dealership _____
- Car Wash _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Concrete _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Deli _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Farm/Agriculture _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Garage _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
- Insurance Agency _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
- Manufacturing _____
- Mine Supply _____
- Mining Company _____
- Mobile Home _____
- Motel/Hotel _____
- Motorcycles/ATV _____
- Music Store _____
- Newspaper _____
- Office Supplies _____
- Oil Changes _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Plumbing _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Rental Items _____
- Restaurant _____
- Retail Store _____
- Security _____
- Sewing/Alterations _____
- Tanning Salon _____
- Tire Store _____
- Tools & Supplies _____
- Truck Dealership _____
- Upholstery _____
- Videos _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Bath Towels _____
- Bed Linens _____
- Cabinets _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Film Developing _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____
- Kids Clothing _____
- Men's Clothing _____
- Pern _____
- Pet Supplies _____
- Produce _____
- School Supplies _____
- Seafood items _____
- Shoe Repair _____
- Snack Food _____
- Stereo _____
- TV-VCR Repair _____
- Used Automobiles _____
- Vinyl _____
- Women's Clothing _____

BEST BUSINESS

- Antiques/Collectibles _____
- Appliances _____
- Artwork/Framing _____
- Athletic Supply _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Bait/Tackle _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- Bookkeeping/Tax _____
- Building Supplies _____

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Winners to be in the Friday, March 29th edition of the Floyd County Times.**

Ballot Rules:

1. Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
4. All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by Friday, March 15, 2002 (mailed or delivered)
5. Limited to 5 copies per person available for sale at front desk, up to normal press run copies. No extra forms will be printed.