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Public meeting

Betsy Layne High School will host a public forum addressing Senate Bill 168, a recently-passed act which covers escorts for participants in human service delivery programs...

Correction

In stories about allegations of vote fraud sent March 6 from Frankfort and March 7 and 22 from Pikeville, The Associated Press reported erroneously that the John Doug Hays campaign paid 1,217 people for hauling voters to polls...

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McGuire singlehandedly rejects LPC plan

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Although initially assumed absent from the meeting by Floyd County Board of Education Chair Carol Stumbo, Prestonsburg attorney Earl

M. "Mickey" McGuire, district 1, arrived only a few minutes late — and, just in time to add a surprise ending to the early evening meeting.

The board convened in a special-called meeting for the main purpose of considering granting their stamp of approval to the

Local Planning Committee's district facility plan, thereby recommending the plan for consideration to the Kentucky State Board of Education.

The long-range plan calls for, among other things, renovation projects to existing facilities, the demolition of at least one

facility (the WPA building on the Betsy Layne Elementary campus), and the consolidation of the Floyd County Technical School with three county high schools — Allen Central High School, Betsy Layne

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SHOWING 'PRIDE'



Students at Prestonsburg Elementary work in the flower garden created by the PRIDE Club. Representatives from PRIDE were on hand Tuesday to film some of the activities to be used in a video that will air on KET.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Pike sheriff stages cocaine roundup

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Pursuant to a drug investigation by the Pike County Sheriff's Department last year, seven people were arrested on March 28, for trafficking in cocaine.

According to court documents, the sheriff's office conducted an investigation last year, making transactions with the defendants in June and August.

Criminal complaints state that on June 8, Dean Whitt, 52, of Feds Creek sold an informant working with the sheriff's department \$50

worth of cocaine during a drug investigation.

Barbara Whitt, also known as Barbara Sue Ratliff, 45, is accused of selling \$100 worth of cocaine to the informant on the same day.

According to an arrest warrant, Bobbie Gearles, of Freeburn, is accused of selling \$100 worth on June 16, and Buddy Hatfield, 42, of McCarr, for allegedly selling \$50 worth on June 18.

Police allege that Hulen Boyd Layne, of Freeburn, sold \$100 worth to the informant on June 28 and August 16. At the time of

(See COCAINE, page three)

Drug dealer dies before sentencing

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — An elderly man who pleaded guilty last Thursday to four counts of trafficking in a controlled substance died at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital on Saturday.

Oley Hall, 61, of Beaver, had been experiencing medical problems

(See HALL, page three)

Judge sees snags in jailer's plan

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Although formal work sessions have yet to get underway, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson has already taken Jailer Roger Webb's suggestion for a jail expansion into consideration.

Thompson said talks of expanding the jail by renovating the top floor of what used to be the juvenile detention center have been volleyed back and forth for about three years with the same hurdle popping up time and again.

That hurdle, according to Thompson, would be risking the investment and then not seeing the influx of state

(See THOMPSON, page three)

Vote fraud investigation turns to Knott

by ROGER ALFORD Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Six more people have been charged with buying votes in Eastern Kentucky elections.

That brings the number of people facing vote fraud charges to 15 so far in a probe by federal authorities into widespread allegations of vote buying.

The latest indictments, released Monday, allege that six precinct-level campaign workers in Knott County paid people to vote for specific candidates by absentee ballots in the May 1998 primary election and that they later lied to FBI agents about their involvement.

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Battling to clear the way for assault on Baghdad

W.Va. POW rescued

by DAVID ESPO AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Army ground forces attacked Republican Guard units Tuesday near Karbala, scarcely 50 miles from Baghdad, part of around-the-clock combat pointing toward an assault on the capital. An American POW was rescued from Iraq.

Defense officials said Army units attacked elements of the Medina Division of the Republican Guard in the clash near Karbala, part of an elite Iraqi force targeted by heavy air bombardment

over several days.

Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a 19-year-old supply clerk from Palestine, W. Va., was the POW rescued. Neither her condition nor the details of her rescue were immediately available.

"Coalition forces have conducted a successful rescue mission of a U.S. Army prisoner of war held captive in Iraq. The soldier has been returned to a coalition-controlled area," Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said in the briefest of appearances at U.S. Central Command in Qatar. Other officials provided her name.

The developments unfolded as huge

(See WAR, page seven)



A Marine from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, sprints over foothills and trenches in Az Zubayr, Iraq, March 23.

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■ **FREDONIA, N.Y.** — An ice cream maker is inviting April fools to line up for a taste of his newest flavor: suffering succotash.

Scott Aldrich mixed corn and lima beans with vanilla ice cream and threw in pimentos for color.

The concoction continues his 20-year tradition of making a bizarre flavor in honor of April Fools' Day.

"I don't know how we came up with it, we just picked it," he said.

With 35 gallons on hand, Aldrich Beef and Ice Cream Parlor, about 40 miles southwest of Buffalo, is offering free samples beginning first thing Tuesday.

Past flavors have incorporated, among other things, sauerkraut, bacon and eggs, creamed corn, pork and beans and beef gravy.

■ **CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis.** — An officer walking out

of the police department couldn't miss a woman shouting for someone to stop a fleeing man.

As the man ran around a corner and in front of the police station, the officer jogged along the ramps at the entrance, met the man at the end of a ramp and took him into custody, Police Chief Joe Coughlin said.

The 41-year-old man was held on suspicion of burglary after Thursday's incident.

According to the police report, the man claimed that someone owed him money and he went to a residence to get it, but he entered the wrong residence and left with some candy and costume jewelry.

■ **SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.** — Biologists want the public's help in watching for thousands of monarch butterflies bearing tiny tags that may reveal the mystery of where the colorful insects spend their summers.

Biologists tagged more than 20,000 monarchs between November and February, when they clustered in wintering grounds in coastal Marin, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz counties.

The white, round tags are attached to the hindwing of the butterflies. Each is imprinted with an identification number and a toll-free telephone number — (877) 897-7740 — that anyone spotting the tagged insect is asked to call with details of the sighting.

The tags weigh between 1 percent and 2 percent as much as a butterfly itself.

The purpose of Project Monarch Alert is to track the butterflies as they head east and north during the spring and summer, said Dennis Frey, a professor of biological sciences at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. The university is leading the project with the Ventana Wilderness Society.

Monarchs winter in tight clusters in more than 300 known locations along the California coast. During the summer, the

butterflies fan out, making them more difficult to track.

■ **STILLWATER, Minn.** — A bronze statue of Crazy Horse that was stolen from a South Dakota museum a decade ago has been recovered, authorities said Monday.

An investigator for the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation told the Washington County Sheriff's Office that the statue, valued at more than \$40,000, was in Stillwater Township, said Capt. Don McGlothlin.

Authorities found the 3-foot, 90-pound statue last week.

The statue is one of 10 by Korczak Ziolkowski. It is a model for the monument being carved out of stone on a hillside in the Black Hills.

The Crazy Horse Foundation had received anonymous information in July that a Stillwater Township man who attended an artists workshop stole the statue. Washington County authorities were notified, and the statue was recovered from the suspect last Tuesday.

"They were extremely happy to find we found it," Sgt. Gary Swanson said. "It's a beautiful piece of art."

Ziolkowski, who won a first prize in sculpture at the 1939 World's Fair, started working on the monument to the storied Indian leader in 1949. The artist died in 1982 and his children took over the project.

The man who had the statue is under investigation on suspicion of possessing stolen property, Swanson said.

■ **SALT LAKE CITY** — Call it the Great Salt Lake Beer Party.

Claiming he was a prime target of the beer tax bill that mostly Mormon state lawmakers passed last month, brewer Greg Schirf says he will assert his free-speech rights by pouring the first kegs of his new 1st Amendment Lager into Great

Salt Lake.

On Thursday, Schirf says he'll dress up as founding father and notorious tippler Ben Franklin, and, in an updated version of the Boston Tea Party, protest taxation without representation.

"We're a brewery with a political agenda," Schirf said Friday. "We have a political statement to make, but we want to do it with a smile on our face."

The Wasatch Brewery owner and managing partner of the Utah Brewers Cooperative hopes tax bill sponsor Sen. Mike Waddoups will be listening.

Offended by Wasatch Brewery's billboard showing busty beer icon Provo Girl next to the caption, "Nice Cans," Waddoups promised to cite its "bad taste" during the bill debate.

"Our First Amendment rights were impacted because (he) told us to shut up or (he'd) come after us, and (he) did," Schirf said.

With the tax now \$12.80 per barrel, Utah suds are among the most expensive in the nation. That's fine with Waddoups, who said Friday his main reason for the tax hike proposal was to continue funding the state's anti-drunk driving measures.

The Republican acknowledged Schirf's billboard was part of the equation. "I personally was more offended by that particular company than the whole industry," Waddoups said.

■ **ALBANY, N.H.** — Want to see one of the covered bridges Kentucky boasts about? Visit New Hampshire.

A Kentucky Department of Travel spokeswoman conceded — with much chagrin — that a bridge used in a travel ad for that state is, indeed, a New Hampshire bridge.

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FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY PRIDE Spring Cleanup Schedule & Projects

April 12, 2003 - April 26, 2003

There will be no county-wide pickup of garbage and/or white goods by the Floyd County Road Department during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup this year, as has been the case in prior years. The Floyd County Fiscal Court will be paying for tipping fees at the Garth Transfer Station at Osborn Branch (Garth Hollow), however, for all non-commercial garbage, white goods and other trash and materials hauled by private citizens and accepted at the Garth Transfer Station during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup period from April 12, 2003, through April 26, 2003. In addition to paying the tipping fees for such non-commercial items, the Floyd County Fiscal Court will be conducting the following 2003 PRIDE Spring Cleanup projects:

- District 1:**
 1. Dump near mouth of Big Branch of Bull Creek
 2. Dump near midpoint of Left Fork of Abbott Creek
- District 2:**
 1. Dump at Estill Bridge
 2. Dump on Glo Road
- District 3:**
 1. Dump at head of Neds Fork
 2. Dump at head of Frasures Creek
- District 4:**
 1. Dump at Pike-Floyd Hollow
 2. Dump near mouth of Little Mud Creek
 3. Roadside litter cleanup by volunteers of Kentucky Route 979 at Big Mud Creek
- Judge/Executive:**
 1. Dump at head of Caleb Fork of Weeksbury
 2. Assistance in campus cleanup at Prestonsburg Community College

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2003. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 1917, President Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

On this date:

■ In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida.

■ In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

■ In 1805, storyteller Hans Christian Andersen was born in Odense, Denmark.

■ In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin.

■ In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

■ In 1872, Samuel F.B. Morse, developer of the electric telegraph, died in New York.

■ In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and Dr. John F. Condon turned over \$50,000 in ransom to an unidentified man in a New York City cemetery in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, however, was not returned, and was found dead the following month.)

■ In 1974, French President Georges Pompidou died in Paris.

■ In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

■ In 1992, mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he was later sentenced to life in prison.

Ten years ago:

The Bosnian Serb parliament rejected a peace plan drafted by U.N. and European mediators and already approved by Bosnian Muslims and Croats. President Clinton presided at a daylong conference in Portland, Ore., on how much logging should be allowed on federal land.

Five years ago:

Shaking their fists in rage, thousands of mourners marched in a funeral procession in the West Bank for a top Hamas bombmaker (Mohiyedine Sharif) hailed by Palestinians as a martyr and condemned by Israel as a terrorist.

One year ago:

Israel seized control of Bethlehem; Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus, where they began a 39-day standoff.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Buddy Ebsen is 95. Actor Dabbs Greer is 86. Actress Rita Gam is 75. Actress Sharon Acker is 68. Singer Leon Russell is 62. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 60. Actress Linda Hunt is 58. Singer Emmylou Harris is 56. Actress Pamela Reed is 54. Actress Debralee Scott is 50. Actor Ron Palillo is 49. Actor Chris Meloni is 42. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 42. Country singer Billy Dean is 41. Actor Isaiah Washington is 40. Actress Jana Marie Hupp ("Ed") is 39. Rock musician Greg Camp (Smash Mouth) is 36. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye Blind) is 34. Actor Jeremy Garrett is 27.

Thought for Today:

"Most of us love from our need to love, not because we find someone deserving." — Nikki Giovanni, American poet.

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Hall

Vote fraud

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since his 2001 arrest during a Kentucky State Police drug bust.

Judge Danny P. Caudill had previously told 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 that time. The case was scheduled to go to trial March 31, after being continued because of health problems with both defendants. Oley Hall had both of his legs removed due to medical reasons during that time.

Hall was facing up to 40 years in prison on the charges.

According to Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson, Hall had diabetes and a bad heart.

Mae Hall, 60, wife of Oley Hall, also pleaded guilty to the charge against her for assisting in trafficking a controlled substance.

A sentencing date was previously scheduled for May 2.

Funeral services for Oley Hall will be today at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin. Burial will be in the Hall Family Cemetery in Beaver.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove said the indictments are part of a push by authorities to stamp out election fraud in Kentucky's mountain region, where, allegedly, corrupt campaigns have routinely bought the votes of some residents hurting for cash in the impoverished region.

"Our constitutional system of representative government only works when the worth of honest ballots is not diluted by ballots bought by those who seek to corrupt the election process," Van Tatenhove said in a statement Monday afternoon. "When the election process is corrupted, democracy is jeopardized."

Last week, Pikeville attorney John Doug Hays and eight supporters in his race for district judge entered innocent pleas to federal charges that they conspired to buy votes in Pike County.

Prosecutors contend that Hays, who also is a former state senator, conspired in his unsuccessful campaign last year to buy votes under the guise of paying people to drive voters to polls.

The Hays campaign paid 684

people \$50 each to drive voters to the polls on Election Day. His opponent paid about 140 designated vote-haulers \$50 each, according to campaign-finance records. Mullins defeated Hays 10,835 to 7,817.

The indictment alleges Hays and his wife Brenda Hays, who also was charged, were involved in meetings at which the voter payment scheme was discussed. Prosecutors claim the checks were delivered to potential voters who were asked to vote for Hays.

Hays and the others are scheduled to stand trial on May 27.

Named in the latest indictments from the Knott County investigation were Ronnie Neal Slone, 55, and Brady Warren Slone, 57, both of Pippa Passes; Phillip Slone, 53, and Jimmy Calhoun, 33, both of Hindman; Patrick Wayne Madden, 45, of Littcarr; and Jimmy Lee Conley, 33, of Lackey.

Phillip Slone is charged with seven counts of buying votes, Conley is charged with five counts of vote-buying, Ronnie and Brady Slone and Madden are each charged with three counts of vote-buying, and Calhoun is charged with two counts of vote-buying. Each is also charged with one count of making false statements to the FBI.

None could immediately be reached for comment. It also could not be immediately determined whether any of the Slones are related.

The indictments don't disclose which campaigns the indicted men were allegedly purchasing votes for.

Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Van Tatenhove said shortly after taking office that he intended to crack down on vote buying in the mountain region. He reaffirmed that on Monday.

"It is only fair to all citizens who cast their ballots without interference or payments that the practice of buying votes ... be stamped out in Eastern Kentucky," he said.

The case that resulted in the election fraud indictments Monday was not the first for Knott County in the 1998 primary election.

Alice Lloyd college students were paid \$30 for their absentee votes in that election, which drew the attention of the FBI after 1,020 absentee ballots — 10 percent of the total votes, and more absentees than in any other Kentucky county — were cast.

Four people were convicted in the case in 2000.

Phillip D. Sparkman of Pippa Passes, a teacher at Caney Creek Elementary School, was sentenced to two years in prison and three years of supervised release and fined \$1,300.

Lola Jean Slone of Littcarr, a grocery store owner, was sentenced to 15 months in prison

and two years of supervised release and fined \$800. Slone also was convicted of lying to the FBI.

Charlie Maggard of Hollybush, a body shop owner, was sentenced to three months of community confinement, three months of home detention and two years of supervised release and fined \$3,300.

Phillip Dion Slone, 34, of

Pippa Passes, brother of Knott County Attorney Randy Slone, was sentenced to one month in a halfway house, five months of home detention and three years' probation and fined \$1,000.

The college students received \$30 each when they showed up at Slone's grocery wearing an "I Voted" sticker and bought a peach-flavored Mr. Fizz soft drink.

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Cocaine

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Layne's arrest, March 28, he had \$3,700 on him, which was confiscated and seized by officers. Layne was released on a \$20,000 cash bond that day.

On June 20, Rabbi Hatfield, of McCarr, is accused of selling \$50 worth of cocaine to an infor-

mant and on Aug. 17, Carl Stoney Frazier, of Woodman, allegedly sold \$100 worth to the informant.

All defendants are charged with first-degree trafficking in cocaine and were given \$20,000 full cash bonds.

LPC

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High School and South Floyd High School.

The plan, which represents a year's worth of work by the planning committee, was strongly supported by Carol Stumbo, who also serves as chair of the LPC. However, board member Glenna Slone, district 5, had a few misgivings about the proposed plan — one being the issue of additional parking for Allen Central Middle School and, two, the issue of additional restrooms for the same school.

"I don't see anything in here about the restrooms," Slone said. "Restrooms are a priority to me, especially when you have kids who say they don't have the time to go to the restroom (between classes). I don't see anything in here, it isn't in here."

Discussions were also held in regard to youth service centers and school conference rooms.

Joe Jones, board architect, suggested to the board that they proceed with approval on the proposed plan, cautioning the board, in essence, to pay heed to making application for necessary funding as quickly as possible.

As the board prepared to take a vote on the issue, board member Jeff Stumbo voiced his approval of the plan saying, "The LPC has worked very hard. The history goes in Floyd County that these things are changed fairly often. We, as a board, cannot sit here and say positively that we know what's going to happen 10 years down the road, because we don't."

Carol Stumbo again stressed that she felt that it was important to "honor the long hours of work done by the LPC."

"We have a tough phase ahead. We need them to be with

us," Carol Stumbo said.

Just as Slone's misgivings seemed to have been quelled and she was offering her approval to the plan, McGuire spoke up saying, "I do not support the plan. I vote no."

Carol Stumbo informed McGuire that if the plan were not approved at the meeting, additional public forums would have to be held, creating additional delays to final approval.

McGuire remained firm on his stand, reminding the board that he had only been a member "since January" and that his involvement in the process had been limited.

"It's easy for you to support the plan, Carol, because it's your plan. I am a board member, too ... I cannot support a plan on which I had no input. My viewpoints were not considered," he said.

McGuire also said that he felt that the LPC had not allowed Prestonsburg Elementary a fair voice in the plan proposal, adding that "There is a difference in speaking and in being heard."

Additionally, McGuire said that he was also opposed to the consolidation of the three high schools and the technical school.

Jeff Stumbo said that he did not like "the delay" and the possibility of losing "this money." He also voiced concern over "keeping children at Betsy Layne Elementary in a building that has been condemned."

Carol Stumbo ended the meeting by announcing that further public forums would be scheduled and by also making a motion that a "majority vote" and "not a unanimous vote" be required for plan approval when the issue is next presented.

Thompson

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inmates it would take to make the move worthwhile.

"It would take anywhere between \$500,000 and \$1 million to fix the old juvenile center," Thompson said. "The problem is that we have no guarantee of getting the state inmates."

With some kind of guarantee for receiving state inmates, the renovation could be a sound solution, Thompson said.

"If we knew we'd get the state prisoners, then we'd make the investment," Thompson said, adding that state officials have recently discouraged jail and prison expansions and have, likewise, failed to offer guarantees for supplying state prisoners.

Plans to meet and seek solutions for money problems with the jail were first mentioned after Thompson failed to gain the full court's approval of the jail's budget during its last regular meeting.

The budget, if approved, would find over a million dollars of the county's money transferred to offset the facility's crippled income, due, according to Webb, to a drop in state inmates, for which the jail receives \$27.51 a day.

However, the number of county inmates housed at the jail largely outnumbers that of state inmates, a difference prosecutors have said will only increase without some drastic change in local crime, primarily with increasing numbers of drug-related cases.

Thompson, allowing that fee collection might be an issue, has tentatively suggested charging county inmates for each day housed, pending a conviction.

In past meetings Thompson recommended charging county

inmates anywhere between \$10 or \$20 a day.

The jail's most recent report listed 75 county inmates housed at the facility, a figure Webb says is a fairly accurate daily average. In theory then, the median fee of \$15 a day charged each county inmate could then generate \$1,125 each day, or \$410,625 a year, as direct income for the jail.

Thompson admits those figures will not carry over exactly, considering not every county inmate housed would be convicted.

These, and others points, will be more closely detailed during formal work sessions later this week, Thompson said.

Drug stop made in Prestonsburg

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Pikeville man was arrested after a traffic stop in Prestonsburg and charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

According to police, Terry W. Chandler, 27, was approached by an officer with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement who noticed that he had red, glassy eyes and observed a prescription bottle on the console of the vehicle. The label on the bottle was torn off and it appeared to con-

tain water.

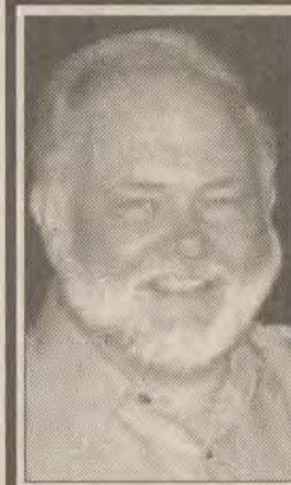
Chandler failed field sobriety tests and had what appeared to be powder in his right nostril, according to police. Chandler also had what appeared to be needle marks on his right arm with one appearing to be fresh.

Upon searching Chandler, the officer found what appeared to be a morphine tablet in his shirt pocket.

Chandler was also charged with speeding in a restricted zone, failure to notify the Transportation Cabinet of an address change and failure to produce an insurance card.

A \$50,000 bond was set for Chandler and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 7.

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RUNNING CAN CURB OSTEOPOROSIS

An article in Runner's World magazine, "Bone Density in Female Runners," reveals that running can be beneficial in curbing osteoporosis, or bone deterioration. The study followed 192 female runners to evaluate running and its relation to osteoporosis. Ninety-two percent of the participants tested at or above normal bone mineral density values.

Doctors of Chiropractic, long known for their osteoporosis expertise, welcome these results as a way to prevent this debilitating disease. They caution, however, that you should get a chiropractic exam before beginning to run. Starting this routine with spinal subluxations can increase abnormal joint function in the spine, pelvis, hips or feet. This can cause pain, muscle spasms and joint inflammation, all of which could further lead to tendinitis, sciatica, backaches and neck pain.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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—Nicolas Chamfort

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Our View

An overwhelming lack of interest

What if the Floyd County Board of Education held a meeting to gather input about the future course of the school district and nobody came?

That's exactly what happened last week, when the board held a mandatory public forum concerning the district facility plan proposed by the Local Planning Commission. The board convened, asked an empty audience for comments and, having heard none, adjourned.

That a hearing failed to generate any attendance is not in itself unusual. Sad as it is to say, it is hard to find civic-minded people willing to contribute their voices to shaping public policy anymore. And that's not a problem exclusive to Floyd County, but evident in most communities.

What is unusual is that this particular hearing couldn't bring people out, when the plan it involved has been thoroughly cussed and discussed over the past year.

The district facility plan came into the public's focus last year, after rumors circulated that it could result in Prestonsburg Elementary closing.

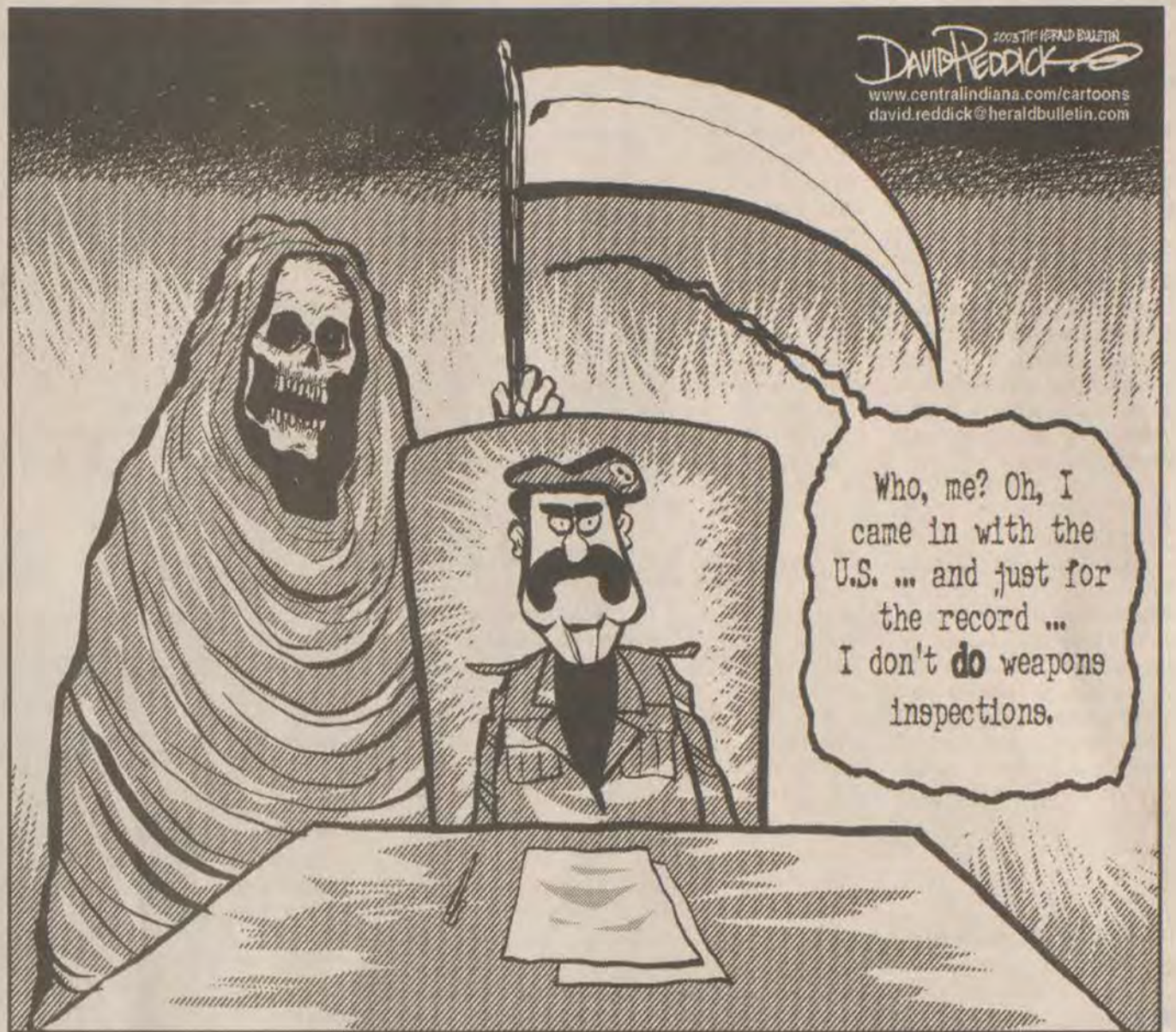
But that possibility isn't the only thing in the plan which should raise eyebrows. The plan also calls for several significant construction projects at Allen Central, Betsy Layne and South Floyd high schools, only to turn around and close those schools and merge them into a consolidated high school. That, in our opinion, at the very least prompts questions about whether the plan makes the best use of taxpayers' money.

But that question and others weren't asked Wednesday night because no one showed up to ask, or to give their opinions in support or opposition to the plan.

It is thoroughly disheartening that a proposal which is so crucial to the direction of our school system and which has prompted such passionate debate, both emotional and logical, still does not rise to the level of importance that people would be willing to give up a night of television to go to a meeting to debate its merits.

The public has a large role in forming this policy, should it choose to assert itself. Regardless of what is in the plan, the cause for most concern is the public's unwillingness thus far to accept that responsibility. The power vacuum left behind is reason for alarm and shame.

— The Floyd County Times



Sticks & Stones

Parable to the people

Last week, five men were arrested and charged with dealing cocaine here in Floyd County. Police labeled the bust as significant and the media covered the arrests as another strike against Eastern Kentucky's drug problem.

We first heard of the arrests over the water cooler here in our office just after lunch Thursday, long after the bust actually went down.

Apparently other area newspapers and news agencies got the tip much sooner — soon enough to be there for pictures and video footage of the arrests. But that's none of your concern, unless you actually like full coverage.

Anyway, it wasn't getting shunned that bothered me so much. Exclusion from the club was like not being invited to orientation the first day of college — we got to sleep in and we still knew how to get to class the next day.

What bothered me was the community's reaction.

Most everyone I spoke to about the bust felt the arrests were "good" but "didn't really matter." They say now that these guys are off the streets, more will just pop up to replace them.

I'm not arguing this point ... I'm sure it's true. The problem I have with this attitude is that it undermines the importance of the arrests. It's as if folks are saying police should have never arrested these guys in the first place because the problem can't be fixed.

What if I approached my front yard with this same philosophy?

Picture this: A lazy summer afternoon, a lawn chair, a cold drink and me. My wife, Linda, highsteps to the front porch dodging crab grass and dandelions, red-faced and irritated before she ever arrives to the spot where I lounge, maybe snoring or just watching clouds roll past, cold drink in hand.



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Why haven't you started cutting the grass, she asks, eyeballing the lawnmower about two feet from my chair, a glaring symbol of misspent mechanical ingenuity. What's it matter, I say, it's just going to grow

right back. She's at a loss for words. My conveyance

(See STICKS, page seven)

Letters

'Words without meaning'

My name is Ronnie Leedy and I am an American veteran. I would like to take a moment or two to share with my fellow veterans, as well as the general public, an experience I had recently.

I am currently an employee of the state Highway Department, District 12, in Pikeville, and work out of the Allen garage. I recently filed a grievance against the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, based on my understanding of posters that grace the walls of the Department for Employment Services and other state offices. Basically, the posters state that veterans are preferred in hiring and retraining for available jobs. This apparently is not the

case with the Department of Highways, as I was recently overlooked for an available position, for which I was more than qualified, so that it could be given to a recent new hire.

The findings and decision of Supervisor Dan Hall, chief district engineer, were as follows: "We acknowledge you status as a veteran, however we are unaware of any legal requirement that veterans be given any preference in the assignment of duties." If indeed this is correct and being a veteran does not have some preference, then why does the state automatically award five merit points to any veteran when taking the state test?

I appealed Mr. Hall's decision to the Frankfort office and received the same response as before. Betty Hawkins, director of personnel services, "concurred" with the findings of Mr. Hall.

I think it is past time that we veterans, young and old, stand together and be recognized for what we have given to our country. In times of war and crises, we are deemed heroes and monuments are erected on our behalf, but as soon as the conflict is over and everyone's lives return to normal, we are forgotten.

I want to urge every veteran to contact your state representative and bring this issue, as well as others regarding veterans, to their attention. If the government is not going to help veterans find gainful employment and the posters don't mean what they say, then they need to be removed or the wording changed to reflect the views of our bureaucracy. These posters seem to be made up of words without meaning.

We were willing to lay down our lives and sacrifice our families and homes for

the freedom and privileges of this country, and yet it seems no one wants to repay us for those sacrifices. A monument is nice, but it just doesn't put food on the table.

Thank you for your time and patience and God bless America.

Ronnie Leedy
Betsy Layne

Dealing with bullies

Does anyone remember our nation's birth? The reason America came to be? All of the freedoms we enjoy today are because of those who came before us and those who are willing to stand and protect them now.

Are you willing to throw it all away? To give it to terrorists and hide your heads in the sand and hope it goes

(See LETTERS, page eleven)

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Judge refuses to block Fletcher from choosing new running mate

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FRANKFORT — A judge on Tuesday refused to issue an injunction to prevent Republican gubernatorial candidate Ernie Fletcher from selecting a new running mate to replace the disqualified Hunter Bates.

Franklin County Circuit Judge William L. Graham said he did not agree with the theory by the rival Republican slate of Steve Nunn and Bob Heleringer that Bates had been ineligible from the very beginning of his candidacy with Fletcher.

Nunn and Heleringer want Fletcher himself booted off the May 20 primary ballot. They contend Bates was never eligible to run and that rendered Fletcher ineligible as well.

Bates was declared ineligible to run last week. A judge in Oldham County ruled that Bates had lived for most of the last six years in Virginia, not in Kentucky as the state constitution requires.

But Graham said Bates' residency "was an arguable circumstance."

Attorneys for Heleringer, who was in court Tuesday, were making plans to seek a direct appeal to the Kentucky Supreme Court once Graham's ruling was put in

writing. However, Heleringer said he wanted to talk to Nunn and examine Graham's ruling before deciding whether to appeal.

Fletcher's campaign manager Daniel Groves, said he expected Fletcher to make a statement later Tuesday.

Heleringer — the Nunn campaign itself is not officially a part of the case — was asking for an injunction to prevent Secretary of State John Y. Brown III from allowing Fletcher to register a new running mate.

To do otherwise would be "the functional equivalent of leaving a blank in there and then allowing Mr. Fletcher to come back and fill in the blank," one of Heleringer's attorneys, Tom Hectus of Louisville, told

Graham. As for Bates, "it can hardly be argued that he was qualified in January and unqualified in March," Hectus said.

But one of Fletcher's attorneys, Brad Cowgill of Lexington, told Graham that Heleringer's argument has a "fatal flaw" because it depends on an incorrect definition of disqualification. Heleringer equates Bates' disqualification with a "condition of ineligibility" that existed at the time Fletcher and Bates registered as a slate, Cowgill said.

Fletcher contends that the disputed term refers to a specific act, Cowgill said. "The act of disqualifying occurred last week," when Oldham County Circuit Judge Paul Rosenblum ruled that Bates had not been a Kentucky resident

long enough, Cowgill said.

The attorney representing the secretary of state — Assistant Deputy Attorney General Scott White — said Monday said he will try to bring the other Republican gubernatorial candidates — Rebecca Jackson and Virgil Moore — into the case, too.

White told Graham in a brief hearing Monday that important decisions remain to be made about the primary ballot, which has been printed with the name of Fletcher and Hunter Bates. In addition, many absentee ballots have been distributed.

"There are certain issues as to votes already cast — how they should be counted," White said. "I think we've got to get everybody in."

Candidates say drugs among top issues

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — The drug war is one of the most pressing issues facing the next attorney general, five candidates agreed Thursday.

"The No. 1 issue in America domestically ... is the drug culture," Chris Gorman, one of the Democratic candidates, said at a

forum. Gorman, running to regain an office he held from 1992 to 1996, said he would create a "drug squad" in the attorney general's office to concentrate on drug cases.

He said it would be akin to the office's "death squad," a group of assistant attorneys general who specialize in capital punishment cases.

Democrat Greg Stumbo, who is House majority leader, proposed creating a Kentucky Bureau of Investigation to focus on drug crimes. Stumbo said he would offer to personally prosecute drug cases in court.

A Republican, attorney Philip C. Kimball of Louisville, said he would try to work with licensure boards to get rid of physicians and other health professionals who overprescribe narcotics.

Kimball said he also supported the state's special "drug courts."

A second Republican, state Rep. Tim Feeley of Crestwood, said drug users needed more treatment options. Feeley, a former federal prosecutor, also said he would work with the Drug Enforcement Administration and Kentucky's U.S. attorneys if elected.

A third Democrat, state Auditor Ed Hatchett, said he would convene a "summit on substance abuse" if elected.

The candidate forum was sponsored by the Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky County Judge-Executive Association and Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts.

Absent was a third Republican candidate, Jack D. Wood of Valley Station.

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The family of Harold D. Bates would like to thank family, friends, and all who sent flowers, and food during our time of need.

We are thankful for all the kindness, love, support, and kind words that were expressed; we shared tears, laughter, and fond memories, and are grateful you were there.

A special Thank-You to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Old Regular Baptist ministers, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their kindness and help in our time of need.

Card of Thanks

The family of Delbert Denver "Thunderbird" Mullins wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers and gifts of love. We especially want to thank Marty McKinney for his comforting and sincere words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF DENVER MULLINS

Card of Thanks

We the family of the late James Edward Fultz would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate the beautiful floral arrangements, the food that was brought to the church and the house. We thank Clergyman Harvey Puckett for his comforting service, the people of the Zion Deliverance Church for opening their doors and hearts to us, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for the wonderful job, and as always, the professional, courteous service.

THE JAMES EDWARD FULTZ FAMILY

Card of Thanks

The family of Shirley Hall sincerely thanks all who shared in the sorrow we felt with the loss of our loved one. We greatly appreciated the many expressions of sympathy, which included cards, flowers, food, prayers, kind words, and cherished memories. We offer a special thank-you to ministers Frank Junior Kidd, Ronnie Samons, and Bob McKinney for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. We will always remember the kindness each you showed our family.

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Johnny Darrell Allen

Johnny Darrell Allen, 31, of West Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at his residence.

Born April 5, 1971, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Madeline Goble of West Prestonsburg. He was a disabled carpet layer.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include his maternal grandmother, Nell Ruth Goble of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Raymond Allen Jr. of Bowling Green; and Robert Lee Craft of East Point; a niece, Carolyn Lucille Craft; and a nephew, Zachary Lewis Allen.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather and his paternal grandparents.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 2, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Herman Roberts officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Gary Wayne Robinson

Gary Wayne Robinson, 39, of Printer, died Sunday, March 30, 2003, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Born September 22, 1963, at McDowell, he was the son of the late Sam and Ella Miller Robinson. He was a disabled truck driver.

Survivors include one son, Jared Austin Robinson of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Ashleigh Erin Gari Robinson of Prestonsburg; three brothers, Sam Randall Robinson of Prestonsburg, Kenneth Ray Robinson of Martin, and Paul Donald Robinson of Topmost; one sister, Shelby Tackett of Printer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Carolyn Sue Carroll.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, April 3, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Martin Cemetery, at Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Tennessee Crum

Tennessee Crum, 88, of Hippo, died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Born April 8, 1914, in Roseann, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Adam and Sally Lou Justice Stacey. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Jesus, in Grundy, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Christopher Columbus Stacey, and Wilson Crum.

Survivors include a son, Jeff Stacey of (Abbott) in Prestonsburg; three daughters, Laura Burchett of Hippo, Nelline Parigan and Pricie Jean Stiltner, both of Grundy, Virginia; three brothers, Boyd Stacey and Henry Stacey, both of Roseann, Virginia, and Estill Stacey of Grundy, Virginia; 21 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Ralph Stacey, Walter Stacey, Lee Stacey, Ernie Stacey and Virgil Stacey.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 1, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with William Jarrell and Gary Jarrell officiating.

Burial was in the Burchett Cemetery, at Cow Creek, in Prestonsburg. (Paid obituary)

Kelsie R. Stapleton

Kelsie R. Stapleton, 77, of Dana, died Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Pikeville Healthcare.

Born March 12, 1926, at Rockhouse, she was the daughter of the late J. E. and Roxie Epling Rowe. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Stapleton.

Survivors include three sons, Terry Stapleton of Dana, Ronald Regan Stapleton of Alabama, and Charles Stapleton of Pickerington, Ohio; one daughter, Sherry Fitzer of Sheffield Lake, Ohio; a brother, Dale Rowe of Elkhorn City; two sisters, Carrie Smith of Vancouver, Washington, and Virgie Hardin of Hazel Park, Michigan; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Steve Stapleton; three brothers, Sterling Rowe, Otis Rowe, and Dave Rowe; and three sisters, Jettie Bowling, Thelma Mercier, and Roma Prater.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 31, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Clinard Ratliff officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Rev. Bill J. Pitts

Rev. Bill J. Pitts, age 71, of Columbus, died February 26, 2003, at Mt. Carmel West Medical Center. In the ministry for 44 years, he was founder and member of Greater Columbus Freewill Baptist Church. He was retired from Ohio Packing, and was a U.S. Army veteran.

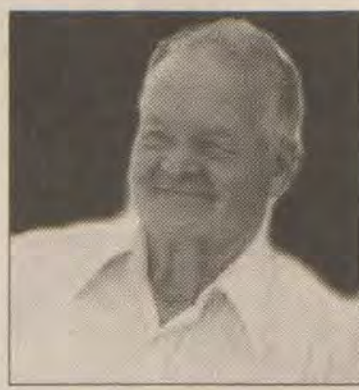
He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gloria Pitts, and father John K. Pitts. Survivors include his loving wife, Mary Pitts; son, Rev. William C. (Deborah) Pitts, Pastor of the Lancaster United Brethren Church; daughter, Sherry (John D.) Fleshman; step-daughters, Diana (Dale) Acree and Patricia (Thom) Driscoll; step-son, Gary (Gertie) Rowland; mother, Pearl Ratliff; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; 6 step-grandchildren; brother, Eula (Wanda) Pitts.

The family received friends Friday, February 28, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Canaan Land Freewill Baptist Church, 2777 Gantz Rd., Grove City, where funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Eddy Reynolds officiating.

Interment was in Harrison Township Cemetery.

Arrangements completed through Graulich and Son Funeral Home, 1351 S. High St. 444-7854.

Family suggests, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed to Greater Columbus Freewill Baptist Church, 2546 Briggs Rd., Columbus, Oh. 43223.



Charles "Red" Rainey

Charles Ray "Red" Rainey, age 75, of Britton Michigan, died March 29, 2003, at his residence in Britton.

He was born February 4, 1928, the son of John and Lilly (Smith) Rainey in Wheelwright, Kentucky.

He was married to Stella M. Hall, and she preceded him in death.

Survivors include one grandson, John Flint; three sisters Edna, Ruth, and Jean, all of Kentucky, and his mother-in-law, who was his best friend, Maggie Hall of Britton.

In addition to his wife, Stella, he was preceded in death by his parents; one son Charles R. Rainey Jr.; daughter Elizabeth Ann Flint; six sisters, and three brothers.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, at the Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh, with the Rev. Richard Bruce officiating.

Interment was at Ridgeway Cemetery, Ridgeway, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice. (Paid obituary)

Oley Hall

Oley Hall, 61, of Beaver, died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room.

Born December 10, 1941, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Milford and Lillie Mae Bentley Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Lizzie Jane (Mae) Johnson Hall.

Other survivors include two sons and their wives, James Eddie and Lynnetta Hall, and Oley Jr., and Helena Hall, of Beaver; three daughters and their husbands, Janet and Marty Little, and Jeanene and James Hamilton, of Beaver, and Jennifer and Donald Salisbury of Harold; five brothers, Hillard Hall of Harold, Doley Hall, Okey Hall and Palmer Hall, all of Beaver, and Tivis Hall of Topmost; four sisters, Opal Johnson, Dona Flannery, Juanita Tackett, and Mildred Osborne, all of Beaver; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Milford Hall Jr., and Tony Hall; and one sister, Arizona Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 2, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Hall Family Cemetery (Tackett Fork) in Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Evelyn Combs Griffie

Evelyn Combs Griffie, age 88, of Milford, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, widow of Clyde Benton Griffie, passed away Thursday, March 27, 2003, in Anderson Mercy Hospital, Milford, Ohio.

She was born August 23, 1914, in Litt Carr, the daughter of the late John Riley Combs and Mary Turner Combs.

She was a retired post master at Orkney, (McDowell), and a member of the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church since 1965.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Griffie of Milford, Ohio, Robert Griffie of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and Frank Griffie of Lexington; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Belle Caudill.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 31, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Alan Griffie, Robert Caudill, Robert Griffie, Nick Griffie, and Larry Cury.

Sign the register for the family at: www.hallfuneralservice.com (Paid obituary)

Gladys Lee Hyden Wallen

Gladys Lee Hyden Wallen, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 28, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born June 14, 1912, in West Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Chauncy Hyden and Clara Adams Hyden. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God Church, West Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hargis Wallen.

Survivors include one daughter, Lois Ann May (David) of Prestonsburg; three sons, James Douglas Hyden (Georgia) of Prestonsburg, William Hargis Wallen (Betty) of Louisville, and Jackie Wallen of Paintsville; one brother, Jesse Lee "Jack" Hyden (Doris) of Prestonsburg; three grandsons, David Franklin May II (Cheryl) of Allen, James Douglas Hyden II (Suzanne), of Prestonsburg, and Matthew Wallen of Louisville; two great-granddaughters, Amanda Lee May and Victoria Ann May, both of Allen.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Lori Vannucci and Dr. Floyd Price officiating.

Interment was in the Wallen Family Cemetery, Prestonsburg. Carter Funeral Home is serving the Wallen family.

Pallbearers: David Franklin May II, James Douglas Hyden II, Matthew Wallen, Jack Clark Hyden, Johnny Herald, Melvin Webb, Delano May and John Burke Jr. (Paid obituary)

Odds

"I apologize," Jayne McClew said Thursday. "I was so adamant that it was our bridge until I looked at the right picture."

The location of a covered bridge used in a Kentucky tourism ad featured in the March and April edition of "Endless Vacation" magazine was good-naturedly called into question by Dick Hamilton, president of White Mountains Attractions in New Hampshire.

He said it was the Albany covered bridge off the Kancamagus Highway. McClew

said it was the Goddard White covered bridge in Fleming County, Ky.

What happened, she told The Union Leader of Manchester in a story published Friday, is that the ad designer picked an old covered bridge off a CD of stock photographs — but it wasn't one of the eight covered bridges remaining in northern Kentucky.

Hamilton said he was on the verge of inviting McClew to fly to New Hampshire to compare the bridges. If Hamilton was right, she would have to pay her own way. If she was right, he

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would pay the plane fare. "I wasn't going to be out anything," he said with a laugh.

■ KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Beaver dams have caused flooding on town property and blocked fire hydrant pipes for years, but officials say they're done trying to outsmart the critters.

Instead the town will celebrate the beavers that haven't been deterred by having their dams knocked down, or by the

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War

explosions rocked Baghdad, Saddam Hussein's seat of power and the site of repeated bombing in the two weeks of the war.

Saddam summoned his country — via a spokesman — to a "jihad," or holy war, against the invaders. But American and British officials used the occasion to raise fresh doubts about the fate of a man seen in public only on videotape since the war began.

The attack on forces near Karbala marked the first major ground battle against Saddam's Republican Guard, and capped a day of aggressive American and British military actions.

Marines staged a nighttime raid on Nasiriyah, a column of amphibious assault vehicles rolling into town under a moonless sky — and finding Iraqis had abandoned a huge, walled police compound.

In Basra, a city of 1.3 million, warplanes dropped 500-pound and 1,000-pound laser-guided bombs on an Iraqi intelligence complex in an effort to dislodge die-hard defenders who have kept British forces at bay for days.

"What you're seeing today on

the battlefield in Iraq is a continuation of prepping the battlefield for a major encounter with the Republican Guard," said Navy Capt. Frank Thorp.

Commanders refused to say when that might come, or whether the attack near Karbala represented the beginning of a push toward the capital. But senior American officials said the ceaseless pounding on Saddam's elite Republican Guard was taking its toll. "Some of them have been degraded to pretty low percentages of combat capability, below 50 percent in ... at least two cases, and we continue to work on them," Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at the Pentagon.

Despite the summons to jihad issued in Saddam's name, British officials said two would-be suicide attackers had turned themselves in to troops in Umm Qasr. "They didn't want to be suicide bombers any more," said British Col. Steve Cox. "We are accommodating them."

Other British and American officials said there was a growing list of examples of Iraqi civilians

shedding their initial reluctance to assist forces fighting Saddam's regime.

Troops worked to win the trust of Iraqis, keeping in mind that many still recall promises of liberation in the 1991 Gulf War, only to find Saddam's forces returned unhindered when coalition forces withdrew.

Lights went on for the first time in weeks in the port city of Umm Qasr, firmly under British control. Some British forces in southern Iraq were wearing berets in public, shedding their more warlike helmets in areas deemed safe.

The Pentagon lists seven POWs taken since the beginning of the war.

Lynch, a supply clerk, was reported missing nine days ago along with 11 other U.S. soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company after an ambush near Nasiriyah.

The American and British bombing was constant — large explosions reverberated around Baghdad — punctuated by a series of small ground engagements in a sweeping arc to the south of the capital.

A Marine official said heavy bombing was carried out around Kut, southeast of Baghdad, adding that ground forces have secured an air base further to the south, at Qalat Sukkar, that could be used as a staging ground.

Further to the southwest, Marines claimed to have killed at least 80 Iraqi soldiers and taken dozens of prisoners in fighting near Diwaniyah. According to reports from the field, troops on a reconnaissance mission found fortified Iraqi positions along a line leading several miles to the city.

"They were shooting from buildings, from dugout positions, from holes, from everywhere," Cpl. Patrick Irish said of the Iraqis.

Marines took no chances with prisoners, bulldozing a pit, then surrounding it with barbed wire. Before a POW was put inside, he was blindfolded and searched,

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Nine more truancy charges filed

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Nine more charges have been filed against parents for failure to send their children to school.

Vance Hale, 45, of Martin, is charged with letting his child be tardy or absent from school 18 times.

Gallie Hatfield, 40, of Weeksbury, is charged with letting her child be absent or tardy from school 20 times.

David Henderson, 39, of Weeksbury, is charged with letting his children be absent or tardy from school 14 and 22 times.

Tammy L. Stone, 23, of Hi Hat, is charged with letting her child be absent or tardy from school 24 times.

Sandra K. Mullins, 33, of Hi Hat, is charged with letting her child be absent or tardy from school 42 times.

Angie Meade, 36, of Melvin, is charged with letting her children be absent or tardy from

school 18 and 19 times.

Paula J. Johnson-Hill, 41, of Weeksbury, is charged with letting her child be absent or tardy from school 13 times.

Mary Reynolds, 48, of Melvin, is charged with letting her child be absent or tardy from school 22 times.

Anna Newsome, 29, of Melvin, is charged with letting her child be absent or tardy from school 13 times.

According to Kristina Springer, director of pupil personnel for the Floyd County Board of Education, there will be 36 charges filed in total. There have been 23 filed to date.

Business owner faces 1,370 tax, license

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Numerous misdemeanor charges have been filed against local business owner Rebecca S. Kuss, 53, for failing to adhere to city ordinances regarding her business, Red Light Diner.

According to court documents, Kuss was charged with seven counts of failure to file restaurant tax quarterly returns and seven counts of failure to pay restaurant tax on March 25. Other charges were 452 counts of failure to file occupational tax returns for the period of Jan. 1, 2002, to March 18, 2003, and 452 counts of failure to pay occupational tax returns for the same period, as well as 452 counts of failure to obtain a business license.

Kuss said that she wasn't in charge of day-to-day operations, because she had entrusted them to someone else who failed to take care of them.

"They weren't taking care of it and I'm sorry that happened," said Kuss.

Kuss said she would be taking care of the situation.

FREE SEEDS!

The Floyd County Extension Service and the Floyd County Conservation District will host a "Home Garden Information and Seed Give-Away" on Thursday, April 3, in the Mountain Arts Center parking area. The event will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue until all the seeds are handed out and questions answered. Come early, seed quantities are limited.

Sticks

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The pictures to the right are of a litter of seven mixed-breed puppies, about three-and-a-half months old. They're all extremely energetic and ready to be taken home right away.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at 886-3189.

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Mislaid syringe results in endangerment charges

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

ELKHORN CITY — A Regina woman was arrested on several charges Saturday, including two counts of wanton endangerment for failing to inform officers of a syringe prior to a search.

According to court documents, Kathy Diana Sutherland, 38, was stopped in the middle of

the road at Adam's Branch, Elkhorn, when officer Christopher K. Phillips, of the Pike County Sheriff's Office, approached her.

Phillips reported that Sutherland became nervous and failed to offer an explanation for being parked in the road. He requested that Sutherland consent to a vehicle search, which she agreed in regards to the trunk but

declined the passenger compartment.

The arrest warrant states that Phillips contacted the sheriff's department canine unit, and upon a search by Frank Anderson, a detection was made. The report states that officers then conducted a search after asking Sutherland if any needles were in

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War

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one Marine pinning down his feet, another his arms, and a third pointing an M-16 rifle at his head.

In northern Iraq, U.S. special forces troops trumpeted their role in a successful joint effort with Kurdish fighters to rout Ansar al-Islam militants accused of hav-

ing ties to al-Qaida terrorists.

One day after American forces killed at least seven civilians at a checkpoint, Iraqi officials said U.S. Apache helicopters attacked a neighborhood in the central Iraq city of Hillah, killing 33 people and injuring more than 300.

The U.S. Central Command said it was investigating, but said no Apaches could have been involved in any incident.

At the Pentagon, Rumsfeld and Myers, the nation's top uniformed officer, emphatically defended the American battle plan, which has sparked controversy.

"Forces are coming (toward Baghdad) from the north, they're coming from the south and they're coming from the west, and the circle is closing" on Saddam, Rumsfeld said.

In a speech read in Saddam's name, Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf urged Iraqis to wage a holy war against U.S.-led forces. "Strike at them, fight them. They are aggressors, evil, accursed by God, the exalted."

"It does seem very strange that he (Saddam) hasn't appeared at this time," said a British spokesman in London.

Saddam has made no known public appearances since the night of March 19, when American missiles hit a complex in Baghdad where he and his two sons were believed to have been sleeping.

FEMA help line offers disaster assistance

RICHMOND — With some 2,400 residents of Kentucky applying for federal and state disaster assistance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has established a toll-free number they can use to get information about their requests.

Those who have registered with FEMA can call the Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 to get information about their applications or amend and update them.

It is important that persons registered with FEMA maintain a current address and phone number in their file. The Helpline is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6

p.m.

Disaster assistance becomes available only after residents of disaster counties who suffered losses first register with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-3362. Hearing and speech impaired individuals may call TTY at 1-800-462-7585.

The disaster counties are Anderson, Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Clay, Elliot, Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Mason, Martin, Menifee, Mercer, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan and Woodford.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting community meeting dates and public service announcements. Items must be either: Delivered to our office; faxed to 606-886-3603, or emailed : features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

AARP TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEERS AT FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY
Volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, are currently available to assist in preparing income tax forms for elderly and low-income taxpayers on Tuesday of each week, at the Floyd County Library. Hours are from 9-3:30. Bring last year's tax return and information for 2002. The service is free.

MARTIN MASONIC BODIES TO HONOR PAST OFFICERS
John W. Lodge No. 950, F&AM, and Hadassah Chapter No. 575, Order of the Eastern Star, at Martin, will hold Past Masters, Past Matrons, and Past Patrons night on Saturday, April 5, beginning at 7 p.m., at Masonic Hall in Martin.
Dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Odds

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earthen berms and pipes that were put in to stop them.

Township Mayor Frank Van Horn said he has designated June 21 as Knowlton Township Beaver Day. The beaver also has been declared the township's official animal.

"Whereas, neither Department of Public Works director, nor engineer, nor game warden, nor mayor has been able to outsmart the mighty beavers of Knowlton Township," the official resolution said.

"We figured we couldn't win," Van Horn said. "Even the State of New Jersey said we've got some of the smartest beavers in the world."

When township workers remove dams to prevent flooding, the structures are quickly rebuilt by the beavers. Pipes put in to prevent clogs caused by dams are covered right up by the animals.

"They've probably been to some Ivy League school," Van Horn said. "They beat us all the time."

ATHENS, Ohio — A man was exercising his free speech rights when he barked back at a police dog, a state appeals court has ruled.

The 4th Ohio District Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal

MAYTOWN CENTER NEWS

*Second Saturday of each month - Karaoke/Line Dancing Night.

*Last Friday of each month - Friday Night Live Talent Showcase & Jam Session. 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

*Community Library now open in Main Building. Monday thru Thursday, 3-5 p.m.

2ND ANNUAL BLUEGRASS BASH

American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" to hold a Bluegrass Bash, sponsored by Big Sandy RECC, Friday, April 11, 7:00 p.m., at the Johnson County Middle School. Lonesome Mt. Boys, Salvation Rain, Ronnie Spriggs, 5 Miles from Nowhere, Big Sandy RECC Employee Trio. For ticket info., call 789-4095.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

Volunteer to help with the PRIDE Spring Clean-Up campaign - April 12-26. Call Tom Harris, PRIDE coordinator, at 886-3537 for more information, or call 1-800-K-PRIDE-Y. You may also visit the website: www.kypride.org.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

To be held on April 19, on the PHS football field, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Volunteers needed. Call Community Connections at 886-8655 and ask to speak to Robin Crider if you would like to volunteer or offer a donation for this event.

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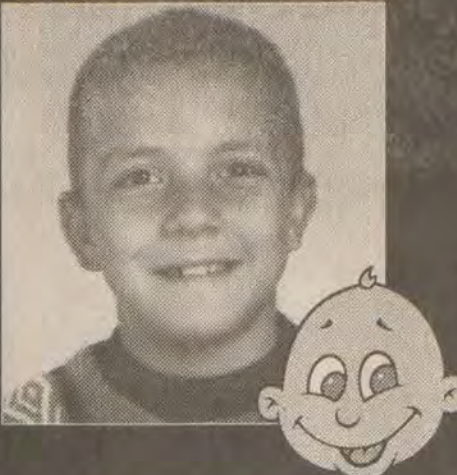
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Floyd County Health Department offers free "Body Recall" classes (exercise for senior citizens or anyone interested in becoming more active) each week at the following locations: On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30 a.m., at the Presbyterian Church, located between Jerry's and Dairy Cheer. On Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 11 a.m., Allen Baptist Church, Allen. Call Jane Bond, health educator, at 886-2788 for more information.

"NEWBEE" QUILTERS CLUB

The Newbee Quilters Club is an extension of the Floyd County Extension Quilt Guild and will meet each fourth (4th) Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office, S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, (across from Brad Hughes, Toyota). All those interested in learning basic quilting skills are invited to join the fun, make new friends, be creative and learn new things. For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668 or email to: tmscott@uky.edu.

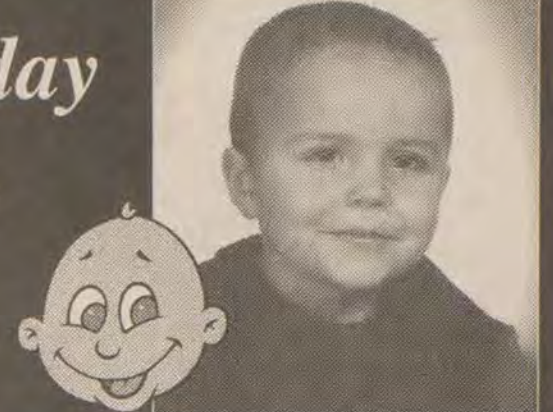
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Defendant says 'vicious animal' isn't his; shelter says dog isn't vicious

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Charges of harboring a vicious animal have created confusion as the man charged states the animal is a neighborhood stray and the animal shelter says the dog has yet to show any signs of aggression.

According to court documents, Novania Wright, of Prestonsburg, sought the charges after she became frightened of two dogs that she apparently believed to belong to Winston Dillon Jr., of Prestonsburg.

However, Dillon says the two are neighborhood dogs and when he was informed that the charges had been filed, he contacted Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum and Deputy County Judge-Executive Brett Davis to inform them of the truth. Davis said that he had talked with Dillon on Wednesday.

According to Dillon, he assisted the county dog catcher, Kevin Bryant, in capturing the two dogs in question, which were located at his neighbor's residence, five houses down. He characterized the dogs as being an australian shepherd

of about 18 inches in height and a cross breed of what appeared to be a pit bull, which he admitted did appear to be a "little intimidating". He said that he had two labradors in a dog kennel two years ago, but when he returned home after a

weekend trip to find them poisoned, he took the kennel out.

The manager of the Floyd County Animal Shelter, Kathy Mullins, said that she had received a pit bull mix, brought in by Dillon, on Monday. She said that

she had performed the procedural tasks of giving the dog a bath and a parvo shot and failed to have any trouble out of the dog.

"It had no aggression toward the other animals, not even the cats," said Mullins.

Two more charged with using vehicles as weapons

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two people were arraigned Monday on charges from two separate incidents in which motor vehicles were allegedly used as weapons.

According to court documents, Mary Beth Newsome, 22, of Virgie, was charged with theft by unlawful taking and first-degree wanton endangerment in connection with a Sept. 14 incident in which she is accused of taking a \$600 dog

belonging to Donald E. Wright, of Dorton, and then running him over with her vehicle. The complaint states that Newsome came to Wright's residence and asked for his son John, at which time she allegedly took the dog. Wright stated that when he attempted to stop her she ran him over, knocking him down and causing injuries to both knees and breaking his toe when she ran over his foot.

Newsome was arrested and arraigned on Monday, at which

time a \$5,000 cash bond was set.

In another incident, Donald Ray Endicott, 36, of Forest Hills, was arrested on Saturday, on a second-degree assault charge after he allegedly struck his girlfriend, Jubilee Kennedy, with a motor vehicle during a domestic dispute the two of them were having on March 25.

Court documents show that Endicott was arrested on March 29, and arraigned on Monday, where a bond decision of \$2,000 cash was made.

Charges

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the vehicle, to which she answered "no".

Officer Phillips reported that he then found a syringe and needle containing what Sutherland said was cocaine and a Lortab in a container labeled Valium. The complaint stated that the officers could have been stuck by the needle.

Sutherland was arrested shortly after midnight on Sunday, and

charged with two counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree possession of cocaine, and prescription in improper container.

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When a neighbor needs your help, you give it. Well, if Iraq may not be next door, but she is a neighbor. What if you needed help? Remember the story of the Good Samaritan?

Betty Prater
David

Pike County receives grants for sewer, dump

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

SOMERSET — One of the recipients of a 2003 PRIDE Super Grant is Pike County.

According to a press release by Congressman Hal Rogers, the Pike County Fiscal Court will receive \$114,085 from PRIDE to clean up an illegal dump in Lick Creek.

Perry County also received a PRIDE Super Grant, receiving \$160,000 to clean up a large illegal dump located on Hooterville Road.

The largest grant received was for Clay County, with

\$300,000 to cleanup the Chop Bottom illegal dump.

"These Super Grant projects will go a long way to clean up the mess caused by a few people," Rogers said.

PRIDE awarded \$1,298,885 in grants to be used to eliminate 10 illegal dumps in southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The city of Pikeville also received regular PRIDE funding in the amount of \$511,037 to be used to extend wastewater treatment lines to 55 homes in the Indian Hills area. Indian Hills is one of the last in the city limits that does not have wastewater treatment services.



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It's also helpful to have a second, smaller kit with a few essential items, something you can

grab in a hurry in case you're asked to leave your home for a few days.

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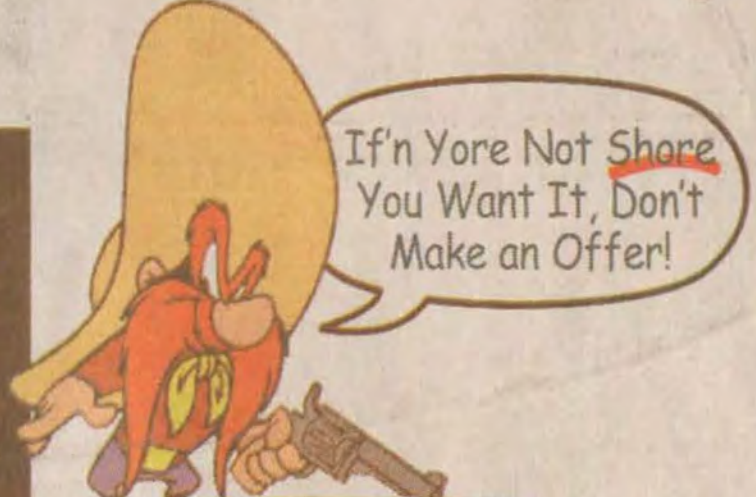
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ALC conference washed out

The Alice Lloyd College baseball team remains 4-5 in conference play as its series scheduled for this past weekend against Appalachian Athletic Conference rival Union College was postponed due to bad weather. It will be made up as a doubleheader on April 22, beginning at 1 p.m.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

UK Caudill goes through first practices under new staff

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Former Prestonsburg High Parade Magazine All-American Jeremy Caudill and some teammates are currently working under their third coaching staff in as many years at the University of Kentucky. The new head coach



Jeremy Caudill

for Caudill and Company is former St. Louis Rams head coach Rich Brooks. Brooks held his first practice as head coach of the Kentucky Wildcats with a two-hour,

15-minute workout Saturday afternoon at the Nutter Training Facility.

The Wildcats worked out in helmets, jerseys and shorts in cold, windy conditions on the muddy practice field. There were

(See CAUDILL, page two)

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Reds open new season at new stadium

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Cincinnati Reds were hoping to shake a slump that has plagued them the last nine games of their spring training season. The Reds bats have not been too active over the last two weeks of spring training and that included the final two Grapefruit



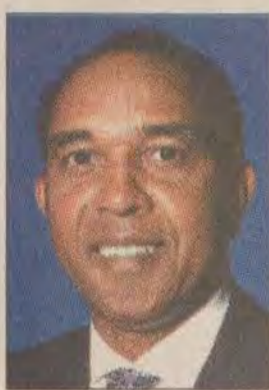
Ed Taylor

League games against the Cleveland Indians in brand new Great American Ball Park (GABP).

The Reds opened the 2003 baseball season at home against visiting Pittsburgh, who hopes to get ahead of the Reds early in the standings in anticipation of a stronger finish than 2002.

Wonder what the odds would be of Sean Casey collecting the first hit in GABP as he did in both Pittsburgh and Milwaukee. Singled for the first hit at Miller Stadium in Milwaukee

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Tubby Smith

UK BASKETBALL

Season surpassed expectations

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some other team will be cutting down the nets Kentucky left untouched after they won the Southeastern Conference tournament in New Orleans two weeks ago.

Marquette's 83-69 win over the Wildcats in Saturday's Midwest Regional final marred, but didn't ruin, the season for coach Tubby Smith.

"The expectations are pretty high for us here every year," Smith said Monday. "But this group overachieved in just about every

area." A team without a sure-fire NBA prospect, the Wildcats went 32-4 and won 26 straight games during their 100th season. The streak included an unbeaten run

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— BLACKCAT HOOPS BANQUET —



photo by Jamie Howell

Members of the Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball team got together for a group photo during Sunday's banquet.

Blackcats hold annual hoops banquet

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – One of the 15th Region's best teams at the end of the recently completed basketball season was the Prestonsburg Blackcats. On Sunday afternoon at Prestonsburg High School the Basketball Blackcats celebrated a season that witnessed the cats make it to the regional semifinals with a banquet honoring the team. A large crowd was on hand that included not only the basketball team but the PHS Dancecats and the varsity cheerleaders as well.

Blackcat head coach Jackie Day Crisp started off the banquet with some remarks on a successful year for the Blackcats. "Last year we made it to the region tournament and this year we made it to the region semifinals," stated Crisp. "Maybe next year we can make it to the finals and see what happens."

With the Blackcats losing only two seniors this year the future looks very bright for Prestonsburg.

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NEWS & NOTES

Smith starts in first game; Horsemen fall in lose

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The first try came up short Saturday night in the case of Kentucky's newest professional sports franchise.

The Lexington Horsemen drew a league-record crowd of 10,004 but lost to the Lake Charles (La.) LandSharks 50-41 Saturday night in the National Indoor Football League's debut in Lexington.



Grayson Smith

Magoffin County resident and former University of Kentucky football player Grayson Smith started for the Lexington team at one defensive end. Smith, who also boxed at UK, figures to play a prominent role in the Lexington defense this season.

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BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

Area diamond teams set to begin play

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The amount of baseball and softball talent returning to area high school teams in Floyd and surrounding counties is great. Many Eastern Kentucky high school teams will begin their seasons this week with the hopes of a district, and maybe even a region title at the end of the campaign.

The defending baseball champion in the 58th District is Allen Central. The defending girls' softball champion in the 57th District is Betsy Layne.

Some of the Betsy Layne basketball players fresh off a trip to the Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament, including Floyd County Conference Player of the Year Natasha Stratton will now hope to make an easy, successful transition outdoors to the sport of softball. If the softball season is anything like the girls' basketball team's season, area teams will have their hands full with Betsy Layne.

Many teams are still filling games for the 2003 season. What follows is partial schedules for the four high school girls' softball teams in Floyd County.

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201 Speedway will open for new season on Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA – The historic 201 Speedway will begin the 2003 racing season on Saturday with feature races in all classes. Gates will open at 4 p.m. Admission prices at the Johnson County dirt track will be the same as last year. There will be an age consideration for children who pay general admission for seating on the hill. Everyone in the pits will pay \$20, regardless of age. The general admission price to view the

(See SPEEDWAY, page four)



photo by Jamie Howell

Members of the U8 Rockets worked the ball downfield during Saturday's first game of the season. Teams played amid rain and sloppy conditions.

UK

through the Southeastern Conference regular season and SEC tournament, a feat not accomplished by any team since Kentucky did it in the 1950s.

"Going undefeated in this league? That's pretty good," Smith said. "But we went 19-0 — we won the tournament, too. That's amazing."

The season garnered Smith several national coaching awards. He'll pick up another one at this week's Final Four.

Smith said he has no intention of leaving Lexington before next season.

"I'm planning on being here," said Smith, who signed a six-year, \$1.5 million per year contract in May 2001. "This is as good a job as there is in the country."

Smith said duplicating this season's success in 2003-04 will hinge on finding a strong inside presence.

He expects to lose both 6-foot-11 senior Jules Camara and 6-9 Marquis Estill, a senior who was a partial qualifier his freshman year, meaning he can earn another year of eligibility if he graduates this year.

If Estill follows Camara, Kentucky's tallest returning player is 6-9 Bernard Cote, who played only 114 minutes all season.

Erik Daniels, at 6-7, and Chuck Hayes, at 6-6, round out the returning frontcourt. Daniels

averaged 9.5 points and five rebounds, and Hayes started all 36 games, averaging 8.6 points and 6.8 rebounds.

"Erik and Chuck are going to have to step up their play, but we're going to have to bring in a big man," Smith said. "Then we'll be OK."

Smith said the lack of a proven post man could mean more minutes for incoming freshmen Bobby Perry, from Durham, N.C., and Canadian-born Shery Thomas.

"Bobby's about 6-7, and he can play the swing or the power forward. Shery is a power forward who carries some bulk," Smith said. "They're definitely guys who can help pick up the slack."

The Wildcats also lose Keith Bogans, who reached No. 4 on the school's all-time scoring list, but Smith isn't worried about any dropoff in leadership.

Guards Gerald Fitch and Cliff Hawkins and junior-college transfer Antwain Barbour will join Daniels in Kentucky's senior class. Fitch started 35 games and Hawkins averaged 22 minutes in his role as the first man off the bench.

Counting Hayes, who will be a junior, the quintet has 191 combined starts.

"I was very impressed with Gerald and Chuck and Cliff and Erik," Smith said. "I like what we have coming back next

year."

The Wildcats were ranked a modest 17th in the preseason Associated Press poll.

They lived up to the low expectations early, losing three of their first nine. The last was a humbling 18-point loss to former coach Rick Pitino and Louisville.

Kentucky won three non-conference games the following week, then barely beat Tennessee in their Southeastern Conference opener. The Wildcats showed glimpses of the defense that was to become their trademark in a 62-55 win over South Carolina.

Then came the Vanderbilt game on Jan. 14. The Wildcats trailed by eight at halftime, then held the Commodores to four field goals in the second half of a 74-52 victory.

"We were upset with how we played at halftime," Bogans said after the game. "We wanted to come out with more intensity on defense. After playing that way, nothing less will be acceptable."

They stuck to that commitment the rest of the regular season. Only three of 20 opponents reached 50 percent shooting and eight failed to shoot even 40 percent.

And Kentucky beat them all. "When you're in the midst of a winning streak like this, you think you're going to win every game," Smith said. "In the midst of it, nothing is a surprise."

The Wildcats clinched their 42nd SEC regular-season championship, then, with every reason to relax, beat third-ranked Florida 69-67 in Gainesville.

"That's the one that stands out, because you're going to Florida, the pressure's on," Smith said. "The kids rose to Florida's level. That impressed me so much."

They marched to their 24th

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UK FAN

Wildcat fans pack into local bar to watch the big game

by JOSHUA HAMMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A weak cheer rose from the crowd at Two Keys Pub Saturday night when Kentucky's Josh Carrier's swished a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left to cut Marquette's lead to 83-69.

By then, the majority of fans had already turned their backs on the huge projection screen at the back of the bar, disgusted that their Wildcats had not fulfilled what many thought was its destiny, a national championship. Marquette advanced to the Final Four in New Orleans with the 83-69 win.

"I have no idea what happened," said Tim Elmore, 25. "How do you win 26 straight games and then lose by 20?" Kentucky had the nation's longest winning streak going into Saturday's game.

Elmore, who drove from Louisville to watch the game, said it was worth the hour drive. "I had a blast," he said.

Two Keys, a popular bar right across the street from the UK campus, was standing room only well before tip-off. At halftime, fans were banging their fists at the bar and screaming at the referees.

After the game, they just shrugged and kept on drinking.

"We took an average team lightly and they had nothing to lose," Sean Mann said of the loss.

Mann, a 30-year-old Lexington attorney and Kentucky graduate, said he's watched nearly every Kentucky

NCAA tournament game at the bar since 1991.

"It's just a tradition," Case said of watching the games at Two Keys. "If you are a UK graduate or a student this is the place to watch UK. It's an icon."

Before the game, Kevin Pankey, a 22-year-old graphic design senior at the University of Kentucky, leaned against the wall scanning the packed bar for an open seat.

"I came here for the last game (against Wisconsin) and it was a lot of fun, so I decided to come back," Pankey said.

Despite the pre-game buzz of more than 700 bar patrons, Pankey said he didn't expect any real mayhem Saturday night.

"It doesn't get crazy until we win the championship," he said. "Most UK fans just expect to win the championship."

When Kentucky defeated Utah in 1996 for the title, thousands of fans streamed on to Euclid Avenue, which runs down the middle of campus, and had a block party for hours. Police were forced to shut down the street.

"It was madness," said Steven Keats, who was in the middle of the mob seven years ago.

At Two Keys, owner Jan Bennett said the booths have been packed for every Kentucky tournament game this year.

"It's always like this," Bennett said of the rowdy but controlled crowd. "When we won (the championship) in '96, we had so many broken tables and everybody walked out of here wet because people were pouring beer all over each

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Caudill

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numerous small-group drills before coming together for a 25-minute offense vs. defense session that concluded the practice.

This season, Caudill, a three-year starter, who saw his first starting time as a freshman straight out of Prestonsburg High, will move to defensive end.

"It's different for me, moving out to end," Caudill said.

Over the weekend in the Saturday session, it was easy to see much hard work will have to be put forth by both the UK coaching staff and players.

"We got some productive things done," Brooks said. "The weather was cold and the field sloppy, but it was better (to practice) outside than inside. We made too many mistakes but the effort was there. This was the first step in trying to build a team. I've been very impressed with how they (the players) have

handled the transition (to a new coaching staff) in trying to get used to new systems."

Senior quarterback Jared Lorenzen, noticeably slimmer than last fall, was encouraged by the first practice.

"It turned out really well for the first day in a new offense," Lorenzen said. "The offense is completely different, with more verbiage, much like the NFL. The biggest challenge is the terminology, but it's already getting easier."

Lorenzen also was asked about his thoughts on the offensive system that new coordinator Ron Hudson brought from Kansas State.

"Look at what they did at Kansas State," Lorenzen said of KSU, which led the nation in scoring in 1998 (48 ppg) and was second nationally in 2002 (44.8 ppg). "This offense puts points on the board. It's a fun and interesting offense."

The Wildcats returned to the practice field Monday with another non-pads practice. The team will strap on the pads today.

Hoops

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After opening the banquet with a few remarks the crowd in attendance was treated to a fine meal. The awards and honors got underway with recognition of the Dancecats and the cheerleaders. One of the fundraisers that the Blackcats held this past season was a first annual businessman shoot-out, area leaders took pledges on a free-throw shooting contest.

Longtime Blackcat follower Kelly Moore came up with the idea for the fundraiser which was a great success for the Blackcats. Thomas Nairn went 24-of-25 from the line and raised over \$4,000 for the team.

Prestonsburg graduates two seniors in Joey Willis and Justin Allen and the boosters club sent the seniors out in style with a signed basketball and some luggage. Prestonsburg had three players make the All-Conference team (Joey Willis, Trevor Compton and Kris Bentley).

The Cats had four players named to the All-District tournament team (Joey Willis, Nick Jamerson, Trevor Compton, and Kris Bentley). In addition, two

players (Joey Willis and Nick Jamerson) were named to the All-region team.

The coaching staff handed out several individual honors, some of which were for blocked shots (John Mark Stephens and Jesse Chaffins tied with 27), steals (Joey Willis 53), most improved (John Mark Stephens), top free-throw shooter (Kris Bentley 45-of-51 on season), rebounds (Nick Jamerson 55 offensive and Joey Willis 113 defensive rebounds for the year) field goal percentage (Jesse Chaffins) three-point shots made (Kris Bentley 88, 36 percent on the year) total field goals made (Nick Jamerson, 98) assists (Trevor Compton 187) and the 110-percent award (Joe Blackburn).

The evening ended with recognition of the assistant coaches (Don Compton, Bobby Hackworth, and freshman coach James DeRossett).

A special presentation to head coach Jackie Crisp and his wife Rita Crisp. The boosters club did a fine job in putting on an excellent event for the 2003 Prestonsburg Blackcats.

Horsemen

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Former University of Kentucky and Valdosta State quarterback Dusty Bonner threw for 221 yards and five touchdowns for Lexington.

Bonner drove the Horsemen to a touchdown on their first possession, capped by a 7-yard pass to ex-Wildcat Martez Johnson.

After David Winbush ran 2 yards for a Lake Charles TD, Bonner scrambled and hit 6-foot-5, 280-pound Julius Yeast with a 7-yard TD. Yeast, a Harrodsburg native who played defense for Ohio State and Eastern Kentucky, grabbed another 7-yarder in the fourth quarter.

Former Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo quarterback Ted Robison hooked up with Jermaine "Flea" Martin on TD passes of 37 and 33 yards to give Lake Charles a 21-14 lead after one quarter.

"It's their first game. I don't think they realize how important it is to play a cover-two so that you have a back-side safety when the guy goes on a post," Robison said. "They'll learn that with time."

The LandSharks, who led 35-20 at halftime, blocked three

PATs and a field goal.

HOW THE SCORING WENT.....

Lake Charles 21 14 5 10-50
Lexington 14 6 13 8-41

Lex-Martez Johnson 7 pass from Dusty Bonner (Brian Sivinski kick); LC-David Winbush 2 run (Clint Sanford kick); Lex-Julius Yeast 7 pass from Bonner (Sivinski kick); LC-Jermaine Martin 37 pass from Ted Robison (Sanford kick); LC-Martin 33 pass from Robison (Sanford kick); LC-Robison 1 run (Sanford kick); Lex-Chad Spencer 24 pass from Bonner (kick blocked); LC-Winbush 11 pass from Robison (Sanford kick); LC-Sanford 21 field goal; Lex-Johnson 12 run (kick blocked); LC-Corey Stewart block PAT return; Lex-Carlos Johnson 4 pass from Bonner (Sivinski kick); LC-Sanford 23 field goal; Lex-Yeast 7 pass from Bonner (kick blocked); LC-Earl Vercher 14 pass from Robison (Sanford kick); Lex-Safety, Robison tackled in end zone by Marvin Major. A-10,004.

Records-Lexington 0-1; Lake Charles 2-0.

Area

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Allen Central Lady Rebels

- Apr. 17 South Floyd
- Apr. 22 at Knott County Central
- Apr. 28 at Paintsville
- Apr. 29 at South Floyd
- May 5 at Knott County Central
- May 12 Paintsville
- May 15 at Sheldon Clark
- May 23 at Hazard.

Betsy Layne Ladycats

- Mar. 31 at East Ridge
- Apr. 1 Shelby Valley
- Apr. 17 Paintsville
- Apr. 21 at South Floyd
- Apr. 24 Sheldon Clark
- Apr. 29 at Knott County Central
- May 6 South Floyd
- May 8 at Shelby Valley
- May 13 Knott County Central
- May 19 East Ridge

Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats

- Apr. 3 Paintsville
- Apr. 7 Sheldon Clark
- Apr. 14 at Sheldon Clark
- Apr. 15 Pike County Central
- Apr. 25 at South Floyd
- May 6 at Pike County Central
- May 12 South Floyd
- May 23 at Paintsville

South Floyd Lady Raiders


- Mar. 31 Johnson Central (postponed)
- Apr. 1 June Buchanan
- Apr. 14 Fleming-Neon
- Apr. 16 Knott County Central
- Apr. 17 at Allen Central
- Apr. 21 Betsy Layne
- Apr. 24 at Paintsville
- Apr. 25 Prestonsburg

Games listed are those which have been turned in to the KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association).

One Floyd County high school basketball coach, Harold Tackett, will coach a new sport this spring. Tackett, the girls' basketball coach at Prestonsburg High School, will take over for Jackie Day Crisp at the helm of the Prestonsburg softball program. Tackett served as athletic director at Prestonsburg High School last season, but teaches at Betsy Layne High School this school year.

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NCAA FINAL FOUR

This Final Four is an intriguing mix

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky and Arizona were supposed to be playing Saturday night, a semifinal matchup that had all the makings of a championship

game. Instead, the NCAA tournament favorites will be watching just like the rest of the country.

In this season of parity, the Final Four has turned into a stage for coaches looking for a first

national title and for stars showing off for a national audience.

New Orleans has always provided drama as host of the Final Four, and this time should be no different.

If it's a chance to make up for a heartbreaking loss that grabs you, Syracuse and coach Jim Boeheim would be the pick. The Orangemen reached the title game in the Superdome in 1987, only to lose to Indiana on a jumper by Keith Smart in the final seconds.

If it's a coach on the rise you want, check out Marquette's Tom Crean. If it's seeing a coach considered the best never to win it all finally cut down the nets, keep an eye on Kansas' Roy Williams.

Three of the teams knocked off a No. 1 seed in the regional final to advance, none more impressive than Marquette's thrashing of top-ranked Kentucky, which ended the Wildcats' 26-game winning streak.

Texas was the only top-seeded team to survive, and the Longhorns have to like the fact that the last four national champions were all No. 1 seeds.

Marquette vs. Kansas

The Golden Eagles come in off the great win over Kentucky, and Dwyane Wade comes in off only the third triple-double in NCAA tournament history.

Wade, considered one of the

country's best players all season, became a household name with his performance in the tournament. His teammates have also stepped it up: Robert Jackson on the inside and Travis Diener and Steve Novak on the outside.

Crean is familiar with being around the Final Four. He was an assistant to Michigan State's Tom Izzo when the Spartans won it all in 2000.

Kansas' victory over Arizona was one of the most entertaining games of the season, and it moved the Jayhawks to the Final Four for

a second straight year.

Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich were the stars of the team that lost to Maryland in the semifinals last year. They're back, and each had a game last weekend in which they carried the team.

Williams' fourth trip with Kansas to the Final Four may be his most satisfying because so many people wrote off the Jayhawks after a 3-3 start.

Pick: Wade is great, but Kansas showed it will ride either of its stars. It will be Collison's turn again, and he'll run the Jayhawks

to an up-tempo victory.

Texas vs. Syracuse

T.J. Ford makes Texas go, and he has the Longhorns in Final Four for the first time since 1947. There aren't many players with Ford's speed and ability to penetrate. And that's just what he'll have to do against Syracuse's 2-3 zone.

The Longhorns will benefit from having almost a week to prepare for the zone that so disrupted Oklahoma in the regional final.

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SOFTBALL

Patriot softball team struggling

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSBURG — The Cumberland College softball team hosted Carson Newman College on Thursday, March 27. Once again, the Patriots fell short in double-header action, dropping their overall record to 4-13.

Two area players, two freshmen, are members of the Cumberland team. Meagan Hall, a Johnson Central graduate, who signed on to swim and play softball in Williamsburg, and Julie Yates of Elkhorn City. Both are infielders.

In game one, Cumberland's bats struggled to produce any hits, and the team recorded only three in seven innings of play. The base hits were dispersed into three innings: Cassie Mitchell's single in the second, Brittany Frank's single in the fourth, and Callie Cowan's single in the sixth. None of the hits manifested into any runs and the Patriots lost 0-4. Carson Newman recorded eleven hits and two extra base hits for the game.

The Patriots came back in game two with little improvement. The team posted four hits and did manage to score one run. Cumberland's number on the boards came in the fifth with Callie Cowan on base for a walk and Stephanie Paul, stepping to plate to smack a double, sending Cowan home. Unfortunately, the run wasn't a challenge to Carson Newman's whopping 10 hits and nine runs. Carson Newman walked away with a 9-0 victory in five innings.

On the Net: www.cumberlandcollege.edu

Sports

and then moved on to Pittsburgh where he homered for the first hit in the new PNG stadium. As bad of a spring as Casey had, odds are against him. Casey continues to feel some stiffness in his surgery corrected shoulder that shortened his season last year. The Reds are hoping that Casey will regain the stroke that made him one of the

top first basemen in the majors two years ago.

The Reds are hoping for a successful season at GABP with hope the turnstiles will turn often this season. The Reds set a team record for attendance in 1976 when they drew 2,629,7-8 fans. The way ticket sales are going thus far, the Reds will fall far short of the mark. So far, according to Reds officials, they have sold close to 2 million in ticket sales. Said the Reds, fans are just buying regular tickets.

The Reds, losers of 84 games last season, will have to put a winner on the diamond before any attendance records are broken this season or next. The money strapped Reds keep trying to put together a winning rotation out of the discards of other teams. I agree, they probably could match any other major league team with their regular lineup, as far as writing it on paper. But this team, although loaded with talent, has never been a good hitting team.

It seems almost like a slap in the face when the opposing team puts their worst starter on the hill to face the anemic bats of the Reds. A pitcher can be on a personal six game losing streak and still win against the Reds.

In reality, Larkin is through as a threat at the plate. Junior will play early until the Reds start losing big time, then he will find a way on the DL. Boone will not hit until late in the year. Only Adam Dunn is realistic in having a good first half and disappear in the second half. Austin Kearns will have a good start, teeter off and come back strong after the

Fans

other."

Bennett sat in a large booth with friends and Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones, who played on Kentucky's 1948 NCAA championship team.

Bennett was despondent after the game, but wasn't worried about unruly fans.

The combination of an early round game, plus the 4:40 p.m. EST tip time made for a calmer group, Bennett said.

"It shouldn't be that bad tonight," she said.

Ryan Minser, a 20-year-old telecommunications major, watched the game in an even

quieter locale, his living room. The underage Minser didn't even want to get past bar bouncers, instead opting to stay home with his four roommates.

"They always try to stay with me," Minser said of his roommates, who are all 21 or older, "but it would be sweet to watch it in a bar."

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Megan Goble, of Prestonsburg, was recently invited by the Kentucky High School Athletics Association to sing the national anthem at the opening game of the boys' Sweet Sixteen basketball tournament in Lexington. Megan is a member of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros. She is the daughter of Diana and Tommy Goble, of Prestonsburg.

Reds have been eliminated.

FINALLY...

Major league's all-time hits leader, Pete Rose, is still waiting for reinstatement to baseball. Rose was close until it was revealed the government came down on him hard over back taxes he owes. However, according to reports, Rose is still in good shape for reinstatement. Look for number 14 to be back in baseball by the All-Star game.

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SEC tournament championship the same way they won their last 20 regular-season games — with defense. Their three opponents — Vanderbilt, Auburn and Mississippi State — averaged 59 points on 36 percent shooting.

"We played against some pretty good teams and against some pretty good players," Smith said. "But this team was truly the epitome of a team. When one guy was down, another guy would pick us up. All year."

The Wildcats were the No. 1 team heading into the NCAA tournament and cruised to the Sweet 16.

They finally showed some cracks in a 63-57 win over Wisconsin. Bogans suffered a high ankle sprain and was far from recovered for the Marquette game.

It showed. Bogans was one of several Wildcats who couldn't handle Dwyane Wade, who had 29 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds.

For the first time, Smith saw

an opponent do what his team did all season.

"Every button they pushed, it worked," he said. "That's what we had been able to do. We'd bring somebody off the bench, we'd get in the groove."

Until that game, Smith had never had a season go so smoothly.

"That's the first team I've ever had where we didn't have one bad practice," Smith said. "We never had any issue with any guy not willing to do what it takes."

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photos by Jamie Howell

The East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association held its first games of the 2003 spring season. These photos were taken Saturday during games played at the Prestonsburg field.

HORSE RACING

Buddy Gil a late Triple Crown nominee; Azeri ready to race

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Buddy Gil, surprise winner of the San Felipe Stakes, was among eight late nominations to the Triple Crown races, pushing the total number of nominees to a record 454.

Owners paid a \$6,000 late nomination fee to make their horses eligible for the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. Early nominations cost \$600.

Buddy Gil, who nosed out Atswatimtalknabout in the San Felipe on March 16, is owned by Desperado Stable's Scott Guenther, Donny McFadden and Merrill Stable. The 3-year-old colt is trained by Jeff Mullins and will race next in the Santa Anita Derby on Saturday.

Also nominated by the March 29 deadline were Lane's End Stakes winner New York Hero, Defrere's Vixen, Mr. Decatur, During, Herculeated, Mr. Amano and Fund of Funds.

During is trained by Bob Baffert, who had 17 early nominations, including current Derby contenders Domestic Dispute and Kafwain.

More Triple Crown nominations were possible over the next few days, since letters postmarked March 29 will be accepted, racing officials said Monday.

The previous record of 452 was set in 1986, the first year the nomination program was established by Triple Crown Productions.

The 446 early nominations by Jan. 25 also set a record, breaking the mark of 440 set in 2001.

Todd Pletcher led all trainers with 28 nominations, and has three current Kentucky Derby prospects in Aristocat, Indy Dancer and Lion Tamer.

Godolphin Racing, operated by Dubai's Sheik Mohammed, led all owners with 19 nominations. Just one, Inamorato,

remains a Derby contender after his third-place finish in Saturday's UAE Derby in Dubai.

AZERI READY TO RUN:

Finally, Azeri is ready for her first race since winning Horse of the Year honors.

Last seen, Azeri was running away with the Breeders' Cup Distaff on Oct. 26 at Arlington Park. On Saturday, the 5-year-old mare is the likely heavy favorite in the Apple Blossom Handicap at Oaklawn Park.

Among her expected to chal-

lenge are Affluent, Mandy's Gold, Rhiana and Take Charge Lady.

Azeri, who won eight of nine starts last year, has been training at the San Luis Rey Downs training center in California under the watchful eye of Laura de Seroux.

Azeri galloped out six furlongs in 1:12.40, according to de Seroux.

"It was spectacular," de Seroux told the Daily Racing Form. "We pronounce her fit and ready."

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Bogans, Kentucky lack spark in lopsided loss to Marquette

by DAVE CAMPBELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Kentucky just wasn't the same without a healthy Keith Bogans.

The senior guard was clearly hobbled by his sprained left ankle Saturday, and the Wildcats' 26-game winning streak came to a stunning end with an 83-69 loss to Marquette in the Midwest Regional final.

Wearing a brace on his left ankle, Bogans started and scored 15 points in 24 minutes — but he obviously wasn't at full strength.

The outside shooting, tough defense and tireless leadership he normally provides were missing, and his struggles seemed to carry over to the rest of the team.

Bogans made a wide-open 3-pointer from the corner to pull

the top-seeded Wildcats to 22-19 with 7:45 left before half-time, but that was Kentucky's last basket until Cliff Hawkins scored with 16 seconds remaining to trim Marquette's lead to 45-26.

Grimacing at times and slightly favoring his right foot on jumps and cuts, Bogans' touch was gone, too. He was 4-of-11 from the field — 3-of-7 from 3-point range — and was unable to get open and knock down a critical perimeter shot when the Wildcats (32-4) needed one.

They needed it badly because Marquis Estill, who scored a career-high 28 points against undersized Wisconsin in the regional semifinals Thursday night, had his hands full underneath against Robert Jackson.

Jackson had 24 points and 15 rebounds while holding Estill to 10 points and six rebounds.

It wasn't just Bogans throwing up bricks. The Wildcats shot 25-for-64 (39 percent) from the field and 4-of-16 from 3-point range. Gerald Fitch had 15 points, but most of them came on layups.

On the other end, nobody could contain Marquette star Dwyane Wade. Chuck Hayes, who kept Kirk Penney in check in the second half of the win over Wisconsin, fouled out with 6:17 to go without scoring.

Wade had an astonishing game, finishing with 29 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists as the crowd of 28,383 — dominated by Golden Eagles fans wearing dark blue and gold T-shirts — roared with approval.

Kentucky, seeking its 14th trip to the Final Four, pulled within 12 in the second half but no closer.

Trailing by 20, Bogans drove the lane and missed a layup in traffic, then looked up with a wince.

Removed from the game shortly after, Bogans stood motionless on the Kentucky sideline with his hands on his hips for the final two minutes.

When Marquette's Steve Novak made his fifth 3-pointer, Bogans glanced up at the scoreboard glumly as the final seconds of his college career ticked away.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Osborne steps down; Hopkins transfers

South Floyd must find new coach for girls team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Melinda Osborne has stepped down as the head coach of the South Floyd High School girls' basketball program after three seasons at the helm. In three seasons, Osborne won a 58th District title and finished runner-up in the 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Osborne-coached program did both during the 2000-01 season, her first as head coach of the Lady Raiders.

Allen Central High School has a new student-athlete. She is Sharee Hopkins, a transfer from South Floyd High School. Hopkins, Osborne's daughter, left South Floyd for personal

reasons, but is, upon being ruled eligible, expected to play basketball for the Lady Rebels program. Hopkins was both an All-Conference and 58th District All-Tournament selection this past season.

Osborne's stepping down and Hopkins's transfer leave two voids for the South Floyd girls program to fill.

"We hate to see Melinda (Osborne) step down," said South Floyd Athletic Director Barry Hall. "She did a real good job with the program."

Hall went on to say that South Floyd would post the position of head coach of the girls program and try to find a suitable replacement as soon as possible.

Raider Baseball

The South Floyd baseball team, coached by Barry Hall, is supposed to open its season on the road today in Pike County against Shelby Valley.

Mix

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Coach Rick Barnes saw it when he was coaching Providence in the Big East.

The Longhorns have also started to develop a much deeper rotation, and that should help take the scoring pressure off Ford.

Freshman star Carmelo Anthony certainly stoked the Syracuse faithful when he said this was his first, and hopefully not last, Final Four. Even if this is his only NCAA tournament before heading to the NBA, he showed his star quality throughout.

But it's Boenheim's zone defense — and the fact the back line is one of the biggest and most athletic in the country — that makes the Orangemen a tough

matchup in a tournament.

Syracuse is the youngest team still playing. Anthony is one of three freshmen who play key roles, along with two sophomores in the starting lineup.

Pick: Even though most of the positives seem to point in Texas' direction, Anthony is so good and so clutch that it would be tough to go against him getting Boenheim to a third national championship game.

Jim O'Connell has covered college basketball for The Associated Press since 1987. He was presented the Curt Gowdy Media Award by the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Speedway

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racing action from the hill is \$10.

Historic 201 will be running the same classes as last year — 4-Cylinder, Road Hogs, Bombers, Super Bombers, Modifieds and Late Models — as last season.

Floyd Countian Bill Mike Vaughn, a racing veteran is running the track again this season.

The pill draw, which pertains to just some of the classes will end at 7:30 p.m. The driver's meeting is at 7:30 at the parts truck (lower pit area) and hot-laps will follow that.

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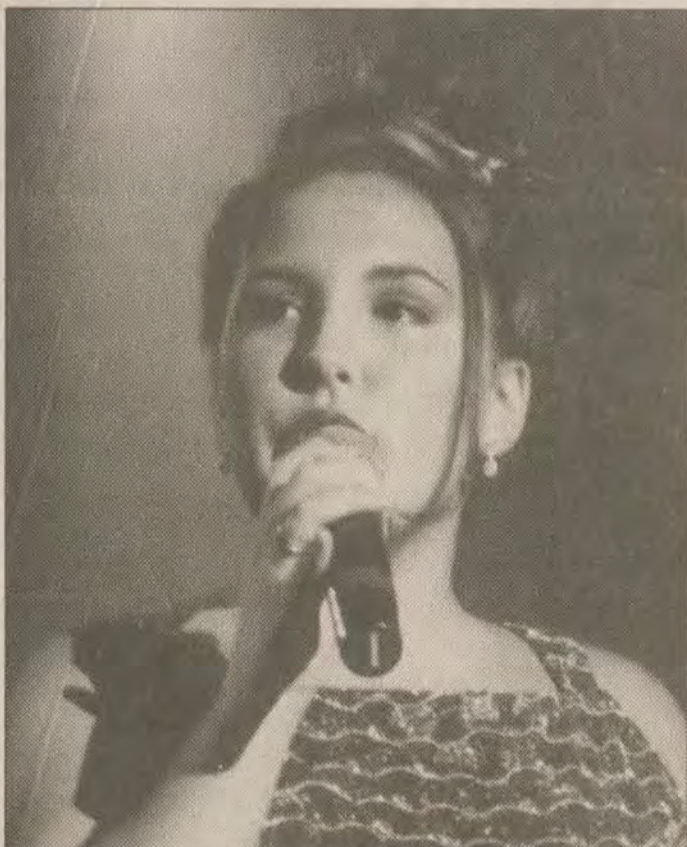
JR. PRO SPOTLIGHT

Morgan shares that she has loved music "for as long as I can remember." Here, she is shown a few years back getting some "stage experience" as she prepares to model in a local fashion show for children. Love that "look of sophistication, Morgan!"



Miss Andrea Morgan Clark

ANDREA MORGAN CLARK



Morgan says that she loves performing and that "the best is after the show," when she gets to meet and chat with her audience.

'Believing in Dreams'

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Miss Andrea Morgan Clark is in the Jr. Pro spotlight this week and the "spotlight" is just where she seems to like it most. From toddlerhood, Morgan has enjoyed perform-

ing for her family and listening to music. "When I was about four years old I would watch CMT for hours upon hours. I was a huge fan of Sawyer Brown and I had watched the Country Music Television channel so much that I knew the order the songs played. I knew right when

Sawyer Brown was going to play and I would run and get my parents to come listen to me sing and watch me dance along with my favorite band. I also had a microphone and a stand with speakers that I used to perform for the family at Christmas gatherings. Basically, I have loved music

all my life," she said. Morgan says that she began taking piano lessons at the age of six, which she continued through her freshman year of high school. When she entered the sixth grade, she joined

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KIM'S KORNER

An anniversary and a beginning



Kim Frasure

Well, good Wednesday to you! By the time you guys are reading this two days into vacation will have taken place. Lying by a beautiful pristine pool with sounds of waves from the ocean in a distance would have been magical and wonderful, but a girl's gotta do what a girl's gotta do!

And with what will be taking place this coming Friday, that pristine ocean-side pool will just have to wait until next year.

Most of you know by now that we have been publishing The Christian

Messenger for three years come this Friday, thank you, Jesus!

The blessings that have come during these years are just phenomenal. Oh, we've experienced some trials at times where thoughts of "Sharing God's Blessings", didn't seem like they would be possible to accomplish.

Then, God intervenes just as His Word tells us, "to stand and believe" and "all things are possible in Christ Jesus" and those obstacles or "trials", have been diminished and we've continued. Praise the Lord!

The Christian Messenger, is a not-for-profit, free, non-denominational newspaper distributed in seven area counties, inserted into a Sunday edition of The Floyd County Times going into 18 different states! And yes, God has most definitely expanded our territory in these three short years.

When this paper was born, we literally cut and pasted it together, strung over our entire home. Just into our second publication, a storm entered and lightning struck

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NEWS & NOTES

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, 4:00 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 12:00 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 4:00 p.m.

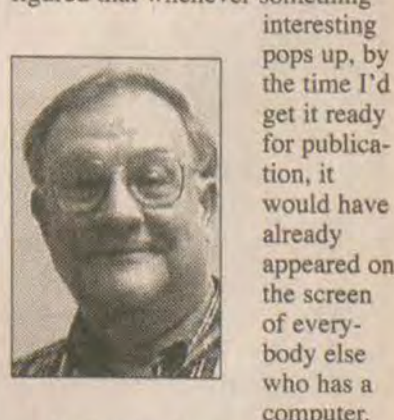
■ Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regard-

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POISON OAK

When parents sided with the law

Regardless of the appropriateness of some of the email we get at our house, until now, I've avoided using the internet as a source for column ideas. I guess that I've just figured that whenever something



interesting pops up, by the time I'd get it ready for publication, it would have already appeared on the screen of everybody else who has a computer.

All that is about to change, because I can't resist sharing a couple of items we got last week. Too bad the author of the first piece is not identified, because I'd love to give him (or her) a pat on the back. What follows is a brief synopsis.

Entitled "I Can't Believe We Made It," the first one points out how our experiences of growing up "then," were so much different than what kids experience as they grow up now. Of course, as the title

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School

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less 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 2:00 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

*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.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ April 7, 8, 9 - Kindergarten Registration - 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 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 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.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is collecting Food

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

■ SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. ■ FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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 8/4 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.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(April 7 and April 9, 1993)

About 50 people gathered in the Wheelwright High School auditorium, Monday night, to hear details and ask questions about 85 new jobs expected to be available when the Otter Creek Correctional Center opens in the community this fall. U.S. Corrections Company officials, who are building the 300-bed minimum security prison, explained to the prospective employees about salaries, benefits, and job descriptions which will be available when the facility opens. Most of the questions from citizens centered on job salaries and educational requirements...Less than two weeks after he had been shot, Wheelwright Police Chief Bob Moore resigned from his post, citing personal reasons. Moore told city commissioners, Monday night, that he could no longer hold the position of Police Chief, because he needed to take care of his mother who is ill. Moore did ask to stay on the police force as an auxiliary officer. Moore's resignation was accepted by Commissioner Lowell Parker, who supervises the police department, and David Duncan was appointed as acting chief. A special meeting was set Thursday, April 8, to discuss Moore's replacement...Two Wayland men were arrested early Tuesday morning and charged with burglary for allegedly entering the home of Todd Crace at Water Gap, and taking several items. Floyd County Deputy Sheriff Danny McCoy said, Tuesday, that he had received a call that two men had entered Crace's home, and that Crace was holding one of the suspects at his home. On his arrival, McCoy said, Crace had restrained Robert Jacobs, 20, after he apparently opened the unlocked front door of the trailer and went inside. The deputy said that a second suspect had fled the scene. McCoy found the second suspect, Brian Mulkey, 20, at a Cardinal Mart, near the Big Branch residence...Larry and Charlene Johnson, of Maytown, and their country line dance group, the Rhinestone Cowboys, will soon be performing nationally. The Johnsons and the Rhinestone Cowboys, 72 people in all, will travel to Knoxville, May 21, to appear on several tapings of The Nashville Network's "White Horse Cafe" country dance show, which is broadcast daily." A Floyd County company that operated two medical waste incinerators was cited, March 25, by the Kentucky Division of Air Quality, for an opacity level violation. Medisen Inc., was cited for releasing smoke omissions that exceeded the allowable 10 percent opacity level...First Commonwealth Bank President Burl Wells Spurlock said,

Thursday, that he intends to appeal a Pike Circuit jury's decision against the bank in which a Floyd County coal operator was awarded more than \$2.6 million. Jerry Baldwin, of the Lexington-based law firm of Frost & Jacobs, said Tuesday, that the jury had awarded Terry Giese, of Prestonsburg, \$1.9 million in compensatory damages, and \$700,000 in punitive damages in a breach of contract counter-suit...There died: Purvis Riley, 54, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Teaberry, Wednesday, at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Ocie Lee Music, 90, of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, Saturday, in Eaton Rapids; Lee Franklin Mitchell, 34, of Teaberry, Sunday, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; William "Brad" Boyd, 97, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Rebecca Bernice Thompson, 62, of Wyandotte, Michigan, formerly of Betsy Layne, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Millie Waddles, 83, of Kite, Saturday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; J.R. Miller, 56, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Inez S. Jacobs, 63, of Auxier, formerly of Pippa PASSES, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Harold H. Fitzpatrick, 71, of Columbus, Ohio, native of Martin, March 31, at his residence; and Bertha Hale Hicks, 74, of Blue River, Tuesday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center;

Twenty Years Ago

(April 13, 1983)

A midnight blaze swept through a Martin lumber yard, Friday, causing heavy damage, and disrupting telephone service, community-wide for more than 12 hours...William "Oakie" Bevins, 72, will be sentenced, April 22, for the slaying of five men at Allen 18 months ago...The death of Dr. Robert Darrell Akers, 37, Sunday, was viewed by authorities as accidental asphyxiation...A documentary film, which is being made to represent rural post offices all over America, will feature people around the Betsy Layne area...There died: Melanie Lynn Newsome, three-month-old daughter of Teddy and Patricia Howell Newsome of Ligon, Tuesday, April 5, at her home; Ezra Jarrell, 63, of Cow Creek, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Columbus Conn, 94, of Martin, Saturday, April 2, at his home on Arkansas Creek; Violet J. Bradley, 76, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Anne L. Montgomery, 62, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, April 6, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Pearl Hatfield Mullins, 73, of Bevinsville, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way

Hospital; Gladis Newman, 63, of Hi Hat, Tuesday, April 5, at Rockcastle County Hospital; Christine Symon Adams, 67, of Martin, last Wednesday, en route to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Billy Ray Ramey, 33, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at Town Branch.

Thirty Years Ago

(April 11, 1973)

Purchase of acreage for an athletic field at Allen Central High School, and a move to change the site of proposed Phase II construction there, were approved by the Floyd County Board of Education at its meeting here, Saturday...A ready-made plant in Prestonsburg became available, Friday, when Irvin Industries Inc., offered to sub-lease the long-vacant building in West Prestonsburg, which formerly housed Kentucky Appalachian Industries...A Mud Creek man who was named in a warrant, procured Tuesday, by Deputy Sheriffs Dester Hamilton and Ralph Howell, charging him with shooting and wounding with intent to kill, retaliated later by swearing out warrants for the officers' arrest, accusing them of shooting into his trailer-home and into his auto...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, a daughter, Trudy Dawn, March 30, at Point Pleasant, W.Va.; to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Allen, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Robyn Lynne, March 30, at Ashland; to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ray Horne, of Little Paint, a son, March 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart E. Stephens, of the Goble-Roberts Addition, a son, Ray Eugene, April 6, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Elizabeth Allen Cadenhead, 73, formerly of Prestonsburg, April 4, at Vero Beach, Fla.; John Warix, 72, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Sallie Conley Martin, 72, of Estill, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Silas Hunter, 86, of Honaker, Tuesday; Edward Griffith, 69, of Lackey, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way; Mrs. Dollie Rice Terry, 68, Friday, at her home at Martin; Thomas Luther Spradlin, 38, formerly of Prestonsburg, March 10, at Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

Forty Years Ago

(April 11, 1963)

The Dana contracting firm of Akers & Akers is the low bidder on construction of Floyd County's new courthouse, with a bid of \$496,848...The work of conveying the Floyd County Water & Gas System to

private management, and eventually, to private ownership, is well underway, it was learned this week...The Jenny Wiley Escape Trail had its first hikers, Sunday, when nearly half a hundred Boy Scouts of Troop No. 27, Prestonsburg, broke the way for what is hoped will be a flood of hikers in the years to come...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Byron Nunnery, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Leigh Ann, March 28, at Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Mrs. Lula Harris, 83, of Prestonsburg, April 2, at a Louisville hospital; Mrs. Martha Cole Henson, 79, of Hi Hat, Thursday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Joseph McCoy, 59, of Thomas, Sunday, at Ironton, O.; William C. Johnson, 92, of Minnie, Monday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Rebecca Hayes, 72, of Langley, Sunday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Fred N. Caudill, 50, former Floyd miner, Monday, at Warsaw, Ind.; Mrs. Levina Hunter, 63, of Ivel, last week at Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago

(April 9, 1953)

Faced with the need of doing something about a variety of city problems among them sewage disposal, an expanded water system and street repairs, the Prestonsburg City Council voted unanimously, Monday night, to authorize a bond issue of \$1,000,000...With no more than \$400,000 available for the work to be done, and the lowest bids offered totalling \$475,430.66, the Floyd Fiscal Court and Floyd County Board of Education in joint session, Tuesday, were forced to delay awarding of contracts on the proposed 23-classroom county high school building here...John E. Manies, 47, of Detroit, Mich., drowned in Dewey Lake, early Wednesday morning, when his auto dropped from the road leading to the Brandy Keg dock into approximately eight feet of water...Ashland Nelson, 21-year-old Blue River man, was accidentally killed, Thursday, by a blast from his shotgun, while hunting on Buckeye Fork of Middle Creek...There died: Mrs. Bessie Greer Mullins, 37, of Printer, Tuesday morning, when struck by a hit-and-run driver on the highway at Printer; W.I. Myers, 57, of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Drift, Monday, at Detroit; Mrs. Mary Campbell, 91, of Prestonsburg, at the home of a step-daughter, at Lancer, April 2; Mrs. Kate Wallen Hammonds, 39, of Water Gap, last Thursday, at a Paintsville hospital; Dr. Gideon D. Ison, 72, formerly of Blackey, Sunday, at Atlanta, Georgia.

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Critter Corner: Excerpts from animal diaries

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS, DVM

Excerpts from a Dog's and Cat's Diaries

Day 180:

8:00am—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 9:30am—OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!
 9:40am—OH BOY! A WALK! MY FAVORITE!
 10:30am—OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!
 11:30am—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 12:00 noon—OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!
 1:00pm—OH BOY! THE YARD! MY FAVORITE!
 4:00pm—OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!
 5:00pm—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 5:30pm—OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVORITE!

Day 181:

8:00am—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 9:30am—OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!
 9:40am—OH BOY! A WALK!

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 10:30am—OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!
 11:30am—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 12:00noon—OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!
 1:00pm—OH BOY! THE YARD! MY FAVORITE!
 4:00pm—OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!
 5:00pm—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 5:30pm—OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVORITE!

Day 182:

8:00am—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 9:30am—OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!
 9:40am—OH BOY! A WALK! MY FAVORITE!
 10:30am—OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!
 11:30am—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 12:00noon—OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!
 1:00pm—OH BOY! THE YARD! MY FAVORITE!
 1:30pm—OOOOOOH. BATH. BUMMER.
 4:00pm—OH BOY! THE KIDS!

MY FAVORITE!
 5:00pm—OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!
 5:30pm—OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVORITE!

Excerpts from A Cat's Diary

Day 183:

My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the wild satisfaction I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture. Tomorrow I may eat another houseplant.

Day 184:

Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving round their feet while they were walking almost succeeded. Must try this at the top of the stairs. In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I once again induced myself to vomit on their favorite chair... must try this on their bed.

Day 185:

Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body, in attempt to make them aware of what I am capable

of, and to try to strike fear into their hearts. They only cooed and condescended about what a "good little cat" I was...Hmmm. Not working according to plan.

Day 186:

I am finally aware of how sadistic they are. For no good reason I was chosen for water torture, including a burning foamy liquid called "shampoo". What sick minds could invent such a liquid? My only consolation is the piece of thumb still stuck between my teeth.

Day 187:

There was some sort of gathering of their accomplices tonight. I could smell the foul odor of the glass tubes they call "beer". I was placed in solitary throughout the event due to MY power of "allergies". Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

Day 188:

I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit. The bird, on the other hand, has got to be an informant. He has learned their foul tongue and



"John L." John L. is owned by Ruben and Anna Stephens, of Middle Creek Road. The Stephens' write: "As you can see, our special friend sits wherever he wants. He is a real companion to us."

speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the metal room, his safety is assured. But I can wait...

Dreams

the school band and began learning to play the alto saxophone. Throughout her years of schooling, she also participated in the school choir, and was chosen twice to perform with the Kentucky All-State Choir. "As a freshman, I also performed on the U.S. 23 Show Case at the MAC," she said.

Morgan shares that she first became involved with the Mountain Arts Center through Billie Jean Osborne, founder. Morgan said that as a child, she regularly attended church services at the Church of Christ, where members sing hymns without the use of musical

instruments. "My mother always stood beside me and she would sing harmony, so from her, and other members of the church, I picked up on how to sing harmony and now, I have a very good ear for it," she said.

In the sixth grade, Morgan performed in a school musical. During this performance, she sang her first open public solo performance. Osborne was present during the school event and Morgan says that this appearance marked the first time that either Osborne or her parents had heard her sing with musical accompaniment. Shortly afterwards, Morgan's parents signed her up for voice lessons which

she took at the MAC under the direction of Chris Lafferty. "After six months, I was asked to attend a (Jr. Pro) practice and try-out and I got in. Right away, we began rehearsals and my very first performance was in a Christmas show," she said.

According to Morgan, nothing could ever have thrilled her more than to become a part of the musical performance group she had so admired. "I remember watching the KY Opry perform at the Betsy Layne gym, the Prestonsburg gym, and the Jenny Wiley Theatre. I was always on the edge of my seat admiring the members as if they were famous and dreaming that

someday I could be on that stage. As a matter of fact, for a Christmas gift one year, I received the autographs of all the KY Opry performers," she said.

Morgan says that she loves "all types of music" and that she has a great appreciation for "anyone that can sing, compose, write, play, and perform." "Anyone who can do any of these things I consider talented," she said.

Though Morgan stresses that "first and foremost God...and second, my parents," have been the guiding influences in her life, the recording artist that has most influenced her is the singer, Jewel.

"When Jewel was young, she learned how to sing and play the guitar from her father. After his death, she and her mother lived in a car. During that time, she spent hours writing her own songs and performing locally. She was finally 'discovered' due to her tremendous talent...her will to achieve has inspired me to no end. I hope someday I can be more like her, not only in talent, but in strength and strong will," Morgan said.

Morgan says that it would be "great to be discovered" and to obtain a career in music, but that "there are a lot of other things I also want to do in my life." "At this point in my life, education is most important. I love work-

ing and helping with people, therefore, I plan to become a physical therapist. I also plan to continue singing with the KY Opry and will always continue to sing in festivals and at private performances. Music will always be a big part of my life," she said.

Morgan says that the things she has most enjoyed in being a part of the Opry is traveling and meeting members of the audience following each show. "We have traveled to Richmond, Virginia, Somerset, Louisville, Lexington and Charleston, West Virginia, as well as many trips to local schools and festivals. All of our trips are very memorable because they are for politicians and large crowds. But the most memorable trip would have to be the one to Richmond, where we stayed overnight and performed for Massy Coal who provided us with rooms at a five-star hotel. The stories are all too long to tell, but we have had so much fun. The most memorable stage performances would have to be singing for Gov. Paul Patton, and opening for the bands, Exile and Ricochet," she said.

Continuing, Morgan shared the experience of meeting audience members following Opry performances. "The best is always after the show," she said, "small children ask for my autograph, hug me, and look at me with enormous smiles, as if I were famous. It makes what I do a complete joy...elderly peo-

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School

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

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule

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

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

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

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

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please

send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

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

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

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

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

Oak

indicates, the idea of the piece is an exaggerated disbelief in how we could have survived, when our baby cribs were painted with lead-based paint, when there were no child-proof lids on medicine bottles, and when we'd ride our bicycles without wearing helmets.

The writer continues to marvel at how we ever made it to adulthood when four people shared one bottle of pop, we had no cell phones, and Nintendo had not yet been invented. If we fell from a tree, or knocked out a tooth, or broke arm, nobody sued anybody. Furthermore, if we got into trouble, our parents would not bail us out. Believe it or not, our parents actually sided with the law.

At school, if a student flunked a grade, he had to take it again. If he flunked it again, he had to take it again. If the whole class flunked a test, the whole class got an F. Test scores were not adjusted for any reason.

Mercy! How did we make it?

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Another tidbit that arrived at our house via email was an extremely

Yesterdays

Sixty Years Ago

(April 8, 1943)

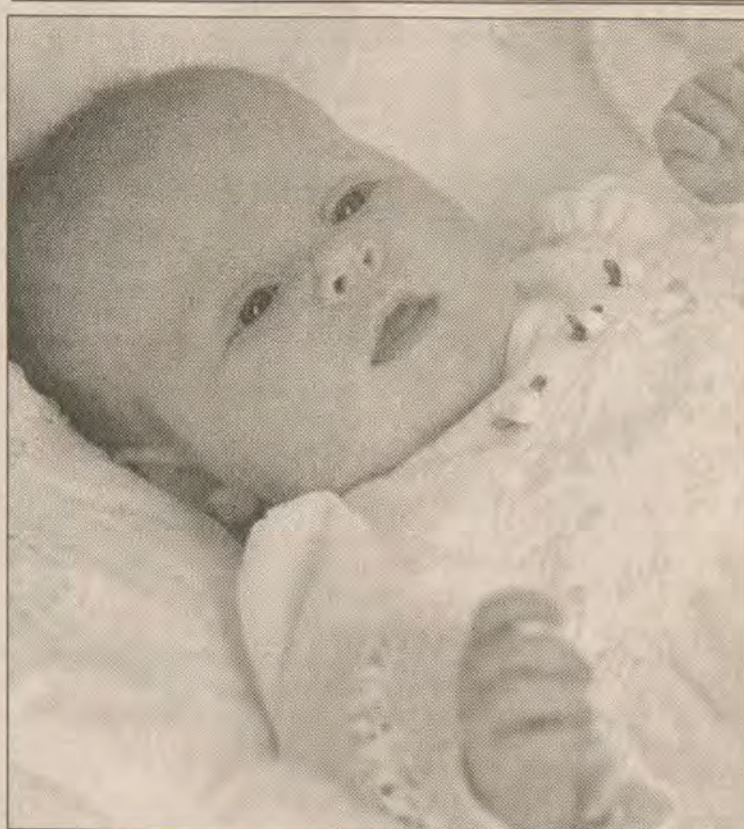
The Howard Motor Company, Ford dealer here, was destroyed by fire, early Sunday morning...Johnson County authorities, Tuesday, expressed the belief that Cpl. Ennis Spradlin, 30, of Spradlin Branch, near here, whose body was found, late Friday night, beneath a railway trestle at Paintsville, died as a result of a fall...All temporary gasoline rations were discontinued as of March 31...Of the \$13,000,000-goal for the Second War Loan, which will be conducted throughout the nation, Floyd County's quota is \$463,000...Willie Hicks, 21-year-old soldier, of Middle Creek, has been reported missing in action, after the first big push on the Tunisian front...The fiscal court, at its special session, Tuesday, added the services of a home demonstration agent to the county's farm and home program...Funeral rites for Miss Irma Mae Vanderpool, 19, of West Prestonsburg, who was a murder victim at Bisbee, Arizona, March 27, were conducted, Sunday afternoon, at West Prestonsburg...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Billie Mayo, of Hite, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Will Little, of Weeksberry, a son.

Seventy Years Ago

(April 7, 1933)

Deputy Constable Bev Scott was shot to death, Sunday afternoon, and on the preceding day, Jack H. Hatfield was seriously wounded in the chest, both shootings taking place at Lackey, within a radius of 75 yards...Robert Sammons was shot and wounded on Arkansas, last week...The fiscal court, Tuesday, voted its annual appropriation of \$1,750 in support of the Floyd County Health Department...Enactment of an ordinance to provide revenue for the City of Prestonsburg through legalized beer sales, was made at a meeting of the city council, Wednesday night...Major indictments by the grand jury, this week, include six murder charges...In competition here, Friday evening, Miss Margaret Spradlin, Prestonsburg High School senior, won the Floyd County oratorical contest...Representative A. J. May, of Prestonsburg, last week, conferred with President Roosevelt, reopening the issue of locking and improving the Big Sandy River, from Louisa to Elkhorn City...There died: Judge Jay A. Vinson, 60, Sunday, at his home at Wayland.

Birthdays



Blessed Arrival

Kenton and Crystal Rose are overjoyed to announce the birth of their first daughter, Kennedy Paige, born November 9, 2002, at 12:29 p.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz., and was 19 inches in length. Kennedy is the maternal granddaughter of Windell and Brenda Watson, of Pyramid. Her paternal grandparents are Wilce and Maxine Rose, of Prestonsburg. Kennedy's maternal great-grandparents are Harvey and Gertie Watson, of Martin. Kennedy has one deceased infant brother, Noah Blaine.

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Korner

and demolished our computer. Hence: #1 trial. We didn't stop! We continue to this day on a borrowed computer! Thank you, Jesus, for others' kindnesses.

Our donations (which is how the paper exists) began to dwindle when I came aboard this paper as ad manager, and different avenues to continue to publish the Christian Messenger had to be taken.

A street-front office was a prayer and a dream! And praise God now a reality!

His blessings continue to flow!

We're headed in a new direction with the Christian Messenger, and stand in faith that God will continue to expand our territory even larger! As well as the funding needed to obtain the proper computer equipment, printing cost,

distribute, and keep the lights on in our "new" office! It takes us \$5,520 just to print the Christian Messenger per year. And that's providing we stay on track with the number of copies we print and number of pages as well.

We have a multitude of volunteers who give their blood, sweat, and yes, even tears, to see the Christian Messenger published. And none of them take a dime for their time but do it to be able to "Share God and His Blessings" with you! How truly thankful we are for each of you, too.

So many wonderful people contributed to furnish and supply our new office with much needed items, it's amazing. May God bless each of you and your businesses for those contributions. I ask that each of you stand in agree-

ment with me, in prayer for The Christian Messenger, its funding, computer equipment, distribution, and most of all its ability to continue to "Share God's Blessings" and help bring lost souls to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Join us this Friday for our "Grand Opening" third year anniversary celebration, located in

downtown Prestonsburg next door to the Peggy Lou Shoppe. Ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 1 p.m., hosted by Mayor Jerry Fannin and WYMT's weatherman, Jim Caldwell.

A wonderful way to spend a vacation in my opinion! Til next week, Sow a seed, and reap the rewards, God bless each of you!

T-GIFT accepting applications for computer award

T-GIFT (Technology Gift Incentive Foundation Team) is an idea that originated during the Brushy Fork Leadership Development Program in September, 2001. The 2001 Floyd County team members united in a vision for a better-educated Floyd County and set as a long-term goal a self-sustaining technology gift program to enhance the educational opportunities of deserving students.

Floyd County residents who are non-traditional students (adults) currently enrolled and attending a college, university, or technical school may apply for

the T-GIFT award of a new computer. Final selection will be made each year in May and the computer will be presented this year on June 6.

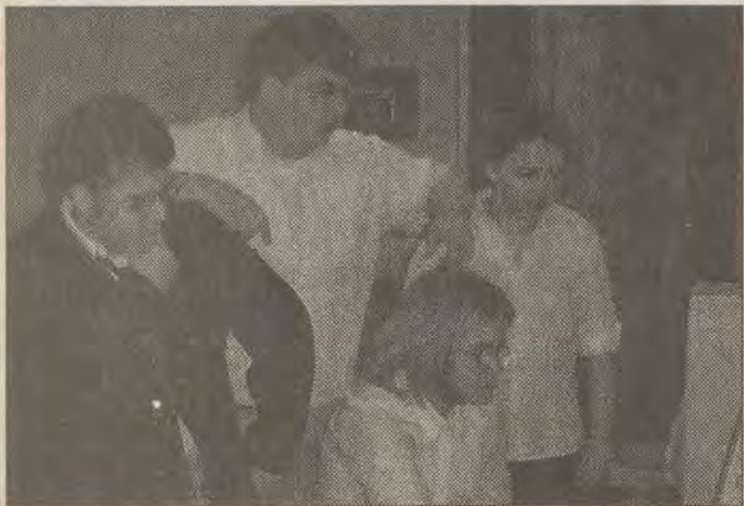
If you are a non-traditional student and would like to apply for the computer gift, you may call Elizabeth Bishop at 886-2405 (Morehead State University-Big Sandy Extended Campus Center), Jean Rosenberg at 886-3863, ext. 6239 or 6296 (Prestonsburg Community College), or Sr. Kathleen Weigand at 886-2513 (St. Vincent Mission) to request an application.

Weddings



Spears-Baldrige plan wedding

Mr. Ronnie Spears, of Abbott, and Sandra (Calhoun) Branham, of Bull Creek, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alisha Spears, to David Baldrige, the son of Ronnie and Delores Baldrige, of Blue River. Alisha is the granddaughter of Clifford "Chick" and Dixie Calhoun, of Bull Creek, and the late Ralph and Emogene Spears, of Abbott. She will graduate from Eastern Kentucky University in December, 2003, with a bachelor's degree in Juvenile Corrections. She is currently employed in the retail industry with plans to soon begin working with troubled adolescents. David is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and holds a bachelor's degree in Recreational Therapy. He currently serves as director of an after-school program for troubled adolescents at the Kentucky United Methodist Home in Versailles. Both David and Alisha currently reside in Richmond. They plan to wed in late fall, 2003, or early spring, 2004.



The Floyd County 4-H Teen LifeSmarts Team prepare for the 2003 Teen LifeSmarts event. The team tied for fourth place in the state competition event.

Floyd County 4-H'ers rank in state event

The Floyd County 4-H Teen LifeSmarts Team returned from the 2003 state event tying for fourth place. This is the first year Floyd County has had a participating team enrolled in this event.

LifeSmarts is an educational program sponsored by the Kentucky Attorney General's office, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension and the Better Business Bureau. In Floyd County, the program is sponsored by the Floyd County 4-H program and Floyd County Schools.

The program has three phases: The first phase is Preparation. Students research websites, databases and print material to study typical information on health, safety, technology, and personal finance.

The second phase is Computer Assessment. Each student takes 3 assessments and if they score high enough, they advance to the third level.

The third phase is the State

Event. The top qualifying teams compete for the title of State LifeSmarts Champion Team.

Lori Farris, from the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, told the students that over 8,000 students were involved in the Computer Assessment, but only 31% scored high enough to participate at the state level.

Chuck Stamper, Floyd County 4-H agent, was very pleased with the outcome. "Our teens who participated in this program learned so much about things they need to know as they enter adulthood. It is a wonderful life skills educational program. We can't wait until next year to begin again."

Congratulations go to Floyd County's 2003 team: Shannon Hicks, team captain, Piast School; Savannah Campbell, Prestonsburg High School; Casey Price, Prestonsburg High School; and Will May, Prestonsburg High School.

Stamper serves as the team's advisor.

Dreams

ple and those that are 'regulars,' as well as those who have just seen the show for the first time who tell me how much they enjoyed my performance makes my talents all the more special...my parents attend the majority of my performances, as do family and friends, and, when my grandmother comes to hear me sing, she cries every time I walk on stage. These are all the things that make me love what I do."

Morgan says that she finds "talent more important than image" and that "today too much emphasis is put on image." "If you take a good look at all of the singers in the music business their looks have changed drastically since they first began...more so with women than men. For example, Faith Hill, Britney Spears, LeAnn Womack, and Christina Aguilera. All of these stars have changed their images from the first time they appeared on the music scene, in order to sell more records...in today's world, there just might be a singer who has the ability and the talent equal to all of these ladies, but maybe she doesn't fit the image standards.

Music labels won't give people like this a chance. Years ago, this wasn't a problem, but now a certain 'look' outweighs talent," she said.

Morgan, who has been a member of the Jr. Pro's for five years, also shares that she believes that music education in the public schools "is a vital part of learning." Morgan says that music allows for "a way to express your feelings" and that "students need classes that they can relax and have fun in."

Morgan also says that she believes that through music, people can express strong emotions, such as violent feelings, that could help prevent them from committing actual violent acts. "Instead of expressing themselves through violence, they can express themselves through their musical talents. As for me, music has always relieved my stress and been a place for me to escape. If it hadn't been for music education in public schools, I would never have had the opportunity to sing with the KY Opry and a huge chunk of my life would have been very

different," she said.

Morgan, the daughter of Jim and Valerie Clark, of Betsy Layne, is a 2002 graduate of Pike Central High School and is currently attending the University of Kentucky. She is 19 years old and has one younger brother, Logan, 15, and one younger sister, Reagan, 9.

Morgan also says that throughout her years of school, she was consistently involved with the 4-H Club program, "where I was a camper, and then eventually, a counselor," as well as also being "an alumnus of Youth for Understanding." Through the "Youth for Understanding" organization, Morgan was awarded a scholarship and offered the opportunity

to travel to Manaus, Brazil as a summer exchange student. "Recently, I have traveled to Las Vegas and had the opportunity to sing with the University of Kentucky choirs, at Carnegie Hall and East Baptist Cathedral Church in New York City," she said. "I have also enjoyed the YMCA," she continued, "being involved with all of these organizations has enabled me to make friends all over the United States and in other countries, as well."

Morgan's parting advice to all is to "Keep your priorities straight. God, family, education, friends, and, to the teenage population, with the bad drug problem in our world, please stay clean to ensure a clean future for yourself."

Maytown spring reunion

Sixty years ago this spring, the class of 1943 graduated from the Maytown High School. Ned and Ronnie think sixty years is worthy of a celebration. On Saturday, May 3, the class will hold a reunion in the Gathering Place of the Maytown Life Long Learning Center. The day will begin bright and early at 8:00 a.m. and won't end until old bones become too tired to hold out any longer. The day will provide class members the time to reminisce, share a meal, chat, brag, show pictures and tell stories of the "good ole' days."

But be informed, this event will NOT be limited to Class of '43 folks. ALL CLASS MEMBERS of the WWII era are invited to join in the day's events.

Don't worry if you didn't get the opportunity to graduate - we still consider you to be one of "ours." Come along, join the fun, and invite your classmates, friends and loved ones too.

Please take a moment to pre-register with us if you make plans to attend, so we will know how many folks we will be preparing for. \$20 per person will cover the cost of a continental breakfast, full noon meal, and a fresh supply of hors'oeuvres throughout the day. All foods will be catered.

To pre-register, call or write Betty May (Ned's sister) at (606) 285-3362, or 363 Wilson Creek, Largely, KY 41645. Please make all checks payable to Betty May.

We look forward to seeing you at this special springtime event!

CO-OP NEWS

America at War: Helping children cope



by THERESA M. SCOTT, CEA/FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Now that America is at war against Iraq, an edge of anxiety and uncertainty pervades our nation. Our children are quick to pick up on the resulting tensions and concerns. Most parents have had practice in helping their youngsters cope with violence, confusion, and uncertainty since September 11, 2001.

As your child's first and most important teacher, recognize that this is another "teachable moment." Here are suggestions that you may find beneficial.

■ All children and their particular circumstances are unique; therefore, it's important that we sensitively respond to the individual needs of each child. While a few children may not seem bothered by the war, others may experience a range

of emotions including fear, worry, doubt, confusion, sadness, anger, and guilt.

■ Every youngster will benefit from an extra dose of adult sensitivity, wisdom, and love, during this time of complicated international strife. Keep family routines uninterrupted, and enjoy your usual times of family fun.

■ Be generous with heartfelt smiles and hugs when your child seems troubled. Your caring attention and physical touch will reassure your child, and help youngsters to feel safe in expressing feelings and thoughts.

■ Observe carefully and listen attentively to clues from your child about her inner world. Her tone of voice, body posture, facial expression, indirect questions or comments may help you out. Younger children might express their concerns in behaviors such as withdrawal, clinging, or irritability (rather than words).

■ Children with limited language ability may benefit from drawing pictures, or acting out their worries with toys. A sensitive adult might use an open-ended question, such as, "Would you like to tell me about your picture?" to gain insight into a younger child's thoughts.

■ Older children are likely to state opinions or ask questions about the war. In addition to anxieties, they may display

qualities such as pride, confidence, faith, and compassion for those killed and injured. They may also want to affect the situation by helping out—a healthy response that should be appropriately encouraged. Such "helping" may involve reaching out to victims or military personnel by sending gifts, monetary aid, writing letters, saying prayers, or offering other forms of support. Younger brothers and sisters might also ask to participate. Encourage such gestures; they foster a healthy sense of control and compassion, while aiding children in working through their feelings.

■ According to Purdue University's Dr. Judith Meyers-Walls, media images of troops deploying for war can be confusing to young non-military children. When they observe other children saying goodbye to family members, they may become anxious, thinking the same thing may happen to them. This was a common misunderstanding in the Persian Gulf War. Be on the lookout for such confusion as the same thing is happening in the current war.

■ Express your personal viewpoints about the war in a way that is appropriate for the developmental level of your children. Feel free to share that you find the situation frightening or dismaying. Be honest and realistic. You cannot guarantee that the violence will be con-

finied to Iraq. The war could spark other international conflicts and terrorism, may become more prevalent on American soil. Strive to find a balance between helping a child feel safe and acknowledging the existence of danger and evil. Your honesty opens lines of communication that will help your child work through his thoughts and emotions.

■ Avoid taking unnecessarily about war or other acts of violence in the presence of children. Unnecessary exposure to televised coverage of war and violence are also harmful. A good point for everyone—why give an overdose of information? This only promotes feelings of anxiety and fear.

■ Restrict television viewing war coverage to adult eyes and ears only. For the benefit of everyone, view news coverage only to obtain a few facts. Then turn it off and view family friendly programming.

■ Remain calm and in control. Children react strongly to the feelings of parents, caregivers, and teachers. Even young children pick up on adult uncertainty, helplessness, sadness, and anger. You cannot hide your feelings, but you can use your inner courage and strength as the adult and parent. Keep in mind that the children (of all ages) are depending upon you for stability in a time of uncertainty.



Arts and crafts fun time

This group of children, with their parents and staff of Karen's Kare, recently enjoyed an evening of arts and crafts. The children crafted "aliens" and "spiders" for some spooky night fun! During the course of the year, Karen's Kare, holds several evening activities so that parents and children can spend time together, learning and having fun. Karen Bingham, center, front row, is owner of the daycare center.

Business/Professions

CNC Mortgage opens office in Hazard

HAZARD — The home mortgage industry has exploded in recent years. The loan application process has become impersonal and a numbers game for many loan brokers in offices across the country and on the Internet. Many of these loan mills simply slam people through the mortgage process at questionable fees. For many people, using an unknown mortgage broker to borrow money to buy a house is a daunting task.

In Perry County, applying for a residential mortgage loan to be able to own a home of your dreams has just become easier. A few weeks ago, CNC Mortgage opened an office at 482 Village Lane, Suite 11, in Hazard. CNC Mortgage is a subsidiary of Citizens National Bank, the second largest independently owned and operated community banking company in the Big Sandy Region of Eastern Kentucky. Citizens National Bank, headquartered in Paintsville, operates branches and ATMs in five counties of the Big Sandy Region.

The new CNC Mortgage office in Hazard will help you get a residential mortgage loan that is right for you. CNC Mortgage will focus its services on residential mortgage

lending by offering fixed rate long-term or short-term conventional mortgage loans.

"Opening this residential mortgage loan office in Hazard is an example of an Eastern Kentucky-based company expanding in our region of the Commonwealth," said Dennis T. Dorton, president and CEO of Citizens National Bank and its subsidiary, CNC Mortgage, LLC. "People will soon discover how convenient and easy it is at CNC Mortgage to apply for money to buy a home. In most cases, we will be able to close on loans much quicker than other sources. Our mortgage originator, Jimmy Kerr, has the experience that is necessary in the Eastern Kentucky region to be able to help customers comfortably make one of the largest investments they'll ever make, purchasing a home."

Application for a residential mortgage loan can be made at the new office in Hazard or by phone locally at 487-1527, toll-free at 800-388-2664, or by fax 606-487-1529.

Jimmy Kerr, a 1998 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Finance will be responsible for assisting CNC Mortgage customers when they apply for

mortgage loans. He will help borrowers with filing for a loan and credit application, processing paperwork, and closing on the mortgage.

"Although I've been working at CNC Mortgage just a short time, I'm already enjoying working with families in Perry County," Kerr said. "I enjoy being in Hazard where people are easy to get along with and are very friendly."

"Because CNC Mortgage is so technically advanced, processing loans has been much easier for me in my new position than in previous mortgage offices where I've worked," Kerr said.

"I'm looking forward to developing long-lasting relationships with CNC Mortgage customers in Perry and surrounding counties," Kerr said. Because CNC Mortgage is a subsidiary of Citizens National Bank, Kerr believes that CNC Mortgage will become the authority on mortgage loans in this Eastern Kentucky region just as its parent company is an authority on banking in the Big Sandy Region.

When Kerr isn't working, he is actively volunteering for several community organizations and causes. He is proud-

est of his involvement with the Relay for Life that benefits the American Cancer Society. Jimmy was chairman for the event in 2002.

"I got involved with the Relay for Life after my Aunt died from cancer," Kerr said. "Several people in my family have had cancer and it is possible that many more will get it. For this reason, I feel really good knowing that I am making a personal contribution to an organization that has a direct impact on helping my family now and in the future."

Door Meeting Notice

The Floyd County Conservation District will be holding their regular monthly meeting on April 8th at 10:00a.m., in the District Office. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.



Earns coveted 'Pink Cadillac' from Mary Kay

Beth Mullins, of Martin, Independent Sales Director for Mary Kay, is ecstatic as she picks up her "ultimate trophy on wheels," a brand-new pink Cadillac at Music-Carter, Prestonsburg. Mullins who has also been awarded with Mary Kay's coveted diamond bumblebee brooch as well as other pieces of diamond jewelry and automobiles for her sales efforts, says that she was a "stay-at-home mom" for 17 years before joining the Mary Kay team in February, 1997. By 1999, Mullins had advanced to the position of sales director. "Mary Kay focuses on the home-based business," Mullins said, "I have been able to care for my children and family, as well as an aging parent, all the while working for Mary Kay on my own schedule." Mullins invites all interested parties to contact her at 285-0074, or bmullins@itiseasy.com to purchase Mary Kay cosmetics, or to learn more about joining the Mary Kay sales team. photo by Kathy J. Prater

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

LWF LEASING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 836-5407 ISSUED030220

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Pursuant to Application Number 880-0018 Amendment #5

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Martin County Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 5002, Inez, Kentucky 41224 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.5 miles southwest of Moree in Martin County, Kentucky. The amendment will add 64.63 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 885.52 acres within the permit boundary.

The proposed revision area is approximately 1.5 miles Northeast from Kentucky 194 junction with Brushy Fork Road and located 1.5 miles Northeast of Thomas, Kentucky.

The proposed amendment is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The amendment proposes contour and highwall mining. The surface area is owned by Martin County Coal Corporation, Pocahontas Development Corporation, Thomas L. Taylor, and Donna Sue Taylor. The mineral rights are owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation and Thomas L. Taylor.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-712 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, N.A..... PLAINTIFF VS. GINA HALE AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GINA HALE; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY... DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment In Rem and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 10th day of March, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$26,709.68, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 17th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots Nos. 19 and 43, of the River Plains Estates, as shown by map of same recorded in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk in Plat No. 1-1-18, and to which map or plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said property.

Being the same property that was conveyed on November 20, 1999, by and between Eleanor Isaacs and Roy Isaacs, her husband, to Gina Hale, single, by deed recorded in Deed Book 441, Page 300, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd

County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

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

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL L.L.C., P.O. BOX 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase I release on Permit Number 836-5433, which was last issued on 12/02/02. The application covers an area of approximately 4 acres, located 1 mile south of Estill, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from Rte. 7 junction with KY Rte. 1086, and located 0.2 mile southwest of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37°26'46". The Longitude is 82°49'03". The bond now in effect for 836-5433 is \$37,000.00. 60% of the original bond amount of \$37,000.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding, completed 1/22/03.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 5/02/03.

This is the final advertisement of the application. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00

a.m., 5/06/03, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference, is received by, 5/02/03.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Pen Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase III Bond Release on Permit No. 836-0248, which was last issued on March 11, 1998. The permit covers a surface area of approximately 236.95 acres, and does not involve any underground area. The operation is located approximately 0.57 mile northwest of Colliver in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.64 mile southwest from KY 80's junction with KY 122, and is located 0.37 mile west of Eel Branch, and is located on the Harold and Martin 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) currently in effect for the operation is \$48,200.00. 100% of the original bond amount (surety) of \$708,400.00 is included in this request for release.

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

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, # 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by May 2, 2003.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for May 6, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 2, 2003. This is the final

advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a hearing, must be received by the Director, Division of Field Services by May 2, 2003.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5266, Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., 16232 US Route 23, Cattlettsburg, KY 41129, intends to revise permit number 836-5266 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit in N D O Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 39, Banner, Kentucky 41603. The new oper-

ator will be M.R.I. Mining Inc., 18639 Route 122, Hi Hat, Kentucky 41636.

The operation is located 1.0 mile north of Banner, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.5 mile northeast of Old Daniels Creek Road junction with US 23/460 and located 300 feet north of Daniels Creek. The operation is located on the Harold and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at Latitude 37°36'42" and Longitude 82°41'59".

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, or

requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, US

127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. For Final Advertisement Only This is the final advertisement of this

application, all comments and objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE LOCAL STATE BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Kentucky Board of Education has scheduled a local State Board public hearing on the proposed District Facility Plan for the 17th of April 2003, at Allen Central High School, at 6:00 p.m. The District Facility Plan lists the pending capital construction and/or renovation projects that the school district may undertake, and the priority order, if applicable, that projects will be initiated. Copies of the proposed District Facility Plan are available for examination by interested individuals at the Board office, 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, between 8 a.m. and 4p.m., through April 17th.

Those individuals wishing to comment on the proposed District Facility Plan may present oral or written comments at the local State Board public hearing. The local Board of Education, after due process, will forward the approved District Facility Plan to the Kentucky Department of Education for ultimate approval by the State Board of Education.

The local State Board public hearing is being scheduled in accordance with KRS 157.620, and regulated by 702 KAR 1:001.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
3-14-03	03-P-00012	Noah Roop Estill, KY	Nira Foster 395 Reddington Rd. #196 Lexington, KY	Randy Campbell P.O. Box 727 Hindman, KY
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2-24-03	03-P-00079	Amos Vaughn Dwale, KY	Pauline Vaughn Box 174 Dwale, KY	
2-27-03	03-P-00081	Mark Tyler Howard 51 Old Post Office St. Martin, KY	Ada Jayne Howard 51 Old Post Office St. Martin, KY	
2-27-03	03-P-00082	Virgie Hicks 90 Hill Br. Prestonsburg, KY	Loyce Kirk P.O. Box 339 Paintsville, KY	Clyde Johnson P.O. Box 763 Prestonsburg, KY
3-3-03	03-P-00083	Alberto N. Pascarella P.O. Box 381 Betsy Layne, KY	Lena J. Pascarella P.O. Box 881 Allen, KY	
3-4-03	03-P-00084	Florence Lewis Box 6230 Harold, KY	Eleanor Goble P.O. Box 233 Prestonsburg, KY	
3-4-03	03-P-00085	Verniece Hall Stamper 8996 KY Rt. 1428 Martin, KY	Judith Marshall P.O. Box 673 Martin, KY	
3-5-03	03-P-00087	Mildred Lilly 2061 East Mary Lou St. Inverness Citrus, FL	Joan Ousley 297 Sunny Rd. Martin, KY	
3-17-03	03-P-00097	Seelam A. Reddy P.O. Box 640 Prestonsburg, KY	Sujatha S. Reddy P.O. Box 640 Prestonsburg, KY	William L. Montague P.O. Box 2673 Covington, KY 41012
3-18-03	03-P-00098	Virgil Cross P.O. Box 37 Drift, KY	Ciara E. Cross P.O. Box 37 Drift, KY	
3-18-03	03-P-00099	Gary Edward Crum 34 Mays Branch Prestonsburg, KY	Andrea Lynn Blanton 1393 Abbott Crk. Rd. Prestonsburg, KY	

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before April 30, 2003, at 9:00 a.m.

Case Settlement	Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	00-P-00385	Ann M. Ford	Jane C. Verley	3-10-03
Final	00-P-00407	Mary Dillon Hale	Mary Hale Kilburn	3-3-03
Final	01-P-00062	Gary T. Allen	Shirley Thompson	3-10-03
Final	01-P-00090	Clifford Hamilton	Sadie Hamilton	3-11-03
Final	01-P-00114	Illa Triplett Branham	Gary Branham	3-12-03
Final	01-P-00116	James Edgle Slone	Linda Green Slone	2-19-03
Final	01-P-00169	Charlene Jervis	Donna Mullins	2-18-03
Final	01-P-00205	Rush Meade	Justine Meade	3-10-03
Final	02-P-00066	James Caudill	Ada Caudill	2-25-03
Final	02-P-00206	Earl Hall	Annalee Hall	3-12-03
Final	02-P-00271	Charles G. Emmett Jr.	Karen Staal	2-25-03
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Final	02-P-00313	Barbara Caudill	Arthur Caudill	3-14-03
Final	02-P-00359	Woodrow Patrick	Marie Castle	3-10-03
Final	02-P-00382	George D. Tackett	Linda G. Tackett	2-24-03
Final	01-P-00085	Margie Sue Osborne	Billy S. Osborne	3-18-03

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-00567 CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. EDNA HALE, GEORGE HALE, FIRST GUARANTY NATIONAL BANK, THE ASSOCIATES MORTGAGE COMPANY, KENTUCKY MEDICAL SERVICES FOUNDATION, INC., COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 13th day of February, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$34,940.44, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 20th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate located at 243 Cane Fork Road, Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Arkansas Creek, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a horn-beam tree; thence a straight line to a locust at a bluff; thence a straight line to a hickory tree; thence a straight line back down the hill to a rock; thence a straight line down by the road going south to the beginning.

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

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

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume

and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD DISTRICT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-C-00037 MCCARTHUR JACOBS PLAINTIFF VS. STANLEY BRANHAM DEFENDANT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN - Carly Ormerod hit two free throws with eight seconds left, giving Sacred Heart a 42-40 win over Lexington Catholic Saturday night in the

Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament championship game.

With the game tied at 40, Lexington Catholic took possession of the ball on a steal by Chelsea Chowning. But the Lady Knights gave it right back when

Ormerod got a steal and was fouled by Sarah Schell with eight seconds left.

Ormerod calmly nailed both free throws to give SHA the two point lead. And when LexCath failed to get off a shot on their final trip, the repeat was complete.

Sacred Heart fell behind 5-0 to start the game, but went on a 12-0 run to close the first quarter leading by seven.

The second quarter was basically even, and SHA took an 18-11 lead into the locker room.

The pace picked up in the third quarter, and Sacred Heart maintained a seven point advantage at the end of that quarter, leading 31-24 heading into the final stanza.

But Greg Todd's LexCath team wouldn't quit, putting on an 11-3 run to take a 35-34 lead.

The lead went back and forth until the final sequence when Ormerod, the MVP of last year's tournament, came through in the clutch again.

Crystal Kelly led SHA (37-1) with 14 points and Ormerod added 13. The Valkyries overcame 26 turnovers by shooting 57.7 percent (15 of 26) from the floor.

Chelsea Chowning led Lexington Catholic with 13 points and Shannon Novosel added 12.

DIRT TRACK

Kinzer currently 44th in Southern Series

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - In his first season participating in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Southern All Stars Dirt Racing Series, Floyd County Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer isn't doing too bad for himself. He currently stands 44th in the points standings, ahead of least that many other drivers who have driven in the series this season.

The next O'Reilly Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series event will be Saturday night, April 12

at the Cleveland Speedway in Cleveland, Tenn. The rescheduled Shamrock 60 race in Cleveland, Tenn. will pay \$5,000-to-win. For more information concerning both these events contact the Southern All Stars at 256/539-4484.

The Southern All Stars is tentatively scheduled to be in Prestonsburg at Thunder Ridge Raceway later this season. No opening day date had been confirmed for Thunder Ridge as of press time. Practice for this Saturday at Thunder Ridge has been called off.

Racing

Continued from pB4

Azeri will carry top weight of 123 pounds, four pounds less than she carried in her last handicap race of 2002 - a win in the Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup on Oct. 2.

Regular rider Mike Smith will be aboard.

FINISH LINES:

Ten Cents a Shine, trained by D. Wayne Lukas, will make his next start in the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park on April 12. The colt, who finished eighth in a field of 10 in the San Felipe Stakes on March 16, will be ridden by Mike Smith ... Sky Mesa, pulled off the Kentucky Derby trail with a nagging right front foot bruise, is back in training. The undefeated colt, who last raced Oct. 5, worked five furlongs in 1:03.20 on

Monday at the Palm Beach Downs training center ... The Santa Anita Derby could be the most competitive Kentucky Derby prep of all. Among those expected for Saturday's 1 1/8-mile race are Atswhatimtalknabout, Buddy Gil, Logician, Ministers Wild Cat, Ocean Terrace and Bob Baffert trainees Domestic Dispute, Indian Express and Kafwain. Baffert has saddled the winner of four of the last seven Santa Anita Derbys (Cavonnier in 1996, Indian Charlie in '98, General Challenge in '99 and Point Given in 2001) ... Among Derby prospects likely to go in the Illinois Derby are Gotham Stakes winner Alysweep, Cherokee's Boy and Lone Star Sky.

All-Tournament Team

Arnika Brown, Corky Stiger (Christian Co.); Paige Guffey (Clinton Co.); Sarah Elliott (Jackson Co.); Chelsea Chowning, Sarah Schell, Shannon Novosel (Lexington Catholic); Jade Perry (Muhlenberg North); Polly Sebastian (Perry Co. Central); Crystal Kelly, Carly Ormerod, Connie Ferch (Sacred Heart); Toni Slaughter, Charlotte Marshall (Shelby Co.); Brittany Edelen (Washington Co.)

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