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briefs

Saturday school being considered

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

An additional option for making up missed days due to snow and flooding for Floyd County schools is the possibility of Saturday school.

Supt. Paul Fanning reported that the board has initiated parent involvement in making the decision concerning meeting the 1,050 hours or 175 days of instructional time requirements by sending surveys to site-based councils. The councils, made up of educators and parents, will choose from four options or a combination that will meet requirements.

The four options include:

Using non-instructional time that children are at school and adding eight minutes, which would make up 38 minutes a day, but only extend school by the additional eight.

Having school on the last two Saturdays in March and the last two Saturdays in April.

Using the Memorial Day break

Adding the missed days to the end of school, which would put the children going until the middle of June.

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Senate cuts millions for coal tax projects

by RALPH B. DAVIS MANAGING EDITOR

FRANKFORT - A budget proposal adopted by the state Senate contains nearly \$5.7 million less in coal severance tax money coming to seven Big Sandy area counties than a similar measure adopted by the House.

Of the seven counties, only two - Floyd and Martin - see no

change between the two budgets, while two others - Pike and Johnson - see their coal severance tax projects cut by over a third.

Pike County - home to Gov. Paul Patton - takes the steepest hit in the Senate plan, with coal tax projects cut from \$10.3 million in the House plan to \$6.3 million in the Senate version.

Included in those cuts are \$1.66 million for improvements at

Fishtrap Lake, \$1 million for improvements at Breaks Interstate Park, \$800,000 for a sewer project at Lower Shelby Valley, \$400,000 for operational money for the East Kentucky Exposition Center being constructed in downtown Pikeville, \$81,000 for 50 new fire hydrants, \$50,000 for the Kentucky Appalachian Center, \$50,000 to

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What's the difference?

Changes in projects funded by coal severance tax dollars from the state House of Representatives budget to the Senate budget.

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Change Amount. Rows include Floyd County (no change), Johnson County (cut \$370,000), Knott County (cut \$829,054), Lawrence County (cut \$190,472), Magoffin County (cut \$255,046), Martin County (no change), Pike County (\$4,054,000).



Anna Booth was consoled by her attorney after being sentenced to eight years in prison Friday for attempting to shoot her son's former mother-in-law. Booth left the courtroom in tears after the sentence.

Booth gets 8 years for shooting

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Wheelwright woman was sentenced on Friday to eight years in prison for a 2001 incident, when she attempted to shoot her son's former mother-in-law.

Anna Booth, 44, was sentenced by Judge John David Caudill to five years in prison for one count of

criminal mischief and four counts of wanton endangerment. An original charge of attempted murder was amended to wanton endangerment as part of the agreement with the commonwealth.

The five-year sentences will run concurrently. Booth was also sentenced to eight years in prison for the charged of possessing a handgun by a convicted felon.

The charges that led to Booth's sentencing occurred when she attempted to shoot Barbara Keathley in the presence of her juvenile son and two grandchildren. Afterwards, Booth told patrons in a nearby restaurant that she thought she had killed Keathley.

Booth originally pleaded guilty to the charges May 28, but changed her plea to not guilty July 26.

Judge scraps plea deal after jail makes new allegations

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The plea agreement for a Mousie woman charged with complicity in the Oct. 11 robbery of an Eastern Autobahn station was not accepted by Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill, after a report from the Floyd County Detention Center alleged she had been involved in illegal

activity while incarcerated.

April Leigh Cook, 21, was scheduled to be sentenced on Friday but Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner asked the judge not to accept the agreement that was previously offered after new information was obtained from the detention center.

"Officials at the jail allege that she tested positive for drugs while she was intoxicated," Turner said.

The original charge against Cook alleges she entered the Autobahn and appeared to be checking it out. As she was leaving, Andrew Scott Halbert entered the store wearing a ski mask and was believed to have a shotgun in his possession. After being apprehended, it was discovered that the weapon was actually a plastic BB gun.

The sentencing was continued to March 14.



Judge John David Caudill rejected the recommendation of the commonwealth for April Leigh Cook after information surfaced that she was involved in illegal activity while incarcerated. Cook burst into tears as she left the courtroom. The case was continued to March 14.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Despite focus on painkillers, marijuana still tops abuse cases

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

That Eastern Kentucky has a growing, if not fully grown, prescription drug abuse problem is no secret. Those who have lived and worked and raised families in this area for the past four years will tell you that much.

In January of last year, a profile of Kentucky's inmate population revealed

that 3,539, or 23 percent, were drug offenders, surpassed only by those imprisoned for violent offenses, which made up 39 percent of the inmates housed across the state.

Prescription abuse is, however, only the newest facet to Eastern Kentucky's drug woes.

Marijuana, Kentucky's number-one cash crop, remains at the top of the drug abuse list across the state and the number

of methamphetamine labs seized over the past four or five years have ballooned to an alarming number, keeping law enforcement agencies and both state and local police spinning trying to keep up with the newest trend - "doctor shopping".

According to a 2001 survey of Kentucky high school students, 40 percent reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime, with 55 percent of seniors reporting use. Marijuana abusers greatly

outnumbered other drug abusers seeking treatment from 1998 to 2000 with a little over 12,500 victims entering treatment programs. Reports also indicate that of the federally sentenced defendants in Kentucky in 2000, 45 percent of those were imprisoned for drug offenses. Thirty-eight percent of those involved marijuana.

Meth labs seizures over a four-year

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Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

■ CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Daffney the duck lost one foot to frostbite and was close to losing the other.

So the owner of the 8-month-old Muscovy duck turned to Kirkwood Community College students to give Daffney a second chance at waddling.

Linda Kennedy, the duck's owner and also a surgical technology instructor at the college, asked her students to create a prosthetic foot for Daffney.

On Tuesday, four dental hygiene students took a mold of Daffney's stub foot. Surgical technology students will use the mold to design a fake foot and its method of attachment.

"It's a great learning experience," Kennedy said. "It gives (dental students) a chance to pour molds, it gives my students a chance to learn about anatomy."

Industrial technology students are making a movable joint and attachment system for the prosthesis, and veterinary

staff will install it, Kennedy said.

"I'll take any patient, at this point," said first-year student Marta Miller.

■ ALBANY, N.Y. — Using a CAT scan, of course, a veteri-

narian discovered a 2,000-year-old mummified feline is actually a dog.

The mummy at the Albany Institute of History & Art was scanned using computerized tomography tests by Douglas Cohn, who heads an animal

experiment lab at Albany Medical Center.

"Much to my surprise, I realized this was not a cat," he said Wednesday.

The popular Egyptian mummy was acquired by the Institute in 1958. For decades, it was believed to be a cat.

Cohn said the images showed the skull structure resembled a dog, not a cat. He says his findings have been verified by experts at Cornell University.

Mummified cats were more common in ancient Egypt because felines were more highly regarded than canines.

Museum staffers are now calling the 10-inch-high artifact "CatDog."

■ WOODBRIDGE, N.J. — For the pigeons, cars cruising through some Garden State Parkway toll lanes have been sitting ducks since E-ZPass was installed.

But they will soon be induced to fly the coop.

Electrified wire mesh that thwarted roosting will soon be humming again at four toll plazas under a \$69,999 contract approved Thursday by the New Jersey Highway Authority.

The "pigeon deterrent system" was disconnected while a contractor started to install the E-ZPass system, the agency said.

The contract with Avian Flyaway Inc. also covers installation of the system at a fifth toll plaza that has recently become a pigeon haven, said Timothy C. McDonough, executive director of the agency that operates the 173-mile highway.

The work is to be completed by the end of April and is not expected to close any toll lanes or cause traffic delays, McDonough said.

Avian Flyaway, of Rockwell, Texas, had installed the system in the late 1990s because the droppings posed a health hazard

to toll takers and diminished the quality of life for drivers, McDonough said.

"This we think is the most humane way of handling the situation," McDonough said. "It's a series of mesh wires, that when the pigeon lands on them, it gives them a jolt. It's not life-threatening. It just scares them."

■ MADISON, Wis. — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals wants Gov. Jim Doyle to change Wisconsin's official beverage from milk to beer, saying milk is harmful to humans and is meant for calves.

PETA said in a letter to Doyle that beer is healthier than cow's milk, which the group argued could cause heart disease, cancer, allergies, diabetes and obesity.

Milk consumption causes dairy cows stress because they are kept in a constant state of impregnation, the letter claimed.

Cows also suffer because their calves are "ripped" away from them so humans can have the milk meant for the calves, PETA claimed.

PETA first came up with the beer-for-milk national campaign two years ago, but it was retired after being criticized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and other groups. The animal rights group renewed the campaign last spring.

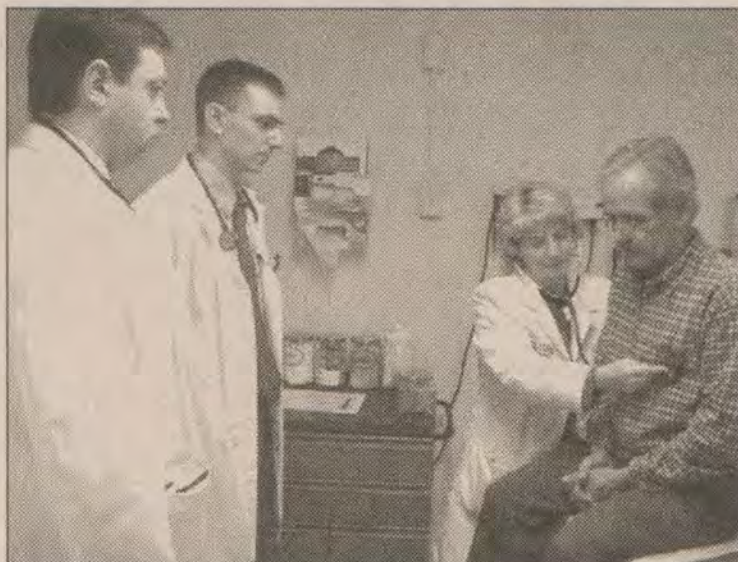
Doyle spokeswoman Jessica Erickson said Tuesday she had not seen the letter.

■ ATLANTA — John Paul wants to do for your pooch what he did for your 'do.

Paul, co-founder Paul Mitchell salon products, decided to branch out with a new line of designer hair products - for dogs.

His new line, John Paul Pet, offers a variety of formulas for every pet care need, including a

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Baretta Casey, M.D., director of the East Kentucky Family Practice Residency Program, used a stethoscope to listen to Hazard patient Paul Fields' heart during a Feb. 3 physical examination at the UK Family Practice Clinic in Hazard. Roger Gaddis, left, a third-year student at the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, and Brett Muha, M.D., a third-year resident at the East Kentucky Family Practice Residency Program in Hazard, observed.

UK Teaching Clinic helps bridge region's health care gap

HAZARD — Between recent appointments with several sick school-age children, Brett Muha, M.D., with the University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health, darted into Exam Room 4, where an adult female patient had been waiting — in obvious discomfort.

After an exchange of doctor-patient pleasantries, the 30-year-old woman began to describe burning, shooting pain from her lower back into her legs — the lingering effects, she presumed, of an automobile accident she survived nearly a decade ago. The woman's complaints prompted the doctor to action, as he gently flexed her right leg, and then her left. "Is the pain shooting down your leg?" Muha asked. "... Is it more toward the front?"

Some minutes later, the young doctor was out the door, but quickly returned to renew one of the woman's prescriptions and refer her to a specialist for magnetic resonance imaging of her lower back. Then the woman was on her way, and Muha was on to his next patient.

At first glance, it might seem like any other doctor-patient encounter at one of Eastern Kentucky's medical clinics. It wasn't. In fact, though Muha is licensed to treat patients without direct supervision, he still is in the final stages of meeting his residency training requirements. So, when he briefly left the examination room, it was to consult with an attending faculty physician on his patient's course of care.

That scene is played out dozens of times each day at the University of Kentucky Family Practice Clinic, 100 Airport Gardens Road, in Hazard. While the clinic has full-time faculty physicians and is self-supported financially, its impetus is the publicly-funded East Kentucky Family Practice Residency Program, a training ground for the region's family practice specialty doctors-to-be that has been described as the nation's most rural medical residency.

"Our mission is two-fold," said Baretta Casey, M.D., director of the residency program. "We provide quality, family practice care to the people of Perry and surrounding counties. We also educate family practice residents to be competent, caring physicians, who hopefully join the ranks of other primary-care physicians in rural Appalachia."

At any one time, the UK Family Practice Clinic plays host to 12 to 14 health professionals of the future — 12 family practice residents and one or two medical students. So far, after 12 years of existence, the program is meeting its goals, with about 80 percent of gradu-

ates now practicing in rural areas. Yet, as Casey points out, Eastern Kentucky remains a region that is classified as medically underserved.

"There's such a large number of people in these counties who don't have a primary-care physician," said Casey, who previously operated her own family practice office in Pikeville. "Our desire is to provide that primary care for those individuals, from a newborn to the oldest person in a family."

Besides geriatric and newborn care, the UK Family Practice Clinic also offers a full range of other services - from complete physicals and minor surgical procedures to women's health care, including obstetrics, and full laboratory services. The family practice faculty includes three board-certified family physicians and two board-certified internal medicine physicians. The clinic also has on staff a certified family-nurse practitioner, clinical psychologist, dietitian and physical therapist.

But, Casey says, it's the collaboration between the facility's trained physicians and its family practice residents that makes the clinic's quality of care unique to the region.

"These residents are still learning, they're eager and they want to make sure they don't miss anything," Casey said. "Then you have an attending physician with years of experience following them, training them. You really have the expertise of two."

The UK Family Practice Clinic's location within the UK Center for Rural Health enables it to utilize community health programs such as Kentucky Homeplace and the Southeast Kentucky Community Access Program to provide extra health and social services to its indigent patients. And though the UK Family Practice Clinic serves families from all economic segments within its eight-county service region, nearly one-fifth of its patients are not insured, said Mike Stanley, the clinic's program administrator. The clinic's fees for services are on a sliding scale based on income, but Casey said all patients receive the most up-to-date, professional care available — regardless of their ability to pay.

"This is a recognized specialty," she said. "When you see a family practice physician you're seeing a doctor with as much extra training as someone who is practicing in internal medicine or general surgery."

The UK Family Practice Clinic is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, you may call (606) 439-1559.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 2, the 61st day of 2003. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1933, the motion picture "King Kong," starring Fay Wray, had its world premiere in New York.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

■ In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

■ In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

■ In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

■ In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

■ In 1923, Time magazine debuted.

■ In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope; he took the name Pius XII.

■ In 1943, the World War Two Battle of the Bismarck Sea began.

■ In 1949, an American B-50 Superfortress, the Lucky Lady Two, landed at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing the first non-stop round-the-world flight.

■ In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

Ten years ago:

In the third day of a standoff between federal agents and Branch Davidians near Waco, Texas, local radio stations broadcast a taped statement in which the group's leader, David Koresh, promised to surrender; however, the standoff continued.

Five years ago:

The UN Security Council unanimously endorsed Secretary-General Kofi Annan's deal to open Iraq's presidential palaces to arms inspectors.

One year ago:

Eleven Israelis were killed in a Palestinian suicide bombing in Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox neighborhood. Rioting spread as the death toll in India's religious strife reached 408.

Today's Birthdays:

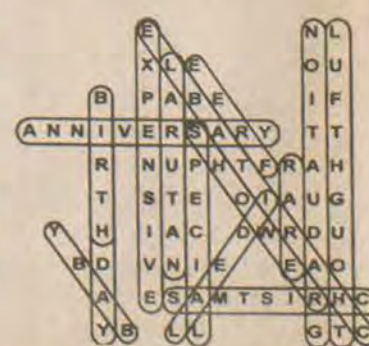
Actress Jennifer Jones is 84. Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 80. Actor John Cullum is 73. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 72. Author Tom Wolfe is 72. Actress Barbara Luna is 64. Actor Jon Finch is 62. Author John Irving is 61. Singer Lou Reed is 61. Actress Cassie Yates is 52. Actress Laraine Newman is 51. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., is 50. Singer Jay Osmond is 48. Pop musician John Cowshell (The Cowshells) is 47. Tennis player Kevin Curren is 45. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 41. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 26. Actress Heather McComb is 26. Actor Robert Iler ("The Sopranos") is 18.

Thought for Today:

"Nothing ever really sets human nature free, but self-control." — Phyllis Bottome, English writer (1884-1963).



— GIFT



Cuts

build a fairgrounds at Elkhorn City and \$50,000 to pay for a feasibility study for a drug rehabilitation center. The Senate version also adds \$6,500 to the Mountain Water District for miscellaneous projects.

In addition to the cuts, other Pike County projects are delayed a year. Those include \$100,000 for the county's fire departments, \$60,000 for HOPE Inc., \$50,000 for the Dorton Community Park, \$50,000 for Freeburn Park, \$50,000 for

Long Fork Community Park in Virgie and \$25,000 for Majestic Community Park.

Proportionately, cuts to Johnson County projects are much the same, but that county was slated to receive far less from the original House version — just over \$1 million. That figure is cut to \$634,192 in the Senate version, with \$300,000 for a small business incubator — part of the city of Paintsville's Community Development initiative — and \$70,000 for the

county's fire departments being scrapped.

The sole recipient of coal tax money in Johnson County will be Paintsville Utilities, which will receive \$613,435 for water line extensions and an additional \$20,757 for a new water treatment plant.

Under the Senate's budget, Knott County loses \$829,054 from money originally budgeted in the House plan. The bulk of those cuts come from the Kentucky Artisan Center, which sees its funding cut from \$1.4 million to \$800,000. At the same time Beaver Park expansions are increased in the Senate plan from \$100,000 to \$800,987, while \$75,000 for community center repairs and \$60,000 to purchase vehicles for the sheriff's office were added.

Lawrence County, which had been set to receive the smallest amount in the House plan would receive even less under the Senate's proposal. The cuts include trimming Louisa water system improvement from \$391,520 to \$296,970, cutting in half \$100,000 to the Lawrence County Board of Education for a wellness center, and \$45,922 to the county's fire departments.

Originally slated \$2,175,000 in the House budget, Magoffin County would receive \$255,046 from the Senate. Those cuts come from scrapping plans for a new water treatment plant and instead upgrading the current

plant.

Floyd County's coal tax projects remain identical in both budgets, with \$2,166,130 scheduled to be spent. That money includes nearly \$1.5 million to the Southern Water and Sewer District for water line extensions in southern Floyd County, \$200,000 for a fieldhouse at Prestonsburg High School, \$150,000 for parks improvements, \$100,000 for fire protection, \$50,000 each to Allen Central and Betsy Layne high schools for operations, \$25,000 each to South Floyd High School and the Martin Community Center, \$35,000 for senior citizens centers in Betsy Layne, Martin, McDowell, Mud Creek, Prestonsburg, Wayland and Wheelwright.

Likewise, Martin County sees no cuts in its projects, which include \$3.1 million to upgrade and expand a water treatment plant, \$1 million for water line extensions in Side Hollow, \$500,000 for furnishings and equipment at the Roy F. Collier Community Center, \$470,034 for eastern area water line extensions, \$400,000 for the Martin County Health Care Clinic, \$100,000 for enhanced 911, \$75,000 for firehouse improvements and equipment, \$28,000 for volunteer fire departments, \$25,000 for the Warfield Community Center, \$22,000 to the Martin County Sheriff's Department for equipment and \$20,000 to the Martin County Senior Citizens Center.

Eight indicted by Pike grand jury

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Among indictments handed down by a Pike County grand jury on Wednesday, were two for women accused of assistance program fraud with the alleged defraud benefits totaling over \$50,000 combined.

According to indictments, Polly Miller, of Steele, is accused of obtaining benefits in the amount of \$28,103 through misrepresentation from March 1, 1994 to Aug. 1, 1998.

Also charged with assistance program fraud is Kathy D. Sutherland, of Virgie, who is accused of obtaining \$22,725.58 through misrepresentation.

Other indictments include a Freeburn man, Samuel Myre Casey, who is charged with

third-degree sodomy for allegedly engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with a person younger than 16 years of age on Nov. 29.

Indicted on charges of first-degree sex abuse, Jeremy Joseph Ratliff, of Regina, is accused of subjecting a person to sexual contact through the use of forcible compulsion on June 24.

A Williamson, W.Va., man was indicted on four counts of possession allegedly occurring on Dec. 7, 2002. Robert Lee Abbott was indicted for first-degree possession of a controlled substance for schedule II, second-degree possession for schedule III, third-degree possession for schedule IV, and possession of marijuana.

Brian Keith Johnson, of Lookout, was indicted for theft by unlawful taking pursuant to a Jan. 11 incident in which he is accused of taking over \$300 belonging to Jack Edward Coleman.

Frank T. Hartman Sr., of Union City, Pa., was indicted for flagrant nonsupport.

DUI

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for a reduction of the \$20,000 cash bond on Feb. 21, on the grounds that Christie Osborne had been driving the said vehicle and had pleaded guilty to driving under the influence.

Pike County District Judge Darrel H. Mullins said that he had set Hamilton's bond pursuant to viewing his record as well as the fact that there was a 4-month-old baby in the back seat of the vehicle he was allegedly driving.

Mullins issued a strong lecture to Hamilton, asserting that the charges disqualified a need for an assessment for a drug treatment program. He ordered that the bond be reduced to 10 percent on the basis that Hamilton attend and complete a treatment program within 14 days. He also declared that Hamilton not be in the front seat of "any vehicle for any reason" and not to be around anything with a motor.

The case against Hamilton, which includes DUI, refusal of a breathalyzer, second-degree possession and prescription in improper container, was waived to a grand jury.

Bill would shorten school year for districts hit hard by weather

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — School districts shut down repeatedly by snow and ice could knock five days off the school year under a bill passed Friday by the Kentucky House.

Districts that called off 10 or more days of classes could have five "disaster days" subtracted from the calendar without loss of state funding. Teachers would have to report for training, however.

That was the gist of an amendment tacked onto a Senate-passed bill to increase the stopping distance for school buses at railroad crossings. The

amended bill passed 94-0 and now returns to the Senate for concurrence.

It was typical of maneuvering late in a legislative session as lawmakers try to attach substantive amendments to bills moving forward.

The House on Friday passed and sent to the Senate a raft of bills that will be subject to time constraints as the General Assembly heads into the last full week of its 30-day, off-year session.

Rep. Royce Adams, D-Dry Ridge, offered the amendment to let school districts shorten the school year. "This is one of the most disastrous winters that we've had in many years," he said.

Adams said forcing schools to go into June disrupts vacation plans. He cited a church that said its mission groups planned for June would have to be canceled. "When you tack that on to the end of an already-long school year, it creates all kinds of problems," Adams said in an interview.

Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, predicted the Senate would go along. "I don't think the five days will make that much of a difference in the education of the children," Buford said.

Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for the state Education Department, said the proposal would apply to the majority of Kentucky's school districts.

Odds

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tea tree treatment and an oatmeal conditioning rinse, priced \$5.99 to \$8.99.

"It's pennies a day to give him the very best," he said. "This is luxury pet care at affordable prices."

Paul's pet project wasn't the only one at the 45th annual American Pet Product Manufacturers Association's trade show to give furry friends the human touch. The show, which ends Friday at Atlanta's Georgia World Congress Center, featured the latest trend of pet versions of human products, with everything from designer cologne to kosher cuisine.

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must attend and complete the program, but you must have admitted the act prior to entering."

Altamarino will be subject to automatic deportation after he has served the three-year sentence.

Man accused of taking pot to jail

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Denniston man has been accused of promoting contraband for attempting to bring drugs into the Pike County Detention Center after returning from work release on Wednesday.

According to court documents, Jason Douglas Conn, 25, returned to jail from work release at approximately 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, at which time deputies reported detecting a strong odor of alcohol.

The citation alleges that Conn was brought to the booking area for testing, where he showed a .013 blood-alcohol level and allegedly dropped a bag of marijuana in front of the booking desk.

The document alleges that Conn admitted the marijuana was his and that the jail surveillance camera showed that he intentionally tried to sneak the drugs in the jail.

Conn was charged with first-degree promoting contraband and possession of marijuana.

Chase nets three years for Martin Co. man

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Martin County man was sentenced to three years in prison by Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill after he had previously rejected a plea agreement offered by the commonwealth.

Derrick Lee Mollett, 19, was sentenced on charges of evading police, three counts of wanton endangerment, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. He led

police on a chase exceeding speeds of 110 miles an hour on Feb. 3. Mollett allegedly led police on a chase on Route 80 towards Prestonsburg when he lost control of his vehicle, went airborne and hit a tree. Mollett allegedly tried to crawl away from the scene after the crash.

Mollett rejected the pre-trial offer and opted to go to trial but attempted to plead guilty before jury selection.

Judge Caudill sentenced Mollett to three years on the charges of evading police and wanton endangerment.

School

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Fanning said that the board had already decided that cancelling all or part of spring break is not an option.

The surveys, which the principals will either discuss in a meeting or poll members for input, will be collected by the board and considered in making a decision. Fanning said that the board would

be holding a special meeting next week to address the issue.

Different combinations can be expected from the surveys, as some of the schools were out extra time for basketball games and bereavement purposes.

"It will stay constant for most," said Fanning in regards to the make-up time.

Drugs

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period from 1998 to 2001 have increased at a staggering rate, from 18 in 1998 to 262 in 2001. And although numbers of federally sentenced meth offenders was reported to make up only 5 percent of that group in 2000, investigators believe meth abuse, which according to treatment data is greatest in counties bordering the Ohio River in Western Kentucky, appears to be spreading eastward.

Still, even in the face of these statistics, one cannot overlook the rapidly spreading, and difficult to police, trend of prescription abuse.

The consequences of this habitual epidemic are clear. From January 2000 through May of 2001, the Kentucky State Medical Examiner's Office identified the presence of oxycodone, the primary ingredient of the now infamous painkiller OxyContin, in 69 Kentucky deaths. In 36 of those deaths, the levels of oxycodone were toxic.

The practice of "doctor shopping", which is a term coined used to describe patients visiting several doctors to secure numerous prescriptions, is the cornerstone of the cycle and has found some patients traveling out of state to purchase drugs or turning to the internet for buys as another means to curb addiction.

Only recently has the U.S. District Attorney's office been successful in its goals to implicate physicians in these schemes — most visibly, perhaps, with the conviction of Paintsville doctor Frederick Cohn earlier this month.

Statistical data compiled by the DEA, and backed up with recent doctor and dealer convictions, show that OxyContin has led to "unscrupulous" doctors charging programs such as Medicare and Medicaid for office visits and treatment that is not performed, enabling patients successful in obtaining prescriptions through this scheme to sell all or part to "supplement" their own income.

While law enforcement officials continue to struggle with arrests for these new means of abuse, relying, instead, on large sweeps and roundups only after extensive evidence has been secured, Kentucky court systems

have taken steps many hope will lead to prevention as a path to mending the problem.

As of June 6 of last year, there were 52 drug courts in Kentucky that were in operation or were being planned, according to profiles compiled by the White House Office of National Drug Control, with nine of those boasting two years' operating experience.

Funding aimed at advancing drug control policies in Kentucky has also picked up in the past half decade, with a significant grant awarded through the Byrne Formula Program last year for a little over \$7 million.

But perhaps most distressing — be it a fair or unfair observation — is the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's views on how Eastern Kentuckians feel about the widespread abuse.

"In much of Eastern Kentucky, people feel no stigma when abusing pharmaceuticals," a DEA report states. "Whole families have grown up abusing these drugs and these individuals see nothing wrong with using them."

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Our View

Short-changing public no way to balance budget

There is no indication the General Assembly is at risk of adopting a budget this year any more than they were last year, but a spending plan adopted by the state Senate has some nasty surprises in store for those who cherish open government.

Under the plan, state and local governments would have the option to place many public notices — including school report cards and annual financial reports — either on the internet or in public libraries, rather than advertising them in newspapers.

The reasons for the Senate proposal are quite clear, as are newspapers' objections to it — advertising such information costs money, whereas slapping it online or tossing a book in the library can be done for little or nothing. And all of us have become intimately familiar with the state's budget troubles over the past year.

Using technology to find cheaper ways of doing business is certainly in the best interest of state and local governments, not only during a budget crisis but also in times of prosperity, as well. But when it comes to the taxpayers' right to know what is being done with their money, cheaper is not always better, and in this case would be highly inferior.

For all the ballyhoo surrounding it, the internet is not a universal medium, and not by a long shot in Kentucky. According to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, fewer than half of Kentuckians own a personal computer, and only slightly more than a third have internet access. Not surprisingly, access to the internet is directly proportionate to household income, which means moving public notices to the internet would create a greater hardship on the poor.

And while no one has to purchase access or costly equipment to go to the library, the fact remains that such institutions are only convenient if you live near one. Many areas of Floyd County, for example, are a half hour's drive or longer from Prestonsburg's library.

There is also an issue of accountability. By having an interest in publishing legal advertisements, newspapers have become familiar with when certain notices are due and are quick to notice if an agency is ignoring its obligations. No such mechanism is in place to ensure posting online or at the library.

Newspapers have far wider local circulation than the internet, they provide one convenient spot for public notices, they publish legal advertisements when they are most timely for reaction from the public, and they are far less expensive than purchasing a computer or half a tank of gas to use. It's true, there is a cost attached, but with that cost comes added value in ensuring the public's right to know.

There may come a time when the internet becomes a better medium for advertising the public's business than newspapers. That time, however, has not come yet, and the state Senate should quit pretending that it has for the sake of saving money.

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— Jim Davidson

The rendering of too many unexplained injunctions

If you are old enough to remember when people made lard by boiling hog fat, then you know this process is called rendering. The lard was the byproduct of rendering as the hog fat was changed to a liquid state, the impurities strained out and then allowed to get cold. What this process produced was called lard. In fact, the dictionary definition of lard is "the semisolid fat of a hog after rendering."

The reason I have shared this is because I wanted to get you to start thinking along the lines of rendering and the byproduct that comes from this process. As this relates to a human being there is a very important concept that may make a difference in your life. I know it has mine.

This is what happens to a human being, especially a very young child,

when the rendering takes place as the result of too many unexplained injunctions. It's going to take a little while to explain this so I hope you will be patient.

One of the most brilliant people who ever lived was Dr. Maria Montessori, an Italian physician who passed away back in 1952. She was the first woman to receive a medical degree in Italy but her life's work for which she is most noted was the upbringing and education of very young children.

You no doubt are familiar with the Montessori schools, which are located throughout the world. Dr. Montessori believed that a child's education should begin at birth, not in the traditional sense, but that parents and guardians should prepare a proper learning environment. She worked with hundreds of emotionally disturbed children and most could read by age 3-and-a-half and were excellent readers who could speak three or four languages by the age of 5.

If you are not familiar with her work you may ask, "How could they do that?" The answer is through "The Absorbent

Mind." Her book by the same title is the best on this subject that I have ever read.

Space limitations will not permit me to go into more detail but this is a book that every parent, especially expectant parents, should read. Unless you are an educator or child psychologist this book will give you insights that could make a tremendous difference in your life and the life of your children. I know one thing for sure, I used to think that the Montessori Schools were only for the affluent, but that's not the case at all.

Now let me return to what I was saying about the rendering of too many unexplained injunctions. When a baby is born he begins the process of learning through The Absorbent Mind. Please think about this simple example. When a baby is born and up until about 10 months most things are positive in his life. We all make over a new baby, that's just natural. It's along about here that things in his life begin to change when he begins to crawl and later walk and he begins to get into everything. All of a sudden instead of hearing "Yes" all the time, he begins to hear "No."

(See DAVIDSON, page five)



— beyond the beltway

Bring our astronauts home — for keeps

by DONALD KAUL

The tragic loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia and its magnificent crew has not changed my mind about our manned space program one iota. I'm still against it.

Yes, I know, the disaster has produced a gushing of public support for the program and our president (who sounds more like Churchill every day) said:

"Mankind is led into the darkness beyond our world by the inspiration of discovery and the longing to understand. Our journey into space will go on."

Very inspiring, but very silly. Mankind has a great many longings, many of which you can get you in jail for satisfying. It's not enough to say that, well, it's kind of a cool thing and people want to do it.

You are free to think that space travel is, in some mystical, cosmic way, Humankind's destiny, but I've got news for you.

You can't get there from here. Not with the technology available to us now or on the drawing boards or even in the physics labs of our better universities. Space, you see, is very large and our rockets — though they seem fast to us — are very slow. At the speed we can travel now or in the foreseeable future, it would take forever to get anywhere really interesting.

The Space Shuttle is nothing more than a glorified delivery truck whose main purpose is to take equipment and supplies to the Space Station, whose main purpose is to be up there and get supplied. Nothing much else is happening.

"Space flight" is sold on the basis of its scientific worth. The global communications network, the ability to better track storms, those neat little machines that let you know exactly where you are, the ability to spy on our enemies, the wonderful and revealing pictures we now have of our solar system — all have been attributed in whole or in part to our space program.

Which is true to a point — space research spawned all of those things — but that had nothing to do with manned space flight. The science we're getting from that we could have gotten, for the most part, better and cheaper with robotic flights. We did send a crew up to fix the Hubble Telescope and that was terrific. But, basically, that was it. That and Velcro.

The space program was conceived in the context of a competition with the Soviet Union at a time when the Cold War was at its most frigid. President John Kennedy committed us to putting a man on the moon before the Russians could and, by God, we did it and we were proud.

In retrospect, however, one has to wonder how big a deal it was. In terms of space, the moon is no more than our front porch. And we haven't really gone beyond that.

There was talk of mounting a mission to Mars 10 or 12 years ago, but when the (under-) estimated price came in at \$500

billion, Congress recoiled in horror. In any case, it would take six months to fly to Mars (which can be likened to our front yard) then six months to fly back and what do you do while you're there that can't be done better by robot?

The risks involved in that excursion would be enormous and the truth is, we don't have much stomach for risk these days. We do not live in the age of Ferdinand Magellan who lost all but 18 of his crew of 270 when he became the first man to circle the earth in the 16th century. (Or he would have been the first had he himself not been killed — and eaten — in the Philippines.) In this sometimes more civilized age (you have to ignore the wars)

we lose a space vehicle and the entire nation goes into mourning.

Which is entirely becoming. The crew of the Challenger was a marvelous group of people — brilliant, dedicated and courageous. It is well we mourn their loss.

But space travel, for all their sacrifice, remains a Buck Rogers pipe dream. What we have now is a dangerous, expensive, largely useless exercise in hubris. It's time to get real.



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Minister's Moment: Prayer is answered

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In the next week or two, you will be hearing about an opportunity for every follower of Jesus Christ, regardless of denomination, to come together in a weekly prayer meeting. In this meeting, we will be praying for ourselves, for our community, for our leaders and for requests brought by God's people, as well as for the movement of God in East Kentucky. In setting the groundwork for what we will be doing, I wish to address the fact that prayer is answered.

I love how David addresses the Lord in Psalm 65:2: "O you who hear prayer."

Perhaps no principle of prayer is more taken for granted than that this one - that prayer is answered. Try to read this promise of Jesus as though it were for the first time: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Andrew Murray comments boldly, but I think rightly, on Christ's pledge in his book, *With Christ in the School of*

Prayer:

"Ask and you shall receive; everyone that asks, receives." This is the fixed eternal law of the kingdom: If you ask and receive not, it must be because there is something amiss or wanting in prayer. Hold on, let the Word and Spirit teach you to pray aright, but do not let go the confidence He seeks to awaken. Everyone who asks, receives ... Let every learner in the school of Christ therefore take the Master's word in all simplicity ... Let us beware of weakening the Word with our human wisdom."

Since God answers prayer, when we "ask and receive not"

we must consider the possibility that there is "something amiss or wanting" in our prayer. It may be, remember, that God has indeed answered, but not in a way that is obvious to us. And it is possible that nothing is amiss in our praying, but that we haven't yet seen the answer only because God intends for us to persevere in praying about the matter awhile longer.

But we must also learn to examine our prayers. Are we asking for things that are outside the will of God or would not glorify Him? Are we praying with selfish motives? Are we failing to deal with the kind of blatant sin that causes God to

put all our prayers on hold? Despite what we see in response to our prayers, however, let's not become so accustomed to our shortcomings in prayer and to the perception of asking without receiving that our faith in the force of Jesus' promise is diminished. Prayer is answered.

My wife, Patty, ministers as a childcare provider from a center in our home. Although she's done this for several years when operating a center here, she had no prospects for children. Frequently we pray for the Lord to open doors of opportunity for her. Because she had nothing on the drawing board, I recently said to her that we should start praying for some new projects.

Before lunch the very next morning, Patty called me and said, "Please stop praying for the Lord to provide children for me! I've had so many callers this morning that I now have a waiting list." She never had so much work come her way so quickly.

There were any number of things I had been praying for (regarding not just myself, but my church and others) that the Lord could have chosen to answer. I don't know why it pleased Him to choose that par-

ticular request. Were these multiple opportunities really answers to prayer, or just a collection of providential coincidences? Only God knows for sure. But I agree with the man who said, "If it is coincidence, I sure have a lot more coincidences when I pray than when I don't."

God doesn't mock us with His promises to answer prayer. C.H. Spurgeon said:

"I cannot imagine any one of your tantalizing your child by exciting in him a desire that you did not intend to gratify. It was a very ungenerous thing to offer alms to the poor, and then when they hold out their hand for it, to mock their poverty with a denial. It was a cruel addition to the miseries of the sick if they were taken to the hospital and left to die untended and uncared for. Where God leads you to pray, He means you to receive."

By the scriptures about prayer and by His Spirit, God does lead us to pray. He does not lead us to pray in order to frustrate us by slamming Heaven's door in our face. Let's discipline ourselves to pray and to learn about prayer so that we may be more like Jesus in experience the joy of answered prayer.

Against widespread clergy protest, some lay Christians justify war against Iraq

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

President Bush has been trying for months to make the case for using force against Saddam Hussein, but he has won little support from leaders of American and European churches.

Yet after heavy, perhaps unprecedented, church agitation and peace appeals from the likes of the pope and archbishop of Canterbury, two prominent lay Christians have emerged to provide intellectual support for those who believe war with Iraq would be moral.

Jean Bethke Elstain, a Protestant professor of social ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School, and Michael Novak, a Roman Catholic philosopher at the American Enterprise Institute, each opposed the Vietnam War.

But each has argued recently that a conflict with Iraq meets the demands of Christianity's "just war" doctrine - the theological tests for deciding the morality of war that date back to the fifth century.

The doctrine says war must be a last resort; openly declared by proper authority; in response to unjust aggression; and that success must be probable. During warfare, it insists, the desired good ends must out-

weigh the destructive means and noncombatants must be protected as much as possible.

Dovish clergy have said an attack on Iraq fails various just-war tests. Dire consequences might result (so the ends don't justify the means), some say. Others argue that arms inspectors need more time or that a war must have United Nations sanction, before war becomes a reasonable last resort.

In response, Elstain and Novak maintain that with or without the United Nations, American action against Saddam would fit the doctrine comfortably.

Novak argued in a Feb. 8

speech at the U.S. embassy to the Vatican that the impending conflict would not be "preventive war" but simply the "lawful conclusion" of the wholly justified 1991 Gulf War, enforcing the disarmament terms that Iraq accepted.

Novak also said just-war thinking must accommodate what's known as "asymmetrical warfare." Unlike warriors when the just war doctrine was devised, he said, the modern world's terrorists are not responsible to any public authority. They present a new kind of military threat - they have no standing armies and strike without advance warning.

Whatever the past links between Saddam and al-Qaida, he warned, Iraq has attitudes and military means that can easily unite with terrorists' plans and personnel.

He concluded that history shows it's imprudent for public authorities, who are morally responsible for protecting the citizenry from unprovoked attack, to trust "the sanity and good will of Saddam Hussein."

Elstain, who has a book on just wars due in April, hedged her support for attack until late last year.

Besides Novak-style arguments, she emphasizes the Christian duty to defend the innocent, not only within one's own country but elsewhere: That includes the Iraqis whom Saddam brutalizes and the neighbors he threatens. (She also assails the United States for sidestepping the 1990s genocide in Rwanda and unwillingness to risk NATO troops' lives in Kosovo that worsened the carnage.)

She also believes the United Nations' credibility is at stake. If it continues to pass resolutions and then does nothing "it strengthens the Saddam Husseins of the world."

"Not going to war can be a tragedy, just as going to war can

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Bible college finally gets 666 prefix removed from phone number

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VANCLEVE — After months of asking for a new telephone number, a conservative Bible college has finally been able to drop the 666 prefix that many recognized as the biblical mark of the beast.

"We're just elated that the number has been changed," said Rob Roy MacGregor, vice president of business affairs for Kentucky Mountain Bible College. "It was like we had this Scarlet Letter attached to us."

MacGregor said the college is now in the process of removing the troublesome number from printed material, including the college's official letterhead.

The 666 prefix had been the only one available in this eastern Kentucky town since telephone service arrived. But the need for additional phone lines in the largely rural Breathitt County forced telephone companies to

add new numbers.

The non-denominational Christian college had been trying for several months to get the number changed after a 693 prefix was added.

"We were glad we could finally get a number that the school is happy with," said Kaye Davis, general counsel for Access Point, a North Carolina-based telephone company that serves the college.

In the biblical book of Revelation, 666, the mark of the beast, is stamped into people's foreheads or right hands during the last days. Those who receive the mark, according to Scripture, are damned to eternal punishment.

MacGregor said the beast represents Satan. True Christians, he said, will not accept the mark.

Davis said her company understood why a Bible college wouldn't want 666 in its phone number. She said her company worked as quickly as it could to change the telephone number.

It took longer than expected, Davis said, because the college wanted to keep the last four digits of its number - 5000. Davis said her company had to get a rival phone company that serves customers in Breathitt County to release the number for the college.

MacGregor said the college, which has graduates serving as missionaries in 51 countries, had listed only a toll-free number on its Web site so that visitors wouldn't be turned off by the 666 prefix. He said the new number will be displayed.

The Rev. Vaughn Rasor, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson, said most people seem to see the 666 prefix as a curiosity. He said having the number has opened the door for him to share his faith with others.

"If people start giggling when I give my phone number, I know they have at least read the Bible," Rasor said. "Then, generally, we get into a little conversation about the church and the Bible."

Davidson

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An "unexplained injunction" is a "yes" without a reason. An "unexplained injunction" is also a "no" without a reason. As parents, unless we continue to provide a positive environment where genuine love is fostered and cognitive reasoning is developed, the outcome or rendering could be very harmful.

When a child grows up in a negative environment and all they hear is NO, NO, NO - along with a good bit of physical abuse - they begin to say to themselves, even after a few months of life, the world is no damn good. I'm here to tell you that our prisons and jails are full of people whose life's force and direction were set before they were 2 years of age.

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William "Bill" V. Boyd, 61, of Celina, Ohio, native of Martin, died Sunday, February 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Doris Kay (Milligan) Boyd. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 28, under the direction of W.H. Dick & Sons Funeral Home.

Agnes Caudill Burke, 43, of Beavinsville, died Tuesday, February 25, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Roy Dean Burke. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lizzie N. Hays, 97, of McDowell, died Tuesday, January 21, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Roxie Keathley, 90, of Galveston, native of Floyd County, died Saturday, February 22, at her daughter's residence at Galveston. Funeral services were

conducted Monday, February 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Earnest Meade, 55, of Mallie, died Wednesday, February 26, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Zada C. Ratliff, 79, of Ohio, native of Floyd County, died Friday, January 31, at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home in Payne, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 3, at Dean Herder Funeral Home, in Paulding, Ohio.

Catherine A. Redd, 49, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, February 18, at her residence. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Donna M. Rorrer, 61, died Monday, February 24, 2003, at her residence at Prestonsburg, after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Bill Rorrer. Funeral services were con-

ducted Friday, February 28, under the direction of the Burke Funeral Home.

Vernice "Granny" Stamper, 81, of Martin, died Sunday, February 16, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 19, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnny Glenn "Carbide" Terry, 50, of Wayland, died Wednesday, February 26, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mable Thomsberry Tuttle, 78, of McDowell, died Saturday, February 22, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Nellie Marie Leslie Webb, 84, of Bluffton, Ohio, native of Kilgore, died Friday, February 21, at the St. Rita's Medical Center, in Lima, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Martin County

Ira Blaine Goble, 85, of Inez, died Thursday, February 20, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

William McKinley Hickman, 68, of Beauty, died Thursday, Feb. 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nellie Moore Hickman. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Feb. 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Glenn Richard Meade, 43, of Inez, a native of Johnson County, died Sunday, Feb. 23, at Southern Ohio Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Feb. 26, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Bobbie Ruth Mollette, 65, of Tomahawk, died Thursday, Feb. 20, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Feb. 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Robert J. Preston, 64, of Inez, died Saturday, Feb. 22, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Feb. 24, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Tracy Lynn Wallace, 34, of Martin County, a native of Lawrence County, died Monday, Feb. 24, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Feb. 26, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Sidney Workman, 65, of Warfield, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Mingo Manor Nursing Home. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Workman. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Knott County

Curtis David Campbell, 57, of Ary, died Sunday, Tuesday, Feb. 18, at home. He is survived by his wife, Erma Stacy Campbell. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Feb. 20, under the direction of Engle-Walker Funeral Home.

Earnest Meade, 55, of Mallie, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Leada Sandlin Meade. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Juanita Brewer Prater, 73, of Emmalena, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Marcus Slone, 73, of Garner, died Sunday, Feb. 16, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by

his wife, Avonelle Slone. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Feb. 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Edna Thomas, 86, of Campbranch, died Thursday, Feb. 20. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Feb. 23, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Edith Vance, 72, of Pine Top, died Thursday, Feb. 20, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Whitesburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Feb. 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Nellie Marie Leslie Webb, 84, of Bluffton, Ohio, native of Kilgore, died Friday, Feb. 21, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Feb. 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Rev. Carl Bryan Baldrige, 74, of Paintsville, died Sunday, Feb. 23, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Feb. 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Billy E. Daniels, 70, native of Johnson County, died Friday, Feb. 21, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Aye Daniels. Funeral services were under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Josephine Morgan Belhasen Howard, 88, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Clyde Dempsey Boyd, 62, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Lawrence County, died Saturday, Feb. 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Charlene Boyd. Funeral services were con-

ducted Wednesday, Feb. 26, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Edna O'Daniel Collinsworth, 87, of Melbourne, Florida, formerly of Lawrence County, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Wuesthoff Progressive Care Center, in Viera, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Feb. 24, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Mary Francis Yates Rice, 81, of Louisa, died Monday, Feb. 24, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Jack Alex Rice. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Feb. 27, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

North James West, 85, of Louisa, died Sunday, Feb. 23, at

J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Feb. 27, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Roy Coffee, 84, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, March 25, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Brown Coffee. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Lois Marie Phipps Collinsworth, 85, a Magoffin County native, died Saturday, Feb. 22, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Leslie Collinsworth. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 25, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Protest

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be a tragedy," Elstain told a Cleveland audience this month.

In the U.S. denominational debates, such views have been limited mostly to Southern Baptist Convention leaders and certain Jewish groups.

Even the National Association of Evangelicals, usually friendly toward Bush, shelved a pro-war proposal - partly because it didn't want to imply any Christian-Muslim war or provoke retribution against missionaries and indigenous Christians in Muslim lands.

Arrayed on the anti-war side are the U.S. Catholic hierarchy and "mainline" Protestant and Orthodox groups in the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches. The World Council declared last week that attacks "would be immoral, unwise, and in breach of the principles of the United Nations Charter."

Observing fellow mainline Protestants, Elstain sees a split between clergy and laity over a

conflict. Sermonizing against war exploits "a captive audience" in the pews, she complains.

Dovish clergy are failing to realistically acknowledge human sinfulness and the duty to restrain it, she maintains, while many in their congregations understand something has to be done.

Novak also champions the lay voice.

Catholics should seriously consider papal views, he believes, but he notes that Pope John Paul II's key January speech to Vatican diplomats allowed for war if waged under strict moral conditions as "the very last option" to ensure the common good.

Also, analyzing American bishops' past statements on Iraq, Novak notes that the church's universal catechism of 1992 acknowledges that public officials are responsible for judging the moral legitimacy of war.

"It's a layman's call," he says.

Upholds law for enhanced DUI penalty

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A law enhancing the penalty for drunken drivers with blood alcohol levels more than double the legal limit — even first offenders — is constitutional, the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

The court rejected a defendant's claim that the law's standard for an enhanced penalty — a 0.18 blood alcohol level — was arbitrary. He also said the law penalized drivers who submitted to blood alcohol tests and did not apply to drivers intoxicated on substances other than alcohol.

Under Kentucky law, a motorist is presumed intoxicated at a 0.08 blood-alcohol level.

The appeal was by Steve Whitehouse, who was charged in February 1999 with first-offense drunken driving with a blood alcohol concentration over 0.18. Whitehouse entered a conditional guilty plea and challenged the law's constitutionality.

Whitehouse was sentenced to two days in jail and fined \$200. He appealed to Marion County Circuit Court, which upheld the penalty enhancement.

Writing for the appeals court, Judge Wilfrid Schroder of Covington noted that the

Kentucky Supreme Court earlier upheld the enhanced penalty for third-offense drunken drivers and declared that the 0.18 standard is not arbitrary.

Schroder also said the General Assembly "has the discretion to single out alcohol from other intoxicating substances for penalty enhancement purposes.

Judges Matthew J. Baker of Bowling Green and Daniel T. Guidugli of Newport joined in the ruling.

In other cases, the court:

■ Upheld dismissal of a suit against Paxton Media Group Inc. by a worker injured in a fall from a Paxton television tower at Monkey's Eyebrow in Ballard County. The appellant, Kris Stockton, claimed the tower's ladder lacked a mandatory safety device.

■ Vacated a Jefferson County Circuit Court ruling that declared unconstitutional an ordinance creating a civilian review board to investigate misconduct by Louisville police. The appellate court said the ruling was theoretical, not based on "actual controversy."

■ Upheld a court order authorizing the Transportation Cabinet to remove six billboards that had been erected along Interstate 75 in Rockcastle County without permits.



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Obituaries

Edward Hope King

Edward Hope King, 74, formerly from Huntington, West Virginia, died at Saint Mary's Medical Center on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

Born May 24, 1928, at St. Mary's Hospital, he was the son of the late Thelma and Howard King of Huntington, and was a retired Controller for St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Lolita Arnett King; three sons, Robert A. King and James St. King of Huntington, and Edward K. King of S. Charleston; two daughters, Carol R. Gibson of Barboursville, West Virginia, and Lois J. Dingess of Huntington; five grandchildren, Caitlin and Joshua King of Huntington, Lauren Gibson of Barboursville, Megan King of S. Charleston and Robert S. King of Las Vegas, Nevada.

A grandson, Brian Matthew Gibson, of Huntington, preceded him in death in 1999.

Mr. King had been Supervisor of General Accounting for ACF Industries, Huntington, and then was controller for St. Mary's Medical Center until retirement after nearly 25 years employment. He was a President of the West Virginia Chapter of the Hospital Financial Management Association. He graduated from Huntington East High School, Mrs. Helen Deggan's Tri State Business College and is a 1947 graduate of Marshall University.

There will be no services or visitation. Tributes may be sent to Hospice of Huntington.

(Paid obituary)

Eliza Taylor

Eliza Taylor, 51, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, February 27, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following a brief illness.

Born September 6, 1951, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Robie and Eukie Slone Johnson. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Big Lick Pentecostal Church, at Ivyton.

She is survived by her husband, Charles (Pete) Taylor.

Other survivors include two daughters, Robin Collins of Prestonsburg, and Patricia Meade of Ivel; four brothers, Robie Johnson Jr., John B. Johnson, Fred Johnson and Ricky Johnson, all of Prestonsburg; a half-brother, Jobie Johnson of Ohio; six sisters, Christine Watkins, Jewell Marsillett, Patricia Jones, and Eva Kay Johnson, all of Prestonsburg; Bobbie Chaffins of Garrett, and Linda Watkins of Salyersville; three half-sisters, Edith Allen of West Virginia, and Marie Hale and Mintha Johnson, both of Ohio; and five grandchildren, Elizabeth, Libby, Allie, Savannah and Marih.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Johnson, and a half-sister, Ethel Stapleton.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 2, at noon, at the Big Lick Pentecostal Church, at Ivyton, with Eugene Haney officiating.

Burial will be in the Johnson Cemetery at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

Dona Thornsberry

Dona Thornsberry, 86, of Raynham, Massachusetts, formerly of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at the Life Care Center in Raynham, Massachusetts.

Born September 28, 1916, in Kite, she was the daughter of the late Alamander and Lucy Mullins Thornsberry. She was a homemaker and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Wheelwright, and also attended Upper Burton Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Landell Thornsberry.

Survivors include three sons, Berlis Thornsberry of West Jefferson, Ohio, Carlie Thornsberry of Columbus, Ohio, and Earlis Thornsberry of Hazard; four daughters, Ruby Goble of Findlay, Ohio, Phyllis Baker of Marion, Ohio, Mildred Richardson of Norton, Virginia, and Melvaline Carvalho of Taunton, Massachusetts; two sisters, Bertha Watson and Clara Slone, both of Kite; 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Louis Thornsberry, Clarence Thornsberry, Estil Thornsberry, and Carson Thornsberry; and one sister, Minda Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 2, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Bill Combs officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery at Beavinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)



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COMMENTARY

Lost Cats, Cats lost

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

There's no doubt that Jason Parker, Rashad Carruth, Brandon Bender, Carlos Hurt, Mac Wilkinson, Adam Chiles, and Corey Sears all had the talent to be NCAA Division I basketball players, their potential ranging from useful to

spectacular.

But the "Sullen Seven," who all played last season for either Kentucky or Louisville,

dropped by the wayside, mostly because they lacked the most important of all traits necessary to succeed under Tubby Smith or Rick Pitino — discipline, commitment, and unselfishness.

It would be interesting to know what each thinks about the way both the Wildcats and Cardinals have flourished this season without them.

If they're smart, they will see why they didn't fit in and

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SIDELINE SHOTS

March is here, be prepared

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

A sports fan just can't be a sports fan without a little March Madness in his blood. Right? Right.

Conference tournaments

begin this week and the Morehead State University Eagles and head coach Kyle Macy have a very

good chance at making it into the field of 65. Yes, for those of you who didn't take notice last season, it's now a field of 65 instead of 64.

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■ Summer Jones

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

PC pulls even with Georgetown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Georgetown College freshman Katie Columbus missed a jumper at the buzzer to give Pikeville College a 70-69 win Thursday night in a battle of Mid-South Conference heavyweights.

The win pulled No. 15 Pikeville (24-7) into a first-place tie with No. 21 Georgetown (19-10) at 6-3 in Mid-South Conference play with one game to play. Meanwhile, Lambuth's upset of No. 11 Campbellsville makes both of those teams 5-4, and assures the Lady Bears of a

first-round bye and a home game in the semifinals of next week's Mid-South Conference tournament.

Pikeville led 36-35 at the half, and got the lead out to six, 51-45, with 13:05 left on a layup by sophomore Selena Williams. Georgetown wouldn't die, and

when junior Sarah Click hit two free throws with 10:22 left, the score was 51-50.

But Pikeville then went on a 10-2 run, keyed by senior Amanda Collins. Playing her last regular-season game at home, she

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- PULLING DOUBLE DUTY -



Johnson Central sophomore Drew Trimble got some instructions from his father.

TRIMBLE BUSY IN ATHLETICS, CLASSROOM

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — A typical day for Johnson Central student-athlete Drew Trimble begins and ends busy. When he's not attending his daily schedule of classes through the week, he's busy in practice. Future Problem Solving Team practice. Wrestling practice. Cross country practice. Baseball practice. Football practice. Practice, and

then there's competitions, matches, meets and games.

And it wouldn't be too odd to catch the young Golden Eagle in the Johnson Central High principal's office. He is the son of Johnson Central principal Steve Trimble. The younger Trimble recently competed in the state high school wrestling tournament in Frankfort February 19-21. He finished eighth in the 103-pound weight class, making him all-

state as a sophomore.

The eighth-place showing was the highest finish of any Golden Eagle this season.

Trimble, a member of the JCHS Future Problem Solving Team, was on last year's International Championship team which became among the world's elite with a championship effort in Connecticut.

Trimble's journey to the

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"I am extremely proud of his academic as well as his athletic accomplishments," said a proud father.



file photo

Jack Slone and the South Floyd Raiders will try and defend the 58th District title this week. South Floyd has won the last three 58th District boys' basketball championships.

COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

Tackett places 8th in indoor track meet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Stan Lyons Invitational in Indianapolis, Ind. yielded an eighth-place finish for a former Jenkins Independent multi-sport athlete in outdoor track competition recently.

Eastern Kentucky University and Morehead State University were also well represented at the meet. There were some outstanding performances by these

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Jared Tackett is the grandson of Julius and Juanita Mullins of Melvin.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ortega among Centre grid players honored

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE — The Centre College football team was honored at its annual banquet last weekend at the Cowan Dining Commons on campus. Centre head coach Andy Frye and his staff celebrated a 6-4 season by honoring 81 players and their families.

Kevin Tytus, Louisville, played cornerback for the Colonels where he recorded 57 tackles including

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AWARD-WINNERS:

- Charlie Moran Award (Most Improved) — Kevin Tytus
- Homer Rice Award (Most Valuable Special Teams) — Ely Santos
- Teel Bruner Award (Most Valuable Defensive Player) — John Ortega
- Bo McMillin Award (Most Valuable Player) — Bryan Walker
- Joe McDaniel Excellence Award — Daniel Nipp

H.S. BASKETBALL

Ladycats demolish Jenkins for win

Stratton scores 26 to lead in win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JENKINS — Homecourt served as no advantage to the home-standing Lady Cavaliers Thursday night. Jenkins hosted Betsy Layne and had all kinds of trouble defending and matching up with the visiting Ladycats. Senior forward Natasha Stratton

scored a game-high 26 points and sophomore point guard Kim Clark netted 18 to lead Betsy Layne.

Stratton turned in a double-double performance for the Ladycats, also pulling down 11 rebounds.

Junior Whitney Lykens is back in action for Betsy Layne. Lykens hit one three-pointer and five field-goals and went two-of-two from the free throw line Thursday night for 15 points. Lykens came in off the

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A LOOK AT SPORTS

Will Estill return or go for the pros?

by ED TAYLOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I for one hope that Marquis Estill will decide to return to UK for another season, being he is a partial academic qualifier. If Estill were to return it would make the Cats a very competitive team again next season along with the likes of Erik Daniels, Chuck Hayes, Gerald Fitch and Cliff Hawkins coming back. If Estill decides not to return, then it will be a smaller line up but a quicker one for UK next season.

Estill has not decided as of yet what his future plans are but the school has asked him to go through the Senior Night ceremonies next Wednesday night, the last home game for the Cats versus Vanderbilt.

To say today's match up against Georgia in Athens is a big one is an understatement. If the Cats can pull out a win, it would assure them of no less than a time for their division championship. Then they could

win it outright with a win over Vanderbilt at home. The Cats have to travel to Florida for their season finale and the Gators are hard to beat in Gainesville.



I was watching Tom Penders on ESPN and he has Kentucky as his number one team and thinks it would be good for UK to lose a game or two before the SEC tournament. Kentucky is playing for a one seed in one of the four

NCAA regionals. With the type of season UK has had thus far, regardless how they fare in the upcoming conference tournament, I look for them to get a top seed.

In spite of all the talk of extending coach Tubby Smith's contract, I still believe he will leave for the pros next season. I think Estill knows that and will not return next season to UK. Smith will end up at either Philadelphia or Atlanta in the NBA.

SPRING TRAINING

The Reds opened exhibition

play in Tampa Thursday against the New York Yankees. The Reds were minus shortstop Barry Larkin and first baseman Sean Casey. Neither are hurt, but according to manager Bob Boone it is just being cautious.

The Reds management seems pleased with what they have seen thus far from their pitching staff. But the Grapefruit League schedule is underway and it will tell more how the Reds staff will fare. On paper they look to be in good shape. But we know championships are won on the diamond and not on paper.

Boone is wanting to give Adam Dunn, who struggled during the second half last year, and Brandon Larson, who inherited the third base spot, a lot of at-bats during spring training. Willy Mo Pena, the 21-year-old sensation, is expected to see some playing time at first base this season as a back up to Casey.

Jimmy Hayes, expected to be the opening day pitcher for the Reds, has a little tenderness in his right shoulder and will be watched carefully.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Reed

learn from their mistakes. If they're not, if they still blame coaches or teammates or anybody but themselves, they're doomed to spend the rest of their athletic lives in obscurity, haunted by thoughts of what might have been.

Except for Sears, each of the seven came to college thinking more about the NBA than a B.A. Now, in all likelihood, they will get neither. They squandered what could be the best opportunity of their lives because they never enrolled in Basketball History 101, where they might have learned about Jason Osborne.

Coming out of Louisville's Male High School in 1993, Osborne rejected UK and other suitors to stay home and play for the Cards. He started as a freshman and sophomore, but left school to make himself available for the 1995 NBA draft.

No doubt Osborne's decision was applauded enthusiastically by all the parasites — AAU coaches, street agents, go-fers, and hang-around guys — who hoped to live off him. But Osborne plummeted off the hoops radar screen faster than a 1,000-pound boulder tossed off a cliff.

Today, instead of being in the midst of a lucrative NBA career, Osborne is ... well, who knows? He blew both the NBA and the free college education.

Around the nation, sadly, there are thousands like him.

Apparently the most difficult lesson to teach many of today's players is that basketball is about a lot more than the spectacular dunk or the stunning display of three-point shooting.

At its best, basketball is about setting solid picks, working the boards hard on both ends of the floor, playing defense with a passion, diving for loose

balls, converting free throws, and making the extra pass to find the open man.

With rare exception, that has been the story for both UK and U of L this season. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. The senior leaders of both teams — Keith Bogans of UK and Reece Gaines of U of L — are at their best when they play within themselves and set the standard for their teammates.

While much attention has gone lately to Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Tracy McGrady of the Orlando Magic for their scoring rampages, neither's team is in contention for a playoff berth right now.

That's not the way it was

with the greatest NBA stars of the last 20 years

— Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Karl Malone, etc. — because their individual achievements always were less important than the concepts of team play and winning championships.

But Bender came to feel that he didn't have to earn his place on the U of L team because Pitino was lucky to have him. Hurt and Parker didn't do the job in the classroom. All Carruth cared about was shooting. Chiles wasn't as good as his hangers-on told him he was.

Sears transferred to a smaller program but decided to take a

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Indoor baseball facility is hit

by MARCUS GREEN
THE COURIER-JOURNAL

LOUISVILLE — No one promised John Marshall that if he built it, they would come.

The former University of Kentucky and minor league baseball player opened Champions Baseball/Softball Academy in Louisville in 1994 with his father Jim. There were still no promises when Champions expanded by moving to Jeffersontown's Bluegrass Industrial Park in 1999. But the Jeffersontown location, in its fourth year, has become a winter haven for ballplayers getting in shape.

Word of its success traveled well in baseball circles.

When Beacon Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, a leading Ohio sports medicine group, sought a tenant to split a brand-new 60,000 square-foot facility outside Cincinnati, it found Champions. After struggling for years to break even, the Champions management team — Jim and John Marshall and Ron Hinners — had steered the business into the black.

With its position in the Louisville area entrenched, John Marshall said there had been talk of branching out into other cities.

"We were ready to step outside this market, and it was such a unique opportunity to be involved with a group like that," John Marshall said.

The lineup of investors in the new venture includes Cincinnati Reds shortstop Barry Larkin, former Reds pitcher Chris Welsh, former player and manager Buddy Bell, Philadelphia Phillies third baseman David Bell and Reds team doctor Tim Kremchek.

Champions launched its Ohio location in December. Steve Scheffel, administrator for Beacon Orthopaedics, said the partnership already is creating a buzz.

"It's a real unique center — probably the only one in the country like it — where you've got the marriage of a performance-enhancement (and) training baseball facility with a medical clinic," Scheffel said.

These visions of branding the Champions name and establishing multiple facilities were hardly in the realm of possibility in 1994, when Marshall opened the academy in a 12,000-square-foot location behind the Louisville Zoo.

In the early days, he now acknowledges, "it was a struggle to keep the doors open," he said.

Growth was slow but steady. Champions decided to build its own facility when demand

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Trimble

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eighth-place finish in the state tournament began when he wrestled his first match at the state at around 10:30 a.m., a match he ultimately won.

After winning their first match at state, many wrestlers rest up, sit back, possibly even go back to their hotels. But not Drew Trimble. He and his family hit the road, back to Betsy Layne High School. Hey, after all, their was a regional future problem solving title at stake and the Johnson Central sophomore wasn't about to let the opportunity to help his team and school slip. And after the regional problem solving competition, it was back on the road for the Trimbles.

"After competing in the regional future problem solving tournament we got back in the car and traveled back to

Frankfort and went on to wrestle five more matches over the rest of the tournament," said Steve Trimble. "If Drew had lost his first match on the first day, he would have had to pick between wrestling his next match or region future problem solving. Luckily, he won his first match and was able to do both because he did not have to wrestle until the next day if he won."

Proud papa? No doubt. "I am extremely proud of his academic as well as his athletic accomplishments," said a proud father.

Nothing about Drew Trimble is average. He owns a 4.0 grade-point-average. And soon, quite soon, he'll drag out the baseball equipment, if he hasn't already. Drew Trimble doesn't stay unoccupied for too long a period of time.

Win

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Betsy Layne bench to score her 15 against Jenkins. It was previously thought by some that Lykens may not return to the hardwood this season. But, she's back.

Forward Kristal Daniels flipped in nine for the Ladycats and Kristen Smith pushed in six. Breann Akers scored five and Tiffany Meade and Tabetha Witt contributed two each.

Ciera Pittman led Jenkins with 17 points. Kara Curry scored seven and Jessica Hinch chipped

in six. Beth Branham chipped in four and Jessica Holbrook netted three. Starting guard Kayla Bentley finished with two.

Grid

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three tackles for a loss and one fumble recovery. Most valuable special teams player Ely Santos, Elizabethtown, led the conference in kickoff returns with a 26.7-yard average and one

touchdown. Santos was named Special Teams Player of the Year in the Southeastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Ortega, a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, was second on the team in tackles with 83. He also intercepted two passes, caused two fumbles, and had six pass breakups and was selected first-team all-conference as a safety. Walker, Cincinnati, earned the best offensive player by catching 30 passes for 546 yards and an eight touchdowns and was also a first-team all-conference selection. The Excellence Award, named after Centre's winningest coach ever, Joe McDaniel, was won by Daniel Nipp, Lancaster. Nipp, an all-conference performer, led the team in sacks with four and led the team in fumble recoveries with three. He also had five tackles for a loss.

In a special presentation, Frye presented athletic director Brian Chafin with the game ball from Centre's 38-15 win over Kenyon College. It was Centre's 500th win on the gridiron since its inaugural game in 1880. The program concluded with a video highlight tape and a special thanks to the seniors from the head coach.

PC

had eight in the stretch, including a three-point shot with 8:02 left to run the lead to 61-52.

Still, Georgetown wouldn't give up, and when sophomore Neeley Thomas sank a jumper with 2:44 remaining, the lead was 67-66.

Pikeville got the lead out to four when Summer Jones sank a three with 2:17 remaining. The sophomore sharp-shooter playing in only her fourth game of the season since returning from a torn ACL made her first three-pointer of the season to push the lead to four.

As it turned out, those would be Pikeville's final points of the night, and just enough. The game remained scoreless until Andi Johnson made two from the stripe with 53 seconds left to pull the Lady Tigers to within two (70-68).

Pikeville failed to score on its

possession, and Thomas drew a foul with 10 seconds left. She made the first but missed the second, only to see it go out of bounds off Pikeville in front of her bench.

The Lady Tigers got the ball in the hands of the freshman Columbus, but her shot bounced off the rim as the horn sounded to end the game.

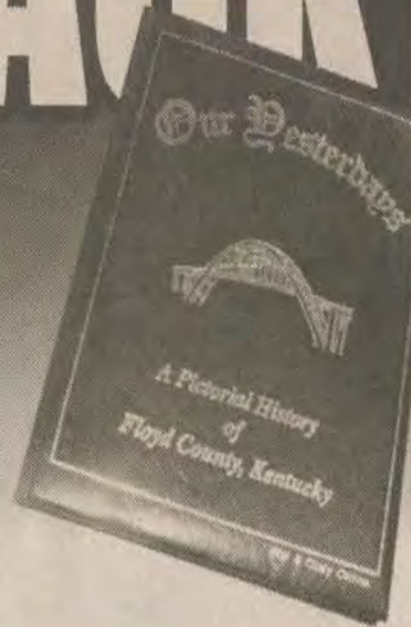
Collins flipped in 25 and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Lady Bears. Senior Tecco Gallion had 15 and five rebounds.

Georgetown was paced by senior Andi Johnson, who finished with 24 thanks to 4-of-8 shooting from the arc. Her third three-pointer early in the game moved her into second place on the all-time scoring list at Georgetown College.

Thomas added 13 and Columbus contributed 11.

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Garage Boss running inspection with iron fist

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — John Darby flings open the doors of the NASCAR hauler, looks around slowly and takes one last drag on his cigarette. Then he steps out into his garage.

NASCAR's second-year Winston Cup director weaves his way through the stalled snake of cars waiting in the inspection line, making frequent stops to explain a rule or listen to a gripe.

These days, there are many complaints — new templates and a strict set of guidelines enforced by Darby have made it next to impossible for cheaters to sneak anything through NASCAR inspection.

Headed into this week's race at Las Vegas, teams are terrified they'll spend most of Friday in the inspection line, unable to pass and get on the track in time to practice.

"They should be worried, because the teams that bring cars that aren't correct to Las Vegas stand a great potential of losing part — maybe even all — of their practice time," Darby said.

Under the rules, cars that don't practice aren't allowed to make qualifying runs — and therefore, not allowed to race.

Of course, Darby has the power to waive that rule, but his point is being made loud and clear: It's his garage, he's running it with a stern hand, and the days of getting ahead by sneaking something past NASCAR are coming to an end.

Under his policies, Darby has eliminated much of the paranoia teams have felt amid suspicions that another group was receiving favorable treatment.

Infractions are discovered and followed by swift fines. Last year, during Darby's first season as NASCAR's garage boss, the sanctioning body began taking points away as part of the punishment process.

He treats everyone equal, regardless of the crime or the circumstances.

When Mark Martin was found to have an illegal spring in November, the team lost 25 points in the middle of a championship race despite claims that the part was defective when it was delivered.

Darby believed Martin's crew was not cheating, just as he feels Rusty Wallace's illegal carburetor at Daytona two

weeks ago was also a result of human error.

But both teams were punished, regardless of how solid their defenses were.

"You cannot even let that enter the equation. You look at every situation in black and white and with tunnel vision," Darby said. "You have to do that because the only thing everyone really wants is clearly written rules that everyone has to abide by."

That's what he's created with an intense inspection process that teams are still struggling to adjust to.

Through the first two races this year, teams have struggled to build cars that meet the new interlocking templates being used by NASCAR.

For instance, the templates measure a car down its length as well as across its width at the same time, and very little deviance is accepted.

Getting the field inspected at

the season-opening Daytona 500 took more than 14 hours.

Because the process was so slow, Darby opened North Carolina Speedway a day early last week to go over it again with the teams.

At the end of the five-hour inspection period, only 21 of 43 cars had earned the fluorescent green sticker needed in the center of the windshield to show a car is legal to go onto the track.

Those that passed could move on and begin preparing for Friday's practice session. The ones that failed were stuck making changes to the car, losing valuable time to rivals who had already gotten a sticker.

"I'm a law-abiding citizen," crew chief Chad Knaus boasted as he waved his clean checklist in the air after pushing Jimmie Johnson's car through the tech line in one try.

"It's amazing we got through because the process is so strict this year. There is almost no tol-

erance for anything in the line."

Teams won't have nearly as much time to work with the inspectors this Friday. Darby isn't allowing any more flexibility, meaning the entire field will be expected to pass through in under four hours.

Darby will have little tolerance for cars that fail.

"The majority of the garage has worked hard to get in line with what we want and are adapting very well and those are the people we have to protect," he said. "People who still want to defy us and test the system, those are people we don't have any compassion for."

The days of tinkering with shocks and springs, manipulating weight or looking for loopholes in the rule book are com-

ing to a close.

Darby's office in the back of the NASCAR hauler is a revolving door of crew chiefs, all bringing parts into the truck while looking for reasons why it was rejected in tech.

Crew chiefs complain their creativity is being stifled by the inspections, and that any edge they used to look for can't make it this season.

Surprisingly, that's OK with most of them.

"NASCAR warned us it would be strict, and it has been," said Ben Leslie, Martin's crew chief. "We don't have to like it, but as long as NASCAR sticks to what they are doing and are being consistent and treating us all alike, none of us can complain."

Winston Cup Standings

1. Kurt Busch, 345.
2. Dale Jarrett, 314.
3. Jimmie Johnson, 312.
4. Mark Martin, 306.
5. Michael Waltrip, 291.
6. Matt Kenseth, 278.
7. Jeff Burton, 262.
8. Ricky Craven, 255.
9. Tony Stewart, 254.
10. Kevin Harvick, 248.
11. Rusty Wallace, 248.
12. Ricky Rudd, 248.
13. Jeff Gordon, 245.
14. Elliott Sadler, 232.
15. Dave Blaney, 230.
16. Johnny Benson, 230.
17. Robby Gordon, 226.
18. Jamie McMurray, 225.
19. Greg Biffle, 197.
20. Joe Nemechek, 191.

Tackett

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Kentucky colleges from all of the Kentucky schools.

Cumberland's freshman Jared Tackett, Jenkins, had a quality showing in several events and placed eighth in the triple jump with jump of 12.98. He had two scratches that were long enough

for auto qualifiers. In all, Tackett competed in four different events.

The meet was Tackett's first indoor track meet. Jared Tackett is the son of Harvey and Janet Tackett of Jenkins. He is the grandson of Julius and Juanita Mullins.

Indoor

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squeezed the original location. Marshall told The Courier-Journal in 1999 that the Jeffersonton location would be more of a talking point than moneymaker. That's still the case — sort of.

"We're one of the few people in the country who have proven that we can build it and pay the bills and make a little bit of a profit," John Marshall said.

He gives the lion's share of the credit to Hinners, who brought more than 20 years of corporate experience at 3M, Automatic Data Processing and First Data Corp., to Champions in 2001.

Marshall's strength is in baseball instruction and daily operations. Hinners strength-

ened Champions' business side. His background was in financial forecasting, writing business plans and managing budgets.

With Hinners on board, talk of expansion began in earnest. Cincinnati was an obvious first step because of its proximity to Louisville and its reputation as a baseball hotbed.

In Louisville, baseball and softball players are using Champions to loosen up for their seasons.

The facility has indoor batting cages, a sports-medicine clinic and a sports cards store. Business does slow during the summer months before gearing up again in the fall and peaking during the winter season, Marshall said.

Reed

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break from basketball, indicating that he's trying to get his head screwed on right.

And Wilkinson, to his credit, transferred to a college where he has a chance to be successful both in basketball and academics.

None of the "Sullen Seven" are bad youngsters. They're simply misguided, that's all, because they've been betrayed and beguiled by the people around them.

Some of them came to college with bigger reputations than, say,

Chuck Hayes, Erik Daniels, Francisco Garcia or Bryant Northern. But where those players bought into the concept of unselfish team basketball, the "Sullen Seven" never got it.

It can only be hoped that their stories will be a cautionary tale for current high school stars, although it's depressingly obvious that kids don't pay much attention to the lessons of hoops history.

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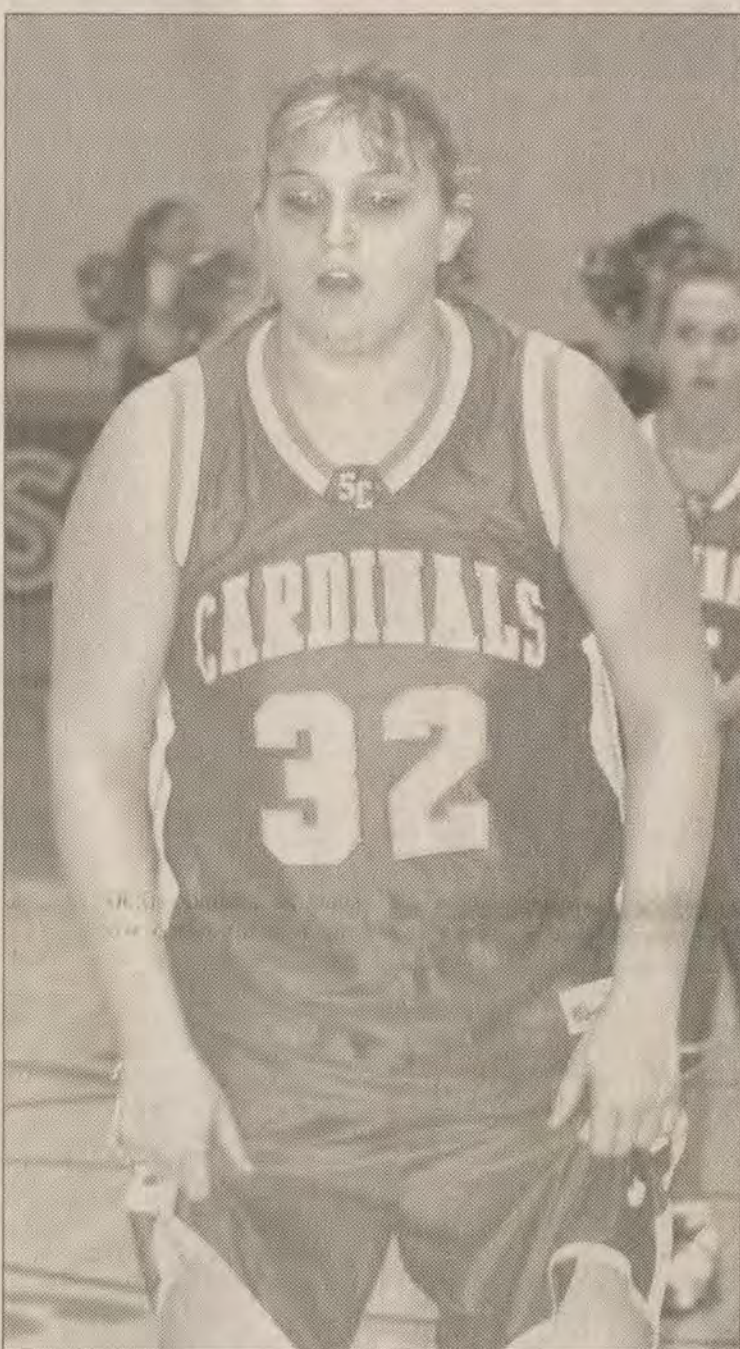


photo by Jamie Howell

Sheldon Clark center Kellie Jo Moore awaited the basketball in a game against Prestonsburg earlier this week.

Sideline

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Kentucky's chances at a national title? Very good. The Wildcats at playing well on both ends of the floor. And Louisville has hit a skid. Or has it? The tough confines of Conference USA have gotten a little tougher the past couple of weeks for the Cardinals.

What happened to Western Kentucky University? The Hilltoppers, with the loss of seven-footer Chris Marcus, have suffered severely. But Western does have a national championship in Division I-AA football.

Paintsville High senior Tate Harmon was scheduled back in Lexington Friday for a doctor's appointment. The Paintsville Tiger, according to his father, will likely be a fixture at third base this season instead of second or shortstop. After suffering an injury in a football scrimmage in August, Harmon missed both football

and basketball season. Both Tiger teams could have used his services. He was the leading rusher for the Paintsville football team as a junior when he older brother ran a high-octane offense for the Tigers.

Tate's older brother, Chas, continues to excel at St. Catherines. Chas, who has aspirations to play baseball professionally, could even head south to Florida after this season.

On a closing thought, it's nice to see a tournament held again at South Floyd High School. The Raider faculty and staff really know how to treat the media and visiting teams. Some other schools outside of the 58th District in the 15th Region could really take notes from South Floyd. Enjoy your basketball this week. And the week after. And the week after. Well, you get the point.

Beaver Creek announces signups

Beaver Creek Little League will hold signups this weekend. The signups will be held this Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, at 3 p.m., at the following locations: Minnie Ball Park, Martin Ball Park, and Garrett Ball Park. Age groups: 9-12, 13-14, and 15-16. A prospective player's parent or guardian must be present to register the child. Also, anyone interested in being an umpire for the 2003 season, must be present at the signups.

YOUTH

NYSA Tournament still has openings

North American Youth Sports has announced that it still has openings in its spring youth basketball tournament in central Kentucky at George Rogers Clark High School April 25-27.

The tournament will feature 10 different brackets for grades 5-10.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$95 and guarantees each

team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

The entry deadline is March 31.

For additional information or an entry form, call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1-800-787-3265 or tournament director Scott True at 859/744-0585.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Bears fall to Georgetown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Four players hit double figures for the Tigers of Georgetown as they blew past Pikeville College 81-67 Thursday night.

The matchup of Top 15 teams was never a game. After Pikeville scored the first two points on free throws by Jason Robinson, the Tigers went on a 23-7 run and when Marshall Williams had a layup with 12:02 left in the first half, the Tigers were on top 23-9.

No. 13 Pikeville never got closer than 12 (23-11) in the first half when Charles Sanders sank two from the line, and Georgetown led by as many as 17 twice, including 42-25 with 2:47 left after a layup by Andre Mahom.

No. 7 Georgetown pushed the lead to 20 twice early in the second half, and it didn't dip below 15 until a dunk by Robinson with 5:14 left made it 66-53. The Bears got as close as eight when Kevin Gaines con-

verted a three-point play, but Quintin Bailey answered with one of his own on the other end and the lead was never in single digits again.

Georgetown (26-4, 5-3 in the Mid-South Conference) shot the lights out all night. They finished the game at 57.7 percent (30-of-52), but were even better before recess, flipping in 16-of-25 (64.0 percent).

Pikeville (23-7, 5-3) made only five of its 24 first-half shots (20.8 percent), including 1-of-8 from the three-point stripe. For the game, they hit 17-of-52 for 32.7 percent.

Kip Kirchbaum led the Tigers with 18 points, shooting a white-hot 8-of-11 from the field. Williams followed with 17 while Bailey added 16. George Baker contributed 10.

Pikeville got 16 from Kevin Gaines, who hit 3-of-6 from the arc. Jason Robinson carded a double-double, hitting for 15 and pulling down 13 rebounds. Teon Knox and Jairus Michael had 10 points each.

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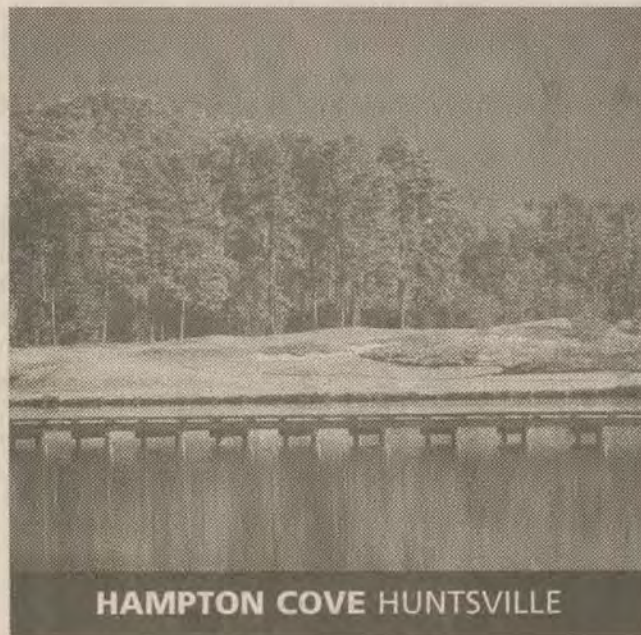
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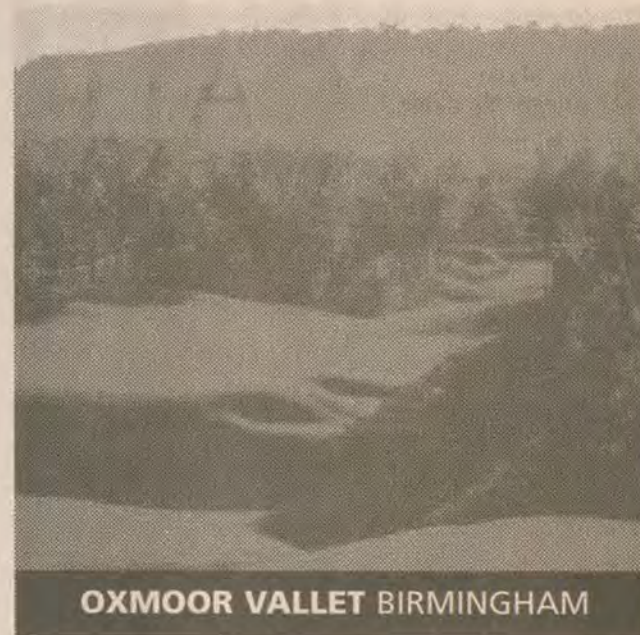
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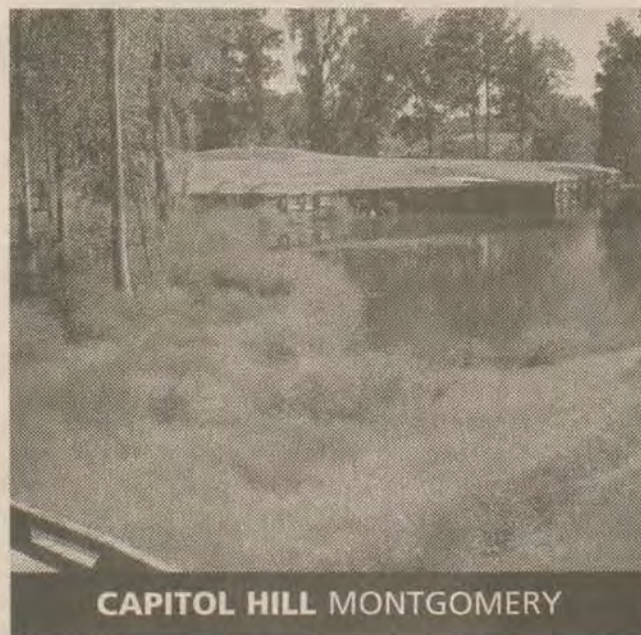
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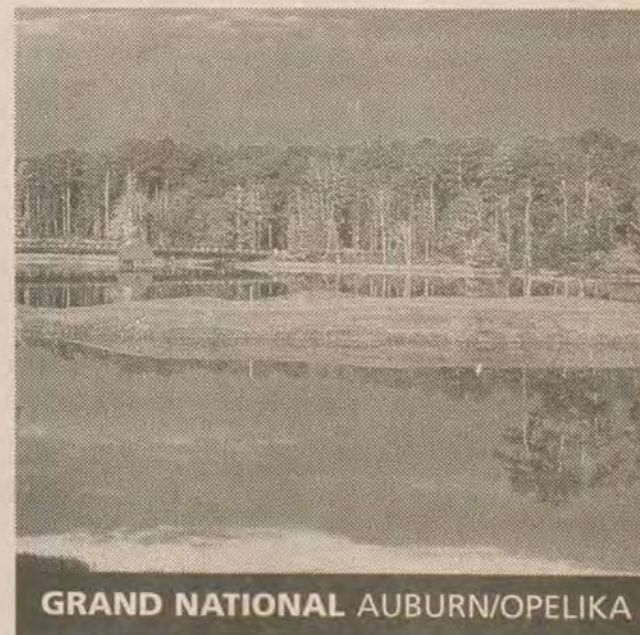
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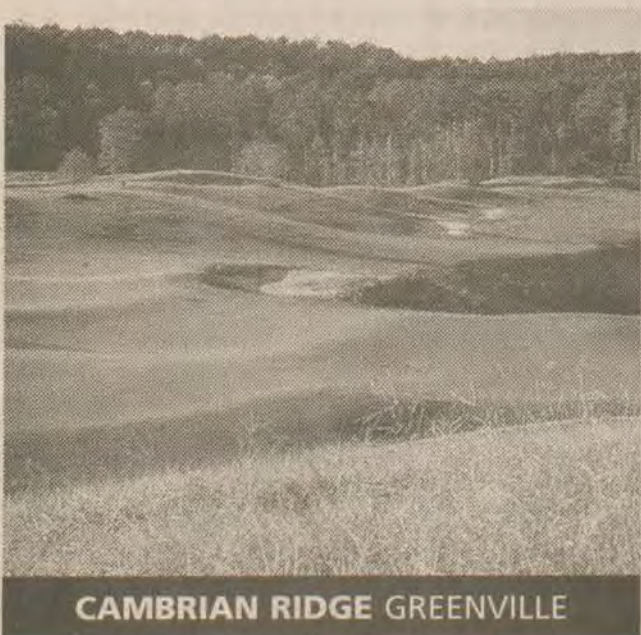
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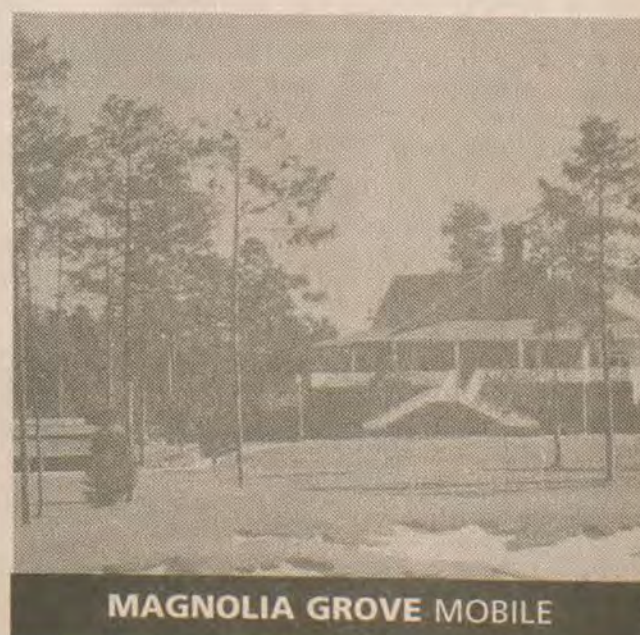
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Terry Thies to direct next Theatre play

Terry Thies has had many roles in Little Theatre productions, but for the spring show, she has traded in her acting hat and taken on the role of director. The Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series will present Little Theatre of Hazard performing

"The Odd Couple, the Female Version" on April 11, 12 and 13 in the auditorium of the Learning Resource Center at Hazard Community College. Auditions were held the last two weeks and the cast will be announced next week. "When Tim Couch, our

most excellent director, told us he would be unable to direct the spring show due to work conflicts, I offered to give it a try. This is my first time to direct a full-length adult show so of course, I am a little nervous about it. I think the hardest part for me will be

not being on the stage. I love to act," stated Terry Thies. Her most recent roles include Dotty in "Noises Off", Crane Hammond in "Exit Who" and Abby Brewster in "Arsenic and Old Lace", all under the direction of Tim Couch.

Terry has directed children's plays for her church, New Hope Christian Center, and is a member of the drama team at the church. In the '80s, she directed "Kid's Praise", a children's

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COLLEGE NEWS

KCTCS regents approve college consolidations in East, West KY

HOPKINSVILLE - The Board of Regents of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) took action on Friday to enhance seamless delivery of education services in three regions of the state:

- The Ashland area, where Ashland Community College and Ashland Technical College will consolidate to become Ashland Community and Technical College.

- The Paducah area, where Paducah Community College will consolidate with West Kentucky Technical College. The regents heard a proposal to name the combined institution West Kentucky Community and Technical College; action on that issue will be taken later.

- The Big Sandy region, where Prestonsburg Community College is consolidating with Mayo Technical College. No name change has been proposed.

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Ice storm damages MSU public radio

Morehead State University's public radio network is operating at a severely reduced level as a result of last week's ice storm and may not fully recover for a month.

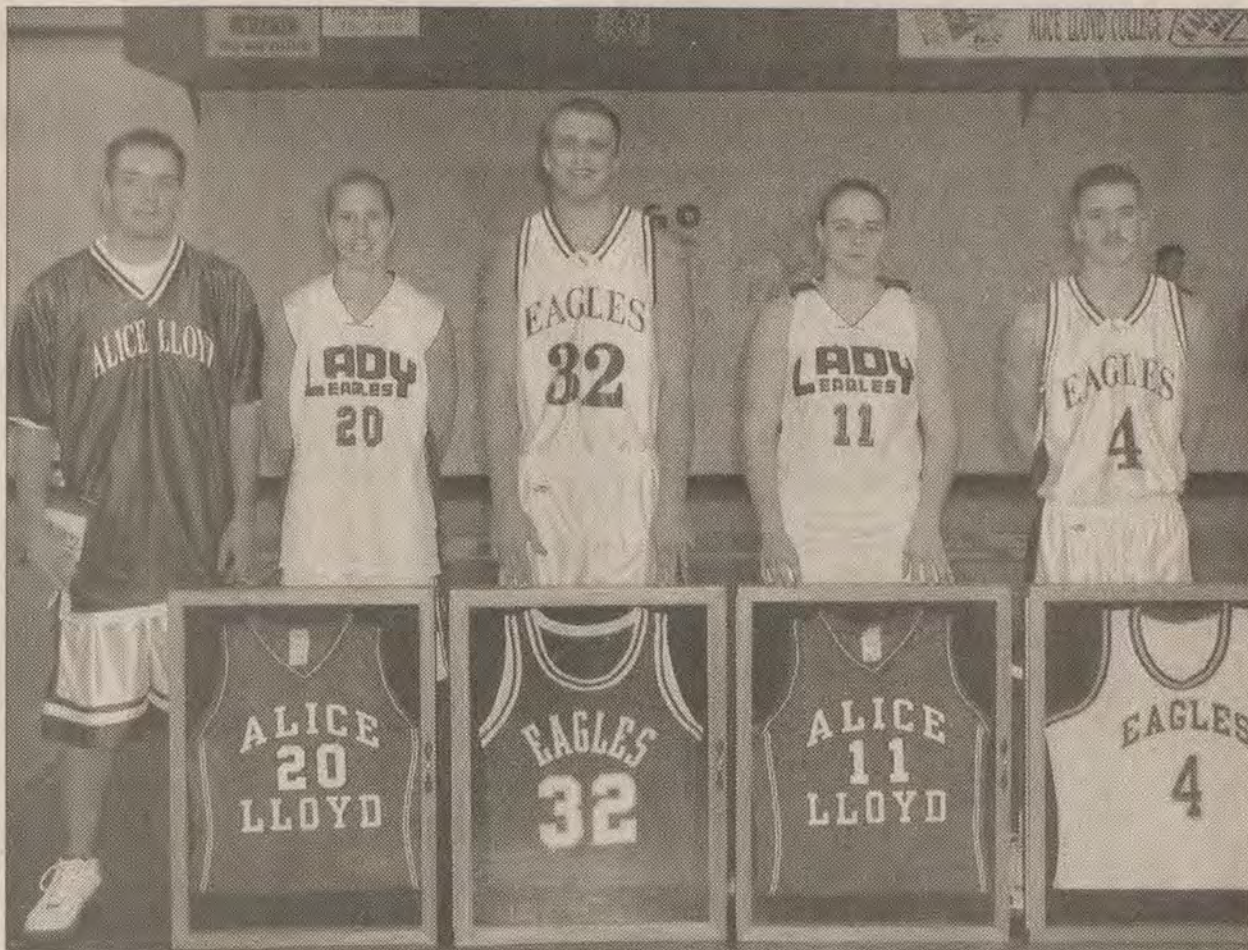
Dan Conti, general manager of Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR), said Monday that the network's flagship station, WMKY in Morehead, is broadcasting at very low power and the network's translator in Inez is not operating at all. The network's other station, WOCS in Booneville, has returned to the air at full power to serve all or parts of 12 counties in southeast Kentucky.

Conti said ice formed on the broadcast tower the network shares with Kentucky Educational Television near Morehead and disabled the radio antenna. Instead of its authorized 50,000 watts of output, WMKY is currently operating at only 40 watts, serving just the MSU campus and part of the city of Morehead.

The antenna trouble is the latest in a series of mishaps triggered by the storm, which initially knocked MSPR off the air early on Sunday, Feb. 16, when local electrical service was lost to the transmitter building on Triangle Hill. A backup generator restored power and operated the transmitter for 10 hours before running out of fuel that afternoon.

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— ALICE LLOYD SENIOR NIGHT —



ALC Basketball seniors, Matthew Taylor, Andrea Kelley, Kent Campbell, Leah Whitley, and Nick Samons.

ALC SENIORS PLAY LAST HOME GAME

Alice Lloyd College basketball players Kent Campbell, of Jeff; Nick Samons, of Martin; Matthew Taylor, of Millstone; Andrea Kelley, of Webbyville; and Leah Whitley, of Frenchburg, played their last home college game on Saturday, February 15 in the

Grady Nutt Athletic Center on the ALC campus in Pippa Passes. These players have had many accomplishments throughout their careers and will be sorely missed by their teammates and coaching staff.

CAMPUS CONNECTION

Working with an angel

by RACHELLE BURCHETT

Most of us work with the same people day in and day out not realizing just how special they are. While on lunch break Don Montgomery, maintenance and operations supervisor at Prestonsburg Community College, embarked upon a truly amazing story that was being told in the break room.

One of his employees was telling a story about a trip he took to Lexington the past weekend. "I was amazed," Montgomery said, "that while he was telling this story that he seemed unaware of the heroic deed that he had done."

This employee's name is Shannon Howard and Montgomery

remembers well the story he told. "He said that he and two other friends were on their way to Lexington and it was about 6:45 a.m. when they were passing by the old toll booth area on the Mountain Parkway. Shannon said that something caught his eye as he was driving by and when he took a second look he saw flames in the window of the house.

"Without thinking he and his friends turned around and headed for the house hoping that no one was in the home. When he pulled in a lady next door yelled to them and told them that there were two men in the house. Once again without hesitation Shannon and his friends leaped

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MEETING

PCC board of directors

The Prestonsburg Community College Board of Directors met in the Gearheart Conference Room at 6:00 PM on February 24, 2003.

The Board welcomed its newest member, Mary Music. Ms. Music will serve a one year term as the representative of the student body.

Dr. Nancy Johnson introduced four General Education faculty members who presented a very interesting discussion of the transfer degree program at PCC. Dr. Johnson commented, "You cannot find a comparable faculty to those at PCC." She went on to explain that the General Education programs at PCC are those courses like history, math, English, sciences, etc., that a student may elect to transfer to other institutions to satisfy requirements for degrees.

Dr. Thomas Matijasich spoke about history, geography, and public education. He said, "We are all American Citizens. Public Education was created so that we could become good citizens." He went on to explain the history of transfer education at PCC and the role of the college in preparing students to become good citizens.

Dr. Timothy Skeen talked about creative writing and the great number of former PCC students who have transferred to UK, MSU, EKV and elsewhere and have appeared on the staffs of University newspapers and other publications. He said, "I hope we can find the resources to continue the efforts we have begun with creative writing publications like the Cut-Thru Review." He went on to discuss the foundation students get in the creative arts here at PCC which will transfer to a four year institution when a student is ready to pursue an advanced degree.

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ALC hosts international business speaker



Richard Stafford, second from left, with ALC students who attended his on-campus conference.

As a part of Diversity Week, Alice Lloyd College hosted a special speaker on Thursday, February 20th in the Campbell Arts Center Auditorium. Richard Stafford, of the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics International Business and Management Center, guided students, faculty, and staff through an interactive discussion on what is expected of today's managers. This convocation was sponsored by the ALC Leadership Program and Cultural Diversity Committee.

ART SHOW

Artist displays work at PCC

"Introspect, an artist's journey inward", by artist Randy Lawson is now on display at the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery. The exhibit will be on display until March 16.

Lawson's art reflects his work with such Appalachian artisans as Ernie Po, Johnny Stumbo and the late Bill May. It was under the critical eye of these painters that a young Randy Lawson came of the age in Appalachia.

The work presented in "Introspect, an artist's journey inward" represents Lawson's growth as both an artist and a man. He shares with us his earliest work and his most recent, allowing us to share in an artist's development.

Today Randy works as an art instructor in the private sector and accepts commissioned paintings. In the near future he hopes to expand his love of painting to other mediums including clay, metal and wood. His long-term goal is to provide quality art instruction to the children of Appalachia.

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Art show at HCC

Dee Dee Campbell enjoys an art exhibit and the public is invited to come and enjoy it too. The Stephens Library of Hazard Community College is currently displaying an exhibit of watercolor art by Ernest Shouse through Monday, March 31. The library hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 7:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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The 'Gentle Giant' - Don Williams - coming to MAC

There are few American classics these days, but Don Williams is certainly one of them. With a warm hickory baritone that balances strength with a gentle concern, he draws

his listener into the intimate world of an old friend, someone who cares deeply about you and the quality of your life ... and who will always offer a hand when you need it. "I

don't think there's anything we have to do daily in our walk that's more important than how we deal with each other," Williams confesses. "To me, it's everything. So when you're

looking for songs, if they can express that, then you've found something special."

Without a doubt, Williams, whose hits with the likes of Good Ole Boys Like Me, I

Believe In You, Love Is On A Roll, Amanda and Tulsa Time, have always had a knack for finding songs that speak directly to people's hearts. "When you first start making records,

all the songs are challenging and there's so much to talk about," Williams begins, explaining the challenges of

(See **GIANT**, page three)

Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdmnaStar Federal

Q I have heard that colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the United States, after lung cancer. Is that right?

A That is correct. The American Cancer Society estimates 57,100 deaths in 2003 as a result of colon and rectal cancer combined. Colorectal cancer is most common in men and women age 50 and older and the risk increases with age. More than one-third of colorectal cancer deaths could be avoided if people over 50 had regular screening tests.

Q I have Medicare. What types of colorectal cancer screening tests does Medicare cover?

A People with Medicare Part B coverage who are age 50 or older are eligible for colorectal cancer screenings. Screenings are used to detect polyps, cancer, or other abnormalities, even when a person does not have any symptoms. Screenings are so important because they can help find colorectal cancer early, when treatment works best. Medicare covers the following screening tests:

- Fecal Occult Blood Test - covered once every year for all Medicare eligible age 50 and older.

- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy - covered once every four years for all Medicare eligible age 50 and older.

- Colonoscopy
- High Risk

Individuals - Regardless of age, Medicare covers a colonoscopy or barium enema every 2 years if you are at high risk for colorectal cancer. (Your risk is greater if you have a history of inflammatory bowel disease, colorectal cancer, or polyps, and if you have a family history of colorectal cancers or polyps, or have certain hereditary syndromes.)

- Average Risk

Individuals - Regardless of age, if you are at average risk for colorectal cancer, Medicare will cover a colonoscopy every 10 years. If you are at average risk and have had a covered flexible sigmoidoscopy, you must wait 4 years to be eligible for

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- CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY -



Winn Ford, left, was happy to receive a \$50 US savings bond from head teller, Jo Keathley, at the Citizens National Bank, Centre Pointe branch, this past week. Ford won the savings bond in a "Customer Appreciation Day" drawing held on Valentine's Day. "We were pleased when Winn won," Keathley said, "He's a faithful customer, here every Friday." Ford is the son of Carolyn and Winston Ford, of Prestonsburg.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

ENTERTAINMENT & NOTES

Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys coming to the MAC

When it comes to bluegrass music, few artists command the respect and attention that comes to Ralph Stanley...he has been a part of bluegrass music for 50 years. Many artists have made it thanks to him...Keith Whitley, Ricky Skaggs, and Charlie Sizemore to name a few.

From the 1940's through 1966, brothers, Ralph and Carter perfected their style of bluegrass harmony. When Carter passed away in 1966, Ralph recruited new members into the Clinch Mountain Boys to solidify the mountain bluegrass sound. The roots of this music have endured for many years and will continue...it is rare

when such talent can be combined into such a unique style.

Although Ralph's music occasionally wandered from the original mountain-traditional sound, it always found its way back home. In addition, the growth of other bluegrass artists insured that the style and old-time musical traditions would remain a standard for the music. The wanderings have led down the path to stardom within the bluegrass industry.

For 50 years, Ralph has been a central focus for the genre. As a master of bluegrass banjo, he has seen others use his style as the standard for the music.

In all the arena of the bluegrass

world, nobody has traveled the roads like the Stanley's. Their forceful sound was carried to the far reaches. Even today, Ralph continues the tradition by traveling from the east coast to the west and the north to the south due to the demand of audiences who continue to find comfort and enjoyment in his rich style of bluegrass music.

See Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, along with Melvin Goins and Windy Mountain, on Friday, April 4, at the Mountain Arts Center. Concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale now, \$22, upper arena; \$24, lower. Call 886-2623 for ticket information, or toll-free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS (622-2787).

Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Feb. 21 to 28.

Pikeville Division Chapter 7

Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

William M. Back and Brenda E. Back, of Jenkins.
Franklin D. Bates, of Pine Top.
William B. Nichols, of Whitesburg.
Sandra Lynn Rowe, of Pikeville.
Jonathan W. Bartley and Melissa R. Bartley, of Elkhorn City.

Larry Hylton, of Ashcamp.
Kennie Crum and Ruth Crum, of Elkhorn City.

Wanda Goff, of Kimper.
Albert McGuire and Tammy McGuire, of Hatfield.
Ronnie Gene Thacker, of Kimper.

Ann Renae Tackett, of Drift.
Fritz Von Phipps and Dulcinea Kay Phipps, of Drift.
Wesley Jones, of Pikeville.
Richard Hudson and Tammy Kay Hudson, of Mousie.

Kenneth Michael Witten, of Sitka.
Kelly Joe Colvin, of Wittensville.
Andy Jerry Hatfield Jr. and Debra Ann Hatfield, of Hager Hill.
April Wallace, of Pikeville.

Phillip Scott Oaks and Billie Oaks, of Jackson.

Pamela E. McCoy, of Pikeville.
Linda R. Marcum, of Lovely.
James Lowell Conley and Brenda Kay Conley, of Paintsville.
Jerry Lee Williams and Donna Elaine Williams, of Littcarr.

Mark Anthony Jones, of Prestonsburg.
James Thomas Williamson and Lisa Ann Williamson, of Beauty.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.

Ronnie Combs and Tammy Combs, of Ermine.
Clarence Anthony Vallance, of Belfry.

AWARD

NLADA recognizes Newman for service to Legal Aid community

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - The National Legal Aid & Defender Association honored Ira Newman, directing attorney of the Appalachian Research & Defense Fund of Kentucky (Appalred), with the 2002 Denison Ray Award.

The award was given during NLADA's annual Conference Awards Dinner on Friday, Nov. 15, at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center.



The presenter was Larry H. York, executive director of ARDF of Kentucky, a 25-year coworker of Newman and both career lawyers for Appalred.

Honoring an individual who has provided exceptional service to the Legal Aid community as a staff member, client board member or volunteer of a provider program, the "Denny" is named for a career Legal Aid activist. Denison Ray served as executive director of legal services programs in Missouri, Maine, North Carolina and New York and was a longtime leader of the national Project Advisory Group.

"Ira's legal work has set an inspirational example of industriousness, creativity and determination," said York in his nomination letter. "Ira has always exhibited a passionate quest for fairness and

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Jack Klugman, to appear in 'On Golden Pond' at the MAC

"On Golden Pond," the critically acclaimed Broadway production, was adapted as a motion picture and nominated for nine Academy Awards. "On Golden Pond" is a visit with Norman and Ethel Thayer during their 44th year at Golden Pond. Sharing the summer with their daughter, Chelsea, and her son, we experience the layers of emotion and love that make up the stories of a family.

Norman, a crusty retired professor, is nearing eighty and has a playful and feisty attitude. Ethel, ten years his junior and his perfect foil, delights in the small things that enrich their long life together. Chelsea suffers from the pain of a father and daughter who love each other but have never figured out how to tell one another. Her son brings the freshness of youth into the house.

"On Golden Pond" is the touching, funny and perceptive story of a family and a couple facing the twilight of their years together.

You won't want to miss this poignant night of laughter, warmth and love.

Theatrical Arts International has produced over 100 productions which have toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Singapore, Taiwan, and Korea.

Jack Klugman (Quincy, The Odd Couple) stars in the critically acclaimed Broadway play, which was nominated for nine Academy Awards in the film version. Norman and Ethel Thayer sharing the summer with their daughter Chelsea and her son, On Golden Pond is the touching, funny and perceptive story of a family and a couple facing the twilight of their years together. It's a heartwarm-

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equality, not only among the clients he serves, but also among the employees with whom he works ... He has served thousands of clients in his tenure with Appalred with compassion and vigor. He has been an inspiration to members of this program and to the local bar where he practices. He has worked tirelessly for his clients and for low-income people in his community."

Newman, a native of McDowell and the son of the

late Maggie Newman, directs the Richmond office of Appalred, which serves as a centralized intake location for Appalred's entire 37-county area.

Newman has been with Appalred for 25 years, having begun his legal career there as a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow. In that time, he has served thousands of individuals in a wide variety of cases, ranging from black lung to consumer law, domestic relations and housing,

and has worked with other non-profit organizations to develop housing development corporations that have built and refurbished many homes.

Newman has also served as managing attorney of the Kentucky Migrant Legal Services Project, a joint project between Appalred and Texas Rural Legal Aid to assist migrant workers with labor disputes in Kentucky.

After Kentucky's Educational Reform Act brought site-based management to the school systems in Kentucky, Newman volunteered as a pro bono attorney for the site-based councils, and also served on the local site-based council in his home community of Berea.

Since 1990, Newman has

served on the Berea Planning and Zoning Commission and presently serves as its chair. In 1995, the National Association of Towns and Townships, in conjunction with Wal-Mart Corporation, made an economic development grant in his name to the city of Berea because of his leadership on the local level.



Barbara Newsome, a mother of three girls, has returned to school to complete her practicum for the Human Services Program. "I have always wanted to have a profession that would enable me to help others and to make a difference. That is why I chose the human services field." Newsome is thankful that she is able to finish her education so close to home. "With the responsibilities of a family finishing my degree away from home would have been impossible. The convenient campus locations fell hand in hand with the affordability." Newsome plans to graduate in May of 2003 and has considered continuing her education through the Lindsey Wilson Program offered at the Prestonsburg Campus.

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Connection

out of the truck and headed for the house.

"When they reached the door a young man came out coughing and exasperated. Then the lady next door screamed even more horrifying news - "There is a paralyzed man still in the house!"

"Shannon ran into the smoke-filled house and yelled out for someone to answer him and sure enough someone did. Shannon told the gentleman to keep talking so that he could find him and he did. He picked the man up and with the help of a friend brought him to safety.

"Seeing that everyone was okay Shannon and his friends got back in their truck and headed on to Lexington."

Montgomery went on to say, "I couldn't believe that he stopped, saved a man's life, and then left just like it was an everyday thing-but that is just the kind of man that Shannon is. He has always been a wonderful employee and this great deed in no way surprises me.

"It was about a week later

when another employee brought my attention to a request that was made in the Salyersville Independent newspaper that said..."Dear Editor: Hello my name is C.M. Gasparac. I am paralyzed and have been for seven years. I never dreamed that there could be anything worse than not being able to do for myself but on Jan. 2, 2003, I lost my home and everything in it and almost lost my life. The reason I am writing this letter is to talk to the man that saved me from burning alive. I don't know his name or where he lives. But I do know that he was my Guardian Angel. I would like to thank him personally, because there is nothing greater than life, and he saved mine." Shannon truly touched this man's life as he did the hearts of those he works with."

We at Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College are very proud and honored to work with a "guardian angel" as Mr. C.M. Gasparac calls him.

Four Floyd residents named to LCC dean's list

LEXINGTON - Four Floyd County students have been named to the dean's list at Lexington Community College.

Brandi S. Allen of Minnie, Anne Morgan of Bevinville, and Ashley K. Brown and Jayneanne K. Hale, both of Prestonsburg, were honored for their grades during the fall semester.

The LCC dean's list honors full-time students who achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

House reading rescheduled for March 6 at HCC

Hazard Community College has rescheduled a reading by Silas House. The new reading will be Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Stephens Library at the Hazard Campus.

The public is invited and there's no admission charge.

For more information about the reading, contact Tim Dunn at 606-436-5721 or 800-246-7521, ext. 8035 or at Tim.Dunn@kctcs.edu

Giant

maintaining one's artistic commitment a quarter of a century into a solo career. "But after you've done it for a while, it's hard to revisit the same places and still be believable."

"The longer you do it, the harder it becomes to do things that aren't just an echo of something you've already done. Of course, when you do lock into it, the fact that you've lived all those years and seen so much allows

you to bring a lot of things to the song you couldn't have when you were starting out."

For Don Williams, trying to address the simple pleasures and the things that should last has always been his stock in-trade. And he's also always been something of an iconoclast in a town known for its assembly line approach to making music. Williams recalls, "Back when I was on JMI Records several industry people really liked what I was doing but they also said it would never work ... it's too laid back." What those people forgot is that country music is built on real emotions, real songs, real moments in people's lives. Don Williams is a subtle master of all of those things, deftly inhaling tenderness and concern into some of the best lyrics and melodies ever created.

And his commitment to the songs never flags. "What it is, is simple: I want the best songs possible. I don't look at songs as just singles or who the publisher is - I look at what it's trying to say, how it feels. Then when they're picked out, I want to treat them all the same. I want to make them as special as I can. Ideally, whether I'm in the studio or on stage, I'm totally into the story, or if there's no story, that emotion, that feel of what I'm doing at that moment is the only thing I want to experience. After a day in the studio or a show, the energy I've used just wears me out and if you're not 100% there, that's even worse. There's nothing more trying than not being completely there."

For the man who got his professional start with the Poza Seco Singers, who hit with Time in the mid-60s, there's no greater sin than not being completely committed to the songs he's entrusted with. As he says with an earnestness that stops you in your tracks, "There's just the emotion. There's the right emotion - and then it's over."

Simple, Direct. To the point. Exactly the things that have made Don Williams' music so compelling - and that's helped him build an international audience in

places one can't imagine country music ever being more than a curiosity. Yet for Don Williams, he's popular in far-flung places like Zimbabwe, Australia, England, Monaco, Finland and Brazil as he is in his native America. "I couldn't have picked anything for the South African culture or the English culture," Williams explains. "We're all made of the same stuff - and when we're dealing with one another, we're all on the same plane. I've been fortunate that when I've picked material, there's always been a universality to what I want to sing and what other people feel. It's pretentious to think that you can speak for anyone else, but I work very hard to align myself with the average person who's never been in a studio or sat down with a number of writers to hear their songs. Those are the people I make music for, not Nashville so much, and I think it's served me well."

Enlisting the help of his accomplished road band, Williams creates the kind of music that speaks to everyone. There's a broken-in familiarity among his players that can't be created merely by charts and musicians - and those lived-in grooves fit Williams like the custom-Stetson hat he's known for.

"Everybody knows from me on the road that when they're doing their job well, I hear nothing," Williams says, explaining the subtle musical web his band spins. "It's the emotion of what we're doing is all that I hear. Nothing sticks out. Nothing jars me. That lets me get to the inside of the song. When that is working right, there's nothing but that (song's) feeling, and I can focus completely on that. If you can create that, then you've done a good job."

See Don Williams perform as only Don Williams can on Sunday, April 6, at 6 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now - \$29.50, all seats. Call 886-2623 for more information, or call toll-free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS (1-888-622-2787).



Mary Music, student representative, PCC Board of Directors.



The PCC Board of Directors recently met on the college campus.

Meet

Randy Watts talked about math and science. He also spoke about his experiences at the Pikeville Campus. "We've been consolidated for more than a year now and didn't know it. We were housed together and just began to help each other and to make it easier for our students to get the courses they need." He discussed the importance of solid math and science programs and the need for good teachers in all General Education courses.

Ken Fuller, a 28 year veteran Chemistry Professor said, "I want to convey the importance and success of our transfer degree program. My family doctor, dentist, pharmacist, veterinarian, and physical therapist are all former PCC students." He went on to discuss the many professionals he

personally knew who were former students of his when they were PCC students.

Dr. Johnson summed up with, "I am proud to be a part of PCC and the Big Sandy Community

and Technical College District, where 24 out of 66 instructors hold PhDs and many more are in the final stages of their PhDs. We truly have an outstanding faculty here."

In other actions the Board unanimously endorsed a resolution asking legislators to continue their commitment and support for all levels of education. They also adopted a second resolution in support of House Bill 223, urging legislators to vote Yes for house Bill 223 without amendment.

This bill's main objectives are

to align KCTCS statutes to conform to the agreements between UK and KCTCS that assure the continued accreditation of Kentucky's community colleges and to align Kentucky statutes to assign the same authority and responsibilities of the Board of Regents that are granted to the other institutions of postsec-

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Don't pass up an opportunity to view such a fabulous display. Stop by the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery today. Gallery

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ing family event for all generations.

On Golden Pond is a Theatrical Arts International production. Exclusive representation: Harmony Artists.

On Golden Pond, starring Jack Klugman, is coming to the Mountain Arts Center on Friday, April 25. Showtime, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$22, upper; \$24, lower. For more information, call 886-2623, or toll-free to 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

Alice Lloyd College celebrates cultural diversity

Alice Lloyd College celebrated Cultural Diversity Awareness Week, February 17-21. Many activities were planned throughout the week, including a special convocation with faculty and students representing different countries. The Hunger Din also served various

dishes from the countries being represented during this week as well as table displays. This week is important to ALC because it allows students to experience new and interesting cuisine and cultural ideas outside of their own American traditions.

Terry

musical which was performed at the church and at the Perry County Library for a children's group. She also was the assistant director and stage manager for the HCC/Hazard Civic Theatre's production of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas".

She currently works for the Hazard Perry County Housing Development Alliance. She is a Perry County native, the daughter of the late Glen W. and Goldie Lindon Combs. She has two sons, Daniel, a pharmacist for RiteAid, and Joshua, an engineering student at UK. She is also the very proud "Grwow" (she refuses to be called Grandmother) of Kystann Paige Ward Thies who also shows signs of stage presence and talent. In fact, there are many performers in Terry's extended family. Her son, Daniel played the lead role in his senior high school production, and Joshua is a member of the contemporary Christian rock group, "Rapture

of the Meek". Nephew Scott Bersaglia is well known as the founder and artistic director of the Sacred Winds Ensemble. Niece Nicole Bersaglia was a Speech Team member in both grade school and high school and now at Morehead University. Cousin Markie Fields, a student at Eversole Middle School, is an upcoming star in his own right.

Terry began her training in drama as a student at Roy G. Eversole Elementary with the Speech and Drama Team, and continued with the Hazard High School Speech team. As a senior, under the direction of Alois Moore, she performed her first role in a full-length production, "Don't Drink the Water" opposite Vic Gross, another very talented actor. They brought the house down. From that moment, Terry was hooked on the applause. She won the Drama Award as a senior.

After graduating from UK,

and living in Lexington for a few years, Terry and her family returned to Hazard. She became involved with Little Theatre in 1985 and her love of the stage was rekindled. At first, she was cast in minor roles, but somehow managed to steal the show with her character acting. She even was cast as a man in a couple of productions. Obviously, this woman would do any role that would put her on the stage.

"I encourage the community to come out and support Little Theatre by attending the show. Ours is a volunteer organization and the cast and crew work very hard to present a quality show."

If you are interested in becoming a part of the crew for this show, please contact Terry at 436-2848, or Rayma West at 436-4662. For more information about the series, contact Tammy Duff, performing arts series coordinator, at 800-246-7521, ext. 8067 or at Tammy.Duff@kctcs.edu

KCTCS

The Board of Regents

approved the consolidations during its regular meeting, held at Hopkinsville Community College. Also, the regents authorized all three consolidated colleges to pursue single accreditation under the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In other action on Friday, the board approved:

■ A new mission statement for the consolidated Ashland Community and Technical College.

Damage

The tank could not be refilled until nearly a day later because of trees that fell across the road leading up to the transmitter site. By the time the road was cleared, large chunks of ice had fallen from the KET tower and crushed the roof of the MSPR transmitter building, damaging some equipment inside. The extent of the damage to the transmitting equipment and antenna is yet to be fully determined.

"We regret that this unfortunate turn of events makes it

impossible for us to service the majority of our listeners," said Conti. "Everything that can be done is being done to get us back on the air at full power as soon as possible. We appreciate the patience and understanding of those who value the services of Morehead State Public Radio."

Under normal conditions, the three MSPR transmitters reach 35 counties in the eastern half of Kentucky and border counties in Ohio and West Virginia. MSU launched its public radio operation in 1965.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Indoor art fun for energetic preschoolers

Pull out the tissue paper stashed away in your gift-wrap storage box and old crayons from the back of a junk drawer, and you'll have two terrific "first art" activities for your preschoolers and their playmates. Try both of them to stir



your kids' imaginations and keep them busy on a winter's day.

PINCHED-TISSUE COLLAGE

Pour 3 tablespoons of white household glue into a paper cup. Dilute with about 1 tablespoon water and stir thoroughly. Using a paintbrush, paint the glue solution all over a sheet of white construction paper. Crumple up 1/2-by-8-inch strips of colorful tissue paper, then press them onto the paper. If some don't stick, add more glue! Encourage the kids to use a variety of colors and arrange the wads of paper in whatever combination they wish. For a finale, sprinkle the glue in open spaces with sequins and glitter for fireworks going in all directions!

RUBBING MAGIC

Show your preschooler how to peel the paper from the outside of a few crayons, then scout around the house for several textured, flat objects, such as a strip of lace, coins, keys, buttons and a washer from the toolbox. Attach double-stick tape to one side of each item, then arrange and stick them on the kitchen counter. Place a sheet of light-colored construction paper over the objects. Hold the paper in place or tape it to the counter so that your child can easily rub various crayons over the objects underneath. Encourage your child to guess and then identify the objects as they appear. Remove tape when complete. If your child is learning to read, label each revealed object in large letters. Hang on the wall.

Write Donna with your questions and ideas at www.donnasday.com. Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Finstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide. (c) 2003 Donna Erickson Distributed by King Features Syndicate



Artichoke lovers await baby boom

Get ready for another baby boom. We're talking baby artichokes. Ocean Mist Farms tells us they expect a bumper crop from March to early May. So, prepare yourself with recipes to get the most out of these little guys.

First, bear in mind that baby artichokes are fully matured and ready to cook. Their growth is, shall we say, stunted because they are shaded by the large leaves above them. If they could talk, I think they would say they don't mind being small because they know they will give pleasure to discerning taste buds and the cooks who prepare the babies. The entire artichoke can be consumed, and they cook quickly.

When you buy them in plastic bags or trays, put them, unopened, right in the crisper drawer of the fridge. If purchased loose, place them in a plastic bag, sprinkle them with water, seal the bag and put them in the drawer. They will keep fresh up to a week.

To prepare baby artichokes, add 3 tablespoons of lemon juice or vinegar to a large bowl of cold water. This acidulated water will prevent discoloring while you work with them. Cut off the stem and top third of each. Snap off the leaves around the bottom until you reach those that are yellow at the bottom. Purple or pink

leaves in the center can be cut out. Drop the artichokes one by one into the acidulated water and keep them there till you're ready to cook them. Then drain them, and if you plan to bake, fry or sauté them, dry them.

The Baby Artichoke Sauté that follows is a basic recipe that has many possibilities. For instance, you might omit the pasta and add the sauté to a risotto or cooked polenta. Or buy a roll of prepared polenta, slice it (about 3/4-inch thick), sauté it in the artichoke pan till golden, and serve it with the baby artichoke sauté. Or bake a store-bought pizza crust and top it with the mixture. Use it for a bruschetta topping. Let your creativity rule, and nothing will offend the babies.

THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

BABY ARTICHOKE SAUTÉ

12 to 16 baby artichokes, cut in quarters
1/4 to 1/2 cup olive oil
1 small or medium onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced, or to taste
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
1/2 cup sliced green onion
1 tablespoon lemon juice or balsamic vinegar

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Throw all this into your slow cooker and return later to something as comforting as anything to be found

Food for kids from 2 to 92!

in "comfort food land." It's guaranteed to bring out the kid in any adult!

COMFORT FRANKS WITH MACARONI & CHEESE

4 cups cooked elbow macaroni, rinsed and drained
1 (12-fluid-ounce) can evaporated fat-free milk
1 cup fat-free milk
1 teaspoon dried onion flakes
1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

2 cups shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
8 ounces reduced-fat frankfurters, diced into 1/2-inch pieces

In a slow cooker container sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, combine macaroni, evaporated milk, milk, onion flakes and parsley flakes. Add cheddar cheese and frankfurter

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Standing in solidarity

by SHIRLEY BOYER

Five miles from our home in LaVerne, Calif., are two Muslim schools that I did not realize were there until the days following the attacks in September. Then came the day, Sept. 11, 2001, that changed every American's life in some way. It is interesting to notice that the 911 in its dateline is the emergency telephone number throughout our country. It is a reminder of how so many felt helpless and threatened during the tragedy.

It became a time to watch the unbelievable scenes on the TV news. Later, a question came to my mind: What could I ever do to help ease the pain in

this tough situation? One answer came very unexpectedly.

My husband, Chuck, a pastor in the Church of the Brethren, was invited by a Muslim acquaintance to an interfaith meeting on the Friday following the attacks. There, one idea presented was to give support to the Muslim schools, which had closed upon hearing the news of the terrorist attacks.

A few days later, a phone call came asking us to go stand in front of these schools when they reopened. All we

were expected to do was to be a "presence" there, to show our support for the Muslims as human beings and fellow Americans, not as terrorists. It sounded simple enough.

With some uncertainty, I arrived at the school the morning it reopened, Sept. 19. Several other Brethren, as well as people from other denominations, came. Our waving, smiling and greetings began to be returned to us immediately by the parents and teachers as they drove into the drop-off area. Many expressed their apprecia-

tion for us being there. As days passed, we were given doughnuts, flowers, letters of thanks from the students, a breakfast and a thank-you luncheon, where plaques were presented to the LaVerne and Pomona Fellowship Churches of the Brethren. These plaques state that we are united under the same God.

We have become acquainted with these dear Muslims who are more like us than I could have imagined. Never have they tried to convert us or terrify us. They have been very accepting of who we are. In fact, it was an amazing moment when one Muslim stated that some of them wanted to come to our worship service in LaVerne. Her faith

encouraged learning about other faiths, she reported. The date of Oct. 14 was set for their visit, and 30 of these new Muslim friends were warmly greeted by our congregation.

The following Monday, we heard that their attendance at our church had been a meaningful time for them. They sent a note of gratitude to the LaVerne congregation.

For us, a relationship with the Muslim community is just beginning. We have been invited to attend their worship service. We have scheduled a planning session to determine how we can work together. Out of tragedy has emerged a Christian-Muslim relation-

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by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Alzheimer's can be slowed, but not cured

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I hear that there is a medicine for Alzheimer's disease. I would like to have some information about it and the disease. Thank you. — S.R.

ANSWER:

Alzheimer's disease affects many brain functions. In broad terms, it's an inability to learn new information and an inability to recall already-learned information. Memory loss is a prominent feature. That's not the same as the memory lapses that almost everyone has. It's a profound loss of stored memory that reaches a point where the person no longer recognizes family members. Patients lose their way home when they are in what should be familiar surroundings. As the disease progresses, they are unable to carry out life's simple tasks, like getting dressed appropriately. There is no blood test, no X-ray, no brain scan that provides irrefutable evidence of Alzheimer's. An examination of patients, however, and evaluation of their mental function leave little room for doubt of the diagnosis. Only microscope examination of the brain after death reveals changes specific for Alzheimer's.

There are four medicines for Alzheimer's

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Books: Blues Lessons

by Robert Hellenga
(Scribner Paperback,
\$14)
Reviewed by
Rebecca Adamus

dawn and fruition of the civil-rights movement.

Set in rural Michigan, Chicago and Madison, Wis., "Blues Lessons" traces Martin Dijkstra's life from a love-struck youth to a man in pursuit of a dream.

At age 17, Martin is sure of two things: his love for Corinna, the daughter of the black foreman at his family's apple orchards, and his love for blues music.

While kissing Corinna for the first time, Martin also hears the

blues music of the black migrant workers, "a sound I'd never heard before ... all I knew was that the music filled me up, like Cory's kiss, like a wound." In an instant he is changed forever. Much to his mother's dismay, he trades in piano lessons for the guitar.

Martin, who is oblivious to issues of class and race, wants only to marry Corinna, work the orchards and play the blues. Martin's mother, a cultured, refined University of Chicago

graduate, is determined to see — at all costs — that Martin not make his future at the orchards.

A great betrayal ensues that catapults Martin on a path toward spiritual understanding and the lessons learned when one seeks to achieve a dream.

Hellenga's novel combines the issues of family, love and betrayal in an effortless prose style that belies the inner struggles of a mother and son who must come to terms with the consequences of past choices.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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Eight glasses a day



Other benefits of drinking water are reducing water retention, helping the body rid itself of waste and preventing dehydration.

It's recommended that you consume eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day. This number increases if you are in a hot, humid climate, are involved in an exercise program (because you will lose water through sweat) or exceed your recommended weight. Ask your physician or fitness professional how much water is right for you.

Water is involved in almost all functions of the body. Keeping well-hydrated is essential not just for weight loss, but for overall good health. Try to make drinking water just as important as the other elements of your fitness program.

Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program.

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THIS IS A HAMMER

By Samantha Mazzotta

Unclogging a garbage disposal

Q: While grinding up some leftover food last night, the garbage disposal slowed and then stopped. I turned off the switch and let the motor cool down, but it hasn't started up again. What's wrong with it? — Gladys L., Bethesda, Md.

A: Sounds like the disposal is clogged, or possibly broken. Since a broken disposal will require professional help, let's try to unclog it first and see if that resolves the problem.

The disposal is turned off at the wall switch, but to be completely safe, turn off the circuit that leads to the disposal switch. Then, use a pair of tongs or other gripping device — NEVER your hand — to reach into the disposal chamber and try to grip the food debris that may be clogging the blades.

Remove as much as you can with the tongs. Next, look under the sink at the bottom of the disposal unit. There may be a small hole in the center of the unit bottom. You may also see a red reset button somewhere on the unit.

If the hole is present, get a quarter-inch Allen wrench — one of those small hexagonal tools with a 90-degree bend near the top, which are provided with many assemble-it-yourself bicycles and metal futons. Most disposals with the center hole — which is a manual control for turning the blades — come with this wrench, but it probably got lost, didn't it? If you don't have any tool like it, home-improvement stores carry Allen wrenches. Just ask for the size you need.

Insert one end of the wrench in the hole and try to turn it in either direction. Work the wrench back and forth to loosen the blades, until you can spin the wrench all the way around. Remove the wrench (tape it somewhere near the disposal so you can locate it next time) and press the reset button. Turn on the circuit, then go back to the sink, run cold water and turn on the disposal to make sure it works.

If no center hole is present underneath the disposal, you can loosen the blades directly by placing the end of a broom handle into the main chamber (from the top) and working it back and forth until the blades turn easily. If the unit doesn't have a reset button, it should automatically reset itself once repairs are done.

Clearing the clog should be all it takes to restore your disposal. But if these steps don't work, contact a professional who can take more advanced steps to get things spinning again.

HOME TIP:

Avoid putting fibrous items, like corn-husks, through the disposal. The fibers can wrap around the blades, stopping them from spinning and causing a clog — or worse.

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.



by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

March Festivals

National Wild Turkey Federation, so you know it's legit), and the 2nd Annual Steak Cook-Off. Mmmm, delicious. Call (870) 836-0023 or log on to www.camdenfestival.com for more details.

National Fiery Foods and Barbecue Show

If you have an afternoon to kill in Albuquerque, N.M., (and some taste buds to sacrifice along with it), head over to the Albuquerque Convention Center on March 7-9, and for an \$8 general-admission ticket, you can sample some of the spiciest new products on the market. You can pick up hot sauce, chili candy, cookbooks and cookware, but expect it all to be hot, hot, hot. The show runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; tick-

ets are available at the door. For more info, go to www.fieri-foods.com.

Kentucky Crafted: The Market

For the Kentucky enthusiast, Louisville brings you the all-Kentucky-products-all-the-time show. Kentucky Crafted features the best of Kentucky arts and crafts, homegrown foods, authors and musicians. It's really just a giant expo for retailers, but it opens to the public on the weekend (March 1-2). You can see musical performances and demonstrations, and there will be hands-on crafts for the kiddies. You'll find more info, including a complete exhibitor list, at www.kycraft.org.

■ In 1964, the British postal service offered its first stamp that portrayed a person other than royalty: William Shakespeare.

■ San Antonio, Texas, is home to a museum dedicated to toilet-seat art.

■ In 1824, two New Yorkers, named Lozier and DeVoe, convinced numerous people that they had obtained approval from the mayor to turn the island of Manhattan around — literally. This plan, they said, was to keep the southern end of the island from sinking under the weight of the many new buildings being constructed. For eight weeks the two men recruited laborers and awarded contracts for food and equipment — one for a huge anchor to prevent the island from being swept out to sea. On the day that work was to begin, those assembled to witness the start of the colossal enter-



prise were shocked to find that Lozier and DeVoe had (for reasons of health, it was claimed) gone on an extended journey.

■ Physiologically, fear is identical to excitement. Psychologists claim that you can overcome fright by telling yourself you're just excited. Let me know if this works.

■ The deer botfly is considered to be the fastest creature alive. It can fly at

818 mph — a speed close to that of the rotation of the earth!

■ The first country to make wearing seat belts mandatory was Czechoslovakia, in 1969.

■ Fred Astaire was once a guest star on the TV show "Battlestar Galactica."

■ There's an animal called a "niche" — a relative of the grasshopper — that is killed when exposed to temperatures higher than 50 degrees F. These animals, unsurprisingly, live next to glaciers.

Thought for the Day: "Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else." — Ogden Nash

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Block

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1 pound pasta, cooked*
Shredded Parmigiano or Romano cheese, optional
*Use tomato or spinach fettuccine, linguine, plain thin spaghetti, farfalle or penne.

Prepare baby artichokes as directed above. Drain well and pat dry. Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add artichokes, onion and garlic; cook and stir until baby artichokes are beginning to brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes and green onion; cook until heated through, 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Sprinkle with lemon juice or balsamic vinegar. Serve over hot, cooked pasta and sprinkle with cheese, if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Foods

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pieces. Mix well to combine. Cover and cook on LOW for 3 to 4 hours. Mix well before serving. Makes 8 (1 cup) servings.

■ Each serving equals: 246 calories, 6 g fat, 18 g protein, 30 g carb., 525 mg sodium, 1 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com or call 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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Soup

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ship that is exciting and fulfilling. Little did I dream of what blessings were in store for us from being just a "presence" at the Muslim City of Knowledge School, and little did I know how much our presence would mean to the teachers and students. A thank-you note from a fifth-grader said it all:

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Health

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disease; none offers a cure. They can slow the inexorable progression of brain changes, but they cannot undo damage already done, and they cannot stop the disease process in its tracks. They find their greatest use in people with mild to moderate symptoms. Their names are Cognex, Aricept, Exelon and Reminyl.

Sporadic claims that vitamin E, anti-inflammatory drugs, statins — cholesterol-lowering medicines — and B vitamins are helpful are not universally substantiated. A cure, however, is bound to appear when the disease process is better understood. Readers interested in Alzheimer's disease and its treatment can obtain a copy of the new Alzheimer's pamphlet by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 903W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 along with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DOLLARS & CENTS

Spend less on fuel

by DAVID UFFINGTON

To that end, the folks at the AAA and the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy offer these helpful suggestions:

§ Use cruise control when you can. Plan a route that will allow you to travel at constant speed and bypass congested areas. Avoid two-lane roads with stoplights. If you have an automatic transmission, use an overdrive gear at cruising speeds.

§ Speed, and your gas tank will bleed. For example, driving 70 mph instead of the recommended 55 mph means losing 17 percent of your car's fuel econo-

my. § Buy what your car needs. That may not necessarily be high-octane, premium fuel. Check your owner's manual, and you may find your car does just fine on regular fuel, and you won't burn money needlessly.

§ Lose the load: For every 100 pounds of unused and unnecessary stuff you carry around in your trunk, you lose 1 percent in fuel economy.

§ Care for your car: Keep your tires properly inflated. Every 3 pounds below recommended pressure causes a 1 percent drop

in fuel economy. Periodically check on your car's oil, transmission and spark plugs. A "healthy" car needs fewer trips to the pumps.

§ If you must park in the hot sun, don't jack up the air conditioner when you return to your car. Instead, drive a bit with your windows down to let out the excess heat first.

Write to Mr. Uffington in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or send e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

Sunday Comics

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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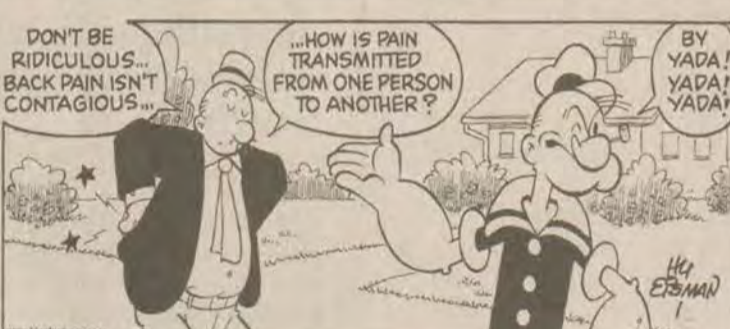
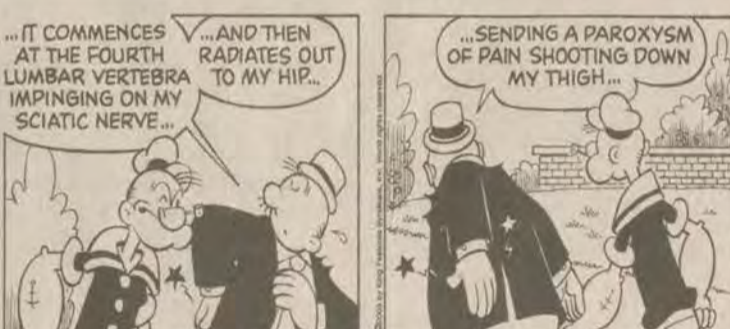
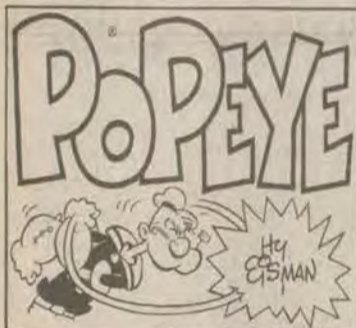
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— GIFT

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Baby Christmas Ideal Special
Birth Expensive Natural Thoughtful
Birthday Free Rare

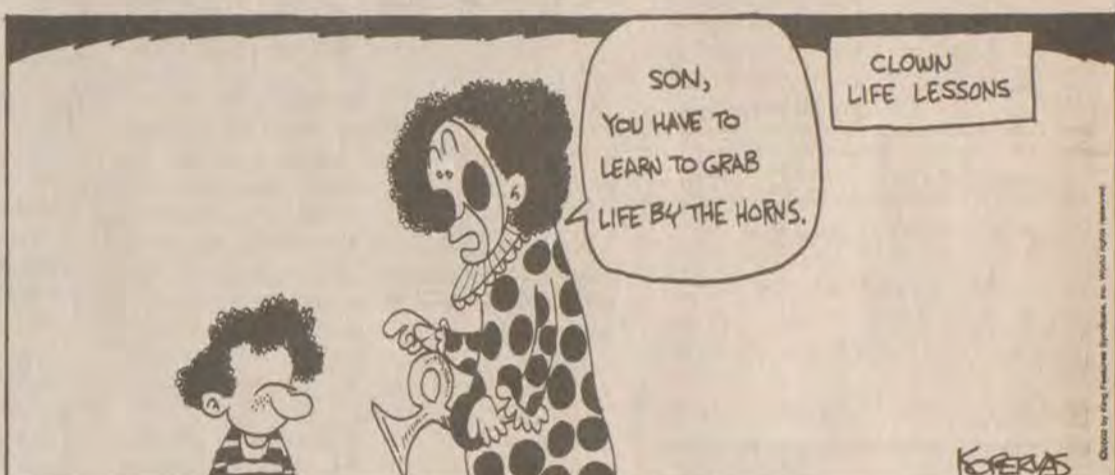
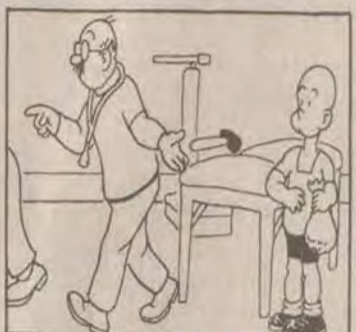
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Woman's hat is gone. 2. Window trim is gone. 3. Salesman's buttonhole is missing. 4. Lamp is gone. 5. Man's jacket has buttons. 6. Chair's ruff is gone.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2



Super Crossword

WHAT A REELIEF!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Broo bloke
 - 6 "— Show" ('94 film)
 - 10 Ferber or O'Brien
 - 14 Hum bug?
 - 17 Buy back
 - 20 Approaches
 - 22 — -Locka, FL
 - 23 Luanda's land
 - 24 "— fixe"
 - 25 Start of a remark
 - 27 Curly poker?
 - 28 Way out
 - 30 Actress Sorvino
 - 31 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
 - 32 Tizzy
 - 33 French novelist
 - 36 Sell out
 - 37 Part 2 of remark
 - 42 Richard of "Love Me Tender"
 - 43 Wine valley
 - 44 Cabinet wood
 - 45 Pack the freight
 - 47 Upset
 - 51 Panache
 - 53 Weldon or Wray
 - 56 Horatian creation
 - 57 Christened
 - 58 Role for 80 Down
 - 60 Ida of "High Sierra"
 - 62 Wear out the carpet
 - 63 Vaccaro or Lee
 - 65 Barbara's rank
 - 66 Holler
 - 69 Part 3 of remark
 - 73 Sausage segment
 - 74 Knock for — (astonish)
 - 76 Ran amok
 - 77 Dashboard feature
 - 79 Explosive mixture
 - 81 No pleasure trip
 - 82 Complains
 - 84 You can retire on it
 - 87 "Casualties of War" setting
 - 88 Pigeonhole
 - 90 Resilience
 - 92 Carpenter's tool
 - 93 Celebrations
 - 95 "Rule Britannia" composer
 - 96 Unadorned
 - 98 Part 4 of remark
 - 104 Mr. Hiss
 - 105 Paradisiacal
 - 106 Roman de Tiroff
 - 107 Nero's instrument
 - 108 From the top
 - 109 Big rig
 - 110 Delity
 - 113 End of remark
 - 115 George of "Scarface"
 - 118 Journalist Fallaci
 - 120 — Na Na
 - 121 Sharon of Israel
 - 122 Comrade
 - 123 Expire
 - 124 Shorten a skirt
 - 125 Valuable
 - 126 Linen in the beginnin'?
 - 127 Rhythm of life
 - 5 Actress Bonham Carter
 - 6 Pack it in
 - 7 Sturm — Drang
 - 8 "Graph" ending
 - 9 Caldwell or Akins
 - 10 Don a uniform
 - 11 Want
 - 12 Astronauts' agcy.
 - 13 School subject
 - 14 Colombia's capital
 - 15 Screen-writer Nora
 - 16 Consumed
 - 18 Adage
 - 21 Percussion instrument
 - 26 PR concern
 - 29 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
 - 30 "The Ghost and Mrs. —" ('47 film)
 - 32 Nab a gnat
 - 33 Heaped
 - 34 Funnyman Foxx
 - 35 Be obligated
 - 37 — -European
 - 38 "You — it!"
 - 39 Chartres part
 - 40 Ming thing
 - 41 Pie — mode
 - 46 Feel awful
 - 48 Genetic info
 - 49 Apiece
 - 50 Daub
 - 51 Ward (off)
 - 52 New Jersey borough
 - 53 Pacific archipelago
 - 54 Shortly
 - 55 Michael of "Cabaret"
 - 58 Stream
 - 59 Expect back
 - 61 Damper
 - 62 Conspire
 - 63 Eight bits
 - 64 Llama turf
 - 66 James of "Brian's Song"
 - 67 — mater
 - 68 Corn Belt soil
 - 70 Core
 - 71 Skin feature
 - 72 Present
 - 75 Cartwright ranch
 - 78 "Just — thought!"
 - 80 Ms. Taylor
 - 82 Mont — for Love"
 - 83 Relaxation
 - 84 Logroll
 - 85 Sicilian smoker
 - 86 Stained
 - 89 Middling mark
 - 90 Morlocks' prey
 - 91 Rib —
 - 92 Amphitheater feature
 - 93 Expanded
 - 94 Writer Rand
 - 96 "Hail to thee, — spirit!"
 - 97 Massachusetts city
 - 99 Thin covering
 - 100 Swimmer Gertrude
 - 101 Elfín
 - 102 Strong suit
 - 103 Foment
 - 104 Simian
 - 108 Saucy rival
 - 109 Charon's river
 - 110 Sheffield slammer
 - 111 Burden
 - 112 Granola fruit
 - 114 Rink legend
 - 115 Brit. fliers
 - 116 Dryden's "— for Love"
 - 117 Neighbor of Ga.
 - 119 Shiba — (Japanese dog)

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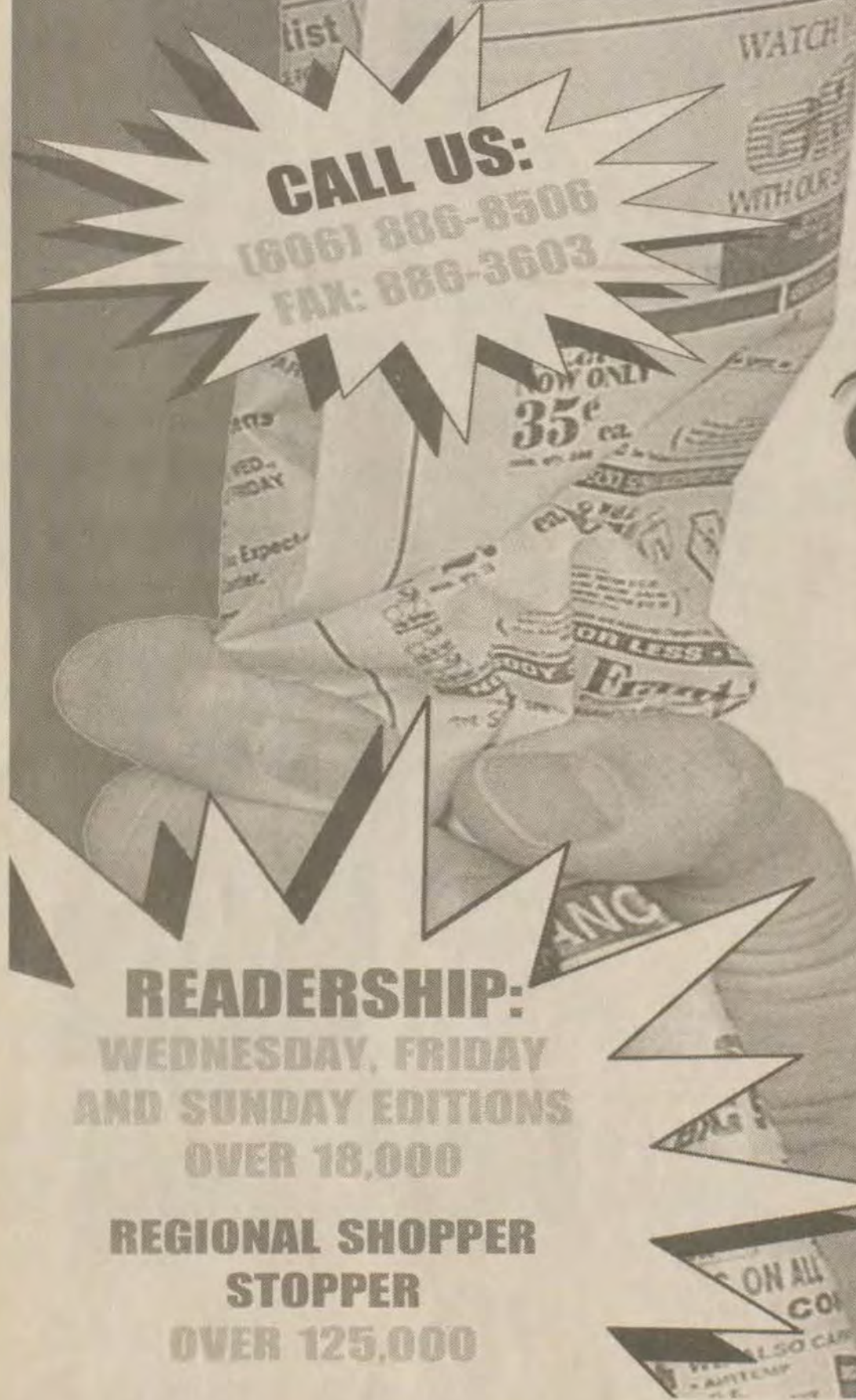
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- 58TH DISTRICT PREVIEW -

58th District tourney is up for grabs

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

HI HAT - The 2003 58th District Tournament will be held at South Floyd High School starting tomorrow night and with recent outcomes of games in Floyd Co. this could prove to be a wide open tournament. The host

school South Floyd will come into the tournament as the number one seed on the boys side and the Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats will be the number one seed on the girls side. South Floyd seemed to be on track for another title before stumbling at home against Prestonsburg last week and both Allen Central and Betsy Layne are playing

good basketball at the right time. South Floyd will tangle with Coach Brent Rose and his Betsy Layne Bobcats in one semi-final and the Prestonsburg Blackcats will take on the Allen Central Runnin Rebels in the other contest. On the girls side Prestonsburg will battle the Piarist Lady Knights with the winner taking

on the defending champion Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats. Allen Central will play the South Floyd Lady Raiders on the girls side. South Floyd seemed almost an unbeatable foe heading into the boys tournament as the Raiders were perfect in district play with the lone blemish coming in the final district contest

against Prestonsburg. South Floyd comes in on a three year win streak and the Raiders are shooting to become the first team to win four straight district titles. The Raiders come in reeling after losing two of the last three and a game

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the upper arena. At this time, only full tournament books are on sale - there are no single-session lower arena tickets at this time. There is a \$5 handling charge per ticket order. The Boys' State Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 19-22 at Rupp Arena in Lexington. Tickets for the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament are \$100 a set

for sideline seats (one ticket to each of the 8 sessions) or \$50 a set for end zone seats. At this time only full tournament books are available - there are no single-session tickets available at this time. There is a \$5 handling charge per order. The Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament is scheduled for

(See TICKETS, page five)



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The Prestonsburg Blackcats will look to return to the 15th Region Tournament for a second straight season. One win this week in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament would assure the Blackcats of a spot in the regional tournament.

DISTRICT TEAMS PLAY TO ADVANCE

by STEVE leMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

All teams will begin district tournament play this week with the hope of advancing to the state tournament. With the state tournament draws in the books, and the district pairings in place, let the games begin!

"It all begins with district play," said Johnson Central head coach Les Trimble. "You have to make it out of the district before you can even think about the regional tournament."

Johnson Central is the defending boys' and girls' champion in the 57th District.

86th KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament

Wed., March 19

Session 1 - Region 8 Winner vs.

Region 14 Winner, 12 p.m.; Region 9 Winner vs. Region 10 Winner, 1:30 p.m.

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Session 2 - Region 5 Winner vs. Region 2 Winner, 6:30 p.m.; Region 3 Winner vs. Region 13 Winner, 8 p.m.

Thurs., March 20

Session 3 - Region 6 Winner vs. Region 11 Winner, 12 p.m.; Region 1 Winner vs. Region 4 Winner, 1:30 p.m.

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Session 4 - Region 12 Winner vs. Region 16 Winner, 6:30 p.m.; Region 7 Winner vs. Region 15 Winner, 8 p.m.

Fri., March 21

Quarterfinals at 12, 1:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Sat., March 22

Semifinals at 10 and 11:30 a.m.; State Championship at 8 p.m.

42nd Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament

Wed., March 26

Session 1 - Region 11 Winner vs. Region 14 Winner, 12 p.m.; Region 8 Winner vs. Region 6 Winner, 1:30 p.m.

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Session 2 - Region 15 Winner vs. Region 10 Winner, 6:30 p.m.; Region 4 Winner vs. Region 16 Winner, 8 p.m.

Thurs., March 27

Session 3 - Region 12 Winner vs. Region 2 Winner, 12 p.m.; Region 1 Winner vs. Region 13 Winner, 1:30 p.m.

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Session 4 - Region 3 Winner vs.

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H.S. BASKETBALL POLLS

iHigh Boys' High School Basketball Poll

1. Mason County (24-2)
2. Pleasure Ridge Park (20-3);
3. Lexington Catholic (19-7)
4. Apollo (22-2)
5. Hopkinsville (25-2)
6. Eastern (20-7)
7. Highlands (23-2)
8. Wayne County (22-2)
9. Warren Central (19-3)
10. Elizabethtown (22-2)
11. Muhlenberg North (22-2)
12. North Hardin (19-6)
13. Ballard (18-6)
14. Henry Clay (20-3)
15. St. Henry (22-4)
16. Dixie Heights (21-3)
17. Simon Kenton (18-5)
18. Bates Creek (19-5)
19. Rose Hill (21-6)
20. St. Xavier (20-3)
21. Iroquois (19-7)
22. Rockcastle County (18-4)
23. South Laurel (21-4)
24. Daviess County (19-6)
25. Perry County Central (21-3)

Girls' High School Basketball Poll

1. Sacred Heart (26-1)
2. Lexington Catholic (20-4)
3. Clinton County (25-1)
4. Christian County (21-3)
5. Mercer County (22-4)
6. Henderson County (19-4)
7. Muhlenberg North (19-5)
8. Johnson Central (21-1)
9. Henry Clay (19-5)
10. Shelby County (21-3)
11. Louisville Christian (21-5)
12. Ohio County (22-3)
13. Jackson County (20-7)
14. Woodford County (21-5)
15. Elizabethtown (16-6)
16. Perry County Central (20-3)
17. New. Cen. Catholic (19-7)
18. Lou. Holy Cross (19-6)

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H.S. BASKETBALL HONORS

2003 McDonald's Teams announced

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Forty-eight players from across the country will display their skills before a national audience when the 2003 McDonald's All American High School Basketball Girls and Boys Games tip off at the Gund Arena on Wednesday, March 26

at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively. The Boys Game will be broadcast live on ESPN starting at 7 p.m. (EST) and ESPN will air the Girls game on Tuesday, April 1 at 3 p.m. (EST).

Approximately 2,500 top high school boy and girl basketball players from across the country were nominated to the

McDonald's All American Teams. A committee of prominent boys and girls basketball experts selected the final team members. Legendary UCLA coach, John Wooden, who has been involved in the Game since its inception, serves as chairman of the McDonald's All American Game; while Morgan Wooten, retired DeMatha High School (Hyattsville, MD) coach, and the second-winningest high school basketball coach of all time, serves as chairman of the selection committee.

Locally, South Floyd senior Michael Hall and Sheldon Clark seniors Kellie Jo Moore and Desiree Cassidy were nominat-

ed for the prestigious national team. Each player recently was honored for his or her nomination.

"For these young athletes, it is quite an honor to be nominated, let alone selected to the McDonald's All American Team," said Wooden. "McDonald's All Americans are role models and leaders to their peers, not only in basketball, but also in the game of life."

The 2003 McDonald's All Americans join a list of alumni that reads like a "Who's Who" of basketball greats including Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, and Kobe Bryant, as well as NCAA stars Chris Thomas (Notre Dame), Chris Duhon (Duke), Nick Collison (Kansas), Shanna Zolman (Tennessee), Ann Strother (UConn), and Courtney LaVere (Notre Dame).

Proceeds from the 2003 McDonald's All American Game will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities Chapters of Northeast Ohio



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Sophomore Steven Stanley has helped South Floyd to some of its wins this season.

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Schools interested in joining or others looking for information about the iBN should contact Craig Blanchard at 1-800-866-7510 or by e-mail at: craig@ihigh.com or visit www.ihigh.com/iBN.

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District

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at defending state champ Lexington Catholic this past Friday with results unavailable as of press time. South Floyd will regroup with the help of one of Kentucky's most underrated coaches in Henry Webb and the Raiders will be a force to reckon with again this year. Betsy Layne will bring a team into the tournament that can compete with any team in the 15th Region.

The Bobcats proved that they can be a sleeper with a great performance in the 15th Region All "A" Classic when they made the finals before falling to Paintsville. Allen Central is another team with a shot to come out on top as the Rebels have flashed signs of brilliance in the 2003 season.

The Runnin' Rebs went on a run during this year when they won eight-of-nine and Coach Johnny Martin's teams have pulled off shockers in the past. Prestonsburg looked to be struggling and coming into the tournament on a down swing but a big win over South Floyd put the Blackcats right back in the thick of things and gave Prestonsburg a much needed confidence boost.

With every team in the district having a shot to upset teams on a given night it should make for an exciting week at Hi Hat for the 2003 58th District Tournament. Betsy Layne comes into the girls tournament as a solid favorite, but the Allen Central Lady Rebels have a team that has defeated Betsy Layne once this year and the Lady Rebs look to pull off another win. South Floyd has the potential to make a run at the title with the tournament taking place on the Lady Raiders home floor and a few breaks a district tourney title is within reach.

Prestonsburg has struggled this year, but the Lady Blackcats have a very young group of girls that will be a force to reckon with over the next few years.

The Piarist Lady Knights will tackle Prestonsburg in the opening game on Monday and the Lady Knights are still searching for a win in 2003. A big week of high school hoops looms so get out and support the athletes of Floyd County.

Play

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Region 5 Winner, 6:30 p.m.;
Region 7 Winner vs. Region 9 Winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Quarterfinals at 12, 1:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Sat., March 29

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57TH DISTRICT Paintsville will host 57th District tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Boys' and girls' high school basketball teams from Magoffin County, Sheldon Clark and Johnson Central high schools will invade Paintsville High School this week for the 2003 57th District

Tournament.

The small, compact Paintsville gym often serves as an intimidation factor for the host Tigers.

The Magoffin County boys' basketball team head into district play as a number three seed and have a first-round game against

(See HOST, page five)



Jack Stone (45) worked for position versus Allen Central's Kyle Webb in a game earlier this season.

photo by Jamie Howell

58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

58th District Tourney Notebook

Raiders will look to make history

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — When the ball goes up in the air for the 58th District Tournament opener Monday night, the South Floyd boys' basketball team will be waiting in the wings, hoping to

Honors

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(Cleveland and Akron) and Youngstown. Previous beneficiaries of McDonald's All American Games include Sickle Cell Anemia Research, the United Negro College Fund and many other local children's charities. More than \$3 million has been raised since the game

Poll

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19. West Carter (19-6)
20. Rockcastle County (22-4)
21. Manual (14-6)
22. Hopkins Co. Central (18-6)
23. Russell County (18-4)
24. Harrison County (17-7)
25. Barren County (20-4)

Note — Records as of Monday, Feb. 24.

capture an unprecedented fourth straight 58th District title.

Others notes.....

■ South Floyd High School will run a shuttle bus from the football field to the school and gymnasium during this week's 58th District Tournament.

■ South Floyd Lady Raider Ashley Johnson tore her ACL and will not be available for the rest of the season.

■ If Betsy Layne repeats as district champion, it'll be its second district title in as many seasons. The Ladycats are also 15th Region runners-up from last season.

■ Prestonsburg guard Meaghan Slone will start her first 58th District Tournament as an eighth-grader. Yes, an eighth-grader. What a bright future she has ahead of her.

■ Allen Central Sensational Sophomores Megan Harris and Becky Thomas hope to lead the Lady Rebels to a 58th District championship. ACHS Coach Cindy Halbert is searching for her first 58th District title. The team is still without the services of junior Terri Mullins.

■ Players who recently scored their 1,000 point include Tyler Hall (South Floyd), Natasha Stratton (Betsy Layne) and Megan Ousley (South Floyd).

Turn to The Floyd County Times for the latest on 58th District and other area district basketball tournaments.

15TH REGION BOYS' STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Region	District
Paintsville	19-3	16-0	6-0
Shelby Valley	16-7	12-1	3-0
South Floyd	16-9	9-6	5-1
East Ridge	18-11	16-9	7-5
Johnson Central	15-9	10-4	4-2
Allen Central	15-9	8-8	4-2
Pike Central	15-10	11-4	3-0
Pikeville	12-12	6-8	0-2
Betsy Layne	9-16	6-13	0-6
Prestonsburg	8-14	7-6	3-3
Magoffin Co.	7-16	4-12	1-5
Belfry	6-16	4-11	3-1
Sheldon Clark	5-20	3-9	1-5
Phelps	0-18	0-16	0-5

Note — Records are as of Friday morning, February 28. Records including games reported to the KHSAA.

15TH REGION GIRLS' STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Region	District
Johnson Central	23-1	12-0	6-0
Betsy Layne	22-4	19-1	7-1
Magoffin County	17-6	12-4	4-2
Pike Central	17-8	13-7	3-0
Allen Central	16-9	14-4	7-1
Shelby Valley	16-10	14-7	3-1
Pikeville	14-13	11-11	2-2
Belfry	12-13	7-5	1-1
East Ridge	9-15	4-11	1-3
Paintsville	8-16	4-11	1-5
South Floyd	8-18	5-15	4-4
Phelps	6-12	2-11	0-3
Sheldon Clark	6-16	5-12	1-5
Prestonsburg	2-22	2-16	2-6
Piarist School	0-21	0-9	0-9

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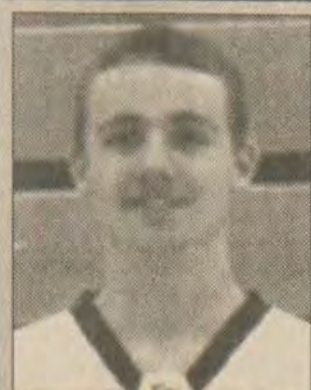
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Postseason basketball sites

Following are postseason district and regional basketball tournament sites for this year. Tournament brackets will be posted on the KHSAA website as they are received by the Association. All district tournaments are expected to begin and be played in their entirety during the upcoming week.

Boys' and girls' district tournament sites (March 3-8)(Host school is listed in parenthesis if playing at another site)

1 - Carlisle County; 2 - Reidland; 3 - Ballard Memorial; 4 - Murray; 5 - Livingston Central; 6 - Union County; 7 - Madisonville-North Hopkins; 8 - Christian County; 9 - SportsCenter (Owensboro Catholic); 10 - Muhlenberg

South; 11 - Breckinridge County; 12 - Ohio County; 13 - Todd County Central; 14 - Bowling Green; 15 - Glasgow; 16 - Metcalfe County; 17 - Central Hardin (Boys)/Elizabethtown (Girls); 18 - LaRue County; 19 - Nelson County; 20 - Marion County; 21 - Central; 22 - Butler; 23 - Beth Haven; 24 - Southern; 25 - St. Xavier; 26 - Seneca; 27 - Moore; 28 - Waggener; 29 - North Bullitt; 30 - Anderson County; 31 - Gallatin County; 32 - Owen County; 33 - Ryle; 34 - Lloyd Memorial; 35 - Holy Cross (Covington); 36 - Highlands; 37 - Harrison County (Boys)/Paris (Girls); 38 - Silver Grove (Boys)/Campbell Co. (Girls); 39 - Mason County;

40 - Estill County; 41 - Woodford County; 42 - Lexington Catholic; 43 - Lafayette; 44 - EKV McBrayer Arena (Madison Southern); 45 - Danville; 46 - Mercer County; 47 - Site of #1 Seed; 48 - South Laurel; 49 - Rockcastle County; 50 - Whitley County; 51 - Red Bird; 52 - Cumberland; 53 - Fleming-Neon (Boys)/Jenkins (Girls); 54 - Perry Co. Central (Buckhorn); 55 - Breathitt County; 56 - Owsley County; 57 - Paintsville; 58 - South Floyd; 59 - East Ridge; 60 - Belfry; 61 - Rowan County; 62 - Elliott County; 63 - Russell (Boys)/Fairview (Girls); 64 - Boyd County.

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57TH DISTRICT

Paintsville completes regular season perfect in district

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - The Paintsville Tigers look to be headed back to another 15th Region Tournament. A win in the first round of the 57th District Tournament on Tuesday night would assure the Tigers of that trip.

Paintsville, in its last couple three of four games of the season, beat Sheldon Clark and Pikeville, both on the road. The Tigers returned to their home floor on Friday night for a game with the Rose Hill Royals. Results from that game were unavailable at press time.

Guards Adam Rice and Adam Collins each had a steal in the final seconds to secure a 42-39 victory over Sheldon Clark.

The Tigers improved to 17-3 overall and finished a perfect 6-0 in 57th District regular season play. They've won six straight games.

Sheldon Clark fell to 4-20 and 1-5 in the district, tied for third with Magoffin County.

Senior Ryan Jarrell led the Tigers with 11 points (all in the first half) and six rebounds. Stuart Rutledge followed with 10 points (eight in the first half). Both Sheldon Clark and

Paintsville had different outlooks on the game after it was played.

"That first half production from them was great," said Paintsville Coach Bill Mike Runyon. "But we have to have those guys contributing offensively for the entire game. Our defense is good but we have to get those points inside."

The Tigers went to the outside as they fired up 23 three-point baskets hitting just five for the game. Paintsville shot 11-of-20 from two-point range for a total of 16-of-43, a 37 percent clip.

The Cardinals held a six-point lead early in the second period, but the Tigers tied the game by halftime at 26-26.

The Tigers' defense stepped up again holding Sheldon Clark scoreless until 2:14 remaining in the third period when Asher Maynard hit a three. Despite hitting only two field goals in the third quarter and falling behind by nine points, the Cards trailed only 35-31 with eight minutes left. Peyton Conley scored his five points in the period to help the Tigers grab a lead.

Brandon May gave the Cards a 39-38 lead with a three-pointer but Collins hit a trey on the Tigers' next trip down the floor for a 41-39 Paintsville advantage.

The Tigers milked two minutes off the game clock as the stubborn Cardinals remained in a zone defense. With 28.6 seconds left, Simpkins was fouled but missed the front end of the bonus.

After a Sheldon Clark timeout, Rice picked off a Shane

Stafford pass and was fouled. Rice hit one-of-two foul shots to put the Tigers up three with nine seconds left. Collins secured the win as he picked off a Daniel Cornett pass. Stafford led the Cards with 12 points.

Simpkins added 11 points, five rebounds and three steals in the win. Steven Jones hit a three in the first half for three points.

Surprisingly, there were only 16 free throws shot, eight by each team. Twenty-eight fouls were called.

Paintsville will host next week's 57th District Tournament and will battle Sheldon Clark for a third time this season on Tuesday in the first round of the tournament.

Paintsville followed the Sheldon Clark win up with a seven-point win over Pikeville.

Host

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defending champion Johnson Central up ahead. The Hornets are two years removed from the 2000-01 district championship, the school's first and only 57th District title.

Johnson Central will host the 15th Region Tournament.

In another first round game on the boys side, Paintsville will play Sheldon Clark.

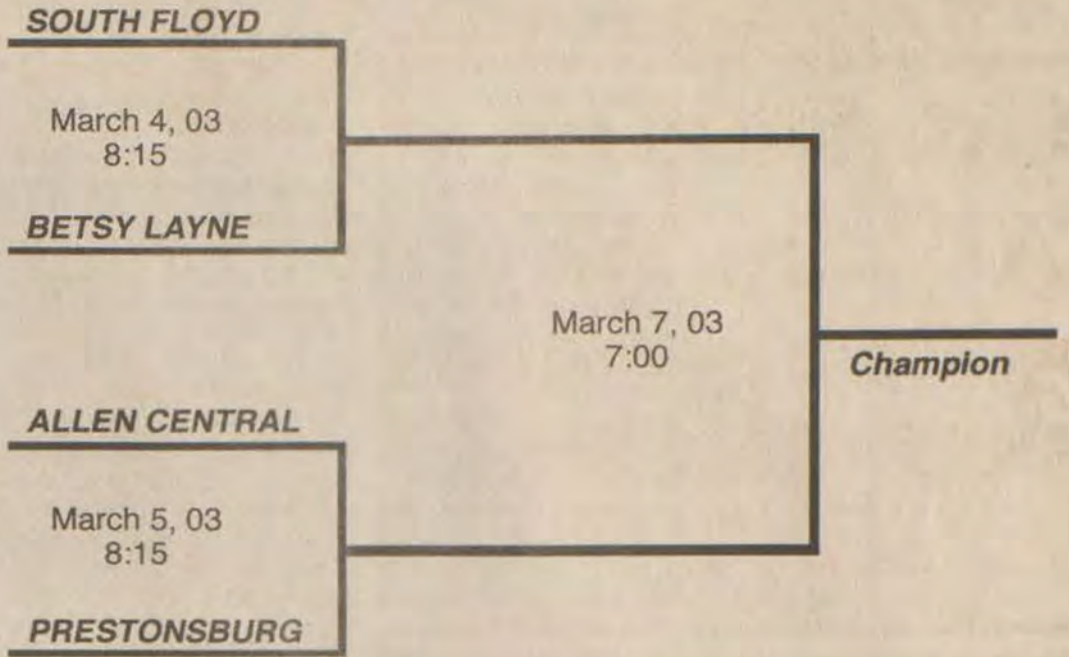
Magoffin County, last year's runner-up on the girls' side to Johnson Central, goes in as a number two seed. Johnson Central, with just one loss on the season is number one. Paintsville and Sheldon Clark are the bottom two teams on the girls' side.

The Magoffin County girls will play Sheldon Clark, the tournament's number three seed. Paintsville is the girls' number four seed.

District Tournament brackets for the 57th District and all other districts in the state are posted on the KHSAA website as they are received. They are posted off of the scoreboard link. To view, log on to <http://www.khsaa.org/scoreboard/> and then choose boys' or girls' basketball and then tournament to view.

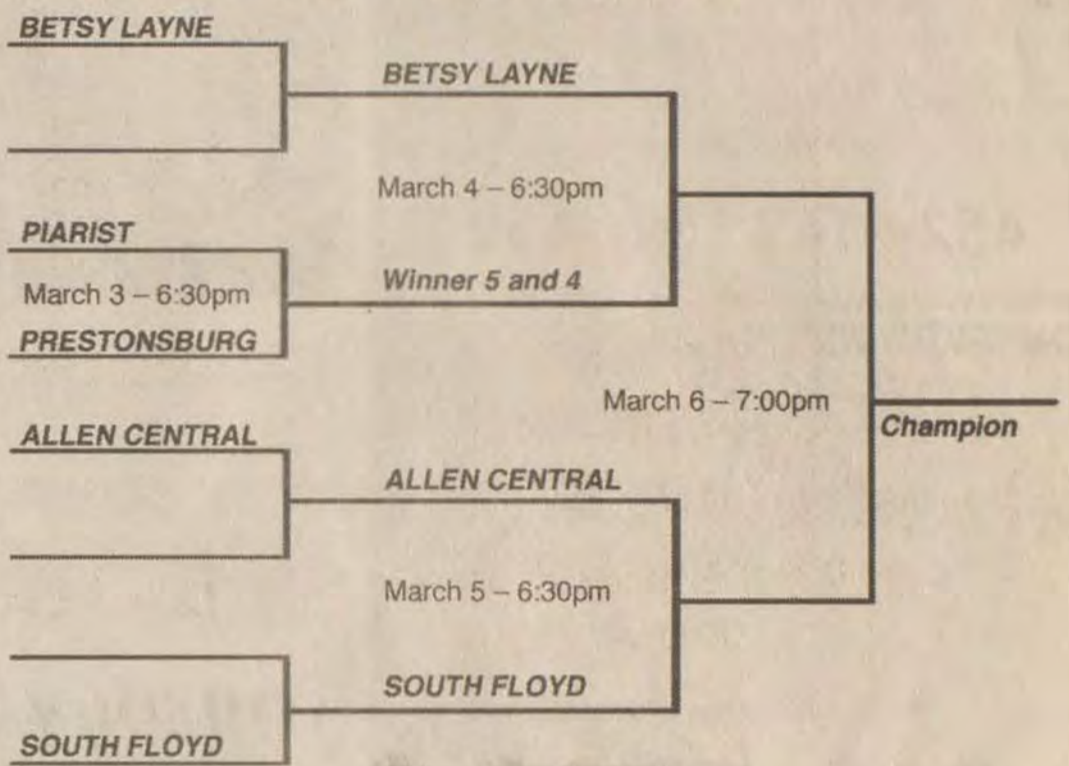
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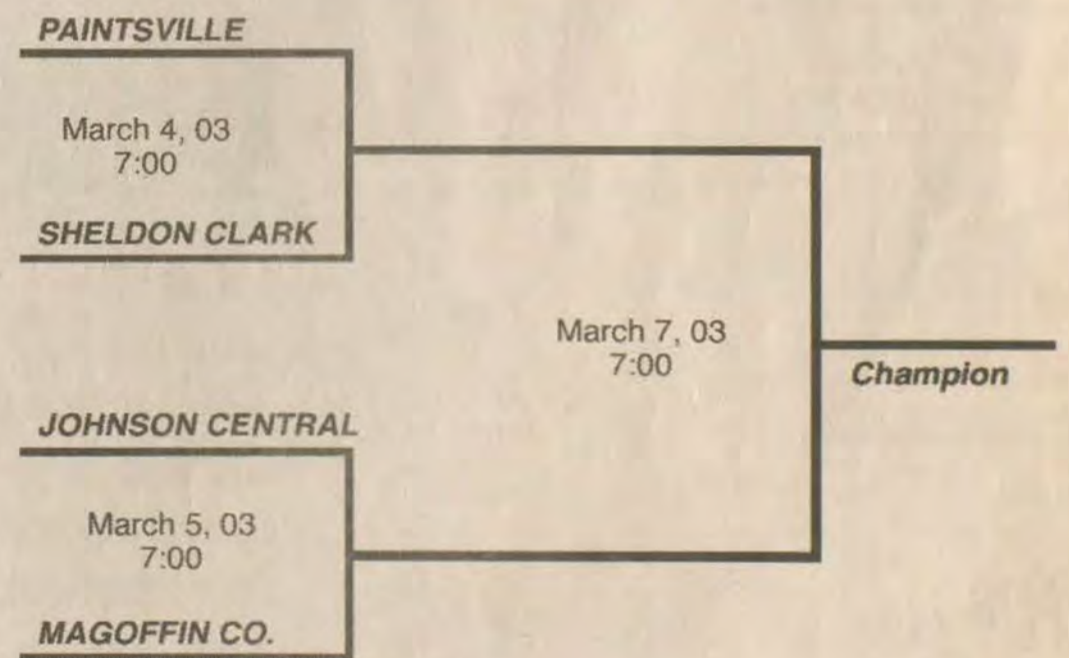
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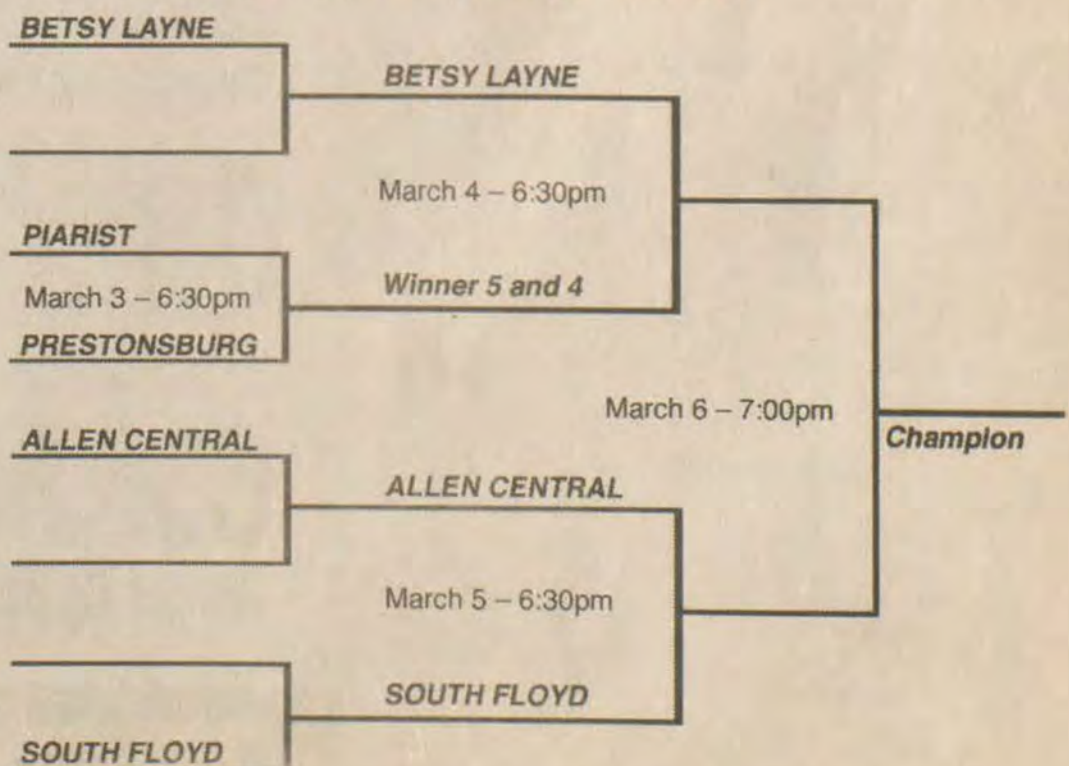
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At South Floyd High School



Tickets

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State Girls' Basketball Notebook

District time has arrived

by LOUIS MEADOWS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The top 2 teams in the Fourth Region played each other last night Thursday night with Clinton County pulling out a 17 point victory over Barren County. Actually, it was pretty close at the end of 3 quarters, but Clinton outscored Barren by 14 points in the last quarter.

Amber Guffey had 30 points while Paige Guffey scored 20. Barren's junior do-it-all junior, Patrika Barlow, had 28.

I know this is not about the girls, but we here in Grant County have something to be proud of on the boys' side. Tyler

Jones, senior point guard for GC, has been named by the eighth region coaches as the boys' player of the year. Another honor for Tyler - he just this past week became the career leading scorer at Grant with 1784 points.

Tyler, who signed with Miami of Ohio early in the season, is the son of Barbara Gayhart Jones and Dennis Jones - both former students of mine. His coach is Ron Kinman, son of Keith Kinman. Keith is a former student of mine.

Dennis Jones and Keith Kinman were teammates on one of Grant's teams back in the early seventies. Those two, along with Lee Bruce, Steve Hyde, and Richie Taylor, were one of the best running teams I have seen anywhere. They knew how to get the ball up the floor without the ball ever touching

the floor - and do it in a hurry.

According to the Lexington Herald, Erica Stegner, who played basketball and soccer at East Jessamine, has signed a soccer scholarship at Carson-Newman. Erica, an all-regional guard in basketball, has missed the last half of the season due to an ACL injury.

The Louisville Courier-Journal reports that Becky Sumner, wing player for McCreary Central, has signed a basketball scholarship with Cumberland.

In the most recent edition of the KHSAA released stats, Jenny Edlin of Central Hardin has taken over the number one spot statewide in treys made per game with 4.0. Heather Taylor of Whitley County is back at number one by herself in scoring with 25.0 points per game. Retaining the same position as they have for the past few weeks: Sarah Elliott of Jackson County is number one in field-goal percentage, Jessica Still of Apollo is number one in free-throw percentage, and Kelli Jo Moore of Sheldon Clark is number one in rebounding average.

■ Good luck to all teams as the districts start Monday. All of you have worked hard starting last summer and through all the

different events for the past 10 months. Monday starts the final exam for all that work. And half of you will lose the first game in the district. At that point, you may think you have failed and you did all that work for nothing. But, I guarantee you that you are a better person to have tried and failed than you would be if you never tried at all. My philosophy is that you do not have to score the most points to be a winner.

Letcher Co. girls reach career milestones

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Recent 1,000 point scorers in Letcher County included two girls' basketball players. Jenkins junior Ciera Pittman and Whitesburg's Chastity Fox both recently notched career point No. 1,000.

Pittman is coached by Jerry Bentley. Fox is coached by Dickie Adams.

Fleming-Neon's Brittany Phipps was also recently honored for scoring over 1,700 points and pulling down over 500 rebounds in her prep career.



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Above: Megan Harris (21) looked up at a free throw. Also pictured is South Floyd's Stephanie Skeans. Left: Piarist's Stephanie Williams brought the ball up the floor in a game earlier this season against Prestonsburg.

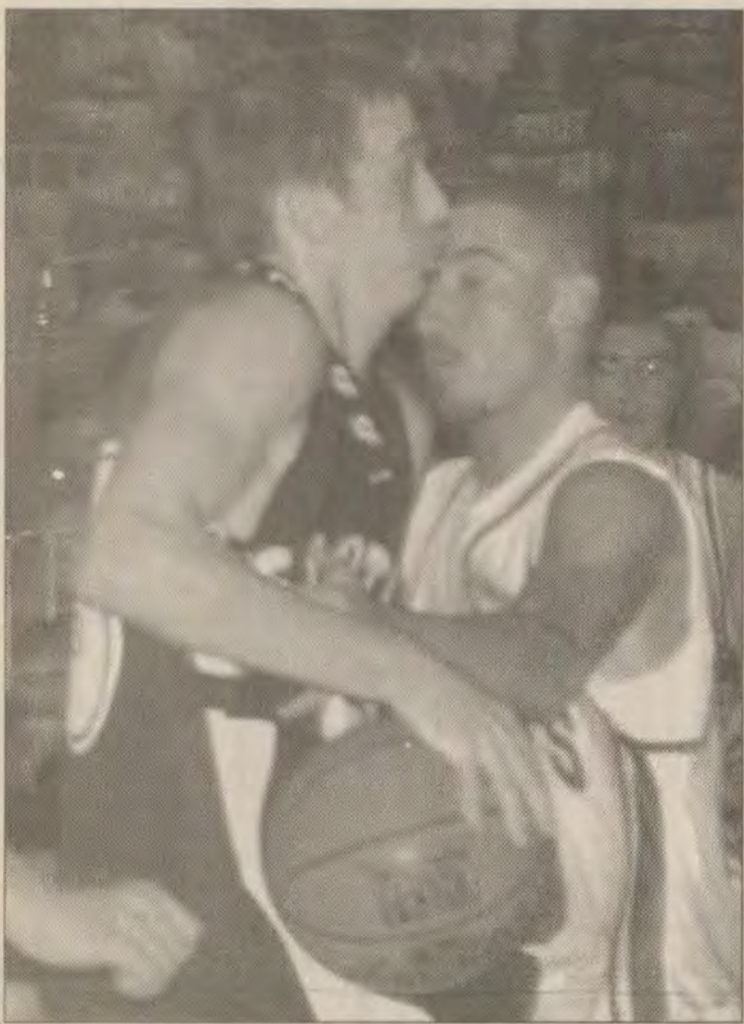


photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd's Justin Hall dribbled into Brent Newsome. South Floyd and Betsy Layne will play one another in the first round of the 58th District Tournament this week.

Bentley to sign with Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK - New Pikeville College head football coach Jerry Mynatt will sign his first player on Tuesday. On Tuesday morning, Shelby Valley senior Josh Bentley is scheduled to sign to play football

for Pikeville College.

Bentley played fullback and led the Shelby Valley defense from a couple of different positions during his prep career.

Mynatt arrived at Pikeville College from East Tennessee State University where he served as an assistant coach.

Correction:

Rusty Tackett was listed as Ryan Tackett in an article in Friday's edition. Rusty Tackett is one of the players to score 1,000 career points for South Floyd. Megan Ousley became the first Lady Raider to score 1,000 this past week.

KHSAA Boys' Basketball Stats Leaders

Individual Leaders

Top Scoring Leaders

(ranked by points per game)

Player, School	Gms	Pts	P-Gm
Kevin Bridgewaters, Adair County	24	861	35.9
Jerome Givens, Woodford County	21	661	31.5
Brent Perkins, Cordia	23	654	28.4
Ty Rogers, Lyon County	26	733	28.2
Steven Driver, Lawrence County	20	548	27.4
Brett Meredith, Edmonson County	24	648	27.0
Blake Hubbs, Cawood	26	700	26.9
Michael Hall, South Floyd	25	648	25.9
Steven Kidd, Rowan County	22	531	24.1
Tyler Jones, Grant County	24	574	23.9
T.J. Johnson, Todd County Central	18	431	23.9
Chris Current, Frankfort	27	641	23.7
Russ Gibson, Henderson County	21	484	23.0
Justin Doellman, Ryle	21	472	22.5
Jacob Raymond, Ohio County	22	493	22.4
Bryant Mccarter, Silver Grove	20	448	22.4
Jeremy Jones, Powell County	23	513	22.3
Jeff Gumm, Taylor County	22	491	22.3
Joe White, Mercer County	23	509	22.1
Jackson Capel, Heritage Academy	23	503	21.9
Trey Sharpe, Somerset	19	417	21.9
Roman Ritchey, Larue County	22	480	21.8
Tyler Halsey, Wolfe County	18	392	21.8
Josh Landacre, Caldwell County	18	391	21.7
Derrick Parrott, Mayfield	22	475	21.6

Top Field Goal Percentage Leaders

Player, School	Gms	Att	Md	Pct
Rodney Mitchell, Clay County	20	166	120	0.723
Curtis Pulley, Hopkinsville	27	242	168	0.694
Rontreal Braxton, Hopkinsville	27	316	213	0.674
Keenan Burton, DuPont Manual	21	235	158	0.672
Ryan McFarland, East Jessamine	23	284	189	0.665
Tyrone Green, Wayne County	24	284	189	0.665
Deyonte Adams, Hopkins	21	154	102	0.662
Brandon Polston, Cumberland	17	139	91	0.655
Evan Boles, Central Hardin	18	101	66	0.653
Abdoulaye N'diaye, Moore	25	184	120	0.652
Michael Musgrove, McCreary	22	177	114	0.644
Kenny Turner, Trigg County	22	216	139	0.644
Brent Perkins, Cordia	23	230	148	0.643
Seth Oldham, Daviess County	23	141	90	0.638
Eddie Marks, Paris	19	138	88	0.638
John Patterson, Henry Clay	24	198	126	0.636
Bret Johnson, West Jessamine	19	182	115	0.632
Brandon Cross, Pulaski County	17	215	135	0.628
Matt Johnson, Ashland Blazer	24	150	94	0.627
Merle Hacker, Leslie County	23	149	93	0.624
Andy Beard, Ludlow	22	193	120	0.622
Pitt Connelley, Magoffin County	23	147	91	0.619
Andrew Sewell, Breathitt County	22	110	68	0.618
Ra'von Lee, Ballard	21	167	103	0.617

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