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Internet meeting ends with charges

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — A Salyersville man has been arrested and charged with first-degree unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly engaging in sexual contact with a 15-year-old girl he met on the internet.

According to the police report, Seth Dyer, 18, met the girl on the internet and got someone to bring her to Magoffin County. Dyer allegedly had sexual intercourse and oral sex with the girl on Feb. 20.

A \$5,000 bond was set for Dyer.

Clarification

The Woody Hamilton listed in Charges Filed in the Feb. 28 Floyd County Times is not the same Woody Hamilton who is a manager of Hylton Homes.

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Today

Mostly sunny

High: 57 • Low: 35

Tomorrow

Partly cloudy

High: 65 • Low: 37

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

State might build new school Prestonsburg, Clark would be closed, merged

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Although nothing is final, agreements have been made between both the House and Senate that will formally consolidate Prestonsburg and Clark elementary schools, House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo said yesterday.

Stumbo said yesterday that both he and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, had worked together in recent budget conferences to "prevail" upon fellow legislators plans that will provide money to eliminate all "category five" schools — or schools dilapidated or posing safety hazards — across Kentucky.

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Schools such as Prestonsburg Elementary, which is listed as one of the state's most dilapidated, would be closed and replaced with new schools under a plan being discussed in the state legislature.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

On hand at the Mountain Arts Center on Tuesday were several people, including Charles Neeley, Kentucky Department of Transportation project manager, who offered explanations and accepted input from the public concerning the Hazard Elimination Safety project designed to improve the traffic conditions on Routes 1428 and 114 in Prestonsburg.

Highways dept. unveils plan for wreck-prone road

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet displayed a design for a Hazard Elimination System Project, which addresses the traffic problems in Prestonsburg by proposing a two-way left turn lane modification for

a stretch of road that has been the scene of numerous accidents.

The display was offered to public view and comment at the Mountain Arts Center between 4 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, where Charles Neeley, project manager, was available to answer questions concerning the HES item no. 12-907.

The project, which Jeff Thurston, project manager for HMB Engineers, said was one of over 100 in the state, has been in the process for some time, as the need for alteration to ensure safety is based on statistics from 1998 and 1999.

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Audit cites problems at center

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

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Jail's canteen brings in little profit
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A state audit of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, concluded in mid-February, offered to court officials "reportable conditions" concerning the new city-operated Martin Community Center.

The center, which was heralded by court

officials to be a strike against the growing drug problem in the county, went under as a county coordinated operation after the county leased the drug prevention center to the city of Martin late last year for \$1.

At that time, many offered that in-house squabbling between employees and a gen-

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Students to stay longer days, shorter year

Times Staff Report

BETSY LAYNE — The Floyd County Board of Education decided, in a special meeting held Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Betsy Layne High School, to extend the current school day by 38 minutes, as well as canceling the previously scheduled day off for the observation of the Memorial Day holiday, May 26, in order to make up for lost instructional time due to inclement weather conditions.

Results from a survey of varying options distributed to each school in the county system helped the board members arrive at its decision.

The survey options included the following:

- Option 1 - To extend instructional time 38 minutes/day until the end of the current school year, by beginning the instructional day 15 minutes earlier and

extending the current dismissal time by 23 minutes. This option will make up 8 days of instructional time.

■ Option 2 - Cancel the scheduled Memorial Day holiday and use the day as an instructional day.

■ Option 3 - Conduct school on four Saturdays (last two Saturdays in March and last two Saturdays in April).

■ Option 4 - Add all missed days to the end of the school calendar.

Survey results showed that more schools favored options 1 and 2, with only one school in favor of option 4.

The change in school beginning and dismissal times was incorporated yesterday and will continue throughout the remainder of the current school year. "Early Wednesday" has also been canceled for the remainder of the current school

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DirecTV sues alleged East Ky. 'pirate' network

17 in Big Sandy region named

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — DirecTV has filed two lawsuits in the U.S. District Court in which they are suing 17 Eastern Kentuckians, who they allege have purchased piracy equipment that allows them to access their satellite signal illegally.

According to the complaints filed at the U.S. District Court in Pikeville, the California-based company, which is in the business of distributing satellite television broadcasts throughout

the United States, executed Writs of Seizure, on May 25, 2001, at the mail shipping facility used by several major distributors of pirate access devices. Some of those distributors were Vector Technologies, DSS-Stuff, Shutt Inc., Intertek and DSS-Hangout.

The lawsuit states that during and subsequent to the raids, DirecTV obtained shipping records, e-mail communications, credit card receipts and other records that confirmed a nationwide distribution of devices primarily designed for the unauthorized interception of the company's satellite programming.

The company is bringing lawsuits against the pur-

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Alleged burglar caught napping

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

BOLDMAN — A Pikeville man was charged with burglary after a Boldman woman came home to find him passed out on her couch. According to court records, Daniel Edward Meade, 19, was arrested on Tuesday afternoon, at Kinsey Drive, at the home of Clara D. Sawyers.

Sawyers had come home to find a broken window in her back door and her televi-

sion moved in the floor out of the entertainment center.

Police say Meade was on the couch unconscious. His car was in the driveway with the motor still running.

According to the police report, signed by Tpr. Jamey Kidd, Meade said that he was addicted to OxyContin and had snorted 80 milligrams on that day.

Meade was arrested on charges of second-degree burglary and was arraigned on Thursday, at which time a \$5,000 full cash bond was set.

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Odds and Ends

John Kirk's Legal Tips

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■ PRINCETON, N.J. — An online banking glitch gave a Princeton University student access to university accounts totaling \$9.9 million when he tried to access a student publication's account.

Freshman Ira Leeds didn't take any money.

Leeds, financial manager for The Princeton Tory, was attempting to access the conservative magazine's account with PNC Bank on Friday when he accessed all 15 of the University's accounts, which totaled just over \$9.9 million.

It was his first time trying to access the account online.

"We buy a lot of paper and stamps and envelopes, sometimes pizza for meetings and so forth. It helped to have the online access so I could track the activity on our debit cards as they were being used," he said.

Leeds alerted PNC Bank officials that night and The Tory sent e-mails to university

President Shirley Tilghman and Provost Amy Gutmann about the error.

It turned out that the magazine's online log-on number is identical to the university's, because it is the same as Princeton's federal taxpayer identification number.

Bank spokesman Joe Whall wouldn't say whether Leeds or anyone at The Tory could have withdrawn funds from the university accounts if they had tried.

"The funds are absolutely safe. No transactions were made," he said.

Princeton officials were looking for answers from the bank.

"We're not happy," said spokeswoman Lauren Robinson-Brown. "The bank has notified us that they will immediately block all university accounts from being accessed via their Web product."

■ CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Some state lawmakers and veterans say a statue honoring West Virginia's female veterans is not feminine enough.

The statue, designed by sculptor Joseph Mullins, depicts a muscular woman wearing a casual uniform of pants and a T-shirt. It will be placed on the Capitol grounds when completed.

"It would have been nice if we could have had a statue that looked more like a woman," said Sen. Anita Caldwell, vice chairwoman of the Senate Military Committee.

Sen. Jon Blair Hunter, the committee's chairman, said the statue, which is about 80 percent complete, should depict a woman in a skirt.

"It was hard to tell from looking at it that it represented a woman," said Hunter.

Dottie Alderman of South Charleston, a Marine veteran of the Korean War, said she was shocked when she saw the statue.

"Mental toughness and courage does not need a rough exterior to get those qualities

across," she said.

Mullins said depicting a woman in a skirt would have excluded many women veterans who did not wear such clothing.

He said the statue is not a "runway model and not a Playboy bunny."

"It's going to look like a female; it might not be very feminine," he said. "It will look like a nice, big, strong girl who's been through military training."

Hunter said it probably is too late to make major changes. "I sort of felt for the sculptor," he said. "It's hard to please everybody."

The statue was approved by a committee appointed by the governor that included representatives of the state Division of Culture and History and veterans associations. The state has earmarked more than \$100,000 for the project.

■ FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. — Good things came in threes for a Florida Panhandle mother.

Samantha Noble gave birth to her third child on Monday, March 3 — that's 3-3-03 — at exactly 3:33 p.m.

Dean Noble weighed in a 7 pounds, 2 ounces. He was 19

inches long.

"When I had my first ultrasound, I remember thinking, 'This better not be triplets,'" his mother said. "The threes have to stop sometime."

She said her husband, Aaron, joked about having the child at 3:33 p.m. when he brought her to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center.

"I told him, 'No, I don't want to wait that long,'" she said.

Although baby Dean's two siblings, ages 8 and 3, had complications at birth, he appears to be healthy.

"This is the first time I might be able to leave with a perfectly healthy baby," Samantha Noble said. "Three might be lucky after all."

■ PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Police found more than 75 marijuana plants inside a house after a woman who lived there mistakenly called 911 instead of 411.

Police said the woman dialed 911 shortly after 11:20 a.m. Tuesday. When she hung up, a police dispatcher called the number right back, and someone hung up again, police Sgt. Dan Rose said.

Two officers went to the

house and found 76 plants valued at \$76,000 growing in a room with sophisticated lighting. Officers also found three handguns and other weapons inside the house.

"We know something is going on, but we don't know what," Rose said.

A man, who was not immediately identified, gave police a prescription for medical marijuana. However, the quantity of plants made police suspicious, so they began investigating the authenticity of the prescription, Rose said. The man was arrested for investigation of cultivation and possession of marijuana for sale.

Another man who tried to run from police was arrested for investigation of parole violations and was sent back to state prison Wednesday.

The woman who misdialed was not arrested.

■ CLEARWATER, Fla. — A thief snatched several young alligators from a moat around a miniature golf course, police said.

Five alligators, each about 3 to 4 feet long, were stolen from Congo River Golf and Exploration Co. in December. Clearwater police asked the public for help on Tuesday.

Investigators want to talk to a young man caught on a surveillance tape the day of the theft. He was carrying a bag and walking back and forth in front of Alligator Isle, a caged section of the moat sponsored by the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

Two juvenile alligators were stolen in a similar incident in May 2001, said Timothy Gervan, the attraction's general manager.

Police said the motive for taking the alligators remains a mystery.

"They're too small to harvest for either food or for their skin," said Detective Joe Ruhlin.

In October, a tourist was charged with capturing a live alligator at a miniature golf course in Daytona Beach and bringing it back to his hotel.

■ NORTHFIELD, Minn. — A fund started by a Carleton College alum with a sense of

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 7, the 66th day of 2003. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

On this date:

■ In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

■ In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

■ In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

■ In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

■ In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

■ In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

■ In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

■ In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

■ In 1994, the Supreme Court ruled that parodies that poke fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder.

■ In 1999, movie director Stanley Kubrick died in Hertfordshire, England, at age 70.

Ten years ago:

Authorities said David Koresh, the leader of the Branch Davidians, was becoming irritable and had rejected proposals to end a week-long standoff at his compound near Waco, Texas.

Five years ago:

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, speaking in Rome, said the U.S. wouldn't tolerate any more violence in Kosovo, which she blamed on Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

One year ago:

The House passed, 417-to-3, a bill cutting taxes and extending unemployment benefits. By a razor-thin margin, voters in Ireland rejected a government

plan to further toughen the country's already strict anti-abortion laws.

Today's Birthdays:

Photographer Lord Snowdon is 73. TV weatherman Willard Scott is 69. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 65. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 63. Walt Disney Co. chairman Michael Eisner is 61. Rock musician Chris White (The Zombies) is 60. Actor John Heard is 57. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 57. Rock musician Matthew Fisher (Procol Harum) is 57. Singer Peggy March is 55. Football Hall-of-Famer Franco Harris is 53. Football Hall-of-Famer Lynn Swann is 51. Rhythm and blues singer-musician Ernie Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 51. Actor Bryan Cranston ("Malcolm in the Middle") is 47. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Ivan Lendl is 43. Actor Bill Brochtrup ("NYPD Blue") is 40. Singer-actress Taylor Dayne is 38. Rock musician Randy Guss (Toad the Wet Sprocket) is 36. Actress Rachel Weisz is 32. Rock singer Hugo Ferreira (Tantric) is 29. Actress Laura Prepon ("That 70's Show") is 23.

Thought for Today:

"If you're not feeling good about you, what you're wearing outside doesn't mean a thing."
— Leontyne Price, American opera singer.

In Loving Memory
**of my special friend
Walter Nelson**
December 18, 2002

You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knows why.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
For part of me went with you
the day God took you home.

I love you.
Your special friend,
Virginia Ratliff

**In Memory Of
Herbert Prater**
October 29, 1911-March 6, 1997

If history records this lifetime we shared,
On the page I am given you will be there.
The truth will be written in line after line:
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The City of Prestonsburg has proposed the annexation of 7,578 acres of the Dewey Lake area to create a 20-mile horse trail that will help bring in more tourism to our area, as well as to provide a place for our local people to use. Grant money is available for the trail; no additional taxes or fees will be imposed for this project. There will be no laws changed by the City of Prestonsburg regarding wildlife regulations, because those are regulated by the Department of Fish & Wildlife. This proposal will also enable the City to work with the Department and various Clubs to help in the future to obtain more grant money for improvements in the proposed area.

For those supporting the proposed annexation, the City of Prestonsburg urges you to write to any of the following officials.

Mayor Jerry Fannin
City Hall
200 North Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Representative Greg Stumbo
614 North Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Congressman Hal Rogers
203 E. Mt. Vernon St.
Somerset, Kentucky 42501

Governor Paul Patton
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Secretary Ann Latta
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Bingo at 1:30 p.m.

More money headed to drug task force

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Drug Task Force Unit received approval for another financial boost from the county during a special fiscal

court meeting Wednesday afternoon. The boost will come in the form of \$2,000 which Prestonsburg Police Department operations commander Stan Farler said will go to funding controlled buys for an assortment of cases. The court previously gave \$1,500 to the task force, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said during Wednesday's meeting. County Attorney Keith Bartley believes the money couldn't be more effectively

spent. "They're working harder than anybody around," Bartley offered during the meeting. "They've had several indictments and several cases that will become prevalent in the near future. They're working hard." With the absence of District 2 Magistrate Jackie Owens, Bartley, who did not join his fellow county officials in formal panel, left only Thompson and magistrates Larry Stumbo and Alan Williams elbow-to-elbow for the brief lunchtime meeting. In other business, the fiscal

court: ■ Reappointed Tyrone Martin and Suzanne Stumbo to three-year terms as board members of the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service

District. The terms will run until Dec. 31, 2005. ■ Adopted the most recent Local Records Branch "Records (See **FORCE**, page six)

Longer

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year. Closing day for most county schools will now be June 5 as opposed to June 17, which would have been the last day of school had changes not been implemented.

and authorization was also granted to the superintendent to implement any make up time required of employees of the system. Approval was also granted to provide \$62,600 to be used by the school system to install bleachers in the Betsy Layne High School gymnasium. Board member Dr. Chandra Varia and board attorney Mike Schmitt were both absent from the meeting.

Audit

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eral inability to become an efficient vehicle for the fiscal court's original vision was instrumental in the county finally washing its hands of the matter.

approved and issued \$300 Christmas bonuses to eight employees, five board members and the board's attorney totaling \$4,200.

In the state audit report, a number of other problems are highlighted.

"These transactions were not handled correctly," the audit states. "We noted that the proper withholdings were not deducted nor were they reported properly." At this time, the five board members and the board's attorney have repaid the Christmas bonuses to the center's official bank account, according to the audit. The eight employees, however, have yet to repay what is, collectively, \$2,400.

One finding revealed that center administrators "did not prepare monthly financial reports or present an annual financial statement to the fiscal court" during the entire 2001-2002 fiscal year, something that court officials should have stressed more adamantly.

In issuing a rarely offered official response to the annual state audit, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson expressed a desire to prevent similar mistakes in the future. "The fiscal court and the County Judge-Executive will exercise more oversight on boards it appoints in the future," Thompson is quoted as saying in the report.

Charge filed for forged prescription

by **JARRID DEATON**
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Prestonsburg man has been charged with forging a prescription after he allegedly tried to obtain pills at a Martin pharmacy.

tablets with a forged prescription. The owner of the pharmacy contacted the Martin Police Department. Prince had left the scene by the time police arrived and was later apprehended in Prestonsburg.

According to police, Craig R. Prince, 20, entered the Downtown Drug Store and attempted to obtain 90 Lorab

According to police, Prince made a full written confession. A \$15,000 surety bond was set for Prince and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 12.

Odds

humor helps clean up snow at his old campus.

for themselves when the family left, said Towner County Deputy Jerry Martin. In the summer, the birds hang out in the wild, but winter finds them in the town of about 150 people, where they eat at bird feeders and look for scraps from residents.

When he learned he was dying of cancer, David K. Hildebrand decided to create a "slush fund" for his alma mater. It helps cover the costs of cleaning up snow and slush at the Northfield college.

Martin said he had to rescue a woman who was trapped in her car after a group of turkeys stopped her from getting out. "I had to chase them away with a broom," Martin said.

"I think it's amazing," said Deb Chaulk, Carleton's director of stewardship. "This guy left something and it's funny, but it's also so sweet."

Officials said wild turkeys also have created problems in the towns of Minot and Wahpeton, and eventually will be trapped and moved to the wild.

Chaulk said the idea behind the slush fund was, "Wouldn't it be funny if we had a slush fund that actually was involved with slush?"

"The trouble comes when someone who likes seeing them starts putting out food for them," said Greg Link, an assistant Game and Fish Department wildlife chief. "Any wildlife that hangs around people isn't a good situation."

Hildebrand died in 1999 at age 59, leaving a wife and two children — and gifts to the college from family and friends that became Carleton's David K. Hildebrand Endowed Fund for Ice and Snow Removal.

Towner County Sheriff Vaughn Klier was asked what happened to one of the more belligerent turkeys after he threatened in a newspaper column to have "a meeting at high noon" with the bird. The sheriff said he would "have to plead the Fifth."

The fund — a little more than \$10,000 — only accounts for a small portion of the campus' snow removal costs, which are about \$78,000 a year. But the \$500 a year in interest buys salt, sand and some brushes for machines that scrub snow from sidewalks.

Klier moved back to the area three years ago after a 22-year law enforcement career in Oregon.

Born in Minneapolis, Hildebrand graduated magna cum laude from Carleton in 1962 and taught statistics for 34 years at Penn's Wharton School in Philadelphia.

"I went up against really bad guys in Oregon, but they didn't tell me I had to go against turkeys," Klier said. "Things can get dangerous in Towner County."

■ **ROCKLAKE, N.D.** — This is a town besieged by turkeys.

The birds were raised on a Rocklake farm but left to fend

Pike man accused of kidnapping

by **JARRID DEATON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County man was arrested and charged with kidnapping and burglary after he allegedly forced his former girlfriend from her home.

taken the woman from the residence by force.

Kentucky State Police received a call from a female advising that her former boyfriend, Kermit Ray Williams, 39, was breaking the windows out of her residence. When officers arrived at the scene, they were notified that Williams had

Officers searched the area and located both Williams and the woman. The woman had sustained only minor injuries from the incident.

A commercial truck driver for JZ Trucking of Pikeville was arrested Tuesday and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, DUI with a commercial driver's license, two counts of violating federal safety regulations for driving, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

A separate citation charges Williams with possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Jackie D. Chapman, 47, of Pike County, was arrested by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department after that agency received a complaint about a large truck driving recklessly near Garth.

Williams was arrested and taken to the Pike County Detention Center, where he is currently being held on a \$1 million bond.

According to the police report, the officer stopped the vehicle to conduct a safety inspection. Upon making contact with Chapman, the officer could

Trucker arrested for driving drugged

by **JARRID DEATON**
STAFF WRITER

detect that he had slurred speech and an odor of marijuana in the vehicle. Chapman allegedly told the officer that he had "eat" pills. After searching the vehicle, the officer located a bag of marijuana, various pills and a pill crusher with several straws containing residue.

Chapman was taken to the Floyd County Detention Center and was held on a \$2,500 cash bond. A preliminary hearing on the charges is set for March 12.

DirecTV

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chasers of these devices, claiming that their activities violate federal telecommunications and wiretapping laws and state statutory and common law. Two of the complaints were filed in the Eastern District against 17 people in area counties — seven in Floyd, six in Pike, two in Johnson, one in Letcher, and one in Perry.

Road

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According to the project's purpose and need statement, there were 129 accidents, 30 with bodily injuries and 99 with property damage, along this portion of Route 1428 in those years. Since then, there have been countless others on the stretch of road from Graham Street to the Route 321 intersection.

The design option proposes to create a three-lane roadway with a center two-way left turn lane within the limits of the existing curb along North and South Lake Drive from Graham Street to Prestonsburg High School, as well as a lengthened right turn lane from Route 1428 onto Route 114.

The plan includes widening at the West Graham Street intersection, at the Southwest corner of the Route 114 intersection, and Route 1428 on the right side at the south-

east corner of the Friend Street intersection. These improvements propose to minimize the number of rear end, angle and opposing left turn traffic accidents on Route 1428 and address additional access needs at Graham Street, Friend Street and Route 114.

The cabinet proposes that since significant widening of the existing Route 1428 is not necessary, construction costs, utility relocation, right-of-way acquisitions and environmental impacts will be minimal.

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The funding for the project is scheduled for 2003 and is just under \$1 million.

in Letcher County. ■ Hershel Smith, of Happy, in Perry County.

There was a small turnout, according to Neeley, but he stated that several Prestonsburg City Council members had dropped by for information.

According to the complaint, the defendants have 20 days to answer the lawsuit or be judged by default for the relief contained in the complaint, which is \$100,000.

Neeley proposed that the Department is also looking at replacing traffic lights at all four intersections on this stretch of road with LED lights, which have multiple bulbs as opposed to the single ones now being used. He offered that the benefits of such a switch include higher intensity in light, longevity of the bulb life and lower energy costs.

Jail's canteen nets little profit

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

Findings within a state audit show that inmates at the Floyd County Detention Center spend only an average of about 30 cents a day, money which goes into the facility's canteen fund.

"exclusively for the benefit of inmates of the department". However, some states broaden the scope of canteen funds using proceeds for other county agencies, such as supplemental funding for sheriff departments.

According to audit reports, the jail brought in \$13,663 from inmate purchases of mostly cigarettes, soda and candy bars — all at retail price or higher — but paid out \$12,939 of that to suppliers, leaving an annual profit for the canteen fund of only \$724.

Webb insisted yesterday he had limited specific knowledge of the canteen fund because operations are contracted to Allen-based supplier Keith's Canteen.

The jail houses about 120 inmates daily, according to Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb, but that number can fluctuate.

"I don't know much about it," Webb said. "We contract that out and get back 30 percent."

According to KRS 196.270 use of proceeds from centralized canteen operations for correctional facilities are to be utilized

However, Webb did offer a possible reason for the low average of 30 cents a day for a daily amount figure spent by inmates.



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Viewpoint

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"Better keep yourself clean and Bright; you are the window through which you must see the world."

—George Bernard Shaw

Amendment 1
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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News, on politicians and war:
With certain exceptions - such as street demonstrations and talk radio - the American debate about the war has been reasonably civil. The politicians have been restrained.

Now Republican hit man, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, of Texas, wants to change the tone. In search of a Democrat to bash, he recently settled on presidential candidate Howard Dean, former governor of Vermont. ...

The candidate insists that many options short of war remain. And he insists that Saddam Hussein is a lesser danger by far than North Korea and al-Qaida.

Rep. DeLay calls this posture "appeasement." That term is being heard more and more about opponents of the war. It makes no sense.

"Appeasement" entered the political lexicon in the days before World War II, when some people wanted to (and did) accede to Adolph Hitler's demands for new territory, in the hope that that would mollify Hitler. But Saddam isn't demanding anything.

Appeasement is simply an irrelevant and hyperbolic concept.

At any rate, until the leading doves start calling President Bush bloodthirsty or a warmonger, the hawks ought to refrain from their own name-calling. Let there be no race to the bottom of political oratory.

Anderson (S.C.) Independent-Mail, on Mister Rogers:
Children's programming is more flash and sizzle than substance these days, with singing dinosaurs and Power Puff Girls and mutated superheroes who blast and scorch and send chills of fear down the spine. ...

But children also love Mister Rogers, alias Fred Rogers, who on each show invited children into a shabby and comfortable living room where they would be warm and cozy, slipped on a sweater and into sneakers and sang about a beautiful day in the neighborhood. ...

From a living room set, he welcomed the mailman and puppets and people who would show how they did their jobs or how something was made, the host a comfortable and comforting mentor who actually taught children something.

But it wasn't just the practicalities of learning in which Rogers specialized. Manners were important, and speaking softly instead of raising one's voice, unless the voice is raised in laughter. He believed in simple pleasures and assumed that everyone was essentially good if given the chance to be good. ...

Mister Rogers would by no stretch ... be called reality programming, that genre that has inexplicably become so popular these days.

But oh, what a world it would be if he were.

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In the moment

Peace 'please'

Learning to communicate is something that we begin to do from the moment we arrive in this world. Our style changes from screaming for everything we need to screaming for everything that we want and hopefully we eventually learn how to request these things with grace. I acknowledge that I need some work in relation to the latter, because I often don't know how to request what I want and need.

I understand that teenagers are attempting to develop this important skill in middle and high schools and I have experienced this struggle in my home. I sometimes don't know how to deal with the power struggles that occur when they are trying new ways to get what they want, which they often confuse with what they need.

The object, I am told, is to avoid getting pulled into the power match, but I just can't see it coming half the time. I don't recognize it for what it is until I am in the middle of it and losing. I say losing because I succumb to the purpose of the moment I enter the altercation, because they ultimately achieved their goal by engaging me in child vs. mom warfare.

Now I know that my job is to teach

them how to get what they want and need by requesting, compromising and bargaining. However, that is a difficult task for several reasons.

One, I admit, is that I don't always know how to do this myself. I often yell when the dishes haven't been touched by the person designated to do them that day and I have a hard time compromising with things I believe to be right.

Another reason is that my children often have zero capacity for hearing anything except for what they want. I can say "I'm not taking you there because I am tired," where ever there may be.

However, my children often acknowledge nothing but the fact that I'm not going. It does little good to explain to someone who will not accept explanations, therefore I must switch to not offering an excuse and simply stating, "No, I'm not doing it," whatever it may be.

But what happens when the struggle becomes so intense that they refuse to accept no? That is where I start refusing to talk to them anymore. It is useless to attempt to talk anyway, because I have lost all control in the situation. This approach works fine at times, because

they give up. However, at times they persist and it becomes chaos, which is worsened when I allow myself to be pulled into it.

When that happens, I end up feeling guilty for acting crazy, because that is what I look like when I am ranting and raving. That is not a solution to the situation. All this will do is teach them that they need continue to scream when they don't get their way.

I came to this realization on a deep level the other night after an altercation with my children. I was tired and I did not want to do anything except get into my pajamas and climb into bed, where I had to do homework for class, but could still half-watch "Law and Order". My children, 13- and 14-years-old, decided that they wanted to go to a ball game and persisted at pestering me over it, even after I had told them several times that I was not going to take them. I also offered an explanation that I was tired and needed to relax a bit.

But moms are not human, we don't need rest, or so their attitude expressed. I attempted to ignore the slamming object sounds from my son's bedroom, but eventually tried to bring a halt to his unacceptable behavior by threatening to



LORETTABLACKBURN

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Letter

Center offered refuge

I'm sure everyone will agree with the McDowell Area Senior Citizens that this has been a rough winter on everyone, especially the elderly.

We want to tell everyone that the McDowell Senior Citizens center was open to anyone needing a warm, dry place to stay during the heavy rains and flooding. There were some that stayed there while the water came up and as the water went down. They took their blankets and pillows and stayed warm and dry. They also took food, so they had food, and the center gave out water, so they had water from the Salvation Army.

The McDowell seniors would like to thank Ruth Ann Fairchild and Cooley Medical for their help with an elderly couple last week.

I know everyone is looking forward to spring. Take heart, it's just around the corner. Have a nice spring.

Ellen Brown, director
McDowell Area Senior Citizens Center

Donors thanked

The Big Sandy Chapter 18 of the DAV, Auxier, would like to thank the people of Prestonsburg, Floyd County, for their generous contributions on March 1, 2003.

Chapter 18 does military funerals and posts colors at schools and civic functions at no cost. Any honorably discharged veteran can join the DAV by calling Ballard Shepherd, Commander, at 886-7887; Fred Hannah, chaplain, at 297-4273; Bill Baldridge, adjutant at 886-2834; or Billy G. Lewis, P.I. officer, at 789-7067.

Chapter 18 meets the first and third Friday of each

month at 6 p.m., at the Auxier Volunteer Fire Department.
Billy G. Lewis
Disabled American Veterans

'Bowl' supporters thanked

I would like to offer a special "thank-you" to the following people of our community for their help in our recent "Bowl for Kids' Sake" fundraiser held Feb. 22 at the Pin-Zone Bowling Alley: James Fitzwater, Prestonsburg Community College, for raising over \$500; the CARE Club of Prestonsburg Community College; Tammy Compton, coordinator of human services, Prestonsburg Community College; PCC faculty and students; and the following tee-shirt logo sponsors: Highlands Regional Medical Center, Paul B. Hall

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Also, thanks go to the following individuals and organizations: The Prestonsburg Police Department, Bonnie Hale, the Kiwanis Club of Paintsville, the Inez Shop-Rite, Pin-Zone Bowling, J. Drew Anderson Law Office, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sandy Board President, Barry Adkins, as well as the other members of the Board of Directors, Dorothy Holian, Todd Mullins, David Bliss, Mark Walz, Anna Melvin, Frances Justice, Dr. Chandra Varia, The Floyd County Times, Q-95, and, last but certainly not least, all the bowlers who came out on Saturday to help raise money for our program, for without your support, we could not have had this event.

Margaret Rice
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Big Sandy

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NOW SHOWING:

Theater chains hope customers will sit still for new advertising

by GARY GENTILE
AP BUSINESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Bob Morales and his wife sat through advertisements for the Cartoon Network, the NBC show "Boomtown" and AOL Broadband.

There was a pitch for the U.S. Army, another for The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Morales would have accepted the promotional barrage at home in front of the television, but it annoyed him to go through it at the movie theater.

"That's why we come to a theater, so we wouldn't see advertising," said Morales, at a Regal Cinemas Theater in Pasadena for a weekend matinee of "About Schmidt."

Going to the movies always has included some advertising — usually low-tech, slide-slow-style pitches — and the coming attractions, of course. Now, cash-strapped theater chains are looking at increasing advertising, using digital technology, as a way to boost profits beyond the sales of tickets and popcorn.

"From Regal's perspective, they have an attendance level of 200 million plus. Nearly 70 percent of the U.S. population goes through their doors in a year," said Kavir Dhar, an analyst for Jefferies & Co. "If you're an advertiser, that's something that makes you stand up and take notice."

While common in Europe and elsewhere abroad, the ads are annoying lots of U.S. ticket buyers. The industry believes customers will adjust.

Some ads appear just before the previews, the period known as "lights down," and have sparked complaints that audiences are being deceived about the true start time of a movie. The published time usually indicates the beginning of the whole program, including coming attractions, pitches for the concession stand and some paid advertising.

In the past year, theaters have been installing national digital networks and small digital projectors so they can show short

films and national ads before the lights dim, replacing the decades-old slides for local businesses, trivia questions and scrambled movie-star name games.

The film-screen ad industry grew 20 percent last year and is projected to grow by 30 percent this year, said Matthew Kearney, president of the Cinema Advertising Council, a group formed to promote in-theater ads.

Regal says its internal surveys show that patrons react well to the pre-show ads and that acceptance is growing week by week.

Danny Kim, also at the "About Schmidt" matinee, falls into that category. "I didn't mind it," he said. "It killed the time."

The industry has recovered from its woes of the late 1990s, when a glut of screens and the debts from building state-of-the-art movie houses forced 12 chains into bankruptcy. Last year was the best box-office year since 1957, success that's expected to continue with the release of likely blockbusters this year including two "Matrix" sequels, "Terminator 3" and the last installment in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

But profit margins remain slim. Theater owners are offering theaters for corporate meetings and pay-per-view events, and selling those commercials.

"Finding other ways to supplement that revenue base so we can keep ticket prices affordable is an important part of the business plan of our members," said John Fithian, president of the National Association of Theater Owners.

Advertisers also are looking for more ways to get their message in front of consumers, as new channels fracture the TV audience and people find new ways to skip commercials.

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"My concern would have been a lot of people look at a theater as a sanctuary from advertising," Dhar said. "As a consumer, you can elect to come to the theater later, but what is the tradeoff? You might not get the best seat."

A Chicago English teacher filed a lawsuit against Loews Cineplex last month for showing advertising after the lights go down. The suit, which seeks class-action status, asks that theaters state the films' actual start times in their advertisements or pay up to \$75 per patron as "lost time" damages. Loews called the suit "ludicrous."

The trend toward in-theater advertising is likely to accelerate, since industry-sponsored research suggests the ads have a higher recall rate than TV commercials.

"People are there because they like movies and like entertainment," said Brad Siegel, president of Turner Entertainment Networks, which recently signed

Country hopefuls compete on new reality TV show 'Nashville Star'

by JOHN GEROME
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — No one would accuse Travis Howard, a 33-year-old country music singer and contestant on the new reality TV show "Nashville Star," of being camera shy.

Howard earns his living performing in Los Angeles nightclubs and bars. But the reality aspect of "Nashville Star," a USA Network series that combines "Big Brother" with "American Idol," gives him butterflies.

"I'm completely in the hands of these editors," says Howard, a Georgia native with an accent rich as pecan pie. "And that scares me to death."

Howard and 11 other aspiring country stars moved into a fully wired house Wednesday on Nashville's famed Music Row where they'll live for nine weeks while competing for a Sony Music recording contract.

After the initial episode, which airs 9 p.m. Saturday, each of the next eight weekly shows is live, with cameras capturing the squabbles and friendships between the contestants as well as the weekly talent competitions at the Acuff Theatre next door to the Grand Ole Opry House.

Viewers vote by telephone or Internet for two hours after each show. The contestant with the least votes must leave.

"Access Hollywood" co-host Nancy O'Dell hosts the show; singer-songwriter Charlie Robison, husband to the Dixie Chicks' Emily Erwin Robison, music journalist Robert K. Oermann and Sony Music consultant Tracy Gershon will judge the contestants' performances.

At the end of the series, the

winner gets the Sony contract with singer Clint Black producing the CD.

"This is the ultimate dream-maker show," said Ben Silverman, chief executive officer of Revelle, the production company that created "Nashville Star." "These are not 19-year-old beauties with their whole life in front of them. For some, this show is their last shot to make it."

The reality part of the show and the contestants' talent — the finalists were chosen from more than 8,000 contestants in local and regional competitions — set "Nashville Star" apart from similar shows, Silverman said.

He describes it as a tribute to a genre of music that is largely ignored on the East and West coasts.

"No one is eating bugs or running naked or getting screamed at," he said. "We're celebrating a truly American art form."

The contestants were drawn from different backgrounds and range in age from 19 to 33. There's an emergency dispatch operator from Kentucky, a farmer from Connecticut, a waitress from California and a Patsy Cline impersonator from New Mexico. All have one thing in common: They want to make it in the music business.

"My music is my focus," said 22-year-old Kristen Kissling, who quit her job as a preschool teacher in Austin, Texas, to move to Nashville for the series. "I don't see myself going back to teaching. I hope to get a band together or join an established band and make music my career."

Howard said he accepts that the show may reflect him in an unflattering way. He is willing to take the risk.

"Any chance to play is a good one," he said. "It's the one thing in life I can do really, really well."

Executive producer George Verschoor, who also produced and directed "The Real World," said one of the reasons Nashville and country music were chosen as the backdrop is because the fans are passionate about the music and the artists.

"They love to know the person behind the song," said Verschoor, who's been in Nashville since September preparing for the show. "They know their performers ... that's not always the case with actors and pop stars."

Country is also very hot. It was the only musical genre with a significant sales increase last year, growing 12.2 percent from 2001, according to Nielsen SoundScan's year-end music industry report.

Still, with the airwaves besieged by reality and talent-based series, "Nashville Star" is a gamble, said Robert Thompson, a

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A public hearing will be held on March 25, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses and intervenors in the Application of Kentucky Power Company D/B/A American Electric Power for Approval, To The Extent Necessary, To Transfer Functional Control Of Transmission Facilities Located In Kentucky, To PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., Pursuant to KRS 278.218

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ORDINANCE GRANTING ELECTRIC FRANCHISE TO KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY D/B/A AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER

ORDINANCE NO. 002-03
FEB. 3, 2003.

THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ALLEN, FLOYD COUNTY KENTUCKY, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION NO. 1

The Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called grantee, is granted the franchise, privilege, right and authority to acquire, maintain, construct and operate in, above, under, across and along the public ways other public places (as the same now exist or may hereinafter be laid out) of the City of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, lines, poles, and equipment for the transportation, transmission and distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, with all the necessary or desirable appurtenances for the purpose of supplying electric energy to said City and the inhabitants thereof, and the persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof, for light, heat, power, and any other purpose or purposes for which electric energy is now or may hereafter be used, and for the transmission of the same within, through or across said City.

SECTION NO. 2

Said lines and appurtenances shall be constructed so as to interfere as little as possible with the traveling public in its use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and public places.

SECTION NO. 3

The franchise, privilege, right and authori-

ty shall be in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of the passage of the ordinance granting it.

SECTION NO. 4

The grantee of this franchise shall save the City harmless from any and all liability arising in any way from negligence of the grantee in the erection, maintenance, or operating of said lines and appurtenances.

SECTION NO. 5

The grantee of this franchise shall have the right and privilege to take up such portion or part of any pavement and make such excavation in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Allen, as may be deemed necessary for the construction and maintenance of its lines, wires, or cables, but whenever the grantee of the franchise shall begin the erection of any lines or other equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work until completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

SECTION NO. 6

Wherever in this franchise, either the City of Allen or the grantee thereof is referred to, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors and assigns of either, and all rights, privileges, and obligations contained in this franchise shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the respective successors and assigns of said City and said grantee, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION NO. 7

The grantee of this franchise to be offered for sale may make such rules and regulations, covering the furnishing of said electric energy, as may be fair and reasonable and consistent with the standard practice of the grantee. Said grantee may charge such rates for electric services as shall be fair and reasonable. The said grantee shall render service under said franchise of like

quality, that is, adequate, efficient and reasonable, to that now being rendered by said City.

SECTION NO. 8

The consideration paid by the successful bidder for the franchise, privilege, right and authority provided for herein shall be complete compensation and consideration for the sale of said franchise, privilege, right and authority and for the use and occupancy of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City, in lieu of any street or alley rental or of any charge for the use and occupancy of said streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, or other public places of the City, and in lieu of any pole tax or meter tax.

SECTION NO. 9

This Ordinance granting this franchise shall be accepted by the grantee thereof within sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

SECTION NO. 10

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SECTION NO. 11

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage by the City Commission.

Sharon S. Woods, MAYOR
CITY OF ALLEN
FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:
Ruth Parsons, CLERK
CITY OF ALLEN
FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

INTRODUCTION, READING
ON 02-03, 2003.
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Moment

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take an Xbox and grounding him. Suddenly he and his sister appeared to be demized as they double teamed me with attempted guilt trips and put downs.

Stunned, I started screaming at them, but recovered enough to just leave the house for a while. I later returned to find them still enraged and acting as if they were going to do as they pleased and I was going to cooperate whether I liked it or not. I put them in the car and I took them to their father, explaining that they were his for a while, because I needed a break.

I realize that hormonal changes are occurring and that they are trying to establish an identity, which can be a tough thing. I have monthly hormonal changes myself and can relate to the discomfort.

However, I do not have to tolerate that type of behavior in

my own home. Home is a place where one is supposed to be able to relax and enjoy having the opportunity to be there. I am rarely there anyway and I am not going to spend what little precious time I do have fighting with someone who wants to demand his or her way. I have done that in the past, but today I refuse to share my home with someone who wants to make life chaotic and miserable, even if they are my children.

Therefore, new rules are in the works and some tough consequences will have to go with breaking them. However, this tough love is the only means to show them how to act, that I am aware of anyway.

So if you have ever felt like kicking your kids out of the house, you are not alone. We are not alone, because others have shared that they have considered doing the same thing.

For the Record

Marriage

Licenses

Rachel Susan Buskirk, 17, to Eric Matthew Newsome, 25, both of Martin.
Brenda Hamilton Hall, 44, of Banner, to David England, 48, of Pikeville.
Emily Nicolina Pendelton, 19, to Freddie Lee Hall, 40, both of Galveston.
Della Mistydown Bryant, 24 of Betsy Layne, to Danny Ray Tackett, 36, of Printer.
Charity Denise Fitzpatrick, 16, to Larry Brian Bartram, 21, both of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Volney Brent Allen vs. Karen Lynn Allen; divorce.
Mary Ellen Mosley vs. Scottie Lee Mosley; divorce.
Jessica Kenmore vs. Elton Kenmore; divorce.
Sherry Lytle vs. Edward Lytle; divorce.
Henry Miles vs. Otter Creek Correctional Facility; compensation for injuries while incarcerated.
Citizens National Bank vs. Paul Williams; debt collection.
Dimple Clark vs. Spears Logging and Floyd County Fiscal Court; property.
Jason Ray Hicks vs. Kimberly Little Hicks; divorce.
Esta Donaldson vs. James Tackett; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.
Jimmie Hamilton vs. Lisa Justice; petition for health care insurance.
Greenpoint Credit vs. Pat Lemaster; debt collection.

Floyd County Board of Education vs. Dana Paul Smith; property damage.
Stephanie Hahn vs. Bryan Hahn; divorce.
Nickie Renee Prater vs. Robert Victor Prater Jr.; divorce.

Cabinet for Health Services vs. Associated Court Extension Services; injunction.
Shirley Thompson vs. Don Houston and Mighty Muffler; compensation for injuries.

Small Claims

Colorama Rental Center vs. Frankie George; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Michael Paul Dempsey, 20, Garrett, first-degree burglary, unlawful transaction with a minor.
Lekita Jo Johnson, 18, Lexington, theft by unlawful taking.
Matthew Moore, 22, Martin, second-degree criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking.
Chester Burke, age and address unlisted, theft by failure to make required distribution of property.
Peggy Stephens, 30, Wayland, second-degree wanton endangerment, theft by failure to make required distribution of property.
David Allen, 47, Wayland, theft by unlawful taking.
Judy C. May, 30, Allen, falsely reporting incident, public intoxication, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, prescription improper container.
Craig R. Prince, 19, Prestonsburg, forged prescription.
Michelle Bryant, 34, Prestonsburg, unlawful transaction with minor.
Buela Flora, age unlisted, Hillsboro, first-degree criminal trespassing, theft of mail matter.
James A. Adkins, 35, Harold, public intoxication.
Mashanda Mullins, 34, Wheelwright, two counts of fourth-degree assault, terroristic threatening.
Alexander H. Skeens, 19, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
Tonya R. Walters, 22, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
Jessica Lee Kidd, 21, Langley, public intoxication.
Alex L. Wallen, 39, Martin, disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal mischief.
Timothy Matthew Howard, 21, Garrett, public intoxication, possession of open alcoholic beverage container.
Carolyn M. Hackworth, 33, Prestonsburg, theft by deception.
Woodrow Mullins, 38, Wheelwright, fourth-degree assault, terroristic threatening.
Jo Ann Joseph, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, theft by deception.
Robin Lynn Jacobs, 24, Wayland, menacing.
James Herman Isaacs Jr., 25, Prestonsburg, harassment.
Luke Anthony Cantrell, 20, Ivel unlawful transaction with a minor.
Greg Jennings, 33, Easley, S.C., terroristic threatening.
Sharon Johnson, 41, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
Dickie Goble, 45, Auxier, alcohol intoxication.
Bryan D. Adams, 25, McDowell, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, possession open alcoholic beverage container, possession marijuana, two counts second degree possession of controlled substance, prescription improper container, disorderly conduct, possession drug paraphernalia.
Danny Burchett, 42, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
Saybra F. Brown, 23, Lexington, theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property.
Michelle A. Martin, 33, Huesville, fourth-degree assault.
James T. Martin, 28, Martin, second-degree possession of controlled substance, third-degree possession of controlled substance, failure to surrender revoked license.
Larry Dal Birchfield, 51, Pikeville, injurious substance in

public waters.
Vella M. Garrett, 42, Prestonsburg, parent failure to send child to school.
Thomas D. Ward, 39, Martin, alcohol intoxication.
Nathan Bartrum, 19, Martin, public intoxication.
Thomas M. Brown, 24, Lexington, theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property.
Christopher W. Noble, 28, Ivel, alcohol intoxication.
Glenda S. Blanton, 45, Modowell, theft by deception.
Jackie D. Chapman, 46, Raccoon, DUI, DUI with commercial drivers license, two counts of 392 federal safety regulation/driving motor vehicle while using drugs and in possession of drugs, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance.
Charles E. Cooper, 40, Huesville, alcohol intoxication.
Bo D. Collins, 21, Sitka, alcohol intoxication.
Tim Crum, 37, Boonscamp, public intoxication, carrying concealed deadly weapon, possession drug paraphernalia.
Debbie L. Fitch, 37, Prestonsburg, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia.
Lee H. Ratliff, 23, Leburn, public intoxication, possession of marijuana, two counts second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription improper container, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Score: 95.
Betsy Layne Senior Citizens, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items not properly stored, wiping cloth not stored properly, items stored on floor, light in food prep area not working. Score: 95.

Property Transfers

Burl Wells Spurlock and Jeanne C. Spurlock to Michael Scott Blevins and Billie Sue Blevins, property located on Abbott Creek.
Ann Sue Stumbo, Loraine Sundermeyer and Robert Sundermeyer, Pauline Dobyins and Wendell Dobyins, Joe Chester Moore and Violet Turner Moore, Nesba Sumner and Paul Sumner, Michael Ray Moore and Rhonda Gean Wiley Moore, Treasa Genane Hart and James Edward Hart, Christopher Eugene Moore and Sherry Beth Carpenter Moore, Melissa Gail Moore, Denise Lynn Adams and John E. Adams to Pamela Sue Moore and Harold Glen Newman, property location not listed.
Dixie Booth and Edgar Lee Booth, Thelma Bray and Henry Cecil Bray, Jerry Hall and Cora Hall, Otis Hall and Imogene Hall, Roxie Keathley and Ellis Keathley, Edgar Hall and Deloris Joan Hall, Jerry Dale Hall and Anna Sue Hall to Robie Johnson and Lora Johnson, property located, Pigeon Roost Fork of Branhams Creek.
Herman C. Porter to Paul D. Porter, property location not listed.
Merida Faye Hamilton and Sam Hamilton to Leonard Martin, property located, Big Mud Creek.
Doyal D. Waddles and Brandi Waddles, Mary W. Combs and Jason Combs to Doyle D. Waddles, Mary W. Combs and Veronica Bolden, property located, Right Beaver Creek.
Linda Webb Hicks and James Douglas Hicks to Barbara J. Spradlin and Elmon D. Spradlin, property located on Conley Fork of Abbott Creek.

Force

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Retention Schedule for County Treasurer" prepared by the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives for use in the control, retention and disposition of records in the custody and control of the Floyd County treasurer, effective July 1.
Agreed to advertise for contractors for roofing work on the courthouse.
Made a payment of \$1,800 to Floyd County Animal Shelter vendor Curtis Mullins
Paid Stacy's Backhoe Company \$3,725 for completion of waterline work.

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Inspections
Betsy Layne Elementary, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Outside garbage dumpster has accumulation of garbage on the ground, refrigerator light not working, unnecessary articles in utensil area. Score: 97.
Murphy's Restaurant, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items not covered, hair restraints not in use, counter in poor repair, plates not stored properly, sink not working properly, ceiling in poor repair, light out above food prep area. Score: 92.
Perkins Chinese Buffet, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items not stored far enough from floor, plates not stored correctly. Score: 97.
Country Roads Cafe, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wiping cloth use not restricted, microwave has accumulation of food residue, walls in disrepair, light in storage area does not have proper shield.

Star

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professor of media and popular culture at Syracuse University.
Two dozen shows in a similar vein are in the works, he said.
"If TV history tells us anything, it is that there is a predictable trajectory," Thompson said. "First, there is a big hit in a new style. Then there is a huge movement to copy this stuff. Then it reaches saturation, there's a big shakedown and we reach equilibrium."
Thompson believes saturation is about here, with shows beginning to dilute one another.
"The value of winning any of these things becomes less and less," he said. "Everyone knew the name Richard Hatch (the first "Survivor" winner in summer 2000). Fewer know the winners now."

New

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a deal to produce programs and commercials for Regal cinemas.
"We think they are more open to our messages."
The most ambitious effort is being undertaken by Regal Entertainment Group, which formed a new division last year to create a digital network that can be used to beam ads to theater screens and to new flat-panel screens in theater lobbies. It created a 20-minute block of programming called "The Twenty" and signed deals with Turner, NBC, Vivendi Universal Entertainment and others.
While the program contains some ads identical to TV versions, Regal's goal is to replace them with programs made exclusively for theaters.
Similar efforts are planned by AMC and Loews.

Obituaries

Blaine Slone

Blaine Slone, 90, of Craynor, died Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.
Born April 29, 1912, in Pippa Passes, he was the son of the late Pleasant and Mary Amburgy Slone. He was a retired coal miner and a member of UMWA Local Union 5967 of McDowell.
He was preceded in death by his wives, the late Sarah Hamilton Slone and the late Zella Howell Slone.
Survivors include five sons, Walker Slone (wife, Elma) of Dayton, Ohio; Gene Slone (wife, Naomi) of Jackson, Ohio; Oberene Slone (wife, Gene) of Tipp City, Ohio; Larry Douglas Slone and Jeff Slone (wife, Joetta), both of Craynor; four daughters, Jeanette Branham (husband, Elisha), of Harold, Geneva Hamilton (husband, Thomas), Janice Newman (husband, Richard), and Sharon Hamilton (husband, Glenn), all of Craynor; a sister, Hilma Howell of Dayton, Ohio; 28 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Russell Hamilton

Russell Hamilton, 72, of Hi Hat, was dead on arrival at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Tuesday, March 4, 2003.
Born December 27, 1930, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Wilburn Lee and Martha Jane Hamilton. He was self-employed service station owner and trailer park owner; and a member of Masonic Lodge 889 at Wheelwright.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Armeal Jewell Hamilton.
Survivors include a son, and daughter-in-law, Russell (Rusty) Hamilton Jr., and Joann of Hi Hat; a daughter, Karen Kay Hamilton Addis of Hi Hat; three grandchildren, Brian Addis, Sheree Danielle Hamilton, and Lakin Russell Hamilton; a brother, Willie Hamilton of Beaver; and a sister, Mary Newsome of Beaver.
In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by seven brothers, Frank Hamilton, Hershell Hamilton, Hatler Hamilton, Wilburn Lee Hamilton, Sterling Hamilton, Ervin Hamilton, and John Milford Hamilton; and four sisters, Goldie Newsome, Lonnie Bartley, Mellie Tackett, and Hazel Bentley.
Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Don Fraley Jr., and others officiating.
Burial will be in the Ike Roberts Cemetery at Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.
Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

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Burial will be in the Ike Roberts Cemetery at Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.
Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.
(Paid obituary)

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Don Fraley Jr., and others officiating.
Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.
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New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sisco, Minister.
- BAPTIST**
Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fish, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Cavalry Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Laffery, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Egypt on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Inez Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.;
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.;
Guthrie Baptist, State Rt. 3375, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.;
Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
Jack's Creek Baptist, Bevilleville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barnett, Minister.
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
Lancor Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter
Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday 7 p.m.
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Hargis, Minister.
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Vernon Stone, Minister.
Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 Ky Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385
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- Semmy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.**
- Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.**
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- Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.**
- Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.**
- Trumble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.**
- United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister. Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrant, Minister.**
- Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek; 9:30 the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of every month. Moderator, Kermit Newsome.**
- CATHOLIC**
St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday 6 p.m.; Sunday, Father Robert Darron, pastor.
- CHRISTIAN**
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Shemard, Minister. Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Bankership, Minister.
Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
- Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.**
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- Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mike Hill, Minister.**
- CHURCH OF GOD**
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Chum, Minister.
First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Briggs, Minister.
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Healer Jr., Minister.
The Church of God of Prophecy, H Hat; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraily, Jr., Minister.
- EPISCOPAL**
St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00 p.m.; Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.
- LUTHERAN**
Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKJW (800 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Benrup, Minister.
- METHODIST**
Auder United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
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Morgan Haywood, the daughter of Greg and Debbie Haywood, was a tiny Cinderella in this beautiful satin and lace overlay gown perfectly styled to create a day of magic for the flower girl as well as the bride.



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Even the little ladies enjoy a day of pampering and tiny Jazmin Mardis is no exception. Lisa Hall, owner, The Jewelry Box, was pleased to help Jazmin pick herself out a pretty ring from the display.



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Amanda McCarty, left, enjoyed looking over the beautiful line of gowns offered by The Glass Slipper, located on Court Street in Prestonsburg. Helen Wells, right, is the owner of the boutique which features a complete line of prom gowns, shoes, fashion accessories, jewelry and spring clothing.



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Jim Caldwell, left, the region's favorite weatherman, was tickled to co-host the fashion event with coordinator Kim Frasure, right, Floyd County Times advertising manager. Caldwell can be seen each week night on the WYMT-TV evening news report.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Fallon Blackburn, Adams Middle School student, modeled a lovely lavender two-piece gown. Fallon is the daughter of Floyd County Times reporter, Loretta Blackburn.



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Joy Baldrige, left, and Desiree Calhoun, middle, made beautiful "brides" in these elegant gowns. Sherry Mardis, right, modeled a beautiful "mother-of-the-bride" dress with matching sheer jacket.



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Jessica Bryant, PHS student, did her usual wonderful job of entertaining guests with her spectacular vocal talents.



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Jaime Dudleson, left, and Beth Mullins, right, were on hand to show the ladies just how to get themselves looking gorgeous for their special springtime event. Beth and Jaime are both independent beauty consultants for Mary Kay Cosmetics.



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Brittany Kinzer, the daughter of Jammie and Sherrie Kinzer, looked beautiful in a gown of deep orchid with a matching sheer shawl.

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- Thomas, Harris combine for 40 in win -

Lady Rebs knock out SFHS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - It has been an odd three years for Allen Central girls' basketball coach Cindy Halbert. For the past three seasons, Halbert, who has played in and coached in the Girls' State Basketball

Tournament, came to Allen Central in 2000 and thanks to a 63-38 win over South Floyd Wednesday night, now heads back to the 15th Region Tournament this season.

Halbert will be making her first trip to the 15th Region Tournament in her three-year tenure at Allen Central. As a

head coach at Belfry High School, her alma mater, she was a longtime fixture at the tourney.

"It's been a hard thing for us, being out of the region tournament," said Halbert. "It feels good to know that we're headed back."

Halbert's team, by the sec-

ond quarter, had taken control of the game. The Lady Rebels led 12-7 at the end of the first period and outscored South Floyd 22-5 to lead 34-12 at halftime.

Sophomore center Becky Thomas led Allen Central in

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photo by Jamie Howell

Sophomore Becky Thomas prepared to receive the ball against South Floyd's Sharee Hopkins. Thomas scored a game-high 23 points for Allen Central and teammate Megan Harris added 17. Hopkins' 11 points led South Floyd.

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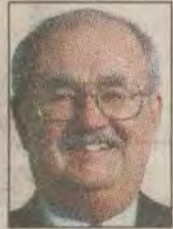
Full deck of Cards

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

LOUISVILLE - A few weeks ago, I wrote about a problem I encountered while attempting to cover a public event at which University of Louisville football coach Bobby Petrino would

announce his recruiting class.

Although the event was open to anyone who walked in off the street, a university official asked me to leave because, he



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said, my presence was an NCAA rules violation, meaning that if I stayed U of L might either get penalized or the event would have to be canceled then and there.

I left quietly, because I didn't want to be a party-pooper, but I questioned then - and I question more than ever today - if the NCAA believes it has the right to control the media by threatening a member institution with sanctions.

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COMMENTARY

District tourney notes, offerings

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Let's shine the spotlight on a few folks who stood out during the early stages of district-tournament week:

The 60th District title was decided on Tuesday night when Phelps traveled to Pond Creek and beat Belfry.

Pike County Central was the winner.

Such is the case due to Pike County being split into two

three-team districts. A team can win their championship while sitting in the stands, and Pike Central claimed its first 60th District crown



Bentley

from the cheap seats.

I wondered how that must have felt. David Rowe provided the answer.

"It's a little disappointing," the coach said. "We're the district champions and that was a goal of ours, but you'd like to be able to play for it, have your fans there and all the excitement that goes with it."

Rowe added that his team could use another game before

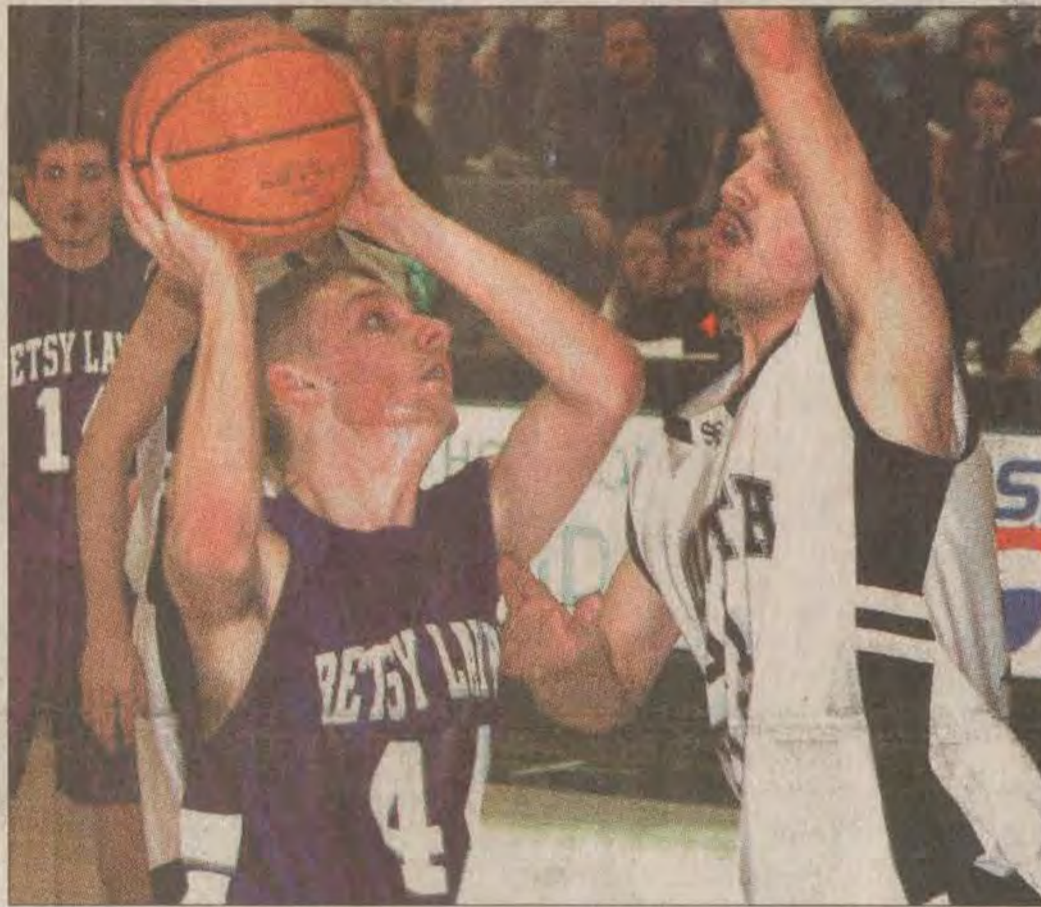
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Betsy Layne junior center Brandon Hall worked for a shot against South Floyd senior big-man Charles Ray.

Pictured behind Hall is teammate Bobo Hamilton.

South Floyd advanced to the championship game of the district tournament following the win over Betsy Layne. See more on area district tournaments inside today's edition.



Raiders advance in 58th District opener

Michael Hall leads S. Floyd over Betsy Layne

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

HI HAT - The South Floyd Raiders are shooting for a fourth

straight district title this week and on Tuesday Henry Webb's team took the first step toward that goal by beating the Betsy Layne Bobcats 80-70.

South Floyd senior guard Michael Hall led the Raiders with a game-high 31 points. South Floyd opened the game on a 17-8 run behind some hot shooting and a sticky defense as Betsy Layne was forced into several early turnovers.

The Bobcats played better this season when they could get an inside game going but the Raider defense held Brandon Hall in check in the first half.

Michael Hall opened the game for South Floyd with two quick treys and the Raiders led early 6-0. Betsy Layne began to make up

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RAIDER NOTEBOOK

Tyler Hall breaks own record for 3s

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - The road game to Lexington Catholic Friday night

resulted in a new school record for South Floyd senior Tyler Hall. Hall, a senior, broke his own record for made three-pointers in a single game. Against Catholic, Hall

caught fire early from beyond the arc. He broke the school record for made three-pointers in a game, hit-

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INSIDE

The 57th District Boys' Tournament pits its top two seeds, Johnson Central (2), coached by Les Trimble, against Paintsville (1), coached by veteran Bill Mike Runyon. The game is a rematch of last year's championship game. Johnson Central came out on top last season.



The Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats (pictured) are headed back to nationals. Back row, left to right: Molly Burchett, Kandra Blackburn, Jenna Stewart, Kelly Clark, Kelsey Goble, Gerri Vance and Caitlin Clark. Heather Gray, Alicia Nelson, Courtney Branham, Hope Sanders, Samantha Goble, Carley Bingham and Tess Collins. Front row, left to right: Miranda Morris, Leslie Heinze, Heather Leslie, Whitney Slone and Celina Rowe.

58TH DISTRICT

Betsy Layne Ladycats rout Prestonsburg

Stratton leads defending champs with 24 points

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

HI HAT - The Betsy Layne Ladycats have enjoyed tremendous success on the hardwood in recent years and this season has been much of the same.

Betsy Layne has made the trip to the girls All "A" Classic as the 15th Region representative the past two years. Last year, the Lady Bobcats made it to the finals of the 15th Region Tournament before falling to the Johnson Central Lady Eagles. Even

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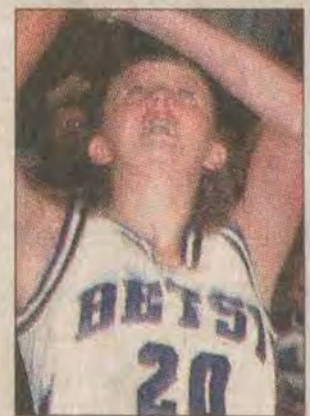


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Center Kristal Daniels went up for a shot against Prestonsburg in Betsy Layne's first-round win.

58TH DISTRICT

Blackcats beat Allen Central, set up rematch

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Halftime of Wednesday night's Prestonsburg-Allen Central gave way for a much different second half performance from the Blackcats, the visiting team on the scoreboard. Prestonsburg,

playing in the first-round game of the 58th District Tournament, trailed Allen Central 22-19 at halftime. However, the Blackcats wasted little time turning things around in the second half. And several Kris Bentley three-pointers later, six in the second



Kris Bentley

half, seven overall, Prestonsburg came out on top, winning 75-54.

Bentley led all scorers with a game-high 29 points. The Prestonsburg sophomore had three points at halftime.

Allen Central volleyed back and forth

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Hall

ting nine, eclipsing his old mark of eight, set earlier in his prep career.

Hall is fourth on the all-time scoring list at South Floyd, passing Ryan Shannon following a 29-point performance in Lexington. He is also in the top-10 in rebounds at South Floyd.

Prior to South Floyd's win over Betsy Layne Monday night in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament, Hall had 1,041 points and 379 rebounds for his career. Four hundred career rebounds could be his next plateau.

Ray is South Floyd's top all-time shot blocker

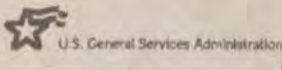
South Floyd senior center Charles Ray never saw a shot

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attempt by an opposing player that he didn't want to swat away. What Ray lacks in point production, he makes up for with blocked shots and rebounds.

Ray is the all-time leader in blocked shots in South Floyd school history with 178. He came into the 58th District Tournament averaging two blocks a game. He is also in the top-10 in rebounding. Before Tuesday night's game against Betsy Layne, Ray was credited with 456 rebounds for his career, leaving him a chance to record career board No. 500 before his final prep game.

Meade leads Raiders in rebounds

South Floyd junior Brian Meade has made his presence felt for the Raiders throughout the current season. Meade, playing off the South Floyd bench for the vast majority of the season, leads South Floyd in rebounding. He came into the 58th District Tournament as the only South Floyd player with over 100 rebounds on the season (112). He is nearing 200 rebounds for his career with an entire senior season yet left to play.

Stanley provides sophomore punch

Sophomore Steven Stanley provided possibly his most com-

plete games of the season for South Floyd head coach Henry Webb during the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike Central in early January. Stanley has averaged over four points and three rebounds per game this season. He is one of seven South Floyd players to score over 100 points this season.

Freshman duo waits turn

Regardless of how South Floyd finishes this season, two freshman varsity performers will be a year older and ready to accept new roles on next year's Raider team.

Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall are the two freshmen on South Floyd's varsity roster. Johnson honed his skills at South Floyd Middle School, while Hall applied his efforts at John M. Stumbo.

"We expect nothing but good things out of those two freshmen," said head coach Henry Webb. "Both should play a lot for us next season."

Reed

If so, this would mean that the NCAA, which is accountable to no one but itself, is claiming to have powers that supersede the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The last time I checked, the Supreme Court had not rescinded that little thing known as freedom of the press.

I thought the whole thing was a misunderstanding. I couldn't believe the NCAA really believed it could operate like a police state. But now, in the wake of the Marvin Stone mess at U of L, I wonder.

At the time I wrote my column questioning the NCAA's bullying methods, both U of L and the University of Kentucky were having sensational basketball seasons. For the first time in years, both were ranked in the nation's top five and seemingly headed toward No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament.

Since then, the Cardinal bandwagon has blown a tire. In losing four of five games after a 17-1 start, the team reverted to its bad old habits of last season — poor shooting from both the field and the free-throw line, poor recognition and reaction on both ends of the floor, etc.

But then the nosedive was made even worse when NCAA investigators showed up, demanding to interview Stone, the Cards' 6-foot-10 senior center, about his relationship with an AAU coach during his high school career in Huntsville, Alabama, and his years at UK, which won the recruiting battle for him.

The NCAA claimed it had "new information" about Stone and the

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regional tournament begins. That game won't happen now.

In addition, Rowe admitted to mixed emotions about opening the regional tournament at home. "I'm very excited about having another home game, but I really don't like the new format," he said. "It should help us having the game at our place, though."

Especially if that game happens to be against, say, Johnson Central.

What allowed the Hawks to claim that trophy was the first win of the season by the Phelps Hornets.

Dale Hunt's team lost their first 20 games of the season, including a 40-point setback at the hands of Pike Central the night before. But on Tuesday, after losing twice to the Pirates earlier by a total of 20 points, the Hornets had one final opportunity and they took full advantage of it.

I'm sure there was quite a celebration when the horn sounded on their 58-57 win, and it was deserved.

I don't mean this as a knock on Belfry at all; I have a great deal of respect for the coaches and staff on Pond Creek. But I was happy to hear of Phelps' win. It's never a good thing when a group of young men play an entire season and don't chalk up a win.

One of the things I've noticed about high school basketball since I stopped covering it regularly some eight seasons ago is the lack of attendance at most games. Last year was no exception, with the 15th Region tournament drawing standard crowds for the most part, and January's All "A" Classic was dreadfully empty most nights.

But that couldn't be said for Monday's opening session of the 59th District tournament. Capacity of the gym at East Ridge was put to a test thanks to having both home teams playing and all three schools involved.

It was good to see. East Ridge's digs are considerably smaller than those placed at Pike's other two newer schools

— Pike Central and Shelby Valley — but on Monday, that size proved to be just right.

And how about the showing turned in by Pike Central's Haley Ratliff on Monday? She provided 27 points, seven assists, seven steals and five rebounds in her team's 80-49 win over Phelps.

Oh, one more stat on Ratliff. She's an eighth-grader.

Such has been her play this year that one scribe thinks she could be the best player in Pike County this year.

Prestonsburg provided the big surprise in Floyd County. After losing twice this season to Allen Central, first by 10 and then 14, the Blackcats qualified for the 15th Region Tournament with a 75-54 win over John Martin's club.

I've watched James Hurley's East Ridge Warriors a couple of times this season, and there was something about the team I liked but couldn't put my finger on. But after watching

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It also begs the question of what was going on with another big man, Jason Parker, during his days in Lexington. Without any explanation to the public, he was kicked off the team before the season. He then was welcomed with open arms at South Carolina, where he lasted slightly more than a semester before being shown the door last week.

So although the Cats have continued to perform on the floor — they'll take an 18-game winning streak into tonight's final home game against Vanderbilt — you don't have to listen too hard to hear the skeletons rattling around in a Wildcat Lodge closet.

The NCAA obviously believes it has no boundaries, unlimited authority to investigate and intimidate, and no sense of fairness to the student-athletes it professes to protect.

And there's no reason to believe things are going to improve under new NCAA president Myles Brand, who's charged in a lawsuit filed by former Indiana basketball coach Bob Knight with violating state law during his successful attempt to orchestrate Knight's controversial firing.

The NCAA's sense of urgency in regard to Stone is because it will lose its jurisdiction over him as soon as U of L is eliminated from tournament play.

So if it's ever going to nail Stone and his AAU coach, it has to be done now.

Obviously, the NCAA is guilty of lack of institutional control. It deserves to be penalized. But for fear of reprisals, no member institution is bold enough to take on Big Brother.

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scoring with a game-high 23 points. Megan Harris, also a sophomore, tossed in 17.

Harris had three three-pointers in the win.

Tiffany Turner scored 14 for Allen Central Turner had eight points at halftime, six of which came on a pair of three-point hits.

Junior Sharee Hopkins led South Floyd in scoring with 11. Tabitha Trammell netted eight and Megan Ousley and Brandy Anderson followed with seven each.

In the victory, Halbert got production from several players.

Senior point guard Amber Scott didn't score in the first half for Allen Central, but nailed six-of-six free throw attempts in the fourth period to help cement Allen Central's win.

The Allen Central head coach was pleased with her starting five as well as key reserves Jessica Isaac and Tabitha Caudill.

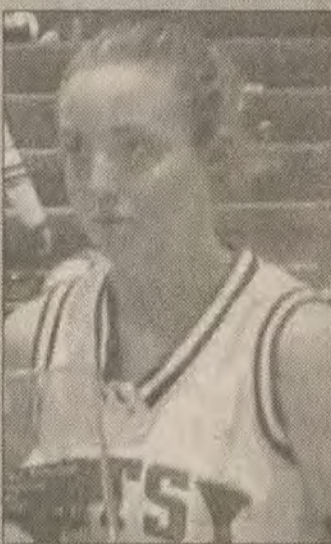
"We got real good play from our first seven (players)," Halbert admitted.

Allen Central's win set up a championship game last night against defending 58th District Champion Betsy Layne.

Last night's meeting was to be the fourth between the two teams this season. The teams split a two-game regular-season series and Betsy Layne held on to beat Allen Central in the 15th Region All "A" Classic in late January.

Results from last night's title game will appear in Sunday's edition.

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Raiders

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ground in the second quarter as senior guard Bobo Hamilton found the range from the field and the Bobcats cut the Raider lead to 35-29 at the half. Most teams have decided to key on the tandem of Michael Hall and Tyler Hall late in the season and some have found success with that game plan. However, on Tuesday, the Raiders had an ace-in-the-hole in Heath Hall who came up with 4 treys and 16 points on the night. With South Floyd holding a six point lead at the half, the Raiders began to increase their lead in the third quarter behind strong play from Adam Tackett and Charles Ray. Ray finished the night with seven blocks for the Raiders.

A 26-17 run over the third quarter gave the Raiders a seemingly comfortable 61-46 lead after three. The final quarter would instead be an exciting finish as Betsy Layne mounted a furious rally late and actually got within five points with under one minute to play.

Brandon Kidd came off the Bobcat bench to toss in 10 points on the night. The freshman is expected to be a key player next season for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne was able to cut into the lead with some full court pressure of their own

and the Bobcats had a chance to come within two in the closing seconds before a missed three pointer forced the Bobcats to foul. South Floyd senior Tyler Hall went to the line in the closing seconds and calmly drained four straight charity shots to help the Raiders hold on for the win.

South Floyd will tangle with Prestonsburg in the finals of the 58th District Tournament tonight at Raider Arena. The two teams split the regular season meetings with each squad winning on the other teams home floor. South Floyd pounded the Blackcats at Prestonsburg earlier in the season, but the Blackcats returned the favor later with a big win over the Raiders in the final regular season district game for each team.

Game time for the finals tonight is set for 7 p.m. at South Floyd.

Scoring for the opening round game was as follows South Floyd — Michael Hall 31, Justin Hall 4, Adam Tackett 10, Tyler Hall 8, Charles Ray 2, Heath Hall 16, Jack Slone 9, Betsy Layne — Preston Simon 5, Bobo Hamilton 21, Brandon Hall 15, Brent Newsome 7, Jordan Kidd 10, Brandon Kidd 10, Ryan Bryant 2.

No. 2 Kentucky crushes Vandy, 106-44

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — No. 2 Kentucky had no championship to win, but a pre-game ceremony honoring its three seniors provided plenty of motivation for the Wildcats on Wednesday night.

Erik Daniels scored a career-high 20 points and freshman Kelenna Azubuike added a season-high 16 as Kentucky rode another dazzling defensive performance to its 19th straight win, beating Vanderbilt 106-44.

Senior Marquis Estill added 17 points and nine rebounds and Gerald Fitch had 15 points and five assists for Kentucky (25-3, 15-0), which held Vanderbilt to seven field goals and 15 points in the second half.

Matt Freije, the SEC's fourth-leading scorer, had nine points to lead Vanderbilt (10-16, 3-12), which lost for the eighth straight time. The Commodores went 19-of-62 from the field (31 percent), committed 23 turnovers and were outrebounded 56-34.

"We were overwhelmed, physically and mentally, from the beginning," Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings said.

The 62-point victory margin was Kentucky's largest over a league opponent since 1956.

"The emotions of senior night carried over to everybody," said senior Keith Bogans, who scored only nine points, but hardly seemed to mind.

Estill, Bogans and fellow senior Jules Camara were honored with framed jerseys before the game.

The school also recognized John Stewart, a 7-footer who signed with Kentucky in the fall of 1998 but died of a heart ailment during an Indiana state high school playoff game in March 1999.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith sobbed at midcourt during a video chronicling Stewart's career. Smith embraced Stewart's parents, John and Feleica, before giving them flowers and a framed jersey.

"John is always with us,"

Smith said. "He would have made a big difference to Kentucky basketball."

school's all-time scoring list. "It was very special to me," Bogans said of his career. "I

"It's good to see kids who really enjoy themselves and are having fun, playing well," Smith said. "I tell them all the time that when you're playing well, that's when you can have a lot of fun."

Bogans left the game with 6:31 left to a standing ovation. Earlier, he moved past Kevin Grevey into sixth place on the

As Kentucky's lead bal-

looned over 40 late in the game. Bogans and Camara hopped and laughed on the sideline with teammates.

"It's good to see kids who really enjoy themselves and are having fun, playing well," Smith said. "I tell them all the time that when you're playing well, that's when you can have a lot of fun."

The Wildcats play at No. 4 Florida (24-5, 12-3) on Saturday and can become the first team since the 1995-96 Wildcats to go through the SEC regular season

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MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE

Gallion, Watson lead All-MSC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

When the basketball season began, the Pikeville College Lady Bears were picked to finish dead last in the Mid-South Conference in a panel of coaches. Three days after the season ended with them being ranked 15th in the country and getting the top seed in the league's post-season tournament, those same coaches have given a share of the player and coach of the year honors to Lady Bears.

Tecco Gallion was named co-player of the year while head coach Bill Watson is co-coach of the year.

Gallion, a senior from Grayson, averaged 18.7 points and 8.2 rebounds per game this season. She hit 52 percent from the floor and 71 percent from the line. She'll begin Saturday's postseason game nine points away from fourth place on the school's all-time scoring list.

She shared the honor with Campbellsville's senior center Whitney Lee, who averaged 15.2 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

"Tecco has just had an amazing year for us," said Watson. "She's put up big numbers for us, but her attitude and contribution to our leadership have been the biggest thing she's brought to our team."

"Tecco is a special player

and a terrific person, and this honor is well deserved."

Watson has guided the Lady Bears to a school-record 24 wins this season. In his six seasons, the Lady Bears have had the only three 20-win seasons in school history.

"This is a tremendous honor, especially in this league," Watson said. "The coaches in this conference are second to none. We've had a solid year on and off the court, and a lot of the credit for that should go to (assistant coaches) Robert Staggs and John Kitchen. Everybody has worked hard every day in practice and it's paid off in getting us the top seed."

Watson shared the honor with Georgetown's Susan Johnson, who led what has largely been a six-player team to a share of the league title. It's the third time Watson has received such an honor. He was KIAC Coach of

the Year after the 1997-98 and 1999-2000 seasons.

Gallion was joined on the all-conference team by Amanda Collins. The senior from Raccoon finished third in the voting behind the co-players of the year.

Collins averaged 18 points and 6.5 rebounds per game this season while hitting 57 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the line. She is currently third on the school's all-time scoring list.

Senior Courtney Mercer and freshman Jessica Lovell were named honorable mention all-conference. Mercer, from Phelps, averaged eight points, 3.3 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game while shooting 39.1 percent from the three-point arc in the regular season. Lovell, a Belfry native, averaged 5.6 points and 5.3 assists while pulling down 3.1 rebounds per game.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Sophomores rise to the occasion

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Allen Central sophomores Megan Harris and Becky Thomas have college basketball futures written on their foreheads. Well, not literally, but the two players have a bright prep future ahead of them and will only get better. Both players would like to play college basketball and if Wednesday night's performances serve as any indication, Division I-A schools will likely be in the hunt for their services.

On Wednesday night, Thomas scored 23 and Harris netted 17, including three three-point field goals.

Not just restricted to Wednesday's night outing, both players have turned in quality performances the entire season, and just last night went into the 58th District Championship for the first time against defending champion Betsy Layne.

Prestonsburg sophomore Kris Bentley hit seven three-

pointers and scored 29 points to lead the Blackcats to a blowout win over Allen Central. Bentley, one of the state's top three-point shooters, had three points total at halftime before turning his game up in the second half.

Bentley was feeling things in the Prestonsburg win over South Floyd so much that he often got trifecta tries off nearly as quickly as the ball came into his hands.

Bentley is joined on the Prestonsburg team by fellow sophomore starters Trevor Compton, the team's point guard, and Jesse Chaffin.

The trio of second-year players will lead Prestonsburg into tonight's 58th District boys' championship game against host South Floyd. The Blackcats will try to beat South Floyd for a second consecutive time. The two teams split the regular-season two-game set.

Tip-off for tonight's boys' championship game is slated for 7 p.m.

Comments

them knock off Pikeville on Monday, I finally realized what it was.

This team plays as hard as any group I've seen in recent memory. They work on both ends, hustle up and down the court, and get a lot of things done through hard work. I particularly enjoy the play of Robbie Spears on the inside, who proves how successful a player can be when he hustles.

I'm also happy to see Brandon Bevins return for the Warriors. He missed much of the season with an injury, and it's good that he's back in the rotation now.

East Ridge's Lady Warriors played Monday night without their coach. Denise Campbell was hospitalized, so Mackie Gibson stepped up for the first-year school.

Congratulations to

Mountain Christian Academy and Coach Jeff Riley. The Falcons recently won the school's first Floyd County grade school title.

The marquee matchup in the mountains tonight should decide the 59th District title when East Ridge hosts Shelby Valley.

Rodney Rowe's outfit owns two three-point wins over the Warriors, including an overtime decision I saw on February 7. Despite their 18 wins on the season and those two close decisions, I'd say it would be a slight upset should the Warriors come out on top.

But anything can happen, and I'll guarantee Rowe has been drilling that into the heads of his young men since Wednesday's game ended.

Should be a dandy. Good luck to both teams and their fine staffs.



The Prestonsburg Wal-Mart recently donated \$500 to Harold-Allen-Prater Little League. Making the presentation to HAP Little League is Wal-Mart's Sheila Boling (left). Accepting the donation for HAP is Mindi Watson.

60TH DISTRICT

Hornets beat Belfry for region ticket

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY — Win one, just one, and you're in.

A winless regular season, and an opening round loss to Pike County Central in the 60th District Tournament gave way to a 58-57 win over Belfry for Phelps. The win over the Pirates gives Phelps a trip to the 15th Region Tournament.

"The win was great," an excited Phelps coach Dale Hunt said after the game. "We thought we could play with Belfry, but we didn't know if we could win to be honest about it. I knew we were capable of winning the game. I just told our kids to play hard and put it all on the line."

With the victory, Pike County Central secured the district championship, despite only playing one game — the win over Phelps. The Pirates had defeated Phelps three times during the regular season, but Phelps got the victory when it counted on Tuesday night.

Belfry (6-19) only controlled the lead one time in the first half, playing from behind for some of the game.

At the half, Belfry trailed 29-22.

The Pirates blew out of the gate in the third quarter by scoring six straight to cut their deficit to one, 29-28.

But Belfry would get within two or less seven times in the second half.

The Pirates regained the lead four times in the fourth quarter, but the never-say-die Hornets never rolled over.

With a chance to win the game with :0.3 left, Belfry's Zane Smith's attempted tip-in at the buzzer was swatted away. It was a fitting end to Phelps' miracle win of sorts.

"We knew they were going into Zane," Hunt explained. "He's a fabulous post player, and he had enjoyed some success on the offensive end all night."

Phelps landed three players in double figures as Josh Daniels fired in 21 points, Josh

Stratton added, 12 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished seven assists. Edward Gentry hit for 10 points.

The Hornets shot 52.5 percent from the floor on 21-of-40 attempts and converted 13-of-19 tries from the charity stripe.

Phelps committed 14 turnovers, but were almost flawless in the second half with four miscues.

Belfry, which shot 29.8 percent (14-of-47) from the field, won the battle of the boards by a 30-to-24 margin. They made good on 26-of-39 tries from the free-throw line.

Smith turned in a double-double performance for Belfry, scoring a game-high 24 points and 11 rebounds. Doug Howard followed with 17 points.

"It was a good game, but we came up just a little short," Belfry coach David Hatfield said. "That has been the story of our season. We wish Phelps and Pike County Central all the luck in the world in next week's regional tournament."

The Pirates have struggled throughout the 2002-03 season, bringing an end to the dismal campaign with the loss.

Pike County Central will host its first-round regional tournament game against a district loser. No other district championships had been decided at press time. Phelps will travel to a district winner's site for its opening round regional clash.

PHELPS (58)

Daniels 5(3) 2-4 21; Stratton 4 4-4 12; Mayhorn 3 2-2 8; McCoy 0 1-2 1; Gentry 5 0-0 10; Gabriel Stevens 1 3-4 5; Smith 0 1-3 1. Totals: 18(3) 13-19 58.

BELFRY (57)

Howard 17, Curry 3, Preece 9, Smith 24, Hatfield 1, Cullop 3.

RECORDS

Phelps 1-21, Belfry 6-19.

ON DECK:

Phelps (1-21) vs. TBA in 15th Region Tournament, TBA start.

57TH DISTRICT

Tigers, Eagles set up crosstown showdown, again

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — To say host Paintsville dismantled visiting Sheldon Clark Tuesday night, quite possible would be putting things very lightly. The host Tigers led Sheldon Clark by 10 (14-4) at the end of the opening period, and never stopped leading the Cardinals en route to a 71-34 win. Less than two weeks earlier, the Tigers had traveled to Sheldon Clark, escaping Martin County with a close win.

Tuesday night was much different. Paintsville (21-3) outscored Sheldon Clark in each quarter, including the last period. The Tigers led 26-9 at half-time and 49-25 after three quarters.

Adam Collins paced Paintsville with a game-high 18 points. Shane Simpkins, who is from Martin County, scored 16 for the Tigers.

Ryan Jarrell scored nine, Stuart Rutledge eight and Adam Rice six.

Eighth-grader Danny Pugh managed five points for the Tigers.

Sheldon Clark had just one player score in double figures.

Johnson Central 70, Magoffin Co. 48

Many fans in attendance at Wednesday night's Magoffin County-Paintsville game could tell the visiting Hornets were in

trouble early. Johnson Central, playing on the Paintsville gym floor, outscored Magoffin County 22-9 in the first period and 25-10 in the second quarter. The Golden Eagles eventually rolled to a 70-48 win to set up the district championship game against Paintsville.

Mike Walters led Johnson Central with a game-high 16 points. Point guard Chris Hurt scored 15 and Justin Woods flipped in 13.

Brandon Wheeler, a transfer from Lawrence County, finished with 11 for the Golden Eagles.

Jason Arnett shared game-high honors with Walters, scoring 16 for Magoffin County. Colton Jayne, Magoffin's point guard followed Arnett in scoring with eight points.

Head coach Les Trimble is in his third season at the helm of the Johnson Central boys' basketball program. Johnson Central is the defending 57th District Champion, both boys and girls.

For a second consecutive season, the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament will be without the Magoffin County boys and head coach Danny Adams. Johnson Central and Paintsville will square off tonight. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. The girls teams from Johnson Central and Magoffin County played one another last night in another championship game. Results were unavailable.

Rematch

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with Prestonsburg in the first period. The Rebels showed signs of pulling away, but had to settle for an 11-7 lead at the end of the opening frame.

Prestonsburg outscored Allen Central 12-11 in the second period to trail 22-19 at halftime.

The ultimate damage was done on the Rebels, when in the third period, Prestonsburg put 27 points up while holding Allen Central to just 12. Veteran Allen Central head coach Johnny Martin called an initial timeout early in the third period when Prestonsburg led by six. Following the brief break from the action, the Blackcats continued to dominate on both ends of the floor.

Other scorers for Prestonsburg included Joey Willis (10), John Mark Stephens (6), Trevor Compton (6), Sean Leslie (3) and Jesse Chaffin (2).

Mike Slone led Allen Central in scoring with 17 points. Austin Francis netted 12 and Neil Allen 10. Brad Pack chipped in seven while Rossi Samons and Kyle

Webb rounded out the Allen Central scoring with six and two points apiece.

The win was Prestonsburg's 10th of the season opposed to 15 losses. Allen Central ends its season with a record of 16 wins and 10 losses. For a second straight season, the Runnin' Rebels were eliminated in the first-round of the tournament.

58th District at South Floyd's Raider Arena

PRESTONSBURG (75)

Willis 10, Compton 6, Jamerson 19, Chaffin 2, Bentley 29, Stephens 6, Leslie 3.

ALLEN CENTRAL (54)

Allen 10, Slone 17, Samons 6, Webb 2, Francis 12, Pack 7.

RECORDS

Prestonsburg-10-15, Allen Central 16-10.



photo by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd head football coach Donnie Daniels (right) presented seniors Josh McCray (left) and Gerald Martin (left) with All-State honorable-mention certificates.

Raiders try for four-peat

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

It is indeed a special time of year for area basketball players, coaches, fans and of course members of the media. Some dreams come true, then some others, most others, are shattered.

No boys' basketball team in

the 58th District has captured four consecutive 58th District titles. South Floyd will try to do just that tonight when it battles Prestonsburg, a No. 3 seed. Prestonsburg (96-98), Allen Central (93-95) and Wheelwright (60-62), all won three titles in a row. No one has won four. A fourth title in a row has eluded all.

Several other districts will crown boys' basketball champions tonight including the nearby 57th District where Paintsville (1) will host Johnson Central (2). The Tigers remain undefeated in 15th Region play. An important thing to remember in Kentucky high school basketball is that the champion and runner-up from each district advance to

a region tournament, giving even a second-place team another chance at a No. 1 impression.

SCOREBOARD:

Boys' basketball - Whitesburg 76 Jenkins 54 (53rd District); Cordia 86 June Buchanan 72 (55th District); Owsley County 59 Wolfe County 49 (56th District); Johnson Central 70 Magoffin County 49 (57th District); Prestonsburg 75 Allen Central 54 (58th District); Shelby Valley 62 Pikeville 40 (59th District); Ashland Blazer 83 Lawrence County 44 (64th District); Girls' basketball - Knott County Central 87 Cordia 48; 55th District; Allen Central 63 South Floyd 38 (58th District); Pikeville 47 East Ridge 43; (59th District); Greenup County 57 Fairview 39; (63rd District); Russell 64 Raceland 47 (63rd District).

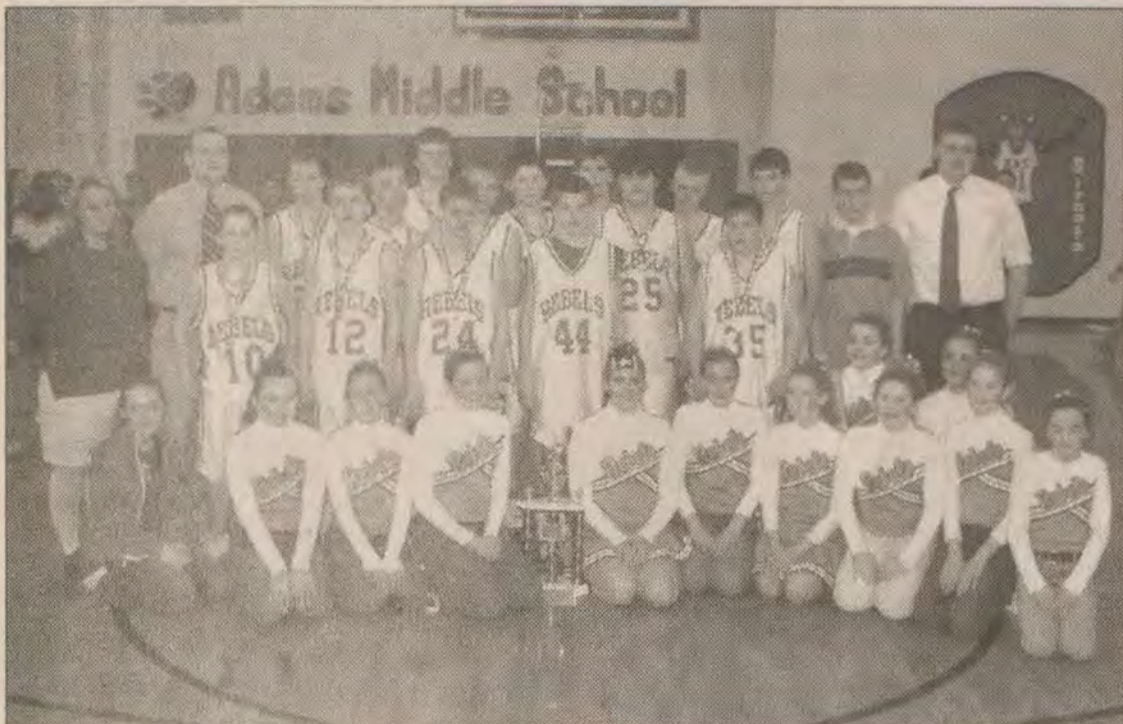


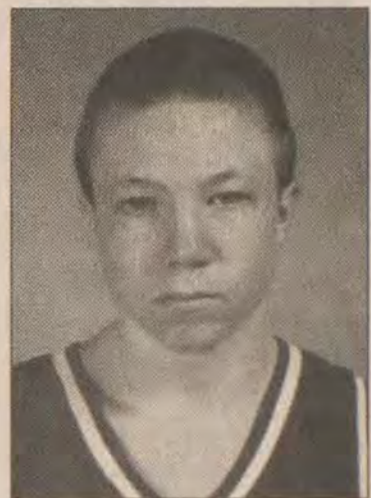
photo by Jamie Howell

The Allen Central Middle School A-Team wrapped its regular season up with a second-place finish in the Floyd County Grade School Tournament.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Gerald Martin (above, left) played along the offensive and defensive lines for South Floyd.



Tyler Slone of Allen Central Middle School was the individual free throw champion in the recent Floyd County Grade School A-Team Basketball Tournament. Slone had 25 points against Adams Middle and 23 against Betsy Layne to help his team to the championship game. In the title game against MCA, he scored 22.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Cavs sweep Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - In its first action in more than a month, the UVa-Wise baseball squad swept a non-conference doubleheader from Pikeville College Wednesday. The Cavaliers scored three runs in the top of the first inning and held on to defeat the Bears 7-2 in the opener. UVa-Wise, now 2-2 on the season, completed the two-game sweep with a 3-2 victory in the night cap.

Junior Adam Osborne (Marion, Va.) and sophomore Justin Wyatt (Wise, Va.) both went 2-for-4 with a couple of runs scored for the Cavs in game

one. Sophomore Jason Matlock (Damascus, Va.) knocked home two runs. Freshman Nick Richards picked up the win for UVa-Wise. In game two, freshman Chris Tenney (Virginia Beach, Va.) gave up four hits and allowed only one run in the Cavaliers' victory.

Sophomore Shawn Trent (St. Paul, Va.) went 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI. Up next, the UVa-Wise Nine travels to Cocoa Beach, Fla., for its annual spring break competition. The Cavaliers' three-game series with Milligan College set for this weekend has been postponed because of wet conditions.



photo by Jamie Howell

Adams Middle School's C-Team finished second in this week's Floyd County C-Team tournament. The Blackcats fell to Allen Central Middle's C-Team in the finals.

Correction:

Piarist School girls' basketball player Bethany Tackett was incorrectly listed as Whitney Tackett in a previous Times article.

NAIA POLLS

Loss doesn't hurt ladies; men tumble

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - As it turned out, being the top seed in this week's conference tournament outweighed a loss in the final regular-season game for the Pikeville College Lady Bears. The same wasn't said for the men.

The Lady Bears knocked off Georgetown, lost to Lindsey

Wilson and then outdistanced three other teams to be seeded No. 1 in the Mid-South Conference tournament, and as a result stayed 15th in this week's NAIA Div. I basketball poll. Last week, the Lady Bears were tied for 15th with Brescia. Pikeville is the highest of three MSC teams in this week's poll.

Third-seeded Campbellsville fell five spots to

16th after a loss to Lambuth. Georgetown, losing at Pikeville and at home to Lambuth, fell three places to No. 24.

Two other MSC teams are getting votes. Lambuth, the second-seed despite having a losing overall record, got three votes, while Cumberland got two votes.

No. 6 Lindsey Wilson opens the tournament at Campbellsville on Thursday night, while No. 5 Cumberland plays at No. 4 Georgetown on Thursday as well. Both games begin at 7 p.m. EST.

In Saturday's semifinals, Pikeville will host the winner of the Cumberland/Georgetown game, while Lambuth will entertain the Lindsey/Campbellsville winner. The finals are Monday night at 7 p.m. at the home of the highest seed.

On the men's side, losses to Georgetown and Lindsey Wilson cost the Bears seven places, as they fell to No. 20. This after the 23-8 Bears moved up only one place a week ago after consecutive wins.

Georgetown remained seventh, while Cumberland moved up one slot to No. 9. Lindsey Wilson, despite beating Pikeville, fell a spot to 23rd due to a loss to Cumberland.

The Bears will end the regular season on Saturday afternoon when they entertain Cumberland College. Game time is 2:15 p.m. This will be senior day and six players will play their final regular-season game at the Pikeville College Gym.

The Mid-South Conference men's basketball tournament begins Thursday, March 13th, with seeds three and four hosting games.

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without a loss. That Kentucky team went on to win the program's sixth NCAA championship.

The Wildcats had already clinched the program's 42nd regular-season SEC title by virtue of the Gators' loss to Georgia on Tuesday night.

Hayes said that didn't deter Kentucky's intensity for its home finale.

"We still had a point to prove," he said.

Kentucky opened with a 15-2 run, scoring on eight of its first nine possessions.

Eight minutes into the game, Vanderbilt had twice as many turnovers (6) as it had field goals (3) and trailed 23-7.

Kentucky extended the lead to 36-14 before Freije had nine straight points.

But Bogans scored on a drive with 5:26 left before halftime and the Wildcats stayed in control, rebuilding the lead to 19 points.

"Everybody came out with fire tonight," Estill said. "We all had a great game and we were having fun out there."

The fun didn't stop after halftime.

Kentucky started the second half with a 14-2 run capped by Estill's unlikely 3-pointer from the top of the key with 15:58 left. The 6-9 Estill had attempted only four 3-pointers all season and missed them all.

By the midpoint of the second half, Smith had sent seldom-used freshmen Azubuike, Bernard Cote and Brandon Stockton into the game.

The 6-5 Azubuike, averaging only eight minutes, made a steal at midcourt and streaked in for a two-handed dunk and an 85-40 lead with 8:16 left. The 5-9 Stockton swished a 3-pointer from the top of the key a minute later to increase the lead to 48.

"It was an all-around perfect night," said Azubuike, who finished 6-for-6 from the field.

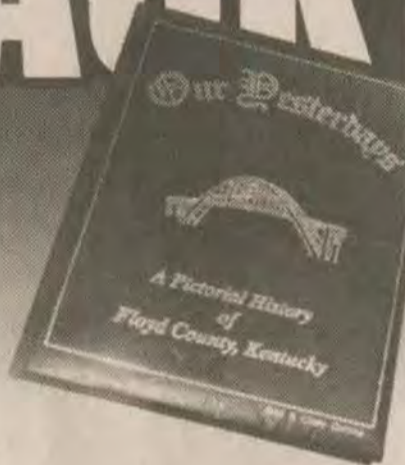
After the game, the Wildcats gathered at midcourt, arm-in-arm, after the game and led the crowd in singing "My Old Kentucky Home."

UK'S NEXT GAME - Saturday at No. 4 Florida

FLORIDA'S LAST GAME - 82-81 loss to Georgia

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THROUGH MY EYES

Just do it

After a busy weekend of fashion shows and overnight guests, followed by a week of late evenings waiting for the PHS Pep Band bus to return from South Floyd High School where our students, and my daughter, have traveled, so far, three nights this week, I'm not feeling a bit guilty (well, maybe a little,



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

I do tend to have one of those interminable "guilt-ridden" souls as I decide to cheat a little bit and opt to fill this space with something I found on the net. Considering I've had diets and exercise and weight loss weighing heavily (no pun intended) on my mind of late, I suppose the following offering is fitting. If you, like me, often find yourself day-dreaming about long lost days of wearing bikinis, hip-huggers and halter tops (yes, I promise I did and I've got the pictures to prove it!), you too may get a smile from this newly developed diet plan:

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POSTSCRIPT

A prickly subject

Do you remember the old commercials for a national weekly newspaper of dubious merit - "Inquiring minds want to know"?

I'm not a fan of that publication, but the slogan fits me to a T. When I was a kid, I could read the encyclopedia for hours. Even today I can lose myself in a dictionary. And I get distracted every time I have to look up something on the Internet. If I'm not careful, I can lose myself here, too, following key words that catch my eye or playing amateur detective.

I don't know about you, but sometimes I have a hard time filtering all the things that go through my brain. With or without a prompt, a subject will pop up and this inquiring mind just

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Pam Shingler
Contributing Writer

PROM & BRIDAL 2003



So Hollywood's "rich and famous" think they've got something that we don't? They better think again. These gorgeous girls are, from left to right, Breanne Harmon, Courtney Reitz, Tabitha Hughes, Kara Hall, and Allison Pack.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

'Picture Perfect'

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

What do you get when you grab a handful of glittering jewelry, a couple of dozen sparkling and sophisticated ensembles, a hair stylist, a make-up artist, flowers, music and...a t.v. weatherman?

Why, the 2003 Prom & Bridal Show, of course.

This year's event, co-hosted by The Floyd County Times and the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, was a rousing success attended by a score of young ladies, some looking forward to a springtime prom, others to a summertime wedding. And everything they could possibly need to look "picture-perfect"

on their special day, or that special night, could be found this past Saturday in the halls of the Holiday Inn.

Beautiful ladies of all ages modeled the season's latest in prom and bridal fashions while attending vendors showcased their stylish offerings in the latest jewelry, hair and cosmetics trends.

"I just love fashion shows," said Brittany Webb, a Prestonsburg High School student. "I was going to model, but it turned out they didn't have a dress in my size. But, I'm going to get my hair done before I leave, and that'll be fun."

Adding to the afternoon's magic

(See PERFECT, page two)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

All Hackworth, the daughter of Marsha and David Hackworth, looked "pretty in pink" in this sweetheart neckline prom confection.

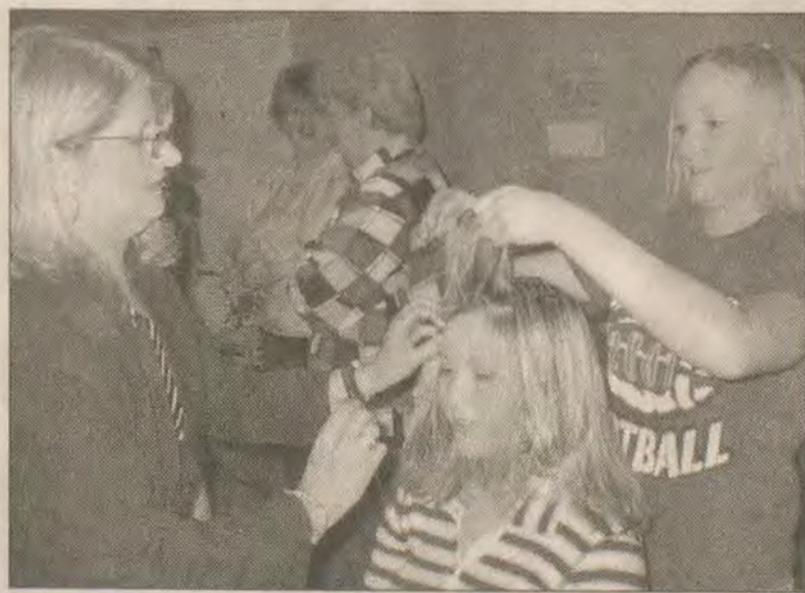


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Jane Caudill, left, of Jane & Associates Hair Design, stayed busy the entire afternoon sharing a few "tricks of the trade" with those who attended the event. Here, she is teaching Ashley Akers, right, how to give her friend, Lindsay Cooley, seated, a quick and simple new look.

THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

Whatever betide, it looks like and feels like spring. And sounds like it, too. The peepers are whipping up a merry time in the brooklet, back of our house, and the birds sounded off on a more cheerful note this week. First of our frog choir to utter a sound was one with a voice several notes down the scale from the piping peepers, and this specimen dared give expression to his feelings about the matter last Friday afternoon when he saw the sun shining and didn't waste his time looking around at all that snow.

All of which is to say, "The lark's on the wing" — or just fixin' to be.

Can't say that our dog has mumps, but we're hoping it's nothing worse.

GRAVITY GOT HIM

What could be more ironic than this accident which befell Col. John Glenn? This man who blasted off into space and came back grinning, slipped in his bathtub, the other day, and cracked his head so solidly he's laid up, flat of his back in bed while the mayor of Cleveland yells that he would do well to forget all about his political ambitions.

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Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file is slowly emptying, folks, so please, send us some more pics of those precious mugs A.S.A.P! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol with her wintertime bout of writer's block by sending along a few questions aimed at giving her a good jump start out of her creative doldrums. You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting!

Things to ponder: Said I would, but will I?

Often, whether or not individuals are being honest with each other is a major issue for clients. Sometimes they talk about being very "dumbfounded" about what others "really" did, as opposed to what was expected or assumed. How do you feel when that happens to you?

During our discussions, several possible implications are considered of what "might be" behind the people who do not do as they said they would. High on the list are the philosophical viewpoints. One of the first is to whether or not individuals "not showing" or following

through, have a lack of concern about being honest. An example might be the wife who actually is having an extramarital affair instead of going to work. In researching the meaning of honesty, it was found to imply a refusal to lie, steal, or deceive in any way, and to mean the uprightness of character or action. Another issue has to do with the untruthful individuals' level of integrity, which might be viewed as very similar in concept to honesty, but differs in that it distinguishes a firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values.

Integrity was also found to refer to a keen sense of ethical conduct, involving or expressing moral approval or disapproval. Would there be the question, "Is my keeping my word dependent upon whether or not it is convenient for me to do so, or do I want to maintain the same moral standards, no matter what the situation?" How would you prefer your children to respond to such a situation—if they were going to keep their word or not?

Another possible basis of the people not doing as they say they are going to,

is an additional philosophical perspective having to do with the lack of honor related to the individuals not keeping their word or controlling their actions. I'm sure that all of us have frequently heard, "Your word is your honor!" This leads to a search of the true meaning of "honor." There were a couple of descriptions, such as "good name or public esteem, reputation... a showing of usually merited respect, recognition... one's word given as a guarantee of"

(See PONDER, page two)



Mable Rowe Lineberger,

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle

Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

****School is collecting Food City receipts. Receipts may be given to any AMS student or staff member, or dropped off at the Youth Services Center.****

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

****Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.****

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th

grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian

Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

March 11 - "Time Out for Parents" support group meeting, 9 a.m.

March 11 - Advisory Council meeting, 5 p.m.

March 12 - FCHD dental presentation, K-3.

March 13, 20, 27 - "Manners Matter" presentations, 5th grade.

March 17, 21 - "Health Careers" presentation, K-5.

March 24 - "Street Smarts" assembly, 9 a.m.

School now collecting "Box Tops for Education" from General Mills products. Parents and community members, please send your "Box Top" coupons to the school Family Resource Center.

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to

schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test;

and WIC services. Please call for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Lending Library available for use of students, parents and teachers. Videos on a variety of topics are available.

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC;

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Weddings



Cole-Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hamilton, of Weeksbury, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Scotty Allen Hamilton, to Bonita Cole, the daughter of Arnold and Edith Cole, of Melvin. The couple will be joined in matrimony in a ceremony that will take place on Sunday, March 16, 2003, at the afternoon hour of two o'clock. The ceremony will be performed at the Wheelwright Free Will Baptist Church, at Bypro. John Coleman, minister, will officiate. A reception in the couple's honor will be held immediately following the wedding ceremony. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Ponder

performance...social courtesies or civilities extended by a host. What about the good old days when business contracts were secured by a handshake and the gentlemen's word? For a long time, it was common for them to be bound to follow through by their honor to keep their word.

After all of these possible conceptual ideals of what dishonest individuals might not have done, there is the possible pure reality that they did not care about the consequences of their behaviors. Perhaps, they have always been accustomed to just thinking about what they wanted at the moment, and not the impact of their behaviors upon others. Sounds sorta self-cen-

tered, doesn't it? Do these people who are not truthful, and do not act in a socially appropriate way, not care about the value of their relationship with others?

Then again, is it likely that a dishonest family member really just did not stop and think generally about the consequences of their behaviors? Did they really mean to do what they said they would do, or were they just telling you what they thought you wanted them to say? Several months ago, there was a topic about commitments for the future. In review, researchers found that individuals expecting to take a chance in the near future preferred safe bets with small payoffs. In contrast, those expecting to take a chance after a span of time of several months, indicated a willingness to take riskier bets with high payoffs. There was also mention that far-in-the-future obsessive thoughts with abstract goals, can cause us to focus on the desirability of an outcome, "how good it will be" to have such and such, while avoiding thinking about whether or not it will be feasible, "Can I do it, or do I even want it?"

Meeting notice

The Big Sandy Retired Teachers Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m., at the Jenny Wiley State Park.

Free diabetes clinic

There will be a "Diabetes" support group meeting on Tuesday, March 18, from 6-8 p.m., at the Floyd County Health Department. This meeting is open to all persons with dia-

betes and their families, who would like to learn more about managing this disease. This is a free service of the Floyd County Health Department. Call 886-2788 for more information.

World

SNOWBOUND

I was snowbound at the old home place, out in the country, most of last Friday, and all was restless till I learned the roads were finally clear. It's good to look across fields deep in snow, an untracked expanse of white. It's good to indulge in whimsy, too, and think of days when heavy snowfall left farmhouses as isolated, almost, as an uncharted atoll. Half the day was gone before we had a visitor, but the feeling of isolation wasn't there. The party-line telephone jingled frequently, the television was working, a few autos passed. And more of the old days was missing—there wasn't any need to dig a bucket of coal out of the snow or to go to the well for a bucket of water. But who am I to complain?—I who dreaded both those now-hallowed chores so dreadfully.

- Take time TO PLAY... it is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to READ... it is the fountain of wisdom.
- Take time to PRAY... it is the greatest power on earth.
- Take time to LOVE and BE LOVED... it is a God-given privilege.
- Take time TO BE FRIENDLY... it is the road to happiness.
- Take time TO LAUGH... it is the music of the soul.
- Take time TO GIVE... it is too short a day to be selfish.
- Take time TO WORK... it is the price of success.
- Take time to SAVE... it is the fountain of your future.

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Perfect

was music by D.J.'s Unlimited and special singing by PHS student Jessica Bryant and Mary Holbrook, of Premier Designs.

And as if that wasn't enough to create an aura of specialness, add to the mix, WYMT-TV's Jim Caldwell, serving as master of ceremonies. "Boy, I'll just tell you," Caldwell began during a momentary break in festivities. "I thought all the pretty girls around here were in Magoffin county, but now I see that there's a whole bunch of them over here in Floyd county, too. I have really enjoyed being a part of this event."

Participating in the 2003 Prom & Bridal event were: Turner's Boutique, of Martin; The Glass Slipper; Alys Fraley Photography Studio;



Santa's little helper

When Santa came to Linda's Carousel Day Care, at Martin, for the center's Christmas party, he decided he needed a helper. Bryce, shown above, helped pass out goodies and sing Christmas songs he had learned at the day care center. Santa reports that he was thankful for the help.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A small-town druggist whose emporium was closed by the sheriff posted this notice on the door:

"Our doors are locked. The following services, formerly available here, may be held as follows:

"Ice water at the fountain in the parks; general information from the policeman at the corner; change for a dollar at the bank; matches at the hotel; magazines for browsing purposes at the doctor's office; bus information at the terminal, and loafing at any other location of your own choosing."

And this, titled, "Take Time," and written by God knows whom:
Take time TO THINK... it is the source of power.

Kentucky Music Trail once again highlights the MAC summer season of events

All tickets go on sale Monday, March 10, 9 a.m.

The Kentucky Music Trail kicks off on Friday, June 20. Virtually every weekend during summer will be filled with music. Kentucky Opry will open each Friday night show for the music trail guests, which will include John Michael Montgomery, Montgomery Gentry, Ricky Skaggs, Patty Loveless, Rebecca Lynn Howard and Loretta Lynn, as well as two Kentucky Opry Friday night shows. And, on Saturday nights, the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros will open for the Kentucky Opry. It should be quite an explosive summer at the Mountain Arts Center. Shows will sell-out quickly. Tickets will go on sale March 10 for the Music Trail shows...don't miss your oppor-

tunity to see at least one of these shows. Kentucky's music legends all traveled the road to stardom...and this summer it leads them right back home!

SUMMER 2003 SCHEDULE

- Fri., June 20 John M. Montgomery
Level#1: \$35; Level#2: \$32; Level#3: \$30
- Fri., June 27 Montgomery Gentry
Level#1: \$35; Level#2: \$32; Level#3: \$30
- Fri., July 18 Ricky Skaggs
Level#1: \$25; Level#2: \$23; Level#3: \$20
- Fri., July 25 Patty Loveless
Level#1: \$30; Level#2: \$28; Level#3: \$25
- Fri., August 1 Rebecca Lynn Howard

The Jewelry Box; Hair Gallery; Trends & Traditions; Jane & Associates Hair Design; Artrip's Photography; Mary Kay, Beth Mullins, Independent Beauty Consultant; Mertz Home Decorating; Melinda Moore; Wal-Mart of Prestonsburg; D.J.'s Unlimited; Mary Holbrook Premier Designs; Today's Bride; Bridal Garden; and Jenny Wiley Florist.

Lucky attendees received gifts of special discount coupons, cosmetic samples, home decor items, and an assortment of beautiful gift baskets, as well as special door prizes consisting of a brand new DVD player, compliments of Wal-Mart, and a 19" color television, compliments of Mike's T.V. & Appliance.

Level#1: \$20; Level#2: \$18; Level#3: \$15
■ Fri., August 15 Loretta Lynn
Level#1: \$35; Level#2: \$32; Level#3: \$30

ALL SHOWS WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM

- Level #1 - Rows A - F
 - Level #2 - Rows G - M
 - Level #3 - Rows N - Z
- *Kentucky Opry will open the show for each Friday night concert.
Tickets are non-refundable. Dates & times are subject to change.
For reservations call toll-free 1-888-MAC-ARTS or locally 886-2623.
- * Please Note: Tickets for Kentucky Opry summer shows will go on sale Monday, March 17th at 9 am!

Postscript

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has to know. I have no idea how it happened, but a few weeks ago the thought of porcupines inexplicably popped up in my mind - or, as most of us say, porkypines. I got to wondering if we have the spiny mammals in these parts. After all, I don't recall ever seeing one on the side of or in the middle of the road. I don't even recall seeing one in a zoo. Naturally, I had to know. And it didn't take me long to find out. I went to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department website. A few tweaks led me to a section on porcupines, with Nature Server as the source. I learned we don't have the barbed creatures in Kentucky. They are, the source said, "presumed extirpated," meaning, I guess, they were here, but not any more. The same is true for most states around us. We're not likely to find a porcupine in the wilds of Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana or Illinois. The critters are deemed "exotic" in Tennessee, which, I suppose, means somebody has reported seeing them, but not often. In West Virginia, they're listed as "unranked." Does that mean nobody knows? Apparently, porcupines thrive in Pennsylvania, where the site lists them as "secure." Do you suppose they purposely stay out of Ohio and West Virginia, are hesitant to cross the state lines? If so, why? There's obviously more to be learned here. My curiosity still not filled up, I continued to read. If you don't mind cluttering your mind with even more trivia, I'll share some thorny facts with you. Porcupines breed in the fall, with a gestation period of 17 to 18 weeks, which would put most births in the dead of winter or early spring. Big families are out, since the female generally rears only one baby a year. Unlike possums and raccoons who seem to get out a lot (and don't always make it back in), porcupines tend to live deep in the forest, particularly wetlands within the woods. They set up house-keeping in fallen logs and holes in trees. Don't worry about a porcupine taking a bite out of you, if you come upon one in the wild. Porcupines, we're told, are pretty much herbivores - vegetarians, if you will. However, they have been known to eat birds. Mostly, though, they prefer tree bark, evergreen needles, roots, leaves and berries - which makes it hard to understand why they don't like Kentucky. Now, who would have thought? You just never know what inquiring minds will find out. Hey, this is more interesting, not to mention educational, than one more story about Britney or J.Lo, don't you think?

Eyes

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THE STRESSED DIET

Breakfast: 1/2 grapefruit; 1 slice whole wheat toast; 8 oz. skim milk.
Lunch: 4 oz. lean broiled chicken breast; 1 cup steamed spinach; 1 cup herb tea; 1 Oreo cookie.
Mid-Afternoon Snack: The rest of the Oreos in the package; 1 tub of Hagen Daas ice cream with chocolate topping.
Dinner: 2 loaves garlic bread; 4 cans or 1 large pitcher Diet Coke; 1 large pepperoni pizza; 3 Snickers bars.
Late Evening News: Entire frozen Sara Lee cheesecake (eaten directly from freezer).
Remember: 'Stressed' spelled backwards is 'Desserts'!!
(Note: Yes, Benita, I know, I know - it's all about the treadmill!)



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Q My son is active in sports, and I recently noticed a big bump below his knee. It causes him some pain after playing basketball but the pain goes away with rest. I've called the doctor and made an appointment with her. While I wait and worry, I'm afraid he might have bone cancer. What should I do?

A Any time there is an unexplained lump, you should be concerned. You were wise to schedule a visit to his doctor to assess the bump and the pain. While it could be a cancer, it most likely is not. More likely it is a problem called Osgood-Schlatter's Disease.

Osgood-Schlatter's Disease is a very common problem in physically active young people around puberty or the early teenage years. It is more common

Son's knee pain probably common OSD, but visit to doctor wise

in males, but females can have this problem, too. It is one of the most common causes of knee pain in young athletes. The primary symptom is pain right below the knee, at the top of the shin bone — what we doctors call the "tibia." It can affect one or both knees.

OSD is caused by the powerful thigh muscles — the quadriceps — pulling on the patellar tendon where it attaches to the tibia. OSD is frequently associated with growth spurts common in the early teenage years. At this stage of growth, the muscles are "stronger" than the bones, since the bony growth plates have not closed yet. The primary symptom, pain, becomes worse during sports that require running and jumping, and going up or down stairs can also cause pain.

When your son visits the doctor, she

will take a history of when the pain occurs, if it's worse at rest or with activity, and what relieves the pain. She may also get an X-ray to rule out hidden fractures, developmental problems with the joint or a tumor. In some instances, the doctor may want to have an X-ray of the hip, as well, to be sure the cause is not in that joint.

Once OSD is diagnosed, your son's doctor will probably recommend ibuprofen for the pain and may advise him to cut down or eliminate activities that place a great deal of strain on the knee. After activity, using ice and elevation can also ease the discomfort. Knee sleeves that pad the front of the knee (tibial tubercle) like wrestling gel pads can be helpful during activities. Cortisone injections are never indicated for this problem as they can weaken the

patellar tendon.

A child usually outgrows OSD in 12 to 24 months, as the bones mature. Usually there is full resolution, but a bump can remain on the front of the knee for life. This is usually of more concern to girls. And, while I just mentioned that there is full resolution, over 60 percent of adults who had OSD still experience some pain when they kneel because of the residual bump.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Or, e-mail Dr. Simpson at simpsonm@ohio.edu. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.



From left to right, seated: Tawny Aguayo, Sekufe Akther, Elizabeth Moore, and Kommi Webb. From left to right, standing: Gregory Short, Derek Fultz, Andrew Lucas, Harold E. Combs, superintendent, Knott County Schools, Johnathan Nickles, and Ellis White.



John Back, left, and Johnathan Nickles, Knott County Spelling Bee Champion Speller.

Organizations



Auxier resident cited for 'Outstanding Service'

James P. Connors, of Auxier, recently received an award in recognition of "Outstanding Service" from Commander Ballard Shepherd of Big Sandy Chapter 18 of the Disabled American Veterans, Auxier. Connors answered "the call to colors" at the age of 18, while still attending high school. He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Service on March 22, 1942, and was immediately sent to Great Lakes, Illinois for training exercises. Following training, he was assigned to service duty at the following ports: Brooklyn, New York; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Newport, Rhode Island. He served aboard the USS Matagorda and the USS LSM 305. In 1943, the naval department awarded Connors a letter of commendation citing the young seaman for devotion to duty and for showing great courage during the

sinking of an enemy submarine. Connors was a member of the gun crew on the merchant vessel that sank the enemy ship. Later, Connors received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, the WW II Victory Medal, the European-Middle Eastern African Medal and the American Campaign Medal. His entire tour of duty was three years, nine months and 13 days. Honorably discharged, Connors returned home to Auxier, where he became employed by the coal mining industry until his retirement. Connors has, in recent months, suffered a stroke and is continuing, at this time, to have health problems. The members of Chapter 18 say that Connors' presence, quick wit and sharp conversationist skills has been greatly missed at recent meetings. His fellow members wish him improved good health.

2003 Knott County Spelling Bee

The 2003 Knott County Community education Spelling was held Friday February 21, 2003 at Emmalena Elementary. All nine Knott County elementary schools were represented in the Spelling Bee. Following is the list of Contestants and their schools:

- Gregory Short-Beaver Elementary
- Kommi Webb - Beckham Combs Elementary
- Andrew Lucas-Caney Elementary
- Johnathan Nickles - Carr Creek Elementary
- Derek Fultz - Cordia Elementary
- Ellis White - Emmalena Elementary
- Tawny Aguayo - Hindman Elementary
- Elizabeth Moore - Jones Fork Elementary
- Sekufe Akther - June Buchanan School

Johnathan Nickles (son of John and Dorothy Back) of Carr Creek Elementary was crowned Champion Speller after defeating Ellis White of Emmalena Elementary, in final spell-down. Johnathan will represent Knott

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School

well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

■ SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

■ FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

■ GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

■ Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

OSBORNE ELEMENTARY - RAINBOW JUNCTION FRC

■ March 11 - "Time Out for Parents," OLW.

■ March 17 - Wulfe Brothers - Presentation on Kentucky.

■ Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ *PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child

turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.*

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ March 10 - Health Careers program (ARH), 7th grade, 8:30 a.m.

■ March 11 - Hand Washing (personal hygiene), (FCHD), grades K-4, 8:30 a.m.

■ March 12 - Health Careers, (ARH), 7th grade, 8:30 a.m.

■ March 13 - Parent support group, 1:00 p.m.

■ March 13 - Identify-a-Child program, 8:30 a.m.

■ March 14 - Health Careers, (ARH), 8:30 a.m.

■ March 19 - Cory Booth, (Magic Show), "Character Counts." 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

■ March 21 - Tour Toyota Plant, 8th grade. Bus leaves school at 6:00 a.m.

■ March 24 - TWISA, (Alcohol Prevention program), 5th grade, 9:00 a.m.

■ March 25 - Rain Forest program, 4th and 5th.

■ March 26, 27 - TWISA, (Alcohol Prevention program), 9:00 a.m., 5th grade.

■ The Bridges Project is located in the school each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Bridges Project, call 587-2644.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

THE DAVID SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday and Wednesday Betsy Layne High School, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389 for more information.

■ Morehead State Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405 for more info.

■ Tuesday and Thursday St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Church is located on University Drive, Prestonsburg, between PCC and the BP station.

ALL GED CLASSES ARE FREE. BOOKS AND MATERIALS ARE ALSO FREE, EVEN THE ACTUAL GED TEST IS FREE! So, please take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity. For more information about the free GED program, call Crissy Compton at The David School at 886-8374 (Fridays).

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ March 28 - *Spring Fundraiser Dinner* - 7 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 874-8328. A \$1,000 door prize will be given away.

■ School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.



Martin seniors travel to Frankfort to address concerns

Floyd County seniors from the Martin Area Senior Citizens Center traveled to Frankfort on Tuesday, February 25, accompanied by Karen Robinson, center director, and Ruth Daniels, presi-

dent of the center. The seniors heard discussions on a piece of legislation that focused on some of the reigning issues of programs for the aged and their many services. A very informative ses-

sion was held in the office of Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, who informed the seniors that their concerns would be looked at very closely by the people in Frankfort who represent Floyd citizens.

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“Dr. Don” to serve as Science Fair celebrity chair

Donald Bevins, better known as “Dr. Don,” has again agreed to serve as celebrity chairman for the East Kentucky Science Center’s East Kentucky Regional Science Fair in March.

“Dr. Don” broadcasts programs on radio stations WXRL (104.9), Pikeville and WXXZ (105.3), Prestonsburg. The two stations are also known as Double X during simulcasts of events, such as sporting meets. “Dr. Don” also broadcasts special events on the WPRG Channel 5 television station at Harold.

At last year’s Regional

Science Fair, “Dr. Don” interviewed student participants and aired it on Channel 5. Copies of events produced and aired by Channel 5 are available by contacting Jackie Fronto at (606) 478-4200 or toll free (800) 635-7052 ext. 236, or by visiting the station’s web page: <http://www.ashlandky.net/wprg/tapes.html>

“Dr. Don” is a supporter of education and his involvement in the Floyd and Pike communities reflect his belief that student achievements should be highlighted. He is a familiar figure at educational events

in and out of schools around the area.

“Dr. Don” is also a former teacher and has been involved with education in one form or another since graduating from Pikeville College. He previously taught high school band for two years at Augusta in Mason County.

“Dr. Don” has a family history in the field of education. His father, Grady Bevins, taught school for 35 years in Pike County. His grandfather, the late William McKinley Justice, was principal of Hellier High School in Pike County.

“Dr. Don” will announce the names of the winners during the Regional Science Fair awards ceremonies Saturday, March 15, at Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center. The awards ceremony will begin around 2 p.m.

More than \$7,800 in prizes will be awarded at the event. The Regional Science Fair is co-sponsored by Citizens National Bank and MSU East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP Project. WYMT is the media sponsor.

Additional information about the Science Fair is available on the Science Center’s website, www.wedoscience.org or by calling (606) 889-0303.

Garrett receives national recognition



■ Beth Garrett

Beth Garrett, the daughter of William and Clara Garrett, of Prestonsburg, has been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars. The Society inducts only the most outstanding high school students and honors them for superior achievement.

Claes Noble, honorary chairman of the Society, said, “The hard work and success of today’s youth provide the foun-

ation for a future dedicated to community - and world - betterment. I congratulate Beth on being recognized as one of the most outstanding high school students in the nation.”

As senior member of the Nobel Prize family, Claes Noble extends his family’s dedication to excellence to the youth of today. Claes’ family established the Nobel Prizes in 1901 in order to note outstanding contributions in the fields of peace, literature, medicine, chemistry, and physics. More than a century later, these internationally renowned awards continue to distinguish scientists, authors and leaders in a world forum.

The mission of The National Society of High School Scholars is to recognize and encourage academic excellence among the most exceptional high school upperclassmen. The Society selects students nationally and awards this distinction on a very limited basis. Membership is by invitation only, extended by Chair Claes Nobel.

Spell

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County in the Kentucky Derby Festival State Spelling Bee at the Seelbach Hilton, 500 Fourth Avenue in Louisville March 22, 2003. The Bee is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM. Additional information about the State Spelling Bee can be obtained by calling 1-800-928-FEST (3378) or by contacting Larry Thornsberry at the Knott County Community Education office at 606-785-3153.

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Pros and Cons of driving a Heap

by TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

My father believes everything you say. He tells everyone that Click and Clack say it's cheaper to drive an old car than a new one. True, BUT is there no outer limit??? He drives a 1966 Olds Delta 88 that has 250K-plus on the odometer and is on its second engine. The car is a heap, with rust holes in the doors and fenders, sagging bumpers (because the supports have just about rusted through), sagging doors, sagging suspension, rattles galore and a rear wheel bearing that growls like an angry bear. Every year, he pays a body shop big bucks to cover the rust with new paint. The car gets larger every year. A new rear window took more than a year to locate and cost about \$1,200 installed.

The knob on the gear selector is a sewing-thread spool that is older than my kids, who have kids of their own. Is this really what you had in mind? Do you look forward to the day when all of the cars chugging and rattling their way down our highways and byways are 36 years old and prone to dropping their rear bumpers on the road? Please — say it isn't so. — Herb



TOM:

Sorry, Herb. It's so. I stand by my words. It is ALWAYS cheaper to keep driving your old car than it is to buy a new car.

RAY:

It might not be safer, it might not be more reliable, it might not be more attractive, it might not smell as good, but my brother is generally right. It's almost always cheaper.

TOM:

Always cheaper! Always!

RAY:

Well, if you get into a situation like your father's, where important parts — like a rear window — become hard, and therefore expensive, to obtain, you might find an exception to Tommy's rule. But generally speaking, it's always cheaper to keep driving your heap.

TOM:

Now, that said, you do raise some serious safety issues with the old man's Delta 88. Two that stick out for me are the rust and the wheel bearing.

RAY:

Right. Rust is OK, up to a point. If the whole body is basically rust held together by paint, then there's not much there to protect you in an accident. The car will basically turn into a pile of dust upon impact. This is not good.

TOM:

And if the wheel bearing is making that much noise, the rear wheel easily could fall off while he's driving. This is also undesirable, as I can attest from personal experience.

RAY:

So I think it's perfectly reasonable of you to insist that Dad get his car inspected for structural integrity. And if stuff needs to be fixed, it should be fixed — if it CAN be fixed. A rusted frame, for example, really can't be repaired.

TOM:

And if there's safety stuff that CAN'T be fixed, then I think you have every right to insist that Dad get an upgrade. I'd be happy to help him locate a nice '76 Delta 88. In fact, I might have one in the yard!



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High speeds and fast engines

Dear Tom and Ray:

Hello from Germany. I am a U.S. service member stationed in Germany. My job location has recently changed, and I now have to drive about 35 miles to

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Toyota's new Sienna van

by ANN M. JOB
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Overall minivan sales are down, but don't tell Toyota.

This month, the automaker introduces a new, second-generation Sienna van that's bigger outside, roomier and quieter inside, more powerful and better handling than its predecessor.

The 2004 model also is the first Sienna to offer all-wheel drive, and Toyota plans a lengthy list of features, including some options like laser cruise control that are typically found on luxury sedans.

"It will set a new standard in value that will be hard to beat," Don Esmond, senior vice president and general manager of Toyota Motor Sales USA, said at the new Sienna's unveiling at the auto show in Detroit

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DRIVING WITH FOCUS



'03 Toyota Echo

This week, we test drive's Toyota's sub-compact, the 2003 Echo. At just \$10,695 for the base model, this 43-mpg wonder is a pleasure to drive and perfect for the commuter, student, frugal economizer or big-city dweller who needs to squeeze into tight parking spaces.

The Echo is the smallest and cheapest vehicle on the Toyota platform, yet it still offers surprising interior spaciousness and EPA numbers that rival the hybrid electric/gas vehicles. Echo also carries certification as a Low Emissions Vehicle, which is another feather in its hat.

The interior dimensions are so deceiving that every person who rode in the car commented on its

interior space. The exterior design, meanwhile, falls somewhere between a Ford Focus and sibling Toyota Corolla. New for 2003 is a



revamped grille, headlamps, front fenders, rear trunk lid and rear tail-lamps. The final motif is much nicer than last year's Echo.

Available in two- and four-door models, our tester was the four-door sedan, which provided easy access

to the rear seats. The engine and transmission are the same as last year, relying on a peppy 1.5-liter inline four-cylinder and a five-speed manual transmission. The power plant puts out 108 horsepower and easily moves the lightweight Echo with authority. The suspension is comprised of an independent MacPherson strut with stabilizer bar in front and a rear torsion beam setup.

On the road, Echo's ride and ample handling ability will surprise you. New 175/65R 14-inch tires improve adhesion and handling. (There is a 15-inch tire option that we recommend for even better han

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in January. The early-to-market 2004 Sienna has a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$23,465. That's \$950 less than the \$24,415 starting price for a 2003 Sienna. Starting price for the most popular Sienna, the LE, is down \$985, to \$24,770, for the 2004 model. But the newest Sienna trim level, the top-of-the-line XLE Limited, starts at \$37,440, when all-wheel drive is included. The top 2003 Sienna — a front-drive XLE — had a starting price of \$28,522. The 2003 Honda Odyssey has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$24,860, while the 2003 Chrysler Town & Country starts at \$26,720 and the 2003 Dodge Grand Caravan starts at \$23,320. To be sure, Toyota officials addressed drawbacks of the previous Sienna and made the 2004 model competitive with newer vans introduced after the Sienna's initial launch in the

1998 model year. A headline last year in a newsletter from auto researcher J.D. Power and Associates said of the first-generation Sienna, "Size is Key and Sienna Comes Up Short." But size should no longer be a problem. The new Sienna has 5.9 inches of additional length, 5.1 inches of which are in the longer wheelbase. The new van also is 4 inches wider than the 2003 model. So the Sienna now is virtually as long, overall, as the Dodge Grand Caravan and is actually wider than Honda's Odyssey. I noticed the more spacious feel immediately upon entering the test Sienna van. Headroom in all three rows of seats in the Sienna is improved — and not just by fractions of an inch. For example, in the front seats, headroom has gone from 40.6 inches to 42 inches in vans without a sun-roof. Legroom and shoulder room are improved all around, too. I especially enjoyed the addition-

al 3.1 inches of legroom in the second-row seats. Note the seats now feel more upscale, with some decent cushioning and good support. Toyota officials insist that they spent more money on the new seats, just because they are so important for comfort. Look, too, where the gearshift lever is in the new Sienna. It's in a console at the bottom middle of the dashboard. Cargo room is improved, too, with 43.6 cubic feet available behind third row seats. That compares with 26.6 cubic feet in the 2003 Sienna. Riding on a new chassis, the front-drive 2004 Sienna handles better than its predecessor. There was a controlled feel in the test van, even on twisty mountain roads where the Sienna managed curves well and without being sloppy. The power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering responds more quickly and tracks more predictably than on earlier Siennas. Meanwhile, inside the seven-seat test van, all remained quite quiet, even at higher speeds. Power is improved, too. The Sienna's old, 210-horsepower, 3-liter V6 is replaced by a 230-horsepower, 3.3-liter V6 that generates 24 more foot-pounds of torque at a lower rpm, for a peak of 242 at 3,600 rpm. This provides better acceleration. The Odyssey has 242 foot-pounds at 4,500 rpm and maximum horsepower of 240, while the Grand Caravan's uplevel V6 can deliver 245 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm but has only 215 horses. The new Sienna joins the

Odyssey in having a five-speed automatic transmission. Shifts between gears here are smooth, and the new tranny also helps keep fuel economy in the front-drive, more-powerful Sienna on par with the 2003 Sienna. Specifically, the front-drive '04 Sienna's estimated fuel economy rating is 19 miles a gallon in city driving and 27 mpg on the highway. All-wheel-drive models are rated lower — 18 and 24 mpg, respectively. Premium fuel is recommended. Be ready to find a lot of new features, because it seems as if the new Sienna has about everything but the kitchen sink. Yes, some already debuted in other minivans. For example, there's a power tailgate available, a feature introduced on DaimlerChrysler vans. Another DaimlerChrysler feature is the center console that can be moved from between the front seats to the second row. The 2004 Sienna is the first with available navigation system. The Odyssey offers navigation, too. Power windows on the Sienna's sliding doors go down

part way to allow kids or pets in back to get fresh air. The Mazda MPV has this feature, too. And the Sienna now has third-row seating that can fold into a cavity in the rear cargo floor, much like the feature pioneered by Honda. But the mechanics to make the seating fold down is different, with the Sienna requiring a bit of oomph from me; the seat in the Odyssey gets help from gravity and sort of drops into place. Another difference: The Sienna's third-row seat is split 60/40, so, if needed, a passenger can sit there and there's still room for cargo on the side. In contrast, the Odyssey's third-row seat is a bench that offers no such versatility. Second-row seats differ, too. The Odyssey has sort of flat seats that slide together to act as a bench or slide apart as separate seats. The Sienna offers seats that separate or fit together, too, but without a track to slide them on. The seat must be lifted, repositioned and locked into place. This caused me problems in the test Sienna. I had difficulty finding the latch lock points

and that caused me to scratch some plastic. In the end, it took two guys, working for a few minutes, to get the seat in correctly. After this experience, I never wanted to move the seat again. Note this was a seven-passenger model. An eight-seat version also is available and substitutes the two-seat second row with a three-seat arrangement. Toyota officials project the new Sienna will boost its van sales from last year's 80,915 to between 130,000 to 150,000, even in a minivan market that has trended down to about 1 million annual sales recently. Minivans tend to attract two kinds of buyers, Toyota said: Couples aged 35 to 49 with children under 12 years make up the primary group; empty nesters, aged 50 and older, and mostly retired are the second group. Because the 2004 Sienna is a newly released model, Consumer Reports does not list a reliability record, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration does not report any safety recalls or crash test results.



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TOM: Intrepid with 60,000 miles. It has a 3.5-liter six-cylinder engine. The car's tachometer has a red line of 6,500 rpm, and it will travel at 100 mph at around 3,200 rpm. My question is: Will it hurt my engine (or any part of the car) to drive to work at high speeds every day? I usually drive between 90 and 100 mph. I have new tires that are rated for these speeds. At what engine rpm should I be concerned about causing damage? — Mike

TOM: Anything above 0 rpm, Mike. We've found that at an rpm of 0, engine damage is extremely rare — though not unheard of if my brother is working on the car.

RAY: Actually, there's not a clear answer to this one way or the other, Mike. We know that accelerating quickly is very bad for your car. But the case against simply driving fast — once you've accelerated — is less clear.

TOM: On one hand, this car was clearly designed to be able to cruise at 75 or 80 on American highways. So 90 isn't that far a stretch for it.

RAY: On the other hand, the amount of wind resistance you get at those speeds requires the engine to work very hard. And while the rpm might be within acceptable limits, you're making the engine run hot because you have the gas pedal very close to the floor. It's as if you were constantly climbing a hill.

TOM: And that strains everything, from the connecting rods all the way down to the axles. Over time, you will wear out your engine, transmission and drive train faster that way.

RAY: Will driving it at 100 mph for a day, a week or even a few months ruin it and cause it to stop dead in its tracks, or roll over with its tongue hanging out and all four wheels in the air? It's unlikely. But it's not a used car I would ever want to buy. And it might not be one you want to own later in its life, Mike.

Test

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dling). We were impressed with Echo's performance on snow-covered roads and the traction the front-drive setup offered. Overall, Echo is a pleasure to drive in the city.

The cabin is nice, yet simple. The speedometer and gas gauge cluster is located in the center of the dashboard, which takes some getting used to. Seat comfort is good, the headroom is excellent and legroom is also adequate. The Echo easily offers room for four adults, and a fifth smaller individual when needed.

Standard equipment is plentiful, yet in base form the Echo does not offer the more expensive bells and whistles that would undoubtedly push the base price above \$11,000. Still, you'll receive dual air bags, front disc brakes, tilt-steering wheel, AM/FM stereo radio and intermittent wipers. Options included on our tester were air conditioning (\$925), All Weather

Guard (\$275), AM/FM Cassette with CD and six speakers (\$240) and an Upgrade Package that included power steering, digital clock, tachometer, remote mirrors, split folding rear seat and painted front bumper (\$1,095). Still, our Echo came in under \$14,000 — not bad for a great little car.

Important numbers include a curb weight of 2,055 pounds, 93.3-inch wheelbase, spacious cargo capacity of 13.6-cubic feet and a turning radius of only 32.8-feet.

We'll finish with Echo's greatest asset: Toyota reliability. No other car on the road offers such great customer satisfaction when it comes to reliability and repair frequency — or lack thereof. When you buy a Toyota, you can count on many thousands of trouble-free miles.

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815-Lost/Found

REWARD OFFERED for 4 Boxer, 1 year females, 3 boy puppies, last seen Feb. 5th on Beach Road at Talcum in Knott County, 251-3574. Owner misses them very much.

900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0295 AMENDMENT NO. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541 has applied for an amendment to a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located at Craynor in Floyd County. The amendment proposes to add 66.54 acres and delete 3.49 acres of surface disturbance and delete 36.46 acres of auger area for total of 253.25 acres within the total permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 miles southwest from KY 680's junction with KY 979 and located on Hamilton Branch of Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Curt Hall Heirs, Richard P. Hall Heirs, Octavia Hall, Walker Tackett et al., Robert or Marlene Howell, Frank and Iva Lee McKinney, William L. Hall Heirs, Barbara Hall, Arnold Howell, and R. S. Newsom Heirs. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger meth-

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*Final Advertisement Only: This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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Being the same property conveyed by Family Federal Savings and Loan Association to George Hale and Wife, Edna Hale, by deed dated 8/1/84, and recorded 8/6/84, in Book 286, Page 457, of the public records of Floyd County, Ky.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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A certain tract of land, lying on Shop Fork of the left fork of Otter Creek, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: TRACT NO. 1 Beginning approximately 3 feet south of southeast corner at a brick store building owned by Robert & Shirley Hall this point being marked with 1/2" gal. pipe, thence southwest 1 ft. west and with a stone storage building said line continued beyond stone building in a southwest direction to a fence line where another 1/2" galvanized pipe marks the south west ending thence a westward direction with said fence line to the original Elkhorn Coal Co. line now known as the Old Inland Steel on Island Creek line thence northeast with said line to beginning so as to enclose approximately 1 acre of line and all buildings within said boundary.

This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagors, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, by Deed dated September 18, 1981, as recorded per Deed Book 226, Page 515, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TRACT NO. 2 Beginning at an iron pin or road right of way and in a drain; thence leaving drain with road right of way S 6E 12' W 150 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving road right of way S 75E 45' W 1160 feet to a stake; thence N 6E 12' E

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This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagors, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, by Deed dated September 18, 1981, as recorded per Deed Book 226, Page 515, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TRACT NO. 2 Beginning at an iron pin or road right of way and in a drain; thence leaving drain with road right of way S 6E 12' W 150 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving road right of way S 75E 45' W 1160 feet to a stake; thence N 6E 12' E

150 feet to a stake thence N 75E 45' E 1160 feet to an iron pin at the beginning, containing 4 acres more or less.

This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagors by Deed dated February 15, 1988, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, from Bill L. Hall and Ruth Hall, his wife, as recorded per Deed Book 317, Page 047 in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

COUNSEL: Hon. Septimious Taylor 4830 Towne Square Court Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Ronald Fred Kidd, of Rt. 979, Box 425, Grethel, KY 41631.

The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Ron's Game Room. The nature of the business will be Video Games, Pinball Machines, Pool Tables and Jukebox.

Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than April 17, 2003, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for April 17, 2003, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

COMMON-

WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-00429 ALTEGRA CREDIT COMPANY PLAINTIFF VS. RUBY SAMONS JOHN F. SAMONS, SR. COUNTY OF FLOYD, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$24,732.91, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 2003, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 805 Arkansas Road, Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Arkansas Creek, and being in more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the west side of the branch, and on the line of Lee Samons, and witnessed by a black oak bearing S 14E W 90.5 feet; thence with Lee Samons line N 60E to a pine on the ridge; thence down the ridge to an iron wood and rock and to the line of Jim Samons then leaving the ridge and down the hill with Jim Samons' line S 60 W to a stake on West bank of branch witnessed by a Buckeye at the mouth of a drain bearing N 87 E fifty-two and one-half (52 1/2) feet.

Being the same property described in a Deed of Conveyance from Muncie Samons, single, to Ruby Samons dated May 7, 1991, of

record in Deed Book 347, Page 760, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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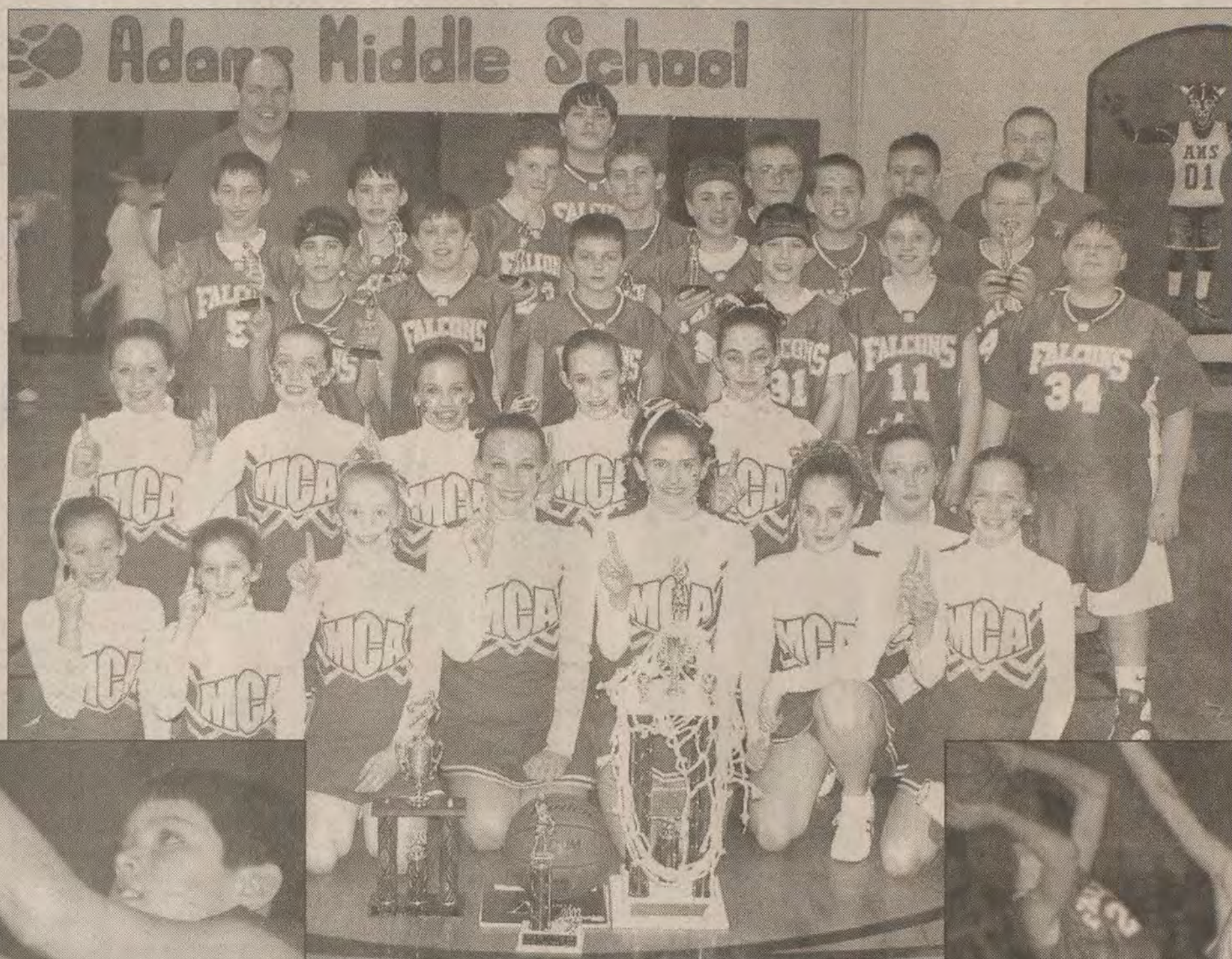
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Prom & Bridal 2003



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Rita Brock, Jim Caldwell, WYMT-TV, and Rod Collins, publisher, The Floyd County Times, paused for a quick photo in the Holiday Inn's comfortable lounge.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Mary Holbrook, of Premier Designs, had a showcase full of glamorous jewelry that would add sparkle to any ensemble. Mary also entertained guests with some special singing during intermission.



photo by Loretta Blackburn
Are those wedding bells I hear? Joy Baldridge makes a beautiful June bride in this strapless, beaded, satin gown.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
From left to right, Emily Jamerson, Tabitha Hughes, Courtney Reitz, and Breanne Harmon were all stunning in their evening gowns.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Jane Caudill tied pretty little Morgan Haywood's lovely locks up in satin ribbon.



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Ashley Lowe, the daughter of Garnett and Steve Lowe, was beautiful in this powder blue two-piece prom gown with matching slippers.



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Cindy Hackworth, of Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, is always eager to help out at any special event and this one was no different. Cindy was happy to display some of the fine bridal items available at Wal-Mart, as well as the store's new line of prom dresses.



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