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■ Stumbo Elementary, May 2, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Prestonsburg Elementary, May 3, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ McDowell Elementary, May 8, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and May 22, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

■ May Valley Elementary, May 14, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Clark Elementary, May 17, all day

■ Osborne Elementary, May 23, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and May 24, 12 to 3 p.m.

■ Allen Elementary, April 29 to May 10, call for an appointment.

Parents will pick up packets containing entrance requirements at this time.

Further information is available at the schools.

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Isolated storms

High: 74 • Low: 52

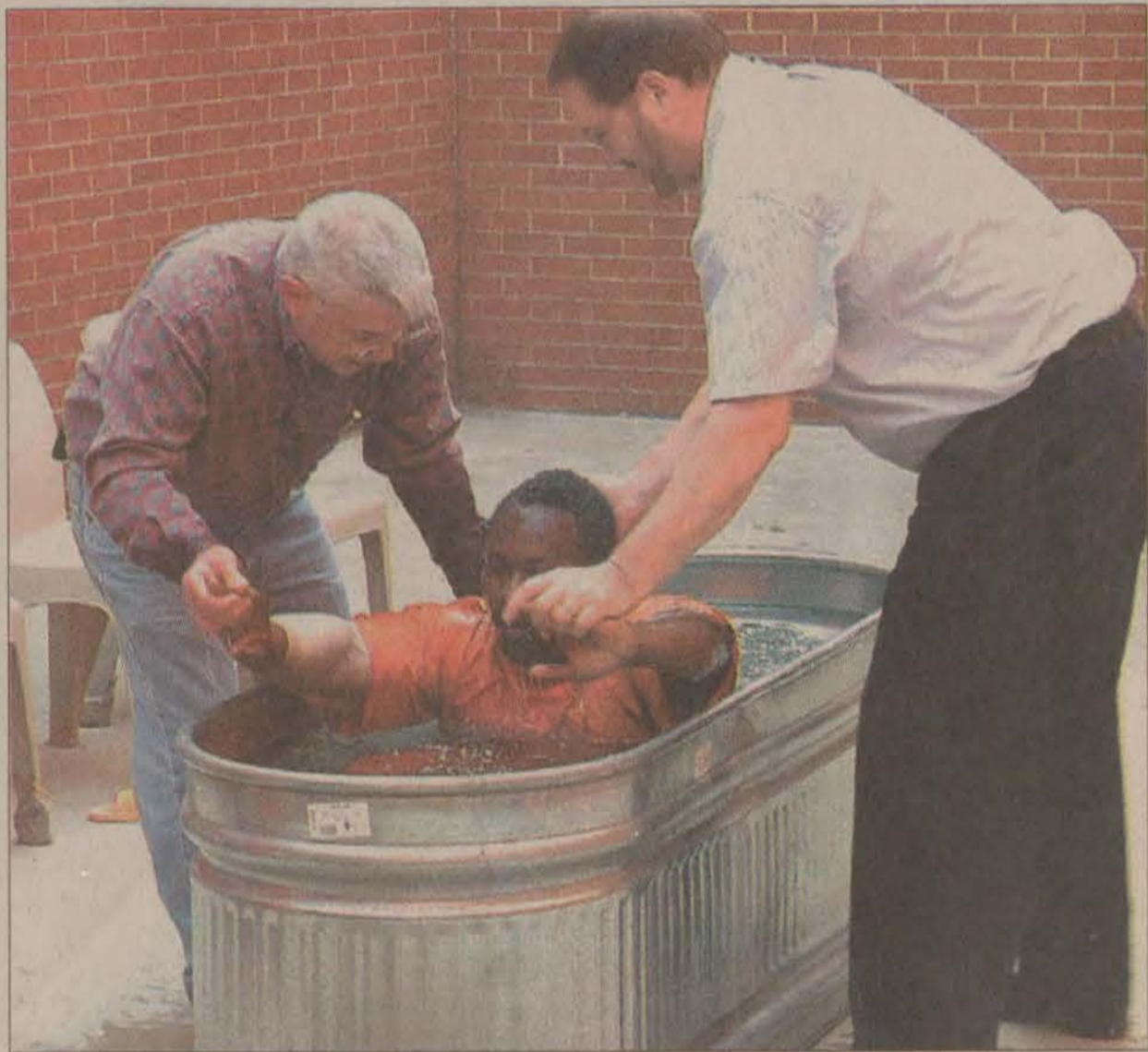
Tomorrow



Partly cloudy

High: 69 • Low: 40

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Craig Carr, inmate at the Floyd County Detention Center, was dunked in the water by Pastors Tom Nelson and Russ Taylor during a mass baptism held in the exercise yard of the facility.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

JAILHOUSE CONVERSIONS

Detention center holds baptism for inmates

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Detention Center looked more like a church Monday when eight inmates were baptized in a tub placed in the exercise yard of the facility.

Pastors Tom Nelson and Russ Taylor, both of the Town Branch Church in Prestonsburg, performed the ceremony.

The eight inmates who were baptized included six men and two women.

Patricia Shepherd, Christine Barnett, Craig Carr, Dennis Meredith, Ronnie Smith, Jonathan Crider, Terry Gayheart and Bryan

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Inmates at the Floyd County Detention Center waited to be baptized by Pastors Tom Nelson and Russ Taylor on Tuesday.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

FEMA changes mind about Floyd

County to receive disaster assistance

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

Assistance for damage caused by flooding that began on March 17 in areas of Floyd County has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Previously, in an April 4 disaster declaration, Floyd County was not among the areas selected for disaster aid.

According to Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, the county withstood approximately \$60,000 in flood

damages this year and had expected to absorb that cost.

The decision to add Floyd County to the list was approved after a review of the damage was gathered by local, federal and state disaster recovery officials.

Other counties newly added to the list include Johnson, Knott, Magoffin, Martin and Pike.

Residents and business owners in these counties are now able to apply for assistance from FEMA by calling a toll-free registration number, (800) 621-3362, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. through the week.

Women accused of smuggling pot in shoes

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Two Indiana women were arrested for promoting contraband at the Otter Creek Correctional Facility in Wheelwright on Saturday.

According to court records, Stephanie L. McFairidge, 21, and Ruth Y. Fresh, 31, were arrested and charged with first-degree promotion of contraband as a result of a transaction between Fresh and her husband.

The transaction was witnessed by correctional personnel during a visit. The court record alleges that Fresh used a blue and yellow balloon to conceal marijuana in her shoes.

According to Warden Randy Stovall, while Fresh was visiting her husband, Michael Fresh, staff witnessed her exchanging shoes with her husband. Fresh had worn shoes that were identical to her husband's.

(See WOMEN, page eight)

Local Prayer Day observance planned

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

There are many people in the world today who believe in the power of prayer.

It is for these people that the National Day of Prayer was established. A local commemoration is scheduled for 12 p.m. Thursday in front of the courthouse in Prestonsburg.

Randy Reno, organizer of the event, said there would also be singing along with prayer.

"They will sing the National Anthem, God Bless

America, and God Bless the USA," Reno said.

Reno also said he had a verbal commitment from the Allen Central JROTC to participate in a flag folding ceremony.

According to Reno, several area pastors are also scheduled to lead prayers at the event. "We are going to pray for our country's leaders," he said.

Reno estimates the event will last about 30 minutes.

There are also other Prayer Day events scheduled to be held throughout the county.

Weddington to be honored during Law Day ceremony

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Court of Justice has selected Charlotte Weddington, of Floyd County Juvenile Services, as the Court Designated Worker of the month and awarded her with the 2002 Law Related Education Award of Achievement.

According to a letter from Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert, the award is given to individuals who have shown dedication to furthering the cause of law related education. Lambert wrote that such individuals have given their time freely to instill meaningful respect and understanding for the principles of constitutional

democracy in youth.

Weddington joined Juvenile Services in 1988 and had worked prior to that as a casework specialist for the Cabinet for Human Resources, a dispatcher for the Kentucky State Police, and a legal secretary for Combs and Combs Law Offices in Prestonsburg.

She presented Bobby Combs and the court designated worker to May Valley Elementary School in March and she was locked up by the local Muscular Dystrophy Association, earning pledges of \$676.

Although Weddington is being awarded for her service to Kentucky youths, she said she

did not apply for the job for recognition. She said she likes kids and when the diversion program was implemented in Floyd County in 1987, she saw it as an opportunity to help them.

Diversion is the informal processing of a complaint that involves a voluntary agreement that contains one or more conditions a child must fulfill within six months. If the juvenile completes the terms in the diversion, the charge against him is dropped and there is no criminal record. If not, the case is sent to court.

"It is giving kids a second chance by making kids accountable for their actions without giving them criminal records," said

Weddington.

Weddington said the most rewarding part of her job is when she has been successful in helping a child to change his attitude toward the law. She said the grandfather of a child she had worked with came up to her one day while she was in a restaurant and thanked her for helping his grandson. The man proudly told her that his grandson had went on to college.

"That is why I do this job," said Weddington.

Weddington will be formally presented with the award at the Law Day Ceremony to be held in the House Chambers of the Capitol in Frankfort today at 10 a.m.



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Senate, House disagree, Patton explores emergency powers

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Senate and House failed again Tuesday to agree on a budget, and the attorney general's office said Gov. Paul Patton had the authority to run the state without one.

The budget stalemate, believed to be unprecedented in Kentucky, has lasted beyond the General Assembly's annual session and into the eighth day of a special session.

The sticking point has been Kentucky's partial public financing of gubernatorial elections. Patton, a Democrat, submitted a budget with \$9 million for campaign finance, and the Democrat-controlled House passed it. The Senate, with a 20-18 Republican majority, eliminated the appropriation in its version of the budget.

A new, two-year budget cycle begins July 1. In a letter to Patton's general counsel, Assistant Attorney General Ryan Halloran said the governor "not only has the power to carry out his duties, but under the Constitution and statutes, the duty to do so" if a new budget is not enacted. Patton asked for an opinion, which has no legal effect but might lend weight to a lawsuit.

The Senate passed its version of the \$35 billion budget bill Tuesday and sent it to the House for a concurrence vote. The House promptly rejected it. The Senate refused to back down. Conferees were being appointed to seek a compromise.

House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo said he would move to end the special session on Wednesday if no agreement could be reached Tuesday night. Patton said he also thought the special session, which cost about \$45,000 a day, had lasted long enough. "Any time beyond Wednesday is a waste of taxpayer's dollars," Patton said.

More Democrats in the House were stirred to defend the campaign-finance system, which allows candidate slates that raise enough on their own — at least \$355,000 per election — to get public matching funds if they accept spending limits. Republicans have spent weeks bashing it as "welfare for politicians."

Rep. Joe Barrows, the majority whip, said public funding in the 2003 governor's race probably would not be more than \$9 million. "But even if it was, it would be a bargain," said Barrows, D-Versailles.

Still other legislators said they were weary of an impasse that prevented passage of a budget during the General Assembly's annual session, which ended April 15.

"In spite of all I've learned about the campaign finance law, ... I still resent being here," said Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson.

Rep. Harry Moberly, who heads the House appropriations committee and is a 22-year House veteran, said the special session, like the annual session, might end with a whimper.

"I'm as shocked as anybody" (See DISAGREE, page seven)

State's homeland security office trying to outthink terrorists

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — From a windowless office within Kentucky's Emergency Operations Center, retired Army Col. Ray Nelson spends each day trying to think like a terrorist.

Nelson heads Kentucky's Office for Security Coordination, created in November in the aftermath of Sept. 11 to prepare the state for all types of attacks.

"What we have to do is look at the threat. If I was a terrorist, what would I do?" Nelson said. Nelson has framed a distinguished military career around answering that question and figuring out how enemies would carry out their plans.

A decorated helicopter pilot, Nelson was one of the first members of the Fort Campbell unit that would become the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. The unit nicknamed the "Night Stalkers" is trained to fly special forces commandos in and out of hostile

territory undetected. A graduate of the Army War College near Gettysburg, Pa., Nelson helped the Army plan several well-known operations, including the invasions of Grenada and Panama, and the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Storm.

Now, he draws on those experiences to envision worst-case scenarios for terrorist attacks on Kentucky.

"A lot of people come up to me and say, 'Hey, what makes you qualified to do this?'" he said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "Well, I've just dealt with this kind of stuff for a long time — personnel security, access, guards, what kind of protection do you have at gates and walls, how's the lighting, how's the wiring, how are the sensors?"

The first task of Nelson's office was identifying Kentucky's potential terrorist targets. The list had about 2,000 — from schools and hospitals to Churchill Downs to the oil refinery in Catlettsburg.

Next came identifying the targets that terrorists would be most likely to strike, whether the motive was political, economic or simply inflicting mass casualties.

"You have to look at those and say, 'What's the worst thing that can happen?' If you had \$10 to spend on security, where would you put that \$10?" Nelson said.

Nelson's ongoing task is assessing how vulnerabilities of the state's major targets. During the last few months, he's been consulting on security preparations at Churchill Downs leading up to the Kentucky Derby on Saturday.

Nelson has a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in business administration. He was working as a peacekeeping consultant when he was hired to head Kentucky's

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— Anatole France

Guest View

Tighter borders a no-brainer

The Senate last week began consideration of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act. At the risk of offending this august body, we'd like to advise that this is a no-brainer, slam dunk. ... Make it law.

Similar legislation has been OK'd by the House ...designed to beef up homeland security.

... Those listed on known terrorist reports continue to slip through our borders or, as in one highly publicized instance, step off a foreign ship and quickly meld into the landscape. While all four of the foreign nationals were eventually located, the legislation would lessen the likelihood of future confusion by mandating all commercial vessels and flights from international ports provide U.S. officials with passenger and crew manifests prior to arrival.

Seen as the key to preventing future security breaches, an interagency electronic data system would be established. The system would give the Immigration and Nationalization Service, State Department and law enforcement immediate access to intelligence information.

That means those issuing visas and checking on the alien status of individuals would be able to get the information they need at the stroke of a key. According to (co-sponsor California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the bill also has safeguards built in to prevent misuse of such data.

Under the bill's provisions, the INS would be required to enter stolen or lost passport numbers into the database within 72 hours of notification of the loss or theft.

Fraud- and tamper-proof documents are additional requirements. While that's an important step, our government must also work on developing bribe-proof employees. Long prison sentences for those few unscrupulous workers who sell entry to the United States to the highest bidder could go a long way toward that end.

Importantly, the proposal would reform the student visa process. We dare not forget that some of those involved in the Sept. 11 suicide attacks gained their flying skills from U.S. schools and/or entered the country on student visas.

Under S.1749, schools that accept foreign nationals through study visas would have to notify the INS if those students fail to report to the school within 30 days of the start of classes.

Certainly most Americans would like to welcome all who seek the freedom and self-determination afforded in our great nation.

Sadly, we have learned that we must, in our own defense, ask questions, check backgrounds and monitor the movements of many who now come to our shores.

— San Gabriel Valley (Calif.) Tribune



Guest Column

Medicare doesn't pay enough

by STEVEN WOLFSON

A vigorous 75-year-old man was airlifted to the emergency room recently for treatment of a heart attack. After evaluating him and making arrangements for his probable angioplasty, I stopped to talk with his family. To my surprise, the patient's son concluded our discussion by expressing sympathy for me! He was concerned about the impact on my profession of managed care and federal and insurance impositions.

Frankly, I was pleased to hear that he had heard about the problems the health

care system has been having, but at my core I did not feel that his sympathy was warranted. Here I was, with a patient, making a difference. This is what I trained for and love to do.

When things go well and my patients respond to treatment, I feel like Roy Campanella, the splendid catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers of the '50s, when he said: "I'm still amazed that they're willing to pay me to play this game."

But the landlord for my office building does not feel that way. He wants the rent paid. The secretaries and nurses in my office need their pay. The malpractice carriers have increased my premiums by 50 percent this year. And my own health insurance rates have increased along with everyone else's.

So it is significant that Medicare reduced overall physician reimbursement rates by 5.4 percent this past January, under a formula approved by Congress. Prior to this, Medicare reimbursement rates had been static for years.

The inevitable is now happening. The New York Times reported last month that "for the first time, significant numbers of

doctors are refusing to take new Medicare patients, saying the government now pays them too little to cover the costs of caring for the elderly." Further cuts in the Medicare fee schedule are planned for the next few years.

We all know that the HMOs have been leaving the Medicare HMO program in droves because of inadequate funding. And hospitals, struggling with marginal compensation, have been closing. Those that survive have been hiring minimal nursing staffs and have been reporting significant errors in providing care. Working on call on a recent weekend in New Haven, I found that one hospital had no intravenous hydrochlorothiazide, a standard diuretic. The other hospital across town had no intravenous furosemide, an even more widely used medication for coaxing urine output from patients with heart and/or kidney failure. Both blamed national shortages of standard generic drugs for the problem.

Is anyone listening? Our health care

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Letters

Truckers barking up wrong tree

There's been a lot said on every side of the issue lately regarding overweight trucks. Lee Mueller wrote an article that was not exactly correct in all points made. Truckers stopped working in West Virginia recently to protest the enforcement of a law they say the state agreed not to enforce. In Kentucky, many drivers are also fuming about the law, how it's enforced and where.

The problem is that the real problem or issue isn't being addressed. I have one simple question to ask: If you cannot make a living hauling materials with an extended weight decal that allows one to haul 126,000 pounds in Eastern Kentucky, then is it the weight law or who you are working for that is the real problem?

Kentucky is one of the only states in the nation that allows extended weight of 126,000 pounds (for coal). Most other states strictly enforce the nationally recommended 80,000-pound limit. In most areas of Kentucky itself, 80,000 pounds is the law. Just think of the uproar if folks in Frankfort, Lexington, Louisville or Covington had to put up with

160,000-pound trucks lumbering through their neighborhoods. That is why Eastern Kentucky is the only area you can run overweight. We are far enough away not to bother the flatlanders.

You cannot ask the state police or motor vehicle enforcement not to enforce the law. It's a public safety issue. Huge trucks tear up roads and there's no way a 160,000-pound truck can stop as well or as safely as its 80,000-pound counterpart. Many lives have been lost because trucks were hauling far more than even the extended weight law allows.

It's not the law that needs to be changed. If a man who works 14-to-16 hours a day, six days a week, cannot pay his bills hauling 126,000 pounds, then it's time to cast the jaundiced eye toward the real culprit in this whole mess — the folks the truckers work for!

Coal prices have gone way up the last two years, yet drivers are still being paid what they were earning when coal was \$18 a ton. I am out on the road throughout the coal region. Not one driver I've spoken to has gotten a raise since the coal prices shot up. If drivers were paid a fair and living wage, then they would not have to work so much or haul so much either.

Once again, out-of-state companies are taking advantage of our people. They tell the loader men to overload the trucks. They tell the drivers where to haul and how much they will be paid. If the driver doesn't like it, tough. They go out and hire the next poor guy who needs to feed his family. You do what the boss man says or you go home and do nothing. The drivers in West Virginia should have been protesting low wages, dangerous conditions (I would not want to be responsible for a 160,000-pound truck if something happened) and no bonuses for overtime.

I've seen companies order truckers to buy bigger trucks when their old ones were paid for. They promised 10 loads a day and a good haul rate per ton. Then, once the truckers were deep in debt due to the new trucks they had to buy, these same companies would cut their hauls per day and the price they got paid per ton. I know truckers personally who lost everything they had with no recourse against the men who put them there.

Nothing will change until mountain people stick together. This is our land, our heritage and our future. No out-of-state desk jockey should have control of

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Interior Department considers changes to mining rules that environmentalists say will harm streams

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD
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WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is considering a second rule change that environmentalists say will further encourage "mountaintop mining," a highly efficient but destructive way of obtaining coal.

The proposal by the Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining would exempt mountaintop mining from a rule banning coal mining activities within 100 feet of streams.

Mountaintop mining, most prevalent in Kentucky and West Virginia, involves shearing off the tops of ridges to expose a coal seam. Dirt and rock are pushed into nearby stream beds, a practice known as valley fill.

The Interior Department's

Office of Surface Mining is proposing to modify the stream buffer zone rule "to preclude any possibility that it might be interpreted as a prohibition on placement of excess spoil fills in streams," according to an April 11 agency memo.

The memo was released by the agency after an earlier memo was circulated Monday by environmentalists.

Last week, environmentalists released a separate Environmental Protection Agency memo showing that the administration also is considering elimination of an Army Corps of Engineers regulation banning the dumping of mining and other industrial waste into waterways.

"Taken together, the two rules will be a one-two punch that will knock out all federal

protection for streams in Appalachia," said Joan Mulhern, a lawyer at Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund. "The coal mining companies need both of these rules changed to dump their waste in streams, and it seems that the Bush administration is all too willing to comply."

Environmentalists say mountaintop mining has buried more than 1,000 miles of streams in Appalachia and are suing the federal government to try to stop it from issuing permits.

In October 1999, a federal judge in West Virginia ruled that all valley fills, except those covering streams that flowed because of snow melt or rainfall, violated the 100-foot buffer zone requirement.

Since the ruling stemmed from a lawsuit that challenged West Virginia's regulation of the

mining industry, a federal appeals court overturned the ruling on the ground that jurisdiction belonged in state courts.

The former Clinton administration filed a brief in the appellate case, arguing that the buffer zone rule clearly prohibits valley fills.

Environmentalists are now suing the Army Corps. They say

the agency is violating its own rules by allowing mine companies to dump waste in waterways.

Joe Lovett, the lead lawyer in the lawsuit against the Army Corps, said the Bush administration is trying to change both rules to undercut current and future litigation.

"The only reason they're

changing the rules is they're afraid we'll win," Lovett said.

But Jeff Jarrett, director of the Office of Surface Mining, said the 1983 stream buffer zone rule was never supposed to apply to mountaintop mining valley fills.

"We're trying to maintain some status quo," he said. "It's always allowed valley fills."

Outthink

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homeland security office.

Nelson has visited many sites, surveying each location, recommending a plan of action for local law enforcement agencies and then discussing his ideas with those responsible for executing the plan.

"I ask, 'What are they not doing today that they need to do tomorrow? What do they need to increase security or defend a facility?' I walk them through that whole process," he said.

Nelson said it's much like contingency planning for military operations — only the soldiers are now civilians, police officers and firefighters.

Nelson toured the Catlettsburg refinery and met with Marathon Ashland Petroleum executives in January.

Greg Jackson, who works in the department which oversees security at the facility, said Nelson explained how terrorists think and stressed the importance of communication with local agencies.

Marathon Ashland Petroleum is planning a simulated response to a terrorist incident in late May, Jackson said.

More than 100 representatives from various agencies in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia will participate, he said. "That will give everyone a chance to evaluate where our deficiencies are," Jackson said.

Jackson said Nelson praised

the security plan the refinery already had in place.

"We had a good open meeting," Jackson said. "We said, 'We're going to show you what we have, but you're the experts on terrorist-type attacks, so how are we doing things?'"

"And then they offered their perspective and insight, and that was new for us. We like the fact that this office is there."

Nelson's office has no authority to order security changes — Gov. Paul Patton does — but Nelson can recommend them. Carrying out a plan falls to an individual facility, company or local agency.

"We need to have these mutual support agreements already in place with the plan already out there, so when this call comes, we know to start blocking these roads, start limiting this access, start increasing internal security, go to a badging system — every little detail needs to be thought through and written down."

Part of the initiative requires training, educating and equipping law enforcement officers, another facet of Nelson's job.

"We've asked them, 'What is different today than Sept. 10, as far as what law enforcement officers need to know?'" Nelson said. "The hope is we will develop levels of training at the trooper level up through the leadership level on the specifics on counterterrorism."

Nelson concedes that Kentucky targets may not be on any international terrorist hit lists. But he said every precaution taken decreases the chance of an attack ever occurring here.

"We may never know if we've been successful," Nelson said. "The new barrier or the new guard we've put out in front of somewhere may have disrupted a terrorists' planning cycle, but we don't know."

"If something does happen, we've failed. Success is, nothing happens."

Democrats counterattack on public campaign finance

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT

Democrats began fighting back Monday in defense of gubernatorial campaigns that are partially funded by taxpayers — an issue that has paralyzed the General Assembly.

On one front, Nicki Patton, the Democratic state chairwoman and daughter of Gov. Paul Patton, worked to generate a phone call blitz to legislators. The suggested message: "Keep Kentucky's elections clean" and pass the governor's budget, which included \$9 million for campaign finance.

Elsewhere, Democrats on the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee tried to refute Republican assertions

that the 2003 governor's race, with a bumper crop of candidate slates, could ring up a bill for public matching funds of \$28 million or more.

Thus did the General Assembly begin the second week of a special session, having ended its regular session on April 15 without passing a state budget. The hang-up then, as now, was the governor's insistence on earmarking \$9 million for campaign finance.

Nicki Patton's recorded call was relayed around the state Monday morning. She would not say who received the call, in which she charged that the Republican-controlled Senate was holding up the budget in order to kill campaign finance.

Candidate slates for governor and lieutenant governor can

qualify for \$2 in public funds for every \$1 they raise. The slates then are bound by spending limits.

Republican leaders have been characterizing the use of matching money as "welfare for politicians." In the Senate last week, Majority Leader Dan Kelly read from a stack of phone messages and e-mails opposing it.

"We didn't want to be confrontational as long as there was hope that the Republicans would honestly negotiate on the budget," Nicki Patton said in a telephone interview. "At the end of the week, Republican leaders had used the airways to make it clear that they were opposed to the House budget."

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National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2 "America United Under God"

Come, join Christians from many churches in the Harold/Betsy Layne area who are coming together to pray for our nation, our families, our youth, and more, at the **Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church** at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 2.

An Open Letter to All Employees of the Floyd County School System



In today's world, there is an ever present danger of violence occurring in our schools, and I want you to know that I am fully committed to not only your safety, but the safety and welfare of our school children.

When elected Sheriff of Floyd County, I will work very closely with the Superintendent of Floyd County Schools in forming an Interaction Committee. This committee will be comprised of representatives from the Board of Education, each school in the county, The Retired Teachers Association, The Parent-Teachers Organization, the four police departments in the county, the Kentucky State Police; and I will personally represent the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

This Committee will work to identify solutions to problems confronting our teachers on a daily basis, such as drugs and violence. They will also assist in the development of a plan to guide the Sheriff's Department in combating these problems.

Working together, we can attain our goal of providing a safe working environment for you to educate our children.

Sincerely,
Gary Rose

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ELECT CLINIS HALL

TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 3:

Folks, something is going wrong in this election that is just plain wrong, and I feel you deserve to know about it.

Apparently, because it looks like I am going to win this election—and I fully intend to—the powers that be, are pulling out all the stops to see that I don't. Several good, honest people have contacted me this week to let me know that certain County employees have promised them gravel and blacktop, but only if they remove my signs from their property. Is this how the County Government is supposed to operate?

Blacktop, gravel, roads, bridges—these are all important, and you are certainly entitled to them, but why only at election time? And even then, only if you vote "Their Way." This kind of treatment is not new, but don't you think, as taxpayers, we have put up with it long enough?

LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS KIND OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT. YOU PAY THE TAXES — YOU SHOULD CALL THE SHOTS!

I feel that I am very qualified for the office of Magistrate. I have spent 15 years on the Little League field with our babies, repairing the field, writing letters to the editor of the paper about the conditions of the field, so we could gain attention to the parks; going to Fiscal Court meetings, asking for better parks for our kids, and also asking for better roads for the people. This is not just with the Fiscal Court that we have now, this goes all the way back to the Honorable Judge John M. Stumbo's court. I didn't go to make our leaders mad at me; I went because I care about our District and Floyd County. I will be a Magistrate that will work in Weeksbury, Abner, Melvin, Wheelwright, Jacks Creek, down through Ligon and Price, McDowell, Drift, Martin, all the way to the head of Arkansas Creek, and every other hollow in this district.

ELECT CLINIS HALL AS YOUR MAGISTRATE, and I'll see to it that **EVERYONE** in District 3 is treated fairly and with dignity, **ALL THE TIME.**

Please go to the polls on May 28, and vote for a better government. I promise you won't regret it.

THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS US ALL.

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Health

Patients often get prescription drugs they ask for after viewing ads on TV

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
 AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — Ask a doctor for a prescription drug you saw advertised on TV, and 69 percent of the time you'll go home with it.

That's what the Food and Drug Administration just discovered in a survey that illustrates how big a role advertising plays in the doctor's office.

Is that necessarily bad? Critics bemoan the findings while proponents say drug ads help more sick people find treatment — but the FDA still is struggling to uncover the true public health impact of the nation's barrage of drug commercials.

"The question is: Are people getting drugs that actually aren't appropriate?" says FDA drug chief Dr. Janet Woodcock.

She doesn't yet know. But

the FDA now is studying why doctors prescribe the way they do, a first step toward answering that question. And the agency is considering if some of the rules that govern how powerful medications are advertised need changing to ensure consumers better understand a drug's pros and cons.

It's a complex issue. Doctors have to decide more than yes or no when a patient demands a drug by name. Does the patient expect a miracle because the ad overpromised a pill's benefits? Is there an alternative that works better, more safely or is cheaper? Cheaper drugs typically don't rate a commercial, while the hottest-selling newer drugs — like arthritis treatments Vioxx and Celebrex or heartburn medicine Prilosec — are among the most heavily advertised.

Then there's the trickier

question of who an ad targets. The National Medical Association, which represents black doctors, says direct-to-consumer drug ads can prod people reluctant to visit a doctor to do so — especially black Americans, who are less likely to get appropriate care for a host of diseases.

But today's ads aren't living up to that potential, the NMA said this month as it issued what is for a health group a startling call for more drug ads — in media outlets that target minorities, and with more culturally diverse commercials.

How important is advertising

to a patient's perception of disease? Consider the middle-aged black woman who looked shocked when NMA member Dr. Sharon Allison-Otley ordered a test for bone-thinning osteoporosis. "I can't get that — white women get that," the patient said, citing TV commercials and ads in Allison-Otley's own Baltimore waiting room that featured only white women swallowing pills for the ailment.

Manufacturers once advertised prescription drugs mainly to doctors. Then in 1997, the

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Study provides most precise insight into age at which fertility starts to drop

by EMMA ROSS
 AP MEDICAL WRITER

LONDON — New research has provided the most precise insight yet into when biological clocks start ticking loudly — and it's sooner than once thought: age 27 for women and 35 for men.

Until now, it was thought that women's fertility starts to drop significantly in the early 30s, with a big plunge after 35. But the new study indicates that, on average, female fertility begins its meaningful slide at age 27.

And while the decline in human fertility tied to aging had traditionally been attributed to the female factor, the study, published Tuesday in the journal Human Reproduction, showed that men's fertility starts dwindling after 35.

Nevertheless, experts said the findings should not raise undue concern. The results mean it may take a month or two longer to conceive than it does for younger people, they said. The ages at which declines were seen are only averages and there is a wide range in fertility at any specific age.

"Certainly very young women in their early 20s are more fertile than women in their late 20s and early 30s. But I suspect that the fertility of those women who are around 30 is high enough that it doesn't give them a real cause for concern or worry up to the age of 35," said Dr. Chris Ford, a researcher at the University of Bristol in England who studies fertility and age, but was not involved with the study.

The study involved 782 healthy couples from across Europe who were using only the rhythm method of family planning. Women kept daily records of their body temperature, recorded the days they had sex and which days they had their menstrual periods.

The researchers then catego-

rized the women into four age groups — 19-26, 27-29, 30-34 and 35-39 — and recorded the age of their partners.

There were a total of 433 pregnancies.

Women in the 27-29 age group had lower pregnancy chances on average than women aged 19-26. The likelihood of pregnancy did not noticeably decline between the age groups 27-29 and 30-34, but then dropped again from age 35.

The probability of getting pregnant on any specific day in the menstrual cycle was twice as high for women under 27 as it was for women 35 and older, the study found.

Assuming that the couples had sex at the best time for conception — two days before ovulation — and presuming that the men were the same age as the women, women younger than 27 had a 50 percent chance of conceiving during that menstrual cycle.

This fell to about 40 percent in women aged 27-34, and after 35, it was less than 30 percent.

"Although we noted a decline in female fertility in the late 20s, what we found was a decrease in the probability of becoming pregnant per menstrual cycle, not in the probability of eventually achieving a pregnancy," said one researcher, David Dunson, a biostatistician at the U.S. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The study also found that men's fertility dropped after 35. Previous research had hinted that male fertility starts to decline in the 40s or 50s.

The study found that while a 35-year-old woman with a partner the same age had a 29 percent chance of getting pregnant in one month, her chances dropped to 18 percent if her partner was 40.

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HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
 The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky
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TRUSTEES RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF JAMES A. CAMPBELL, D.O.

February 16, 1960 - February 27, 2002



WHEREAS, James A. Campbell, D.O., served on the Highlands Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees from October 30, 2000-February 27, 2002,

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell was a member of the Highlands Regional Medical Center Medical Staff from July 13, 1998, until his death on February 27, 2002,

WHEREAS, that in the passing of Dr. Campbell, the Highlands Board of Trustees, the Medical Center, and the community at large, has lost a dear and faithful friend, who was unwavering in his efforts to assist his patients,

WHEREAS, that in the passing of Dr. Campbell, the Medical Center lost a loyal and exceptionally talented and qualified physician, who worked tirelessly to improve the quality of patient care, and whose loss shall be keenly felt by all of his patients and the Medical Staff,

WHEREAS, due to the efforts of Dr. Campbell, the Medical Center will continue as a quality healthcare provider, serving Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Martin Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Highlands Regional Medical Center at its April 22, 2002, meeting, pays tribute to James A. Campbell, D.O., and acknowledges his years of dedicated and extraordinary service, not only to the Highlands community, but the community of Floyd County, as well.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the Medical Center, and that a copy thereof be delivered to Dr. Campbell's family, and to the local newspapers.

This resolution unanimously passed by the Highlands Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees at their meeting, April 22, 2002.

Edward R. Nairn
 Edward R. Nairn, Chairman

Robert M. Duncan
 Robert M. Duncan, Secretary

Science Olympiad Battery Buggy State Champions

On Saturday, April 20, 2002, Tyler Martin, son of Mickey and Carolyn Martin of Drift, and Megan Castle, daughter of Tommy Castle of Weeksbury and Virginia Jones of Martin, 8th grade students at South Floyd Middle School, placed 1st in the Battery Buggy competition at the State Science Olympiad Competition in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



Kentucky Getaways

Win, place, or show: Kentucky's horse racing tradition

by ANN LATTA
SECRETARY OF TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT

With a history dating back to 4500 B.C. in Central Asia, horse racing has become the second most widely attended sport in the United States. And anyone familiar with Kentucky knows the state boasts some of the sport's most exclusive and well-known events. But for those of us whose experience and knowl-

edge of Kentucky horse racing is simply limited to two minutes in May, this article is for you.

Horse racing in Kentucky dates back to 1783, when busy public thoroughfares were used as racetracks. Due to obvious safety issues, officials soon recognized a need for a separate track away from citizens. Then, on May 17, 1875, Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr., inspired by a visit to England, where he first experienced the Epsom Derby,

opened a new track. On its opening day, it offered guests three major races: the Kentucky Derby, the Kentucky Oaks and the Clark Handicap.

The track underwent renovations in 1894-1895, including the development of a grandstand complemented by the "Twin Spires," the now-famous symbol for Churchill Downs and the running of the Kentucky Derby. However, it wasn't until 1937 that the track was given the name Churchill Downs.

Kentucky hasn't lost its rich horse racing tradition as the 128th Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby fast approach. The desire to experience the magic and excitement of horse

racing will never fade, as it continues to draw record-breaking crowds from all over the world each year.

Here's a list of horse racing events happening around the state this spring:

Thunder Ridge Racing, Prestonsburg

Can't make the trip to Lexington or Louisville? Don't fret. You can check out the state's horse racing tradition right in your own area of the state.

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Baptism

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Misura all took the plunge.

Along with the baptism, a small service was also held which included a few songs and a short sermon from Nelson and Taylor.

Each inmate was asked about his or her decision to be baptized and each one responded with the same type of answer: — they were ready to live their lives in the right way and leave their troubles in the past.

The service was also attended by families of those being baptized, along with other inmates who watched the event through a

window.

Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb was surprised with the number of inmates who decided to take the plunge.

"When they told me they were going to baptize some of the inmates, I thought they meant one or two, not six or eight," Webb said.

Webb also remarked that he was very pleased with the event and hoped there would be more to come in the future.

This was the third baptism to have taken place in the detention center.

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it unless we allow them to. The people and our local workers need to stick together. Numbers mean power. If no one hauls the coal, then how will the big boys make money? You cannot sell it if it isn't brought to the market! These companies would not be here if they were not making money. They've always come out better than the folks who live and work here did.

It's time our people demand what is right and fair. This may be the last coal boom. Wouldn't it be nice if Kentucky people actually got a fair share of the pie for once? Stand up for yourselves. If you don't, no one else will.

Charles E. Scoville
Ivel

Commandments are basis for law

Preamble to the U.S. Constitution: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The God of the Ten Commandments has helped us attain all the qualities of the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. The Ten

Commandments is a set of rules for all civilization to live by and set a precedent on which our Constitution is based.

If the jury system of America is not following the Ten Commandments, then why do we have murder, theft and slander cases? The Ten Commandments really is the basis of our court system.

Psalm 9:17 : "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." This is a very serious verse from the Bible that needs to be heeded.

Psalm 33:12: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." Ecclesiastes 12:13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

God bless America, and may the Ten Commandments live forever.

Lloyd Dean, pastor
United Pentecostal Church
Morehead

City of Prestonsburg receives honorable mention in KLC Enterprise Cities Award

Last week, the city of Prestonsburg was the recipient of an honorable mention in this year's 2002 Enterprise Cities Award for the combination of its police and fire departments.

Awarded by the Kentucky League of Cities and The Lane Report, the Enterprise Cities Award recognizes cities which demonstrate "entrepreneurship, innovation and excellence" in local government.

In an effort to provide more efficient, cost-effective delivery of emergency services, the city combined its police and fire departments into a Department of Public Safety. The plan involves cross-training firefighters and police officers to certify them in both fields, enabling them to assume dual roles when necessary.

Judged by a panel of business and government leaders, Prestonsburg was joined by other following winners:

Enterprise Cities Award

Horse Cave, Beattyville, Island, Hazard, Morehead, Versailles, Louisville, Newport, Georgetown, Owensboro and Florence.

Honorable mention

Bowling Green, Carrollton, Corydon, Edgewood, Elizabethtown, Goshen,

Livermore, Louisville, Mayfield, Maysville, Newport, Owensboro, Taylor Mill and Winchester.

"It is our hope that cities across the state will follow the leadership and innovation of these Enterprise Cities Award winners," said KLC executive director and CEO Sylvia L. Lovely. "By combining the efforts of local government and involved citizens, these civic leaders serve as stellar examples of the role that communities must take to ensure the future for Kentucky cities."

Winning cities will have an award presentation including city officials and project leaders during an event later this summer. All participants will receive recognition in an eight-page insert in The Lane Report and summer issue of City magazine.

Calvin "Rod" Shepherd for Jailer



We are Deitra "Dee Dee" Shepherd Hackworth and Tania Shepherd Holbrook, daughters of Calvin "Rod" Shepherd, candidate for Jailer of Floyd County. We both attended Clark Elementary and Prestonsburg High School, and have been fortunate, in recent years, to see many of you again through our jobs, with Dee Dee being a Nurse and Tania, a Paralegal. We are asking all of our friends to vote for our dad in the upcoming May election. Among the many signs along the roadway, you will see very few for our dad, as he has chosen only to post signs in people's yards, not on state right of ways. We admire our father for his decision, as it demonstrates one of his strongest characteristics...caring. He cares about Floyd County and its citizens. Let our dad put his experience and reliability to work for you, by electing him Jailer of Floyd County. Thank You!

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CINEMA 3 R Murder by Numbers Mon.-Sun., 6:50, 9:15; Fri., (4:15), 6:50, 9:15; Sat.-Sun., (1:45, 4:15), 6:50, 9:15	CINEMA 8 PG-13 SPIDER MAN Starts Friday (No Passes) Mon.-Sun., 6:50, 9:10; Fri., (4:10), 6:50, 9:10; Sat.-Sun., (1:50, 4:10), 6:50, 9:10
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Elect JAMES BRANDON SPENCER District #1 Constable



Hello, as many of you know, I am a Candidate for District 1 Constable. I want you to know a few things about myself: I have extensive knowledge and experience in business; I am experienced in law enforcement; active in church, and involved in ministry. I married Lisa Suzanne Lewis of Cow Creek. Suzanne and I have two beautiful children, James Shaler and Kacey Dawn. We live in Calf Creek.

My parents are James "Jim" and Donna Goble Spencer of Martin. Suzanne is the great-granddaughter of Malta May Porter and the late Bert Newton Porter of Cow Creek. Her grandparents are Stanley Ray and Madelyn Sue Porter Burchett, and Beulah Music Lewis Jarrell, also of Cow Creek.

I have an ever-increasing desire to help and serve the people of District 1 and our county. I am continually inspired by the response I have received in my campaign efforts, and with honesty, integrity and respect for all citizens, I will be a Constable you can be proud of.

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Todd says mining could save scholarship program

The Associated Press

ASHLAND — Expanded mining in a forest owned by the University of Kentucky could generate \$56 million to help save

a troubled scholarship program for mountain students, UK President Lee Todd said.

Todd, speaking at the Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference, said the Robinson

Scholars program "was going to have problems" by 2005 without new funding.

After Todd showed a film on the scholars program on Saturday, moderator Dr. Grady Stumbo of

Hindman, a UK trustee, told Todd, "If you mine any more property, we want the money to go into this (scholarship) program."

No one has proposed more mining in Robinson Forest.

Todd said expanded mining would be limited to about 200 of the preserve's 14,500 acres in Breathitt, Perry and Knott counties. In the early 1990s, UK agreed to allow some mining in the forest.

"I don't have a position" on mining, Todd said. "I'm just saying that we need to find ways to continue the Robinson scholarships and we've got to look at the assets. We're working at raising additional funding, but if the people in this region are interested in trying to get additional revenues, that's a possibility."

There is a lot of coal left in the forest, Todd said, as well as a lot of environmental issues. Studies have estimated the forest contains 97 million tons of coal, the largest single block of coal east of the

Mississippi River.

As a UK board member, Stumbo said he might be interested in the proposal if assured the money would be invested in a \$40 million to \$60 million endowment for eastern Kentucky children.

UK names future Robinson

Scholars each year from among eighth-graders who apply from 29 Eastern Kentucky counties. Students are chosen based on academic potential, family income, essays and interviews. Their parents cannot have earned a college degree.

Basketball game to budget debate

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The budget impasse is no match for basketball.

Even stuck in the middle of a disagreement that has forced a special session, the General Assembly took a moment to meddle in some scheduling.

The Senate version of a budget adopted Tuesday includes a requirement that the University of Louisville fulfill its contract to play Western Kentucky University this coming season.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino

has canceled the game, which will cost the school \$25,000 for backing out of the contract. Pitino has been unavailable to answer questions about his decision, but the Hilltoppers defeated Louisville 68-65 in Freedom Hall on Dec. 9, 2000.

Western had even agreed to move the game to nearby Nashville, Tenn., at Louisville's request.

Louisville spokeswoman Rae Goldsmith said the school has heard the concerns of fans and legislators about the cancellation.

"We will be taking all of

those inputs seriously as we review the decision about the game," Goldsmith said.

Western spokesman Bob Edwards said the university was grateful for the support of legislators.

"Western Kentucky University is flattered that the legislators, with what they have on their plate, would make this a priority," Edwards said.

The game directive was sponsored by Sen. Richie Sanders, R-Franklin, whose district borders Western's Bowling Green campus.

Guest

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system, a source of national pride in the past, is eroding. The social compact made with our senior citizens through the Medicare program is being compromised.

How has the Bush administration responded? Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has suggested that Congress find the money to reimburse doctors adequately from dollars allocated to other "providers" in the Medicare program.

What is he saying? That there is

so much money in the Medicare budget that it just needs to be redistributed? Then why are the insurers leaving? Why are doctors reluctant to see new Medicare patients? Why are hospitals struggling?

A better translation of Secretary Thompson's response: "Let them eat cake."

Steven Wolfson is a cardiologist in New Haven, Connecticut. This article originally appeared in The Hartford Courant.

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The Kentucky Oaks

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Governor's Derby Breakfast

For almost 30 years, this Kentucky tradition has served as the kick-off event to Derby Weekend. Held from 7 a.m. until noon on Derby Day May 4, 2002, this year's breakfast is being held picnic-style in downtown Frankfort including on the grounds of the Old State Capitol and the Kentucky History Center. All Kentucky residents are invited to join in on the fun.

The Kentucky Derby

The "Run for the Roses" has been said to be the most exciting two minutes in sports. The first race in the Triple Crown, the Kentucky Derby, is held the first Saturday in May. Run by three-year-old thoroughbreds, the garland of roses is presented to the winner of the 1-1/4 mile race. This year, on May 4, 2002, the Derby is expected to attract well over 150,000 spectators.

While Churchill Downs is the most famous of Kentucky's tracks, other cities around the state also have a rich horse racing history. Lexington's most well-known racetrack, Keeneland, opened in 1936 with a nine-day fall meet schedule, as well as an attendance totaling 25,337. Lexington, known as "the horse capital of the world," is also home to the Kentucky Horse Park, The Red Mile racetrack and countless horse farms.

Kentucky Horse Park

The Kentucky Horse Park is a 1,200-acre working horse farm that captures the very essence of equestrian history. It houses the International Museum of the Horse - the largest and most comprehensive collection of horse exhibits. A bronze statue of the legendary racehorse, Man o' War, is displayed on the farm for all to enjoy, now and for generations to come.

'Why Did You Get That Hat?'

Sponsored by the Kentucky Horse Park, the "Why Did you Get that Hat?" exhibit displays

thirty-two outrageous hats and outfits designed and created for Gertrude Shilling by her son, British Hall of Fame designer, David Shilling, to wear to England's Royal Ascot Races. The hats and corresponding outfits will be on display from May 3, 2002, through September 2, 2002, at the International Museum of the Horse. This array of colors and designs not only catapulted David Shilling's career as a designer, but also often received controversial and shocking attention. One of the famous hats is designed to look like a television set, another is fashioned like a picnic basket complete with champagne flutes and strawberries.

'Horses Of The Civil War'

The Kentucky Horse Park will also host an exhibit exploring the role of horses on and off the Civil War battlefield. A depiction of the most faithful companions of the Civil War, this exhibition recognizes the role of horses and their courageous, yet sometimes tragic participation. This collection of photographs, paintings and narratives explains how the horse's role spanned many different areas of service. From May 24, 2002, through September 10, 2002, the Kentucky Horse Park International Museum of the Horse will present these works. Admission to the Kentucky Horse Park is \$12.00 for adults, \$9.00 for students, \$6.50 for children 7-12 and free for children six and under. The park is located at Interstate 75, Exit 120, just north of Lexington. Always in season, the park is open daily from March 15 to October 31, and Wednesday

through Sunday from November 1 to March 14.

The Red Mile

The Red Mile racetrack offers Kentucky residents an alternative form of horse racing - harness racing. The sport was first popularized by the Romans, but disappeared with the fall of the Roman Empire. It found a rebirth during America's early years and the first tracks emerged in the 19th century. By 1825, harness racing was a favorite pastime across the nation at county fairs. Here in Kentucky,

Women

When Michael Fresh was checked, the staff found a quantity of marijuana in his shoes concealed in the balloons. Stovall said that apparently McFairidge was included in the arrest because, even though she was visiting another inmate, she came in with Fresh.

Lexington's The Red Mile harbors all the action of harness racing. The Spring Meet is May 9, 2002, through June 29, 2002. During this time, The Red Mile, along with other sponsors, hosts the Kentucky-Sired Spring Championships. Racing beings at 7:35 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call (859) 255-0752.

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Stovall said he was pleased with his staff's performance.

"The staff were doing their jobs," said Stovall. "They were paying attention and it paid off." Fresh and McFairidge were arraigned on Monday in Floyd District Court. Bail was set at \$2,500 cash.

Floyd residents appointed to mental health board

Times Staff Report

Three Floyd County voices will be on the Region XI Mountain Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board following appointments made by Gov. Paul Patton last Friday.

Yvonne Miller of Prestonsburg will be the newest member of the board. She will represent family members of those with a disability. She

replaces Brenda Tackett of Jenkins. Her term expires July 15, 2003.

Two Floyd Countians who were already on the board have been reappointed to their positions. Thomas H. Cesco of Prestonsburg, representing mental health advocates, and Barbara E. Sword of Betsy Layne, representing family members, were appointed to additional one-year terms.

The Associated Press

LOUISA — A newly expanded family of American bald eagles will be on display at Yatesville Lake State Park this weekend.

The pair of eagles has a baby about 2 months old, said Dave Wallen, a park ranger at Yatesville.

Houseboat tours of the eagles' nesting site will leave from the lake's marina two times each day this Saturday and Sunday.

The eagles were discovered in the Rich Creek area of the park in 1999. The eagles have produced an eaglet each year for the past three years.

Wallen said there are no clues as to where the eagles came from. There are an estimated 50,000 eagles in the United States, 80 percent of them in Alaska.

"We know that we have something special here," said Mark Reeder, park manager at Yatesville. "It is very exciting to be able to share this with the community."

This is the second year that Yatesville Lake has played host to the event. Last year, nearly 200 participated.

Wallen said people are usually most surprised by how large the nest is — about 7 feet wide, 3 feet deep and weighing 2,000 pounds.

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Charlie Gearheart, the primary songwriter and "father" of Goose Creek Symphony, grew up in Goose Creek Hollow in Eastern Kentucky. That's why a stretch of highway on Rt. 80 between Martin and Hazard is

called "Charlie Gearheart Highway." The family moved to Arizona when Gearheart was 14 to stave off his mother's difficulty with asthma.

Goose Creek Symphony grew up on the Stanley Brothers and was fed by rock and roll. Since their beginnings in 1968, through the Capitol label release of "Mercedes Benz" (Janis Joplin) and "Uncle Pen" (Bill Monroe) through the present, Goose Creek Symphony enriches us all.

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During its April 22 meeting, the Floyd County Board of Education recognized recipients of the Duke University Talent Identification Program Award. The students included Andrea Crum, Whitney Allen, Del Shepherd and Chayse Martin, all students at Adams Middle School.

New UK program helps prepare for coming aging boom

LEXINGTON — A new program developed by the University of Kentucky is addressing the emerging issues of an aging population, from educating people about demographics to helping older Americans see the positive possibilities of age to planning health nutrition.

"Aging Gracefully: Making the Most of Your Later Life Adventure" was developed by Sam Quick, a human development and family relations specialist with the UK Cooperative Extension Service and professor in the UK College of Human Environmental Sciences Department of Family Studies.

Noting that Census data indicate that more than 70 million people will be age 65 and older by 2030, amounting to more than two times the 1997 count, Quick said many county Extension agents and professionals who work in fields with older persons had requested such a program be developed. Many, he said, needed updates on demographics and ways to help their clients deal with coming retirement and making choices for later in life.

"People are living longer, and they are remaining healthier longer," he said. "About 80 percent of people 65 or older take care of their daily needs on their own, and the percentage of older people with disabilities is down considerably since the early 1980s, meaning that the need for specialized nursing care in later years is less than we had anticipated."

Quick said he believes most people, from individuals to government decision makers, have not truly grasped the impact the Baby Boom Generation will have on society. He added that the call for this program is a sign that concern is growing.

"The most massive impact of the age wave will begin about 10 years from now, and it will be an impact felt in every aspect

of society," he said. "We have to help people begin to look at the issues now if we want to be prepared."

"Aging Gracefully" highlights three key issues: changes needed in the American health care system, redefining perceptions of old age and alternatives to traditional long-term care.

"We've seen our health care system in trouble. We can help by showing people how to choose healthier lifestyles," he said. "Smart lifestyle choices help the individual and will help society as a whole with substantial financial payoffs down the road."

Quick noted that with improved health and lifestyles today, many people are working past retirement age, retiring only to re-enter the workforce or having difficulty adjusting to what amounts to an early exit from working society. The traditional marker of old age — age 65 — is "tremendously outdated. It's a turn-of-the-century marker that doesn't apply. We need to develop a new marker and respect for age."

Developing the program was a team effort that also involved several other UK Extension specialists and professors, each adding their expertise in specific areas, Quick said. Family studies Professor Celia Hayhoe helped with financial planning in later life; Extension Specialist Robert Flashman assisted in a variety of ways; sociology Professor Julie Zimmerman provided demographic expertise and reports; Extension Specialist Sandra Bastin provided input on nutritional needs; aging experts and family studies professors Jan McColluch and Gladys Hildreth also helped review the full program. Others from UK, Kentucky State University, North Carolina State University, the University of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania State University, Southwest Texas

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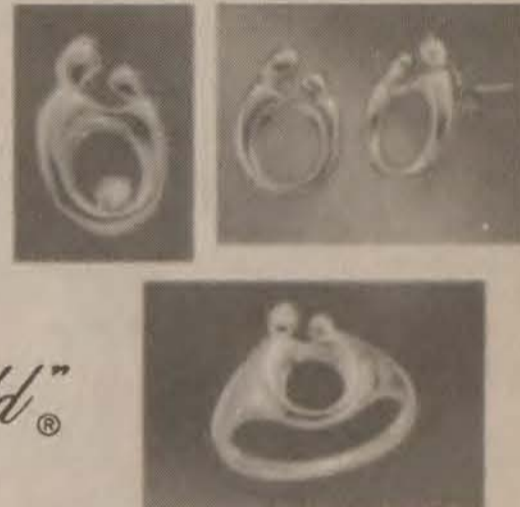
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- (2) Provided GED classes for both male and female inmates, where several of them have earned their GED diplomas.
- (3) Helped many inmates get into various drug and alcohol treatment centers.
- (4) Provided regular church services for the inmates. As a matter of fact, several inmates have been baptized at the jail. One of my proudest moments, as being jailer was when I was asked to bring my staff and help get the new Perry County Detention Center up and running. I'm proud they had that much confidence in the jailer and staff of the Floyd County jail.

I know things can't always be perfect, and in every organization there will always be a few bumps in the road. But I intend to keep doing my job the same way I've always done it. I'm proud of the Floyd County Jail, proud of my employees and the hard work they do every day. And I'm proud of the job that our class D inmates do cleaning up our community.

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The family of Della Snavely 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 Rev. Paul Coleman and John A. Daniels 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. We would also like to thank the Respond Ambulance Service for the kindness their people showed to us on the passing of our mother. Also, a special thanks to Prestonsburg Health Care and the Riverview Nursing Home, for their care.

THE FAMILY OF DELLA B. DANIELS SNAVELY

Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF GRADEN "KOOCH" CLARK

Card of Thanks

The family of Lonnie Stapleton would like to express their deep 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 Vernon Rose, Chuckie Hall, members of the Old Regular Baptist Church, the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF LONNIE STAPLETON

Card of Thanks

The parents and family of Judith L. Hale Bennett would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the kindness of friends, family, and neighbors. We would like to thank those who sent food, flowers, visits, phone calls, and all their special prayers.

May God Bless Everyone.

THE PARENTS: CHARLES G. HALE
AND MINNIE SUE HALE
HUSBAND: TIMOTHY G. BENNETT
AND HER FAMILY

Card of Thanks

The family of Kelly Tibbs would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one; those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Eddie Dennison for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF KELLY TIBBS

Card of Thanks

The family of Mary Osborne Allen would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow; all those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the clergymen, Brent Tackett, Brad Tackett, and Denzil Sexton, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department, for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

THE FAMILY OF MARY OSBORNE ALLEN

Card of Thanks

The family of Rebecca "Goody" Compton Spurlock 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 Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the singers for the beautiful songs, the Swigers, James, Patsy and Jeremiah, Herbert Keith, and Stevie Hall, for all their caring and support, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF
REBECCA "GOODY" COMPTON SPURLOCK

Card of Thanks

The family of Chuck Lee Keathley would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families, who helped during the passing of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or said prayers and kind words. A special thanks to Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF CHUCK LEE KEATHLEY

Melvina L. Brown

Melvina L. Brown, age 84, of McDowell, Ky., was born on September 5, 1917, in Craynor, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Lewis and Arelia Spears Likens. She departed this life following an extended illness on Saturday, April 27, 2002, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

She was married on June 22, 1933, to Willie D. Brown, who preceded her in death. Unto this union was born one son and seven daughters, Bill Brown of Ligon, Ky., Annette Tackett of McDowell, Ky., Genevieve Wright of McDowell, Ky., Bobbie Osborne of McDowell, Ky., Bessie Newman of St. Mary's Ohio, Brenda Ratliff of Sidney, Ohio, and Jonell Tackett of Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was preceded in death by Beulah Martin. She was also preceded in death by 14 brothers and sisters.

There are 22 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. There is a host of many relatives and friends who will mourn her passing.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Woodrow Dye, and other Regular Baptist ministers, officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery, at Hi Hat, Ky.

(Paid obituary)

James Dean Halbert

James Dean Halbert, age 43, of Ypsilanti, Mi., formerly of Floyd County, Ky., passed away Friday, April 26, 2002, at the St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti, Mich.

He was born September 25, 1958, in Martin, Ky., the son of the late Jake Halbert and Ella Craft Halbert.

Survivors include one daughter, Nannie Marie Halbert of Salyersville, Ky.; two sisters, Wanda Garnell Miller of Ypsilanti, Mi., and Judy Ward of Prestonsburg, Ky.; five brothers, Garner Ray Halbert of Farmington, New Mexico, John Glenn Halbert, Hubert Halbert, and Jake Halbert Jr., all of Langley, Ky., and Greg Halbert of Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Funeral services for James Dean Halbert will be conducted Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with the clergymen, Bob Varney and Tommy Hall, officiating.

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

Visitation is after 10 a.m., Thursday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Fertility

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No decline in male fertility was seen before age 35, and the man's age only seemed to matter when the woman passed 35, the study found.

At the age of 40, men were 40 percent less likely to get their partners pregnant in a month than they were at the age of 35, Dunson said.

"The observed decline is not dramatic, and you could hardly use the results to recommend males to deposit a frozen semen sample at age 35 in case they might want to be fathers at a later age," said Dr. Svend Juul, a professor at the Institute for Epidemiology and Social Medicine at the University of Aarhus in Denmark, who was not connected with the research.

One reassuring finding, experts said, was the super fertile period — the six days leading up to ovulation — remained the same for women of all ages. Some scientists have suspected that part of the reason why it is more difficult for older women to get pregnant could be that her fertile time could be shorter than that of younger women.

Evelyn Preston Turner

Evelyn Preston Turner, 85, of Lexington, died Monday, April 29, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital.

The widow of Andrew Jackson Turner, she was born in Floyd County, Ky., the daughter of James Milton and Mel Vina Sparks Preston. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and Noble Grand of Iager Rebekah Lodge No. 66.

Her daughter, Carol Lester of Lexington; sons, Andrew Jackson Turner of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Maurice Turner of Paris, Kentucky; and special niece, Patty Jones Williams of Owingsville, Ky., survive her. A brother, John Preston of Greenville, Tennessee, and sister, Mary Elizabeth Mullins of Benton, Illinois, also survive. She has five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Hall Funeral Home in Martin, at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 2.

The officiating minister will be Don Dilday; Jerry Zuniga will present two vocal numbers; the eulogy will be given by Jack Justin Turner; and the brothers message by John Preston.

Visitation will be at Hall Funeral Home on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Pallbearers: John Preston, Bryan Pack, Bill Mullins, Tommy Pack, Jack Turner IV, and Roland Williams. (Paid obituary)

Odds

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■ MINNEAPOLIS — A piece of disturbing Minnesota movie history is moving to Wisconsin.

With just seven seconds to spare before bidding closed in an Internet auction, Lindy Martin, 26, bid \$10,000 for a small cabin featured in the movie "Fargo."

Martin said late Saturday that she and her mother, Elsie Martin, are buying it together. They plan to move it to a lot in Barnes, Wis., about an hour east of Duluth.

"We thought it would be a quick way to get a cabin, to buy a fully functional one and just get it done," Lindy Martin said.

The cabin is the setting for the climactic scene in the 1996 Coen brothers' movie. Kidnappers hide

DSL service now available in Martin, Wayland

BellSouth has expanded its deployment of its high-speed digital subscriber line internet access service to Wayland and Martin.

BellSouth plans to continue the expansion of DSL service to 36 Kentucky communities in 2002. The introduction of high-speed internet access to smaller communities supports Gov. Paul Patton's initiative to speed development of broadband infrastructure throughout the state.

"High-speed broadband technology is crucial to today's economic development initiatives, especially for smaller communities," said regional manager Amy Scarborough. "This technology is truly leading edge, and DSL internet access has erased the 'digital divide' for communities throughout BellSouth's serving area."

Internet access using DSL

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Drugs

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FDA loosened its drug-promotion rules and suddenly advertising aimed at ordinary people tripled to nearly \$2.5 billion a year.

Critics argue the ads encourage patients to badger doctors into prescribing more expensive drugs than they really need, sometimes unnecessary ones, by making a pill seem a panacea while downplaying side effects. Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen charges that FDA's efforts to curtail misleading ads has plummeted even as drug advertising climbs, partly because of lack of staff.

The drug industry argues there's a good side, and a recent survey of the National Medical Association's members found

many agree. Half of the black physicians said ads can benefit patients by educating them about troublesome symptoms or new treatments developed since they last saw a doctor — even though a third of the doctors admitted they've felt pressure to prescribe a particular brand.

Now the FDA's new survey of 943 people who saw a doctor in the last three months adds to the debate: Only 5 percent said a drug ad spurred them to go to the doctor. Once there, 69 percent who asked for a particular drug got it.

Of those who saw a drug ad in a newspaper or magazine, 41 percent didn't read the required side-effect warnings, calling them hard to understand. Warnings on TV ads apparently were confusing, too: 12 percent recalled hearing what to do if they overdosed, something ads don't discuss.

A consumer survey can't tell if patients got the right or wrong drug thanks to an ad, FDA's Woodcock stresses. Asking for a cholesterol-lowering drug, for example, "might not be a bad health outcome," she notes.

Stay tuned: FDA hopes to shed more light on the controversy by asking 500 doctors about how they prescribe. Results are due this summer.

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Dean Conn



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I love and miss you,
Mother, Carlie Conn
Blackburn
Father, Virgil Conn

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The closest in history.

Patton defeated Republican Larry Forgy by about 25,000 votes. Their slates had the same amount of money. "Some food for thought, which we haven't had a whole lot of on this subject," Heleringer said.

A national Republican — U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona — also lent support. In a letter, McCain said Kentucky "has set an example for other states" by enacting partial public financing.

"These measures represent the desire of citizens to clean up political systems that have become beholden to the influence of big money and special interests," McCain said in the letter to state Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville.

McCain was co-author of a newly enacted federal law to limit campaign contributions and spending.

The House passed the budget bill last week without amendments. Williams said the Senate appropriations committee would approve it Tuesday and the full Senate would pass it on Wednesday. That would send the budget bill back to the House for a concurrence vote.

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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.

Revival meeting

The Middle Creek Baptist Church at Blue River, will be holding a revival meeting on Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m., and May 6-10, at 7 p.m. nightly. There will be special singing, and everyone is welcome.

Clark School Yard Sale

There will be a yard sale to raise money for the Clark Family Resource Center on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations can be dropped off in the After-School Room or in the Family Resource Center. Volunteers are also needed.

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.

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.

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

Thursday, May 2, has been declared a National Day of Prayer. Prayer meetings will be held in the following communities at listed times: Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center - 10:00 a.m.; McDowell ARH - 10:30 a.m.; City of Martin (at Grandstands) - 11:00 a.m.; Floyd County Court House, Prestonsburg - 12:00 p.m.; Maytown picnic shelter - 2:00 p.m.; Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church - 7:00 p.m. Plans are also being made to conduct meetings at the Highland Terrace Apts., Highlands Regional Hospital, and Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Please make plans to attend.

Big Sandy Quilt Show

To be held on Friday, May 3

and Saturday, May 4, at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. Admission \$1 for adults, .25 for youth, 5-16. For information on how to register your quilt, contact Brenda Cockerham, at 606-789-8108. Quilts must be registered on Thursday, May 2, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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.

Auxier 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.

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

4-H News - Spring 2002

May - 4-H'ers will be exhibiting their 4-H projects. For parents with questions, please call the extension office at 886-2668, or see the 4-H website at www.ca.uky.edu/Floyd/news.htm.

Summer Camp - will be held July 29-August 2 at Feltner 4-H Camp. Fee is \$90. Registration deadline is July 12. Applications accepted first-come, first-serve basis.

Horticulture Judging Team

Orientation meeting for the 2002 Horticulture Judging Team will be held Thursday, May 23, at 6 p.m., at the extension office. All participants, please bring a parent or guardian with you.

Poultry Judging Team

Orientation meeting for the 2002 Poultry Judging Team will be held Thursday, May 23, at 6 p.m., at the extension office. Please bring parent or guardian

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National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2 "America United Under God"

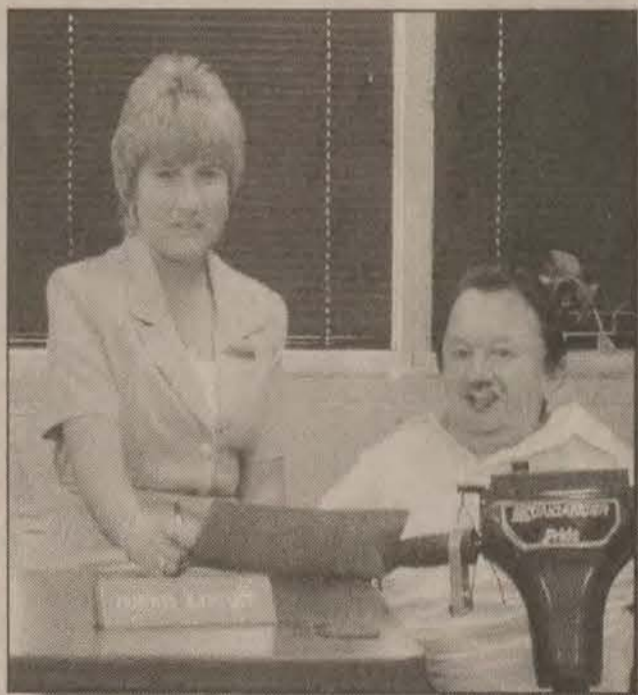
Come, join Christians from many churches in the Harold/Betsy Layne area who are coming together to pray for our nation, our families, our youth, and more, at the **Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 2.**

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Shooting Sports - The 2002 Shooting Sports Educational program has begun. If you are 9-18 and are interested in becoming involved, contact the extension office. Disciplines include: .22 rifles, archery, and trap (.20 and .12 gauge).
 The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office is located in Prestonsburg, on South Lake Drive, across from Brad Hughes Toyota. For questions about the 4-H program, contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668, or e-mail to: cstamper@uky.edu.

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.

Sr. Citizens Yard Sale
 The Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center will hold a yard sale on May 1-3, at the center, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

PHS Class of '82
 Are you a graduate of or would you have graduated with the Prestonsburg High School Class of 1982? If so, please contact either Ronald Rowe, at (859) 608-0565 or (606) 886-2904 or e-mail to: dan.coolley@mail.state.ky.us Plans for the 20th year class reunion are being made now.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 Army on Rt. 321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

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

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

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

Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

Domestic Violence—24 hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence Counselors—Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children—Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Prostate Cancer Support Group—Group is for all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. For more information, contact Susan Campbell, Kentucky Cancer Program, P.O. Box 1208, Hazard, KY 41702, or call (606) 487-8360, or 1-800-401-4287.

No injuries, little damage in bus wreck

by JARRID DEATON
 STAFF WRITER

An accident involving a Floyd County school bus occurred Tuesday near the entrance of Archer Park in Prestonsburg. According to Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning, the accident was not serious and there were no students on the bus at the time. The accident is still under investigation by the Prestonsburg City Police Department.

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Roger Webb was cited for failing to treat inmates properly.

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DSL

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"The beauty of DSL is that it is such a powerful economic development and educational tool," Scarborough said. "Companies must now compete

in a global marketplace. DSL allows businesses and students in smaller communities to compete on a level playing field with those in larger cities."

In addition to the growth and expansion of DSL availability in 2002, BellSouth plans to introduce its own retail DSL product, BellSouth FastAccess Service. FastAccess customers benefit from an enhanced web interface, allowing them to obtain information, determine DSL qualification and place orders online.

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Capitol Ideas

GOP pounding home a message against public campaign finance

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Welfare for politicians.

That is how Republicans are relentlessly characterizing Kentucky's partial public financing of gubernatorial campaigns. They are betting it will resonate with a disgusted public in time for the 2003 governor's race.

"I don't believe the taxpayers of Kentucky want their tax dollars used to pay the cost of political campaigns," Senate President David Williams said last week. "I think there's an overwhelming sentiment about that."

The Republican message is being pounded home on radio talk shows and in speeches on

the floor of the Kentucky Senate, whose proceedings are beamed across the state daily on Kentucky Educational Television.

The message is unwavering: Taxpayer money should not be spent on politicians' campaigns. It should instead be spent for — fill in the blank — teachers' raises. Or more state troopers. Or more social workers. Or health insurance for more low-income children. Or miles and miles of water lines in rural areas.

The message is getting through, judging from stacks of phone messages and e-mails that Majority Leader Dan Kelly reads aloud on the Senate floor. The writers express surprise, even outrage, at learning that tax money is used for matching

funds to candidate slates.

Defending the system is a tough sale because Republicans have succeeded in isolating the issue and keeping it under a spotlight.

When public financing is put up against health insurance

for poor kids, "this is certainly not an issue the public is going to rally behind," said Democratic Sen. Tim Shaughnessy of Louisville.

A partisan impasse over

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Aging

University and Texas A&M University assisted with publication review.

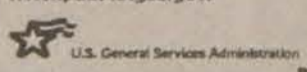
The free program includes written materials, brochures, videos, reading and reference lists, and online materials, and can be tailored to fit the need of any group. Four fact sheets provide demographic data for each Kentucky county, relating to

aging, families, housing and nursing homes.

County Extension agents across the state were trained in the program in November and began using it in their counties this spring. Extension homemaker groups, aging and social work agencies, and special interest groups have participated, and Quick expects some 16,000 Kentuckians will have participated in the program within a year.

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Women shouldn't ignore signs of heart disease

LEXINGTON — Although often thought of as a "man's disease," coronary artery disease is the leading cause of death of women in the United States.

More than twice as many women in the U.S. die of heart disease than all forms of cancer combined, according to the American Heart Association. Despite the reduction in the overall death rate from heart disease in the past several decades, studies show the decline is less for women than for men and less for African American women than white women.

"Unfortunately women often aren't treated until long after signs exist because they don't recognize the symptoms as being associated with heart disease," said Holly Pursley, M.D., internal medicine specialist and co-director of the Cardiovascular Women's Health Clinic at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center.

The clinic was created to

serve the needs of women by providing a comprehensive approach to cardiac care and focuses on primary and secondary prevention of cardiac disease, as well as treatment of existing cardiac disease, Pursley said.

Another problem in treating women's heart disease is they often tend to delay taking action when they have symptoms because either they think heart attacks only happen to men or they are the caretaker in the household and put off getting treatment because they are too busy, she said.

Common symptoms for heart disease for both men and women are chest pain sometimes radiating to the left arm or jaw, and shortness of breath, Pursley said. However, women may also have symptoms that are atypical such as anxiety, upset stomach or heartburn, palpitations and sensation in the upper abdominal or in the chest.

Some risk factors also affect

men and women in different ways. For example, diabetes is an especially bad risk factor for women, Pursley said. Also, in post-menopausal women hormone replacement therapy impacts women with coronary artery disease and requires special attention by physicians and health care providers to stay current on the recommendations from emerging research.

To help prevent cardiovascular disease women are urged to keep a healthy lifestyle by not smoking or stopping immediately, exercising five times a week 30 to 40 minutes per session, controlling their weight and cholesterol with a low-fat balanced diet and paying attention to symptoms recognizing that women are at risk for heart disease, Pursley said.

"Many advances have been made and are continuing to be made in treating women with heart disease but with many diseases early detection can be a key factor in outcomes."



The Floyd County school board recognized students named Governor's Scholars during its April 22 meeting. Shown above are, back row, left to right, Nathaniel Blackburn, Joseph Ratliff, Taryn Harris and Andrew Burchett; front row, Ashley Fish, Jenna Humphrey and Lowell Brock. Not pictured are Mollie McMillan, Shellie Hayes, Nick Chaffin and Heath Chaffin.

**John M. Stumbo Elementary
ELECTION OF PARENT MEMBERS
TO THE SBDM COUNCIL**

Will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., in the school library. Nominations must be submitted in writing, to the school office, by 3:00 p.m., on Friday, May 10, 2002. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent.

A parent council member shall be a (1) parent, step-parent, or foster parent, or (2) a person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order, and with whom the student resides.

A parent council member shall not be an employee or a relative of an employee of the school in which that parent serves, nor shall the parent representative be an employee, or a relative of an employee, in the district administrative offices. A parent representative shall not be a local board member, or a board member's spouse. None of the members shall have a conflict of interest pursuant to KRS Chapter 45A, except the salary paid to district employees.

Any parent of a child enrolled at John M. Stumbo Elementary School, or a parent of an incoming student, may vote to elect the parent council members.

Hello, to all Registered Voters of Floyd County:

I would like to take a few moments of your precious time to introduce myself. I am Curt Blackburn, and my lovely wife, Jamie Dawn, is seeking the office of County Clerk. We have been married for 18 wonderful years, and I am proud to say that I can personally recommend her for this office. I can assure you that she is highly qualified, capable, honest and a hard-working lady. She has three opponents, all of whom are men, and I have nothing negative to say about any of them; I understand that they want this office, also. As a Vietnam Veteran, I am asking you to use your right to vote and help support my wife, Jamie Dawn Blackburn, for County Clerk on May 28.



Thanks to all of our family, friends, and neighbors who have already gotten involved, and are supporting her for this office.

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Pd. for by Jennifer Conn, Treasurer, Auxier, Ky.

Happy 30th Birthday, Stacy Hall



My brother is a candidate for Magistrate of District 4. I wish him all the luck in the world. I am really proud of him and all his accomplishments. I really believe, with all my heart, that Stacy is the best man for Magistrate. He works really hard, and I know he will be HONEST, DEPENDABLE, FAIR, and a FRIEND to all the people of District 4. Stacy will treat his job more seriously, I believe, than anyone would, and be a harder worker. Stacy wants to be Magistrate of District 4, for all the people, all the time. More than anything, Stacy wants TO BE YOUR MAGISTRATE.

We would like to take this time to ask all our friends, families, and all the people of district 4, to help support and elect Stacy Hall. We know Stacy will be a friend that WILL WORK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

Happy Birthday, Stacy Hall!

Good Luck — We Love You!

Rita and Kenneth Rogers

Paid for by Rita Rogers, 7927 KY. Rt. 979, Grethel, KY 41631

GOP

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public financing resulted in the General Assembly failing to pass a budget, its only constitutional duty, before ending its annual session on April 15. Gov. Paul Patton summoned lawmakers back to the Capitol

last week to try again. The impasse continued last week, but the Senate's Republican majority made the most of it, keeping up a daily drumbeat against public financing.

Shaughnessy and other Democrats were maneuvered into trying to counter the Republicans with arguments more nebulous: Partial public financing reduces the influence of Big Money and neutralizes

candidates wealthy enough to self-finance their campaigns. Candidates can be less beholden to special interests, and more available to the public, if they don't have to spend all their time pleading for contributions.

The chief apologist on the House side is Speaker Jody Richards, who intends to run for governor next year and likely would need public financing to be competitive. Richards is in the awkward position of having to continually protest that "it's not about me" when he defends the system.

Partial public financing was enacted 10 years ago. It followed a 1991 governor's race that cost \$23 million. Brereton Jones spent \$9 million by himself to win the governorship. Also motivating the General Assembly was the prospect of its archenemy, former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, a multimillionaire at the time, running again in 1995.

Wilkinson didn't. Instead, Patton defeated Larry Forgy in the only election in which public financing has been used. The total cost was about \$6 million, according to the Kentucky

Registry of Election Finance. There was no public financing in 1999, when Patton was re-elected without opposition from the Republican mainstream.

Republicans contend public financing actually did nothing to stop big money. They say contributions simply went to the political parties, which were virtually unfettered, instead of to the candidates themselves.

The essence of public financing is that a candidate slate for governor and lieutenant governor can get \$2 for every \$1 it raises, provided it agrees to spending limits, which are adjusted for inflation. The maximum in 2003 is expected to be about \$2.1 million per slate in each election, primary or general. Participation is voluntary. A slate would not qualify unless it raised at least \$355,000 on its own.

Republican leaders say that would not be enough for someone like U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher, who may be strong in Lexington, his home, but would have to generate name recognition in much of the state. Building name recognition takes a lot of money.

Richards, who undeniably has a personal stake in the campaign-finance standoff, contends the governor's race "does not need to be the playground of the rich and famous." He says a democracy needs elections in which "people of ordinary means can participate."

Williams, his archrival in the General Assembly, contends the current campaign finance system will have the opposite effect for Richards, who will be running against both the rich — millionaire businessman Charlie Owen — and the famous — Attorney General Ben Chandler, who as the grandson of senator, governor and commissioner of baseball Happy Chandler has great name recognition.

Someone like Richards "is not going to be able to compete," Williams said. "The rich and famous are going to start out ahead, and they're going to end up ahead, because there's not enough money out there and you can't print enough money."

Charles Wolfe is a state-house reporter for The Associated Press.



Allen Elementary students Joshua McKinney, Jessica Samons, Kimberly Ratliff, Rachel Delong and Shane Kinzer received superior awards in the Kentucky Junior Historical Society competition March 25. Also receiving superior awards were Alanna Cline and Alex Noble. In addition, Kinzer, McKinney, Cline, Delong and Noble competed in the History Bowl and placed second in the state. The students are coached by Janet Shepherd.

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Pictured are student winners at the Kentucky Junior Historical Society Competition, who were recognized at the April 22 school board meeting. From left to right are Coach Shayne Wicker, Tyler Martin, Stephanie Conn, Jacob Johnson and Bruce Sparks. Those recognized but not pictured were Nick Densmore, Ryan Gearheart, Josh Rudder, Alex Hall, Kodi Hall and Colby Hayes. The students make up the Floyd County Young Historians team, composed of students from South Floyd Middle School and McDowell Elementary.


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PHS students William May and Kim Gibson received the special honor of being selected as "Members of the Year" at the Kentucky Junior Historical Society Conference, and selected to be "Presidential Advisors on the State Executive Board." They were recognized for their achievements during the April 22 meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education.

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Derby dreamers and pretenders

by **BILLY REED**
TIMES COLUMNIST

LOUISVILLE — I've always believed that naming a racehorse is sort of a sacred trust because you can never tell when one of them will be good enough to win the Kentucky Derby. It's important, therefore, to pick something noble, romantic, or inspiring. Something that won't make future generations upchuck.

A Derby winner should be named something like Count Fleet or Majestic Prince or Monarchs. Now those are names that evoke images of "My Old Kentucky Home," a garland of red roses, and silver julep cups. They sound like giants of the sport, not stable ponies.

So I simply can't understand why some people would stick such horrible names on their colts and fillies. It's like Mr. and Mrs. Starr next door naming their son Ima, or Mr. and Mrs. Howard naming their son Howard. Why would anybody do that to somebody they love?

When I checked the list of

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Sideline Shots

Reds one of MLB's best? Yes, at least for the moment

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

Don't look now, yeah, go ahead and look now, because the Cincinnati Reds are one of Major League Baseball's best teams. With a blend of young talent and steady pitching, yes, steady pitching, the Reds are among the best in



the game. And almost all of the success is minus one Ken Griffey Jr.

Recent talks have some of the top young Reds headed out. Adam

Dunn, Austin Kearns and Sean Casey headed out of town. Jim Bowden has made it perfectly clear that he isn't going to go out and get the type of pitching needed to win down the stretch. Now, he wants to trade away his best young hitters and fielders? Yes, it appears that way. It also appears that not even Aaron Boone, son of Cincy skipper Bob Boone, is safe, as he too, is also rumored to be headed out of town.

Tickets for the final series at Cinergy Field are scheduled to go on sale Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cinergy Field ticket windows, located near Gate 13 on the west side of the stadium's plaza level, and at the Reds Dugout Shop, located in the Westin Hotel downtown.

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College baseball

ALC baseball team in AAC tourney

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — The Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Baseball Tournament is underway in Johnson City, Tenn. The AAC tourney began yesterday and will continue through May 4 at Cardinal Field.

The Alice Lloyd College baseball team, under the guidance of manager Scott Cornett and veteran baseball coach Jad Deaton, began the tournament yesterday after

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LADY RAIDER SOFTBALL



photo by Jamie Howell

The South Floyd Lady Raiders are looking for a 57th District title in mind as the month of May begins. The South Floyd roster features some young talent along with some veterans.

Lady Raiders fall to Millard

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

Without the services of junior hurler Brienne Daniels, the Johnson Central High School softball team is suffering. The Lady Eagles have tried several other players at pitcher. None have fared very well.

Knowing the situation, the South Floyd Lady Raiders took full advantage last Wednesday by downing the host Lady Eagles 18-5, posting a solid victory in mercy fashion. The lady Raiders also scored a win over Allen Central, before

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AUTO RACING

Lonesome Pine Raceway holds Pine 210

Area drivers Blackburn, Crum finish in top 10

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COEBURN, Va. — Eager racing fans braved the clouds at Lonesome Pine Raceway on Saturday night to watch the Pine 210. Saturday night's Pine 210 was the first such event for new track owner Willard Kinzer. Competing in the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series Presented by Dodge Morgan-McClure Late Model Stocks, Blountville, Va.'s Wade Day matched his winning

of the pole and the 100-lap race for the second week in a row. Following Day in second was Coeburn, Va. driver Danny O'Quinn, Jr. Third-place went to Abingdon, Va. resident Brandon Nichols. Fourth-place went to Bristol, Tenn. driver Nate Monteith, with fifth going to Saint Paul, Va. driver Stacey Vicars. Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn guided his No. 22 to an eighth-place finish, with Barry Crum, Pikeville, finished ninth driving car No. 02.

The Grand Stock division competed in a 30-lap shootout. Roger Neece, Clintwood, Va., won the pole, driving the No. 22 car. While Rob Austin and Joey Owens were battling for the lead, Neece found a way around

(See **PINE 210**, page seven)

MOTOCROSS

Several racing at Royalton track

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

ROYALTON — Every other Sunday, several motocross athletes, both young and old, can be found in Magoffin County at J&M Motocross Park in Royalton. Athletes come from all around the state, as well as neighboring West Virginia.

J&M had its events rained out on Sunday. The track has scheduled another day of racing for Sunday, May 5.

For more information on the motocross, phone 606/884-2311. Fax all inquiries to 606/349-2431.

The Royalton motocross track last raced on Sunday, April 14. First-place racers included Logan Chaffins, Miles Minix, Kyle Hinkle, Josh Bolen, Aaron Mullins, Danny Leedy, Edgar Robinson, Chris Gamble, Kenny

Mullins, Adam Leedy, Butch Leedy, Sherry Cornett and Jamie Arnett.

A complete list of results from April 14 follows:

50cc Shaft Class

■ 1st - Logan Chaffins, Martin

50cc 7-8 year olds

■ 1st - Miles Minix, Prestonsburg
■ 2nd - Mckinley Minix, Ivel

65cc Class 7-9 year olds

■ 1st - Kyle Hinkle, Delbarton, W.Va.
■ 2nd - Channing Young,

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WINNING THE ROSES

Leslie Dotson wins Youth Racking Horse Spring Celebration

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DECATUR, Ala. — Leslie Dotson, daughter of Terry and Judy Dotson of Prestonsburg, won the Youth Racking Horse Spring Celebration held on Saturday in Decatur, Ala. Dotson is a junior Honor Student at Prestonsburg High School. She is the 2000 and 2001 Youth Racking Horse World Grand Champion and will be com-

peting during the summer months ahead for State Championships in Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Georgia. In September, Leslie Dotson will once again compete for a third time to become the Youth World Grand Champion. This will be her last year in the Juvenile 13-17 Year Old Class. Family and friends wish the multiple Youth World Grand Champion a successful year.



Leslie Dotson



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Taylor Clark of the Floyd County Panthers U12 team scored a goal against the Floyd County Warriors. The goal put the Panthers up 2-1, but the Warriors came back and tied the score late in the game. See story inside, B3.

P'burg Little League holds first games of new season

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg Little League held its first games of the 2002 season on Monday at Archer

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Prestonsburg T-Ball action got going at Archer Park on Monday.

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■ OUTDOORS

Don't feed the Black Bears

by LEE McCLELLAN
KDFWR

Some people see black bears as a product of the Disney studios. They are cute and cuddly and need to be fed in order to survive. Right?

The feeding of bears by well-intended humans increases during the spring when bears get more active. "At about this time of year, people will see more bears," said Jonathan Day, forest systems coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). "If a bear gets food, they will come around a lot because they get used to it. The bear ends up in trouble. It is very seldom that the people get in trouble, it is the bear that gets in trouble."

Bears fed by humans become habituated. "A fed bear is a dead bear," Day said. "Don't feel sorry for them and feed them. There is plenty for them to eat out there. They eat grubs, worms, insects, beetles and berries. Bears will eat anything."

To keep bears from getting into trouble, Day makes some simple recommendations. He said that homeowners in bear territory should bring in pet food at night and put out their garbage the morning of the pickup, not the night before. Day recommends garbage cans in bear territory should have a latching lid that a bear cannot open. Garbage cans should be placed in a metal or wooden box that a bear cannot flip over. He also says homeowners in bear territory should not throw food scraps out the back door.

"A bear can smell better than a turkey can see," Day said. "They can smell a small amount of food up to a mile away. Its fine to observe bears, but teaching them to depend on an arti-

cial food source is a lose-lose situation. Sooner or later, it is going to create an unnecessary disaster."

Day said bear sightings or aggressive bears should be reported to the KDFWR at 1-800-858-1549.

Mid-season turkey harvest results

The harvest results of the midway point of the 2002 spring turkey season are encouraging. As of April 24, 2002, a total of 19,643 birds were harvested compared with a total of 23,197

birds harvested during the entire 2001 spring turkey season.

A total of 14,614 of the 19,643 birds harvested as of April 24 had beards longer than 7 inches indicating a good hatch two years ago. The majority of the turkeys harvested are two-year-old toms.

The top three turkey harvest counties in the state as of April 24 are in western Kentucky. Ohio County is first with 541 birds harvested, Muhlenberg County second with 527 birds

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Union signs Dixie Heights standout

Johnson narrows decision down to two: Alice Lloyd, Union

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BARBOURVILLE — Union College added another top-notch recruit to its roster Monday with the signing of Dixie Heights High School senior Joe Bramlage.

"We are really excited about Joe signing to play for the Bulldogs. We really believe he has what it takes to play at this level and feel he will become a good college player," said Union coach Kelly Combs.

Still, Johnson Central senior

guard Dock Johnson is a possibility for Union College, as well as nearby Alice Lloyd College. Johnson has paid visits to both schools. He is expected to announce his college intentions in the very near future.

Bramlage, a 6-foot-5 forward, was an All-State Honorable Mention this past season as he averaged 17.3 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. In addition to being a member of the All-Region First Team, he was selected as the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches Ninth Region Player of the Year. He was also named the Dixie Heights Team MVP during both his junior and senior campaigns.

Union finished the 2001-02 season with a 6-25 overall record. The Bulldogs will open the 2002-03 season on Nov. 5 at Cumberland (Ky.) College.



courtesy photo

A Floyd County Warrior tried to move the ball against a host of red-shirted Panther defenders in the U12 game which ended in a 2-2 tie.

Soccer

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a score of 6-0.

The Flames had four different players to score in the game. Brad Stanley and Brad Hicks each scored two goals in the game. Travis Justice and Branston Jarrell each scored one goal in the game.

Also playing offense and making some good plays were Joseph Kidd, Julie Pecosolido and Nathaniel (The Blonde Bomber) Fraley. Julie Pecosolido gave a great assist in the game, passing the ball to Brad Hicks on one of his scores.

Zak Key and Kyle Gearheart defended their goal for the Flames and turned away every shot by the Stampede. Nevan Slone and Brad Shepherd played a very good defensive game in helping the Flames to a win.

The Flames have three wins and one loss midway thru the season. Next Saturday, the Flames will travel to Hazard to face the Strikers.

WARRIORS VS. PANTHERS (U12)

This contest between two evenly matched Floyd County U12 clubs ended in a 2-2 tie,

which maintained each team's undefeated record. A goal by Taylor Clark midway through the second half added to a first half goal by Nicholas Banks to put the Panthers ahead 2-1, but

Derby

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with the horse," said jockey Donnie Meche, who will ride Private Emblem. "It's almost like he's got the mind of a horse."

This year's Derby could be the biggest cavalry charge since a full field of 20 ran in 1988 and '89. Asmussen will know Wednesday, when post positions are drawn, if he'll be the only trainer with two starters.

"The field is obviously very contentious," he said. "Things that are out of your control, how roughly the race is run, you realize how susceptible you are to it."

Last year, Asmussen trained Fifty Stars to a 10th-place Derby finish.

"Fifty Stars was a great horse for me to run as my first Derby starter because nothing set him off. He was a very patient horse," he said.

Private Emblem and Windward Passage, who trained and raced at Churchill last summer, aren't as settled, Asmussen said.

"We've tried to emphasize

a late goal by Luke Greene tied the score for the Warriors. The Panthers take next week off, while the Warriors travel to Johnson County to take on the Crew.

patience with them and have their state of mind one in which they won't be wasting their race before it actually happens," he said.

Private Emblem's sire, Our Emblem, will have another Derby entrant in War Emblem, who scored a gate-to-wire victory in the Illinois Derby.

War Emblem was sold after that win and landed in Bob Baffert's barn three weeks ago.

"With both horses, your worries aren't so much about if they're fast enough, it's just if you can get them in the right position to show it," said Asmussen, who has previously run horses against War Emblem. "I think War Emblem is the speed of the race and everybody else is a stalker."

Private Emblem could handle a quick early pace, but Asmussen said Windward Passage needs to be in the middle of the pack early or the colt will leave himself too much ground to make up.

"We feel very excited about our chances on Saturday," he said.

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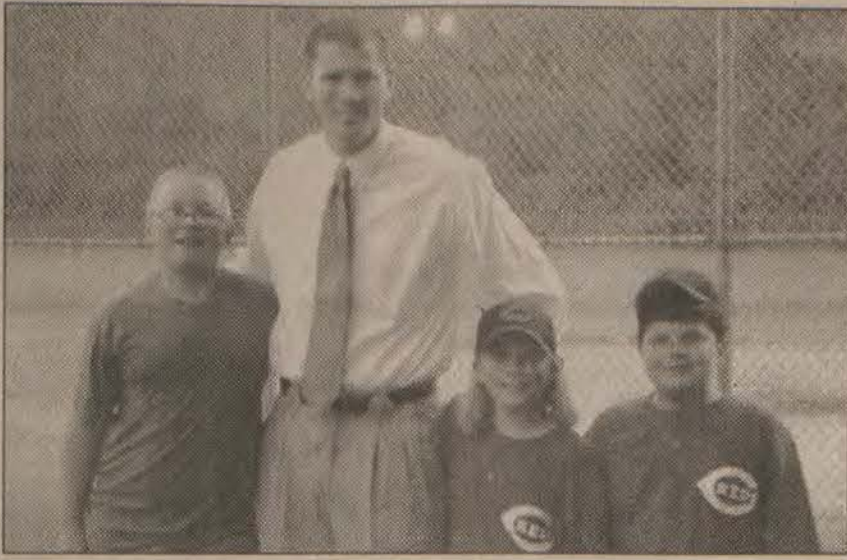
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Former UK Wildcat Jeff Sheppard watched some of the Prestonsburg Little League action Monday night. Dewey Meade, Erica Meade, and D.J. Ousley took time out from their game to have their picture taken with the former Wildcat.

BASEBALL

Legends: Can you dig it?

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - Imagine coming to Applebee's Park tonight to watch the Legends play the Hagerstown Suns and leaving with a brilliant cut diamond ring, valued at more than \$5,000. That is exactly what one lucky lady will be doing. It's all part of a popular promotion called the Diamond Dig, sponsored by The Castle, the Official Jeweler of the Lexington Legends.

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You can be a winner without finding the ring buried in the infield. The Castle will also be giving away gift certificates worth \$50 throughout the game. Plus, any fan who brings in their ticket stub from Wednesday's game to any one of the six Castle locations thru May 12th will receive 10% off the already guaranteed lowest price on jewelry. The Castle locations are:

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PRO WRESTLING

AWF returning to Feds Creek for two events

FEDS CREEK - The Appalachian Wrestling Federation will once again roll into the Pike County town of Feds Creek. But, instead of just one event, the promotion is gearing up for two big events.

The first, "Tuesday Night Terror" is set for Tuesday, May 14 at the Feds Creek High School. Belltime is 7 p.m. All the top stars of the AWF will be in Feds Creek, including Feds Creeks's own B.J. the D.J. The AWF will fill in for National Pro Wrestling and Promoter Kenny McCoy Jr.

The other event is set for Saturday, May 25 at the Spruce Pine Bottom there in Feds Creek. Not only will you see all the top stars of the AWF, you will hear some great country music by Richie Rose and the Stone Cold Band.

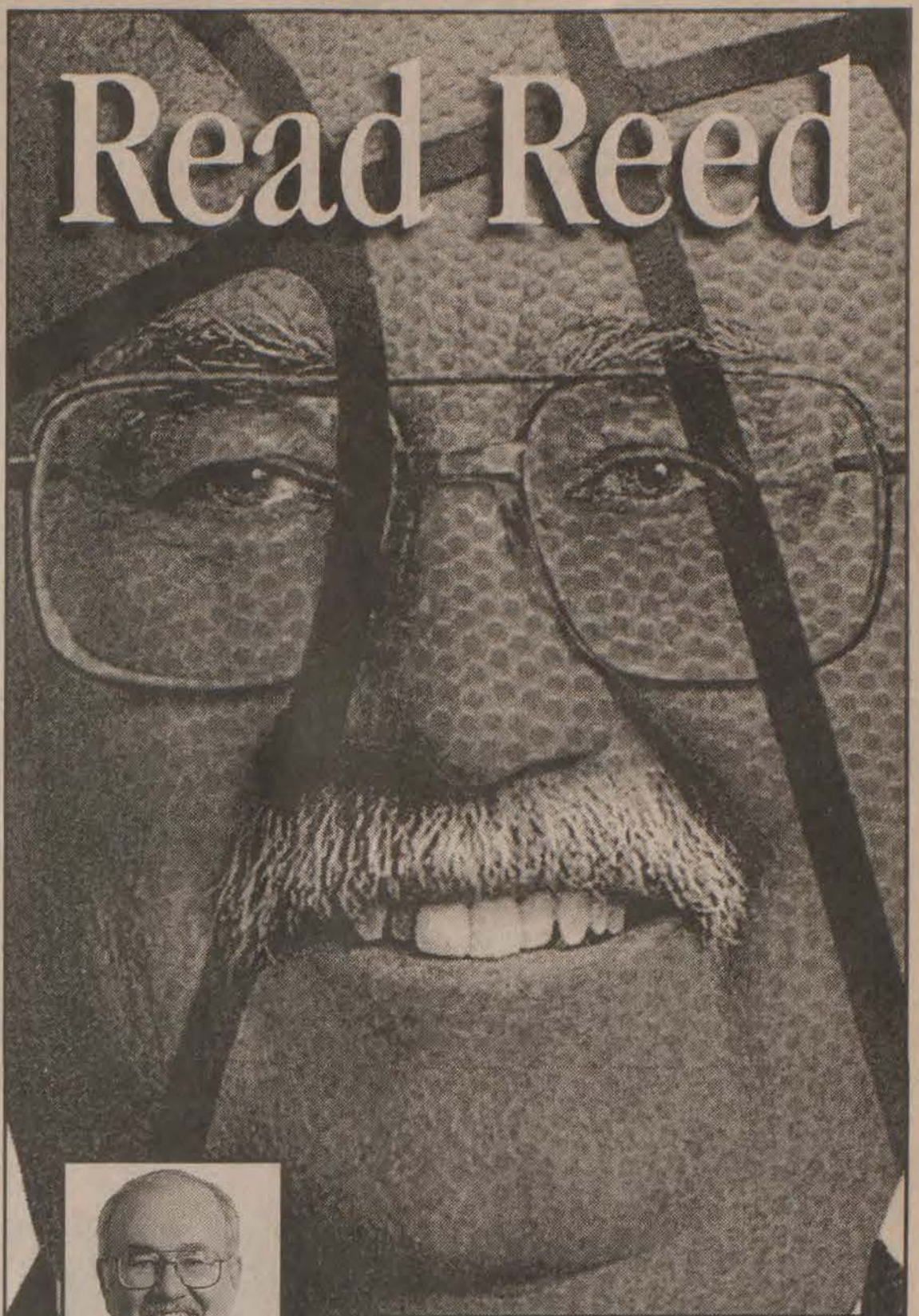
"Wylde Chylde" Andy

Douglas and Killer Kurt are returning to the AWF.

"Wylde Chylde" Andy Douglas and Killer Kurt both are set to return to AWF action in the coming weeks after an absence of several months.

Both are very great wrestlers and have worked for numerous promotions, most recently Nationwide Championship Wrestling.

"We are very excited to have both of these gentlemen back in the AWF. They are awesome athletes," said AWF Promoter Joe Clark. "To be honest with you, I think its just a matter of time before Andy Douglas becomes a national superstar," added Clark. "He has always been one of my favorite wrestlers. He is an outstanding athlete and a great person outside of the ring as well."



Billy Reed IS Basketball

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Johnson County Ramada Raptors: Pictured in the front row: Cara Richardson, Trent Davis, Megan Caldwell, Alex Allen, Courtney Coburn, Jerralyn Kelsey. Second row: Jordyn Combs, Taylor Robinette, Josh Reed, Tori Parker, Coach Don Parker, Rachel Goble, Ashley Melvin, Clint Combs. Not pictured is T-Mike Blair.

Raptors defeat Goalies, 5-2

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

JOHNSON COUNTY - Last Thursday night saw the Ramada Inn Raptors facing off against the other Johnson County U/10 soccer team, the Goalies. It was the first time the two teams had met this season and the Raptors came away with a 5-2 victory.

The Raptors sent out Cara Richardson and Jerralyn Kelsey into the Forward positions and Tori Parker, Trent Davis and Megan Caldwell as the team's Mid Fielders. Then Courtney Coburn, Clint Combs and Ashley Melvin formed the defensive wall with T-Mike

Blair standing guard as goalie. The first part of the game was hard fought by both teams but the Goalies took the advantage by scoring the first goal. However, they soon thereafter committed a foul inside their goal box and the Raptors were given a penalty kick. Center midfielder Parker stepped to the penalty mark and after sizing up the situation, drove in the penalty kick tying the game at 1-1 at halftime.

The second half of play saw Jordyn Combs and Josh Reed move in the positions of forward and midfielder, respectively and Alex Allen and

Taylor Robinette in to the positions of Defenders. The Raptors were determined to score again. Davis pressed the ball up the field from a pass from Reed and finally scored.

The Goalies committed another defensive foul within their goal box and this time Clint Combs stepped to the penalty mark and scored a goal. The Raptors had gotten their second wind and Parker made a steal and dribbled the ball to the other end of the field and sank another shot.

Kelsey then decided it was time for another goal and after dribbling around an opponent scored again for the Raptors. Defenders Coburn and Robinette showed some impressive moves as they fought off attempts at scoring by the other team.

While trying to prevent the opposing team from scoring, the Raptors committed a foul inside their goal box and the Goalies sent forth their shooter. Goalkeeper Rachel Goble dove for the dirt and made an awesome save; however, the opposing team did make one additional goal but the Raptors came away with the victory.

The Raptors will be in action again this Saturday, on their home field at 9 a.m. when they will play the Floyd County Lightning.

Bears

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harvested and Butler County is currently third with 487 birds harvested. Other top counties by harvest are Owen with 413 birds harvested, Hardin with 393 birds harvested, Logan with 375 birds taken, and Hart with 368 birds harvested.

Firearm hunters are dominating the harvest. As of April 24,

19,505 of the 19,643 turkeys harvested were taken with a modern firearm. Muzzleloader hunters had taken 75 birds and archery hunters had arrowed 63 birds.

The 2002 spring turkey hunting season concludes on May 5. The daily bag limit is one male turkey, or turkey with a visible beard. Hunters may take up to two male turkeys or turkeys with a visible beard during the spring.

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Willard Speedway to open May 24

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WILLARD — Willard Speedway, formerly known as East Kentucky Raceway Park, will begin its fifth season of exciting, dirt track racing on Friday, May 24. Track owner Jim Allen, a Floyd County resident, is looking forward to his most

successful season to date. "We're looking forward to getting started this year," said Allen. "The track looks good, and we feel like this could be our best season yet."

Classes racing at Willard Speedway this season will include Super Bombers, Bombers, 4-Cylinders, UMP Modifieds and Road Hogs. Four-wheelers will also race at the Carter County track.

The Willard Speedway Kids Club, formerly known as the East Kentucky Raceway Park Kids Club, will also be in full swing will several activities for children

of all ages. Each Friday night, Willard Speedway will feature something different for race fans of all ages to enjoy.

"We want to make it fun for fans of all ages," added Allen. "When people come to Willard Speedway we want them to see a nice show."

A pit pass at Willard Speedway this season is priced at \$15. General admission is \$8.

Late last season, Willard Speedway, then known as East Kentucky Raceway Park, honored its track champions. Track champs for last season were Paul Day, Frank Porter, Terry Hicks, Jack Clevenger and Arnie Fields.

Prior to the season-opener, advertising space is still available at the Carter County track. Two-sided billboards are sold on two-year contracts for \$450. For more information about purchasing a billboard, call 424-1916.

Willard Speedway has a new website. For more information on Willard Speedway, go to www.willardspeedway.tripod.com, or call 606/474-2477.

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Floyd County Rocket Makay Tackett kicking the ball. Included in the picture are the coach for the Rockets, Marty Tackett, and the coach for the Supersonics, Rev. George Love. The Supersonics prevailed, 1-0.

FOOTBALL

Bengals make offer to QB Gus Frerotte

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals have offered a contract to free agent quarterback Gus Frerotte and told him he could compete for the starting job held by Jon Kitna.

Bengals spokesman Jack Brennan confirmed Tuesday that the Bengals had presented an offer to Frerotte. Neither the Bengals nor Frerotte's agent, Marvin Demoff, could confirm the terms of the contract. Demoff did not immediately return telephone messages left at his Los Angeles office Tuesday morning.

A year ago, the Bengals offered four-year contracts to both Frerotte and Kitna, and Kitna was the first to accept. Frerotte signed with the Denver Broncos as a backup to Brian Griese.

Frerotte, 30, who also has played for Washington and Detroit, worked out for the Bengals last week. He told them he would be interested in signing if he were given a chance to compete for the starting job. Otherwise, he said he would focus on re-signing with Denver.

Bengals offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski said Frerotte displayed the same talents as the team's coaches liked a year ago. "Accuracy, arm strength, team management," Bratkowski said.

Bengals coach Dick LeBeau has told Frerotte he would be given the opportunity to compete for the starting job. The Bengals did not draft a quarterback this year. That gives them Kitna, who started 15 games in 2001 and threw for 12 touchdowns but 22 interceptions; Akili Smith, who is recovering from hamstring surgery in December; and Scott Covington.

Smith is still rehabilitating his leg and will miss this weekend's mini-camp. Frerotte had reconstructive

surgery on his throwing shoulder Dec. 26. He said he is nearly recovered but still rehabilitates his shoulder twice a week.

Frerotte is entering his ninth NFL season. He threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns in limited action with Denver last season. He was injured in his lone start Dec. 16 against

Kansas City and ended the season on injured reserve.

Kitna said he is ready to meet competition for his starting job.

"I'm not real worried about losing my job. It's a never-ending saga," Kitna said. "Ten days ago, I was the guy. Now I'm in a competition."

GOLF

EKU women's golf team just six strokes back after first round

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PADUCAH — The Eastern Kentucky University women's golf team was just six strokes off the pace set by Murray State after the first round of the 2002 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Golf Tournament at The Country Club of Paducah course.

After the first 18 holes of play, Murray State stands at 326, five strokes better than second place Eastern Illinois who had a 331 and six strokes ahead of EKV who is at 332. Only 10 strokes separate the leader from the No. 5 team as Austin Peay is in fourth at 333 and Tennessee Tech is last at 336.

Sophomore Tamara Thompson tops coach Joni Stephens' EKV Colonels as she shot a 39-39 for a second place score of 78 in the 25-person field. Freshman Brittainy Klein is next for the Colonels with her 84, while senior Kelli Wilson and sophomore Jennifer Sullivan each had 85's. Freshman Beth VanHoose, a Johnson Central High School graduate, came in at 90.

Murray State's Cuyler Hedley shot a 38-37 for a three-

over par 75 to lead in the individual standings.

The OVC tourney continued Tuesday with another 18 holes of play, beginning at 8:40 a.m. CST. The tourney concludes with 18 holes of play today.

EKV SCORES

- 2 Tamara Thompson 39-39=78
- T 11 Brittainy Klein 45-39=84
- T 14 Kelli Wilson 43-42=85
- T 14 Jennifer Sullivan 43-42=85
- 22 Beth VanHoose 48-42=90

TOP FIVE GOLFERS

- 1 Cuyler Hedley, Murray State 38-37=75
- 2 Tamara Thompson, Eastern Kentucky 39-39=78
- 3 Samantha Fox, Austin Peay 38-41=79
- 4 Julie Smith, Tennessee Tech 37-43=80
- 5 Tyra Frederick, Eastern Illinois 39-42=81
- Dale Morris, Eastern Illinois 41-40=81

TEAM SCORES

- Murray State, 326; Eastern Illinois, 331; Eastern Kentucky, 332; Austin Peay, 333; Tennessee Tech, 336.

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This litter of black lab puppies is six months old; all are very friendly and desperately need good homes. The friendly second puppy is from another litter and is three months old. On the end is a shy and very sweet-natured cocker spaniel pup who is a year old.



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Betsy Layne falls to Sheldon Clark, beats Prestonsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Sheldon Clark beat Betsy Layne 11-3 Friday in the Coalfields Classic at the Robinson Brothers Athletic Complex. Robert Howell was the winner pitcher for the Cards, while senior Dustin Elkins took the loss for Betsy Layne. Brandon May added a double for the Cards, as did senior Wes Seters for the Bobcats. Sheldon Clark's Stephen Howell had the game's only triple.

Betsy Layne took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Sheldon Clark went scoreless in his home half of the first frame before erupting for three runs in the second inning and two more in the third. The Bobcats beat Prestonsburg, 8-6, Monday.

Sheldon Clark 6, Shelby Valley 3

Sheldon Clark (19-3) scored first in the bottom of the second inning before the Wildcats took a 2-1 lead in the fourth when Larry Little

scored and Josh Bentley doubled to allow pinch-runner Kelly Shortridge to cross the plate on a Patrick Tackett single.

Shelby Valley (5-13) trailed 4-3 late in the game before the Cardinals added two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to secure the win.

Shawn Kendrick took the loss while Brandon May picked up the win for the Cards.

Shelby Valley, which beat Jenkins 11-1 in the first round of the Coalfields Classic, was scheduled to host Knott Central Tuesday at 6 p.m. Results were unavailable.

South Floyd 3, Allen Central 0

South Floyd senior Joe Skeans took to the mound Monday night against Allen Central and pitched the Raiders to a victory. South Floyd, playing on its home field, plated two runs in the bottom half of the first inning, and it would be more than enough, as the Bobcats were held scoreless. Skeans helped his cause by hitting a double, Junior teammate Michael Hall also cracked a double.

Forshee wins Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League Mountain Division Tournament

Hager Hill's McDonald finishes third in tourney

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SOMERSET — Jim Forshee of Lexington, topped 128 Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League competitors Saturday on Cumberland Lake with five bass weighing 15 pounds, 14 ounces. The catch earned him \$3,612 and 200 points in the Boater Division.

Forshee, who also earned a \$1,000 bonus from Ranger Boats as the highest finishing participant in the Ranger Cup incentive program and a \$1,000 bonus from GARMIN for using a fixed-mount GARMIN GPS/Sounder, caught his limit on a Zoom tube while fishing the lake's south fork. The catch, which earned Forshee a total of \$5,612, topped second-place boater Michael Discepoli of Cincinnati, Ohio, by 2 pounds, 3 ounces. Discepoli finished the one-day tournament with a five-bass catch weighing 13 pounds, 11 ounces worth \$1,806. He also

earned big bass honors and \$640 with a 4-pound, 9-ounce bass that he caught on a fluke. Tim McDonald of Hager Hill, (five bass, 11 pounds, 10 ounces, \$1,084); Mark Jackson of Spring City, Tenn. (five bass, 11 pounds, 5 ounces, \$867); and Doyle Epperson of Nancy, (five bass, 10 pounds, 13 ounces, \$795) rounded out the top five boaters. Beecher Strunk of Somerset, claimed first place and \$1,806 in the 128-competitor Co-angler Division with four bass weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce. He surpassed second-place

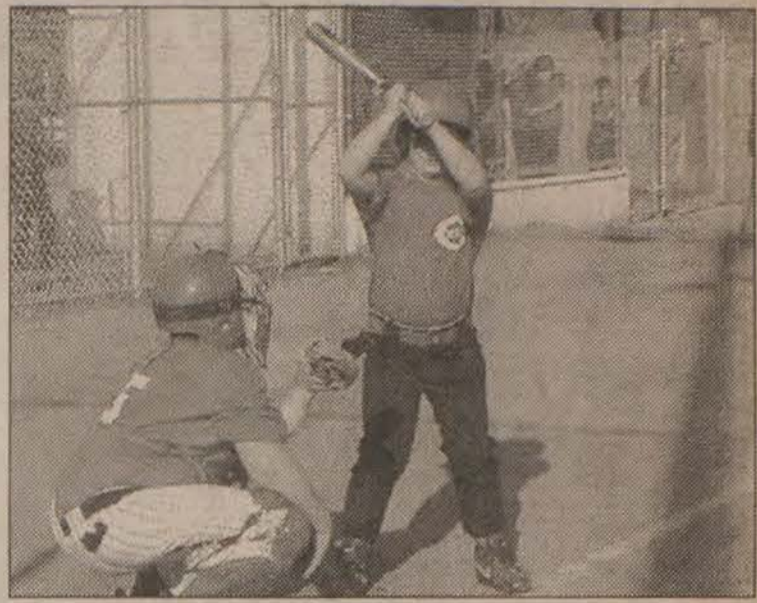
co-angler Teddy Willett of Greeneville, Tenn., by 1 pound, 8 ounces. Willett finished with a four-bass catch weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces worth \$903. Ralph Feldman, Lancaster, (three bass, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, \$542); Grant Drock of Indianapolis, Ind. (two bass, 4 pounds, 11 ounces, \$433); and Kenneth Fieler of Cincinnati, Ohio, (two bass, 4 pounds, 9 ounces, \$397) rounded out the top five co-anglers. Co-angler Steven Byrd of Strawberry Plains, Tenn., earned big bass honors and \$320 in his division with a 4-pound, 1-ounce bass. He finished seventh thanks to the one fish. Overall, 13 five-bass limits were caught during the tournament.

The Wal-Mart BFL will visit Cherokee Lake June 1 for the fourth of five Mountain Division events. The boater with the most points after the division's season finale, a two-day Super Tournament Sept. 14-15 on Cherokee Lake, will be declared the Yamaha "Be the Best" Points Leader and awarded \$1,000. The co-angler amassing the most points by the end of the season will receive \$500. The top 30 Mountain Division boaters and co-anglers will advance to regional competition Oct. 15-19 on Kerr Lake near Henderson, N.C., where they will go up against top competitors from the Buckeye, Northeast and Savannah River

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Family Academy of Martial Arts instructors and students posed with trophies won last year. courtesy photo



Erica Meade batted her first inside-the-park homerun of the season on Monday night. courtesy photo

Racing

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- Royalton**
 - 3rd - Zacharie Young,
- Royalton**
 - 4th - B.J. Moore (home-town not available)
 - 5th - Miles Minix,
- Prestonsburg**
 - 6th - Mckinley Minix, Ivel

- 65cc 10-11 year olds**
 - 1st - Josh Bolen, Wayland
 - 2nd - Jamie Chaffin,
- Martin**
 - 3rd - Nathaniel Tate,
- Salyersville**

- 80cc 7-11 year olds**
 - 1st - Aaron Mullins,
 - Belcher
 - 2nd - Kyle Hinkle,
 - Delbarton, W.Va.
 - 3rd - D.J. Ousley, Martin
 - 4th - Jodie Tackett,
 - Prestonsburg
 - 5th - Justin McCoy

- 85cc 12-15 year olds**
 - 1st - Aaron Mullins,
 - Belcher
 - 2nd - Michael Tackett,
 - Pikeville
 - 3rd - Colby Moore (home-town not available)
 - 4th - Ethan Bolen, Sydney

- 125 D Class**
 - 1st - Danny Leedy, Frankfort
 - 2nd - Nick Stephens, Salyersville
 - 3rd - Sherry Cornett, Gilley
 - 4th - Ricky Skeens, Hardy

- 125 C Class**
 - 1st - Edgar Robinson, Jenkins
 - 2nd - Gabe Stewart, Wheelwright
 - 3rd - Robbie Helton, Salyersville
 - 4th - Jarrod Mullins, Pikeville
 - 5th - Jordan Keene, Pikeville

- 125 B Class**
 - 1st - Chris Gamble, Salyersville
 - 2nd - Chris Bailey,

- 250 D Class**
 - 1st - Adam Leedy, Toler

- 25+ Class**
 - 1st - Sherry Cornett, Gilley

- 30+ Class**
 - 1st - Butch Leedy, Toler
 - 2nd - Kenny Cornett, Gilley
 - 3rd - Mark Young, Royalton
 - 4th - Greg Williamson, Canada

- 250 B Class**
 - 1st - Butch Leedy, Toler
 - 2nd - Kenny Cornett, Gilley

- Mini 4 Stroke Class**
 - 1st - Josh Bolen, Wayland
 - 2nd - Jonathan Leedy, Toler
 - 3rd - Corey Coleman, Ashcamp
 - 4th - Steve Skeens, Hardy

- 250 D Class**
 - 1st - Adam Leedy, Toler

- 25+ Class**
 - 1st - Sherry Cornett, Gilley

- 30+ Class**
 - 1st - Butch Leedy, Toler
 - 2nd - Kenny Cornett, Gilley
 - 3rd - Mark Young, Royalton
 - 4th - Greg Williamson, Canada

- 250 B Class**
 - 1st - Butch Leedy, Toler
 - 2nd - Kenny Cornett, Gilley

- ATV 4 Stroke**
 - 1st - Jamie Arnett, Royalton
 - 2nd - Johnathan Allen, Inez
 - 3rd - Justin Risner, Royalton
 - 4th - Jon Bailey, Royalton

- Kimper**
 - 3rd - Mark Young, Royalton

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 - 3rd - Mark Young, Royalton

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falling to the Millard Lady Mustangs out of Pike County, 7-5. South Floyd eyes a 57th District title as it enters the May portion of its schedule.

SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL GAMES ON TAP...

May 1at Knott County Central
 May 7at Paintsville
 May 9at Jenkins
 May 13Pike Co. Central
 May 17at Millard

ALC

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noon by playing in the first game of the event. The Eagles were scheduled to take on Bluefield College yesterday at 2 p.m. Scheduled for last night at the park was a conference picnic and a skills contest, along with the all-conference awards banquet. ALC finished the regular season with a record of 17 wins and

25 losses. "The ACC really puts on a very good tournament," said Cornett, before his team departed for the tournament. "It's an exciting time of year for our baseball team and we are looking forward to the tournament. It's a great atmosphere for baseball."

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per person may be purchased for the final game at Cinergy Field, which will be played on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 1:15 p.m. There will be an additional \$3 charge for each ticket purchased for the final series. Tickets for the final series at Cinergy Field are guaranteed in all full-season and most partial-season ticket packages.

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Pine 210

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the two competitors and took the lead the lap 19, holding on for the win. Second-place went to Joey Owens (Dante, Va.), while Austin, last week's winner, had to settle for third. Fourth-place went to Dungannon, Va. driver Tony Dockery. Paul Vance rounded out the first-five. Competitors in the Pure Stock 4 division raced for 20 laps. Clintwood, Va.'s Larry McKnight took home first-place, while Josh Short came in second. Finishing in third-place was Blountville, Tenn. resident Mark Christian. Jamie 'Moonshine' Mills, Coeburn, Va., finished fifth, while Pikeville's Stephen Newsom drove his No. 71 race car to a sixth-place finish. The Holiday Inn Limited Sportsman and Modified 4

series were both rained out. Pole winner for the Limited Sportsman was Cancey Ridge, Va. racer Paul Shull. Kirby Gobble, Abingdon, Va., snatched the pole award for the Modified 4 series. The NASCAR Goody's Dash Series 150 comes up on Saturday, May 11 at Lonesome Pine, along with Late Model Stocks. General admission for the May 11 special event will be \$20. Lonesome Pine Raceway hosts races each Saturday night at 7 p.m. General admission prices for non-special events is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 12-15, and free for children 11 and under. For more information, call 276/395-2001 or visit www.lonesomepineraceway.com.

■ On a closing note, Prestonsburg High School broke ground on a new field-house Saturday. The Football Blackcats, if you didn't know, were Class 2A state runners-up last season. Several P'burg football players continue to lift weights and workout in preparation for next season.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Royals' Muser fourth manager fired; Mizerock gets interim job

by LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Bullpen coach John Mizerock was promoted to interim manager Tuesday by the Kansas City Royals, whose firing of Tony Muser raised the majors' total to a record four in the season's first month.

Muser, the losingest manager in team history, was told of the decision by general manager Allard Baird early Tuesday. His firing came after the Royals (8-15) beat the Tigers 4-0 Monday night. Muser was in the final year of his contract.

"Everybody understands the circumstances, the mood of our fans," Muser told The Associated Press.

"They need a change," he said. "It's just a part of this business. Managers are hired to be fired. I understand it, and life goes on. The most important thing is the success of the organization."

The 41-year-old Mizerock is in his 11th season with the Royals,

but his first with the major league club as bullpen coach. He had a record of 646-554 in nine seasons as a minor league manager at every level of the organization.

Mizerock was a catcher for parts of four seasons, three with Houston and one with Atlanta. He managed rookie league in Eugene, Ore., in 1992-93; Class A Midwest League in Rockford in 1994, Class AA Texas League at Wichita in 1999. He won league titles in 1996 at Class A Wilmington and in 1999 in Wichita.

Muser was 317-431 (.424) since taking over midway through the 1997 season. He has the lowest winning percentage of anyone who has managed at least one full season with the team.

Since 1900, there had never been more than two managers fired in the season's first month, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Phil Garner was let go by Detroit on April 9, Milwaukee fired Davey Lopes on April 18, and Colorado fired Buddy Bell last

Friday. All four teams have seen large attendance drops. The Royals are down about 4,500 a game through 14 home dates.

Boston fired Joe Kerrigan during spring training.

Muser, who was ejected in the third inning Monday night, did not learn of his dismissal until he got back to his hotel room about midnight and called Baird.

"It was very, very emotional. It was very difficult for Allard," Muser said. "I respect Allard Baird as much as I respect any man I've ever met in baseball."

With the Royals off to another poor start, Muser faced a torrent of criticism from fans and media. A 2-7 homestand that ended with a three-game sweep by Baltimore on Sunday gave the Royals a league-worst 4-10 home record.

"It's a business, very competitive," Muser said. "These things happen. I'm not ashamed. I did the best I could possibly do, and life goes on. I'm a baseball guy and I'm proud of it. I wish this organization the best."

Muser was fired after the Royals beat the Tigers in one of their finest efforts of the season, with Jeff Suppan throwing a two-hitter.

The Royals haven't had a winning record since the strike-shortened 1994 season.

Saddled with one of the major leagues' lowest payrolls and weak pitching, Muser's teams struggled in one-run games, going just 69-115 and losing a franchise-record 97 games in 1999 and 2001.

Hired off the Chicago Cubs' staff to replace Bob Boone during the 1997 All-Star break, Muser's best season was 72-89 in 1998.

The Royals, who have traded many of their best players in recent years, are second-to-last in the AL with a 5.58 ERA and 12th in runs scored with 104.

Kansas City entered this season with a \$47.3 million payroll, eighth-lowest in baseball.



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Prestonsburg's Joey Willis delivered a fast-ball against Betsy Layne on Monday night. The host Blackcats fell 8-6.

Ducks Unlimited saves Wetlands

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's waterfowl and wetland wildlife would have more places to live if vehicle owners would consider and purchase a Ducks Unlimited (DU) license plate.

Applications to purchase this special plate for \$25 are now available from county court clerk offices. The plate features the familiar

DU logo duck head, and the words KENTUCKY, and Wetlands Conservation, printed in green above and below plate number, respectively.

Ten dollars from the purchase of each DU conservation plate must be used to preserve and protect Kentucky's wetlands. Money spent in Kentucky will stay in Kentucky. Plates can be used on passenger cars, trucks, vans and even boat trailers when required.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 900 license plates must be ordered before manufacturing starts. Interested motorists have until July to request this special plate, and help accomplish something good for

Kentucky's waterfowl and wetlands at the same time.

Applications can be made at your county court clerk office, or requested from the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing, Special License Section, PO Box 2014, Frankfort, Ky., 40602-2014.

Ducks Unlimited is the nation's foremost wetlands conservation organization, helping to preserve and create thousands of acres of crucial waterfowl habitat on the North American continent each year.

Pikeville sweeps regional tennis titles

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROME, Ga. — Pikeville College repeated the success it had in last week's Mid-South Conference tournaments on Saturday, taking both the men's and women's tennis championships in the NAIA Region XI tournaments.

The men's team improved to 26-1 on the season with a 5-0 win over Union (Tenn.) College, while the women improved to 17-5 with a 5-1 victory over Lee (Tenn.) University. The wins gave Pikeville the automatic bids to the NAIA national tournaments, to be held May 13-17 in Peachtree City, Ga.

"We couldn't be happier with the way we played," said John Kitchen, head men's coach and an assistant with the women. "Our goal is to win the national championship, and this is another step along the way. We played some very good teams today in Berry and Union. Berry was the team that ended our season for us last year, so it was nice to get some revenge. Union is a quality program and has to be respected."

Kitchen's dream of delivering a national title to Pikeville may not be so far-fetched: The men are ranked second nationally, trailing the only team to hand them a loss this season, Auburn-Montgomery.

"We can't ask these ladies to give us more," said Rodrigo Puebla, an assistant with both clubs. "They gave us everything they had today. We are very proud of them."

The Lady Bears are also among the nation's elite, currently standing ninth in the country.

The teams will now prepare for final exams, which begin on Thursday, and the will focus on the beginning of the national tournament. The Bears will receive a bye in the opening round of the 24-team event, and the Lady Bears could get the same honor.

MEN: Bears 5, Union 0. The No. 2 doubles team of Raul

Valdes and Ramano

Frantzen put Pikeville on top with an 8-1 win over Fernando Uehara and Chris Castro, followed by the No. 3 doubles combo of Cristian Lopez and Renzo Lopez, who downed Jack Odengren and Roman Goeke 8-4.

Edwardo Rincon and Sebastian Cantador completed the sweep, ousting Jonathan Labella and Phillippe Sylvestre 8-5.

In singles play, No. 4 Frantzen had an easy time with Goeke, 6-1, 6-2, and the championship was secured with a win at No. 2 when Rincon finished off Sylvestre 6-4, 6-1.

WOMEN: Lady Bears 5, Lee 1. A sweep of doubles got Pikeville out to a big lead in the finals. Suheil Lizana and Margarita Bovea shut out Stephanie North and Brooke Gentry 8-0 at No. 1. The team of Marcela Velez and Catalina

Acosta had an easy time with Shanna Green and Shawn Douglas, winning 8-2, while at No. 3, Stephanie Kinney and Diana Bovea downed Rachelle Thomas and Rachel Barksdale 8-4.

Pikeville's only setback came in No. 6 singles, where Allison LeCroy beat Marie Hargis 6-0, 6-3. But the loss point was recovered when Gentry retired to Margarita Bovea with Bovea leading 4-1 in the first set. Just as she did in the semifinals, MSC Player of the Year Lizana clinched the victory with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Grace Barrett.

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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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It was colorful... and fun

Some older boys took post hole diggers and dug a deep hole in one corner of the schoolhouse bottom. They set a large pole, maybe ten or twelve feet tall and about six inches in diameter in the hole and tamped it with the fat end of two baseball bats until the post stood strong, straight and tall. Then one of them climbed



Clyde Pack

the pole and hooked an old bicycle rim over a large nail that they'd put in the top of it. All around the bicycle rim were long heavy cords with colorful strands of crepe paper twisted around them.

It was around the first of May, 1945; I was in the first grade and that was the first May Pole I've ever seen. I can't recall ever seeing another since.

Although the students at the H. S. Howes Community School in Thealka-all eight grades-participated in an afternoon of May Pole dancing, I suspect that most of them, me included, had no clue of its significance. All I knew was it was colorful and fun and we got out of classes for it.

I recall little as to how the actual dance went, other than about a dozen at a time each took hold of one of the colorful cords and the boys went one way and the girls went another and when the dance ended all the cords were wrapped tightly around the pole.

In later years I learned what even the adults probably didn't know at the time, and that was that the May Pole dance had started as a religious rite for some early pagan group in Europe. With the world religion in Muddy Branch being Free Will Baptist, it's likely the community would have frowned on such goings on.

But apparently, if anybody had questioned our principal, Mr. Chandler, or any of the other teachers about the event, their answer would likely have been that we were merely celebrating the beginning of summer. With school scheduled to be out in just a couple of weeks, I'm sure the teachers found that ample reason to celebrate.

Then too, we were in the midst of World War II and our teachers were probably

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EDITOR'S NOTE

"Small World" will not be appearing in our publication for an as yet undetermined length of time. Aileen Hall's husband, Walter, is currently in critical condition and the columnist will be taking time off. We here at the Times most sincerely wish Mr. Hall a speedy recovery.

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Big Sandy Area Quilt, Art and Antique Show

The Big Sandy Area Quilt, Art and Antique Show will be held on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville. There is an admission of \$1.00 for adults, and 25 cents for youth (5-16).

This is an area quilt show; anyone may enter a quilt. Quilts

are to be entered on Thursday, May 2, from 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Quilts may be viewed on Friday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All quilts should be picked up by 5:00 p.m.

The categories are: miscella-

neous items, original design, miscellaneous quilts, pieced/patchwork/hand quilted, pieced/patchwork/machine quilted, wall hanging, photo transfer, hand embroidery, baby quilts, oldest quilt, mixed, hand applied/hand quilted, cross-stitch, machine applique, paint-

ed, quilt top, pre-printed panels, and whole cloth.

There will be a children's category this year (from blocks to classroom quilts). These entries will not be judged, but entries are accepted and encouraged.

There will be demonstrations on Ruching, Stained Glass,

Dimensional Applique and more.

There will be art and antique exhibitors as well. Anyone interested in showing their artwork may display them free of charge. Register with the Johnson County Cooperative Extension

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Helen Crider, registered nurse, talks with "new daddy" Johnny Sargent about one-week-old Chantal Sargent.

Branch clinic meets need

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

The Wheelwright branch of the Floyd County Health Department (FCHD) held a health fair last Thursday to bring greater awareness to the area of the varied services offered at the branch facility. Services that include, among others, prenatal care for pregnant women, well-baby check-ups, immunizations, women's health services such as pap tests and breast exams, and blood pressure check-ups.

The branch clinic is located in the old Wheelwright High School building, which also serves as a branch office for the Cabinet of Families and Children and other community-based services.

Those visiting the health fair were invited to have a snack of fresh fruit, cookies, or salad, and to browse the various tables of exhibits. The exhibit tables were laden with brochures and pamphlets providing information on diabetes, heart disease, cholesterol, prescription medications, immunizations, depression warning signals, and men's and women's health.

Cheryl Younce, one of the department's registered dietitians, had an exhibit table full of interesting information in regard to heart disease and cholesterol. On display were test tubes of fat that Younce could use to demonstrate the amount of fat found in some common fast-foods such as burgers, fries, fried chicken, and the such. "These three tubes are equivalent to the amount of fat you'd find in your large fast-food burger," Younce said as she held the tubes up for display.

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Cheryl Younce, a Floyd County Health Department registered dietitian, had on display at her booth exhibits showing one and five lbs. of equivalent body fat along with test tubes of fat showing the equivalent amount of fat in one fast-food burger.

Free comic book day is May 4

Local store celebrates American Art-Form with free comics for everyone

On Saturday, May 4, Page 3 in Pikeville, will be giving everyone who visits a free comic book, with no purchase necessary. Why? Page-3 is one of more than 2000 comic shops worldwide participating in "Free Comic Book Day." The goal of Free Comic Book Day," said Richard T. Belcher, Owner of Page-3 is to introduce, or

reintroduce everyone to the joys of comic books."

"Comic books are an original American art-form created in the depression era as affordable entertainment for the masses," Richard T. Belcher continued. "In the decades since, comics' unique blend of words and pictures has grown, matured, and changed with the times, while providing us with some of the most enduring characters and stories in our popular culture."

Over the course of Free Comic Book Day, participating stores will give

away close to two million comic books, ranging in subject matter from high-flying super-hero adventures, to intense slice-of-life, to crime noir, to kid-friendly humor and more. Visitors to Page-3 on May 4, will find a variety of free comics to choose from, including:

■ **Star Wars Tales: A Jedi's Weapon**—A new Dark Horse Comics adventure, taking place immediately before the events of the upcoming Star Wars: Episode II!

■ **Justice League Adventures**—Starring DC Comics super-heroes such as Superman, Batman, and Wonder

Woman, as seen on the popular Cartoon Network series, Justice League.

■ **Tomb Raider**—A page-turner from Image Comics, telling the origin of the heroine from the movies and videogame series.

■ **Ultimate Spider-Man**—Featuring Marvel Comics web-spinning super-hero from the blockbuster summer movie that opens on May 3rd.

Page-3 will also have a selection of other free comic books for visitors to

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Termites: Answers for Homeowners

(Part I)

Ray Tackett, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources

During the past few weeks I have included articles which contained information concerning insect pests that somehow affect us or our surroundings in some way.

Lady bugs and boxelder bugs that show up when not invited, and southern pine beetles that kill our pine trees just when they begin to provide shade. Another call I receive a lot this time of year is one that strikes dread in the hearts of many. A typical phone conversation might start with the question, "I think I have termites, so what can I do?" I will provide some basic information in the following article to address some of the most common questions that I receive during this time of year concerning termites.

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School

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Betsy Layne Elementary
May 1 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:00 p.m.

The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.
MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

The Floyd County Health Department is on site each TUESDAY of the week. The following services are provided: immunizations, TB skin test, school physicals for Head Start, Kindergarten, Well-Child, and Sixth Grade.

Kentucky immunization certificate, Original birth certificate, and Entry physical.
May 9 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" for parents, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center.

McDowell Family Resource Center
Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is in the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade).

Clark Elementary
Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.
After School child care hours are 3 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

Duff Elementary Family Resource Center
May 1 & 2 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 1 and 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 2.

John M. Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center
May 14 - ELECTION OF PARENT MEMBERS TO SBDM COUNCIL, 6 p.m., in school library.

May Valley Family Resource Center
Each Wednesday - Health Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests, and Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and well-child physicals.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.
The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago (April 29 and May 1, 1992)

The man accused of trying to shoot Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson in January, pleaded not guilty, Friday, and was ordered to undergo a state psychiatric examination. Greg Little, 35, of Water Gap will be examined at the Kentucky Corrections Psychiatric Center (KCPC) in La Grange.

Redfox; Delora Dotson, 48, of Sassafras, Wednesday, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Gypsey Johnson, 84, of Pikeville, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Quentin Jacobs, 72, of Dema, Wednesday, at his home; Ellen Rosaline Music, 65, of David, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Willie Moore, 71, of Bowling Fork, Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Sola Boyd Roberts, 80, of Harold, Monday, at her residence; Emily Jane "Mudie" Salyers, 92, of Prestonsburg, Friday, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Carl Vernon Frasure, 46, of Hueysville, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Clinton "Big Son" Collins, 66, of Ravenswood, West Virginia, formerly of McDowell, April 25, at Jackson County Memorial Hospital in Ripley, West Virginia; Maxine Rice, 60, of Banner, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Versa Turner, 70, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Eastern, Sunday, at her residence; Bessie A. Hale, 69, of Little Creek, Wednesday, at the home of her son in Ludowici, Georgia; Dewey May, 82, Floyd County native, and former Prestonsburg resident, Tuesday, in Melbourne, Florida; John Hall Jr., 64, of Topmost, Tuesday, at Veterans Hospital; Zephia Grimm, 85, of Vero Beach, Florida, Monday, at Vero Beach.

unionization of the plant by a vote of 156 to 107...After meeting here, Monday morning, County Judge Henry Stumbo and the county's four magistrates announced plans for what is hoped to be a countywide cleanup effort through the remainder of this month...Floyd County's fourth annual elementary track and field day will be held at the high school football field, here, May 20, with approximately 400 youths expected to be competing for trophies and ribbons...Charter sight for the new East Floyd Kiwanis Club, of Harold, will be held at May Lodge, May 11...Mrs. Linda Sue Honeycutt, 22, of Flat Gap, was killed, Monday, and her husband and daughter injured in a two-car crash on U.S. 23, about two miles south of Paintsville...Births: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Sparkman, of Dema, April 18; a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Newsome, of Ligon, April 20; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hall, of McDowell, April 21...There died: Alex Allen, 81, of Wayland, last Wednesday at the McDowell Hospital; Samuel Joseph Click, 61 of Oak Hill, O., formerly of Ivel, April 19, at a Gallipolis hospital; Mrs. Virgie Caudill, 63, of Lackey, Friday, at a Martin hospital; Herstone Mayo, 60, of Martin, last Saturday, at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Bossie Mosley, 52, of Sugar Loaf, Saturday, at a nursing home here.

Twenty Years Ago (May 5, 1982)

One dead and six hurt after boats crash on Dewey Lake last Sunday afternoon; Robert Clayton Montgomery, 23, of Paintsville, drowned and six others were injured...A circuit court jury began hearing evidence, Tuesday, on the murder trial of Otis Lee Wallen, who is accused of the shotgun slaying of his neighbor, Paul Edward Mullins, on Town Branch...An East Point woman, Parcella Collins, 37, died Thursday night while on her way home from church, in a two-car crash...Illegal mining practices were cited as cause for the deaths of eight men in a mine near Topmost, and seven in a Mink Branch mine in January...There died: Steve Hamilton, 81, of Martin, last Thursday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Flauna Hamilton, 60, of Harold, last Thursday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Amos Stumbo, 80, of Price, last Thursday, at the McDowell Appalachian Hospital; Harmel C. Roberts, 68, of Harold, last Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital; Dorothy C. Moore, 65, of McDowell, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Ted Newman, 73, of Hi Hat, last Friday, at his home.

Forty Years Ago (May 3, 1962)

Those who pledged funds toward purchase of a site for the Prestonsburg Community College, were asked to honor them immediately, as both Gov. Bert T. Combs and Uk President Frank G. Dickey announced they were ready to make the institution a reality; a random sample of local opinion indicated most predicted it would become the area's greatest asset, greatly raising the educational level of the area...Truck mine operator Parris Martin, 62, was killed and Edsel Osborne, 24, suffered a broken leg, when a huge slab of rock dropped from the roof of the K-12 mine of the Danny Coal Co. on Stumbo Hollow at Drift...A meeting was set at Natural Bridge to discuss progress of the Eastern Kentucky turnpike, paving of which is soon to begin, between Winchester and Campton...The Floyd County Music Festival will be staged here, Saturday, for the 13th time since the annual event was interrupted by World War II; it will be the 28th festival held since its beginning...There died: Millard Allen, 72, of Lackey, a deacon of the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Earl Allen Stumbo, 71, well-known Prestonsburg man; Mrs. Magie Snavelly Watkins, 50, of East Point, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Cicero R. Taylor, 48, of Wayland; Andy Crisp, 74, of Town Branch; Mrs. Mary M. Kidd, of Grethel; Mrs. Anna Dingus Williamson, 75, of Betsy Layne; Mrs. Nora Belle Case, 78, of Harold.

Thirty Years Ago (May 3, 1972)

Floyd county's annual Music Festival will be staged here, Saturday, with an array of schoolgirl beauties and marching bands...Employees of the Prestonsburg Shoe Company (U.S. Shoe) last Thursday, turned down the attempt at

Fifty Years Ago (May 1, 1952)

Nine school bands and their 200 instrumentalists will escort the reigning beauties of their respective schools in the parade here Saturday, one of the colorful events of the seventh annual Floyd County Music Festival...14-year-old Morris Edmund Maggard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Maggard, of Langley, was fatally injured in a fall from a cliff before daybreak, Saturday, while on a camping trip with other members of his Boy Scout troop at Maytown...David L. Francis, Huntington, W. Va., president of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company at David, was injured in a plane crash near Paducah, early Saturday...The Floyd County Good Government Taxpayers League, envisioning the need of legal aid, employed Robert S. Wellman as attorney in a meeting of the board of directors, Tuesday night...From now on municipalities and industries emptying wastes into Kentucky's streams and rivers will be granted new permits, only if they can show that they have adequate waste treatment facilities...Ensign Edmund A. Smith Jr., and Mrs. Smith, recently concluded a ten-day visit at the home here of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Smith...Marine Cpl. Harry G. Dempsey, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dempsey, of Wheelwright, on April 29, witnessed an atomic explosion and then took part in an assault on an objective near the center of the atomic impact area...There died: John Warren, 71, of Tram, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, last Tuesday; Mrs. Alice Smith Nichols, 84, of Lancer, April 29, at her home.

Sixty Years Ago (April 30, 1942)

A total of 3070 Floyd men, between the ages of 45 and 65, registered for the draft...With fires raging through timberlands in every part of the county, County Agent S. L. Isbell announced plans for the formation of a countywide volunteer firefighters' organization...At least 10 percent of Floyd County's population, or more than 5,000 persons are afflicted with venereal disease, Dr. Marvin Ransdell, director of the health department, said this week...Bus service was resumed between Paintsville and Jenkins, after a four-day strike by members of the Transport Workers' union...There died: Andrew Hunt, 28, at Ivel, of tuberculosis, and James Lee Goodman, 10, at his parents' home at Martin, of a lung abscess.

Seventy Years Ago (April 29, 1932)

The 17 delegates named at the Republican mass meeting here, Saturday, were instructed to vote at the district and state conventions for Herbert Hoover for

(See YESTERDAY, page four)

Happy Birthday

Wedding Engagement



New arrival

Seth and Amy Hyden, of Louisville, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jake Alan. The infant was born on November 29, 2001, at Baptist East Hospital, Louisville. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of John and Diana Reed, of Banner, and Dr. Alan and Betty Hyden, of Prestonsburg. He is the great-grandson of Imogene Cole and Phyllis Reed, both of Drift, and Dixie Hyden, of Martin.



Muncy-Ramey to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Muncy, of Williamsport, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cynthia Mariah, to Jeffery Lee Ramey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ramey, of Van Lear. Miss Muncy is a 2001 graduate of Morehead State University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with an emphasis in graphic design. She is currently employed at the Floyd County Times in the composing department. Mr. Ramey is currently attending Morehead State University where he is studying sociology with an emphasis in criminology. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, June 1, 2002, at the evening hour of six o'clock, at the Van Lear Free Will Baptist Church.



Jarvis baby arrives

Alexandria Lasha Jarvis was born on March 7, 2002, to Arlinda Craft, of Auxier, and Greg Jarvis, of Banner. The baby was born at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 20 inches long. Alexandria's maternal grandparents are Bill and Mary Craft, of Auxier. Her paternal grandparents are Anthony and Edith Conley, of Banner.



It's a girl!

Jasmine Nicole Skeens was born on March 3, 2002, to Mary Beth and Greg Skeens, of Prestonsburg. The baby was born at Pikeville Methodist Hospital and weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz., and was 21 and 1/2 inches in length. Jasmine is the maternal granddaughter of Rev. Bobby and Beulah Baldrige, of Eastern. Her paternal grandparents are Paul and Sharon Skeens, of Prestonsburg. Her maternal great-grandparents are Dorsie Patton, of Eastern, and the late Miles Feele Patton, and Azlee Tolson, of Pikeville, and the late Rudolph Baldrige, formerly of Lackey. Her paternal great-grandparents are Marie Skeens, of Prestonsburg, and the late Grady Skeens, and Verna and Jack Childress, of Prestonsburg. Jasmine has one half-brother, Gregory Michael Skeens.

Appalshop brings artists, educators and flood victims together

Due to recent flooding, the Whitesburg Arts in Education Showcase 2002, originally scheduled for March, has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 2, at the Appalshop Theater. The Showcase will feature artists from across the nation who will promote their educational offerings in the performing and visual arts to an audience of educators, administrators, and parents. Registration is open until May 2. As part of the Showcase gathering, several of the participating artists have agreed to host a benefit concert for flood victims. The concert will take place Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Appalshop Theater. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to local charities for victims of the floods. Contributions are

encouraged. Among the featured artists are singer/songwriter Mitch Barrett and Carla Gover, Appalachian performers Carson Payne and June Watts who perform, as Bad eye and Wanda, will bring their unique storytelling style, along with Mary Hamilton. John Edmonds will introduce the audience to the 1950's African American Gospel music and American Folk Music with Greg Jowaisas will join in the celebration of music and folklore to benefit the flood victims. For more information, on the Benefit Concert or on the Arts in Education Showcase, call 606-633-0108 or e-mail bchurch@appalshop.org.

Lights of hope represent lives touched

Hundreds of lights of hope will illuminate Prestonsburg Community College in Prestonsburg, on May 17 and 18, in honor of loved ones and friends who have fought cancer, and in memory of those who have lost their lives to the disease. During this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life event, a special ceremony will be held at 10 p.m., in which a luminaria representing each individual will be lit. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a celebration of survivorship and remembrance that raises funds for and awareness of the fight against cancer. After sunset, at each of the 3,000 Relay For Life events nationwide, luminarias decorated with the names of those who have battled cancer are lit and left glowing throughout the night, to remind everyone of the incredible importance of their contributions. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and courage with which we contin-

ue to work toward a cancer-free tomorrow. The five-year cancer survival rate has grown to more than 60 percent, but an estimated 1,500 people are still lost to cancer each day. Join us on May 17 and 18, to light up the track in tribute to all cancer fighters, past, present and future. Luminarias can be purchased for a minimum donation of \$5.00 before the event by calling Tish Lafferty at 886-7749. Purchases can also be made at the event. For more information, about Relay For Life and cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345, or www.cancer.org. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

Comics

choose from, culled from a broad spectrum of subjects and styles. Richard T. Belcher explained why May 4th was chosen as the date for Free Comic Book Day: "With the Spider-Man movie opening the day before, public awareness of comic books will be high, and we hope Free Comic Book Day, will take it to the next level." Unlike the large chain stores that dominate most types of retailing, comic book shops are independently owned and operated by people in their communities. As a result, each store is as unique as its owner, adding to the incredible diversity in the comic book field. In short, readers of all ages will be delighted by the broad range of entertaining and artful reading material available at their local comic book store.

"Along with our fellow comic book retailers around the world, those of us at Page-3 want to spread the word that comics are alive and well in 2002," Belcher continued. "We invite everyone to come to Page-3 on May 4, and see for themselves how vital, relevant, powerful, and just-plain cool, comic books are. Better yet, they're free." Regular updates, information about comic books, and lists of participating publishers (and their comics) are all available online at <http://www.FreeComicBookDay.com>. Free Comic Book Day kicks off at 10 a.m. on May 4th, and runs until 8 at Page-3 in Pikeville. Call (606) 432-9403 for more information.

Oak

looking for any reason to put on a happy face. Boy, had they known that within a mere four months the Japanese would surrender, the celebrations would have taken even larger propor-

tions. Anyway, in the eight years I attended school at Muddy Branch, that one time is the only time I can ever recall the May Pole dance.

Yesterday

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the G.O.P. Presidential nomination...Mrs. Mary B. May, widow of W.H. May, of Prestonsburg, was named parole agent to succeed Mrs. H.G. Jarvis, Russell County Republican...A light gas well was drilled this week by the Warfield Natural Gas Company on the Burl Akers lease on Prater Creek...The same gas company has donated its farm near Emma to the American Friends Service Committee and the Red Cross, for a community gardening project to help the needy...Miriam Rebekah Lodge here is rehearsing "An Old-Fashioned Mother." for presentation, May 5...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Archer, April 22, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann...There died: Mrs. Carolyn Ryan, 79, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H.H. Holcomb; Mrs. Frank Wolfe, 30, at Hueysville, April 25.

School

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p.m. until 4 p.m. Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233. Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center SCHOOL CONSOLIDATED PLAN may be viewed at the school office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., through May 6, 2002. May 1 - Parent Meeting to discuss Parent-School Learning Compact. Nadine Hicks will visit from Central Office. Meeting will begin 8:30 a.m., in Family Resource office. May 3 - Kindergarten Registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. May 6 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., school auditorium. May 6 - PTA meeting, 7 p.m., school auditorium. An election will be held to name the 2002-2003 PTA officers. Also, there will be an election to name two parent representatives to the SBDM Council. May 9 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" for parents. Day's events will be held at the Mountain Arts Center, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. FREE food, door prizes, and lots of great activities. May 13 - D.A.R.E. Picnic for 5th grade. Will be held at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Dewey Dam Spillway. May 14 - HOT AIR BALLOON!! 8:30 a.m. May 17 - PTA School Dance. Times: K-2nd - 6-7:30 p.m.; 3rd-5th - 7:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$2.00 May 28 - D.A.R.E. Graduation for 5th grade. 1:00 p.m. in school auditorium. May 30 - SCHOOL PICNIC - (Last day of school). All parents are encouraged to attend. FREE EVENT. May 30 - Awards Day. MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information. Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days. Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

All parents are encouraged to participate. South Floyd Youth Services Center Adult education classes available. Walking track open to public. The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

The David School Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001: Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8 - 11 a.m. Call 377-2678. Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5 - 8 p.m. Call 886-9860. Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6 p.m. Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1 - 4 p.m. Call 886-0709. Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046. Friday - The David School, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call 886-8374.

Prestonsburg High School May 13 - PTO elections and SBDM elections for school year 2002-2003. Elections will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Applications for SBDM Council may be picked up in the school office. Applications must be returned no later than Friday, May 10, at 3:15 p.m.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center May 6 - "Magician" school assembly show. May 9 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" for parents. May 13 - D.A.R.E. Day in the Park - 5th grade. May 17 - "Self-Esteem" assembly - Gary Boothe, speaker. "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. "Clothing Closet" available to all students. Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Wesley Christian School May 3 - The school will hold its 4th annual fundraising dinner from 6-8 p.m. at the school. The menu will include "all you can eat" chicken & dumplings. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from Wesley Christian students or through the school office. A door prize of \$1,000 will be given away - winner need not be present. All proceeds from the dinner will be used to purchase classroom computers. Call 874-8328 for more information.

South Floyd Middle School NOMINATIONS for PAR- ENT REPRESENTATIVE to the SBDM committee will be accepted daily from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the welcome desk. Deadline for nominations will be May 15, 3:00 p.m. Election will be held on Monday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m., in the school media

Show

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Service at 606-789-8108. The "Mayo Murals" will have their debut at this event. There will be a special feature on the Mayo Mansion and other historic works. For those who would like to sell their goods at a booth, register with the Johnson County Cooperative Extension Service, Room 323, Courthouse, Paintsville, Kentucky. For additional information, contact Brenda Cockerham, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Service at 606-789-8108. Winners will be announced at 1 p.m. on May 4. Professional

judges, who are not from Johnson County, are utilized to select the winners. Door prizes will be awarded. There will be a Young People's Story Hour (pre-register groups). Sponsors are the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Paintsville Tourism, Area Quilters, Citizens National Bank, Big Sandy RECC, and the Johnson and Floyd County Arts Council. Educational programs of Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Jessica Hicks, Prestonsburg High School, competed in the academic Governor's Cup competition, state level. Jessica is coached by Janet Conley.



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Prestonsburg High School Forensics Team placed first in regional competition. From left to right are: Beth Garrett, Breann Harmon, Robert Risner, and Caitlin Bentley. Team members not shown are: Courtney Conn, Jessica Bryant, Kyle Colley, Samantha Creech, Nick Francis, Megan Goble, Josh Hall, and Chris Walker. PHS Forensics team coach is Barbara Williams.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Shane Kinzer, left, and Rachel Delong qualified to compete in the State Governor's Cup competition, middle grades. Both students are enrolled at Allen Elementary School and are coached by Janet Shepherd.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Team members of the Betsy Layne High School winners of the District Governor's Cup Competition. From left to right, front row: Nick Hall, Sara Fraley, and Casey McMillan. From left to right, back row: Josh Allen, Adam Chaffins, Marcus Allen, and Mollie McMillan. Team members not pictured are: Mike Slone, Trent Tackett, Robert Collum, Brenton Akers, Brittany Mitchell, Michael Stewardson, and M.J. Meade. Coach of the BLHS team is Dani Smith.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Sean Lawson, left, and Tricia Newsome, Betsy Layne High School, competed at state level in the senior division forensics competition. Lawson and Newsome received the first place Horizon Team Award. Additionally, Lawson placed second in the state in radio broadcasting. Audra Slocum coached the duo.

Branch

Younce also had exhibit materials that clearly displayed what one and five pounds of body fat looks and feels like in compar-

son to the same weight in lean muscle tissue as well as a cylinder tube that mimicked the flow of blood through fat-laden arter-



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Carrie Branham, registered nurse, checks Scott Tackett's blood pressure. Tackett, a resident of Melvin, stopped by the health fair to check in on the day's activities.

ies. "As you can see, the flow backs up through the small opening and this is what causes heart attacks and strokes," she said.

Danita Stumbo, of Medi-Home Care, also had an exhibit booth on display. Stumbo's booth contained information about diabetes, such as warning signals and health care, as well as information in regard to a product known as "Glytrol." "Glytrol is the equivalent of "Ensure" for diabetics," she said. "Most diabetics can't drink Ensure for their nutritional needs because it contains too much sugar for them, Glytrol gives them their vitamins and minerals without the sugar." Stumbo had several cans of the product on display and for give-away.

According to Carrie Branham, FCHD registered nurse, the clinic is open daily to serve the Wheelwright and surrounding area. "It's great to have this service offered here, it saves the folks of this area a lot of time in travel. We're here to serve the area and we have

some great workers in the clinic," she said.

Telephone the clinic at 452-9300 for information on upcoming services such as smoking cessation classes, and upcoming Women's and Men's Health Fairs (Women's Fair to be held May 10, Men's Fair on May 15), or to schedule an appointment for you or a family member.

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly stated in the Friday, April 26, edition that Audrea Ousley, a student at Allen Elementary School is the daughter of John and Loretta Ousley. Audrea is the daughter of John Ousley and Jennifer Robinson. Loretta Ousley is her grandmother. The Times apologizes for this error.

Floyd County Schools last day of school schedule

The Floyd County School System has released the scheduled closing dates of all Floyd County schools. However, closings due to inclement weather or other matters could alter these dates. As of this date, the last day of school for each school are as follows:

- Allen Central High School - Wednesday, May 29
- Allen Central Middle School - Wednesday, May 29
- Allen Elementary - Thursday, May 30
- Betsy Layne Elementary - Friday, May 31
- Betsy Layne High School - Tuesday, June 4
- Clark Elementary - Thursday, May 30
- Stumbo Elementary - Friday, May 31
- Duff Elementary - Wednesday, May 29

- Adams Middle School - Thursday, May 30
- May Valley Elementary - Friday, May 31
- McDowell Elementary - Tuesday, June 4

- Opportunities Unlimited - Wednesday, May 29
- Prestonsburg Elementary - Thursday, May 30
- Prestonsburg High School - Thursday, May 30

- South Floyd High School - Monday, June 3
- South Floyd Middle School - Monday, June 3
- Osborne Elementary - Wednesday, June 5

Jenny Wiley event offers "cheep" thrills

Heads up, Dad and kids. Mother's Day is just around the corner—May 12. If Mom likes the great outdoors, it won't ruffle her feathers to take part in Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's special weekend for beginning bird watchers. It's scheduled for May 10-12.

Bring your own binoculars, field guide and notebook, and enjoy a presentation of common

bird species of the region, an "owl prowls" field walks, boat rides, and even a live program of birds on prey. Registration begins at 6 p.m., Friday, and programs run through Sunday morning.

Registration is just \$5 per person; for children 12 and under, \$3. Jenny Wiley, located in Prestonsburg, offers both lodge and cottage rooms, and a campground with both developed and

primitive sites. For room availability, call toll-free 1-800-325-0142.

The Omithology Weekend is cosponsored by the department of Parks and Fish and Wildlife Resources. For more information and to register, call Ron Vanover at 1-606-886-2711, or e-mail him at rvanover@setel.com. Registration is requested no later than May 4.

Termites

Why be concerned about termites?

Termites cause more damage than storms and fires combined. They primarily feed on wood, but may also damage paper, books, clothing, leather items, foam insulation, and even swimming pool liners and filtration systems. They may also injure living trees and shrubs. While a structure may become infested at any time, presence of termites is of particular importance when buying or selling a home, since a termite inspection/infestation report is normally, a condition of sale. More than 75 percent of all consumer complaints, received by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, involve termite treatments and real estate transactions.

Besides the monetary impact, thousands of flying termites

emerging inside one's home is an emotionally trying experience not to mention the thought of them silently feasting on one's largest investment. To complicate matters, the public has very little understanding of termites, and what should be done if their home is infested.

Why are we typically bothered by termites during March-May?

Spring is typically when large numbers of winged termites, known as "swarmers," emerge inside structures. This, along with other signs of termites, noted during real estate inspections, is what usually triggers the initial call from homeowners.

In nature, termites swarm in order to disperse and start new colonies. After a colony reaches a critical size (typically requiring five-eight years), winged

reproductives are produced. Triggered by warmer temperatures and rainfall, the winged termites emerge from the colony and fly into the air. The swarmers then drop to the ground, shed their wings, pair off with a mate, and attempt to begin a new colony in the soil. Very few swarmers emerging outdoors survive to start new colonies. Termite swarmers emerging indoors are incapable of eating wood, and seldom survive, however, they do indicate that an infestation is present. They are best removed with a vacuum cleaner.

How will I know if my home is infested?

The presence of winged termites inside a home almost always indicates an infestation warranting treatment. Termite swarmers are attracted to light, and often will be seen around windows, doors and light fixtures. They can be differentiated from winged ants by their straight antennae, uniform waist, and wings of equal size. (Ants have elbowed antennae, constricted waists and forewings that are longer than the hind wings). Swarmers emerging from tree stumps, woodpiles, railroad ties and other outdoor locations are not necessarily cause for concern, and do not necessarily mean that the structure, itself, is infested.

Another obvious indicator of a termite problem is pencil-wide mud foraging tubes extending over foundation walls, support piers, sill plates, floor joists, headers and subfloors. Termites construct these mud "shelter" tubes as they travel between their underground colonies and the structure. Termite-damaged wood is usually hollowed out along the grain, with bits of dried mud or soil lining the feeding galleries. Wood damaged by moisture or other types of insects

(e.g., carpenter ants) will not have this appearance.

Oftentimes there will be no sign of the termites themselves, small, creamy-white insects with an "ant-like" appearance. An infestation can go unnoticed for years, hidden behind drywall, paneling, floor coverings, insulation, and other obstructions. Termite feeding, and the resultant damage, can even progress undetected in wood that is exposed, because the outer surface is usually left intact. Confirmation of infestation often requires the keen eye of an experienced termite inspector. However, even the most experienced inspector can overlook damage which is hidden.

Can I treat the house myself?

Ridding a home of termites requires a great deal of "know-how," and on-the-job experience. Termite work is also very labor-intensive. A knowledge of building construction is needed to identify the critical areas where termites are likely to enter. Many of these potential entry points are hidden, and difficult to access. Termite control also utilizes specialized equipment such as masonry drills, pumps, large-capacity tanks, and soil treatment rods. A typical treatment may involve hundreds of gallons of a liquid pesticide, known as a termiticide, injected into the ground alongside the foundation, beneath concrete slabs, and within foundation walls. In short, termite treatment is usually a job for professionals.

A possible exception would be if a mailbox post, sandbox or other small wooden object not attached to the house was infested.

Next week, we will discuss how to choose a pest control company.



First Presbyterian honors graduating seniors

The Williamson First Presbyterian Church honored graduating seniors Adam Varney, Kristin Bowens, and Sara Schafer (shown left to right) with the presentation of engraved Bibles given to them during the April 21 church service. A special luncheon was held following the service. Sara recently attended the "Festival of Faith," where she played the part of "God" in a program held at the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. Sara and Adam are members of the church Handbell Choir.

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Carter Funeral Home renews membership in program that has planted more than 2,394 trees

Carter Funeral Home of Prestonsburg has renewed its affiliation with Lofty Oaks Association, a New Hampshire organization dedicated to reforestation and conservation efforts in Kentucky.

The firm arranges to have a tree planted for each service that they perform to provide a living memorial in honor of the deceased and to renew the forest life of Kentucky.

The memorial trees are planted in the spring and fall. This program is part of a large

endeavor, to restore the landscape and our environment with the eternal beauty of living trees.

After each service, close family members and friends are informed that the memorial tree has been arranged for by James J. Carter II of the Carter Funeral Home. When the Lincoln Heritage Boy Scout Council has planted the tree, the designated people will receive a certificate of planting suitable for framing and keeping in the family's history.

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4-bdrm, 1 bath, approx. 1190 sq. ft., PLUS, additional lot. Located off US 23, close to Betty Layne Elm. School. (106976)

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ChamberNotes

by Regina Becknell, executive director Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

Floyd County Chamber of Commerce 2002 Annual Awards Banquet

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will hold their 2002 Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, May 24, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Chamber comes together each year to honor its Board of Directors and Floyd County businesses. Awards sponsored by the Chamber include: Business of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Chamber Partner in Education, Chamber Excellence Award, Chamber Hall of Fame, Floyd County of the Year and Special Tributes.

This year the Chamber is pleased to have Mrs. Crit Luallen, Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet for Governor Paul Patton, the highest appointed position in Kentucky State government, as our keynote speaker. Mrs. Luallen has spent most of her career in state government and doing political campaign work with the exception of the four years she served as the President of the Greater Louisville Economic Development Partnership. Prior to joining the Patton administration in December 1995, Luallen served as Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet. Previous positions included Secretary of the Kentucky Tourism Cabinet, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of the Arts and Special Assistant to the Governor. Mrs. Luallen is a native of Frankfort, a graduate of Centre College, and is married to Lynn Luallen, CEO of the Kentucky Housing Corporation.

The Chamber welcomes all to share in the awards ceremony and in recognizing our outstanding Floyd County businesses and business leaders and to hear Mrs. Crit Luallen update the Chamber on current legislative issues affecting the business communities across Kentucky.

Tickets are now available; for more information contact the Chamber office at 606-886-0364 or floydchamber@setel.com.



Crit Luallen will speak at the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet on May 24.

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LUKE AUCTION

240 ACRES — SAT., 10:30 a.m. — MAY 11, 2002 — 240 ACRES

Take HWY #191 from Hazel Green and Campton Exit of Mt. Parkway back toward Campton to Jct. of HWY #746 (Calaboose Road), or from Campton, take HWY #191 East to Jct. of HWY #746, then HWY #746 North approximately 1 mile. Turn right on Harold Luke Road. Property on left.

This beautiful farm has approximately 200 acres of woodland, about 40 acres of pasture and improvements. The home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den, kitchen & dining area and laundry, central heat and air conditioning. A beautiful modular home installed in a permanent fashion. There are 2 barns, one at entrance near HWY #746 and another near house. The home, barn and acres of pasture look over Mt. Parkway, yet very secluded. There is a nice fish lake, several closet houses near areas for deer and turkey hunting and several trail roads for walking or 4-wheeler riding. There is some oak and pine timber that could be harvested now. The total present timber could be a future retirement fund for someone. There is approximately 1/2 mile of HWY #746 road front and also fronts on Hendrix Long Road. This is a choice property for future sub-dividing. Electric and city water along HWY #746. This beautiful farm is one of the finest to be sold in Wolfe County in many years. A short distance from Campton, KY, and Mt. Parkway access. We invite your inspection, make your arrangements and be at this auction. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the owner wants it sold at once. **OPEN HOUSE FOR SHOWING, SUNDAY, 5th EVENING—2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

2002 year tobacco base of 996 lbs., shall be offered separate.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL

Checkout Wednesday & Friday **LIFESTYLES** for weekly school updates and schedules.

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2002
10:00 A.M.

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Although Kate A. Clark's name is on the gravestone with her husband, John Cord Clark, there is no date indicating her death. There is no known publication of her death. Since Kate A. Clark was born on January 13, 1874, it is probable that she is deceased, since she would have to be more than 127 years old to date. Therefore, it is not known whether Kate A. Clark is buried alongside John Cord Clark or not, but for purposes of this petition, it will be assumed that she is buried there.

(Floyd County) Kentucky, and in support of her Petition states as follows:

1. Petitioner purchased the property described in that certain Deed Book 457, Page 172 on November 13, 2000, from S.S.S. & P, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation. (See copy of said Deed attached hereto as Petitioner's Exhibit #1.)

2. There are three (3) abandoned gravestones and either three or four (3-or-4) graves located on said property, which are in a state of deterioration. The graves have sunken about two (2) feet and are slipping down the hillside from where they were interred. At least two (2) of the three (3) headstones and (1) footstone are close to toppling over. (See copies of photographs of the graves and gravestones attached hereto as Exhibit #2.)

At present the only access to and from the graves is on foot up the hillside from Mare Creek Road down below.

3. The names on the gravestones are as follows:

- a. John Cord Clark (08/30/1866 to 10/24/1955); b. Kate A. Clark (01/13/1874 to "unknown"); c. Ben Maynard (02/17/1886 to 08/27/1955); and d. Eugene Maynard (04/18/1914 to 08/27/1964).

4. Petitioner requests permission at her own expense to have a licensed Funeral Director from Floyd County to, in a lawful, careful and respectful manner, to

disinter and reinter the graves and gravestones to a more accessible, more suitable, more properly cared for cemetery burial ground, already located only a few hundred yards from where they are now, to the so-called "Maynard Family Cemetery," also located on Mare Creek Road. Petitioner also asserts that there is no suitable location on her property, which is hillside, to relocate/reinter the graves.

5. The "Maynard Cemetery" property is owned by Josephine Newsome, and the owner has given permission to reinter the above graves and stones to the "Maynard Cemetery," located at Old Beech Tree Dr., and Mare Creek Road, Stanville (Floyd County), Kentucky.

6. At present the Petitioner's subject property is unimproved. The Petitioner desires to improve her property by building a residence of a least a minimum of 1600 (or more) square feet of living space per the deed's restrictions. (See attached Exhibit #1.)

7. Petitioner asserts

1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., 1045 Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.80 mile east of Hall, in Knott and Floyd counties. The proposed operation will disturb 4.85 surface

acres, and will underlie 938.4 acres, and the total areas within the permit boundary will be 942.10 acres.

2) The proposed operation is approximately 0.11 mile east from Mudlick Branch Road's junction with Arnold Fork Road, and located 1.42 mile east of Upper Beaver School.

3) The proposed operation is located on the Kite U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Progress Land Corporation. The proposed operation will underlie land owned by Progress Land Corporation, Virnus Isaac Estate, Louie Burke, Grant Burke, Orville Burke, Bobby Barkley, Dewey Johnson, Tommy Roop, Leonard Burke, Jeff Goble, Ed Gibson, Ben Johnson, Willie Johnson, Bob Zuren, Ned Johnson, Dave Isaac, Primble Hall, Barris Hall, Larry Honeycutt, Junior Mullins, Green Hall, Lola Mullins, Grant Honeycutt, Jerry Mullins, Mildred Isaac and Henry Hall. The operation will use the underground method of mining.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

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7. Petitioner asserts

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Inc. No.	Surface Area	Underground Area
1	19.36 Ac.	-
2	7.36 "	-
3	26.17 "	-
4	43.71 "	4.53 Ac.
5	26.44 "	-
6	22.43 "	-
7	18.28 "	-
8	13.61 "	-
9	8.05 "	-

The operation is approximately 0.5 mile south of the junction of KY 80 and the Lick Branch of Bull Creek Road, and is approximately 0.15 mile east of Jarrell Fork, and KY 80. The operation is located on the Martin, and Harold 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The original bond amounts (surety) now in effect for the increments are as follows:

Increment No.	Bond Amount (original)	Bond Amount (current)
1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
2	20,600.00	2,600.00
3	96,300.00	14,500.00
4	172,100.00	23,300.00
5	76,700.00	16,600.00
6	71,800.00	10,800.00
7	79,700.00	9,800.00
8	49,900.00	7,500.00
9	96,000.00	4,300.00

100% of these original bond amounts are to be included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, # 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by June 3, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 31, 2002, at 9:00 AM, at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference is received by June 3, 2002.

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