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South Floyd to host LPC forum

The Floyd County Local Planning Committee will conduct a public forum on May 2 at South Floyd High School at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting is an informal gathering to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new facilities.

Community suggestions or recommendations gained at the forum will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a District Facility Plan for the Floyd County Schools.

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Board employee time 'a great void'

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Where are the employees of the Floyd County school system spending their days? And, what are they doing during work hours?

Those were questions posed by retired

Floyd County Board of Education administrator Gary Frazier nearly two months ago.

Despite an open records request made weeks ago, Frazier said he still has not received the information he is seeking.

Frazier says that he had "no problem accounting for my time" during the years

he worked as a board of education employee. Frazier apparently has reason to suspect that certain central office employees are not being fully honest about their work day activities.

"We have people who are away from their assignments, without sick leave or personal leave requests," Frazier said. "It

appears that no one is minding the store."

Frazier told the board, "I still don't have the information, and my point is, I don't think you do either."

Frazier contends it should not be difficult for central office administrators to

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For the third year in a row, the Allen Central High School "Fizicks" will represent Floyd County in the State Science Olympiad. This year's competition will be held at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. See story on page A7.

Alleged sex abuse victim files suit against Martin

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A woman who filed sex abuse charges against Prestonsburg attorney Sheridan Martin for offenses resulting from an incident on April 27, 2001, has filed a complaint against Martin seeking compensation for alleged damages.

In the original criminal case, the victim had alleged that Martin made sexual contact with her by rubbing his groin against her and touching her breasts without her consent. The woman also filed an unlawful imprisonment charge against Martin for allegedly restraining her by locking her in his office while committing the acts that brought

about the sexual abuse charge. Martin was charged with third-degree sexual abuse and second-degree unlawful imprisonment.

Martin had pleaded guilty to similar charges prior to the incident and had voluntarily entered a treatment center in Texas directly following the alleged incident.

According to the civil complaint filed April 19, the woman had visited Martin's law office for the purpose of an inquiry and consultation pertaining to a Social Security case of her minor son.

The complaint accuses Martin of breaching the professional duty between attorney and client by conducting

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Board says Eastern sewage problem not its responsibility

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

The Floyd County Board of Education is reportedly doing all it can to ensure that the student body of Allen Central High School has a football field of which the school can be proud.

But aesthetics are not the only

concern when it comes to the field, with a reported problem of prevailing bad odors and possible sewage leakage being evident at the site.

According to Bob Meyer, who appeared before the board Monday evening as a representative of the Southern Water and Sewer District, the problem lies within a community of "about 34 homes" around the

school. The homes, according to Meyer, have inadequate sewage disposal systems, a problem he said "occurs all over Eastern Kentucky," due in part to the absence of adequate leach fields and fill drain lines.

Meyer says the problem defi-

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Potential solutions to transportation woes discussed

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

At Monday evening's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, a few transportation issues were addressed and possible solutions to some of the department's woes were discussed.

According to Karen Johnson, transportation director, the school system's mechanics are working beyond required state limits and the department is having difficulty recruiting new bus drivers because "a lot of people don't want to drive because of the responsibility of having so many students on the buses." Additionally,

Johnson said that recent applicants had had difficulty passing the required examination for certification to become a school bus driver.

Johnson said she has tried various recruitment techniques, from setting up a contract with the county employment agency to setting up an informational booth at Wal-Mart.

According to Johnson, Floyd County is not alone in this struggle. "Other districts throughout the state are experiencing the same thing," she said.

State manager Dr. Zella Wells said she had recently

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Police: Car purchase turns into car theft

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A Prestonsburg man, Timothy M. Trimble, 45, was charged with a felony on April 15, when he allegedly took a truck from a dealer's lot to get gas and never returned.

According to a police report, Trimble went to Discount Auto in Prestonsburg and got a 1999 GMC pickup truck, saying that he wanted

to buy it. Trimble then left under the pretense of going to get gas and failed to return with the truck.

The report stated that Trimble hit some mail boxes on Route 1428 and caused damage to the left front end of the truck.

An estimate for repairs states that the damage totaled nearly \$3,000.

Trimble was arrested by William Petry of the Prestonsburg Police Department and charged with theft

and first-degree criminal mischief.

A preliminary hearing was set for April 19, but due to the fact that Trimble did not have an attorney present the hearing was set for another date and bond was amended from \$15,000 surety to \$3,000 cash.

According to court records, Trimble had been charged with fourth-degree assault, third-degree

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Committee reopens part of Dingus Street to two-way traffic

Switch made to accommodate bank

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

A meeting of the Floyd County Traffic Committee on Friday involved the discussion of Do Not Enter signs located on Dingus Street in Prestonsburg.

The signs in question prevent entrance

to the back area of the First Commonwealth Bank located on the street.

A motion was made to move the signs farther down the street to allow access to the rear parking lot of the bank and was seconded.

According to the committee, in the past someone had taken it upon themselves to move the signs down the street.

The committee asked that anyone who has questions or issues dealing with road signs to contact the city council or the traffic committee itself, and not move the signs without the permission of the city.



The Prestonsburg Traffic Committee voted to open part of Dingus Street to two-way traffic to accommodate patrons and employees of the First Guaranty Bank.

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Odds and Ends

■ SOLDIERS GROVE, Wis. — Although Shaelyn Benson and David Daniels didn't spend much money on their prom outfits, they still attracted plenty of attention.

The Wisconsin high school students crafted their Renaissance-style formals out of duct tape and say they only spent about \$20 each.

The outfits were a hit at the North Crawford High School prom and at a pre-prom dinner Saturday.

"Everyone wanted pictures," Benson said. "I think I was the most photographed person

there."

The couple hopes to win a Stuck at the Prom contest sponsored by Duck Brand Duct Tape. First prize includes a \$2,500 scholarship for each winner, and another \$2,500.

Benson said she created her dress over an old red prom dress that she cut apart and used as backing so her outfit would have some flexibility and movement.

For detail, she cut out designs on the bodice in maroon colored duct tape. She also sewed in a zipper so she could easily get in and out of the dress. For her flowers, she carried a long-stemmed rose, also made out of duct tape.

Daniels wore black with maroon trim.

"We spent about 20 hours on my costume," he said, admitting

that his mother did much of the work.

■ ROCHESTER, Pa. — An exotic pet owner will lose his Southeast Asian, wolverine-like pet and could face a fine, officials said.

Brad Wilfong's pet was found snoozing on the front porch of a woman's home after the animal got loose Sunday. The 45-pound, razor-toothed animal, called a binturong, was found curled up and snoozing in front of a woman's front door Sunday. Animal control officials said when it woke up, it was ready for a fight.

Only zoos, circuses and educational reserves can own such an animal under the federal Dangerous Wild Animals Act of 1976.

"We were under the impression we were allowed to own it," Wilfong told officials. He said

he bought the exotic animal from an animal preserve.

■ BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Dead or alive, you can still get a ticket from the Bloomington Police Department.

About two months after Jose Casas-Ruiz, 23, died in a single-car accident, he was ticketed for driving under the influence, having no valid license, improper lane usage and failure to wear a properly adjusted seat belt, said officer Verne Hughart, an accident reconstructionist.

A coroner's jury in March ruled Casas-Ruiz's death was accidental but avoidable because he was legally drunk at the time of the Jan. 20 accident.

Although a dead person cannot be prosecuted, the police department requires that the tickets be written, said Sgt. Michael King, who heads Bloomington's traffic division.

"They are just held into evidence in case it ever goes into a civil trial. It's nothing intended to be mean or to write out tickets just because," Hughart said.

■ LANSING, Mich. — They'll be no more Eldorados.

The last of a commemorative series of Cadillac Eldorados have rolled off a local General Motors Corp. assembly line, company officials said Monday.

The last Eldorado of the 1,596-car Collector Series 2002 line, which was built to mark the end of the Eldorado's production, was completed at the Lansing Craft Centre.

The 2002 collector series is available in Alpine White and Aztec Red, two of the Eldorado's original colors. The cars were limited to reflect the original 532 Eldorados, which were built in 1953.

The early Eldorados featured the tail fin, which was one of the most famous designs in American automobile history. GM said the fin was inspired by the Lockheed P-38 Lightning Aircraft.

The last Eldorado made at the Lansing plant will be donated to the Cadillac Museum. A private collector plans to purchase the second to last car.

■ ERIE, Pa. — Police are looking for three very unwelcome wedding guests.

Two men and a woman were caught on surveillance tape at an Erie conference center stealing a basket containing wedding cards and money that police estimated at \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Deepika Segu and Robert Lofgren were in the midst of their 90-minute Indian ceremony on Saturday when the three thieves, dressed as wedding guests, struck, police said.

The couple's friend and wedding planner, Melissa Taylor, said she saw the man who stole the basket but couldn't run fast enough to catch him because she's eight months pregnant.

"It's just instinct. I turned, I saw him. I knew he shouldn't have the basket and I just took off after him," Taylor said. "I'm just mad I couldn't waddle fast enough. I used to be pretty quick."

Another couple ran past Taylor and jumped in the same car with the thief, which police later traced to a rental agency using its New York license plate number.

Taylor said the thefts were just the latest disappointment for the couple. Deepika's custom-made wedding band, which was to be express delivered, didn't arrive in time for the ceremony.

"It was just a shame, beyond any of the money in general, all the little notes really mean more than any cash," said Taylor, herself recently married.

■ DALLAS — Maybe the caffeine keeps him going.

John Winter Smith didn't just awaken one morning and decide to visit every Starbucks in the world. As he puts it, "It built up steam gradually."

Smith, 30, said his mission may have been sparked by a conversation with a Starbucks employee about the company's plan to have 2,000 stores by 2000.

By January 1998, he was scanning phonebooks in search of uncharted Starbucks. In August 1999, he hopped across the United States and Canada for three weeks, taking time out only to attend a few concerts.

In late 1999 he started a Web site, delighted with a Starbucks manager's suggestion that he photograph each store and post the pictures.

And, no, he says, the stores are not all the same. Even though they share standard design elements, at least one item — maybe a lamp or wall design — differs slightly. Some display local artwork or incorporate design elements from a

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Patton's new budget gives more money to school employee raises

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton sent the General Assembly a new proposed budget Monday that puts more money into pay raises for teachers and other school employees.

It does so by scrapping some new construction, including water projects. It also eliminates a sales tax exemption on certain natural gas purchases and a deduction for income taxes paid to a foreign government.

The General Assembly ended its 2002 session on April 15 without passing a state budget. Neither did it enact a budget for the judicial branch. Patton then called the legislature back into a special session, which began Monday.

The session's duration was indefinite. The governor has sole authority to call a special session and to set its agenda. The legislature itself decides when to adjourn.

Senate President David Williams proposed a quick adjournment, letting most legislators go home but keeping a select few in Frankfort to informally negotiate a budget. When a deal is reached, Patton could call the General Assembly back into special session to vote, Williams, R-Burkesville, said.

His proposal was put into a letter to House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, who was not available for comment.

The budget impasse last week had little to do with actual government spending. It was entirely a partisan political dispute over partial public financing of gubernatorial elections.

Patton proposed \$9 million for campaign financing, and his budget declared it a "necessary government expense" — meaning it would get more money from state reserves if \$9 million was not enough.

The House went along, but the Senate's version of the budget bill eliminated public financing altogether.

Patton's new budget, like his original budget, earmarks \$9 million for the program and declares it a necessary expense. But Patton said it was open to negotiation, and he offered to mediate talks on the subject, beginning Tuesday.

In his new executive-branch budget, Patton proposes spending \$6.9 billion in the fiscal year that begins July 1 and \$7.1 billion the following year.

Secretary of the Cabinet Crit Luallen and Budget Director Jim Ramsey said the most significant change was that the new budget shuffled money to give teachers and "classified" school employees a 2.7 percent raise in each year. However, local school districts would have to put up \$17 million each year in matching money, which prompted com-

plaints from some school superintendents.

"It's an unfunded mandate, or at least an underfunded mandate, and a recurring expense to school districts," Oldham County Superintendent Blake Haselton said in an interview.

Another superintendent, Bob Rogers of Caldwell County, predicted that many superintendents, himself included, would have to send layoff notices to classified workers and nontenured teachers. Without such notice by April 30,

a district is required to hire them for another year, he said.

The old House and Senate budget plans contained money for a 1.6 percent raise in the first year and a 2.7 percent raise for teachers only in the second year. Classified employees include classroom aides, cafeteria workers, custodians and bus drivers.

Ramsey and Luallen described the tax changes as the closing of "loopholes" that would generate nearly \$18 million over the biennium.

At a Glance

Selected details of Gov. Paul Patton's proposed executive branch budget legislation:

- Includes \$9 million for partial public financing of gubernatorial campaigns, plus designation as a "necessary governmental expense." That means more money will be transferred to program from budget reserve if \$9 million is not enough. Budget bill by Republican Senate in 2002 regular session would have abolished public financing.

- Scraps language from the House's budget bill that would have dictated how pay raises would be given at Morehead State University.

- Scraps language from Senate budget bill forbidding attorney general's office to review Economic Development Cabinet's records of incentives given to business. Attorney General Ben Chandler had won a lawsuit against the cabinet for access to its records.

- No money to purchase land in rural Hardin County for a future plant site. The state still holds \$20 million of options on about 1,000 acres, part of a parcel offered to Hyundai Motor Co. for an assembly plant. Hyundai chose Montgomery, Ala., instead. Legislators wanted to acquire land, anyway. Debt service on bonds to finance the purchase would be about \$2 million. Secretary of the Cabinet Crit Luallen said money was diverted to education.

- Scraps directive in Senate budget bill for state to finance construction of new high school in Ballard County.

Patton offers to be mediator in talks on campaign funding

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton on Monday said the General Assembly would be "abdicating its responsibility" if it again adjourned without enacting a budget.

He offered "to serve as an honest broker" in talks to break the General Assembly's impasse over partial public financing of gubernatorial campaigns, an issue in which the budget has become entangled.

Patton, in a speech prepared for delivery to a joint session of the House and Senate Monday night, said he was inviting leaders of both chambers to send delegations for talks, beginning Tuesday.

"I stand ready to serve as an honest broker. I have no dog in this fight," Patton said.

Kentucky's 10-year-old campaign finance system allows candidate slates for governor and lieutenant governor to use public matching funds in exchange for adhering to spending limits. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that spending limits are otherwise unconstitutional.

Republicans who control the Senate want to abolish partial public funding. Their version of a budget bill contained that dictate.

It was a different story in the House, which is firmly under Democratic control and where

(See PATTON, page six)

Why has our Sheriff hired himself a political consultant?

In his effort to get re-elected, Sheriff Blackburn has traveled all the way to Frankfort and hired himself a political consultant at a cost of up to \$100,000.00. His salary last year was \$67,000.00 before withholdings which means that he will have to pay the "Big Boys" from Frankfort two years of his salary for their services. We wonder who is actually paying the "Big Boys". Is it John K. or his friends and if it is his friends, then what are they getting in return? We wonder!



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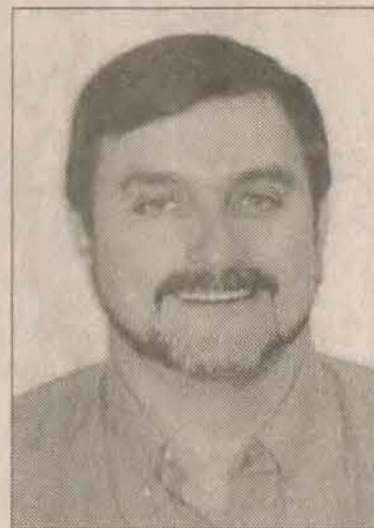
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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Our View

Maybe they need a map ...

Somebody call the cartographers before the next road atlas comes out. The boundaries for the state of Kentucky will have to be redrawn, because apparently the commonwealth now only exists between I-65 and I-75.

At least, that's the impression one gets after taking a look at the announcement a couple of weeks ago that the Kentucky Community and Technical College System would be opening ACT testing centers at locations around the state.

Amidst all the fanfare of the announcement, it somehow was lost that the five centers which recently opened are all clustered in the central, northern and southern sections of the state — two in Lexington and one each in Louisville, Highland Heights and Bowling Green.

Such placement is absurd, particularly noting that KCTCS Chancellor Keith W. Bird noted in a press conference making the announcement that the centers would serve to help boost economic development by providing workers and employers access to "the latest training programs and methods."

What area of the state is in more need of economic development than Eastern Kentucky? Aren't Appalachians just as or more deserving of tools to boost economic development as the rest of the state?

Apparently not. Perhaps KCTCS sees Eastern Kentucky as a region full of dumb hillbillies too ignorant to take advantage of such services. Maybe if they open a wrestling school or cockfighting training center, Eastern Kentucky will be first on the list.

To be fair, KCTCS has shown promise in its attempts to foster economic development in Eastern Kentucky and the rest of the state. Its commitment to create training programs which are tailored to the needs of the communities supporting its schools is worthy of praise.

And that is why it is so distressing to see the system fail to offer what it hails as "state-of-the-art testing and training programs" to an area of the state which is in such dire need of the benefits they could provide.

Eastern Kentucky would be well-served by such a center in a geographically convenient area such as Prestonsburg, Paintsville or Hazard. The southern end of the region would also benefit from another center around London, Corbin or Somerset.

As it stands, most areas of Eastern Kentucky are two hours or more from the nearest center. That makes the likelihood of the centers providing any benefit to Appalachia scant at best.

On its website, KCTCS features the tagline, "Bringing your future into focus." Judging from this latest slight, the system apparently believes Eastern Kentucky's future has no room for the jobs of tomorrow.

— The Floyd County Times



Poison Pen

Sometimes the news is shocking

On Sunday, you may have noticed a story on our front page concerning the antics of some despicable low-lifes who illegally entered the Floyd County Animal Shelter to vandalize it. Worse, during the course of their mayhem, several animals were injured and one was killed when it was apparently thrown violently to the concrete floor.

There is little need to mention that the story of these antics was distressing. What we have learned from a couple of callers — including one lady who broke into tears when expressing her outrage with us — is that several of you also found distressing our choice of photographs to run with the story.

The main picture for the story was a shot of how the perpetrators gained entry into the shelter. No one had a problem with that, but some people objected to the second photo which ran with the story. That photo pictured the slain pup, lying dead on a paper towel.

Of the calls we received, the most frequently expressed sentiment was, "How could you?" From our end, when we were preparing the story and deciding how to present it to our readers, the question we faced was, "How could we not?" And that question had no satisfactory answer. Allow me to explain.

When the reporter who covered the story first returned from the animal shelter, he began telling the rest of us in the newsroom about the story and what had happened. Then he began telling us about the pictures he had taken and mentioned, offhandedly, that he could have even taken a picture of the dead pup.

That immediately set off an alarm bell

in my head, and we began discussing the pros and cons of running such a picture.

On the negative side, we knew that the picture would be controversial, and that some people might be offended. On the other hand, we felt that showing what had actually happened would drive home the full impact of the story.

Weighed against each other, the potential good of running the photo far outweighed any criticism we might receive. If we could somehow touch our readers by running the photo, if we could move their hearts and minds into action against such a crime and shed light on the horrors of such blatant abuse, then we were obligated to run it. We would have been remiss had we not.

After reporting about other atrocities committed against animals in this community for the past couple of years — the kittens discarded into a portable

(See POISON, page ten)



RALPH DAVIS

Letters

No research, only speeches

A free and independent press is the backbone of democracy. The first thing any tyrant must do is control the news media. He wants only his speeches printed without any questions or independent verification.

I would like to outline my experience with two newspapers while trying to get the Floyd County (Martin) Community Center publicity to see that the moneys (\$1,425,870) were not squandered, but used effectively to provide for a building with organized activities for our children built around a strong drug prevention program operated by professionally trained people.

I contacted The Floyd County Times in March 2001. The reporter ran a story in March 2001 about the center. During the following months, information was supplied to The Floyd County Times. They were requested (by me) to attend the meetings and report what was going on. I visited the reported at The Floyd County Times and expressed my disappointment at what was happening with the center. He informed me that I should be a realist, not a dreamer, that even a

poorly run drug prevention program was better than none.

Approximately three months ago, The Floyd County Times began sending a reporter to the meetings. At the first meeting, I informed the reporter if she wanted the truth, I would supply it. At that time, The Floyd County Times printed the speeches made by the directors and thought everything was great.

Later, I was called at home and spent approximately 30 minutes on the telephone with this reporter. The reporter was very interested and seemed to understand what was being said. The reporter's last comment was she was interested in the story, but could only report it if the paper would allow it.

The reporter and a center employee (not my wife) drove to Hazard to talk to the person who typed the original proposal. The reporter got the truth, but apparently that was not what was desired, since the only thing I continue to read in The Floyd County Times is speeches.

After contacting the television station in Hazard and the Lexington paper, talking to officials in Frankfort, etc., I was told The Big Sandy News would report the truth. I called the newspaper and was transferred to Susan Allen. I explained what was happening and gave her the

information which had previously been submitted to The Floyd County Times. I asked her to not take my word, but check it out. She obviously did and the article in The Big Sandy News was the first article I have seen which even came close to the truth about this community center which is supposed to be for all the children of Floyd County.

Based on my experiences with the two newspapers, I have concluded that The Floyd County Times is interested in speeches and The Big Sandy News is interested in facts.

I hope The Big Sandy News continues their research into how this \$1,425,870 was spent and what has been accomplished. To The Floyd County Times, I wish you would at least put a disclaimer when you print speeches and let your readers know that no research or independent analysis has been applied to any article you print.

Lawton Ray Allen
Minnie

Editor's note: Lawton Ray Allen is a candidate for 95th District state representative. Although The Floyd County Times does not normally print letters from active candidates for office, exceptions are made when a candidate is responding to the newspaper.

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Police halt plan to use driver photos as investigative tool

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — State police said Monday they won't go forward with a plan to start showing driver's license photographs to crime victims and witnesses, a plan that drew criticism from privacy advocates.

"It's my decision and my opinion ... that we don't go any further with this right now, until things are looked at, until legal issues are looked at and until the public becomes comfortable with it," said Maj. Rob Miller, a state police spokesman. "We don't want to do something that the public is not comfortable with."

Miller said that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet agreed with that decision.

Privacy advocates said in a story Monday in The Courier-Journal that the plan constitutes an invasion of privacy and misuse of records. Some state lawmakers were also critical.

State police say the automated system would have allowed troopers and detectives to easily create photopacks without having to sift through old mug shots to find enough people who look like the suspect.

Miller said that letting a computer pick the photos would eliminate charges of police bias — that a police officer intentionally or subconsciously selected photographs to make the suspect's picture stand out.

But privacy advocates say the plan would create the possibility that someone who has never been arrested could be mistakenly identified by an eyewitness and be forced to come up with an alibi.

"Schoolteachers, ministers and judges who have never been in the system could find police knocking on their door in the middle of the night asking, 'Where were you six or nine weeks ago?'" said Jay Lambert, a criminal defense lawyer in Louisville.

Kentucky would have been the first state to allow police to assemble photo lineups from

digital driver's license pictures, the newspaper reported.

Critics of the plan say it would have cast too wide a net by including all licensed drivers.

State Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, called it a "horrid" idea. State Rep. Perry Clark, D-Louisville, said that at the least, when drivers renew their licenses, they should be asked if they want their picture used in that

fashion.

"It has been proven that eyewitness accounts are often flawed because the witness is in shock," Clark said. "So you have the potential for innocent people to be fingered."

Miller conceded that innocent citizens could be misidentified as suspects, but he said photo lineups are one of many investigative tools.

"You don't go handcuff and arrest somebody just because they are picked in a lineup," he said. "You never take an eyewitness account on its face without some corroboration."

Kentucky began issuing digital driver's licenses, which resemble credit cards, this year. By 2006, all 2.8 million of its licensed drivers should have them.

Shooting of sheriff unravels plot rooted in drugs, politics

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOMERSET — Sam Catron was 4 years old when three thugs armed with a shotgun pulled up in front of his family's home and shot his father, the city's police chief.

His father survived for seven years until one of the shotgun pellets that had lodged near his heart shifted, killing him. The experience drove the young Catron into law enforcement himself and shaped his cautious approach to life, which included wearing a bulletproof vest wherever he went.

"I asked him once why he never got married," says friend Charlotte Davis. "He would never get married as long as he was in law enforcement. He said he never wanted a woman to go through what his mother had gone through."

Not even Catron's closest friends ever thought someone would actually try to shoot him. After all, Davis says, lightning doesn't strike twice.

But minutes after delivering a re-election speech at a political rally and fish fry last weekend, a single bullet fired from a nearby hillside killed the four-term Pulaski County sheriff who was known for his crackdown on

drugs in the hollows of south-eastern Kentucky.

Investigators say the killing was the culmination of a plot orchestrated by a political challenger and a former drug suspect in hopes of getting the heavily favored Catron out of the race.

"We believe it's all politically motivated," says state police Detective Todd Dalton. "Each one of those persons had their own motivation for the murder."

Sheriff's candidate Jeff Morris, 34, and Kenneth White, 54, were arrested on charges of complicity to murder a police officer. Danny Shelley, 30, was charged as the triggerman in the April 13 slaying.

Detectives say White, who previously faced cocaine possession charges, wanted Morris to win the race so he could count on a sheriff who would look the other way.

Shelley, who was unemployed and had a record of arrests ranging from public drunkenness to assault, had a different motivation, according to detectives: a job as deputy if Morris was elected.

Shelley was arrested when he lost control of a motorcycle that witnesses saw speeding away from the shooting scene. The motorcycle belonged to Morris. And it was well known that White, who became a police informant after his cocaine charge was dropped, was bankrolling Morris' campaign.

Morris had been a deputy under Catron from 1996 until last summer, when he resigned as a result of what officials describe only as an internal matter. He was working as a plumber at the time of his arrest.

"They all should be indicted for stupidity," says Kenneth Stringer, a retired chief of detectives for the Somerset police who also is running for sheriff. "This whole situation has been just tragic."

Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Eddy Montgomery says he may seek the death penalty for all three defendants.

Catron, 48, a soft-spoken man who lived with his 86-year-old mother, wasn't married, except to police work.

"He loved police work," says Michael Muse, a retired Somerset police lieutenant who remembered Catron as a 12-year-old who hung around the station. "If Sam ever expected to die, he expected to die in uniform."

A well-known enemy of drug traffickers, Catron earned his pilot's license so he could fly a helicopter to search for marijuana fields in the rolling farmland and wooded hills of Kentucky's third-largest county. In one raid two years ago, Catron and his deputies rounded up more than 70 suspects.

At the rally, Catron came

straight to the point in his speech, with no rehearsed jokes or grand oration: "I'm Sam Catron, and I'm running for re-election. I'd appreciate your support."

Catron's name remains on the primary election ballot. Officials say it's too late to take it off.

"He was considered the front-runner, and it's a very real possibility that he could get the most votes," says Pulaski County Clerk Willard Hansford. "We will post notices on each voting machine that the candidate is deceased and that his votes will not be tabulated."

Still, many in this county of nearly 60,000 will probably vote for Catron anyway, Hansford said.

More than 2,000 people, nearly half of them police officers from across the state and nation, crowded into Catron's funeral on Thursday.

"These people had great respect for Sam," says Pikeville Police Chief James Justice. "He was a good man."

Justice pauses for a moment, then adds: "Thugs and drug dealers are not mourning too much right now."

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Lobbyists entertain Senate GOP caucus on session's last night

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — On the final night of the 2002 General Assembly's regular session, the Senate recessed for about two hours while its Republican caucus went to dinner at one of Frankfort's fanciest restaurants, compliments of four lobbyists and the firms they represent.

Lobbyist John Cooper said three other lobbyists — Mike Shea, John McCarthy and Judith Taylor — agreed that their lobbying firms or clients would cover \$600 each of the final tab, which he said will come to \$2,500 to \$3,000. One of Cooper's clients — the Kentucky Bankers Association — will pick up the balance.

Anthony Wilhoit, executive director of the Legislative Ethics Commission, said it appears the dinner didn't violate any ethics code provision governing the relationship between lobbyists and legislators.

The ethics code allows corporations and associations that lobby the legislature to pay for receptions or "events" to which the entire legislature or a recognized caucus of the General Assembly is invited, Wilhoit said.

But some Democrats and ethics watchdogs say the dinner was unusual.

"It's not in keeping with the spirit of the ethics code," said Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville. "The Democratic

caucus got together a few times for dinner, and we were happy to pay our own way. I thought that BOProt had ended the days of lobbyists buying dinners for legislators."

BOProt was the name of the federal government's undercover investigation of corruption in the legislature in the early 1990s. It resulted in convictions of 21 defendants, including 15

active or retired legislators.

In the wake of BOProt, legislators passed a tougher ethics code governing their contacts with lobbyists.

"The ethics code recognizes that social events like this are OK, and I thought it would be a nice social event after the session was over," Cooper said.

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Patton

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Speaker Jody Richards plans to run for governor. The House insisted on keeping partial public funding.

As a result, the General Assembly's regular session ended last week with no budget. Patton called legislators back into session Monday to try again.

Senate President David Williams proposed ending the special session Monday night but leaving a handful of legislators in town to negotiate a budget deal. He said Patton could call the General Assembly back into session when a deal was reached. The House would have to agree to an early adjournment. Patton said that would be a mistake.

"This would be the legislature abdicating its responsibility to enact a budget," he said.

"I want the people of Kentucky to know that this

deadlock has been caused because the Senate has, at the last minute, held the budget hostage in an effort to force a major public policy change without adequate public input and debate," Patton said.

The House ignored the Senate's adjournment suggestion. Williams, R-Burkesville, said Patton was "more confrontational than he needed to be."

Patton asked leaders of the two chambers to make campaign finance a separate issue.

"There's more than enough time for reasonable people to resolve their differences on the next governor's race without unnecessarily prolonging this special session," Patton said.

He also said there was "no doubt the law could be improved."

Williams said he relished the idea of high-profile talks on public campaign financing. "We look forward ... to letting people know how bad the system is," he said. Williams also said the talks should be open to the public, as did Richards, D-Bowling Green.

As for his newly proposed budget, Patton said his biggest disappointment was that it was devoid of "community development" projects. They presumably included a host of water projects, which were sacrificed in favor of increased spending on raises for school employees.

The proposed budget contains two tax-raising initiatives, which the administration describes as closing loopholes. One would impose the state sales tax on certain natural-gas purchases. The other would eliminate a deduction for income taxes paid to foreign countries.

Patton invited legislators to suggest others. "If the legislature wants to close some more loopholes in our tax code to raise additional revenue to finance a community development program, I'm willing to work with you," he said.

Odds

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porate design elements from a pre-existing building.

As of April, Smith had visited about 2,850 stores. The constantly expanding Starbucks chain has about 3,630 company-operated stores worldwide — and plans to open at least another 625 this year.

Since Smith began calculating his expenses in 2000, he has spent about \$6,479 for gas, hotel expenses (when he doesn't sleep in his car), parking, tolls, equipment and, of course, coffee.

"I've always been a little strange. This is just an extension of that," he said. "My father just thinks I'm nuts."

CHARLESTON, W.Va.

Jennifer Mullins has visions of the perfect prom dress.

"My favorite color is pink," said Mullins, 18, "and definitely something with straps because I don't do strapless."

Mullins' wishes may be granted thanks to a private girls school in New York City that is donating about 400 free dresses to her school in West Virginia.

Claire Henry, 17, of Manhattan, who was to visit West Virginia on Monday, said she sees Operation Prom Dress as a way to repay some of the help New York received after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

Students at the Hewitt School in Manhattan, where the yearly tuition is nearly \$20,000, are donating new and used evening gowns, purses, jewelry, makeup and shoes to their counterparts in Clay County, where the median annual income is \$16,000.

"This is our way of saying 'Thank you,'" Henry said. "The girls are going to be so happy, and to see the smiles on their faces is going to be great. It's every girl's dream to go to prom, and to be like Cinderella is

going to make their day."

Many of the new dresses were obtained by Hewitt parents with connections in the fashion industry. Others were collected or donated by students.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

Dawn Pearson and Louis "Bubba" Capps got married in the same place they fell in love: King Pin Bowling Lanes.

The rumble of balls and the clatter of pins came to a brief halt Sunday as Pearson and Capps exchanged vows under a trellis in Lane 10. About 200 guests looked on, some wearing bowling shirts and sipping beer.

Pearson and Capps met at the King Pin a year ago in a Monday night league. When the King Pin's owners offered to shut down half the lanes and decorate for the reception, the couple jumped at the chance, Capps said.



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Health

U.S. food supply is getting safer, figures suggest

by ERIN McCLAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Food poisoning from dangerous bacteria like E. coli and salmonella has dropped dramatically in the United States in just six years, suggesting that stepped-up measures to make the food supply safer are taking hold, the government said Thursday.

Preliminary data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show substantial declines in the rates of illness from six of seven major types of foodborne bacteria from 1996 to 2001.

The rate of E. coli fell 21

percent, salmonella 15 percent and listeria 35 percent. Shigella was down 35 percent, campylobacter 27 percent and yersinia 49 percent. Only vibrio — a germ that shows up in raw oysters — rose, climbing 83 percent.

Health officials said the improvement shows tougher regulations throughout the food system — including stricter inspections at slaughterhouses and in the seafood industry — are preventing tens of thousands of food poisoning infections a year.

"These data demonstrate that we are on the right track," Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said in Washington.

"Modern, science-based food inspection systems have contributed to our ability to control pathogens during food processing."

In recent years, the CDC has estimated that 76 million Americans a year get food poisoning. The CDC did not give a new estimate Thursday.

In 1997, the government began putting less emphasis on spot checks and instead requiring seafood plants to show proof of steps taken to prevent contamination. The regulations were quickly expanded to cover meat.

Last year, the government imposed egg refrigeration

requirements on supermarkets and restaurants. It also mandated that egg cartons be labeled with instructions for safe handling. Eggs and poultry are responsible for many cases of salmonella.

Health officials also credited stricter regulation of fruit and vegetable juice and imported food.

On the consumer end, experts said the decline in food poisoning may mean Americans are paying better attention to food safety and taking such steps as cooking meat and eggs thoroughly.

"Preventing foodborne disease requires efforts all along

the chain — farm, processing, slaughter and in the kitchen," said the CDC's Dr. Robert Taue. "I think that we are headed in the right direction."

The food poisoning rates are calculations based in part on the number of infections reported in various parts of the country. They are collected through FoodNet, a network of laboratories around the country.

FoodNet has expanded from just five states in 1996, covering about 14 million people, to nine states today, covering nearly 38 million people. Labs in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia,

Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Oregon and Tennessee report to the network.

The network relies on laboratory-diagnosed infections. Someone who became sick but never saw a doctor — or someone who was diagnosed by a doctor who never sought a lab culture — would not show up in the network.

But health officials said they were confident the numbers represented a real decline in infections because other studies show there has been little change in how likely food poisoning victims are to

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Healthbeat:

Major study to see if new lung tumor-spotting technology can save lives

by LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — A new technology can detect lung cancer when tumors are smaller than a dime, well before they grow into the quarter-sized tumors that regular chest X-rays spot.

Is that enough of a difference to save lives? By June, government-funded scientists will begin enrolling 50,000 current and former smokers in a massive study to find out.

"It's an exciting time," says Dr. James Jett of the Mayo Clinic, one of the test sites.

"It's the most important screening trial" for any cancer in the works today, adds Dr. Harmon Eyre of the American Cancer Society.

More than 150,000 Americans die of lung cancer every year. It's one of the most dismal cancers: Only 15 percent

of sufferers live five years, mainly because they're diagnosed very late, after symptoms begin.

Catch a lung tumor when it's still small enough to cut out, and the survival rate jumps beyond 50 percent. The question is how to find them.

Neither the government nor cancer specialty groups recommend an annual chest X-ray, because studies during the 1970s concluded that X-ray screening didn't save lives. The screenings must not have caught the deadliest tumors early enough to make a difference, doctors thought.

Now three new developments are putting the long-taboo issue of lung screening back on the table:

In a reanalysis of one of those 1970s X-ray studies, published in last week's Journal of Clinical Oncology, argues that regular X-rays could help after all.

The original Mayo Lung Project compared X-rays every four months with no regular screening, and found no difference in lung cancer deaths. Dr.

(See TUMOR, page thirteen)

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From the bottom of our hearts we send special thanks to Dr. Charles Nichols and Pikeville Methodist Hospital for the outstanding care they gave to Steve during his short illness. Also thanks to Dr. Carry Coleman for the many years of comfort, friendship and understanding he provided to the Stapleton family.

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Presidential hopeful speaks at dinner

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — U.S. Sen. John Edwards, a 2004 presidential hopeful from North Carolina, talked about the war on terrorism and the Democratic party at a dinner in Lexington on Saturday.

Edwards said that war poses an extraordinary challenge to the character of the Democratic Party.

He was speaking at the annual

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner of the Fayette County Democratic Party.

Edwards said everyone at the dinner crowd of 400 supports the war, and he endorsed rallying around the flag, but said the "flag doesn't represent freedom, opportunity and justice for some. Democrats know it represents freedom, justice and opportunity for everybody, for every single American."

Edwards said he agreed with

a statement by President Bush that the American spirit has never been stronger. "Our difference with the president is, we as Democrats want to say the American dream has never been stronger. The little guy is what the Democratic Party is about; it's

what we've always been about; it's what we will always be about."

A former trial lawyer and first term senator, Edwards has become a leading advocate for patients' rights.

He said "a new era of opportunity is needed in America," and the

foundation must be of equal parts "freedom, justice and opportunity for everybody."

To get there, the country needs better schools, equal access to education, prescription drug benefits for the elderly and leaders who will fight for lower-income taxpayers, he said.

"These people need a voice; these people deserve a voice. It's what the Democratic Party has always been about," he declared.

The Senator voted last week

against oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. On another energy issue, of more concern to Kentucky and its two coalfields, Edwards said, "There needs to be something done to try to manage" emissions of carbon dioxide, which is being blamed for global warming.

"Exactly what that is, I think is more complicated," he said. "I think global warming is scientifically a very serious matter and has to be treated seriously."

Drivers

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attended a meeting in which the recruitment of bus drivers came up as a topic of discussion. According to Wells, Charles Collins, a retired board employee, came up with what Wells described as a "very good suggestion" and possible solution to

the problem at hand.

Collins's suggestion involves the cooperation of area rescue personnel. Wells reported that Collins had suggested the possibility of enlisting volunteer firemen and emergency rescue technicians as part-time school system employees. Often, emergency services personnel have flexible schedules and do not always work a full 40-hour week, making it plausible that they could manage to drive a four-hour bus route with little difficulty.

Constables, deputies and the such were also targeted as another possible group that could provide the county with assistance in its transportation difficulties.

Wells appeared enthusiastic about the idea, saying, "These folks are trained, they work in stressful situations — surely they can handle students. I think it's a great idea."

Board attorney Mike Schmitt said there "could be" possible contract problems, but the board agreed to look further into the possibility of meeting with the individual groups "one on one" to explore the possibilities of assistance and recruitment.

Correction

The Times has been informed that the location of an alleged assault that was featured in the April 19 edition was incorrect.

The incident involving two males attacking a female actually took place at the home of the victim, and not the Super 8 Motel, as previously reported.

The suspects were arrested at the Super 8 Motel the day after the incident.

Clarification

Video Magic, of Martin, is in no way connected to Video Connection, also of Martin. The owners of Video Magic have had no lawsuits filed against them in connection with negligence of any kind.

Despite freeze, board moves ahead on projects

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Even though the Kentucky Department of Education has currently issued a freeze on school construction projects, plans are still progressing toward the completion of the Allen Central High School Fieldhouse and football field project.

According to Joe Jones, board architect, plans for the project have been completed and sent to the state office for approval. Jones filed a request with the Floyd County Board of Education Monday night, asking permission to advertise for sealed bids in connection with the project, being hopeful that by the time bids and plans are formally approved, the KDE freeze will be lifted and work on the Allen Central project will be able to commence shortly thereafter. The project has, at this time, an estimated \$280,880 cost; \$180,880 to be appropriated from the school system's general fund and \$100,000 in grant monies.

Additionally, the state Department of Highways has notified Jones that approval of the school system's application for an encroachment permit in conjunction with the project has been granted.

The Betsy Layne High School football field project,

according to Jones, "has been largely unsuccessful in bids." Jones informed the board that only two bids had been received. He suggested that the board accept the bid in regard to installation of the project's necessary water tank and that they bid a new package relating to the field's sod requirements separately.

Jones also reported that, in the meantime, plans have been made to prepare the Betsy Layne field in the same manner that Lewis Bros. Construction is now doing for the Allen Central field. Namely, the contracting company will remove rock and "pulverize" the field in preparation for sod.

Work on John M. Stumbo Elementary School has come to a temporary halt, as reported by the board architect, due to a reconsideration of the plans in relation to the proposed work site's location. According to Jones, the architectural firm wants to ensure that no water problems will occur in the new facility due to any possible flooding problems.

Delays have occurred in regard to the proposed new site of the Opportunities Unlimited High School, as reported to Jones by Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson. Jones appeared positive that delays on the new site would soon be reconciled.

Employees

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access the specific information he has requested.

"Central office needs to do this," Frazier said.

Board member Carol Stumbo agreed. Stumbo said it also appeared to her that employees were "in charge" of their own leave time "without any accountability" to administrative staff.

"We need to be very serious about getting this situation under control," Stumbo said.

State manager Dr. Zella Wells informed the board that employees are required to complete forms that detail their leave time, but that "no form of reconciliation" seems to exist.

"I am not convinced that we have this process ironclad," Wells said. "We've got a major void in what we're keeping track of."

Board attorney Mike Schmitt informed Frazier that although he believes every effort has been made to grant his open records

request, that "open records does not apply to records that do not exist."

"We cannot make up records," Schmitt said.

Frazier insisted that the issue should be of importance to the board.

"You have to have some means to verify your employees' time," Frazier said. "Somebody has to watch the person who's supposed to be watching. It's about checks and balances, a process as old as government."

Frazier stressed to the board the importance of looking further into the situation of leave time and job accountability, to which the board, as well as the state manager agreed.

"I think the schools pretty much have this under control," Frazier concluded. "My concern is with central office."

Frazier addressed the board at Monday evening's meeting held at Prestonsburg Elementary School.

Theft

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criminal mischief, and prescription in an improper container on March 30.

According to a police report, Trimble allegedly struck his wife with a phone and broke a door

handle on Petry's police car trying to get out of the back seat.

The assault charge was later dropped. Trimble was arraigned on the other charges and they remain pending.

Sewage

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nitely presents a health hazard in the surrounding area, but the problem with the Allen Central area is primarily one of a bad odor and not that raw sewage actually exists on the site.

Meyer reported that Southern Water and Sewer has filed a formal application for grant money through the PRIDE program but was unable to secure any funds from the program. Meyer said they had hoped to use the funds to correct the sewage problems of the families in the Eastern community.

"PRIDE had \$14 million to appropriate, they had approximately \$67 million in requests — they had to prioritize," he said.

Board member Carol Stumbo asked Meyer whose responsibility it is to fix the sewage problem for the families of Eastern. He responded that it is up to the individual homeowners to maintain adequate septic systems for their homes since a public sewage system is not currently in place.

However, Meyer said, Southern Water and Sewer, along with the Floyd County fiscal court, is receptive to coming together in a cooperative effort to help correct the sewage problem in the Eastern community. Meyer suggested that a "cooperative package" be initiated between Southern Water and Sewer, the Floyd County fiscal court, and the board of education that would work toward resolution of the community's sewage problem. He also reported that at this time no funding is currently available from either Southern Water or

the fiscal court.

Board attorney Mike Schmitt reminded the board that "money appropriated to public schools must be used for public school purposes" and that he felt the board could be hedging on legal problems if they attempted to use general fund monies or school properties to correct a community problem such as this one. Schmitt said that the problem seems to be that the inadequate septic systems of the homeowners are creating a problem and a possible health hazard for Allen Central.

Board chairman Johnnie Ross spoke, saying "I haven't seen any raw sewage on the Allen Central property. It's primarily a problem with the odor. I don't see this problem as being any different from the Prestonsburg city sewers that stink, and we don't spend money to fix Prestonsburg's city sewers. It appears to be the individual responsibility of the homeowners to correct their problem." Ross' comment was received by applause from several in the attending audience.

Meyer concluded his report by again informing the board that "Southern Water and Judge Thompson would like to help resolve the problems at Eastern, but we can't do it alone. Without board cooperation, it will be a much longer process."

Ross asked Meyer to submit a formal request in the form of a proposal so that board members and their attorney could look over the request and discuss whether or not there might be a way for the board to become involved.

ACHS science team heading to state again

The 15 members of the Allen Central High School science olympiad team, known as "the Fizicks," participated in regional competition on Saturday at Prestonsburg Community College.

For the third year in a row they will represent Floyd County at the State Science Olympiad. This year's competition will be held at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

First-place honors were won by Kendra Bailey in practical data gathering, Kyle O'Quinn in practical data gathering and water quality, Kortney Osborne in water quality, Brett Watson in sounds of music and Brett Whitaker in sounds of music.

Second-place winners were Kendra Bailey and Brett Whitaker in qualitative analysis, Leslie Martin and Sarah Noble in reach for the stars, and

Jeremiah Parsons and Sarah Smith in science of fitness, Brett Whitaker and Brett Watson in "Cow-a-Bungee."

Third-place honors were awarded to Erin Majakey and Sarah Smith in disease detectives, Shawna Peters and Nikita Thornsberry in "From a Distance."

Our students placed third in the region after Hazard and the Piast School. They are the only Floyd County High School team who will advance to state.

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Indiana fugitive arrested

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A fugitive from LaGrange, Ind., Orville Ramey, 37, of Hueysville, was captured on April 17, on Route 80.

Ramey, formerly of LaGrange, failed to appear in the LaGrange Superior Court on October 2 and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Ramey had been charged with possession of paraphernalia, a class D felony, possession of marijuana, a class A misdemeanor, and battery, a class B misdemeanor.

Ramey was captured during a

traffic stop on Route 80 at Eastern, where he was a passenger in a vehicle. Upon a check of the subject through NCIC system, it was discovered that Ramey was a fugitive from Indiana.

Ramey was arrested and delivered to the Floyd County Detention Center and signed a waiver of extradition on April 18.

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 The family of Virgil Combs would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Kendall Brian Combs and Brad Tackett for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient services.
THE FAMILY OF VIRGIL COMBS

Card of Thanks
 The family of Arthur Harley Moore would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Clergyman Raymond Lawson, Red Mooris, and Carl Watkins, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and professional service.
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 The family of Wince O. Walters wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Randy Osborne, Ted Shannon, and Larry Adams, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and professional service.
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 The family of Ovie Vanderpool Reed would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one; those who went food and flowers, or just spoke kind words. We are especially grateful to the Clergyman Ondie Wireman and Roger Bolen, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.
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 The family of Carl Lee Clark wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors, and family, who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or words of comfort. We are especially grateful to the Rev. Dwayne Clark for his comforting words, the Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.
THE FAMILY OF CARL LEE CLARK

Ruby Mitchell McKee

Ruby Mitchell McKee, age 51, of Teaberry, Ky., passed away Friday, April 19, 2002, at her residence, in Teaberry, Ky.

She was born November 5, 1951, in Prestonsburg, Ky., the daughter of Esta Hamilton Mitchell of Teaberry, Ky., and the late Christopher Columbus Mitchell. She was a homemaker and affiliated with the Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother; one daughter, Tina Sparks of Flint, Mi.; one son, Mike Sparks of Tennessee; a niece, Anna Louise Hayton of Crossville, Tn.; two brothers, Donnie Ray Mitchell and Harold Dean Mitchell, both of Teaberry, Ky.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Ruby Mitchell McKee were conducted Monday, April 22, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jason Mitchell, Harold Dean Mitchell, Donnie Mitchell, Donnie Mitchell Jr., Alexander Hall, Racey Case, Delbert Thompson, and Earl Stanley. (Paid obituary)

Lorraine Williams Baldrige

Lorraine Williams Baldrige, 80, of East Court St., Prestonsburg, Ky., died Saturday, April 20, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born on March 15, 1922, in Johnson County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Dewey Williams and Numa Hitchcock Williams. She was a homemaker and attended the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kermit Franklin Baldrige Sr. (died 4-11-1986).

Survivors include one son, Kermit E. Baldrige Jr. of Paintsville, Ky.; two daughters, Patricia Carolene (Pat) Allen and Judith Ann (Judy) Rowe, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one sister, Loretta Conley of Ashland, Ky.; one brother, Paul Preston Williams of Ashland, Ky.; one half-brother, Charles Dewey Williams of Paintsville, Ky.; five grandchildren, four great-granddaughters and one step-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Dewey Baldrige.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 22, 2002, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. George Love officiating.

Interment was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Pallbearers: Eddie Bradley, Kermit Baldrige III, Paul Michael Baldrige, Jim Hobbs, Randy Bradley, and William Kendrick. (Paid obituary)

Laura Elizabeth Bevins

Laura Elizabeth Bevins, 88, formerly of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Friday, April 12, 2002, at Lakeland Healthcare Center in Milford, In., following an extended illness.

Born October 13, 1913, in Pikeville, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Mallie Rutroff and Sallie Mitchell Wright.

Mrs. Bevins was a long time employee of Floyd Cleaners and then the R.H. Hobbs Co. until her retirement in 1980. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Farest D. (Trooper) Bevins; two daughters, Patricia Bevins Schmitz and Pamela Bevins Hanson; one brother, Arville Wright and one sister, Bessie Tuffs.

Surviving Mrs. Bevins are three sons and daughter-in-laws, Larry and Edyth Bevins of Prestonsburg, Paul and Grace Bevins of Twentynine Palms, Ca. and Carl and Lorell Bevins of Warsaw, In.; five granddaughters, seven grandsons, and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Graveside rites were conducted Tuesday, April 16, at Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., by Rev. Gordon Fitch. Burke Funeral Home of Prestonsburg was in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Food

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seek treatment.

High-profile infections still occur, such as a 1999 E. coli outbreak that sickened 300 people in Illinois and was traced to beef served at a party.

The government wants to see the numbers fall even further to meet targets it has set for 2010 — especially salmonella, which is still causing

infections at more than twice the target rate. The infection rate is 15.1 cases per 100,000 people. The target is 6.8.

And health officials are somewhat skeptical that the E. coli decline will continue. While infections have dropped 21 percent since 1996, the course has been erratic, rising and falling from year to year.

Poison

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toilet, the dogs thrown out with the trash — and seeing no end to the problem, we felt that it was time to place the full issue directly in front of our readers. The story itself would have an impact, but a picture of the carnage would not only inform. It would require a response.

After all of these ideas were considered, our reporter was dispatched to the animal shelter once again, on what surely must rank as one of the strangest assignments in the history of journalism — to take a picture of a dead puppy. We called the shelter ahead of

time to explain what we wanted to do and why we felt it necessary to do so, and they agreed to allow us to do it.

Certainly, some people were outraged by the photograph. The simple fact is they should be outraged, not because we took the picture, not because we ran it on our front page, but because out there somewhere living among us is an utter scumbag who is guilty of committing this atrocity.

The photo likely offended some sensibilities, and for that, we apologize. But sensibilities heal with time. Murdered animals do not.

GOP

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The dinner at Serafini's was attended by 58 people, including senators and Senate Republican staff members.

"It was very nice. I had the salmon," said Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville.

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Jim Callahan of Wilder said he couldn't recall any such lobbyist-paid event to which members of only one political caucus in one chamber were invited.

"It was also surprising that they took off a couple hours for dinner on the last night when we still had legislative work to do," Callahan said. "I was down in the House eating out of a box."

George Barker, a retired Fayette circuit judge and a former chairman of the Legislative Ethics Commission, said the dinner "definitely goes against the spirit of the law passed after Boptrout. The spirit of the law is that legislators should avoid appearances like this that raise questions of impropriety or can erode public confidence in the legislature."

Richard Beliles, chairman of Common Cause Kentucky, said: "This sounds like a great idea for continued access to legislators by a few lobbyists, but a very bad idea for the public interest. It looks even worse than some of the lavish receptions some of these groups hold because this was just one caucus and because the session was still going on."

Doug Hogan, press secretary for Senate Republicans, said most of the 20 Republican senators and the Senate Republican staff attended. "It was sort of an appreciation dinner for the staff, the interns. There wasn't anything secret or hidden about it," he said.

Senate Republican leader Dan Kelly of Springfield said he was aware lobbyists had arranged and paid for the meal, but he did not know the cost. Asked if there was anything

wrong in lobbyists paying for the meal, Kelly said: "I don't know. You'll have to tell me."

Cooper said he had hoped to have such dinners after the session for the Republican and Democratic caucuses of each chamber. "But I just asked the Senate Republicans first. Now I doubt that we'll have another one," he said.

Cooper insisted it's proper for lobbyists to pay for the dinner, if the payments are fully disclosed in lobbyist expense reports filed next month with the ethics commission. "Some groups have large receptions during the session. Most of my clients don't, so we wanted to do something at the end of the session," he said.

Cooper said a couple of Republican senators paid for their own meals, but he could not recall which ones.

McCarthy, a lobbyist with the firm McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, said some of the firm's clients would be asked if they want to contribute for the dinner tab. If less than \$600 is raised, he said the firm would pay the rest.

Shea said the lobbying firm he works with — Government Strategies — would cover the \$600 he committed to paying.

Taylor said her client, Keeneland, agreed to cover \$600.

All three said they were asked by Cooper to contribute and saw no problem with agreeing.



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- (depending on school schedule).....Children's Night
- Tuesday Night.....Ladies' Pack-A-Pew Night
 • Monday or Tuesday Night
- (depending on school schedule).....Youth Night
- Wednesday Night.....Children's Pack-A-Pew

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements. 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 and items will be placed according to available space. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

Seedtime on the Cumberland

Festival will be held June 5-8, in Whitesburg. Activities will include a parade, crafters, demonstrations of traditional crafts, fiddle and banjo contests for adults and youth, puppeteers workshops, classic car show, music, theater and more. If you would like to participate, contact Barbara Church at 606-633-0108, or email to: bchurch@appalshop.org.

Notice:

Monday, May 13, 2002, at 6:30 p.m., PHS will be conducting PTO elections and SBDM elections for the school year 2002-2003. Applications for SBDM can be picked up in the PHS office and must be turned in no later than Friday, May 10, at 3:15 p.m. Elections will be held in the PHS cafeteria.

Tex-Mex Night in Maytown

The Maytown Lifetime Learning Center will hold a chili dinner and line dance on Saturday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. The line dance will be led by "A Little Bit of Country." The event will be held in the center's "Gathering Place," (lunchroom). \$3 for adults, \$1 for kids under 12.

JOB FAIR

To be held on Friday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the Hager Hill campus of Mayo Technical College. The campus is located at 150 Industrial Park Drive, next to American Standard, on Route 321 (old U.S. 23). Come prepared to meet local prospective employers as well as others from as far away as Lexington. Bring resume and letters of reference; dress appropriately; interviews may be scheduled or held on the spot. Door prizes will be given away each hour.

PHS Classes of '35 to '49 Reunion

A reunion of the Prestonsburg High School classes of 1935 to 1949 is being planned for Saturday, August 24, 2002. Anyone who graduated or would have graduated is welcome to attend. All addresses are needed for each class. Send addresses to Dallas or Ruby Sammons, KY Rt. 321, Box 3461, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or call, 606-886-2684.

Anniversary Celebration

Will be held on Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m., at the Drift Pentecostal Church, in honor of Bro. Ted Shannon's 45th year of pastorate. Special singing, music, and dinner - all are invited to attend.

New office

The Alzheimer's Association, Lexington/Bluegrass Chapter has opened a regional office in Floyd County. The office is located in the Big Sandy ADD

building, 100 Resource Drive. The office will serve 14 Eastern Kentucky counties. If you are interested in learning more about how the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Kentucky can help your family, please call Eugenia Tackett at 886-9016.

"In the Know" lecture series

The Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Kentucky will hold a lecture series beginning with "What Everyone Needs to Know about Memory Loss." This lecture will be held on Tuesday, May 21, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Association's new office located at 100 Resource Drive, in the Big Sandy ADD building. For more information, call Eugenia Tackett at 886-9016.

Hunter School Reunion

A meeting to discuss plans for the Hunter School and Community Reunion will be held on Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m., at Giovanni's Pizza in Martin. Former and current residents are invited to attend to offer ideas and suggestions. Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 17, at the McDowell/Minnie Senior Citizen's Center. For more information, call 358-3006 or 285-3910.

Three Wishes Program

The Three Wishes program makes available to senior citizens (65 and older) and the permanently disabled electrically powered wheelchairs at NO COST to the individual, provided they meet qualifications. The power wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and who cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home. No deposit required. For more information, call 1-800-451-0971.

National Day of Prayer

Floyd County citizens will observe the National Day of Prayer, May 2, by convening on the grounds of the Floyd County Courthouse at 12:00 p.m. Children are invited to attend. Volunteers for prayer and singing are encouraged to come forward and may call Randy at 889-9879, after 6 p.m. "America United Under God" - please plan to be a part of this very special service.

KSP Trooper Island Raffle

The Kentucky State Police are currently holding a raffle to support Trooper Island Children's Camp. A 2002 Ford Thunderbird will be raffled off - only 1,500 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased at any state police post statewide. Make check payable to "Trooper Island Children's Camp" in the amount of \$100 and then contact your nearest state police post. All donations are tax-deductible and without these donations the Children's Camp would not be possible.

Auxiliary Lifetime Learning Center

"Cooking Your Way to Wildcat Wellness," Monday nights from 6-7:30 p.m. The four week course will begin on May 6 - sponsored by Floyd County Extension. Course will cover low-fat cooking, microwave cooking, budget cooking, cake decorating, and others.

FREE GED classes - Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. Also, free GED tutoring on Monday and Tuesday evenings - MUST CALL to sign up for tutoring.

For more info., please call 886-0709.

Piarist School entrance exam

The Piarist School will hold an entrance examination for students entering their freshman or sophomore years of high school this fall. The exam will be given on Saturday, May 11, at 9 a.m., at the school. To register, or to request more information, call 285-3950, or e-mail to: piarist@kih.net.

Highlands Regional Medical Center May Happenings

May 1 - National Anxiety Screening Day; Meeting Place A & B; 9 a.m. - 12 noon

May 7 - National Depression Screening Day; Meeting Place A & B; 9 a.m. - 12 noon

May 8 & 9 - Senior Advantage "55 Alive" Program; Meeting Place A & B; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

May 9 - Breast Cancer Awareness; Floyd Room; 6-8 p.m.

May 10 & 24 - Childbirth; Floyd Room; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May 14 & 15 - Senior Advantage "55 Alive" Program; Meeting Place A & B; 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May 16 - Laryngectomy Support Group; Meeting Place B; 5-7 p.m.

May 21 - Highlands S.H.A.R.E. Program; Martin Room; 7-9 p.m.

May 30 - Living Well with Diabetes; Floyd Room; 5-6 p.m. For more information, contact the HRMC Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

Anniversary Celebration

The Drift Pentecostal Church invites all to attend a special 45th Anniversary Celebration for Bro. Ted Shannon, who has served as pastor of our church for 45 wonderful years. The celebration will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2002, at 2 p.m. There will be lots of special singing and music, followed by dinner in the church fellowship hall. Bring your instrument and join us for a special event!

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Johns Creek will hold a spring revival meet on April 21-25. Pastor David Peters, from Elkhorn City, will deliver the message each night beginning at 7 p.m. Special singing each night also. All are welcome. Special dedication ceremony will be held April 26, at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and fellowship.

Salvation Army Yard Sale

To be held in the Pikeville Wal-Mart parking lot on Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds will go to benefit the East KY Salvation Army Units of Pike, Floyd, and Martin counties. Donations needed. Donated yard sale items may be picked up, call Wilma at 587-2406, or Loretta at 587-2507, or Ashley at 298-7656. All proceeds will be used to benefit families in our area.

M.C. Volunteer Firemen

The Mud Creek Volunteer Fire Department holds regular monthly board meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. Public participation is invited.

Betsy Layne High Class of 1961

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1961 will hold a reunion at Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park, located in Burkesville, Ky., on June 8, 2002. Call 1-800-325-2282 for lodge reservations A.S.A.P. Please R.S.V.P. your plans to attend by May 15 to: Anna Burchett Prendel, 908 Norfolk, Jackson, MI 49202, or phone (517) 787-8076, or email: a.prendel@worldnet.att.net

April is Fair Housing Month

Kentucky's Fair Housing Law forbids discrimination in housing because of a person's color, religion, race, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability. An aggrieved person may file a complaint of a housing discrimination act with the: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban

Development, Asst. Sec. for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Washington, D.C. 20410. The Big Sandy Area Development District supports fair housing and is operated in accordance with the United States Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

David Appalachian Crafts

30th Anniversary Celebration. Saturday June 1, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pot-luck, games,

music, silent auction, craft demonstrations, cake walk. For more info. call 886-2377 or 886-2513, or email: dac@kih.net, or skrw@hotmail.com.

PHS Class of '82

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Allen Central High School

Is accepting nominations for parent representative to their site based decision making committee (SBDM). Nominations should be turned in to Brenda Turner, Secretary, from 7 a.m. til 3 p.m., daily at the school. Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2002, at 3 p.m. The election will be on Monday, May 20, 2002 at 6 p.m., in the school library. All parents of Allen Central students are urged to attend and vote.

Living organ donors outpace donations from the dead for first time

by LAURA MECKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Laurie Post does not regret giving part of her liver to her cousin. She just wishes she had been prepared for some of what followed: Six trips to the hospital, leaking bile, fever, vomiting, a collapsed lung.

"I had no idea what I was getting into," she said. "I'm healthy. I'm an athletic trainer. I figured, this will be easy, a piece of cake."

As the number of living organ donors climbs to meet the soaring demand for transplants, some experts are suggesting that better guidelines are needed to be sure would-be donors know that their generosity can have a

serious downside.

The death in New York City this year of a healthy man who had donated part of his liver to his brother has increased the scrutiny. This month, a group of doctors recommended increased regulation of these living donor transplant programs.

"This is a major assault to your body, and really bad things can happen," said Gregory Pence, a bioethicist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Typically, really bad things do not happen. And even in Post's case, more than a year after her surgery she's now doing fine.

With generally good outcomes for donors — and long waits for dead donors — a

growing number of people are willing to take the risk: The government said Monday that living organ donors surpassed donors who are dead for the first time in 2001.

For more than a decade, the number of organs donated by the living has been growing more quickly than those given after death as desperate patients have turned increasingly to families or friends. Last year, more than 6,400 people gave away a kidney or a piece of their liver, an increase of 13.4 percent. That's on top of a 16.5 percent increase a year earlier.

By contrast, donations from dead people inched up by just 1.6 percent. Last year, there were 6,081 donor cadavers. Each can give several organs, so

dead people still enable about three out of every four transplants.

In the past, patients facing a wait of a year or two for a kidney would resist asking family or friends for fear of putting them through a painful procedure with medical risk, said Dr. Jeffrey Punch, a kidney surgeon and chief of the University of Michigan Medical Center's transplant division.

"Now that they're thinking about five or six years, they're more willing to accept it," he said.

Rick Palank's story is increasingly common. He decided to donate a kidney after hearing about his boss' deteriorating

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Board meeting

The Martin Area Senior Citizens Center will hold a board meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Moms and Babes Club

Members wanted. Mothers interested in a local playgroup for their children, ages 0-5 yrs. Once a week meetings to be held in the home of a local stay-at-home mother. Purpose of club is to provide stay-at-home mothers with the opportunity to meet other moms and to allow their children a safe environment in which to interact with one another. As the cold weather decreases, play group outings will be planned. Older children are also welcome to attend. Note: This will be a "Mom's & Babes Club," not a day care service. Serious inquiries may be directed to (606) 297-7778, ask for Rachel.

McDowell High Class of '92

A reunion of the McDowell High School Class of 1992 is currently being planned. Anyone who graduated from, or would have graduated from, MHS in '92 is welcome to become a part of the planning forum. All addresses are needed for each classmate. Send addresses and any suggestions to: Debbie (Fannin) Crum, P.O. Box 506, McDowell, KY 41647 or Misty Little, Unit 2, Box 4, Martin Drive, Minnie, KY 41651.

Big Sandy Chapter DAV

Meets each 1st and 3rd Friday at the Auxier Fire Dept. at 6:00 p.m. All veterans interested in joining may call Ballard Shepherd, commander, at 886-7887; Bill Baldrige, Adjutant, at 886-2834; Fred Hannah, Chaplain, at 297-4273; or Billy Lewis, vice-Commander, at 789-7067.

Over 40's

A study is currently being conducted to determine interest in an "Over 40" singles club to be organized in local area. The purpose of the club would be to

introduce singles, over 40 years of age, to their peers. The private club members would then meet for travel, shopping, sports activities, picnics, dances, or simply to talk. A yearly membership fee of \$25 would be required. If interested, please call 606-874-3989 and leave a message. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Class of '92 reunion

All Betsy Layne High School class of 1992 that are interested in attending the ten-year class reunion, contact Patty Williams Meade at 606-478-5740 or Tracy Kidd Young at 606-587-1320. Phone numbers and addresses needed.

Maytown Homecoming 2002

The Maytown Homecoming week-end event will be held on May 24, 25, 26, and 27, at the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center (formerly Maytown High School). Registration will be held on Friday, May 24, along with a traditional Gospel Sing. Saturday, May 25, will be a fun-filled day of activity, among them a possible auction of donated items with proceeds going to support future homecomings. Sunday, May 26, will be set aside for church and visiting relatives and family cemeteries. Monday, May 27, will also be a day of visiting. All are encouraged to attend.

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, Ivel, KY 41642. There is never any charge for our services.

Attention

"Earn while you learn" The Big Sandy area C.A.P. is taking applications for the senior training program. You must be 55 or older to apply. We are located in six counties.

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Floyd: 886-2929; Magoffin, 349-2217; Pike, 432-2775; Lawrence, 638-4067; Martin, 298-3217; Johnson, 789-6515.

BLHS class of 1982 reunion

Are you a graduate of or would you have graduated with the Betsy Layne High School Class of 1982?

Class reunion plans are being made now!

Please, contact us as soon as possible.

Class reunion committee, call 587-2404 or 478-1980 or 478-1861.

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.

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 Derosssett at (606) 874-9514.

Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) during April, May and June. 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.

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.

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The years we had with you were much too fleeting,
But we are awaiting that day in Heaven of the LORD'S great meeting.
Where we will all be together for ever and ever,
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Drug companies revise guidelines for marketing drugs to doctors

by **THERESA AGOVINO**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK — The pharmaceutical industry, under increasing criticism for its sales prac-

tices, has revised its voluntary code to govern marketing drugs to doctors.

Most of the gifts, entertainment and consulting arrangements drug companies have

used to ingratiate their products to doctors will be prohibited or curtailed under the new guidelines, which go into effect July 1.

The new code comes as a shortage of new drugs on the market has intensified competition in the industry to sell existing medications. Critics charge that hefty marketing expenses are driving up the cost of medicines and are focused on buying doctors' loyalty rather than education.

Last year, the industry spent \$13.2 billion promoting products to doctors. Nearly \$5 billion of that was spent on the industry's sales force and its activities, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. The nonprofit health policy research group said 61 percent of doctors

say they have received free meals, event tickets or free travel from a drug company representative.

"We think there are some very valid concerns and as an industry we are looking at ways to address concerns while still continuing the very important work of educating and communicating to physicians information about new products," said Jeff Trewitt, a spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the industry's Washington D.C. based trade organization.

The organization has no way to force its members to abide by the new guidelines and critics charge sales representatives

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Logan student hospitalized with bacterial meningitis

The Associated Press

RUSSELLVILLE — A Russellville High School student has been hospitalized and is being treated for bacterial meningitis.

The 16-year-old boy was upgraded to stable condition at Vanderbilt University Medical Center on Sunday, after spending Saturday in the intensive care unit, hospital spokesman Wayne Wood said. The student was taken to Vanderbilt on Thursday from Logan Memorial Hospital in

School officials didn't release the student's name.

Logan County Health Department officials worked all day Friday at the school, remaining on campus until 7 p.m. and screened more than 250 of the school's 375 students, said Donna Preston, the Russellville Independent School System superintendent.

"We were able to screen ... students who were in close contact," Preston said. "We have students on preventative medication."

She said officials didn't recommend closing the school.

The disease is not highly contagious, but it can be fatal if left untreated. Symptoms can include headache, fever, stiff neck, weakness, a rash and nausea.

The Logan County Health

Department opened for special hours Saturday to screen additional students and anyone else who may have come into contact with the infected student.

Health department officials may return to the school on Monday.

"If we need to make those arrangements, we will," Preston said.

Donors

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health. He said his boss never suggested it, but after hearing that no one in the family was a match, Palank volunteered, even though the two are not particularly close or friendly outside the office.

"I was sitting there thinking, 'Wow, this guy looks terrible. I've had perfect health, and this guy's had all these problems. I should help him,'" said Palank, 55, of St. Louis, who donated a kidney last month and was out of the hospital a day later.

Of the living donors, more than 90 percent donated a kidney. This is a relatively safe procedure for people with two healthy kidneys, because only one is necessary. There were about 500 living liver donations, in which surgeons remove a part

of a liver for transplant, leaving each piece to grow into a whole organ. About three dozen people gave part of a lung.

Medically, doctors have been dividing livers only for the past few years, which helps explain the fast rise in the number of liver donations from the living. The number shot up 36 percent last year. Seven liver donors have died, less than 1 percent of those who have donated.

For kidneys, research has found that living donations are just as successful, if not more, as kidneys from people who have died. And laparoscopic surgery, in which the kidney is removed through a small incision, has reduced the pain and recovery time for the donor.

Still, Pence suspects that many patients don't know the true risks and said the surgeons who explain them have a conflict because they also are trying to save the life of the recipient.

Transplant programs need "experienced psychological, social evaluation that's fully independent so if there is reluctance, that can be brought out — so donors don't feel pressure," said Stephen T. Bartlett, a kidney and pancreas surgeon who heads the University of Maryland's transplant division.

Post, 36, said she met with a social worker, but the discussion was more about making sure Post had someone at home to care for her after the surgery. And she said the surgeon exerted not-so-subtle pressure to go along with the donation.

"He said, 'If it's not possible for you to do this procedure, we don't know how much longer your cousin will live.' Then he said, 'You can back out at any time,'" said Post, of Flemington, N.J.

Most upsetting, though, was that she was not told details of what could go wrong, she said.

"I'm not sorry I did it," she said. "I'm sorry I wasn't better informed."

Tumor

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Gary Strauss, a Rhode Island oncologist who has long criticized the study's interpretation, contends a statistical flaw that somehow lumped 30 percent more cancer patients into the screened group skewed the death comparison.

Strauss says the key instead is long-term survival — something 29 percent of the screened group achieved, and just 13 percent of the others.

"Chest X-ray is far better than nothing," he says. But he has yet to persuade many other cancer experts.

X-rays are being considered anew for another reason. Smokers today get a different form of cancer, called adenocarcinoma, in a different part of the lungs than they did in the 1970s, before filtered cigarettes were popular. Could modern X-rays spot these tumors better?

A National Cancer Institute project now is studying 140,000 adults, comparing annual X-rays to no screening, to see. Preliminary results are expected in 2005.

The big excitement surrounds the new spiral CT scans.

Patients lie in a rotating scanner that uses X-rays to image the chest from all angles. Hold a breath; it's over in 20 seconds, with slightly more radiation than an old-fashioned X-ray. A computer then assembles the images into a three-dimensional model of the lungs.

Early studies suggest tumors found by spiral CT average half the size of those spotted on a regular X-ray. Cornell University's Dr. Claudia Henschke, a prominent proponent, has estimated the new method could find about 80 percent of tumors when they're in the earliest stage.

Don't race to get one just yet, Eyre said. Although some hospitals already aggressively advertise spiral CT, it's vital to prove the method really saves lives before testing becomes widespread, he said.

Why? The test can mistake scar tissue from an old infection or some other benign lump for cancer. No one knows how high this false-positive rate is, but in one Mayo study half of baseline scans detected "incidental nod-

ules."

That's important because even a biopsy can be riskier for lung cancer than other cancers — the needle can collapse a lung. Doctors could watch whether a suspicious spot grows instead of immediately biopsying, but no one yet knows how long to wait.

Plus, unless spiral CT proves itself, insurance won't begin paying the \$400 cost. And even these smaller tumors have lurked in the body a long time, notes Jett, who predicts scientists eventually will develop blood or sputum tests that could find cancerous cells far earlier.

Spiral CT is "a new tool, it allows you to detect it early, and the question is at what cost," he said. "Would I recommend this for the masses right now? No. ... I would be an advocate of people going in the trial."

For information on the National Lung Screening Trial, call 1-800-4-CANCER. The NCI expects to complete selection of 20 test sites in about a week.

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Potter Medical Clinic at Lackey, Ky., wishes to welcome two new physicians to our staff, Dr. Keith Webb and Dr. Sonja Terry Webb.

Dr. Keith Webb is a native Floyd Countian and the son of Earl and Mary Webb of Langley, Ky. He attended June Buchanan High School and received his (B.A.) college degree from Transylvania University and his medical degree (M.D.) from the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He

completed his residency in Internal Medicine at East Tennessee State University.

Dr. Sonja Terry Webb is a native Knott Countian and the daughter of Jerry and Nadine Terry of Larkslane, Ky. She graduated from Knott County Central High School and received her (B.A.) college degree from Transylvania University of Louisville School of Medicine. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Louisville and East Tennessee State University.

Drs. Sonja and Keith Webb have been married for three years and now live in Floyd County. To make an appointment with Dr. Keith Webb or Dr. Sonja Webb, call (606) 358-2381.

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ACMS held a Student Spotlight ceremony to recognize those who were selected as students of the month during the second nine-week grading period. Mrs. Bickford recognized the students and their parents for their achievements. David Gearheart, an eighth-grade teacher, provided musical entertainment, a PowerPoint presentation of these students was shown, and the students were given a gift bag from the school in appreciation for their dedication to excellence.

W.Va. regulators sue Massey over Martin County spill

The Associated Press

WAYNE, W.Va. — The state Department of Environmental Protection sued Massey Energy Co. and two subsidiaries Tuesday over a spill in Kentucky that sent 135,000 gallons of coal slurry into the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River.

The lawsuit, filed in Wayne County Circuit Court, accuses Massey and two subsidiaries, Massey Coal Services Inc. and Sidney Coal Co., of negligence, causing a nuisance, and water quality violations.

"Defendant Sidney Coal took no actions to minimize the impact of the slurry spill on the Tug Fork River and its tributaries other than putting a few straw bales in the tributaries," the lawsuit alleged.

It seeks compensation for destruction of natural resources, civil penalties, unspecified punitive damages for wrongful conduct, reimbursement to the state of West Virginia for expenses it has incurred, and legal fees.

Officials at Massey's headquarters in Richmond, Va., could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

On April 10, a ruptured pipeline at Sidney Coal's preparation plant in Pike County, Ky., sent about 135,000 gallons of slurry into the river, which forms the border between West Virginia and Kentucky.

"The water samples and investigation demonstrated that the coal slurry has negatively impacted water quality

and created the potential for damage to plant, fish and other aquatic life in the Tug Fork River," said the lawsuit, which was filed by Perry McDaniel, chief of the DEPs Office of Legal Services.

The water was discolored and had high levels of iron and aluminum, according to the lawsuit.

Sidney Coal officials allegedly failed to detect the break in the line for 90 minutes, failed to design the pipeline so slurry would remain within proper boundaries, and failed to notify West Virginia officials that the slurry had spilled into the Tug Fork, the lawsuit said.

Two other breaks occurred in the pipeline on Dec. 6 and Dec. 7, the lawsuit said.

A lawsuit filed by West Virginia officials against

Massey and another subsidiary, Martin County Coal Co., over an October 2000 spill is pending in Wayne County Circuit Court. That spill sent 250 million gallons of black, gooey sludge into the Tug Fork and the Big Sandy.

On Monday, state mining director Matthew Crum suspended another Massey subsidiary's permits for a mining complex in Boone County. Crum said inspectors had found patterns of violations at Independence Coal Co.'s mining complex.

Massey is West Virginia's largest coal producer and the seventh largest in the nation. It reported a loss of \$1.1 million in its 2001 fiscal year, which ended Oct. 31. The company employs about 5,000 people in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia.

Revise

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have ignored previous industry codes as well as their own company rules.

"Whether anyone will abide by it or whether it can be enforced are big questions," said Dr. Robert Goodman, founder of No Free Lunch, an organization which lobbies doctors to reject industry freebies.

The industry and the American Medical Association use essentially the same code to govern the interaction between doctors and pharmaceutical sales representatives. Last August, the AMA announced a new campaign to promote the guidelines but it was sharply

rebuked after it was discovered the industry was funding the effort.

Pharmaceutical executives say the new code is stronger than one adopted in 1990. For example, the new guidelines strictly forbid sales people from treating doctors to the theater, concerts or sporting events. Gifts such as golf balls, gym bags, flowers, and VCRs are off limits.

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Old friends and new acquaintances

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

LEXINGTON — When Rob Hammond of Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc., invited me to have lunch with his Kentucky and southern Indiana publishers last Friday at Keeneland, it started me thinking about the 22 CNHI newspapers that are publishing my column and what I have in common with them.

When I replaced the late Joe Creason as the Courier-Journal's general columnist in 1974, I traveled the state in search of material. I bought some moonshine one night at a place near Pikeville. I found a bald duck — absolutely no feathers — in Sligo. In Princeton, I stumbled upon a pool hustler who smoked cigars and claimed to be 15 years old.

As a native of Mt. Sterling, I already knew quite a bit about the state when I moved into Creason's job. But what I mainly learned over the next 3 1/2 years was how much I still had to learn. I discovered many new things

(See REED, page three)

Sideline Shots

Claiborne Way dedication held

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Prior to the University of Kentucky's spring football game on Saturday, dedications were held for Jerry Claiborne Way and the Paul Orberon Football Office Complex.

What Jerry Claiborne helped do for UK football was outstanding. His accomplishments as the head of the college grid program spoke for themselves.

Claiborne was a letterman at UK in 1946, 1948, and 1949 and still holds the UK single-season record for interceptions with nine. He was an assistant coach with UK in 1952-53 and was head coach of the Wildcats from 1982-89. He led the Cats to two bowl games and was known for his dedication to integrity and academic success. Claiborne's overall record in 28 seasons as a collegiate head coach was 179-122-8. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1999. Claiborne passed away in September of 2000.

After the Claiborne Way dedication, there was a ceremony for the new Paul Orberon Football Office Complex, which is an expansion of the Nutter Training Facility. Expected to speak are Mobley, Coach Guy Morriss, Orberon, and UK

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Youth Soccer Roundup

U8 SUPERSONICS

The Supersonics traveled to Kaikumba Field in Hazard on Saturday where they ran their season to 2-1 with a 7-4 victory over the Terror. The Supersonics were led by Alex Lester with four goals, Jimmy Greene added two goals, and Tory Hammonds

rounded out the scoring with one goal.

U10 TRAILBLAZERS

The Trailblazers, Floyd County's first all-girl squad, defeated the co-ed Rampage of Belfry 2-0 on Saturday in a downpour. With water standing

two inches deep on the field, Madyson Nunnery scored a second half goal, to add to a first half score by best buddy Kaitlyn Minix, who was part of a great second half defensive effort by the Trailblazers. Stellar mid-field

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courtesy photo

The U8 Floyd County Rockets and the Martin County Red Storm battled Saturday. Players pictured are from the Rockets.

— New course attracting players from as far away as Arizona —



photo by Jamie Howell

StoneCrest Golf Course offers great golf and a beautiful view from high atop Maggie Mountain.

StoneCrest offers the best in area golf

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The folks in the Prestonsburg and Floyd County area finally have something that they can be proud of and use to display the beauty of our area.

StoneCrest Golf Course located just outside of Prestonsburg offers championship golf, a breathtaking view and a friendly atmosphere. This is not to say Floyd County doesn't already have an area to be proud of, but we can be proud of the effort our area leaders have

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Kid's Day in the Park on tap for Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The ninth annual Kid's Day in the Park is scheduled for Saturday at Archer Park in Prestonsburg. Over the past eight years, the event, with events and activities especially for kids, has become very popular. It features

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file photo

Kid's Day in the Park, in its ninth year, will be held Saturday at Archer Park.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WKU Football ends spring practice with annual Red-White scrimmage

LCHS grad helps lead offense to scores, linebackers stand out on defensive end

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN — The Western Kentucky football team brought its three-plus weeks of spring practice to a close in the annual Red-White Game Saturday.

"The exciting thing about the end of spring practice is that we can all walk off the field together," said Hilltopper head coach Jack Harbaugh. "We didn't have anyone sustain any significant injuries that could limit their progress through the summer."

Quarterback Antone Towns led his offensive unit to a score on its second possession, putting together a 65-yard drive in just four plays, tak-

(See WKU, page seven)

White defeats Blue 16-0 in spring football game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky White team defeated the Blue team 16-0 Saturday night in front of a crowd of 5,000 in Commonwealth Stadium in the annual Blue/White Spring Football Game.

When the coaches held a draft on Thursday, they tried to match the teams evenly. However, there were no equalizers for running back Artose Pinner and defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson, who combined to spark the White squad to victory.

Pinner had a combined 160 yards rushing and pass receiving while Robertson roamed the Blue

(See WHITE, page seven)



The Prestonsburg 14-under AAU basketball team has advanced to the state tournament after winning the region and being crowned region champs. The Blackcats will be in action in the state tourney this weekend in Lexington, April 26-28. Several P'burg fans have rallied behind their team, congratulating the team and wishing the squad good luck in its upcoming tournament. Pictured, front row (left to right): Austin May, Mike Crum, Brooks Herrick, Michael Stephens, Andrew Shepherd. Back row (left to right): Nick McGuire (with Team Mascot Maddie Ousley), Zach Stanley, Brian Whitten, Ronnie Stephens, Zach Ousley, Coach Rodney Ousley, Assistant Coach Dennis Walker.

201 SPEEDWAY opens for '02 season

by CHRIS BELCHER
TRACK WRITER

SITKA — After months of preparation, and rain showers, which postponed opening day racing at the 201 speedway, last Sat. night. The 18-year-old facility finally got mother nature's approval, and the gates opened to a large crowd of spectators, as well as over 65 racers in four divisions this past Saturday night. This year's opening day was a first for new track owners,

Bill Mike Vaughn and Johnny Salyers. However, everything went smoothly, with the racing surface in near perfect condition, as well as the entire facility receiving several improvements.

Super Bomber qualifying would see the No. 24H, of Salyersville's Michael Paul Howard make the quickest circuit with his 2000 Monte Carlo at 15.69.

McDowell's Jimmy David Hall was second quickest at 15.95. Defending Super bomber

champion, Jim Lemaster was third fastest at 15.98.

Howard started the Super Bomber feature to the inside of Hall's No. US 23, and when the first feature of the season got the green, it would be Howard taking the advantage, getting to the 1st turn ahead of a hard charging Hall, who at that point, chose to run the middle groove through the turns, searching for a quicker way around the 1/4

(See 201, page seven)

Briefs

OLYMPICS

NEW YORK — Attorneys for the French judge embroiled in the Olympic skating scandal released a 24-page letter to the International Skating Union attacking its "hasty, knee-jerk decision" to suspend her and award a second gold to the Canadian pairs team.

A week before a hearing on Marie-Reine Le Gougeon at ISU headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, her attorneys, Maxwell A. Miller and Erik A. Christensen, insisted in the letter that "there is no credible, consistent and uncoerced evidence of any misconduct" on her part in voting for the Russian pair.

ATHENS, Greece — Premier Costas Simitis asked authorities in Athens' seaside suburbs to drop legal appeals seeking to delay important construction projects on Olympic venues and road works.

AUTO RACING

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — NASCAR team owner Jack Roush was still in serious condition, three days after his small plane crashed into a lake in southern Alabama.

Roush had a head injury and broke his left leg when the two-engine plane hit a power line and flipped upside down into the lake Friday night.

NAZARETH, Pa. — Drivers Jacques Lazier and Tomas Scheckter were upgraded to good condition, a day after being hospitalized for injuries from a crash in the Firestone Indy 225.

HORSE RACING

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky researchers have advised horse farmers to keep pregnant mares out of pastures until midday Tuesday because of cooler overnight temperatures.

Scientists still do not know what caused more than 500 foals to die and thousands of early term pregnancies to be terminated on central Kentucky horse farms last year, costing the state's billion-dollar horse industry nearly \$350 million.

They believe, however, that stark changes in the weather during this exact time frame may have played a role in the development of the mysterious illness, dubbed Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome.

SOCCER

NEW YORK — The United States will head to the World Cup with one of the oldest teams in the tournament.

Ten of the 23 players selected by coach Bruce Arena will be 30 or older, up from five on the American team that finished last among the 32 nations at the 1998 tournament.

There were no surprises on Arena's roster, with Colorado Rapids defender Pablo Mastroeni, who has just eight international appearances, earning the final spot. He is the only player who didn't appear in any qualifiers.

TENNIS

HOUSTON — Andre Agassi fought off 19-year-old Russian Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in a first-round match at the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships.

Also, seventh-seeded Todd Martin defeated qualifier Ignacio Hirigoyen 6-0, 6-4.

BARCELONA, Spain — Seeded players Albert Portas and Hicham Arazi lost in the first round of the \$955,000 Seat Godo clay-court tournament.

Zeljko Krajan beat the 10th-seeded Arazi 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, while Alberto Martin topped No. 13 Portas 7-5, 6-3.

Basketball

National Basketball Association

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)

Saturday, April 20
Indiana 89, New Jersey 83

Sacramento 89, Utah 86,
Sacramento leads series 1-0

San Antonio 110, Seattle 89,
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Monday, April 29
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Philadelphia at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Orlando at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Venus and Serena Williams are being sued for allegedly backing out of an agreement to play an exhibition match against John and Patrick McEnroe.

Women's Sports Zone Inc. claims that potential profits from the match were estimated at \$45 million and the company couldn't get started without those funds, the Web site's attorney, Abbey Kaplan, said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Charyl Burnett, the winningest coach in the history of Southwest Missouri State women's basketball program, resigned after 15 seasons.

Burnett, who had a career record of 319-136 and led the Lady Bears to two Final Four appearances, said she plans to look for another job.

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA got what it wanted out of its new "pod" system for the men's basketball tournament — less travel and increased attendance.

Ticket sales for the first two rounds of this year's tournament increased by more than 15 percent over last year, and arenas sold 95.5 percent of tickets — the highest total since 1995. The regional semifinals and championships also showed an increase, from 85.2 percent in 2001 to 97.3 percent this year.

GOLF

FAR HILLS, N.J. — Nancy Lopez, who announced last month that this will be her last full season on the LPGA Tour, accepted a special exemption to play in the U.S. Women's Open from July 4-7 at Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan.

She was a four-time runner-up (1975, '77, '89, '97) in the Open.

BASEBALL

CLEVELAND — Outfielder Wil Cordero, a major disappointment for the Cleveland Indians the past three seasons, was designated for assignment.

Cordero was batting .222 (4-for-18) with one RBI in six games this season for the Indians, who have been reluctant to play the 30-year-old because of his lack of productivity.

BOXING

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Heavyweight contender Chris Byrd's bid to have champion Lennox Lewis stripped of his title was turned down by the IBF appeal tribunal.

The IBF said it would sanction Lewis' June 8 fight against Mike Tyson and the winner would then enter into negotiations for a fight with Byrd.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK — Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Lyle Odelein was suspended for one game by the NHL for crosschecking Jamal Mayers of the St. Louis Blues in Game 3 Sunday of their playoff series.

BASKETBALL

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — NBA Commissioner David Stern is hopeful a deal can be worked out that will allow the Nets to move from the Meadowlands and play in New Jersey's largest city.

YankeeNets, the company that owns the Nets, has been trying to work out a deal with the state to build a new arena in Newark. Stern said he would join the talks if invited.

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SPORTSBOARD
Baseball Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division					East Division				
Montreal	11	8	.579	—	Boston	12	4	.750	—
New York	10	9	.526	1	New York	12	8	.600	2
Atlanta	10	10	.500	1 1/2	Tampa Bay	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Florida	9	10	.474	2	Toronto	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Philadelphia	7	12	.368	4	Baltimore	6	12	.333	7

Central Division					Central Division				
Pittsburgh	12	5	.706	—	Minnesota	13	6	.684	—
Cincinnati	10	8	.556	2 1/2	Chicago	12	7	.632	1
Arizona	9	10	.474	4	Cleveland	12	7	.632	1
Houston	8	10	.444	4 1/2	Kansas City	6	11	.353	6
Milwaukee	7	12	.366	6	Detroit	3	15	.167	9 1/2
Chicago	6	11	.353	6					

West Division					West Division				
San Francisco	12	6	.667	—	Seattle	15	4	.789	—
Arizona	12	7	.632	1/2	Oakland	11	8	.579	4
Los Angeles	11	8	.579	1 1/2	Anaheim	8	12	.333	8 1/2
San Diego	9	10	.474	3 1/2	Texas	5	13	.278	9 1/2
Colorado	8	13	.316	6 1/2					

Sunday's games
Atlanta 4, Florida 2
Montreal 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 3
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Houston 4, San Francisco 0
San Diego 5, Los Angeles 0
Arizona 7, Colorado 1

Monday's game
Florida 8, Atlanta 3

Tonight's Games
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.

Prime Star
Finish: 5th
Class: FMNW200PS
Driver: Randy Thaps
Trainer: Gerald Russell

Harness racing
Results

Hoosier Park (April 18)
Filly Faddle
Fin: 3rd
Class: 15000CIHC
Driver: Terry Cullipher
Trainer: Terry Cullipher

Master Tate
Finish: 2nd
Class: 8000CI
Driver: Jeff Cullipher
Trainer: James Wilkerson

Kole Tomar
Finish: 8th
Class: 8000CI
Driver: Josh Sutton
Trainer: Clint Binkley

Karen's Workofart
Finish: 4th
Class: 5000CL
Driver: Larry Binkley
Trainer: Larry Binkley

LA Raider
Finish: 8th
Class: 5000CL
Driver: Jeff Cullipher
Trainer: James Wilkerson

Roan Wonder
Finish: 10th
Class: 5000CL
Driver: Jeff Cullipher
Trainer: James Wilkerson

Hoosier Park (April 19)
Hawaiian Kula
Finish: 5th
Class: 5000CI
Driver: Josh Sutton
Trainer: Clint Binkley

Streakofspice
Finish: 6th
Class: 5000CL
Driver: Tony Hall
Trainer: Keith Richeson

Tomboy Betty
Finish: 7th
Class: 8000CLHC
Driver: Tony Hall
Trainer: Leo Groves

More Sugar Added
Finish: 4th
Class: NW5000L4CD
Driver: Tony Hall
Tr: Terry Hall

Northfield Park (April 16)
Shy Roller
Finish: 7th
Class: 3000CLCD
Driver: David Ward
Trainer: Gerald Russell

Northfield Park (April 17)
Cam's Magic Halo
Finish: 6th
Class: NW1CD
Driver: Elliott Deaton
Trainer: Elliott Deaton

Sir Walter Raleigh
Fin: 3rd
Class: 7000CL
Driver: David Ward
Tr: C.B. Loney

Handle With Caution
Fin: 4th
Class: 7000CL
Driver: Elliott Deaton
Trainer: Elliott Deaton

Sand Rounder
Fin: 5th
Class: 15000CLNW6
Driver: Elliott Deaton
Trainer: Elliott Deaton

Northfield Park (April 19) (Qualifiers)
Prince Fonda
Finish: 7th
Class: Qua r-1
Driver: Elliott Deaton
Trainer: Elliott Deaton

She's Not Sporty
Finish: 7th
Class: Qua r-2
Driver: Aaron Young
Trainer: C.B. Loney

Northfield Park (April 19)
Soupbone Bob
Finish: 4th
Class: NW200PSC
Driver: Elliott Deaton
Trainer: Elliott Deaton

Driver: Art Gillum Jr.
Trainer: Art Gillum Jr.

Mr. Hanky
Finish: 5th
Class: 7500CICD
Driver: Roy Wilson
Trainer: Jeff Brewer

Badeyebaker
Finish: 3rd
Class: NW2500L5HG
Driver: James Dailey
Trainer: Jeff Brewer

Traction Control
Finish: 4th
Class: 5000CL
Driver: James Dailey
Trainer: Jeff Brewer

Armbo Outer
Fin: 2nd
Class: NW150P5SHG
Driver: Brett Miller
Trainer: Jeff Brewer

Hoosier Park (April 20) (Qualifiers)
Kole Tomar
Finish: 6th
Class: Qua r-4
Driver: Thomas Luther
Trainer: Thomas Luther

Foxhome Edition
Finish: 7th
Class: Qua r-4
Driver: Donald Irvine Jr.
Trainer: Donald Irvine Jr.

Hoosier Park (April 20)
Mystical Spur
Finish: 2nd
Class: NW3PMHC IS
Driver: Tony Hall
Trainer: Tony Hall

Spur GB
Finish: 6th
Class: NW3500L4CD
Driver: Terry Cullipher
Trainer: Terry Cullipher

Kosmic Origin
Finish: 9th
Class: NW3500L4CD
Driver: James Robinson
Trainer: James Robinson

Eaton Em Up
Finish: 2nd
Class: NW3/APMH
Driver: Phillip Loney
Trainer: Phillip Loney

Lou E Hart
Finish: 1st
Class: NW2500L4CD
Driver: Tony Hall
Trainer: Leo Groves

Frankie Nine Toes
Finish: 2nd
Class: 10000CLHO
Driver: Donald Irvine Jr.
Trainer: Clint Binkley

Wrestling

Southern States Wrestling Results

Friday April 19
Bristol, TN - National Guard

- David Payne draw with Duane Holliday
- Steinbrenner w/The Duke pinned midget wrestler Pee Wee Pete
- SSW Champion Beau James destroyed The Duke
- John Noble pinned Steinbrenner
- Brian Overbay double DQ with Chic White
- TV Champion Ray Idol beat The Equalizer results by Fay Ferguson

SSW very Busy This Weekend

TWO Big Events on Friday

For fans in Southeast KY

SSW Friday, April 26
Virgie KY @ Middle School

*****SSW Title*****
Champion Beau James vs. The Mighty Yankee

*****Challenge Match*****
George South vs. John Noble

****Tag Match****
The Batten Twins vs. Iron Cross & George South JR

plus 2 more Matches
For our Fans in The Tri-Cities

SSW Friday, April 26
Kingsport, Tenn. @ Nat'l Guard

*****Main Event - Street Fight*****
Chic White vs. Kingsport's Own Brian Overbay

*****Grudge Match*****
Steve Flynn w/The Duke vs. Andy Douglas

TN Equalizer vs. Duane Holliday
and more

Saturday, April 27 8PM
Church Hill, TN @ Carter's Valley Elem School

John Noble and Brian Overbay vs. Chic White & Equalizer

Beau James vs. a Dynasty Member

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about Kentucky and southern Indiana, from A (for Adair County, where fishing and fish stories are popular) to Z (for zither, a rare musical instrument that was still being played in parts of the state).

In 1977, I got back into sportswriting and spent the next 20 or so years covering events around the state. I frequently indulged my passion for the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs. And while the big are-

nas and stadiums in Louisville and Lexington were my most frequent stops, I also covered a reunion of players from the old Negro leagues in Ashland, visited major-league pitcher Woody Fryman at his farm near Flemingsburg, and served as an honorary coach at a Morehead State exhibition game.

When The Herald-Leader terminated my contract last year, a lot of people asked me what happened. My stock answer was that I didn't know anything other than what I was told. Namely, that I was a casualty of the nationwide budget cuts mandated by Knight-Ridder, the large chain that owns the Herald-Leader, even though the editors always seemed happy with my work.

At first I couldn't believe that the paper would let 42 years of experience walk out the door. But it did, announcing that I had decided to retire. Wherever that came from, it wasn't from me. I had told the editors that I wanted to work at least another three or four years. Apparently nobody paid attention. But happily, as the door slammed shut behind me in Lexington, others opened, including an offer from CNHI.

I wish I could write special columns for each of my CNHI papers. But since that's impossible, I try to stick to topics and issues that are of as much interest in, say, London and Leitchfield as they are in Lexington and Louisville. Having said all that, here are my

connections to the CNHI papers:

■ **ASHLAND** — I covered the Tomcats during the Larry Conley era. One of my closest friends and most loyal supporters is Jim Host, the former Ashland resident who now is the CEO of Host Communications.

■ **CARLISLE** — Big Ned Jennings, who hailed from the town of Headquarters, was a first-team All-Stater for Nicholas County High in 1957. He led the school to its first (and still only) trip to the State Tournament that year, then played four years for Adolph Rupp at the University of Kentucky.

■ **CORBIN** — I saw or covered each of the Bird brothers (Jerry, Calvin, Rodger, and Billy) during their careers at UK. I also know Frank Selvy, the Corbin native who scored

100 points, still the NCAA single-game record, against Newberry College in 1954.

■ **GRAYSON** — I've stopped between Morehead and Ashland at a Grayson truck stop just off I-64. Otherwise, I must admit I'm not familiar with any famous athletes or politicians from Grayson. (I'd appreciate hearing some names

I've overlooked.) Located near Carter Caves State Resort Park and Grayson Lake State Park, it's a popular stop with outdoorsmen.

■ **GREENUP COUNTY** — A 1999 book entitled "We've Got Spirit" is about Greenup High's nationally famous cheerleading dynasty. I covered the 1974 Boys' State Tournament when Steve Skaggs hit a 40-footer against Madisonville at the third-quarter buzzer to help send the Musketeers into the semifinals, their deepest pen-

etration in history. Not even a 92-37 semis licking by eventual state champ Louisville Central could dim the glow of the team's accomplishments. I also interviewed Mike Scott, the 6-foot-11 Greenup kid who signed with Wake Forest after graduating in 1985, then transferred to UK.

■ **GLASGOW** — I covered Coach Jim Richards' Glasgow High team when it won the 1968 State Tournament. Richards then accepted an assistant's job at

Western Kentucky, and took his stars, Jerry Dunn and Rex Bailey, with him.

Glasgow also is the home of

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PRO WRESTLING

AWF promises more shows in May

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Appalachian Wrestling Federation put together one of the best events ever to come to Floyd County in Maytown. And the promotion is ready to go right straight back to work, picking up where it left off with the Floyd County show.

Some of the most memorable moments of the event included Pike County resident Bobby Storm being crowned the new AWF champion, The Green Brothers were crowned new AWF tag champs and The Rodfather became the AWF hardcore champion.

One of the top moments of the night was when AWF Commissioner Jesse Younger, a Floyd County resident, defeated BJ the DJ for the Southern title. On that night, Younger was also honored with a certificate recognizing his service and

dedication to the Appalachian Wrestling Federation since its beginning.

The AWF hopes to return to Maytown area in the very near future.

Up next for the Eastern Kentucky independent wrestling promotion is a shown in Belfry and a series of outdoor shows in the Feds Creek area. An event is also scheduled for the Belfry area.

AWF promoter Joe Clark has promised that the Feds Creek events will be some of the best independent professional wrestling events in the area's history. Clark, now a veteran promoter in his own right, has helped lead the AWF and pushed it to progress and grow where other promotions have failed.

For more information on the AWF, visit the AWF website at www.awf-homepage.cityslide.com.



The Allen Central High School girls' softball team.

courtesy photo

DIRT TRACK NOTEBOOK

201 opens; Boggs, Francis get wins

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Historic 201 Speedway in Sitka was the 1st track to start its 2002 season, doing so Saturday night. In front of 800 spectators, Jimmy David Hall, driving the US 23 car took top honors in the super bomber division, with the No. 3 Jim Lemaster in the runner up position, and Gary Rager No. 17 coming in third. In the bomber class, the U3 of Bannie

Blair was the class of the field, with Dean Pennington in the P12 following him to the checkers, and the U2 Scott Pennington took the third spot. Randy Risner in the No. R77 car won the road hog feature, and John Allen took the Four-Cylinder Feature. 201 will run Late Models and Modifieds this Saturday night.

■ Half Mountain Speedway announced over the weekend that its new season opening date

is May 11. Benny Christian, owner of Thunder Mountain Speedway, announced his track will practice session will be tonight, under the lights, with their season opener slated for Saturday, April 27. Mountain Motor Speedway will open Friday. The Isom track is the only one in Eastern Kentucky that will be running Limited Late Models this season. In the past, Willard Speedway has featured the Limited Late Models, and May once again do so in the near future.

■ It was a good weekend for Kentucky drivers on both the Renegade Series and the UDTRA circuit. Grayson's Jackie Boggs won the Renegade race in Chillicothe, Ohio, while Ashland driver Steve Francis won the UDTRA event.

■ Floyd County driver John D.I. Henson has a three-car Four-Cylinder team this race season.

Willard Speedway is having its track resurfaced. Willard owner Jim Allen reports that his track still plans on opening some time in May. In the past, Willard has hosted Late Models, Limited Lates, Legends and several other divisions, including all currently racing in the area.

■ Brandon Kinzer and Chuckie May, both Allen natives, were at the Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio Saturday night for the ALMS race. Kinzer set the fast time for the night with a lap of 15.701 seconds, before going on for a third-place finish in his heat as well as a fourth-place finish in the feature. May was fifth in his heat and sixth in the second B-Main.

■ Louisa driver Chris Wilson was at Richmond Raceway Saturday night. It was the first time his new Outlaw Chassis was entered in competition. Wilson finished fourth in the trophy dash and sixth in the feature. A total of 15 Late Models were in attendance.

COLLEGE BOWLING

Lady Bears make impressive showing in Bowling Nationals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUFFALO, N.Y. - It was an amazing first year for the women's bowling program at Pikeville College.

The squad opened the season with a win in its first tournament and closed it one win from advancing out of the loser's bracket of the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, sponsored by College Bowling USA. Only four teams remained when the Lady Bears were eliminated.

"I couldn't be more happy with my team," said Damron, who coaches both bowling teams at Pikeville. "They made quite a run for it, and really represented our school well. We were one of only two NAIA schools in the tournament, and I think we proved small schools can compete with the bigger ones in bowling."

After Thursday's first day of competition used to determine seeds, Pikeville was 13th in the 16-team field, meaning it

opened play against No. 4 Fresno State on Friday. It turned some heads with a 4-1 win the best-of-seven format. In the second round, however, it fell 4-3 to eventual champion Morehead State.

"In retrospect, it was a terrific showing, because not only did Morehead win the tournament undefeated, we were the only team to push them to seven games," said Damron. "And to top it all off, we actually tied them in two of the seven games."

In the loser's bracket, the Pikeville run began. It beat St. Peter's (N.J.) College 4-3, and then eliminated Fresno State 4-0.

On the final match of Friday's play, Pikeville was eliminated by Florida State 4-2.

"We're very happy with our season, and this group of young ladies will be remembered for a long time," said Damron. "They should be proud of themselves, and I hope the college and community are proud of

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Over a Century of Knowledge and Service

Lawrence agrees to still play Rose Hill; Paintsville, J. Central will also play Royals

by **ROCKY STANLEY**
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND — Rose Hill Christian School boys basketball is getting the cold shoulder from district neighbors Ashland and Boyd County.

Unlike last season, fans need not be concerned about scrambling for tickets to watch Ashland or Boyd County play the state's fastest-climbing program.

Ashland, the 16th Region champion, and Boyd County have told Rose Hill no thanks in regard to scheduling 64th District games for next season.

"We think it's in the best interest of our program not to play Rose Hill in boys basketball for the upcoming year, much as Rose Hill has done for the 20-plus years of its existence in selectively scheduling sport to sport and year to year," said Ashland athletic director Mark Swift.

Rose Hill, a Class A school with a modest athletic history, played a full district schedule in boys basketball for the first time last season. The Royals won the district's top seed with a 6-0 mark. In postseason play, Ashland defeated Rose Hill for the district and region champi-

onships, both in front of sellout crowds.

In all, the four games between Ashland and Rose Hill last season attracted more than 18,000 spectators. Fan interest prompted Rose Hill to move regular-season home games against Ashland and Boyd, as well as the district tournament, to larger Boyd County Middle School gymnasium.

Attendance exceeded 9,000 for the three Rose Hill-Boyd County games.

The only meetings between Rose Hill and Ashland or Boyd

(See ROSE HILL, page five)



The Allen Central High School baseball team.

courtesy photo

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Bill Luster, the best photographer ever produced in this state.

■ **HARLAN** — Cawood Ledford was one of my dearest friends, and I've known Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones and Dickie Parsons for years. 'Nuf said.

■ **HAZARD** — I stayed at The La Citadel the last time I was there. In the first State Tournament game I ever saw, Johnny Cox led Gobel Ritter's Bulldogs to a 74-66 win over Adair County for the 1955 championship.

■ **JEFFERSONVILLE, IN.** — When I was a seventh-grader at Louisville's Manual Junior High in 1955-'56, I saw our football team beat the Red Devils, 14-6, at Manual Stadium. I also saw Jeff's Mike Flynn play a lot of games for UK from 1972-'75. And I like to play golf at the Jeff Elks course.

■ **LEITCHFIELD** — This town southwest of Elizabethtown is too near Caneyville to suit me. Caneyville is the school that upset my alma mater, Lexington Henry Clay, in the 1962 State Tournament. The last time I was in the Leitchfield area, I did a column about the opening of the new Bank of Clarkson.

■ **LONDON** — I covered Laurel County's G.J. Smith and Paul Andrews when they played basketball at UK. Smith played on the UK freshman team during Adolph Rupp's last season in 1971-'72 and was a sub on the 1975 NCAA runner-up team. Andrews will forever be remembered as the star of Laurel County's 1982 state championship team. In the title game, he swished a midcourt heave at the buzzer for a 53-51 win over North Hardin.

■ **MIDDLESBORO** — The most schizophrenic town in the state because its citizens are divided more or less equally between UK and Tennessee. Middlesboro native Ken Roark, one of the finest UK football centers I've ever seen, made the All-Southeastern Conference team as a senior in 1980, the same year he served as UK's offensive captain and was named the team's MVP. A question: Is the Sports Center

pool hall still open and is Snooks White still running it?

■ **MONTICELLO** — I wasn't around to see Monticello's 11-0 record ruined by Somerset, 19-17, in the 1917 State Tournament, but I was selling soft drinks at UK's Memorial Coliseum in 1958 when Coach Joe Harper took his team to the semifinals before losing to eventual champ St. Xavier. Two years later, Monticello lost to Flaget, 65-56, in the championship game at Freedom Hall.

The names I remember are Don and Fred Frye, Kay Ledbetter, and Gene Pendleton. Uncle Ed Diddle began his coaching career here.

■ **MOREHEAD** — I covered the Adron Doran University — ah, Morehead State — football team when Mike Gottfried of ESPN fame was the quarterback in 1965.

At around that same time, I covered the Morehead team that integrated its basketball team with Lamar Green and Willie Jackson. The late Steve Hamilton, who played on championship teams in both major-league baseball and the NBA, was a dear friend, as is current coach Kyle Macy.

■ **NEW ALBANY, IN.** — Greg Deuser was a member of U of L's 1980 NCAA championship team, and Pat Graham had a nice, but injury-marred, career for Indiana Coach Bob Knight from 1989-'94. But this city's favorite native son is golfer Fuzzy Zoeller, winner of the 1979 Masters and 1984 U.S. Open, both of which I covered for the C-J.

■ **OLIVE HILL** — The home of sportswriter John McGill, one of my former bosses at the Herald-Leader. He's still going strong as the State Tournament historian. McGill knows better than anyone that Olive Hill High went to the "Sweet Sixteen" four times between 1944 and '59. Dale Barker and Bert Greene were the stars of the '59 Olive Hill team that made it to the semifinals before losing to eventual champ North Marshall.

■ **PRESTONSBURG** — My friend Darrell Luxmore, former star basketball player at Martin High, says he reads my columns in the Floyd County Times. I've spent many nights in Allen as guests of Bill Malone and his nephew, Jim Bill Fraysure.

■ **RICHMOND** — I began

covering Roy Kidd in 1959, when he was the head coach at Madison Model High. I did a story for Sports Illustrated about basketball star James "Turk" Tillman, who transferred from Maryland to Eastern in the mid-1970s. But I want to know if there's still a restaurant called Ma Kelly's and a college bar named Spec's. And whatever happened to Dianne Hendricks, who won the "Miss Cheerleader USA" title for Eastern in the mid-1960s?

■ **RUSSELLVILLE** — Not to bring up a sore subject, but I covered Russellville's 33-7 loss to Elkhorn City in the 1964 Class A state championship football game at UK's Stoll Field. The losers were coached by Waymond Morris, a former UK running back. As something of a Civil War buff, I was interested to note that Russellville is known as "The Confederate Capital of Kentucky in the Free State of Logan."

■ **RUSSELL SPRINGS** — In 1976, the last time I was here, I interviewed Ted Owens, who had correctly guessed the winner of every Presidential election for 20 years for what he laughingly called the "Russell Springs Institute of Public Opinion." He picked Jimmy Carter to beat Gerald Ford that November.

■ **SOMERSET** — I went to Transylvania with a Somerset girl named Mary Richard Shearer, but she was dating a former Briar Jumper football star named Star Evins, so I realized I had no chance. Somerset also was the home of the late U.S. Senator John Sherman Cooper, whom I always admired for his independence, and Ray Correll, one of the best linemen ever to play football at UK. I also remember covering a Somerset High basketball player named Kenny Sears who went on to play at Vanderbilt.

■ **WHITLEY CITY** — This town on US 27, which stretches across the state from Alexandria in the north to Strunk in the south, is mainly known as the seat of McCreary County. I know I've been through there on the way to Somerset or some other place near Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, but I swear I don't know its main claim to fame, proving yet again that I still have much to learn about Kentucky.

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Allen Central Lady Rebs down Prestonsburg

Rebels score five runs in last inning to defeat P'burg

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Lady Rebs played host to the Lady

Blackcats of Prestonsburg on Monday evening in 57th District softball play, with the home team came away with an exciting 20-19 come-from-behind win.

In a game that saw the two teams combine for 39 runs, it was the Lady Rebs who got the last laugh.

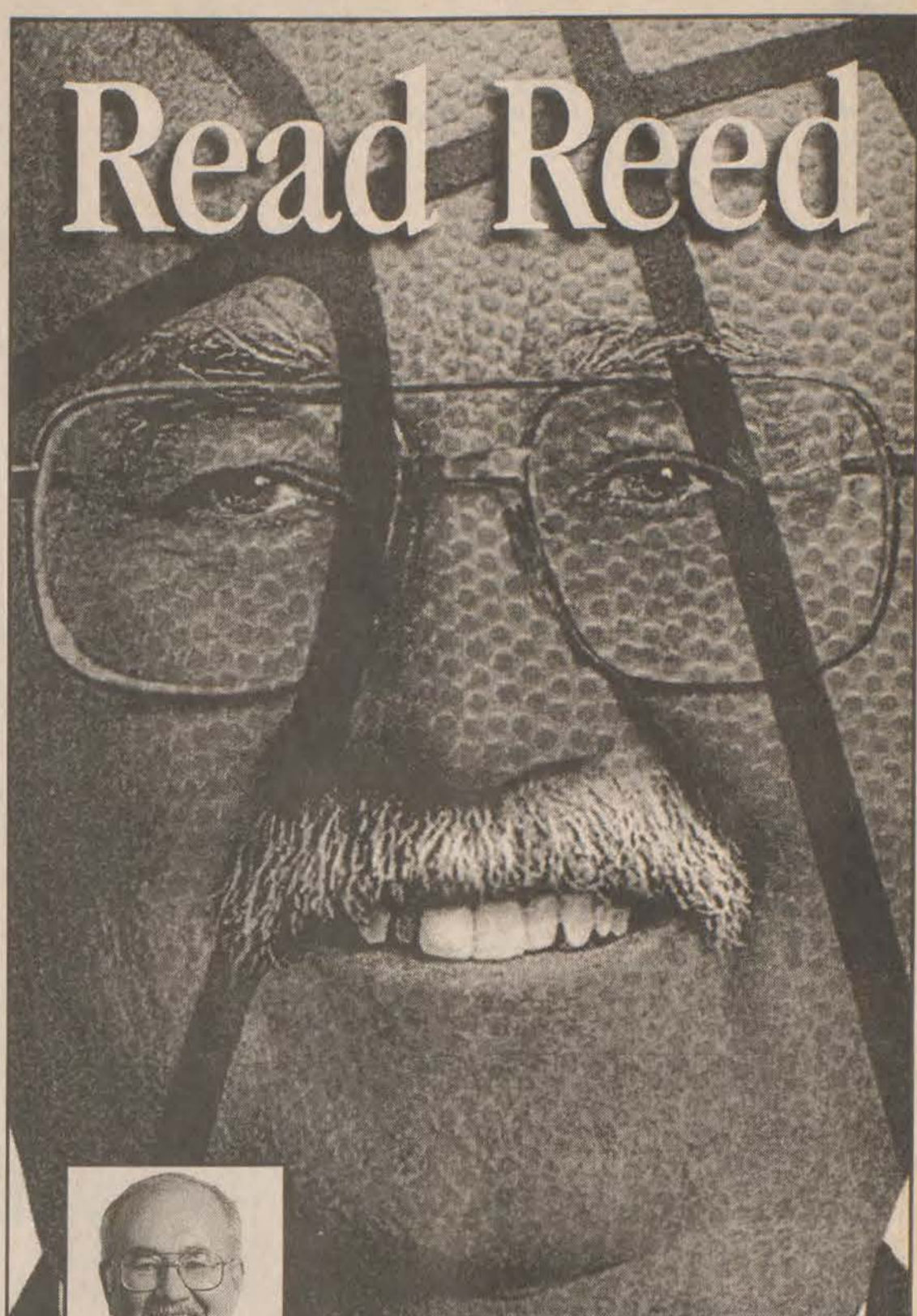
The Lady Blackcats found

themselves trailing 15-11 heading into the final inning, but the cats would rally for eight runs in their final at bat. Megan Hyden's two run single got the Blackcat rally started, and after the dust had settled Prestonsburg had sent twelve batters to the plate and scored eight times. The Blackcat faithful had to feel good about holding a 19-15 lead with the Lady Rebs down to their final at bat, but Allen Central had something else in mind.

The Lady Rebs had already defeated P'burg just two weeks ago and wanted to repeat that win again on Monday. Alanna Cline started the AC rally reaching base on a P'burg error, and Jeni Jo Spurlock followed with a walk.

Tabitha Caudill singled up the middle for the Lady Rebs scoring Cline and Spurlock advanced to third. Terri Mullins followed Caudill's single with a single of her own, scoring both Spurlock and Caudill. Tiffany Turner reached base on a walk, and after a strikeout Lora Gibson singled home Turner to win the game.

Allen Central had three players record three hits each in the contest (Tabitha Caudill, Terri Ann Mullins, Tiffany Turner) and everyone in the Lady Reb



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■ AUTO RACING

WYMT signs on to air LPIR events

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - Lonesome Pine International Raceway and WYMT TV-57 have announced that four LPIR events will be filmed this season then edited and shown at a later date. WYMT-TV, a CBS affiliate in Hazard, has a coverage area which includes the Coeburn, Va. area, along with southeastern and Eastern Kentucky. The dates are May 4, June 1, July 13 and August 3.

WYMT jumped into the racing fold last season by filming

and showing at a later date a UDTRA race from Thunder Ridge in Prestonsburg.

All of the LPIR Late Model Stock events will be 100 laps. All other divisions will also run on those nights.

Allen businessman Willard Kinzer is the new owner of LPIR. Shortly after acquiring the Virginia track, it didn't take Kinzer long to make some improvements and get the track back on track. LPIR is back under the NASCAR banner and

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Rose Hill

County next season will come in the district tournament.

"My first reaction is why?" said Rose Hill boys basketball coach Jeff Hall. "Secondly, those schools have to do what they feel they need to do, and we are going to do the things we need to do. Playing in a seeded district, everybody should be playing each other for seeding purposes. Ashland and Boyd County chose this route of a boycott, or whatever you want to call it, of boys basketball at Rose Hill."

Boyd County followed Ashland's lead in leaving Rose Hill off the 2002-03 schedule.

"We as a school feel it's not in the best interest right now of our boys basketball program to play Rose Hill," said David Bayes, athletic director at Boyd County. "Our coaches decide year by year who they want to play. If a coach comes to me and says they do or don't want to play somebody, I'm going to honor that request."

Hall said the decision "makes you sit and wonder."

"If it's not in their best interest to play Rose Hill in boys basketball, and if they are willing to allow individual coaches to make decisions on golf, soccer or whatever, I think that answers a lot of questions of people in the Tri-State area."

Hall said.

Hall said the players from Ashland and Boyd County may want some answers, too.

"They do have several of their own players scratching their hands, wondering why they're not playing Rose Hill," Hall said. "I spoke to one (player) in passing the other day, this student said he didn't know why we weren't playing. I just wished him well."

Before this season, Rose Hill had never come close to beating Ashland or Rose Hill. But seventh-grader O.J. Mayo, a second-team All-State selection, and newcomer Marques Dawson led the team to a 27-4 record and Hall was named the state's Associated Press Coach of the Year.

"It's amazing to me it was in their best interest to play when they were beating Rose Hill by 60 points, but not now," Hall said. "I think it was Steve Spurrier who said that a lot of people pat you on the back when they beat you on the scoreboard, but they stop when it's you beating them. There's a lot of truth to that."

Swift said Ashland's decision not to play Rose Hill doesn't represent a blanket policy against private schools.

"It's isolated for us because of the uniqueness of the situation," Swift said. "It's different because of the circumstances surrounding the rapid rise of Rose Hill's program and the loss of student-athletes incurred to our school system. We also allow our coaches to have signif-

icant input in scheduling, and our decision certainly reflects the wishes of Mike Flynn."

Lawrence County, the other member of the 64th District, will continue to play Rose Hill.

"We are going to stay consistent with our original statement," said Lawrence County athletic director Joey Cecil. "As far as we're concerned, the KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association) has not deemed them out of compliance."

"We want to get to the point where we can contend for the regional championship. To do that, you have to beat the best teams."

Seeding criteria for the 64th District Tournament is uncertain and will probably be determined at a meeting of the schools in February.

Competition between Rose Hill and both Ashland and Boyd County in other sports also appears to be in jeopardy.

Swift said Ashland had games previously scheduled with Rose Hill in boys and girls soccer.

"However, I was informed by Rose Hill leadership that if we don't play them in boys basketball, they would not schedule us in anything else," Swift said.

Rose Hill's boys basketball schedule is upgraded overall, including an early-season trip to play defending state champion Lexington Catholic. The Royals will compete in such prestigious tournaments as the King of the Bluegrass Holiday Classic and Fifth-Third Bank Kentucky Holiday Classic, as well as the one-day Adolph Rupp Classic. Also, Rose Hill will host the Marathon District Prep Classic, a four-team event in mid-February.

"We've haven't skipped a beat," Hall said. "The four games we're not playing with Ashland and Boyd County hasn't hurt our schedule whatsoever."

Other 16th Region teams on Rose Hill's schedule along with Lawrence County include Elliott County, Russell, Morgan County, Greenup County, Lewis County and East Carter. The Royals also will play Paintsville and Johnson Central.

"It's a great schedule that's going to challenge our players every time they walk out on the floor," Hall said.

Ashland made several eye-catching additions of its own with home games against Scott County, Simon Kenton and Tates Creek. Boyd County replaced Rose Hill with a home-and-away series against Paintsville.

"I think basketball will be fine, as interesting and exciting as ever," Bayes said.

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Sideline

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President Dr. Lee Todd. In addition to Orberon's gift, the Nutter family also made a donation toward the construction of the facility. The Nutter family has been the major benefactor for two UK football buildings, the Nutter Training Facility (completed 1987) and the Nutter Field House (completed 1993). Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nutter, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nutter, and Zoe Nutter are expected to attend Saturday's event.

Now, all UK has to do is get the grid program back on track. What's back on track? A break-even season? No, a winning season. Things will only get better when the UK grid team wins ball games and is able to compete in the tough SEC.

George Claiborne, brother of the former UK football coach,

was present at the dedications. "Jerry and I were two of a large family," said the elder Claiborne. "I was seventh and he was eighth of nine. It is my privilege to represent our family and I'm sorry his family couldn't all be here. They are in

Virginia, Maryland, Oregon and California.

"When Jerry resigned at Maryland to come to Kentucky I said, 'What in the world are you thinking about?' He had developed a real strong program in Maryland and he said, 'You

don't know how hard I worked at this. I feel guilty not doing it at the university I am so fond of. 'He did a great job of bring-

ing our program back at Kentucky. Representing our family and his family is a great honor. If there is a right way, the

Jerry Claiborne way is as close to it as anybody can get. We are

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Golf

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made in making this beautiful course a reality. Head course pro Larry G. Ward makes himself available to the needs of all patrons and even offers golf instruction. The Prestonsburg course caters to all ranges of golfers ability as four sets of tees are arranged on each hole. The course itself measures from 5,137 yards from the women's tees, to 7,011 yards from the championship tees. Each hole with the exception of No. 13 has bunkers that line the fairways and greens, and water does come into play on five of the 18 holes. The course is a challenge for the long hitters as one of the par 5s is 570 yards in length.

And for the players who love the short game, Hole No. 5 measures only 140 yards. The course is well kept as the maintenance department keeps the greens and fairways in top condition.

Some of the beautiful views from the top of the mountain can be seen in the pictures included with the story. For anyone who has not yet made the track to StoneCrest, treat yourself to the best in area golf and head out for a round at the newest gem in the Eastern Kentucky area. No longer does one have to go to Lexington to play on the best golf courses. Now area players can tell people to come see what we have.

GRADE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Allen volleyball teams keeping pace

'B' team began week undefeated; 'A' sits with one loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Allen Elementary School girls' volleyball team continues to play well. The AES B-Team scored its first win of the season, beating Allen Central Middle School 13-6 and 15-10 to notch the first victory. In the second match of the season, AGS beat South Floyd two games to none, 15-6, 15-4. In the first game versus South Floyd Alesia Hall had eight service points. In the third outing of the season Allison Hamilton and Hall combined for 10 consecutive service points in match number one. In the sec-

ond match, Brittany Waugh served for six points while Ashley Moore, Hamilton and Hall served for three points apiece. Allen went on to win the outing 15-4, 15-4. The fourth game of the season saw Allen down Adams 15-2, 15-8.

The Allen A-Team is out to a 3-1 start in county grade school net action. Allen lost its first game of the season to Allen Central, then went to to win three straight.

The second time out the Allen 'A' squad beat South Floyd, two games to one.

Elizabeth Mosely sparked the Lady Eagles with eight straight points off serves in match number one. In the third match versus South Floyd, Alissa Johnson had nine straight points off serves.

Allen's A-Team beat Allen Central 15-5, 15-6 in the third contest of the season. Kelly Clark sparked the Lady Eagles in the Allen Central affair, scoring 10 straight points. Clark served up points 6-10 in the first match. In the second match, Amber Stewart and Megan Goble served for a total of 10 points. Goble also had an attack.

Allen won its third game of the season by downing Adams 15-3, 15-11. Johnson scored nine service points and added six digs in the first match. Shonda Collins helped to lead the way for Allen in the second match with five service points. Johnson added five service tallies of her own. Alanna Cline and Brittany Wright combined for five service points in both matches.

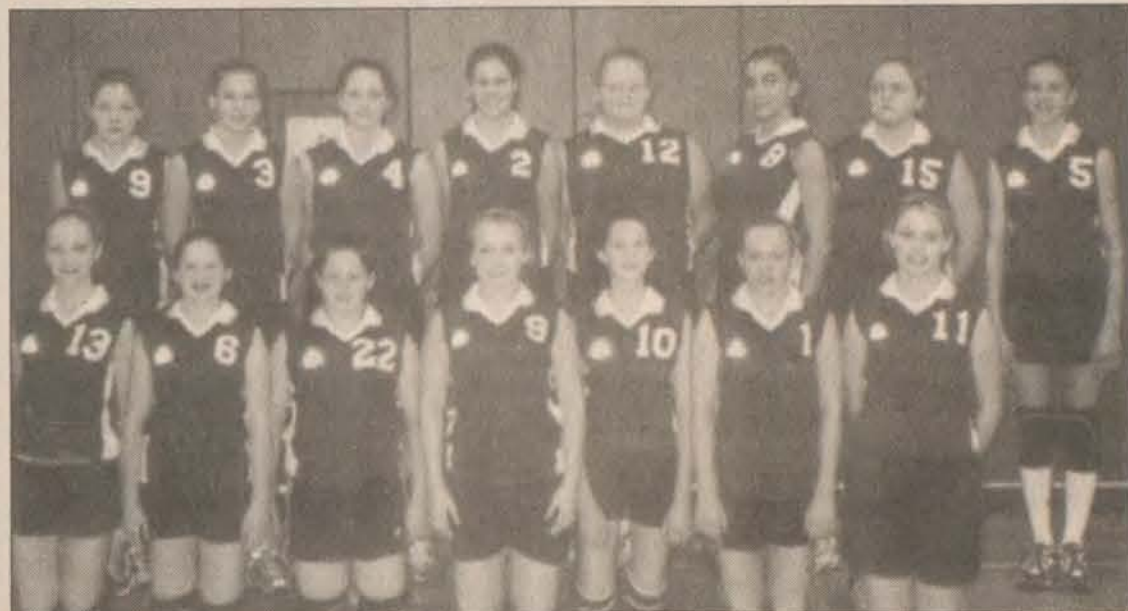
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The AES volleyball team. Pictured, front row (left to right): Rikki Murray, Kristin Boyd, Brittney Waugh, Kassie Prater, Allison Hamilton, Alesia Hall, Ashley Moore. Back row (left to right): Alissa Johnson, Kelly Clark, Shonda Collins, Amber Stewart, Megan Goble, Elizabeth Mosley, Alanna Cline and Brittany Wright. Coach Martin Newberry is not pictured.

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looking forward to a very good race season.

The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) announced that Lonesome Pine International Raceway, a 3/8-mile oval track in Coeburn, Va., has re-joined the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series presented by Dodge earlier this year in January.

"Lonesome Pine is a first-rate facility, and we are very glad to welcome them back into the NASCAR family in 2002," stated Chris Boals, director of the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series and NASCAR Touring. "The management team of Larry and Gloria Barbare have been wonderful assets to the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series presented by Dodge and they have a tremendous amount of experience with other facilities. This year we expect to see some great racing at Lonesome Pine, and the type of fun, family events that will make the raceway a cornerstone of sports and entertainment in the area." NASCAR had sanctioned Lonesome Pine during previous years, and this sanctioning agreement marks Lonesome

Pine's return to the program following a brief hiatus.

Founded in 1972, Lonesome Pine International Raceway features late model stock cars, limited sportsman, grand stocks (formerly pure stocks), modified 4's and mini 4's as its regular weekly racing divisions. As the track's feature division, late model teams will now be eligible for the regional and national championships of the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series presented by Dodge, which includes a \$1.7 million point fund distributed among the top-nine finishers in each of the series' designated regions throughout the country. In addition to the national and regional championship awards, the top-five finishers in the Lonesome Pine late model division point standings will share a total of \$2,000 in bonus money from NASCAR.

In the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series presented by Dodge, regional championships are determined using the Competition Performance Index (CPI), a mathematical formula that uses each drivers' statistics to establish a championship ranking in each region. Each of

the regional champions is then compared against each other to determine the national champion.

Lonesome Pine has also designated its limited sportsman division to participate in the ShorTrack Division of the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series presented by Dodge. In this program, drivers in the designated support division are measured using the same CPI formula, and each regional champion receives \$2,500 along with a \$10,000 bonus to the ShorTrack Division national champion. The 2002 limited sportsman track champion at Lonesome Pine will also receive a \$1,000 bonus as part of the ShorTrack Division of the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series presented by Dodge.

Rebels

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lineup recorded at least one hit. Megan Hyden led the Lady Cat attack going 5-6 from the plate and driving in three runs. With the win the Lady Rebels completed a season sweep of Prestonsburg in girls' softball.

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PAINTSVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE IN 49TH YEAR

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – This year marks the 49th year anniversary of Little League Baseball in Paintsville. The Paintsville league has grown from a one-division league, with four teams in 1953, to seven divisions with over 30 teams this season.

Each year has seen growth in registration. The number of registered players has also continued to grow with each year.

“We strive to offer the best facilities and structure, for our program,”

said President Robert Lyons. “We feel our program is second to none.”

The Paintsville program is always competitive, including All-Star competition. The program has won six Kentucky State Championships in different divisions. Paintsville teams have been runner-up eight times. The league has also hosted state tournaments. This season, the league hopes to continue its streak of having at least one team in a State Tournament. For the past 14 years the league has had at least one team in state tourney play.

“We are extremely proud of our

accomplishments and we have the community of Paintsville to thank,” said Lyons.

The 9-10 year olds All-Stars have won 48 straight games, in the Area 2-District 7 Tournament and have not even lost a game, during the last 10 years.

The league plans on inviting Governor Paul Patton, Little League President Steven Keener and numerous other politicians, to its 50th anniversary ceremonies in 2003.

“We have some of the best facilities in the state and what better way to have our 50th anniversary, but

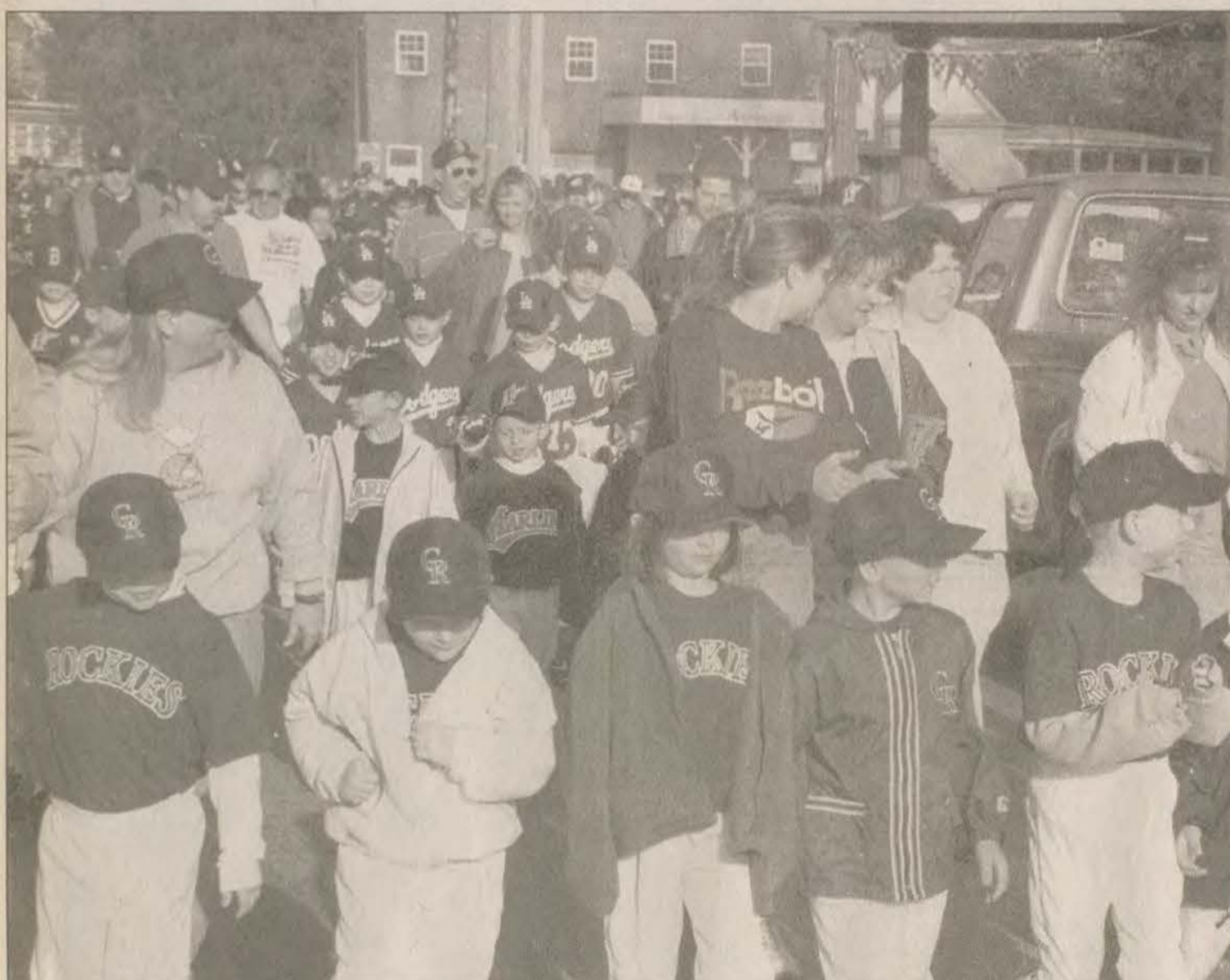
with Little League people,” said Lyons.

Opening Day activities were held April 13.

This year the Minor League program uses live pitching for the first 3 innings and the pitching machine, for the remainder of the game.

In three years, Paintsville Little League will host a Central Region qualifier game for the prestigious Little League World Series.

From time-to-time this season, The Times will spotlight are Little League charters.



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Worthy of high praise

by CLYDE PACK

About the only time my little brother Joe and I were really forced to be quiet around the house was when President Roosevelt or John L. Lewis were mentioned on the radio.

To put it mildly, Roosevelt and John L. (everybody was on a first-name basis with the union leader) were both considered worthy of high regard. They were bigger than life. Their words were important to my father, as was typical of an Eastern Kentucky coal miner.

Of course, FDR was commander-in-chief of our armed forces currently

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engaged in war in Europe and Asia. The men fighting were family members and friends who'd left these mountains by the hundreds.

On the other hand, Lewis had just recently affected the entire

area by implementing positive changes in the mining industry. He undoubtedly could have also been elected president of the United States himself if coal miners could have been the only ones voting.

Anyway, what rekindled these thoughts about these two historic characters in the first place were remarks I heard on Ollie North's radio show the other day. The host and one of his guests took turns bashing several of our recent presidents.

Anyway, it got me to thinking. If my father had heard someone on the radio talking about FDR in that manner, he would have been appalled and may have even loaded up his .12 gauge shotgun and shot the radio. So what's the difference? What's changed? Why isn't the President of the United States of America viewed with the same respect he was back then?

Of course, one reason is likely the news media. It has advanced—or regressed, depending upon your perspective—to the point that the president can't even sneeze without people all over the world knowing it in less time than it takes a country boy to play "Rocky

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CORRECTION

In the April 17 edition of "Lifestyles," it was incorrectly stated that "Muffin," a West Highland terrier owned by Sherry Prater was the winner of the "Munroe's Pick" award given out at the SNOOP Pet Photo Contest held on April 13. "Muffin" was actually the winner of the "Top Dog" award.

Lifestyles

Lecture series to focus on Alzheimer's Disease

The Alzheimer's Association Eastern KY office will be sponsoring a series of lectures in the weeks to come. The lecture series is free and open to all who are interested in learning more about Alzheimer's Disease.

The series will begin on Tuesday, May 21, with an

opening lecture entitled, "What everyone needs to know about memory loss," speaker, Eugenia Y. Tackett. This lecture will involve learning about our memory process and how aging can affect our daily living activities.

On Tuesday, August 20, "Communicating and Relating"

will be the evening's topic, speaker to be announced. This lecture will focus on approaches to communicating with loved ones who are suffering memory loss.

Later in the year, on Tuesday, November 19, "Planning for the Future" will be conducted by a panel of

experts in the areas of legal, financial, and long-term care. This lecture will focus on planning for the future when faced with Alzheimer's Disease or another related disorder.

All lectures will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Big Sandy Area Development District office, located at Cliff,

at 100 Resource Drive. From U.S. 23, take the Prestonsburg Community College exit and turn left at the second road.

The Big Sandy ADD building is a brick building located near the Schwan's Foods Building.

For more information, contact Eugenia Y. Tackett at 606-886-9016.

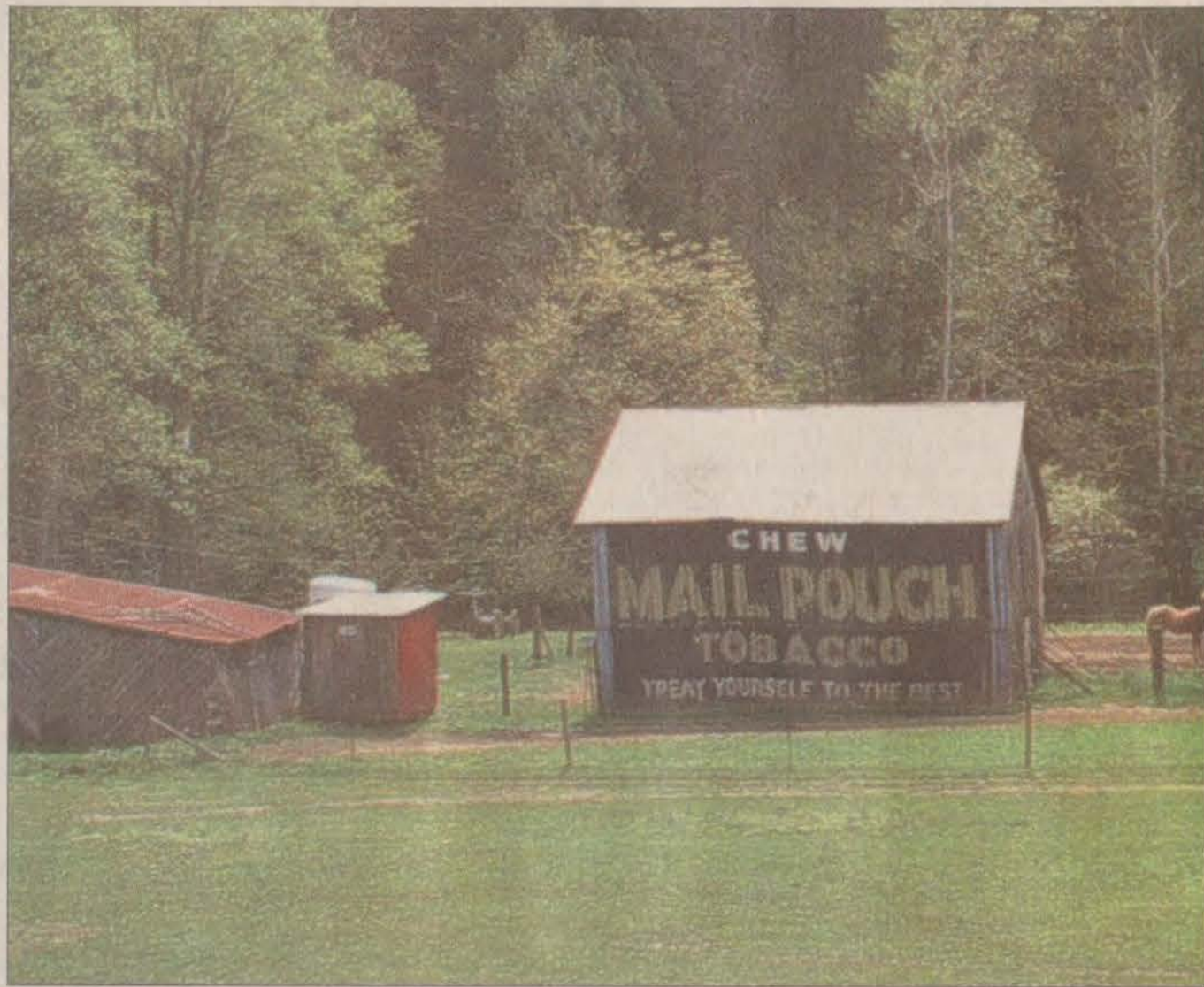


photo by Kathy J. Prater

A familiar scene depicted on postcards throughout the South and immortalized by many local artists. This barn sits on the farm of Sharon and Junior Holbrook, along Route 114 between Prestonsburg and Salyersville.

KENTUCKY

I N S P I R A T I O N S

Kentucky, as we all know, is a state that no other can compare with in terms of natural beauty. Eastern Kentucky, in particular, offers sights that not only inspire the poet within, but

nourish the soul as well. This week, we offer words inspired by our wondrous state and region written by two local poets. The accompanying photographs are of local scenes.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

This beautiful and well-maintained home sits along Montgomery Lane, on Abbott Creek. It is the "old home-place" of Billy Richmond and Thelma Pruitt. The house, according to Mrs. Pruitt, is "about 150 years old."

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School HAPPENINGS

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ APRIL is CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH — to obtain a blue ribbon to show your support, stop by the center or call 886-9812.

■ April 15-26 — CATS/CTBS testing window. Students should be at school, punctual and well-rested for testing.

■ April 30 — Free Basic Computer class will be held at the school, 6:00 p.m. Call the Youth Services Center for more information or to register for the class.

■ May 2 — The AMS Y-Club will host a "Household Shower" in honor of Jennifer West and her family. The West's lost all of their household possessions in a recent fire that destroyed their home. All friends and area families are cordially invited to attend the shower. The shower will be held in the AMS Library from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m.

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone: 874-0621

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE- each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families

(See SCHOOL, page two)

Ball advocates for adoption of state Latin motto

Allison Ball, the daughter of Ron and Amy Ball, of Lexington and Prestonsburg, participated in a presentation before the Kentucky State Government Committee this past March.

On March 12 of this year, Ball joined a group of Kentucky college and high school students in asking House lawmakers to consider a request for the adoption of a state Latin motto.

The motto, "Deo gratiam habeamus," which means in English, "With gratitude to God," was proposed by students from Mars Hill High School, in Lexington, and Highlands Latin School, Louisville. The motto was taken from language that existed in the preamble to the state's Constitution.

Ball, who served as spokesper-



Allison Ball

(See BALL, page three)

NOTES on the prevention of child abuse

submitted article by Sherrie Tibbs, training coordinator, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, but child abuse is something we need to think about each day. Each year, more than 3 million children in the United States are reported as being abused or neglected, according to statistics released by Prevent Child Abuse America, the nation's leading child abuse prevention organization. Approximately one million of these

cases are confirmed and an estimated 1,100 children die each year due to abuse and neglect.

Child abuse can be defined as an injury or pattern of injuries to a child that is non-accidental. Child abuse includes physical abuse, neglect, emotional maltreatment, and sexual abuse. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, hitting, kicking, biting, harmful restraint, beating or use of a weapon against the child. Some indicators of physical abuse can be bruises, welts, bites, burns - especially cigarette burns - fractures, and

abrasions. Neglect occurs when a child's needs are not met or when the child is not properly cared for. Some examples of neglect are poor hygiene, abandonment, consistent lack of supervision or unattended medical needs. Emotional maltreatment occurs when a child is verbally attacked and called names, ridiculed, threatened, belittled, constantly criticized, and controlled. When emotional abuse happens it can cause the child to have speech disorders, ulcers, severe allergies, substance abuse problems, and delayed physi-

cal development.

Sexual abuse happens when someone imposes himself or herself on a child in a sexual way or exploits the child in some way such as touching, fondling, pornography, or allowing a child to watch sexual acts. Indicators of child sexual abuse are difficulty in walking or sitting, frequent urinary or yeast infections, venereal disease, stained or bloody underclothing, or bruises or bleeding in external genitalia.

(See ABUSE, page three)

Middle Creek Baptist Quiz Team excels with winning season

The Middle Creek Baptist Church Bible Quiz team competed in a championship event on Saturday, April 6. The event was held at Bledsoe Baptist Church. Churches participating in the event were Bledsoe Baptist, Victory Baptist, Grethel Baptist, Justiceville Baptist, Lighthouse Baptist, and Middle Creek Baptist.

Representing the Middle Creek Baptist team were Krystal Pitts, Amy Hughes, Joseph Gilliam, Erica Pitts, Buddy Bieger,

(See CHURCH, page four)



Members of the Middle Creek Baptist Church Quiz Team. From left to right: Erica Pitts, Buddy Bieger, Corey Pitts, Amy Hughes, Krystal Pitts (holding plaque), and Joseph Gilliam. Pastor John Baughman also shown at right.

Abuse

Listed are a few simple ways each of us can help prevent child abuse and neglect:

■ Be a nurturing parent. Children need to know that they are special and loved.

■ Help a friend, neighbor or relative. Being a parent isn't easy. Someone you know may be struggling with his or her parenting responsibilities. Offer a helping hand.

■ Help yourself. When the big and little problems of everyday life pile up to the point you feel overwhelmed and out of control, take a time out. Don't take it out on your child.

■ If your baby cries....It can be very frustrating to hear your baby cry, especially when nothing you do to stop the crying seems to work. Learn what to do if your baby doesn't stop crying. But always remember -

Never shake a baby!

■ Get involved. Advocate for services to families.

■ Monitor your child's television and computer use. Watching violent films on television or playing violent computer games can harm young children. Not only does it scare them, it also teaches them that aggression is a good way to handle frustration and solve problems.

■ Spend time playing with your children....or simply read to them.

■ Report suspected abuse and neglect. Keeping children safe is the responsibility of every one in our community. If you have reason to suspect a child has been or may be harmed, call 1-800-432-9251.

Show your support during Child Abuse Prevention Month by wearing a blue ribbon. For additional information on child abuse, please contact Mountain Comprehensive Care's Victim Services Program at 886-4397.

Ball

son for the Mars Hill Latin Society, believes that a Latin motto would help promote the study of Latin in Kentucky schools. "The passage of a Latin motto," she said, "would promote Latin study as an important and viable endeavor for Kentucky students."

Additionally, Ball believes that Latin is the language of learning and that instituting a Latin motto would be an implicit acknowledgment that Kentucky places a high priority on academics.

"Many people don't know," she said, "that one of the world centers of spoken Latin is right here in Kentucky - at the Latin institute run by Dr. Terence Tunburg at the University of

Kentucky, where students from across the nation and around the world come every summer to spend a week speaking Latin, and only Latin."

The Mars Hill Latin Society, which promotes medieval or Christian Latin, serves as a springboard for the Christian Latin Society of America. For more information about this society, visit its website at www.christianlatin.org.

House lawmakers passed the request and it is now awaiting approval from the state governor.

Allison Ball is a sophomore at Georgetown College.

She is the granddaughter of Prentess and Christine Ball, of Prestonsburg.

Kentucky is My Home

by C.M. ISAACS

There is no place like Kentucky
With its ripening fields of corn;
And the dark and luscious foliage,
Sparkling in the dew of morn,
Like little balls of clearest crystal
Dancing in the early breeze,
And the misty morning sunrise
Glistening like diamonds on the trees.

It's great to travel the countryside
And the whispering, babbling waterways;
To view the rebuds and dogwoods
In their glorious floral display;
To travel deep into the dense woodlands,
To sip the fragrance of the flowers,
Or view the majesty of Nature's own terrarium
That follows the warmth of April showers.

Travel the rock-ribbed mountain highways,
Along the rivers coursing through,
Into the remote reaches of East Kentucky
Where marvelous wonders of natural features come into view;
Here the Russell River courses its waterway
Undereath a rocky, rugged mountain range,
Creating the mystery of a southern "Grand Canyon"
Scientific knowledge cannot explain.
Here many kinds of wildlife roam freely
In the natural habitat of their own,
Unperturbed by human intrusions—
This natural sanctuary is their home.

Come listen to the native talent
Of our musicians and their songs
Caroling out across the landscape
A way of life they've lived so long;
Ringing out from various musical instruments
Great musical talent few have come to know;
This musical cadence floating out across the valleys—
What a heritage to bestow.

Take me back ole' Kentucky,
Expansive fields of golden corn
Reaching out into the crimson sunset—
This is the place where I was born—
With the hay crops heavy in ripeness
To the mow for cows to eat,
Looking out into the blue horizon
Where earth and sky appear to meet.

It's here we find subsistence farming
On mountain slopes both high and steep;
And here within earth's silent bosom
Our ancestors in their silence sleep.
The quietude of Nature is undisturbing
To those who long since have gone to rest,
And now its silenced in their peaceful slumber
Among the members of the blessed.

Our mountains have their institutions,
Our colleges and the medical schools,
To promote the richness of our culture
As our basic learning tools.
In some ways we may be different,
In some ways misunderstood,
Many mutual things we share in common
That makes us one great brotherhood.

Lay aside unfounded prejudices,
Accept our people as they are,
Learn from them of our rich culture
That together we travel far
In our knowledge of each other,
And the common heritage we all may share;
For there is no single culture
That is good for everywhere.

I long to hear the horses braying,
And the bleating of the sheep,
And the mooing of the cattle
As they seem to moan and weep,
Or the clucking of the chickens,
And the squealing of the swine—
Reminiscent of dear ole' Kentucky
Reverberating in this heart of mine.

So, it's back to ole' Kentucky,
With its beauty and its thrills,
To view again the fading sunset
Dancing blithely on the hills.
So, it's back to ole' Kentucky
Where my heart so longs to be,
Among the mountains and the valleys
Where the air flows fresh and free.

I've walked the sloping mountainsides,
Along the crystal, babbling streams,
I've viewed the valleys, narrow and wide,
And cherished them in my dreams.
It's here beneath the sea-blue sky
My soul so yearns eternal rest;
So lay me down, no more to die,
In silent stillness among the blessed.

How I long for ole' Kentucky
Where birds melodious songs unfold
Like a stream of constant music
That's so soothing to my soul.
So, at the end of my life's journey,
Beneath the green Kentucky sod,
Lay me down to sleep forever—
Securely in the arms of God.

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Memories of Red Town

by JUDITH "JUDY" HALL

Red Town is the place I grew up in,
It has changed a lot since way back then,
A mining town, it once was said,
All the houses were painted red.

That is how it got its name,
This good 'ole town is not the same,
Since friends and loved ones are gone,

(See POEM, page four)

Happy Birthday



Will turns 3!

Will Hedrick, the son of Billy and Tracey Hedrick, of Auxier, celebrated his third birthday on March 30, 2002, with a "Bob the Builder" theme birthday party held at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. Will is the grandson of Bonnie Caudill and the late James "Dee" Caudill and Bill and Debbie Hedrick. He is the great-grandson of Mary Hedrick and Lucille Ginther. He has one younger sister, Alyssa.

Organizations



Rep. Greg Stumbo met with Floyd County seniors in Frankfort. Shown in pic are Ruth Light, Mud Creek Center, and Brooksie Gayheart, McDowell Center.

Seniors rally in Frankfort

Senior citizens from Floyd County traveled to Frankfort for a visit to the state capitol on February 26. The purpose of their trip was to participate in "Senior Rally Day."

The seniors traveled on a luxury coach bus that was provided by Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Centers participating in the event were the Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center, the McDowell Senior Citizens Center, and the Martin Senior Citizens Center.

Meeting with legislators,

the seniors were provided the opportunity to inform the legislative body of their problems with inadequate funding needed to repair and improve their centers.

The seniors sat in on meetings of the state House of Representatives and Senate. They visited with Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Rep. Greg Stumbo. They also visited the offices of Gov. Paul Patton and Lt. Gov. Steven Henry.

Donna Thompson, Ellen Brown, Loretta Bentley, Edna Blackburn and Patsy Evans served as the day's chaperones.



American Legion Post 283 sponsors Easter event

The American Legion Post 283, Martin, held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 31. Winners in the 1-6 age group were Katlyn Allen and Leslie Johnson. Winners in the 7-12 age group were Nicholas Daviantis and Ashley Stone. Children attending the event were served refreshments by the Ladies Auxiliary.



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PSA

Reunion coming up? Follow these tips

(NUE) - Whether you were the prom queen or president of the audio visual club in high school, you're bound to be nervous about seeing your old class chums again.

High school reunions have a way of dredging up all the old insecurities that you had when you were a teenager. Are my clothes geeky? Is my face too oily? Am I too heavy? Are my teeth too crooked?

Forget who you were in high school and focus on who you are now. Follow these tips on looking and feeling your best for your high school reunion:

■ Be yourself. This No. 1 rule

will prevent you from doing something foolish, such as wearing an outfit that's more suited for a 19-year-old fashion model. Whether it's your clothes, your hair or your makeup, stick with what you know and with what you are comfortable. If you never wear makeup, you'll likely feel and look uncomfortable with your face all made up.

■ Choose your outfit wisely. Of course you want to look your best, but you don't want to overdo it or underdo it. Sure you may be most comfortable in jeans and a T-shirt, but if the event is more formal, you'll be sure to stand out (and not in a good way). Similarly, as great as you

may look in an evening gown, if the event is an outdoor barbecue, you're better off in a sun dress. Whatever you choose to wear, make sure your outfit is clean and pressed and free of any stains, rips or scuffs.

■ Wear your smile. Don't put off that trip to the dentist, because it'll be your smile that people notice first when you show up at the reunion. With all the advances in dentistry, such as teeth bleaching, invisible braces and The Wand, there's no excuse not to have a beautiful smile.

■ Look polished. Aside from what you wear, you want the rest of you to look fabulous as well.

Proper grooming goes a long way. Men look best with a fresh haircut and well-trimmed nails. Avoid heavy perspiration by using an antiperspirant and wearing light-colored, natural-

fiber clothing. Talcum powder can also help absorb sweat. Women are warned against going to a salon on the day of the event for anything other than a manicure or pedicure. It's best

to put two weeks between your salon visit and the event to allow for any bad hair, wax or facial experience to correct itself.

■ Minimize how you accessorize. Hollywood stylists always suggest that as you go out the door to your big event, take off one accessory. This is good advice. Too much jewelry may look like you're showing off.

Floyd County story lands 27 NEWSFIRST in National Spotlight

They are some of the most prestigious awards in journalism. WKYT-TV in Lexington is proud to announce that two dedicated employees have won Communicator Awards.

27 NEWSFIRST Anchor/Reporter Danny Trease and Photographer Ray Brown were recently honored in an international awards competition. Communicator Awards are presented to those entrants whose ability to communicate elevates them among the best in the field.

The awards were given in recognition of the exceptional work the two did on a series of reports on the February 28, 1958, school bus crash in Floyd County. Twenty-six children and their school bus driver died that day. Trease and Brown captured the agony that parents, friends and family endured after losing those youngsters. Several Floyd Countians re-lived those horri-

ble days spent searching the Big Sandy River. The reports also showed how the crash changed the way emergency response crews handle crisis situations in eastern Kentucky and across the state.

As winners of the Communicator Awards, 27 NEWSFIRST joins an exclusive list of professionals. ABC News,

20/20, the Discovery Channel, and the History Channel also won Communicator Awards.

WKYT-TV is proud of the work of these individuals and proud to serve central and eastern Kentucky.

WKYT-TV is a Gray Communications Company, with a sister station, WYMT-TV, in Hazard.

Martin County Coal Corporation continues their support of the Mountain Arts Center

Martin County Coal Corporation has been a long-time supporter of the Mountain Arts Center. Representatives from the coal corporation presented a check in the amount of \$15,000 to the MAC's new executive director, Pat Martin Bradley, on April 4.

The donation will be used for ongoing music, arts and education programs.

The Mountain Arts Center is a non-profit organization, and as such, depends upon state and federal grants, as well as the kind generosity of private individuals and companies for

financial support. The ongoing support of Martin County Coal Corporation is greatly appreciated.

From the time that the Mountain Arts Center was first conceived, music and arts education have been an integral part of the planning and development process. Indeed, much of the support for the Center can be attributed to the demonstrated need for expanded cultural opportunities for residents of the entire region of Eastern Kentucky. Consequently, a range of education programs and performance opportunities have been implemented by the Center since its opening.

Individuals or companies who are interested in contributing to the growth and expansion of programming being done at the Center should contact Pat Martin Bradley at 889-9125.

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A special invitation

The Drift Pentecostal Church will honor Bro. Ted Shannon's 45 years of pastoralship with a special anniversary celebration that will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2002, at 2 p.m., at the church. Various groups will attend to offer special singing and music, followed by dinner in the fellowship hall. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and to bring their own instruments and voices to join in the day's festivities. Please plan to attend.



■ Brett L. Rogers

Rogers recognized for achievement in science

Brett L. Rogers, the son of Lester and Sue Rogers, of Betsy Layne, has been selected by the United States Achievement Academy as a national award winner in science. The Academy recognizes fewer than ten percent of American students for this prestigious honor.

Brett was nominated for this award by Tammy Meade, his teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary.

Brett is the grandson of K.C. and Nola Rogers, of Harold, and Lakie Johnson, of Teaberry, and the late Kendrick Johnson.

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Gov. Paul Patton, and UK President Dr. Lee Todd, will be the speakers at the Friday night banquet of the 15th Annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference in Ashland, on April 26th.

Topics to be discussed during the April 26-27 conference include: Making UK Universal in Kentucky; Lawful Acts or Awful Legislation: The 2002 General Assembly and East Kentucky; The New Economics of Education; Community and Technical Colleges in Local Development; Dealing with Drugs; Rehab and Community Responses; Ecotourism: The Big One that is getting away in Eastern Kentucky; The Next Appalachian Agenda: An East Kentucky Platform for a New

Registration will be held at the Ashland Plaza Hotel, from 1-5 p.m. on Friday. The Friday reception begins at 4, followed by the 5 p.m. dinner. Saturday activities begin at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$35.

For registration information write to: Shellee Wilson, Ashland Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1509 Winchester Avenue, P.O. Box 987, Ashland, KY 41105-0987 or call (606) 329-1007, or by email at aacvb@visitashland-ky.com.

