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W.Va. woman killed in Pike wreck

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

A West Virginia woman was killed on Wednesday after an accident on U.S. 119 in Pike County.

According to police, Maxine Slater, 81, was attempting to enter U.S. 119 when she pulled out in front of a vehicle driven by Kimberly L. McCoy. McCoy's vehicle struck Slater's vehicle in the driver's side door. McCoy was transported to South Williamson ARH to be treated for minor injuries. Slater was transported to Williamson Memorial Hospital where she was later pronounced dead by Deputy Coroner Miles Hall.

Both parties were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. The incident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

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Anger flows over hike in water rates

Martin looking elsewhere, but utility points to 40-year contract

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — City council members appeared perturbed at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, proposing that they were looking at "other sources" in response to a 27 percent increase in water rates imposed by the city of Prestonsburg.

Falling under the category of new business was the discus-

sion of the increase, with Mayor Thomasine Robinson reporting that the notification letter sent by the city reasoned that the rate was based on a 3 percent cost-of-living increase per year for the last nine years. The last time Martin's water rates were raised was in 1993, Robinson reported that Prestonsburg Utilities stated the raise was across the board.

"We are checking into other sources," said Robinson,

explaining that a majority of the city's citizens are on fixed incomes and could not afford the increases in their water bills.

The city has not yet increased the residential water bills as the increase came into effect this month. According to Councilman Charles Justice, that would result in the city picking up the slack, which

(See WATER, page three)



Martin Police Officer Steve Toy and City Clerk Pam Justice were present at the regularly scheduled city council meeting on Tuesday, at which time the purchase of new, more economical cruisers was discussed.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

MOVING FORWARD



photo by Steve LeMaster

The Betsy Layne High School band cheered on their school's girls' basketball team Wednesday at the Sweet Sixteen in Bowling Green, and the Lady Cats responded by moving on in the tournament. The Cats will next meet highly-ranked Clinton County at 2:30 CST today.

Wheelwright drug bust called 'major'

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — State police arrested five men described as "major drug traffickers" yesterday morning, recovering drugs, money and weapons in the process, Kentucky State Police Trooper Scott Hopkins said yesterday.

Early yesterday morning Vernon Stone, 46, his younger brother, David Stone, 44, both of Bevensville, were arrested on

drug-related charges, along with 46-year-old Wheelwright resident Harold Glen Thornsberry, 39-year-old Michael Shannon Slone and Rodney Thornsberry. Each man faces charges of first-degree drug trafficking.

Three men were targeted by the four-month long drug trafficking investigation, Hopkins said, but five were ultimately arrested.

The homes of Vernon and Dave Stone and Thornsberry

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Schools find access, control of bingo money a problem

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Confusion over money raised for schools through bingo games continues in Floyd County, with one school saying it is unable to access money raised for it and another saying it has no control over how the money is spent.

In 2001, the Floyd County

Board of Education dropped its affiliation with a bingo operation raising money intended for Betsy Layne High School, after board officials noticed a decline in the amount of money going to the school's disbursement account.

Although affiliation with the school board was severed, statements received from the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming

in Louisville indicate that bingo operations to benefit the high school continued under a new organization beginning the first quarter of 2002.

That new organization — listed on statements as Betsy Layne Parents Academics & Athletics Inc. — directly followed the origi-

(See BINGO, page three)

Elderly couple pleads guilty to drug charges

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An elderly couple pleaded guilty on Thursday to all charges against them stemming from a 2001 drug bust by the Kentucky State Police.

Oley Hall, 61, and Mae Hall, 60, both of Beaver, entered open guilty pleas after rejecting all previous offers by the commonwealth.

Oley Hall pleaded guilty to four counts of trafficking in a

controlled substance, and Mae Hall pled guilty to assisting in trafficking a controlled substance. Oley Hall is facing up to 40 years in prison on the charges while Mae Hall faces a sentence of up to 10 years.

Judge Danny P. Caudill had previously told Oley Hall that his age and medical condition would make him available for parole in one year, if he accepted a plea agreement, but Hall opted to go to trial at

(See GUILTY, page three)

Sandstorms gone, U.S., British warplanes take to Iraqi skies

by DAVID ESPO
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

American-led forces bombed Iraqi targets and battled Iraqi troops the length and breadth of Saddam Hussein's slowly shrinking domain on Thursday, and British forces claimed the destruction of 14 tanks in their biggest kill since World War II.

But American officials reported 25 Marines wounded or missing after fighting,

apparently around An Nasiriyah, and the Iraqi regime breathed defiance. "The enemy must come inside Baghdad, and that will be its grave," said Defense Minister Sultan Mashem Ahmed.

Eight days after the launching of Operation Iraqi Freedom, President Bush met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and declined to set a timetable for the war. It will last "however long it takes" to win, he said, thumping the

lectern for emphasis.

Both men the United Nations could help rebuild postwar Iraq, but sidestepped tricky questions of who would create and run a new government once Saddam was toppled.

In the war zone, sandstorms abated and the Americans and British reported making 600 strike flights during the day as they exploited their unchecked

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Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division in firing positions during an enemy approach on their position at objective RAMA, in Southern Iraq on Monday.

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Odds & Ends**■ CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa**

— A woman fed up with drivers speeding through her neighborhood took matters into her own hands: She posted speed limit signs in her yard.

Conni Morrell, a stay-at-home mother of three, bought the large 25 mph signs on the Internet. She also put the white signs up in a neighbor's yard.

"I see people speed so much I can tell how fast they are going," said Morrell, 32. "After you see them go 25 (mph) once, you can guess. I wouldn't doubt if there are some going 50."

Morrell started lobbying City Hall to do something about speeders after her family moved to the upscale neighborhood three years ago. Neighbors lobbied for a stop sign at a nearby intersection, but the city decided against it.

Morrell took down her signs last week when she learned that the city was measuring traffic volume and speed in the neighborhood. She didn't want to

skew the results.

■ COLUMBUS, Ohio

— A bank robbery suspect learned a painful lesson — never shove stolen money containing an explosive dye pack down your pants.

Shortly after the National City Bank downtown was robbed Thursday, police spotted John Gladney, 40, about a block away, walking strangely, in obvious pain.

Officers stopped Gladney and discovered he had been injured when the dye pack exploded near his groin, said Sgt. Brent Mull, police spokesman.

Gladney was charged with aggravated robbery.

■ FORREST CITY, Ark.

— Donald Steven Atwood dangled a small bag filled with a green, leafy substance out the window of his car to get another driver's attention, but never guessed he was attracting unwanted scrutiny.

Atwood apparently couldn't see very well behind the tinted windows of the other car. Its driver turned out to be Forrest City police officer Ricky Baxter, dressed in his uniform on his way to work.

Baxter pulled Atwood over Sunday and summoned state police, who arrested Atwood on charges of driving while drug-intoxicated, marijuana possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was released Tuesday on \$5,000 bond, a sheriff's office spokeswoman said.

A state police report said Atwood, 20, of Riverside, Calif., pulled his 1994 Pontiac Firebird next to Baxter's car and started yelling out the window at him as he waved the baggie out the window.

When state police searched Atwood's car, the report said, they found not only the baggie in plain view on the passenger seat, but

also drug paraphernalia, along with an aluminum can containing more marijuana and a small amount of crystal methamphetamine.

■ DAVENPORT, Iowa

— City council members aren't laughing about a paperwork mistake that made the city buy the same house twice.

The house is in a flood-prone area west of Davenport.

"We liked the house so much that we bought it twice," City Manager Craig Malin said.

Davenport paid a total of about \$61,000 for the house in deals with two different sellers after City Attorney Brian Heyer failed to file a deed at the Scott County Courthouse following the first transaction, said Mary Thee, the city corporation counsel.

Thee said it was a one-time mistake. However, to prevent it from happening again, Thee said she will require her staff to have all necessary papers in hand before closing a sale on a piece of property. She also is requiring that deeds be recorded immediately.

"In this job, we rely on our staff and a mistake was made here," Alderman Steve Ahrens said. "I hope there will be some sort of reprimand for whoever missed this."

■ ATLANTA

— For some Georgia lawmakers, a meal wouldn't be complete without sweet tea. Now they could put that into law.

Rep. John Noel, D-Atlanta, and four co-sponsors filed a bill Tuesday that would make it a misdemeanor "of a high and aggravated nature" not to offer sweet tea in any Georgia restaurant that serves iced tea.

Noel acknowledged the bill was an attempt to bring a little humor to the Legislature. But he said he wouldn't mind if it became law.

Under the bill, restaurants could still serve unsweetened tea, but must serve sweet tea as well. The proposed bill specifies the tea must be sweetened when it is brewed.

Misdemeanors can carry a sen-

tence of up to 12 months in jail.

Noel got the idea when he wasn't able to order sweet tea at a restaurant in Chicago. It wasn't on the menu.

■ SAN FRANCISCO

— If you like San Francisco's tap water, you can now drink it anywhere.

The first bottle from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in the Sierra Nevada was purchased for \$1.25 Tuesday. It is the same water piped hundreds of miles to San Francisco residents.

"The sale of Hetch Hetchy Mountain Water provides a unique opportunity to promote San Francisco as well as raise public awareness of our precious water resource," Mayor Willie Brown said.

The idea to have the city's Public Utilities Commission join the bottled water market was conceived by the mayor, said commission general manager Patricia Martel. The commission oversees the drinking water supply for most of the Bay Area. On average, the system delivers 210 million to 240 million gallons of water daily to the Bay Area.

Hetch Hetchy Mountain Water claims its source from the Tuolumne River, melted mountain snow and glacial streams. It will be sold at the city's three official

souvenir shops and will eventually branch out to the zoo, airport and Fisherman's Wharf.

■ NEW YORK

— The Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie has a strict policy: No refunds on deposits after you've booked your wedding reception — even if your plans change.

But management is bending the rules for one young couple separated by the war in Iraq.

Bonnie Luft, 23, and Robert Kissmann, 24, had planned a May 24 reception at the hotel until Kissmann, a U.S. Marine Corps reservist, was called to active duty on Jan. 11.

Eager to get married before he was sent to Kuwait, the pair tied the knot in a last-minute ceremony at a friend's house just days after he learned he would be leaving.

Luft, now Bonnie Kissmann, then tried to get the couple's \$5,000 deposit back, and was told it would not be refunded. The hotel said it would give the couple credit for a future party, but would not return the money.

After the Kissmanns' story attracted local media attention, the hotel relented.

"We're going to refund their money, with no conditions," Joseph Bonura Jr., a manager and the co-owner's son, said last week.

Card of Thanks

The family of Eddie D. Hall would like to take this time to thank everyone for everything they did during the loss of our loved one. Thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Wheelwright Methodist Church and Pastor Bobby Isaac, the pallbearers, Roger Webb and the Floyd County Detention Center for digging the grave, The Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and Roger Branham of Virgie, Ky., for his beautiful singing. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, cards, and those who sat quietly in a chair. Thanks to those who said a prayer for the family or spoke a kind word to them. Whatever you did, we want you to know that we greatly appreciate it.

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Bingo

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nal organization, which last listed affiliation with the school board during the final quarter of 2001.

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning told The Floyd County Times earlier this month that an audit was requested after the board noticed a drop in receipts from the Betsy Layne operation. This was later verified through DCG officials.

However, Licensing and Compliance Director Leah Cooper said at the time that progress on the audit was difficult to determine, adding that complaints of frozen accounts would not be a normal result of the audit itself.

According to Fanning, there is money in accounts somewhere that is not going to the schools, but he said those funds have not been held up by the school board.

In three years — from 1999 to 2002 — bingo operations generated \$147,450 for Betsy Layne High School. Of that total amount, \$20,500 was deposited in 2002 after the departure of the board's operational presence.

Shannon Shepherd, an art teacher at Betsy Layne High School and a member of the school's site-based council, said the school has not been able to access bingo money since about 1997. However, financial statements reveal that school-related purchases have been made from the account, including several

scholarship offerings for Betsy Layne students.

The last time Betsy Layne High School accessed its bingo account, according to DCG financial statements, was in the summer of 2002, long after the school switched organization names, and well after an audit was initiated.

But Shepherd says, regardless of purchases reflected from DCG financial statements, the school has seen none of the bingo money, adding the total money amount could not be accurate in those reports.

"There might be money going somewhere, but not to our school," Shepherd said

Thursday. "I've been on the site-based council since the spring of last year and to my knowledge we've not seen any of the bingo money."

Shepherd said the original conflict between the school and the bingo operators was over control of where and how revenue would be used for the school, developments he said led officials to question operations.

"The board (of education) started an investigation a couple of years ago that is now in legal hands," Shepherd said. "That might be a good and a bad thing, but our school audit should prove the same thing — that we

haven't received any of the money."

Betsy Layne principal Margaret Vaughn was not available for comment.

Records were not received for Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg High School, the other two Floyd County schools that have participated in bingo operations in the last five years, because these schools are no longer licensed, according to DCG administrative specialist Linda J. McDanell.

Adams Middle School has not participated as a licensed organization since October 2000 and Prestonsburg High School has not been licensed for bingo

games since July 2001, McDanell said, adding that records for these schools would, by this time, be stored in the department's archives.

But even without records on hand to review, school officials

at Adams say they are also at a loss in trying to piece together a plan to retrieve any money the school to which may be entitled.

Ted George, assistant princi-

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Water

could mean a water bill of nearly \$10,000, up from normally over \$7,000 a month.

Robinson said that she had talked with Southern Water and Sewer District and would be getting back with them next week. In the meantime, she requested that city attorney Dwight S. Marshall go over Martin's existing contract with Prestonsburg to see if notification of the raise should have preceded the increase, as well as what the stipulations the contract has in regard to obtaining a new source for water.

The contract is a 40-year contract that was signed Nov. 6,

1984, said Seldon Horne, Prestonsburg City Utilities, and as most contracts include for investment purposes, it has a clause that prevents the city from purchasing water from another source.

"I don't think that's an unreasonable increase given the period of time," said Horne.

Horn said that the company should have raised rates annually instead of waiting and initiating the increase at one time. He agreed that the impact of a necessary increase, due to cost of living, would have been less.

Other new business discussed included the purchase of another police vehicle, which Robinson proposed they downsize to a smaller, more economic purchase. She said that the car currently used had received a new motor for \$800, but that had gone out again and would cost \$1,300 to fix this time.

Samuel Howell, council member, proposed that the city hire a maintenance supervisor to make sure the grass is cut this

Guilty

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that time.

The case was scheduled to go to trial on March 31, after being continued because of health problems with both the defendants. Oley Hall has since had both of his legs removed due to medical reasons.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, there has been pressure from some in the community to let the couple go because of their health and age.

"The distressing thing is that we have received significant pressure from certain individuals to let them go based on age and health," Taylor said. "The drug problem in this county is far too serious, and the law applies to everyone equally, regardless of age."

The age of the defendants is more of a detriment to their case than an attribute, according to Taylor.

"Age is supposed to bring wisdom and knowledge," Taylor said. "But if they represent the elderly population, then there is a major problem."

A sentencing date for Oley and Mae Hall is scheduled for May 2.

Drugs

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were searched during the roundup yesterday, leading police to seize two ounces of cocaine worth an estimated \$4,000, a "large quantity" of marijuana and pills, \$30,000 in cash, over 80 weapons and several items of drug paraphernalia.

Also collectively taken from all three residences during the roundup and impounded were one car, five trucks, three motorcycles and two all-terrain vehicles.

"One of the weapons recovered was stolen," Hopkins said, "so there are possible weapons-related charges, but I don't know for sure right now."

Police were still processing the large seizures yesterday evening, Hopkins said.

The investigation and consequent arrests were the collective efforts of several departments, including troopers and personnel from Post 9 in Pikeville, Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement East, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency (HIDTA), state police special response and surveillance teams and state police aircraft officials.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Kentucky State Police Trooper Larry Woods was "arrested" by John Bryant, volunteer for a muscular dystrophy fundraiser, on Thursday morning at the Floyd County Justice Center. Woods was placed in custody until he raised enough money to pay his bond. He said, "I paid my child support this month" before Bryant took him away.

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year. Mayor Robinson suggested contract labor to ensure the job was done, after Councilman Mahendra Varia argued that the hiring of a supervisor would entail a larger salary.

Other new business included:

■ The council holding a first reading of ordinance 03-5, which is the second ordinance proposing that American Electric Power purchase a franchise for building purposes.

■ The council announced that the American Red Cross is set up in the Martin Community Center and FEMA is now going door-to-door taking applications for assistance with the recent flooding damages.

■ Mayor Robinson requested that \$1,000 be moved from general fund to savings.

■ Councilman Samuel Howell made a motion that the council hire Rita Whicker for a grant writing position for the community center. Robinson said that her willingness to work for \$5,000 was a good deal as grant writers normally begin at \$25,000 a year.

New business that brought smiles to the council members' faces was the news of a baby born to Utilities Clerk Regina Fraley. Michael Brett was a 7-pound and 10-ounce, 21-inch addition to the Fraley household.

Old business included the approval of last month's purchases.

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Viewpoint

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Our View

Editorial roundup

The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash., on the war in Iraq:
... Emerging from the first week of war is the reality that, unlike the French during World War II, many Iraqis do not view this as an act of liberation. They see their sovereign nation being invaded, and they are going to put up a fierce fight to defend it. Reporters inside Baghdad note that anti-American sentiment rises as missiles fall.

Another TV image drove that point home, as scores of Baghdad residents joined a wild hunt for U.S. pilots when they heard an erroneous report that a U.S. plane had been shot down near a river.

We're not sure this is the war Americans wanted, but it is the one we have.

A generation of Americans hasn't experienced anything like it, being too young for Vietnam. This is, for better or worse, a television war, which can quickly become personalized as the mug shots of victims are quickly popped onto the screen. Imagine resolve-sapping interviews with family members after every death or imprisonment in World War II. Instead, news was days, sometimes weeks, behind the action. ...

This will not be like the Gulf War or the wars in Kosovo and Afghanistan. Because those were largely fought from the air, they had a video game quality. But the drive to Baghdad will be anything but virtual reality. ...

The Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on hoping the war will make the world safer:

Today the United States finds itself in an unprecedented war of our choosing, which most people in the world, and many Americans, have believed all along to be a mistake. It has come anyway.

And so, as the name of the anti-war group "Move On" implies, it is time to "move on" to the next phase: to voice the hope, or to say a prayer, that the fighting will end soon, that few - on either side - will die, that destruction will be minimal, that fears of new terrorist attacks will prove groundless. The way to a quick peace is a quick victory.

This does not mean, as we are beginning to hear with some frequency, that those who continue to protest the war, or to criticize President Bush's judgment, are anti-American. Speaking out when one believes government leaders and government policies are wrong is as American as the Constitution, which was written by some of the finest dissenters any young nation has produced. ...

Since Americans first began to suspect that President Bush was serious about disarming Saddam Hussein and very likely toppling him, this newspaper has opposed achieving these objectives through military attack. That cause is over now.

And so we count ourselves among those who hope the president is right in his belief that this is a necessary war that will make the nation and the world safer, that will help spread democracy in the Middle East, and that will dissuade other repressive regimes from seeking powerful weapons and rewarding terrorists who would strike us. By these very tough standards victory will be measured.



In the moment

The Challenge of Peace

Paragraph 285 of "The Challenge of Peace", written by U.S. Bishops in 1983, states, "A society cannot live in peace with itself unless every human person is treated with dignity and all human life is revered as sacred."

Our nation's military forces may not be able to adhere to the latter part of this philosophical truth entirely, but America's free media did convey this message when they broadcast the efforts of a U.S. doctor, who operated to save the life of an Iraqi prisoner of war.

While in Iraq, where the media is suppressed and controlled by Saddam Hussein, broadcasters showed video footage of Iraqi soldiers taking the lives

of American POWs. What is even worse, as I have recently learned on my quest to obtain an understanding of this situation my country has found itself in, is that our nation, as well as Russia, are responsible for the Middle East being heavily armed in the first place.

It seems that while Hussein was stepping into power in Iraq in 1979, Russia was invading Afghanistan. The United States pumped money and resources into the Afghanistan Mojahedin to assist in their war with the Soviet Union.

Focusing on terrorism for a moment, I learned from the Guardian Unlimited, www.guardian.com.uk, that when the Soviets finally admitted defeat in 1989, Osama Bin Laden recruited the Mojahedin to create Al Qaida. A serious case of blow back for the U.S.

Going back to the war that we are currently engaged in, I have heard different reasons for our presence in Iraq today. The government says that we

must eliminate weapons of mass destruction, while some citizens claim it's a ploy to get that country's oil and yet others propose it is a vendetta that our president has against Hussein.

Basically, this is a real mess and I am in no position to make perfect sense of it myself, much less explain it to you. However, going back to "The Challenge of Peace", I do know that with Hussein in power, people will not be treated with dignity and human life is anything but revered as sacred. He has killed his own people and suppresses those who still exist under his leadership. Therefore, a possible outcome of this war could be that peace will come to a country that has long been tormented by its leadership.

But then again, responding to an idea planted by Pikeville College's instructor of psychology, Daniel Schnopp-Wyatt, as I visited his class on terrorism, could we later find ourselves dealing with a group of pissed Iraqis as we are now defending American lives against the Afghans we once rallied to help?



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Letter

Turner stood up for people

The residents of Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties are very fortunate to have a state senator with the judgment and courage of Johnny Ray Turner. He supported the people of Eastern Kentucky in opposing House Bill 458, which would have kept counties from controlling abuses by gas exploration companies, when other General Assembly members would not support us.

We personally thank him for his help in voting against this bad bill.
Dean and Nina Cornett Blackey

Why not fully 'separate'?

Since those behind the conspiracy to remove Christian influence from the American people, and since we outnumber them by a large margin, why not confront them? The ACLU is the major perpetrator, and they have all the lawyers and most of the money. But if they really want to separate the church from the state, let's look this thing over. They want to implicate Thomas Jefferson in their claims and have used his innocent statement to abuse and intimidate the schools and courts. So, let's separate the church from state and see what we can do.

First let's send that atheistic judge to apologize to Jim and Tammy Bakker for wrongly judging them. Without having empathy with them, there is no way he could judge them. An honorable man would have recused himself. The church could more appropriately judge them. Since their avaricious behavior caused their downfall, sentencing them to a life of poverty would have been more appropriate.

Now let's look at the schools. Give them back. The church built them. Then pay the Christian back his taxes and quit taxing him; after all there's something about taxation without representation. Right? This would be the right time to start, since you

have killed off the next generation with your heathenish abortion laws.

The United States could have easily formed a theological government when we opted for the Constitution but our founding fathers knew about theocracies, many had come from just such a country and they thought we should leave religion up to the individual and that is why they included that part of the Constitution that the Congress couldn't make any law interfering with our free exercise of religion. But they are daily interfering with Christians in schools and courts and just about anywhere else heathens dwell.

Glenn Fraley
Prestonsburg

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At the Movies:

"Head of State"

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

"Head of State" stars Steve Martin and Queen Latifah as an uptight white guy and a funky black woman who form an unlikely friendship after meeting on the Internet.

Oh, wait! That's "Bringing Down the House."

"Head of State" stars Steve Zahn and Martin Lawrence as an uptight white guy and a funky black guy who reluctantly team up as security guards.

Oops! That was "National Security." Let's try again.

"Head of State" stars Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson as an uptight white guy and a funky black guy who chase a kangaroo through the Australian Outback.

Sorry! That was "Kangaroo Jack." But certainly you can understand my confusion.

Because "Head of State" is just the latest in a recent series of white-people-are-so-lame movies, a theme that isn't getting any funnier, no matter how many times it's dragged out.

Chris Rock, in his directorial debut, stars as Mays Gilliam, a Washington, D.C. alderman who's chosen to run for president in 2004 after the party's candidate and running mate die in a plane crash. (Dylan Baker, who plays his campaign manager, Martin Geller, functions as the uptight white guy to Rock's funky black guy.)

In no time, Mays has taught all his stuffy handlers how to get their freak on, with the white folks doing the electric slide to Nelly's omnipresent party anthem, "Hot in Herre." Fo' shizzle!

Mays is running against a very white, very Southern sitting vice president (Nick Searcy), and gains popularity in the polls with his straight talk. The campaign — and the movie — really pick up steam when he picks his bail bondsman brother, Mitch (Bernie Mac), as his running mate.

But he isn't really expected to win; Sen. Bill Arnot (James Rebhorn) has set him up to lose so that he can run in 2008, and persuaded Geller and adviser Debra Lassiter (Lynn Whitfield) to go along with the plan.

While no political parties are mentioned, Mays is clearly a Democrat and the vice president is clearly a Republican, but the film doesn't have the guts to alienate any moviegoers.

Meanwhile, in a flimsy romantic subplot, Mays tries to woo a cute, idealistic convenience store employee (Tamala Jones) while avoiding his ex-fiancee (a shrill Robin Givens), who dumped him when she thought he was just a loser alderman.

Typical of sketch-driven comedy — and the plot is little more than a series of sketches — the jokes are hit and miss.

Some sight gags work, like Mays' surreal dream sequences, and the way he restyles his campaign — now dubbed "MG2K4" — with ads that look like P. Diddy videos, complete with bling-bling and booty shaking.

Screenwriters Rock and Ali LeRoi (a longtime collaborator on Rock's HBO series) hammer other jokes into the ground.

The vice president's misguided motto, "God bless America ... and no place else," is good for a laugh the first time, but not the third or fourth. And a running

joke about how he's qualified to be commander in chief because he's Sharon Stone's cousin isn't even initially amusing.

But if Rock and LeRoi are trying to make a serious statement about political corruption or racial misunderstandings, they're not saying anything fresh or insightful because so many characters are broad stereotypes. The humor often feels so archaic, it lacks satirical bite.

At a party with Capitol Hill blue hairs, Mays shouts while spinning records, "The roof! The roof! The roof is on fire!" And everyone panics and clears out. Could these people truly be so clueless?

"Head of State" works best when Mays strays from the canned propagandist and speaks off-the-cuff at campaign stops, simply because it nearly recreates the sensation of watching Rock perform standup comedy.

"How many of you work two jobs just so you can afford to be broke?" he asks the crowd.

Between this and Rock's other recent disappointments,

including "Down to Earth" and "Bad Company," it's enough to make you want to revisit his comedy special, "Chris Rock: Bigger and Blacker" — or at least catch an episode of "The Bernie Mac Show," which actu-

ally has something to say. "Head of State," a DreamWorks Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for language, sexuality and some drug references. Running time: 95 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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 Cindy Gearheart, 32, of Minnie, to John Randall Hunt, 33, of Prestonsburg.
 Ella Mae Risner, 29, to Kelly Scott Akers, 38, both of Grethel.
 Rosetta Rowena Brewer, 21, to Anthony Craig Tackett, 22, both of Beaver.
 Teresa Lynn Lafferty, 47, of Garrett, to Clayton Edward Teel, 47, of Minnie.
 Jacinda Dawn Boudle, 29, of Bevinsville, to Shawn David Whitaker, 36, of Wheelwright.
 Barbara Ann Howell, 38, to Rick Ferrell, 41, both of Betsy Layne.
 Amberlyn Charlene Smith, 23, to William Brenda Adair, 19, both of Prestonsburg.
 Betti Jean Moore, 39, to Arthur Newton Lewis, 27, both of Prestonsburg.
 Deborah Ousley, 32, of Martin, to Shawn Dale Wallen, 33, of Ivel.
 Kristy Jean Harris, 22, to James Hunt, 31, both of Ligon.

Civil Suits Filed

Sherry Lee Crum Fitchpatrick vs. Jamie Darren Fitchpatrick; divorce.
 Penni Ann Shepherd vs. Ryan Ellis Shepherd; divorce.
 Arlena Lynn Spradlin vs. Buell David Spradlin; divorce.
 Delonda Blankenship vs. Bennett Lee Blankenship; divorce.
 Natasha Rachele Endicott vs. Justin Michael Endicott; divorce.
 Michael Vance Jr. vs. Jeana H. Vance; divorce.
 Estill Jarvis Jr. vs. Ella Jarvis; divorce.
 Melissa Manock vs. Jerry Manock; divorce.
 Charity Petry vs. Randall E. Lemaster; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.
 Citizens National Bank vs. Big Footh Food & Fuel; debt collection.
 Brent Gilford Clark vs. Karen Derossett Clark; divorce.
 Pikeville Methodist Hospital vs. James Keathley; debt collection.
 Mark V. Henson vs. Christine M. Henson; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Angela K. Rowe vs. Jimmy T.

Earnest; petition for child support and health care insurance.

American Investment Bank vs. Anna Akers; debt collection.
 American Home Assurance vs. Loretta Wright; debt collection.

Small Claims Filings

Bernice Scott vs. Roderick Hall; stolen property.

Charges Filed

Nathan L. Caudill, 23, Harold, fugitive/governor's warrant.
 Miranda Noble, 25, Banner, theft by unlawful taking.
 Fred Greer, 41, Banner, fugitive/governor's warrant.
 Matthew G. Perkins, 27, Martin, second-degree burglary.
 Edgar Lowe, 65, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
 Steve Gibson, 33, Hueysville, alcohol intoxication.
 Frank Conley, 29, Louisville, alcohol intoxication.
 Christopher T. Sawyers, 21, Pikeville, public intoxication.
 Timothy Dwight Hall, 30, Minnie, public intoxication, trafficking less than eight ounces marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia.
 Tanya E. Perkins, 32, Wayland, conspiracy to commit second-degree burglary.
 David J. Caudill, 23, Wittensville, failure to register transfer, DUI, no insurance, no registration plates, failure to wear seat belt, receiving stolen property, giving false name and address.
 Ronnie Taylor, 46, Tram, theft

by failure to make required distribution of property.

Sheila Akers, 27, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.
 Bradford C. Hunt, 28, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.

Kathy A. Robinson, 46, Printer, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Ervin Hamilton, 48, Martin, alcohol intoxication.

John Wayne Chambers, 46, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.
 Steven D. Blevins, 23, Tram, two counts fourth-degree assault, alcohol intoxication.

Floyd D. Blevins, 46, Tram, fourth-degree assault, alcohol intoxication.

Albert R. Osborne, 42, Martin, violation of emergency protective order.

Earl R. Ward, 27, Paintsville, disorderly conduct.

Ned Meade, 43, Dema, alcohol intoxication.

Charles C. Hall, 29, Beaver, alcohol intoxication.

Bobby D. Damron, 39, Tram, alcohol intoxication.

Nellie Jar Maynard, 40, Wittensville, disorderly conduct.

Mary Kay McGuire, 27, Paintsville, disorderly conduct.

Jenny D. Branham, 24, Auxier, public intoxication, possession marijuana.

Michael Joseph Hall, 18, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.

Rocky D. Cole, 45, Melvin, alcohol intoxication.

Carolyn Keathley, 34, Grethel, fourth-degree assault.

Rocky Hall, age unlisted, Grethel, harassment.

Rhonda Collins, age unlisted, Grethel, harassment.

Arthur Kilburn Jr., 45, Martin,

third-degree criminal trespassing.

Michael Tackett, 42, Hippo, third-degree criminal trespassing.
 Winston Dillon Jr., 39, Prestonsburg, harboring a vicious animal.

Tabitha Akers, 20, Minnie, terroristic threatening.

Jeffrey Spears, 38, McDowell, two counts of terroristic threatening.

Inspections

Hall's Community Market, Bypro, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy-to-see thermometers not present, food items not stored far enough from floor, food contact surface in disrepair, no chemical test strips, wiping cloth use not restricted, debris around outside dumpster, floors in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair. Score: 90.

Pizza Hut, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food item not covered during storage, some clean items not stored properly. Score: 97.

Taco Bell, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer in freezer not working properly, improper item stored on ice, towels missing from sink, light not shielded, mop stored on floor. Score: 92.

Dairy Queen, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food item stored on floor, ice scoop stored in ice, single use containers not stored properly, ceiling damage in back room, light not shielded in freezer, mop stored on floor, hair restraints not in use. Score: 90.

Long John Silvers, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food stored improperly, food scoop stored near hand sink, area above freezer has debris, plates not stored properly, storage of food product on floor. Score: 94.

Castle, property located on Right Beaver Creek near Wayland.

Jesse Castle and Charlotte Castle to Plateau Energy L.L.C., property located on left fork of Middle Creek.

Sandra S. Castellese to Plateau Energy L.L.C., property located on Left Fork of Middle Creek.

Master Commissioner's deed: Angela D. Little, et al., to U.S. Bank, NA, property location not listed.

Keith Coleman and Rachel Coleman to Clyde Boyd and Shilea Sue Boyd, property located on Samson Branch of Prater Creek.

John Tackett to Linda Tackett, property located on State Road 2030.

Grays Real Estate, L.L.C., Grays Real Estate, L.L.C., by Roland E. Gray Sr., manager to Gregory Scott Slone and Kimberlee Lynn Slone, property located at Graystone Hills of Big Branch of Abbott Creek.

Janivie Hall to Eddie and Betty Little, property located, Branham Hollow.

Effert Parsons to Leonard Eugene Osborne, property location not listed.

William Lee Wells to Paul B. Wells and Jannis S. Wells, property located at Auxier.

Columbia Mullins and Harry Mullins to Anthony Mullins, property location not listed.

Bobby Coleman and Sherry Coleman to Tunis Michael Slone and Jennifer K. Slone, property location not listed.

Melissa Handshoe to Charles Ray Taylor, property located Bull Tail Hollow.

Lonzo Bowling and Ramona Bowling to Diamond R. Waddles Jr. and Michelle Waddles, property location not listed.

Missouri Bentley to Glenn Spears, property location not listed.

Interstate Natural Gas Company to Christopher Allen and Geneive Spears, property located on Frasure's Creek of Left Beaver Creek.

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Public a no-show for hearing over schools

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — The Floyd County Board of Education held a public hearing that lasted less than five minutes on Tuesday at Allen Central High School. The meeting was called in order to allow the public to make comments on the Local Planning Committee's District Facility plan, but no one showed up to voice opposition or support for it.

The 2004-2006 plan includes the construction of a replacement WPA building at Betsy Layne Elementary, an expansion of the existing elementary building to include eight classrooms, major renovations to John M. Stumbo Elementary, major renovations to Betsy Layne High School, major renovations to Allen Central High School, major renovations to Betsy Layne Elementary to include air-conditioning in the gymnasium and the construction of two preschool rooms.

The plan for after 2006 includes the construction of a new high school for the consolidation of Allen Central, Betsy Layne, South Floyd and the Floyd County Technical School, construction of a new elementary school in Prestonsburg, major renovation to Allen Central Middle School, major renovation to Duff Elementary, construction of preschool and resource rooms at South Floyd for elementary students, construction of a site-based council office room at Allen Elementary and Allen Central Middle School, and construction of youth service centers at Allen Central, South Floyd and Betsy Layne high schools.


The plan also includes the construction of auditoriums for all four of the high schools in the county.

The board considered the approval of the plan and voted to schedule a special meeting for a final vote and recommendation of the plan to the Kentucky State Board of Education.

Superintendent Paul Fanning and board members Carol Stumbo and Jeff Stumbo were the only members present when the meeting was called to order.

Property Transfers

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Obituaries

Delbert Denver "Thunderbird"

Mullins

Delbert Denver "Thunderbird" Mullins, age 69, of Martin, husband of Lilly Samons Mullins, passed away Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at his residence.

He was born August 8, 1933, in Martin, the son of the late Hampton Foster Mullins and Florence Hale Mullins. He was a retired coal miner, and a Korean War Army veteran.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include three sons, Larry Mullins and Billy Mullins, both of Martin, and Michael Mullins of Nappanee, Indiana; one daughter, Naomi Samons of Martin; three brothers, Claude Mullins and Hampton Mullins Jr., both of Warsaw, Indiana, and Larry James Mullins of Martin; two sisters, Bessie Woods of Allen, and Avalene Lee of Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services for Delbert Denver "Thunderbird" Mullins will be conducted Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Bill Samons Cemetery, at Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Sign the register for the family at: www.hallfuneralservice.com

(Paid obituary)

Roger Dean Stephens

Roger Dean Stephens, 39, of Wayland, died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at his residence, following a brief illness.

Born June 2, 1963, in Willard, Ohio, he was the son of Aldene Bayes Stephens of Wayland. He was a former water plant operator, and a Kentucky Colonel.

In addition to his mother, other survivors include four brothers, Gregory Stephens and Tim Stephens, both of Wayland, Larry Stephens of Richmond, and Joey Stephens of Martin; and a sister, Rhonda Christianson of Kendallville, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Ricky Stephens.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 29, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with J.M. Sloce and Brad Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Lackey Cemetery, at Lackey.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Beatrice Thornsby

Beatrice Thornsby, 77, of Emma, died Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Riverview Manor Health Care, Prestonsburg.

Born August 4, 1925, in Erwin, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late John Wilson and Mattie Sparks Ivey. She was a mother and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Thornsby.

Survivors include two sons, Jack Donald Garland of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Randall Lee Norton of Florida; a daughter, Lynda Parsons of Springfield, Virginia; a sister, Louise Meade of Greenville, South Carolina; and three grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline and Maybelle.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 27, at 10 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jack Howard officiating.

Burial was in the Cave Hill Cemetery, (Bardstown Road), Louisville.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Sheila Ann Hamilton

Sheila Ann Hamilton, 75, of Lexington, died Sunday, March 23, 2003.

She was born August 22, 1927, in Grethel, the daughter of the late H.H. and Phena Roberts Hamilton.

She is survived by two daughters, Diana Gale (Richard Earl) Honea of Parker, Colorado, and Karen Lynn Wira of Louisville, formerly of Chicago, Illinois; one son, Lanny (Stephanie Ann) Hall of Lancaster; one sister, Georgia Mitchell of Grethel; two brothers, Winford Hamilton of Greenfield, Indiana, and Link Hamilton of Winchester; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, William Frank Hamilton; one sister, Angie Gillan; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 25, at 1 p.m., at the W.R. Milward Mortuary-Southland, Lexington, with Elder Tom Hamilton officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

www.milwardfuneral.com

(Paid obituary)

Adrain Chester Jarrell

Adrain Chester Jarrell, 60, of Dwale, died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born April 16, 1942, at Slick Rock, he was the son of the late Bill and Victoria Riddle Jarrell. He was a disabled coal miner, and attended the House of Prayer at Dwale.

He is survived by his wife, Eve Eitt Wireman Jarrell.

Other survivors include three sons, Gary Jarrell of Slick Rock, Rick Jarrell of Bentley, Kansas, and Oscar Jarrell of Stanton; two daughters, Lesia Maines of Prestonsburg, and Lorenia Lee Jarrell of Wichita, Kansas; one sister, Lou Ellen Branham of Ashland; 19 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Adrain Jarrell Jr.; four brothers, Lonnie Jarrell, Eugene Jarrell, Raymond Jarrell and Kenny Jarrell; and one sister, Lola Boyd.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 28, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Wendell Clevinger, Doug Marshall, Nickie Rogers, and Gary Jarrell officiating.

Burial will be in the Jarrell Cemetery (Slick Rock) at Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Gary Edward Crum

Gary Edward Crum, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 9, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born August 15, 1943, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Andrew and Elworth Well Crum. He was a disabled truck driver.

Survivors include four daughters, Tammy Carol Glassman of South Bend, Indiana, Pamela Lynn Hensley of Indiana, Sherri Ciesielski of New Carlisle, Indiana, and Tonya Jean Capps of Dickinson, Tennessee; one brother, Charles Keith Crum of Powell, Ohio; two sisters, Carol Crum (Kenneth) DeRossett, and Andrea Crum (Payne Jr.) Blanton, both of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren, two nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Veerble Hackworth of Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one infant daughter; and one brother, George Roy Crum.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 11, at 10 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Garfield Potter officiating.

Burial was in the Wright-Crum Cemetery, at Cliff, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Adam Wright

Adam Wright, age 25, of Printer, passed away Wednesday, March 26, 2003, in Staffordville.

He was born September 12, 1977, in Martin, the son of Ronald Everett Wright and Loretta Hamilton Wright, of Printer. He was a coal miner.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one son, Justin Tyler Wright of Inez; three brothers, Michael Wright, Matthew Wayne Wright, and Ronald Wright Jr., all of Printer; two sisters, Sherry Ann Nichols of Staffordville, and Allison Hicks of Lexington.

Funeral services for Adam Wright will be conducted Sunday, March 30, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial will follow in the family cemetery, Fisher Hollow, at Printer, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Sign the register for the family at www.hallfuneralservice.com

(Paid obituary)

War

air superiority.

Warplanes bombed positions in northern Iraq near Kurdish-held areas and hit Republican Guard forces menacing American ground forces 50 miles south of Baghdad. The capital was rocked by an enormous explosion a few hours after nightfall when one of Saddam's presidential palaces was hit.

Combat aircraft dropped bombs "just about as fast as we can load them," said Capt. Thomas A. Parker, aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in the Persian Gulf.

Cargo planes flew military supplies into northern Iraq, one day after 1,000 American airborne troops parachuted in to seize an airfield. One source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said additional personnel were being flown in, as well, and an early objective would be securing the northern oil fields near Kirkuk. Invading forces took control of southern Iraqi oil fields in the early hours of the ground war.

Several miles away, Kurdish militiamen and villagers celebrated the fall during the day of a hilltop position where Iraqi forces had menaced civilians for years.

U.S. forces had pounded the northern hills around Chamchamal over the past several days, and it appeared that the Iraqis abandoned their checkpoint and bunkers and retreated to the west.

In central Iraq, the first resupply plane landed on a restored runway at Tallil Airfield — hastily renamed "Bush International Airport" by American forces who had secured it.

Still, Iraqi resistance continued to slow the drive on the capital and kept American and British forces out of key cities such as Basra and An Nasiriyah. Its mines kept ships with humanitarian assistance from unloading their cargo at the southern port city of Umm Qasr.

After eight days of fighting, Pentagon officials said close to 90,000 troops were in Iraq, and that another 100,000 to 120,000 were en route. All were part of a military blueprint made up long ago, officials said, sensitive to criticism that commanders had underestimated the need for troops to quell stronger-than-expected resistance or protect long supply lines.

Bingo

pal of Adams Middle School, said Wednesday that he and AMS principal Jack Goodman had discussed plans for accessing the school's bingo account in the past, but with little luck.

"Jack (Goodman) and I have sat down and discussed trying to access the account before," George said. "But it's not because we don't have to have the money to run this school. We run this school with what we've got, but if there's money out there that should be coming to us, then we want it."

George, who said both he and Goodman had been at the school about three years, offered that he had never personally attempted to access the account, adding that to do so would require a

Bush and Blair met as anti-war protests flared anew in the United States. In New York, hundreds of demonstrators lined three blocks of Fifth Avenue and dozens more lay down in the street in a "die-in." At the United Nations, the U.S. ambassador walked out of a debate on the war after Iraq's ambassador accused the United States of trying to exterminate the Iraqi people.

One day after Iraq claimed more than a dozen civilians were injured in a missile strike in Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said it was possible that an Iraqi missile was responsible. "It may have been a deliberate attack inside of town," he added.

There was little official information about the reported Marine casualties in fighting around An Nasiriyah, one of the southern Iraq cities where irregular forces have put up far more resistance than American military planners expected.

Brooks told reporters merely that some Marines had been injured in a 90-minute battle in the area. Officials at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where the troops are based, said 14 members of the 2nd Expeditionary Force were listed as wounded in action and another 11 as missing after fighting on Wednesday.

WTVD-TV of Durham, N.C., which has a reporter with the Lejeune Marines in An Nasiriyah, reported Wednesday that at least 25 had been injured earlier in the day during fierce house-to-house fighting, and said friendly fire may have been the cause of the injuries.

To the south, British forces have been trying for days to gain control over Basra, but

die-hard defenders of Saddam's regime have held positions inside the city amid reports of clashes with the local population.

Adm. Michael Boyce, chief of the British defense staff, told reporters that British forces destroyed 14 tanks that tried to leave the city during the morning. According to historians, it was Britain's biggest such battle since World War II.

"It's a suicidal approach which is irrational with no military logic to it," said Capt. Al Lockwood, a British officer.

Eight days into the war, Iraqis accused U.S. and British forces of targeting civilians. They, in turn, were accused of seizing Iraqi children to force their fathers into battle.

"They are targeting the human beings in Iraq to decrease their morale," Iraqi Health Minister Omeed Medhat Mubarak told reporters. Officials said about 350 civilians had been killed in the operation, and more than 3,500 others injured.

British officials also reported finding a cache of about 100 chemical protection suits and respirators at an abandoned Iraqi command post, the second find in the last few days.

Bush and Blair used their news conference to demand that the United Nations' oil-for-food program restart immediately. About 60 percent of Iraq's 22 million people are fed through the program, under which Iraq is allowed to sell unlimited oil, as long as the money goes mainly to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian goods for the population. The program was halted when the United Nations ordered its workers to leave the country.

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to Buford Conley and Karla Conley, property located on Daniels Creek.

Lee Edward Caudill and Rosemary Caudill to Mary Howell, property located on Right Beaver Creek.

James M. Salisbury to Rhonda Salisbury Musgrave, property located on left hand fork of Toler Creek.

Woodrow Jarrell and Janie Ellen Jarrell to Jackie Jarrell and Dianne Jarrell, property location not listed.

Pep Prater to Johnnie Nelson, property location not listed.

Valedia F. Hoover and David Gordon Hoover to David Dustin Hoover and Christie R. Hoover, property located on Brush Creek of Right Beaver Creek.

Ernest A. Fannin Jr. and Dickie Lynn Fannin to Ernest A. Fannin Jr., and Dickie Lynn Fannin, property location not listed.

Paul Howell and Marie Howell to Marie Howell, property located near Ky. 1426.

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good deal of "investigation" because neither he nor Goodman had ever dealt with bingo operations at the school.

At Betsy Layne money is an issue.

Shepherd said that since the operational conflicts which led to investigations a couple of years ago, coupled with budget cuts, "money has been sparse" at Betsy Layne. He said the thought that hundreds of thousands of dollars meant for the school remain inaccessible compounds those shortfalls.

"With budget cuts and everything, you think of all the money that bingo has taken from our community," Shepherd said. "It'd be nice to have to help our students."

However, not all schools who have run, or continue to run, bingo games to generate money have complaints.

South Floyd High School, the second school still licensed for bingo operations in Floyd County, has had no trouble accessing its disbursement account, principal Henry Webb said.

During the same three-year period — from 1999 to 2002 — a total of \$232,050 was deposited into South Floyd High School's bingo account, with \$73,550 of that coming in 2000 alone, according to DCG records.

Several attempts to contact officials at Prestonsburg High School were unsuccessful.

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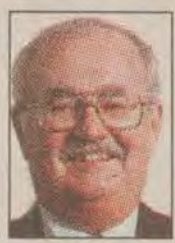
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COMMENTARY

Lofty Lofton impresses

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

Today let us sing the praises of the shooters, the fearless basketball players who spent most of their time behind the three-point arc. Forget the dunk artists and the penetrators. We're talking about the artists who play what Joe Dean Sr. used to call "string music." The sweetest sound in hoops is swish, swish, swish.



Begin with Mason County's Chris Lofton, the 6-foot-3 junior who shot his team to the championship of the Boy's State High School Tournament in Lexington's Rupp Arena.

The best shooter to come out of Mason County since Ronnie Lyons and the best to play in the State Tournament since Richie Farmer, Lofton hit nine of 12

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COMMENTARY

Return from Kansas City

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - Friends, you won't believe all of this.

After we finished up with our assignments Wednesday afternoon in Kansas City and had a nice lunch with some of our friends from The Hill, we packed up, joined Ewell

Vernon and Bill Watson and climbed into three mostly wide spaces in the Monte Carlo and

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HONORS

Area players named all-state honorable mention

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Some Standout area players from the 14th and 15th regions were named all-state honorable mention by the Associated Press earlier this week as the 2003 Girls' Sweet 16 was just hours away from tipping off.

Knott County Central senior Tonya Amburgey, a Pikeville College signee, was named honorable-mention along with fellow 14th Region player Heather Benton, a junior from Leslie County.

Sheldon Clark senior Kelli

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Betsy Layne's Natasha Stratton (34) and Kim Clark (4) both eyed a rebound in the first half following a Campbell County miss. Stratton led Betsy Layne in scoring with 21 points. Clark scored 14.

BETSY LAYNE BREAKS STATE DROUGHT

Ladycats overcome early deficit, pull away from Campbell Co.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN - An 11-2 deficit to begin things was just enough to light a fire under the Betsy Layne players. Betsy Layne senior Natasha Stratton scored 21 points to help the

Ladycats end a 13-year losing streak for the 15th Region at the Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament with a 55-47 win over Campbell County in the first round on Wednesday night at Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena. An early timeout called by head

coach Cassandra Akers helped turn the game around for the Floyd County team. Following the timeout, Betsy Layne settled down and was noticeably more comfortable.

Kim Clark and Whitney

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BETSY LAYNE 56, CAMPBELL CO. 47

CAMPBELL CO. (25-7)

Carpenter 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Griffin 1-4 0-2 2, Brock 1-7 0-0 2, Barry 4-8 0-0 9, Jeff 0-0 0-0 0, Rose 1-5 2-2 4, Ortlieb 0-0 0-0 0, Sparks 7-11 2-4 19, Becker 0-1 0-0 0, Bray 5-10 1-6 11, Nelser 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals 19-46 5-14 47.

BETSY LAYNE (27-5)

Clark 6-10 1-2 14, Lykens 5-13 2-4 14, Daniels 1-4 0-1 2, Stratton 8-10 5-6 21, Meade 0-1 5-7 5, Witt 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals 20-38 13-20 56.

RADIO AWARDS

Lykens, Stratton honored following first round game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN - In what veteran radio play-by-play announcer Doug Ormay called "the complete line," Whitney Lykens scored 14 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out five assists in 30 minutes of work against Campbell County in Betsy Layne's opening round win over 10th Region champ

Campbell County. For her efforts, Lykens was named the Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Player of the Game by the Kentucky Sweet 16 Radio Network.

Natasha Stratton, Betsy Layne's leading scorer in the game with a game-high 21 points, was honored with the Student Loans Goal of the Game honor. The "goal of the game"

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photo by Jamie Howell

KHSAA official Jimmy Blankenship of Raccoon in Pike County was the 15th Region representative in last week's boys' Sweet 16 at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Area officials chosen to call in Sweet 16s

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Area officials were selected to make the trip to the boys' and girls' Sweet 16 tournaments in the past two weeks. Jimmy Blankenship of Raccoon in Pike County was the 15th Region representative at the

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KABC COURT OF HONOR

Cards' girls coach in Court of Honor

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - As a coach, Sheldon Clark's Robin Harmon-Newsome has coached a Miss Basketball Ida Bowen (1991) and guided teams to state tournaments, not to mention helping lead players to play on the next level.

It was announced earlier this week that the veteran Sheldon Clark coach would have her place in the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) Court of Honor as a member of the 2003 class. Harmon-Newsome was chosen from the 15th and 16th regions.

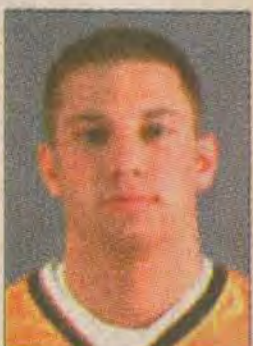
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NAIA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Defending champ bounces Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - No. 15 Science & Arts began defense of its championship with a 78-69 win over Pikeville College on Wednesday morning. The game served as the opener of the 66th Annual Buffalo Funds NAIA Div. I Men's Basketball Championship at



Davis

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The Prestonsburg 9 & under AAU basketball team will compete in this weekend's state tournament in Lexington. Pictured, front row, left to right: Andrew Skeens, Tyler Shelton, Taylor Tackett, Chase Baldrige and Wesley Robinson. Second row, left to right: Evan Bays, Adam Crisp, Chad Ousley and Tyler Keens. Coaches, back row, left to right: Ronnie Baldrige, Brandy Wells and Steve Shelton. A player not pictured, but a member of the team is Luke Williams.

Area

Moore (Marshall) and Johnson Central senior Ashley Wireman, another player who's headed to Pikeville, were also included. Before the season started, Moore was expected to vie for a position on one of the first three all-state teams.

A list of honorees follows. 2003 Kentucky High School All-State Team - The 2003 Kentucky High School girls' All-State basketball team, as selected by 14 members of The Associated Press (with school, height, class, position and number of combined first-and second-team votes):

FIRST TEAM

Sarah Elliott, Jackson County, 6-6, Jr., C (14); Crystal Kelly, Louisville Sacred Heart, 6-3, Jr., C (13); Megan Gearhart, West Carter, 5-7, Sr., G (12); Jade Perry, Muhlenberg North, 6-2, Jr., C (12); Carly Ormerod, Louisville Sacred Heart, 5-7, Soph., G (10).

SECOND TEAM

Arnika Brown, Christian County, 6-1, Fr., G (8); Chelsea Chowning, Lexington Catholic, 6-0, Sr., G (7); Jen Skaggs, Louisville Holy Cross, 6-1, Sr., F (5); Patrika Barlow, Barren County, 5-5, Jr., G (4); Nicole Chiodi, Newport Central Catholic, 5-11, Jr., G

(4); Charlotte Marshall, Shelby County, 5-10, Sr., G (4).

THIRD TEAM

Becca Kopple, Louisville Sacred Heart, 5-11, Sr., F (3); Ashley Lewallen, Louisville Butler, 6-0, Jr., C (3); Destiny Mattingly, Woodford County, 5-7, 8th grade, G (3); Meredith Plant, Western Hills, 5-11, Sr., C (3); Toni Slaughter, Shelby County, 6-0, Sr., F (3); Heather Taylor, Whitley County, 5-6, Sr., F (3); Courtney Watts, Mercer County, 5-5, Jr., G (3); Savanna Wynn, Cawood, 5-9, Sr., F (3).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Donna Moir, Louisville Sacred Heart.

HONORABLE MENTION

(with votes, unless only one received):

Tara Combs, Pulaski County (2); Krista Hatfield, Henderson County (2); Rachel Howard, Owensboro Catholic (2); Robyn Jennings, Elizabethtown (2); Julie Leach, Ohio County (2); Katie Madden, Boone County (2); Sarah McDaniel, Whitesville Trinity (2); Corkey Stiger, Christian County (2); Jessica Still, Owensboro Apollo (2); Megan White, Fort Knox (2); Brittany Abbott, Clinton County; Tonya Amburgey, Knott County Central; Beth Babb, Marshall County; Pam

Bell, Paducah Tilghman; Heather Benton, Leslie County; Leigh Bolinger, Hopkinsville; Angela Brown, Clinton County; Paula Carver, Webster County; Melanie Cornett, Rowan County; Jayme Davis, Caldwell County; Jan Dodson, Mayfield; Tiffany Evans, Greenwood; Anna Ewing, Evarts; Kala Faulkner, Russell; Madison Flowers, Somerset; Casey Geiman, Bishop Brossart; Jackie Gordon, Frankfort; Juleah Green, Butler County; Amber Guffey, Clinton County; Paige Guffey, Clinton County; Marquise Hanser, Notre Dame

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Comments

pointed it east. The goal was to get past St. Louis and then commence looking for a hotel. Boy did we achieve it.

First, let me say we came through St. Louis at the absolute perfect time. It was around 7 p.m., with the rush hour traffic slowing and the lighting taking over for daytime. I've flown into and out of St. Louis 16 times, but never been off the premises of the airport. Also, in all those times, I'd never seen the infamous arch.

Goodness, it is a lovely site. It was well lit, as were many of the sky-scrapers around it, and now that I've seen it I certainly can understand what all the fuss is about. Someday I'd like to go back and go up in it, but for this night it was a sight to behold.

After we past the city by about 20 minutes, we stopped for gas and could still see it. We were stunned by it again.

When we stopped here, the worker at Huck's told us once we got past Mt. Vernon, there was a whole lot of nothing. Boy was ol' Huck right.

We came upon Mt. Vernon kind of surprisingly, because to be honest it's little more than a wide spot in the road. Within a half-mile either way you'd never know you were about to come upon a place with several hotels, many restaurants and a few car lots.

Just as we passed it, the three of us agreed we'd probably made a mistake but decided to go ahead. It couldn't be that barren across southern Illinois, could it?

He he. Remember ol' Huck? He needed to be a little more convincing. Most of the time those folks stretch the truth a little, but he was right on the money. We saw two gas stations over the next hour - and one of them was

Betsy Layne faces tough challenge in the form of Clinton County

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN - The next obstacle for Betsy Layne is Clinton County. The Lady Dawgs are almost perfect on the season with a record of 33 wins and one loss. Does anyone remember the last team Betsy Layne faced with just one loss? If you guessed Johnson Central, you're absolutely right. The

Ladycats beat Johnson Central, which then had just one loss on the season, in the finals of the 15th Region Tournament.

To say Clinton County rolled through its opening round game against Boyd County would be putting it very mildly.

Angela Brown scored 20 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked seven shots as No. 2 Clinton County used a spread-out scoring attack to beat Boyd

County 74-54 Wednesday night in the first round of the girls' Sweet 16.

Brown, a 6-5 senior, teams with a pair of sisters with the last name Guffey to make for a talented trio.

Against Boyd County, Paige Guffey scored 19 points, Amber Guffey added 14 and a fourth player, Staci Ross had 13. It was

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upon the next exit with a hotel - some 30 minutes later.

And here we are, at the Comfort Inn just west of Evansville.

So then we decided upon the closest restaurant, Arby's, which would be open until 11, based on the sign. But when I ordered, the guy told me it'd have to be to go because they should have

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Honors

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She is joined this year by Gerald Tabor (Union County), Regions 1-2; Willis McClure (Apollo), Regions 3-4; Peggy Frieher (Butler), Regions 5-6; Dave Weedman (Oldham County), Regions 7-8; Nell Fookes (Boone County), Regions 9-10; Bob Tripure (Henry Clay, Lexington Catholic), Regions 11-12 and Randy Napier (M.C. Napier, Perry Co. Central), Regions 13-14.

Each chosen individual will have a brick in the KHSAA "Court of Honor" at the Association office display in Lexington.

Officials

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Boys' Sweet 16. Chad Allen of Hazard was the pick from the 14th Region.

On the girls side it was Johnny Webb of Harold out of the 15th Region and Brian Cook of Whitesburg from the 14th Region.

These officials were selected as the best of the best which gave them the honor of officiating in the state tournaments.

Each region's assigning secretary selects a representative of their respective region for the state tournaments.

Game

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came in the fourth period, when after leading 48-40, Betsy Layne found itself clinging to a 48-47 lead. Stratton fought free and went in to score on a lay-in to make it a 50-47 lead in favor of the Ladycats. Campbell County could never get any closer.

Champ

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Municipal Auditorium. The loss ends Pikeville's season at 26-10, while USAO advances at 21-7.

Poor shooting proved costly for the Bears, who hit 22-of-64 from the floor for 34.4 percent. They were 8-of-21 from the arc, but senior Charles Sanders and junior Greg Davis combined for 7-of-14 shooting. They also struggled from the line, hitting 17-of-28 (60.7 percent).

The Bears led 4-3 before running off nine straight points to take a double figure lead. Senior Jason Robinson scored to both begin and end the run, which ended with the Bears on top 13-3 with 11:40 remaining.

But then the Drivers came to life with an 11-0 run of their own. Corey Wicker had six points for USAO, including the last four to give them a 14-13 lead with 7:47 left.

Pikeville got back in front 19-16 on a four-point play by Robinson, but from that point on the Drivers outscored the Bears 17-8 to lead 33-27 at the break.

USAO opened the second half with a 9-3 run that ended

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Whitney Lykens, 15 pts., 5 rebs., 5 assists vs. Campbell Co.

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closed. I don't mean for the night, I mean it was out of business.

Remember what it was like to drive Mountain Parkway 10, maybe 15 years ago? It was like this for most of 100 miles. We saw nothing. I'm not sure we saw so much as a house most of that way.

Finally, we came upon the town of Mr. Carmel, with its two gas stations and two hotels. One of them was a Best Western with a restaurant attached, and because we hadn't eaten in eight hours, we made that our choice.

The rate was a little high, but we chalked that up to the

remoteness of the location. But then they told us the restaurant - the only one around - had closed (ahem) two minutes ago. Two minutes! Oh, the bar is open - actually the guy called it a grill - but it served no food.

We thought that meant it would be a good night for business at the 24-hour Shell station. That is, until we pulled in to find it closed.

I'm not making this up here. I couldn't. I wouldn't do that to any of you and especially to us.

So the guy at the Best Western agreed to let us out of the contract, so we scooted on down the road and finally came



Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers talked with her team during a second quarter timeout. The Ladycats continue play in the state tourney today against Clinton County.

Ladycats

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Lykens added 14 points each for the Ladycats (27-5), who won the school's first Sweet 16 game.

Lykens also had five rebounds and five assists.

"We worked hard all season," Lykens said. "We worked hard in the second half to do what we needed to do. No from Betsy Layne one has ever won a game here (the state tournament)."

The two teams, Betsy Layne and Campbell County, went into the half deadlocked at 28. A late steal and made free throw with just seconds remaining in the first half allowed Campbell County tie the game back up, after it trailed 28-27 with seconds left in the second period.

Campbell County got a balanced attack from a group which features some players who'll return for prep seasons again next season.

Maria Sparks scored 19 points and Lindsey Bray had 11 points and 12 rebounds for Region 10 champion Campbell County (25-7), which was making its first Sweet 16 appearance since 1979. This season's 10th Region rep beat Bishop Brossart to make in into the tourney.

The Lady Camels opened the game with the 11-2 run, due largely to forcing four Betsy Layne turnovers in the first four minutes. The Ladycats ran into some trouble handling the Campbell County pressure early in the contest, before overcoming the Lady Camel defense.

The Ladycats answered with a 10-3 run as Campbell County struggled on both ends of the floor, especially the offensive side.

Betsy Layne trailed 15-12 at the end of the first quarter.

Neither team led by more than two until late in the third quarter.

At the half, Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers challenged her team to step up its play in the last two quarters. "We challenged our kids," said Akers. "We told them that playing defense and working hard on the boards wins games."

Clark hit her only 3-pointer of the game came with 1:30 left in the third and broke a 38-38 tie. And the Clark score was a huge blow for the Ladycats. The basket started a 9-0 Betsy Layne run that lasted into the first two minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Ladycats led 43-38 at the end of three periods.

Sparks ended a four-minute scoring drought for Campbell County and started a 9-1 run with a basket in the lane with 5:57 left. Betsy Layne committed three turnovers during the spurt, and Sparks' putback with 1:31 left trimmed the deficit to 48-47.

But Stratton scored at the 1:25 mark and Sparks missed what would have been a game-tying three-point shot at the other end had it went down with 1:01 remaining. The Lady Camels had a couple of missed opportunities to score before and after the Stratton basket.

Campbell County suffered severely from the charity stripe, making 5-of-14 tries for a dismal percentage.

The Ladycats went 6-of-8 from the free-throw line in the final minute to preserve the win. Point guard Tiffany Meade finished the game 5-of-7 from the line.

Betsy Layne is the first 15th Region girls' basketball team to win a state tournament game since Elkhorn City made it into the semifinals in 1990. Betsy Layne will play Clinton County today at 1:30 p.m. (central time).

Hoops still big part of ex-Wildcat's life

by JODY DEMLING
THE COURIER-JOURNAL

LOUISVILLE — Anthony Epps has enjoyed several nice moments during his basketball

career, but perhaps none of his memories are more special than those he made in March.

Ten years ago this month Epps led Marion County High School to the state tournament

KABC AWARDS

Moore, West take top honors in 15th

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The top player in the 15th Region and the top coach in the 15th, as voted on by region coaches have been announced.

Sheldon Clark senior Kelli Moore, a player who has signed to further both her education and playing career at Marshall University, was named 15th Region Player of the Year by the KABC (Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches).

Magoffin County High School Coach Neil West was named the 15th Region Coach of the Year by the KABC.

All players and coaches chosen from the 16 regions will be recognized at the state tournament today during the first game of the afternoon session of the Girls' Sweet 16 State

Basketball Tournament.

West coached Magoffin County to a 20-8 season and the school's first regional tournament win during the most recent campaign. During the 2001-2002 season, West guided the Lady Hornets to a 21-10 record and the first regional tournament appearance in the team's history.

Magoffin County and West will return a quality core group of players to the hardwood again next season.

From the 14th Region, Knott County Central senior Tonya Amburgey was named the player of the year. Lady Patriot head coach Rhett Gibson, who helped the Knott Central girls to the 14th Region semifinals, was named coach of the year.

In the 16th Region, Megan Gearheart (West Carter) was the top player and Hager Easterling

title. In March 1996, Epps and his University of Kentucky teammates began their march to the NCAA championship.

"Basketball has been great to me," Epps said. "My life has been like a dream come true. I think there are probably a lot of people that would like to trade places with me."

He still is playing basketball these days, running the point for the Louisville Eagles of the new United Pro Basketball League.

In December, he moved from Lebanon to take over as the athletic director of the Kentuckiana Boys and Girls Club of Jeffersonville, Ind.

"After a while I had to go to work 9-5, but in some way basketball will always be a part of my life," Epps said.

His ride to the top of the basketball world started when he helped lead Marion County to the Sweet 16 during his junior year.

After a marvelous high school career, all the major schools in Kentucky were courting Epps.

"It was easy for me because I didn't take time to look at all the schools," Epps said. "Growing up in Kentucky, if the greatest schools in the state wanted you, then I wasn't going to have to go far to play."

Epps first decided to walk on at Kentucky, only to have coach Rick Pitino offer a scholarship after Ed O'Bannon opted to go to UCLA.

"I just wanted to enjoy the moment," Epps said. "I went from a star in my hometown to being on the national scene. It was special for me. I was lucky. But it wasn't just myself and my family but the whole community to have something like that happen to us. It was great."

But what happened next was more than Epps ever could have dreamed.

After sitting on the bench for most of his career at UK, Epps replaced Tony Delk at point guard after a 10-point loss to Massachusetts early in the 1995-96 season.

"I was the 12th man and like the last man to get into the game," Epps said. "I just kept playing and felt like I worked hard enough in practice to show the coaches I could play at that level. Then (Pitino) gave me a shot."

And Epps ran with it. He lost the job for eight games during the middle of the season but was the man who led UK to the title with his steady and heady play.

In helping lead the Wildcats to the title, Epps played with nine guys who went on to the

National Basketball Association — Tony Delk, Walter McCarty, Antoine Walker, Derek Anderson, Ron Mercer, Mark Pope, Nazr Mohammed, Jeff Sheppard and Wayne Turner.

Epps played for the Sioux Falls Sky Force of the Continental Basketball Association and later for the Trenton Stars of the International Basketball League.

But after a couple of years, Epps decided to "get a real job."

"I just love working with kids," Epps said. "If I can be a positive influence on just one or two and maybe change their life down the road, then I have done my job."

Epps has three kids of his own — Makayla, 7; Jaren, 3; and Jamison, 1 — and said he'll probably get into coaching sometime down the road.

But for now he'll continue playing for the Eagles.

"It's been great for me," Epps said. "They asked me if I would like to play, and I told them I was honored. I wanted to see how I could do against all of these young guys."

He's doing just fine, averag-

ing 18 points, nine assists and five rebounds for the Eagles.

"Anthony has been a wonderful player," Eagles coach and general manager Greg Ezell said. "When the ball goes up, Anthony goes into a different mode. He plays so hard, so smart and so well. He's done everything we have asked of him. He's been a great leader for this team."

Epps said he's hoping to keep his hoop dreams alive by getting a shot with a United States Basketball League team or perhaps playing overseas.

"I have aspirations to keep playing, and it doesn't have to be in the NBA," he said. "The NBA isn't everything. I just love to play the game. I don't have to make millions and millions playing the game I love. I can just keep improving and improving and playing in the minor leagues until I get tired of it. Basketball is going to be there until my time is up."

Floyd NWTF discusses youth hunt, other topics

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation had its last regular meeting on March 6 at the Martin City Hall. The group offered up refreshments and lots of turkey talk. Turkey talk is a high priority this time of the year with the spring turkey season just around the corner. The youth hunt for under 16 years of age is April 5-6 and the regular season begins April 15. From the reports the chapter is receiving of turkey numbers, all sportsmen are in for some great hunting.

"We were honored to have as our special guest Mr. Tony Grubb, Conservation Technician with the Floyd County Conservation District. Tony gave a very informative report on what they offer the people of this area," said Floyd County NWTF officer Paul Robinson. "For instance, planting trees, soil samples, and assistance in maintaining your property."

"If you are a property owner you need to get to know Tony. Thanks Tony."

The next meeting for the Floyd County chapter will be April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Martin City Hall. Much of the chapter's next meeting will concentrate on its second annual Super Fund Membership Banquet. The

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GIRLS' SWEET 16

First Round in Review

Lady Knights escape Perry Central via OT

Lexington Catholic used an 11-2 overtime run to put away Perry County Central 65-60 in the first game of the Houchens Industries Girls Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament on Wednesday in Bowling Green.

Perry County Central had a chance to win on the last possession of regulation, but the Commodores turned the ball over, and the game went to overtime, where LexCath (30-4) took over.

Three Lady Knights scored in double figures in the game, led by Miss Basketball favorite Chelsea Chowning and sophomore Shannon Novosel, who each had 17 points. Sarah Schell had 14, seven of which came in overtime.

"We were ready for anything, because anything can happen at tournament time," said Novosel. "We did really well."

PCC (27-4) had 20 turnovers in the game, and those miscues led to 20 Lady Knight points.

Perry County Central's Polly Sebastian, the 14th Region Tournament MVP, led all scorers with 23 points.

Shelby eliminates Butler, 51-43

Early, it was the Bearettes who appeared to be on their way to a victory, riding the strong inside play of Ashley Lewallen.

But Shelby County seniors Charlotte Marshall and Toni Slaughter and freshman Amanda Green weren't going down without a fight.

And when Lewallen picked up her fourth foul in the third quarter, Shelby County was able to catch up and take the lead on a Slaughter basket with 59 seconds to play in the period.

"We fought back, we always do," said Green. "If one person's down, we pick it up, it's a team effort."

Green led the Lady Rockets with 19 points, while Slaughter added 16. Marshall had nine points and 12 rebounds in the game.

Shelby County (29-3) got revenge for an earlier loss to Butler this season, and will now

face Lexington Catholic in Friday's first semifinal.

Lewallen was the only player in double figures for Butler (21-11), scoring 19 points and pulling down 13 rebounds.

Clinton County 75, Boyd County 54

Clinton County used a balanced scoring attack to win its 26th game in a row, beating Boyd County 74-54 in the first round of the Houchens Industries Girls Sweet 16 on Wednesday.

Senior center Angela Brown led the way for the Lady Bulldogs, scoring 20 points, but she had plenty of help from Paige Guffey (19 points), Amber Guffey (14 points) and Stacie Ross (13 points).

Clinton County (33-1) hit 57.8 percent of its shots for the game, while holding Boyd County to only 37.7 percent shooting.

Boyd County star Kasi Mullins never got on track. She finished with 11 points, but nine of those came in the second half. Nikki Robbins led Boyd County (24-7) with 16 points.

After being upset in the first round last year by Harrison County, Clinton County now advances to Friday's quarterfinals, where it will meet Betsy Layne.

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Area

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Academy; Ashley Hawkins, Henderson County; Brittany Lloyd, Cawood; Ashley Massey, Cumberland; DeErica Jones, Christian County; Katie Madden, Boone County; Brittany McClave, Boyd County; Amanda Miller, Central Hardin; Kelli Moore, Sheldon Clark; Shaleea Petty, Christian County; Polly Sebastian, Perry Central;

Sherry Sexton, Murray; Katie Shelbourne, Lone Oak; Casey Shemwell, Todd County Central; Emily Story, Ballard Memorial; Olivia Terry, Madison Central; Mindy Tharp, Fulton City; Jayme Thiem, Newport Central Catholic; Kim Stapleton, East Carter; Jamie Turner, Fulton City; Ashley Wireman, Johnson Central.

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when Hayden Herrin hit a three, putting the Drovers on top 42-30 with 16:23 left.

The lead got to 12 once more, this time at 57-45, with 7:21 remaining before the Bears made one last run, thanks to junior Greg Davis. After Teon Knox made four free throws, Davis hit two jumpers before nailing a three with 4:25 remaining to pull the Bears within three, 59-56.

But the Drovers ripped off eight unanswered points to get the lead back to 11 and the Bears could get no closer than eight the rest of the way.

Davis paced the Bears with 19 points, thanks to 4-of-6

shooting. Sanders followed with 17, while Robinson had 14 before going down with an ankle injury with 17:28 remaining.

Science & Arts had five players in double figures, led by Hayden Herrin with 18 points. He also had five assists. Corey Wicker added 17, Micah Boylan 12, Michael Williamson 11 and Richard Svarovsky 10.

Williamson, the all-time leading scorer at USAO, struggled from the floor hitting only two of his 13 shots and going 1-of-9 from the arc. However, the first-team All-American had seven assists and four rebounds,

Reed

three-pointers and scored 39 points in the Royals' 86-65 blowout of Louisville Ballard in the title game.

Earlier in the day, Lofton nailed three of four trey attempts while scoring 30 in Mason County's 75-63 semifinal victory over Hopkinsville.

For those of you keeping score at home, that's 69 points in 64 minutes. Not a bad day's work for a youngster who already has a scholarship offer from University of Louisville Coach Rick Pitino.

"He shoots it better than anybody in our state," said Mason County Coach Kelly Wells.

Heck, Pitino could have used Lofton in U of L's fierce battle with Butler in the second round of the NCAA Tournament's East Regional in Birmingham.

Although Reece Gaines played magnificently in what turned out to be his final game as a Cardinal, U of L had no answer for Butler's Darnell Archey, who hit nine three-pointers to help the Bulldogs to a 79-71 upset victory and a chance to play Oklahoma in Friday's regional semifinals in Albany, N.Y.

In the second half against the Cards, Archey was 6-for-6 from

beyond the arc despite usually having at least one defender flying at him.

"Once I hit one or two, it just felt really good," Archey said. "Like Michael Jordan said, 'It was like a big ol' hoop out there.' I was in a zone. It felt really good."

For the game, the Bulldogs made an astounding 14 of 22 three-point attempts to U of L's 11 for 25. For a change, Pitino, who always has embraced the three, was beaten at his own game.

Good outside shooters also are usually good free-throw shooters, which always helps dramatically in close games.

At one point this season, Archey set an NCAA Division I record by converting 85 consecutive free throws. For the game, Butler scored 11 points off free throws to four for the Cards.

In the semifinals and finals of the State Tournament, Mason County's Lofton was 12-for-12 from the foul line. If he hasn't yet received calls about going to UK from Lyons, Allen Feldhaus, and Deron Feldhaus, he surely will in the near future.

And how about UK making all 18 of its free throws in its 74-

54 victory over Utah in the second round of the NCAA Midwest Regional in Nashville?

It must have had something to do with the homecooked meal that actress Ashley Judd served the Wildcats on Saturday night at her home outside the city.

She passed up Sunday night's Academy Awards ceremony to stay home and nurture her beloved Cats. Now that's a real fan, not just a celebrity looking for some reflected glory.

The Cats' three top guards — Gerald Fitch, Keith Bogans and Cliff Hawkins — made only 10 of 28 field-goal attempts. From beyond the arc, they were 4 of 11. Not a great day at the office, but you can bet one of them will step up and deliver from outside if the Cats get into trouble against Big Ten regular-season chump — ah, champ — Wisconsin on Thursday night in Minneapolis.

Since the three-point shot and the shot clock were adopted in 1986-'87 as a means of putting more excitement into the game, long-range bombers such as Jeff Fryer of Loyola Marymount, Freddie Banks of UNLV, Steve Alford of Indiana, and Sam Cassell of Florida State have electrified the public. Swish, swish, swish.

That's the sweetest sound of March Madness, more than thunder dunks or acrobatic drives or wailing cheerleaders. In Mason County, Chris Lofton surely is watching the NCAAAs, secure in the knowledge that someday his shooting artistry will send Billy Packer of CBS searching for superlatives.

By the way, speaking of shooters, Packer was 38 of 76 from the field and 13 of 17 from the free-throw line when he and Len Chappel led Wake Forest to a third-place finish in the 1962 NCAA tournament.

The man could knock it down. It's just unfortunate — or maybe fortunate, if you stop and think about it — that in his heyday, there was no frenzied TV analyst to shout, "Billy Packer ... Swish City ... Awesome, babe!"

Tough

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Clinton County's 26th victory.

Clinton County led 37-25 at halftime of the Boyd County game and continued to cruise in the second half.

Head coach Gary Abbott has nothing but respect for the Betsy Layne team his squad will face today.

"Betsy Layne is a good basketball team or it wouldn't be here," said Abbott. "Right now, you have to take it a game at a time."

An excited Cassandra Akers will have her Betsy Layne team up

Comments

closed one minute ago.

Who knew the restaurant people in the Midwest were so precise?

Anyway, we've finally settled in, and now we'll get ready to close it down tomorrow.

This wasn't the first wild adventure we've had after national tournament visits. Two years ago in Tulsa, Bobby Norman, Brad Lockard and I had a day that included us walking over most of the sizable city and spending some time packed snugly into the back of a cab.

Bobby was in Kansas City Wednesday. He's moving to Phoenix, and we'll be a little poorer here because of it. Bobby is a talented announcer and a good friend, and we wish him well in the dry heat.

Brad wasn't here this time. We were thrilled to have Tom Kopacz along, but Brad was missed. My friend is having a hard time right now, and I just want him to know that he was missed. Badly. Even the Dippin' Dots didn't taste the same without him. That didn't stop me from having them, but they weren't the same.

Meanwhile, the team had the good sense to stay in Kansas City tonight, mostly to participate in the Parade of Champions. All 32 teams were to be on the court at 8 p.m., marching out single file and enjoying one final bow on the

opening night of the tournament.

After a few hours, it seems to us that the lack of scoring was the key to the Bears' 78-69 loss to defending champion Science & Arts loss. The effort was there, particularly by Charles Sanders on the defensive end, but if you can't score you can't win, and the Bears struggled — often from point-blank range — most of the morning.

Speaking of that, there's another thing about this. I know someone has to do it, but honestly, it's impossible to replicate playing at a normal time when you're going at it at 9 a.m.

For one thing there's the pregame meal. Most coaches like their players to eat roughly 3-3 1/2 hours before gametime. That would mean eating between 5:30 and 6 in the morning.

Also, dishes such as pasta are the ideal pregame meal, but where can you get spaghetti at that time of day? And even if you could find it, would you be interested in eating it before 6 in the morning?

As I say, it's the luck of the draw, I suppose, and Science & Arts faced the same dilemma, but it's difficult to expect a solid performance at that time of morning.

Still, it was a terrific season for Randy McCoy's club. He should be proud; I know I am.

ALC first baseman near top in AAC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd senior first baseman Doug Clark, Mt. Orab, Ohio, is hitting .470, which is one of the top averages in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

Clark has 34 hits which include six doubles, a triple, and two home runs.

Clark hit .390 during his freshman season of 2000 which normally would have won the conference freshman of the year

honor, but it went largely unnoticed because of the huge offensive season put forth by teammate KW Sexton.

Clark is a career .300 plus hitter with a left handed swing who plays solid defense at first and also pitches for the Eagles.

His numbers, if they hold up, will not only be some of the best in the AAC, but will also be some of the best in the nation.

Results from this week's ALC baseball games will appear in Sunday's edition.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne senior Tiffany Meade defended a Campbell County ball-handler during Wednesday night's first-round win.

VOLLEYBALL

ACMS beats Allen, BLES

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — In the grade school ranks in Floyd County, the sport of volleyball is now the choice of many young ladies. Monday night, Allen Central Middle School (ACMS) and Allen Grade School got the season underway at ACMS.

The Allen Central Middle squad beat Allen in straight games, 15-8, 15-4, to win the match.

The Allen B-Team beat the ACMS B-Team (21-18, 24-21).

In a game played on Wednesday night, the ACMS A-Team beat Betsy Layne (15-3, 15-6). The ACMS B-Team fell again, losing in three games (13-14, 22-16, 18-22).

"We invite everyone to come and see the future starts of Allen Central High School play this great sport of volleyball," said Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard.

Allen Central Middle was back on the floor last night against Stumbo. Results were unavailable at press time.

Sports Calendar

Baseball • Beaver Creek Little League

Beaver Creek Little League has held signups for the upcoming season, but that doesn't mean players can't still get in on the action if someone still wants to sign up they can by calling Dexter Conley at home at 358-9444. Teams haven't started practice yet.

Hunting • Education course

The Pike County Extension Service Educational Center will host a hunter education course from 6-9 p.m. March 27-29. For more information or to register call 606/432-2534 or 800/233-1390. Instructor Larry Dotson may also be contacted by calling 606/432-3702 after 6 p.m.

Basketball • Boys' tournament

The fourth annual Northern Kentucky Tar Heels Spring Shootout is scheduled for April 4-6 in Covington. The tournament will have 12-and-under, 13-and-under and 14-and-under divisions. For more information, contact James Pouncy at 859/491-5478 or via email at jamespouncy@hotmail.com

MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE

Ex-JCHS catcher named MSC Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — What began as a college baseball career at Morehead State University is winding down at Pikeville College for former Johnson Central High School catcher Tim Baldwin. Baldwin was recently named the Mid-South Conference (MSC) Player of the Week. Baldwin earned the award

by hitting .833 and knocking out 10 hits in 12 at-bats for the Bears in a stretch which saw him hit two doubles, drive in two runs and cross the plate six times.

This season, Baldwin splits playing time between catcher and second base. As of Tuesday, he owned the fourth best batting average (.462) in the MSC. In 26 at-bats he had 12 hits for the Bears.

FISHING

New fishing regulations in effect for 2003

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The recent warming trends of March put spring in the step of Kentucky anglers. The memories of ice storms and constant snow cover fade away as the first real short-sleeve weather of the year ushers in the 2003 fishing season. Before hitting the water this year, Kentucky anglers need to be aware of the new fishing regulations.

Buckhorn Lake in Perry and Leslie counties is one of the hottest muskie lakes in

Kentucky. In an effort to establish a trophy muskellunge fishery in the lake, there is a 40-inch minimum size limit and a one fish daily creel limit on muskellunge on Buckhorn Lake for 2003. The Buckhorn Lake tailwater (Middle Fork of the Kentucky River) is still open to statewide regulations for muskellunge.

There are new regulations for largemouth bass at some of Kentucky's smaller lakes. At Carnico Lake in Nicholas County and at Mill Creek Lake in the Natural Bridge State Park in Wolfe County, there is now a 15-inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass. There is also a three fish daily creel on largemouth bass in Mill Creek Lake and Carter Caves State Park Lake (Smokey Valley Lake) in Carter County. A 12-to-15 inch protective slot limit on largemouth bass commences on Pennyrite Lake in Christian County. All largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be New regulations on motor size on smaller lakes are in store for 2003. At Cranks Creek and Martins Fork Lakes in Harlan County, boats larger than 10 horsepower must operate at idle speed only and motor boats on Carnico Lake in Nicholas County must also operate at idle speed.

Internal combustion motors may not be used on Mill Creek Lake in Wolfe County. There is no longer a horsepower limit for boat motors at Cedar Creek Lake in Lincoln County.

Four trout streams are now under delayed harvest restrictions for 2003. All trout caught between October 1 through March 31 must be immediately released in Casey Creek in Trigg County, Left Fork of Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Lick Fork in Simpson County and Swift Camp Creek in the Clifty Wilderness Area in Wolfe County. During the delayed harvest period, only artificial lures are permitted for use on these streams. Due to low summer flows and limited usage, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission removed the delayed harvest restrictions on trout for Hawk Creek in Laurel County.

A 15-inch minimum size limit and a five fish daily creel limit on channel catfish is in effect on Golden Pond in the Land Between the Lakes National Forest beginning this year. The special hybrid striped bass regulations on Dewey Lake no longer apply. The statewide regulations for hybrid striped bass and white bass now apply on Dewey Lake.

For more information on the new fishing regulations for 2003, please consult the 2003 Sport Fishing and Boating Guide available wherever hunting or fishing licenses are sold. You may request a copy by calling 800-858-1549.

GIRLS' SWEET 16

Referee leaves girls' Sweet 16

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Referee Ron Moore left in the first quarter of Wednesday's girls' Sweet 16 game between Boyd County and Clinton County and was taken to a local hospital, officials said.

Moore is fighting a cold and had taken some medication earlier in the day, said Larry Boucher, assistant commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletics Association.

Moore's condition wasn't immediately known, but Boucher said it was nothing serious.

He said Moore was being taken to The Medical Center in Bowling Green "just to check him out, make sure everything's OK. It's more precautionary than anything."

Boucher said Moore was from Frankfort. He did not know Moore's age.

Referee Shannon Feck replaced Moore in the game.

SOFTBALL

Hillbilly Days Softball Tournament

PIKEVILLE — This year's Hillbilly Days Men's Softball Tournament will be held April 12-13 at the Pikeville YMCA Softball Field. An entry fee of \$100 has been set.

Awards include a team trophy for each of the first three squads in the tournament. The first- and second-place teams will also receive 15 T-shirts.

One MVP and one home run award will also be handed out.

To enter a team in the tournament call Carl Mullins at 606/432-4658.

Starting time set for Blue/White Spring Football Game

LEXINGTON — Starting time for the annual Blue-White Spring Football Game has been set for 1 p.m. EDT on April 26. The game format will be similar to recent seasons, with the alumni playing one quarter of touch football, followed by three quarters of game action by the varsity.

Turkey

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banquet will be May 31 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club and the Floyd County Chapter of the NWTF will have a pig roast/membership drive April 5 at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club clubhouse. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Hurry up, guys, and 'Kudos' to Mr. McGuire

I'm finding myself once again doing that "mad rush - oh, no here it comes again" thing that I keep promising God and myself that I will put an end to.



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

If life would only slow down a little...gosh, how I envy the days of my grandmothers, except for the invention of that "can't do without" little gadget called a blowdryer!

How I lie! Of course there are a multitude of wonderful inventions and gadgets that make living in the new millennium a daily wonder, it's just that it's awfully hard to actually get the time to slow down and "smell the roses," as they say.

As I write, I have on my mind a couple of "little" tests that I'm having done tomorrow at the hospital. Nothing major, and I actually doubt that anything out of the ordinary will be found, but, as the good doctor

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POSTSCRIPT

Ridin' 'round

Although I can't imagine not being able to drive where I need to go, I do like to be driven. If I were ever to win the lottery, I think one of my first acts would be to hire a chauffeur.

When you're the driver, you have limited vision of what you're driving by. If you keep your eyes on the road, in the interest of safety, you simply cannot freely observe your surroundings.



Pam Shingler
 Contributing Writer

Ah, but when you're riding with someone else, you can absorb at least one side of the scenery you're going through. You

can observe the lay of the land - in our case, the shapes of the hills, the bends of the trees, the signs of life up long hollers. You can watch for the unusual and decide whether to encourage the driver to look or keep it to yourself.

A couple of weeks ago, some co-workers and I were on the way to Jackson, on KY 15. I had the privilege of being a passenger, and I got to ride in the back seat, just like being chauffeured.

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CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Mr. and Mrs. James J. Carter, II were among the many who enjoyed a buffet dinner at this year's Floyd County Conservation District's 2003 Annual Awards Banquet held March 14 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

Annual Spring Banquet

by MICHELLE GOBLE

FLOYD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



2003 School Writing winners.



School Kindergarten winners, 2003 Conservation Art Contest.

The Floyd County Conservation District held their annual spring banquet on March 14, at the Jenny Wiley State Park Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. There were nearly 200 guests in attendance, including representatives from the Floyd County Board of Education, the Floyd County Fiscal Court, and the Floyd County Extension Office. The District holds this banquet each year to honor the winners of the Conservation Art and Writing Contest, as well as those teachers who participate in the District's Environmental Education program, and to present the Cooperator of the Year award to the person(s) or group that have worked diligently with the District to aid in the conservation of our area's natural resources.

Following the buffet meal, the District's Conservation Technician, Tony Grubb, gave a short presentation of the District's many programs. A special recognition award was presented to Ray Tackett, Floyd County Extension Agent for Agriculture. Mr. Tackett has been a valuable resource for technical advice and has cooperated with and supported District programs.

Mrs. Virginia Artrip, also a valuable District resource person, was recognized for her many volunteer contributions to the District, most notably, her crafted quilt piece that will be used in the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Auxiliary Scholarship program.

The coveted Cooperator of the Year award was presented to Ogie Slone of the Floyd Service Project, for recognition of her tremen

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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.

Any time you let the weather keep you from fishing, brother, you're in the sere and yaller leaf.

Fellow was talking about the War of '64 and somebody suggested he should refer to it as the War of '61. "No, '64, he maintained. "And my wife won it."

Nobody living or dead ever saw and none will ever see an earlier Easter than this year's. The day falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring equinox. The equinox was on March 22, the full moon will be on Friday, the 27th. So it is that Easter could not come earlier than this one of 1964—unless a recent move to fix the date succeeds.

Since the day comes so early, I believe my present hat will make it through Easter.

OUT OF THE PAST

Speaking of old books (which we weren't). I have run across Marie Corelli's oldie, "Thelma." Some of those old pieces of fiction which held me goggle-eyed as a youth have lost their interest for me, but this one, for all its archaisms and

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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

We're going to have a baby

A guess is that one of the happiest times for most couples is the knowledge that they are going to have a baby. It is just one of those concepts of what "it" is going to be like, such as the pregnancy, the waiting, the getting "it" into the world, and how "it" is going to be so grand. Being able to distinguish at first exactly what the "it" really means is difficult. Does "it" mean the realization that a baby will actually be

in their lives? There are also the exciting thoughts about who will "it" look like, how much nicer holidays will be with a child, and now there will be a "family." BUT, sometimes there is the "rest of the story" with the possible impact on the baby of the adults' stresses and strains.

Since researchers are always looking for the end product of stress, there have been repeated studies about how the

mother's stress may affect early child development. For example, in the 1980's, and while reviewing studies for my Master's research project, the general conclusion seemed to be that the mother's emotional status during a pregnancy did not have significant influences on the baby. However, more recent research has shown that how women deal with stress during pregnancy, and after giving birth,

is strongly associated with fetal and infant development (APA's 1999 Annual Convention).

Several researchers have attempted to clarify exactly the role of emotions and/or attitudes during pregnancy for the newborn. One study showed that stress and anxiety during pregnancy was associated

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ March 31 thru April 4 - Spring "Book Fair"

■ April 15 - Parent Support Group meeting, 11 a.m. Topic: "How to Help your Child Succeed in High School." Refreshments will be provided, all parents and guardians welcome.

■ April 17 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m. All welcome.

■ April 17 - "Career Day" for 8th grade students - will be held at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

■ May 6 - Red Cross Blood Drive, begins at 12 p.m.

***8th grade class is selling Papa John's cards (pizza discounts) to help raise money for the 8th grade prom and class trip. If you would like to help the Adams eighth-graders by

purchasing a Papa John's card, please contact the Youth Services Center at 886-9812 or Diane at 886-7926.

■ 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 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.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

April 18 - ACHS will host its annual "Math Day." Registration will be from 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Events will begin shortly after and end around 2 p.m. Event will be held for 7th and 8th grade students. Students will be placed on teams that will compete in a variety of fun and challenging activities.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ March 28 - MAC trip, 6th grade.

■ March 31 - "Respect" class, 7th grade girls.

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

■ Youth Service Center office hours are from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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

■ April 17 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m.

All SBDM Council meetings open to public. All are welcome to attend.

**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.

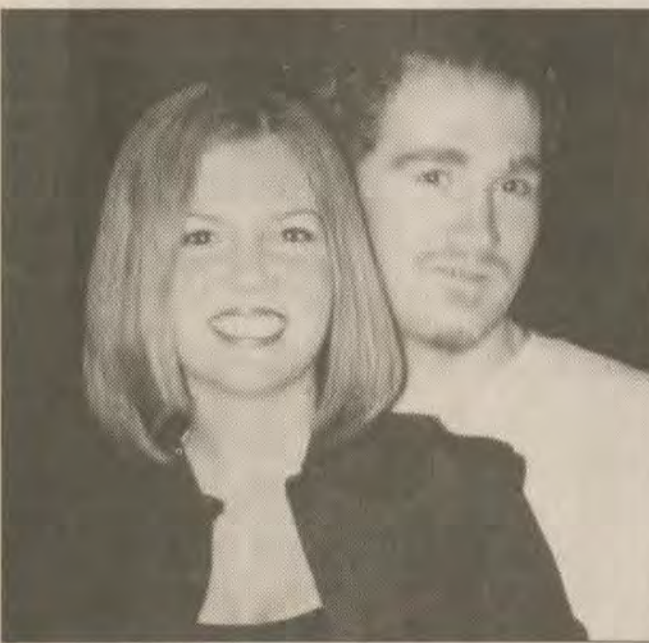
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Weddings



Gearheart-Porter

Mr. and Mrs. Ashland Gearheart, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Susan Lee Gearheart, to Barry Porter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, of Prestonsburg. The couple will wed on Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, at half past the afternoon hour of four o'clock. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Barbour-Case to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Case, of Betsy Layne, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Chadrick Case, to Miss Jera Lynn Barbour, of Maysville. Both the prospective groom and his fiancée will graduate from Morehead State University this May. Miss Barbour is the daughter of Diana Polley, of Towsboro, and Jerry Barbour, of Maysville. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place in early September, 2003, in Maysville.

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romanticism, still tickles the old fancy.

The book has an intriguing plot and a character or so that keeps me reading. Those long, descriptive paragraphs are a bit too mellifluous in spots; the sun gets too glorious in "his" glory, and the pale moon gets so pale she seems to need a transfusion. But I am here to tell you that Thelma was some gal, and her old man cut quite a figure, too.

That word, "figure," reminds me of some of Miss Corelli's figures of speech. Try this sample from Page 161, of my edition, on your harpsichord:

"From her proud mouth, arched like a bow, sprang barbed arrows of scorn that

fled straightly and struck home."

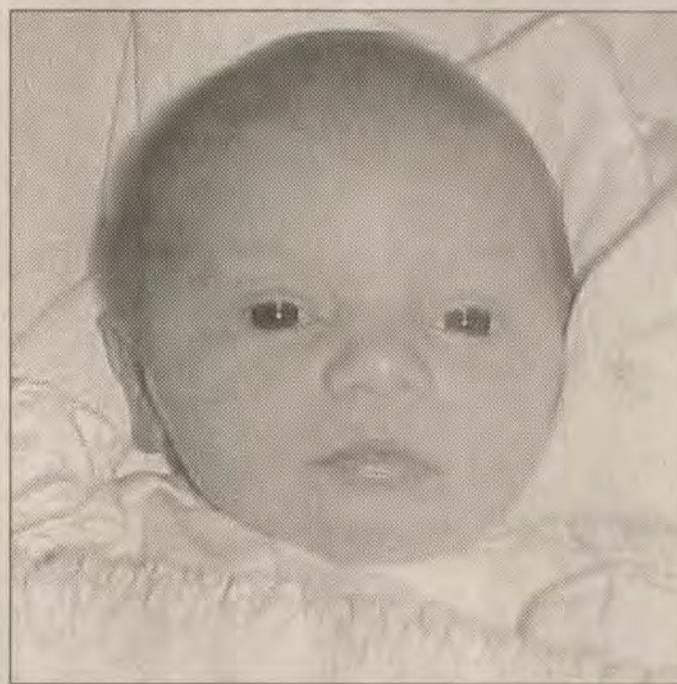
This and similar passages give me slight spells of the vapors, but I still say it's a good yarn.

WILD HOG CIDER CAUSED IT

Just in case you have an idea modern Floyd County gets out of hand and on the wild side at times, you are referred to the record. This comes from The Big Sandy News, of Louisa, in its edition of June 20, 1913, and was written by a correspondent to that paper from Endicott, who used the pen-

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Birthdays



She's here! Savanna Grace arrives!

Savanna Grace Holbrook arrived on Thursday, March 20, 2003 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz., and was 18 1/2 inches long. Savanna Grace is the first born daughter of Jeff and Samantha Holbrook, of Prestonsburg. She is the maternal granddaughter of William and Virgie Cook, of Amburgey. Her paternal grandparents are Donoon and Donna Holbrook, of Harold. She is a much loved and very welcome addition to her family.

Joy Ann is a teenager!

Joy Ann Hunter will celebrate her 13th birthday on Saturday, April 5, 2003. Joy Ann is the daughter of Larry and Loretta Hunter, of Printer. She is the maternal granddaughter of Daniel and Nelvie Boyd, of Dana. Her paternal grandparents are the late Charlie Jr. and Myrtle Hunter, formerly of Printer. Joy Ann is a seventh-grader at Betsy Layne Elementary.



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with low birth weight and early delivery (University of California-Los Angeles). Another researcher found that optimists seem to escape stress during pregnancy by maintaining a sense of control over the situation. There have been published results that both stress and optimism determine birth outcomes, such as the time of delivery and the baby's birth weight. Typical of research, there has been other results showing that optimism has a positive impact on birth outcomes, since optimistic women were less stressed. The influence of the adults' expectations of the baby, even after it is born, has also been found to play a definite role in the child's development. For example, a conclusion has been that parents and health-care providers develop a stereotyped perspective of premature babies, which impacts on the way they interact with the infants, possibly producing adverse effects on the babies' mental development.

In trying to address if a mother's stress during pregnancy contributed to unfavorable outcomes, several different aspects have been studied. One major finding was that women under high stress during pregnancy are as much as

four times more likely to deliver their babies prematurely than women who experience little stress. It was interesting that these researchers assessed the reaction to pregnancy of the hormone known to be the main regulator of the stress response. Although the pathway was not identified, it was found that the system responsible for stress hormones does not shut off during pregnancy, but is progressively activated during pregnancy. Gradually, the stress hormones are increased at different rates in different women, determining the time of labor and delivery. Women who deliver premature babies have much higher levels of one of the hormones as early as 18 weeks into the pregnancy, than women who have their babies at term. The particular hormone was thought of as a "clock" in influencing the timing of delivery.

Other research projects have demonstrated a link between stress and unhealthy behaviors during pregnancy, that are related to low birth weight. Of course, it has been known for several years the significant impact of smoking, drug use and poor prenatal care, on the small-developing-and-growing fetus. Even so, a

major finding was that a person's emotional response to stress, rather than the stressful events themselves, are most responsible for creating a negative birth outcome. "Strong anxiety about pregnancy may pose the greatest risk of early delivery," according to one researcher that has done multiple studies in the area.

Back to how positive thinking—expectations—affects another very important event in our lives, that of labor and delivery. Researchers rate a woman's level of optimism, when interested in how anxious she is about her pregnancy. For example, there were two studies examining the relationships between optimism, perceived control of the situation, coping abilities, and psychological distress. A final conclusion was that optimism was related to less distress. It seemed that optimistic women tended to use coping skills other than avoidance of stressful circumstances, such as avoiding other people in general, trying not to think about the birth, and sleeping to escape problems. The optimistic mothers-to-be also were more likely to believe they had control over the out-

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I've driven on that road several times, but I had never seen the sight that attracted my attention that day.

On a slight hill sat an old cemetery. The road, now more than 30 years old I suppose, had been cut right to the edge of the cemetery. In fact, the road may have taken some of it.

The graveyard was not, however, what caught my attention; it just led my eyes there. No, on a narrow ledge, cut into the hillside four or five feet below the cemetery, was a double car seat. No bucket seats here; this aerie perch was an old piece with what looked like beige wool upholstery.

I doubt that anyone but the most hardy soul would sit there. Your feet would likely dangle over the steep drop.

I suspect the seat was put on the ledge by some innovative young people between fits of giggling in a lark ending with torn clothes and skin.

I'm glad I wasn't driving; else I might have run off the road if I'd seen the sight.

*** Also on that trip, I saw an interesting business sign: HAZARD SAFETY.

I want to send a public thank you to Bert Arms, who tends to Bubba and Ben when I can't. I certainly appreciate him—especially when they bolt out the gate and he has to chase them down. Thanks, Bert, from all of us.

I hope you don't mind if I share with you some quotes that mean a lot to me and I hope to you, as well. This seems

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says, "Won't you just feel better about it all if we go ahead and do it?"

Yep, guess so. But I betcha I'd feel a lot more better if I were just lying lazily along one of America's sandy beaches worrying about nothing more than whether or not the breadcrumbs were gonna last 'til all the seagulls had gotten their fair share.

And speaking of slowing down, this having to arrive each morning at the county "schoolhouses" has plum drove me mad. As if I didn't have it hard enough trying to get myself, plus three school age children out of bed and ready to meet the world, not to mention making sure that the family pet had been taken out and his water bowl filled up before we took off. (And let's not even think about whether or not we remembered to unplug those things that need unplugging as well as turning off the multitude of t.v.'s and stereos in each of the bedrooms...)

You get the picture - it's all too familiar to many of us.

And now, our board of education has dealt this whammy of being required to get our children to school fifteen minutes earlier than before. Do they have any idea how that affects your morning, not to mention your biological alarm clock? And especially when they decide to implement the change seven months into the school year, already! Geez...I know a couple of polls were conducted, but did I miss being asked my opinion? Did any of you other parents get asked about the deal? I can't help but notice that not only me, but a couple of hundred more of you are right there with me each day, letting our kids out of the car with two minutes to spare and encouraging them to "hurry up now!" - or in essence, breeding only more of what's already driving a million-plus of us crazy.

Like I said, I'm rushing here, but I can't go without sending a good ole' "You go, Guy!" to our newest board member, Mickey, you called 'em on the carpet this week. I was wondering when the man I was familiar with was gonna show up...



Family Medicine

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



Child's gender and heredity predispose to sleep walking

Q When I was a boy I was prone to sleepwalking. Now my son sleepwalks. Does this run in families? What causes it?

A Sleepwalking, known as somnambulism by physicians, occurs in about 15 percent of children. It's most common between the ages of 4 and 15 and affects boys more often than girls. Since it has been found to "run in families," it is assumed to be an inherited condition. So, your son has two predisposing factors — heredity and gender.

To understand sleepwalking, I first need to explain normal sleep. Two major stages have been identified based on the eye movement that takes places during them. One is called the REM (rapid eye movement) stage. During this period, you experience vivid dreaming and high levels of brain activity. On the other hand, the NREM (non-rapid eye movement) stage cannot be so simply summarized. It can be understood best by looking at its four subcategories. Stage 1 is the "drowsy" phase — lasting about 15 minutes — when you fall into light sleep and are easily awakened. Stage 2 is an "intermediate sleep" period

— accounting for about half of your total sleep time — when you are more difficult to awaken. Stage 3 is the beginning of deep sleep, and Stage 4 is the deepest sleep stage. A sleep cycle — lasting 90 to 100 minutes — begins with the four stages of NREM. These stages then quickly reverse, and are directly followed by the first REM period, roughly 90 minutes after falling asleep. This cycle — with slightly varying patterns — recurs about four to six times each night.

It is in the last two stages of NREM sleep — during the first three hours of sleep — that sleepwalking usually occurs. It's interesting to note that both the time spent in these last two stages and the incidence of sleepwalking decrease with age. Oftentimes a sleepwalker like your son, will sit up in bed with his eyes open and may mumble nonsensical speech. He may move around and perform simple tasks such as turning lights on and off, but

the movements may not be well coordinated. Episodes may be very brief or may last over 30 minutes.

While it can be difficult to awaken a sleepwalker, contrary to popular belief, it won't do any lasting harm. Often, though, all that's needed is to redirect him back to bed. Also, sleepwalkers can injure themselves, so you may need to take one or more of the following precautions: place a gate by the stairs, move the sleepwalker's bedroom to ground level, or make sure upstairs bedroom windows are securely locked.

Although in many cases the exact cause of sleepwalking can't be determined, it can sometimes be due to anxiety, fatigue or stress. Providing emotional support for children plus a safe nighttime environment can benefit a sleepwalker.

Good sleep hygiene — such as going to bed at the same time every night, maintaining proper room temperature and

avoiding excessive fatigue — can be of benefit. Restricting fluids in the evening may also help, as the need to urinate can sometimes trigger sleepwalking. The good news is that this condition is usually outgrown in the teenage years, is seldom associated with any serious underlying illness and produces no lasting harm. If your son is having more than a couple of sleepwalking episodes a month, or they last into late adolescence, I recommend that you contact your family physician for help.

"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. You can also email Dr. Simpson at simpsonm@ohio.edu. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Special Olympics seeks volunteers for April event

The Special Olympics will hold their spring Olympic event on April 19, at the Prestonsburg High School football field. The event will begin at 8 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist in this special community event and Special Olympic coordinators are challenging each City employee, along with Mayor Fannin, to volunteer of themselves to aid in this

rewarding endeavor. Local coordinators are working toward the goal of having this event permanently placed in Prestonsburg. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time, or to provide a monetary donation, may call Robin Crider at 886-8655 (Community Connections). A small portion of your time can be rewarded ten-fold with joy by volunteering to participate in this event.



PHS students excel in FBLA regionals

Prestonsburg High School students garnered some high recognition for their school at the Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) Regional Competition held at Morehead State University on March 18. "We were really proud of all our chapter representatives this year at the regional competition," said Terri McCoy, "and we are thrilled that our community could be so well represented by students Kyle Colley, Beth Garrett, and Gary Whitt." Kyle Colley placed third in

Visual Basic Programming, Beth Garrett placed second in Computer Concepts, and Gary Whitt placed third in Banking and Financial Services. For more than 55 years, FBLA-PBL, Inc. has helped high school, middle level, and postsecondary students successfully make the school-to-career transition. FBLA-PBL produces results including: Character and leadership, good citizenship, financial management skills, (See EXCEL, page four)

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like an appropriate time to be reminded. ■ I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. — Philosopher-writer Voltaire ■ It is the function of speech to free men from the bondage of irrational fears. — Justice Louis Brandeis ■ An unconditional right to say what one pleases about public affairs is what I consider to be the minimum guarantee of the First Amendment. — Justice Hugo Black ■ We all have the right to speak. And if we're honest with ourselves, the only time our First Amendment rights bother

us is when someone says something we disagree with. But lately, in this sound-bite-off-your-head age, a lot of people view their opinions as facts and don't see anything wrong with silencing opposition. — Rich Copley, Lexington Herald-Leader ■ Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. — Constitution of the United States.



Dance award winner

Brittany Rae Springer placed third in the state dance competition held in Frankfort this past March 12. She, along with dance partner, Whitney Keathley, also placed second in the duo dance competition. Brittany will compete in the upcoming Kentucky Derby Dance Competition to be held in Louisville on March 22.

School

DUFF ELEMENTARY
 ■ April 7, 8, 9 - Kindergarten Registration - 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please call 358-9420 for information on what to bring with you when you register your child.
 ■ Call school Family Resource Center at 358-9878, to make an appointment for a free physical for your child who plans to enter Kindergarten in the fall semester, 2003.
 ■ 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.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY
 ■ April 1 - Community Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in school gym.
 ■ April 3 - "Stranger Danger" programs, primary grades.
 ■ April 4 - "Birds of Prey" school assembly program.
 ■ April 3, 4 - Kindergarten Registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 ■ 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; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; TB skin tests, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

turn receipts in to their home-room 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.

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
 March 28 - 9th Annual "Spring Fling" Gospel Sing, 7 p.m., in school gymnasium. FREE admission - Love Offering. Will feature: The Gospel Tide, The Sammons Family, MCA students, and MCA Strings.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
 ■ April 3 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., in school auditorium.
 ■ 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
 ■ April 2 - Child Abuse Awareness booth will be set up in South Floyd foyer in order to inform students, staff, and community.
 ■ April 14 - Peer Pressure and Conflict Resolutions classroom presentations.
 ■ 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
 ■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristin Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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 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,

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come of their pregnancy and seemed less distressed. "These studies reveal that there is power in positive thinking." After controlling for other possible sources of pregnancy complications, a conclusion was that level of optimism predicted length of pregnancy and therefore birth weight. In addition, when there was control for optimism, stress

no longer predicted birth outcome. However, again, another study showed that optimism predicts birth weight, but that stress was also important. In contrast, other researchers looked at the influence of negative thinking on child development by examining people's expectations about premature babies, and ways those expectations can affect children's development over time. Mothers, college students, nurses, and medical studies did what was labeled as "prematurity stereotyping." When the infant was identified as having been premature, the adult perceived the infant as physically less mature, weaker, less sociable, mentally less competent, behaviorally less mature, and less liked. Often, with these circumstances, the infant will actually be touched and handled less by caregivers, doing less "positive parenting."



Emma Women of God share blessings with Mt. Manor residents

The Emma Woman of God visited and ministered to the sick and elderly at the Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, this past Saturday, March 22. They presented the residents with fruit, candy, and the gift of gospel song. Many blessings were both given and received. Pictured, from left to right, front row, are: Linda Wells, Spiritual Life Director, Penny Johnson, President, and Anita Elkins, Treasurer. Back row, left to right, are: Sue Robinson, Anna Spears, and Jo Ann Adams.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
 ■ School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students

THE DAVID SCHOOL
 Adult Education Class

Diabuddies Corner

Contributed by Connie Grigsby, ARH

Diabetes is a major health care concern in our area. Uncontrolled diabetes can lead to complications such as kidney disease, blindness, lower limb amputations and can increase the risk of heart disease. Because of this health threat in the area, several community resources have worked together to increase

diabetes awareness and education. One outcome of this group is a diabetes education/support group. It is called the Diabuddies. It is free and open to anyone who is interested in learning about diabetes. This group will have various speakers through out the year to educate participants on different aspects of diabetes, treatment and the prevention of complications. The meetings are held the first

Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center and the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Perry County Senior Citizens Center.

Diabetes tip of the week: It is estimated that over 5 million people in the United States do not know they have diabetes? Have you been tested recently?

Diabetes Recipe: Obtained from web site- www.equal.com

New York Cheesecake Makes 16 servings

1-1/4 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
4 tablespoons margarine, melted
3 packets Equal sweetener or 1 teaspoon Equal for Recipes or 2

Tablespoons Equal Spoonful
3 packages (8 ounces each) reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
18 packets Equal sweetener or 5-1/2 teaspoons Equal for Recipes or 2 Cup Equal Spoonful

2 eggs
2 egg whites
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup reduced-fat sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 pint strawberries, sliced (optional), or raspberries and blueberries
Strawberry Sauce (optional)

Mix vanilla wafer crumbs, margarine and 3 packets Equal® in bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Reserve 1 tablespoon of crumb mixture. Pt remaining mixture evenly on bottom and 1/2 inch up the inside of pan.

Bake in preheated 325 degree F. oven until crust is lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

Beat cream cheese and 18 packets Equal® in large bowl until fluffy; beat in eggs, egg whites and cornstarch. Mix in sour cream and vanilla until well blended. Pour mixture into crust in pan.

Bake in 325 degree F oven just until set in the center, 45-50 minutes. Remove from oven; sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Cool completely on wire rack. Refrigerate 8

hours or overnight before serving. Remove side of pan; place cheesecake on serving plate. Serve with fresh fruit and Strawberry Sauce if desired.

Strawberry Sauce Makes 2 cups

1 package (16 ounces) frozen unsweetened strawberries, thawed
1/2 cup lemon juice
6 packets Equal® sweetener or 1 1/2 teaspoons Equal® for Recipes or 2 cup
Equal® Spoonful

Process strawberries in food processor or blender until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and Equal®; refrigerate until serving time.

Nutritional information per serving:
158 cal., 7g pro., 10g carb., 10g fat, 50mg chol., 234mg sodium
Food exchanges: 1 milk, 2 fat

Strawberry sauce (2 tablespoon serving)
12 cal., 0g pro., 3g carb., 0g fat, 0g chol., 1mg sodium
food exchanges: free food

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Mental Health experts offer tips on coping with the stress of war

ALEXANDRIA - The impending war with Iraq and threat of terrorist attacks at home are creating varying levels of stress for all Americans. When prolonged, stress can chip away at one's mental and physical health. The National Mental Health Association has developed tips for adults on how to deal with these turbulent times.

"Stress makes it increasingly difficult to cope with everyday tasks and puts you at risk for various health problems, such as high blood pressure, anxiety or depression," said Michael Faenza, president and CEO of the National Mental Health Association. "If you are feeling stressed, it's a good idea to deal with it and try to redirect that energy into positive activities."

Following are some steps to help individuals get out from under the stress:

■ Stay connected. Talk to family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers about your stress and fears.

■ Get physical. Reduce stress

by developing a regular exercise routine.

■ Avoid drugs and alcohol. Just like stress, they rob you of energy and cloud your perceptions of everyone and everything.

■ Make time for relaxation. Try to reduce the amount of time you spend worrying about things you can't control. Try to cut down or eliminate activities that cause you stress.

■ Take back some control. You can't control the war or events at home associated with it, but you can exercise control over some things. Maintain your routine as much as possible.

■ Take reasonable precautions. Make an emergency communications plan with family and friends.

■ Be optimistic about the challenges ahead. Try to maintain a positive outlook. Remember that our nation has survived other difficult times. Stay in touch with your spirituality, if you find it comforting.

If you feel your problem is more serious and you are experi-

encing thoughts of suicide, hopelessness or extreme anger, seek professional help. Contact your local mental health association or the National Mental Health Association to find a social worker, psychologist or psychiatrist in your community.

Copies of NMHA's fact sheets on helping adults and children cope with stress, terrorism, violence and fear are available online at www.nmha.org or by calling NMHA's Resource Center at 800-969-NMHA

(6642). In addition, NMHA has nationally recognized mental health experts available for interviews on coping with crisis and related issues.

The National Mental Health Association is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. With more than 340 affiliates nationwide, NMHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans through advocacy, education, research and service.

Banquet

dous amount of hard work toward conserving Floyd County's natural resources.

Lastly, student winners of the 2003 Conservation Art & Writing Contest, were awarded beautiful trophies, t-shirts, and certificates of participation. The theme of this year's contest was "Kentucky's Soil...it touches all of us!"

School and county level winners are listed as follows:

County Kindergarten winners: First place - Austin B. Hall, Stumbo Elementary; Second place - Haleigh Johnson, Wesley Christian; Third place - Brittany Brown, Clark Elementary.

County Art winners: First place - Cody Akers, Stumbo Elementary; Second place - Derrick Moore, May Valley Elementary; Third place - Dillon Lawson, Duff Elementary.

County Writing winners: First place - Ashley Gunnell, Piarist School; Second place - Lindsay Webb, Allen Central Middle School; Third place - Zachery Stanley, May Valley Elementary.

School Kindergarten winners:

Clark Elementary, first place - Brittany Brown, Duff Elementary, first place - Jordan Cole; second place - Angel Ferrel; third place - Corey Davis, Prestonsburg Elementary, first place - Lela Peppi; second place - Taelor Blevins; third place - Hannah Grace Boleyn. Stumbo Elementary, first place - Austin B. Hall; second place, Jesse Tackett; third place, Kaytlyn Short. Wesley Christian, first place - Haleigh Johnson; second place, Katie

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Justice; third place, John Dillon.

School Art winners:

Betsy Layne Elementary, first place - Lauren Ross, Clark Elementary, first place - Jake Layne; second place - Brittany R. Compton. Duff Elementary, first place - Dillon Lawson; second place - Jeremy Conley; third place - Candra Hicks. May Valley Elementary, first place - Derrick Moore; second place - Adam Bormes; third place - Rocky Crisp. Mountain Christian Academy, first place - Chase Perkey, Osborne Elementary, first place - Kayla Mosley; second place, Reta Adams; third place, Byron Johnson. Prestonsburg Elementary, first place - Frankie Conn; second place - Andrew Combs; third place, Andy Coahran. Stumbo Elementary, first place - Cody Akers; second place, Lucas Hamilton. Wesley Christian, first place - Victoria May; second place, Hunter Brown; third place, Kasey Funk.

School Writing winners:

Adams Middle School, first place - Caitlin Newsome; second place, Maura Minix; third place, Jonathon Lowe. Allen Elementary, first place - Corey Walker; second place - Brittany Waugh; third place - Jacob Couch. Allen Central High School, first place - Alanna Cline; second place - Ryann Thornberry;

third place - Maggie Salisbury. Allen Central Middle School, first place - Lindsay Webb; second place - Brittany Frasure; third place - Josh Manual. May Valley Elementary, first place - Zachery Stanley; second place - Seth Perry; third place - Traci Spurlock. Opportunities Unlimited, first place, Josh Tackett; second place, Tiffany Howell; third place, Dena Gibson. Piarist School, first place - Ashley Gunnell. Prestonsburg High School, first place - Jonathon Collins; second place - Belue Sturgill; third place - Rudy Pennington. Stumbo Elementary, first place - Colby Hayes; second place - Kory Henry; third place - Jeremy Osborne. Wesley Christian, first place - Kristy

Hyden.

The banquet was its usual grand success and all who attended seemed to enjoy the evening. The Floyd County Conservation District would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to the Floyd County Farm Bureau for their donations, the Floyd County Extension Office for their help in preparation and to all the many others who volunteered to help make this year's banquet a success.

For more information about this year's banquet, other District programs, or general information, contact the District at 889-9800, or email to: conserve@eastky.net.

World

name, "Sunshine." The unsunshiny report reads:

"Never in time has there been known such a gathering of men at the mouth of Buffalo on John's Creek as there was last Sunday, the 7th, and Sunday before they came far and near. A big row ensued all day, shots to the amount of over 200 fired at random. Marvin Crider near his home and on his own premises came near being killed by a stray bullet. Everybody drunk and whooping and hollowing and shooting in such a way that the civil people could not pass the road. It is supposed by the people that wild hog cider was the cause of it all. This row and big

time was kept up continuously until dark Sunday. The authorities of Floyd County should come into our community and investigate at once before someone is killed, for this is as near hell as any place I ever saw."

HE'D TRY, ANYHOW

Heard the one about the fellow who was asked what he would do if he had all the money in the world? That is what he 'lowed he would do:

"I'd buy me a nice car, first of all, and then I'd pay my debts, as far as the money would go."

Garden Seed vouchers to be distributed

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. will be issuing Garden Seed vouchers to eligible households to be used to purchase seeds/plants of their choice beginning March 24.

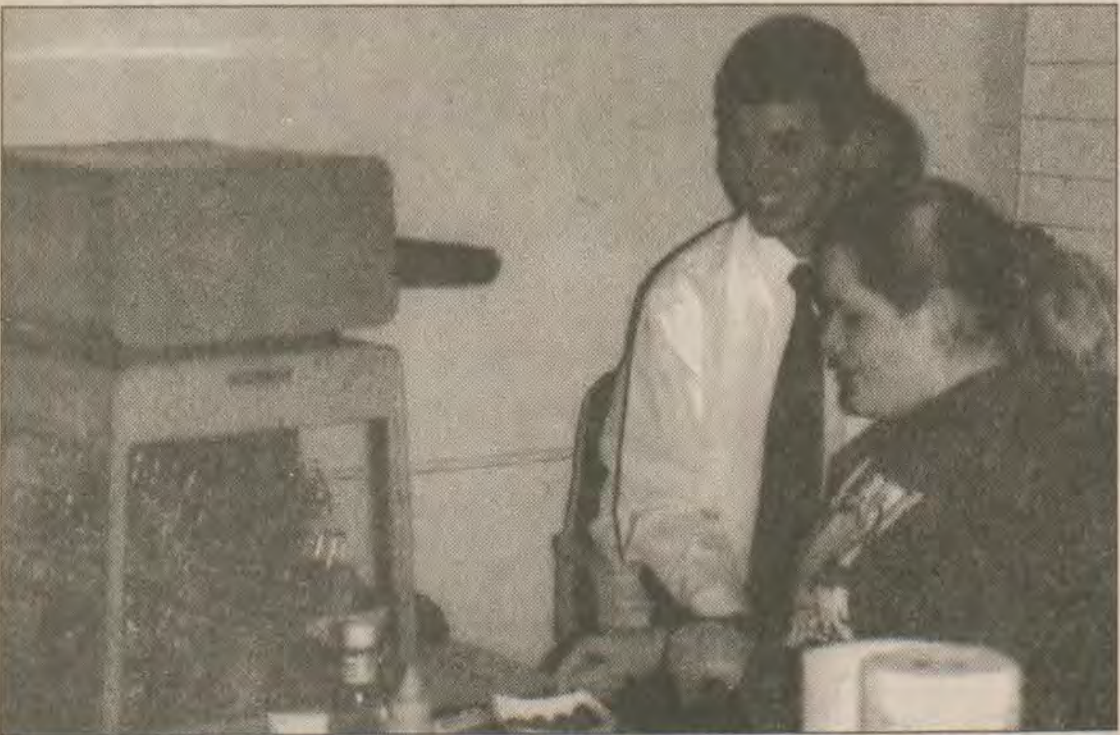
Households meeting the 100% poverty income guidelines will be eligible for the program. Households must bring social security numbers for all household members and proof of income for the prior month.

Any eligible household who would like to apply for the program should contact the office in their home county: Floyd County - Courthouse Annex,

Prestonsburg, 886-2929; Johnson County - Main Street, Paintsville, 789-6515; Magoffin County - Church Street, Salyersville, 349-2217; Martin County - Russell Williamson Bypass, Inez, 298-3217; and, Pike County - Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, 432-2775.

Vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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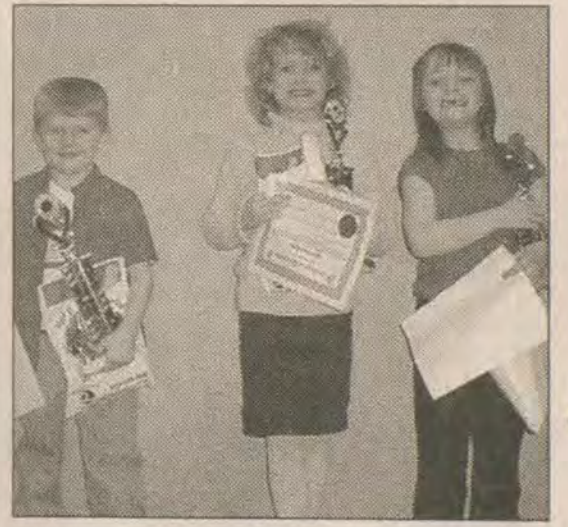
"Didn't we create something like that in biology lab?," asks Piarist senior Balin Loftus as sophomore Rachael Hill prepares some snacks to be served during a recent girl's basketball game played on the school's home court.



2003 County Writing winners.



2003 County Art winners.



2003 County Kindergarten winners, Conservation Art Contest.



2003 School Art winners.

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AUTOMOTIVE

110-Agricultural

2 GRAVELY TRACTORS, 1 with plow, 1 with bush hog. 606-358-3416.*

130-Cars

1986 SUBARU XT TURBO COUPE 81,000 actual miles, blue exterior, power windows, power locks, sunroof, digital dash. Asking \$1000. Call 874-0467 after 5 p.m. or leave message. (all/tfn)

140-4x4s

1952 WILLYS JEEP, all original Army surplus. \$5800 478-5173.*

150-Miscellaneous

1975 FORD LTD-brown 400 V8 engine, 36,690 miles, garage kept. Also **Utility trailer**, raised bed. **1990 Cobra boat** 17.5 ft. trailer, motor, live well, trolling motor, excellent condition, garage kept. Parts for **1990 Toyota**, sunshield, bug shield, camper top, bed liner. 606-478-5577.*

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FOR SALE: 2001 LS 650 Suzuki Street Bike, customize paint, saddle bags & more. Better than new. 874-2700 (3/26)

HONDA XR 100-2002 Model in excellent condition. \$1550.00 285-0218.*(4/4, F W)

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

210-Job Listings

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CONCRETE FORM CARPENTERS and finishers needed. Experience required. top pay and benefits call 606-639-4484, Pikeville Ky.

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ALLEN/MARTIN AREA AND WHEELWRIGHT/WEEKSBURY AREA. The Lexington Herald leader has established early morning newspaper routes available in the Allen/Martin area and also in the Wheelwright/Weeksbury area with an income potential of \$1500 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355 ext. 3439 or 606-432-1034.

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410-Animals

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570-Mobile Homes

SPRING, SALE, SALE, SALE! 2001 28x60, like new, Was \$32,900, Now \$30,500. 1998 28x64 Clayton, nice, Was \$31,900, Now \$29,500. Fleming, Was \$32,900, Now \$30,500. 2002 16x80, like new, Was

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NOTICES

812-FREE

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

815-Lost & Found

LOST: IN STEVEN'S BRANCH above Cliffside white 8 lb. Maltese, male, child owned. \$100 reward. 606-889-9842

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

The United States of America v. Five (5) Tracts of Real Property in Floyd County, Kentucky, With All Appurtenances and Improvements Thereon Held in the Name of Millard

Pennington, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Civil No. 02-492, Pikeville Docket. The defendant real property is described as follows:

A. BEGINNING at the corner of the road; thence East with the fence to the Branch, a straight line to a corner post; thence left straight line to corner post on the North; turn straight West to a corner post at the road, thence with the road back to corner post, place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington by deed dated June 2, 1993, of record in Deed Book 366, Page 776, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land located in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Dotson Branch of Prestonsburg.

B. Tract No. 1 Beginning on a cross at concrete walk and running north 25 feet more or less to the line of Gilton's Restaurant 10 feet from corner of building. Thence straight line east to the center of Beaver Creek, thence north 25 feet to Jack Blackburn's line. Thence straight line west to the beginning.

Tract No. 11 Beginning on a stone 10 feet from the corner of Restaurant Building Gilton; running north 50 feet more or less to stone walk. Thence with stone walk and bridge to center of Beaver Creek, Thence running with creek south 50 feet more or less. Thence straight line back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington and Stephanie Lynn Pennington, by deed dated July 14, 1997, of record in Deed Book 409, Page 28, in the office of Floyd County Clerk, and being certain tracts or parcels of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky.

C. Beginning at road on west side at a corner post between Jim Hubbard and Brenda Pennington, by deed dated May 27, 1987, and recorded in Deed Book 310, page 665, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms posted the above-described property on February 5, 2003, pursuant to a Verified Complaint For Forfeiture In Rem and Warrant Of Arrest In Rem And Order For Notice For Real Property issued by the Clerk of the Court in accordance With Rule C, Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims as made applicable to this case by 21 U.S.C. §§ 881(a)(6) and (a)(7). The complaint charges the defendant real property with federal statutory violations and seeks their for-

feiture to the United States. All persons claiming an interest in property are hereby notified to file a claim within thirty (30) days and to serve an answer within twenty (20) days after filing of the claim as provided by 18 U.S.C. § 983 (a)(4) or suffer entry of Judgement by default. Additional procedures and regulations regarding this forfeiture action are found at 19 U.S.C. §§ 1602-1619, and Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Sections 1316.71-1316.81. All persons and entities who have an interest in the defendant property may, in addition to filing a claim or in lieu of the filing of a claim, submit a Petition for Remission or Mitigation of the forfeiture for a non-judicial determination of this action pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Part 9, to David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 110 West Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1671, (859) 233-2661, Ext. 155, Attorney for Plaintiff.

D. A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Mining Branch Road of Water Gap, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the corner of Lizzie Wallen line and Mining Camp Branch Road and running up road 150 feet to a stake corner to L & F Development Company; thence running up hill with L & F Development; thence running up hill with L & F Development Company 70 feet to a stake; thence running back toward Lizzie Wallen line

150 feet to a stake corner to Lizzie Wallen; thence running with Lizzie Wallen Line 77 feet back to beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington by Deed dated April 23, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 458, Page 622, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

E. Beginning at an iron stake at Rice Branch; thence 125 feet along said creek to another iron stake; thence 200 feet along Pamela Brown's property line to another iron stake; thence 125 feet to another iron stake; thence 200 feet along Alah Ryan's property line to another iron stake, point beginning.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5427, Operator Change

1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, intends to revise permit no. 836-5427, to change the operator.

The operator presently approved in the permit is Dino Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 434, Betsy Layne, KY 41605. The new operator will be Mud Creek, LLC, 3315 Christy St., Ashland, KY 41102.

2) The operation is located .8 mile south of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately .60 mile southwest of Little Mud Creek. Road's junction with Morgan Fork Road, and located adjacent to, and 10 feet south of Morgan Fork. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37 deg. 29 min. 33 sec., and longitude 82 deg. 42 min. 21 sec.

3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director of Division of Permits, Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

It Out!
Read your own Ad the first time it appears. The Floyd County Times is only responsible for one incorrect insertion!

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ART IN OUR SCHOOLS.

NO WONDER PEOPLE THINK **LOUIS ARMSTRONG**

WAS THE FIRST MAN TO WALK ON THE MOON.

It's a long way from the Apollo Theatre to the Apollo program. And while his playing may have been "as lofty as a moon flight," as Time magazine once suggested, that would be as close as Louis Daniel Armstrong would ever get to taking "one small step for man"



Instead of a giant leap, Louis Armstrong dedicated one giant free-form crazy jazz groove for mankind

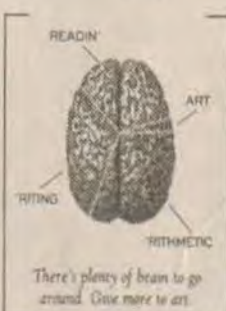
the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

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Armstrong left his fingerprints on the jazz world, wearing lace-up sneakers

leaps were simply a matter of course for Satchmo. For no one has ever embodied the art form the way he did. It was he who helped make virtuoso solos a part of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart.

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CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT ORDINANCE NO. 1-2003

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE MEETING TIME FOR THE WHEELWRIGHT CITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Wheelwright City Commission has been meeting on the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m., and

WHEREAS, the City Commission now finds this time to be inconvenient,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF WHEELWRIGHT, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

The regular meeting time of the City Commission of Wheelwright shall be changed to 6 p.m., on the third Thursday of each month, at the Municipal Building.

Passed and approved on this 21st day of March, 2003.

MAYOR: *[Signature]*
ATTEST: *[Signature]*
CITY CLERK

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Southern Water & Sewer District has levels of Trihalomethanes (THM) above Drinking Water Standards

Southern Water & Sewer District recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received for the four quarters during calendar year 2002, show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for THM's. The standard for THM's is .080 mg/l. The average level of THM's over the last year was .086 mg/l.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? You do NOT need to use an alternative water supply (ie: bottled water). However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? This is NOT an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing THM's in excess of the MCL over many years, may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

DONE? THM's are synthetic organic chemicals often found in drinking water, as a byproduct of the water purification system. Disinfectants combine with organic and inorganic matter present in water, to form chemicals called disinfectant byproducts. As indicated above, we exceeded the MCL for THM's (a disinfectant byproduct) for the four quarters ended 12/31/02. We are working with the Division of Water through its Comprehensive Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) in the context of treatment methods at the Allen Plant. We are also evaluating our distribution system and, if necessary, will increase the frequency at which we test the water for THM's. We anticipate resolving this problem within the next several calendar quarters.

For more information, please contact Bob Meyer at (606) 377-9296, or by mail at Southern Water & Sewer District, 245 KY Route 680, McDowell, Kentucky 41647.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). Feel free to post this notice in a public place, or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Southern Water & Sewer District, State Water System ID#0360026. Date distributed: 3/26/03

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT IS BEING

FLOYD COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

PROVERBS: THE MOTTOES THE ISRAELITES LIVED BY!

THE WESTMINSTER DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE DESCRIBES THE BOOK OF PROVERBS AS A POETICAL WORK ON PRACTICAL PIETY. IT ALSO INCLUDES THE FABLE, THE RIDDLE, THE SATIRE AND THE PARABLE. TRADITIONALLY THE PROVERBS ARE AScribed TO KING SOLOMON. ALTHOUGH MANY EXPERTS HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT SOME OF THE CHAPTERS, PARTICULARLY TWENTY TWO AND TWENTY THREE, ARE BASED UPON THE WISDOM OF THE EGYPTIAN PHAROAH AMEN-EM-OPE! NOT WITHSTANDING THE PROVERBS HAD A CONTINUING INFLUENCE UPON THE LIVES OF DEVOUT ISRAELITES.



"PROUD AND HAUGHTY SCORNER IS HIS NAME, WHO DEALETH IN PROUD WRATH." (PROV. 21:24)

BUT... "CAST OUT THE SCORNER, AND CONTENTION SHALL GO OUT, YEA, STRIFE AND REPROACH SHALL CEASE." (PROV. 22:10)

...IN SUCH A WAY AS THIS, DID THE ANCIENT ISRAELITES PUT INTO PRACTICE, IN THEIR DAILY LIVES, THE SAGE ADVICE GARNERED FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS!

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
 First Assembly of God, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lore Vannucci, Minister.
 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. Sloos, 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.
 Auxler Freewill Baptist, Auxler, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spenser, 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. and 6 p.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.
 Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lowe, 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 Lafferty, 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 Expt. 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. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 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.
 Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (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 Gamett, Minister.
 Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville, 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.
 Lancer 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.; Worship 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, East, 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.; Hasty 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.
 Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lenoir; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
 Prater Creek Baptist, Banner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Fish, Minister.
 Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 674-9488/478-2978.
 Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.
- ROCK FORK REGULAR BAPTIST**, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
Sammy 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.
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Marford Fannin, Minister.
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 Spenser, Minister.
Trimble 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 Ferrar, Minister.
Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek, Herald, 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 5 p.m.; Sunday, Father Robert Damm, pastor.
- CHRISTIAN**
 First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, 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.; Sherril 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 Blankenship, 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, Herald; 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, Starville; 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.
 Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
 Weaversburg Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mike Hall, 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 Cum, 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 Bragg, 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 Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint 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 Fraley, 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, Pastor.
- LUTHERAN**
 Our Savior Lutheran, Spp. Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WGLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Benrup, Minister.
- METHODIST**
 Auxler United Methodist, Auxler, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 a.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.
 Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.
 Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Nealey St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Peceszkoldo, Minister.
- ELLIOTT'S CHAPEL FREE METHODIST**, Rt. 976, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Minister.
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Congregational Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.
Hom Chapel Methodist, Auxler Road, Auxler; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weiksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 a.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John Jay Patton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Est. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campion; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crost, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sartin, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister; 297-5392.
Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.
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 Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Mary Alice Murray, Minister.
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 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Prefhood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament/Mtg, 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41642; Meeting House telephone number, 285-3133; Ken Carners, Bishop.
- OTHER**
 Pastor Altha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY, Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship service 11 a.m.
 Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Dwayne House of Prayer, Dwayne; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Woodrow Crum, Minister.
 Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Stakeberg, Pastor; 869-0505.
 Faith Bible, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
 Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.
 Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagan, Minister.
 Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.
 Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Larvonne Lafferty, Minister.
 Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.
 Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday.
 Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Pator, Minister.
 Spookoo Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spookoo Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Hentzelman, Minister.
 Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun, morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on 1st Sunday of each month; Tom Nelson, Minister.
 The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; JJ Wright, Minister.
 Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Zion Deliverance, Weyland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; Prayer Line, 359-2001; Darlene Amett, Pastor.
 Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun Evening, 6:30 p.m.; Kerry Vanderpool, Pastor.
 International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.
 Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, D.P. Cury.

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Cutting Specifications: The timber is offered for sale on the following basis: All merchantable mixed hardwood timber is available for harvest. The tracts in question contain approximately five hundred (500) acres, more or less.

Timber Showing: The property is open for inspection by all interested parties. The owner's representative will be available to conduct an inspection of the timber on Monday, March 31, 2003 at 12:00 noon. The owner's representative will be in the parking lot of the offices of Waste Management, Inc., located on Osborne Branch (Landfill) Road, CR1223, to meet with prospective buyers, and supply additional information and other bidding requirements regarding the timber being offered for sale.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will accept sealed bids, to be made on a lump sum basis, for the timber sale area, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, located at 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky (on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse) until Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. The bids for these projects will be opened and awarded to the highest and/or best bidder at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, to be held on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at the hour of 12:00 noon, in the Floyd County Courtroom, on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept and/or reject any and/or all bids.

Paul Hunt
Thompson,
Floyd County
Judge/Executive

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5096, Major Revision

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Don Goble Mining, P.O. Box 879, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major

revision to an existing underground coal mining operation, located 0.10 mile northeast of Lancer in Floyd County. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage or underground acreage to the permit area.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.08 mile north from KY Route 3's junction with KY Route 1428, and located 0.01 mile east of Brandykeg Creek. The latitude is 37°40'18". The longitude is 82°43'45".

The proposed major revision is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Archer Music Enterprises. The major revision will underlie land owned by Archer Music Enterprises, Darrell & Wanda Sexton, Everette Kendrick Estate, Randall Clyde & Sandra Cecilia Burchett, Gregory Dean & Debra Campbell, Chadwick & Amy Spears, James W. & Blanch B. Cox, Wendell & Nellie Meade, Wendell L. Martin, Jack & Verna L. Childress, Paul Jnr. & Sharon Skeens, Raymond Ratliff and Thomas Randall Ratliff.

The major revision proposes a post mining land use change from pastureland to one of industrial/commercial.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140

South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit

conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5449 (Transfer)

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010,

notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to transfer permit 836-5315 to The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new permit number will be 836-5449. The operation disturbs 5.7 surface acres, and

underlies 967.1 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

(2) The operation is located 1.0 mile north of Hunter, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.1 mile north of KY 122's junction with U.S. 80 and is located 200 feet west of Left Beaver Creek. The operation is

located on the Martin and Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

(3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive,

Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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