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briefs

Man killed in wreck at Martin

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Weeksbury man was killed after a single car accident in Martin on Tuesday.

According to Kentucky State Police, James D. Walker, 21, was traveling west on Route 80 at Martin when the truck he was driving ran off the roadway a struck a guard rail. The vehicle then crossed the westbound and eastbound lanes before hitting a rock cliff and overturning.

Walker was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Magoffin man charged with assault

SALYERSVILLE — A Salyersville man has been arrested and charged with second-degree assault and first-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly hitting a man in the head with a loaded gun.

Kenneth DeWayne

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Today



Thursday



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Officer: Drug deal watched from land and air

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A preliminary hearing held Monday for three of the five men arrested March 27 for trafficking in cocaine resulted in \$250,000 cash bonds that will remain as two of the defendants are ineligible for bond, while all five cases have now been referred to a grand jury.

Appearing for a preliminary hearing, David Slone, Michael Slone and Rodney Thornsburg

acknowledged that they were aware of the conflict of interest that the three risk by having their cases heard together on Monday, where all three were represented by public defender Leta Baharaspan.

Testifying on behalf of the commonwealth, Det. Tom Underwood, with the drug enforcement section of Kentucky State Police, gave the details surrounding the evidence gathered against the alleged traffickers.

Underwood testified that on

March 24, an unnamed cooperative witness, accompanied by Det. Randy Hunter, attempted to purchase three ounces of cocaine from Rodney Thornsburg at his residence. After giving Thornsburg \$3,300, the witness left the residence, while land units and aircraft surveillance watched Thornsburg go to the residence of David Slone, who met Thornsburg at the door of his residence. Underwood alleged

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David Slone and Michael Slone appeared for a preliminary hearing on Monday, in Floyd District Court, where charges against them, trafficking in cocaine, were referred to a grand jury.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

SHOW(ER) OF SUPPORT



A Tuesday rally in support of the troops involved with the war in Iraq drew a large crowd in Prestonsburg in spite of the rain.

photos by Jarrid Deaton



Relatives of Chester Johnson Jr. showed their support Tuesday for him and the rest of the troops involved with the war in Iraq at a rally in front of the courthouse in Prestonsburg. Johnson, a Virgie resident, is part of the front line in Iraq, according to family members.

Two plead guilty in motel slaying

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — While two men pleaded guilty to the Oct. 18 murder of Angela Branham in a Pike County motel room, two others implicated in the incident will go to trial to face charges relating to the death that prosecutors say are due to Branham's involvement as a witness in a federal prosecution.

According to court documents, Phillip Hamilton, 28, and Daniel Clifton, 29, both pleaded guilty Monday to murder, first-degree robbery and first-degree burglary in Pike County Circuit Court, where the court noted the commonwealth's recommendation of a 35-year sentence for the murder charge and a 20-year sentence each for the burglary and the robbery, all to run concurrently.

Branham was shot in the chest at a housing complex adjacent to the Days Inn on Oct. 18, of last year at approximately 10:30 p.m., after she reportedly checked in to a "long-term housing" complex owned by the hotel with her son and a man in his 40s.

According to Pike County Assistant Commonwealth's

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Police investigate complaint at school

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Police are investigating a complaint issued by the mother of a Betsy Layne High School student against that school's JROTC instructor, the Floyd County Attorney's office said Friday.

Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum

said Betsy Layne resident Eulana Hall visited his office Friday morning and said she wanted to file a complaint against Betsy Layne High School JROTC instructor Glenn Ripkoswsky.

Hall alleges Ripkoswsky became irate after her 15-year-old son, Shannon Hall, entered his JROTC class

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Officer testifies victim drugged, molested

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two separate felony charges against Ike Jason England, were referred to a grand jury on Monday, including a first-degree sex abuse charge in connection with an incident in which the alleged victim claims that she awoke to find herself in bed after being given something to "calm her down", while he alleges that

she retaliated after being denied a cover position for "Miss WWW America: Party Girls".

Preliminary hearings were held in connection to two cases against England in Floyd District Court on Monday. The first case involved a charge of sex abuse of the mentally incapacitated, for which Det. Mike Goble of the Kentucky State Police was

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Ike Jason England

P'burg man killed by train

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

BANNER — Autopsy results are still more than a month away, but early reports indicate that an accident is responsible for a Prestonsburg man being hit and killed Saturday by a CSX train near Prater Creek.

Kentucky State Police, which is investigating the fatality along with CSX detectives Jimmy Marcum and Lacy Goodman, report-

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■ **PITTSBURGH** — Blue cheese, blueberries and chicken cordon bleu, but blue ketchup? The H.J. Heinz Co., which has sold the condiment in red, green, purple, pink, orange and teal, is adding blue to its palette of crazy-colored ketchup. The Pittsburgh company unveiled Heinz EZ Squeeze “Stellar Blue” on Monday, just in time for spring and summer.

The food giant expects the new color to provide a boost to all ketchup sales, not just the oddly tinted ones, said Heinz spokesman Robin Teets.

Since Heinz introduced its first shade, “Blastin’ Green,” in October 2000, the company sold more than 25 million bottles of colored ketchup. Last year, Heinz controlled 60 percent of the American ketchup market, an all-time high for the company, Teets said.

Every time the company introduces a color, its share of the mar-

ket bumps up a bit, Teets said.

“It’s the time of year when overall sales goes up. There’s a nice bump in volume from EZ Squeeze products, but we tend to have a halo over ketchup, overall,” Teets said.

Christine McCracken, an analyst with Midwest Research, said she is not surprised Heinz would introduce a new color, based on the other colors’ incremental success.

“There’s probably some cannibalization of existing products. If you’re going to buy blue ketchup, you might not buy traditional ketchup,” McCracken said.

■ **BUFFALO, N.Y.** — A 2-ton Indian rhinoceros at the Buffalo Zoo will be treading a little more

lightly with the donation of a few truckloads of topsoil to cushion his aching feet.

The rare rhino’s foot problems have forced the zoo to halt attempts at breeding him until he is able to endure pressure on his hind feet.

Dr. Frank Ridgley, a zoo veterinarian, said the problem is common with rhinos in U.S. and European zoos. The rocky soil Henry is now exposed to has caused cracks in the skin which widen with each step. He is being treated with oral antibiotics and daily footbaths.

In their natural habitat, rhinos spend a lot of time wallowing in mud and water, and walk on much softer soil.

The zoo also is working with a tire maker that has offered to produce custom-made Kevlar boots for Henry.

Zoo officials have been seeking high-quality topsoil to counter the erosion of the limestone beds on which the zoo was built. Amherst agreed to donate 60 cubic yards from the town’s compost facility, worth about \$5,300.

Zoo President Donna Fernandez said the zoo would try to raise private funds to buy some more.

■ **PINE BLUFF, Ark.** — Police say they aren’t sure what charge is appropriate for a man arrested after tellers laughed him out of a bank he apparently tried to rob.

The man entered a branch of the Bank of America about 10 a.m. Monday, with a trash bag in one hand and the other in a pocket, authorities said.

“Put the money in the bag,” he demanded.

Instead, one of the two tellers told him the bank was out of money, and the other teller laughed and offered the man deposit slips. She told police that made the intruder angry, and he left without any money in his bag.

Minutes after tellers alerted authorities, a Jefferson County sheriff’s deputy picked up Julius

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 9, the 99th day of 2003. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

- In 1682, French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River.
- In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- In 1940, during World War II, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.
- In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious “Bataan Death March” which claimed nearly 10,000 lives.
- In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 169 lives.
- In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America’s first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.
- In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen.
- In 1965, the newly built Houston Astrodome featured its first baseball game, an exhibition between the Astros and the New York Yankees. (The Astros won, 2-1.)
- In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.
- In 1996, in a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Clinton signed a line-item veto bill into law. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the veto as unconstitutional in 1998.)

Ten years ago: Four U.S. warplanes fired at artillery in northern Iraq; the Baghdad government denied afterward that the artillery had provoked the attack by firing at the planes. The Rev. Benjamin Chavis was chosen to head the NAACP, succeeding Benjamin Hooks.

Five years ago: The National Prisoner of War Museum opened in Andersonville, Ga., the site of the infamous Civil War prison camp. More than 150 Muslims died in a stampede which occurred on the last day of the annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

One year ago: Former Arthur Andersen auditor David B. Duncan pleaded guilty in federal court in Houston to ordering the shredding of Enron documents, and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors. Palestinian militants killed 13 Israeli soldiers during intense fighting in a refugee camp in Jenin, West Bank.

Edward Lutes Jr., a Seaside Heights, N.J., police officer, shot and killed five neighbors, wounded his chief, then took his own life. Britain said goodbye to the Queen Mother Elizabeth with a funeral at Westminster Abbey. Figure skater Michelle Kwan won the 2001 Sullivan Award as the nation’s top ama-

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Branham-Vaught exchange vows



Tara Leigh Branham, daughter of Gary and Sandra Fraley Branham of Wayland, Kentucky, and James Anthony Vaught, son of Paul and Carol Vaught of Somerset, Kentucky, were married August 24, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Lexington, Kentucky. A reception followed at Spindletop.

The bride is a graduate of J.H. Allen Central High School, and Transylvania University. She is employed as a pharmaceutical specialist and part-time model.

The groom is a graduate of Pulaski County High School, Transylvania University, and the School of Law from the University of Kentucky. He is employed by Rawdon Law Office in Georgetown, Kentucky.

The couple resides in Lexington, Ky.

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Tests show several drugs used prior to wreck

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Blood and urine tests were returned Friday for a Nippa woman who was arrested on an indictment warrant in March after being involved in a car accident with Johnson County Circuit Judge Daniel Sparks two months earlier which left the judge hospitalized.

Anita Kimbler, who court records say also goes by the names Anita Maria Young and Anita Castle, was arrested on March 31 on two counts of first-degree assault, one count of second-degree possession of a controlled substance, one count of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs

and a persistent felony offender count.

Kimbler's attorney at the time, Jay Barrett, filed a motion to request a special judge assignment on her behalf in early February after Kimbler reported seeing Johnson District Judge Kevin Holbrook visiting Judge Sparks at the hospital some time after the January accident. Kimbler said at the time she felt that the incident would prove to affect Holbrook's approach to the case at the district level.

According to police records, Kimbler allegedly collided with Judge Sparks while intoxicated, resulting in one of the two first-degree assault charges currently against her. The other assault charge came in connection to her

husband, Joey Kimbler, who was also injured in the accident.

Although the charges against Kimbler have stood since her arrest, what would appear to be conclusive reports as to the

amount of drugs allegedly in her system at the time of the crash were returned only Friday.

Both the blood and urine reports revealed a number of drugs in Kimbler's system at the

time of the accident.

Among those were 0.12 milligrams of carisoprodol, a muscle relaxant often sold under the brand name Soma; 0.034 milligrams of diazepam, often sold

under the brand name Valium; 0.014 milligrams of nordiazepam, a metabolite of diazepam; and 1.16 milligrams of meprobamate, an anti-anxiety medication often sold under the brand name Equanil, all detected from blood samples taken after the accident. Urine samples taken after the accident also revealed traces of carisoprodol; fluoxetine, an antidepressant often sold under the brand name Prozac; hydrocodone, an anti-inflammatory medication with opiate effects found in numerous medications such as Vicodin and Lortab; promethazine, an anti-allergy medication sold under the brand name Phenergan; and meprobamate, according to the report.

Court officials said Monday that Sparks' injuries from the wreck were extensive and that he has yet to return to work, but did elaborate any further.

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Assault

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Patrick, 37, allegedly beat Salyersville resident Jason Robinette in the head with a pistol and then pointed it at the back of his head. Patrick is also charged with terroristic threatening for allegedly saying that he was going to kill Robinette.

terroristic threatening and first-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly pointing the loaded pistol at Heather Rowe, also of Salyersville, and saying that he was going to kill her.

Patrick is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on April 14.

Deal gives trafficker two months in jail

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A Paintsville man pleaded guilty Friday to amended drug-related charges in Johnson Circuit Court in exchange for a plea agreement from the commonwealth's attorney's office that will see him serve about two months jail time.

When arrested by Paintsville city police officer Doug Stacy in June of last year, Roger D. McGuire, 39, was charged with two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, one count of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and one count of unlawful trafficking in a legend drug.

Criminal complaints filed on the day of his arrest stated that on June 6 and 9 of last year, McGuire allegedly sold 20 assorted Oxycontin, carisoprodol and Watson 385 hydrocodone tablets to a confidential police informant.

McGuire was indicted in December on individual counts of second- and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, but accepted the commonwealth's offer and pleaded guilty Friday. He was sentenced by Johnson Circuit Judge Harold S. Burks to 60 days in jail to run concurrent on amended counts of second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Train

ed that the train's engineer made a failed attempt at an emergency stop along a Prater Creek railroad at approximately 5 p.m. Saturday evening after noticing 37-year-old Brian Sellards lying ahead of them along one side of the tracks.

The train struck Sellards, who authorities said had been making his way on foot to his brother's house, and killed him instantly. "The autopsy results are still five or six weeks away, but I would say it's going to be ruled an accident," Deputy Coroner Greg Nelson said Monday. "I don't feel

that it was a suicide."

One of several agencies which responded to the accident Saturday was the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, who would find the death to be far more personal than imagined.

"It was a shock when I got up there and saw who it was," said Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn. "He [Sellards] was my nephew and I was the one who identified him."

Blackburn said he responded with intentions of managing the accident, but, after realizing the victim was a family member,

Murder

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Attorney Ronald Burchett, the other two men involved in the incident have not yet entered pleas.

Ronald Little is scheduled to go to trial in September to face charges of conspiracy to commit murder, robbery and burglary, while Donald "Donnie" Little, charged with facilitation to commit robbery and burglary, is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing at the end of May, at which time a trial date will be set if he does not plead guilty.

Burchett said that Ronald Little is not charged with going into Branham's residence, but is charged in a separate indictment that is related to the incident.

"As Mr. Bartley said last Friday," said Burchett in reference to Pike County Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley, "we believe that Ms. Branham's death was due in part to her involvement as a witness in a federal prosecution."

As reported by the Williamson Daily News on April 6, 2001, Branham was indicted for theft by deception for obtaining the drug

OxyContin from Economy Drug Store by using a bad check.

A search of U.S. District cases showed that one of the four, Ronald Little, had been charged for allegedly distributing the schedule II OxyContin on October 10, 2002, pursuant to an affidavit signed by Special Agent Jerel E. Hughes of the DEA. Hughes claimed that on July 22, he entered Little's residence in Virgie and purchased 50 OxyContin 40-milligram tablets for which he paid \$4,290, part of which was partial payment for an additional 28 80-milligram tablets that were to be delivered later that evening.

However, a notice of dismissal of the criminal complaint was filed on Nov. 1, at London.

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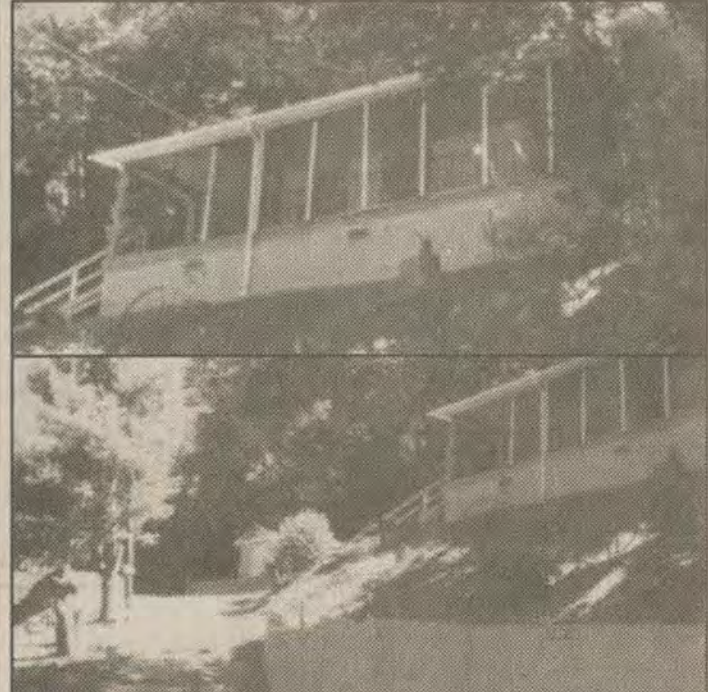
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Thought for Today:
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"The man who is too old to learn was probably always too old to learn"

—Henry Hoskins

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Guest View

Fletcher fails first test

During his short campaign for governor, U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher has tried to position himself as the candidate who will change the way business is conducted in Frankfort.

His job as a federal representative gives Fletcher experience in politics, but distances him from the partisanship that has gridlocked state government. As a Republican, he isn't hamstrung by the problems of Gov. Paul Patton or Democratic expectations that come from decades of uninterrupted control of the Governor's Mansion.

Fletcher wants to be the outsider with strong inside connections and ties to the state. He's parlayed this image into front-runner status.

Yet, in his first real crisis as a candidate, Fletcher has not only dropped the ball, he's dropped it in a fashion that resembles politics as usual in Kentucky.

Fletcher's first choice for running mate, Hunter Bates, has been ruled ineligible because of residency issues ...

The bigger issue, however, is what this says about Fletcher. Bates' residency status was brought into question by a lawsuit filed by University of Louisville student Curtis Shain and later joined by state Rep. Bob Heleringer, another candidate for lieutenant governor.

Rather than addressing the issue when first raised, the Fletcher campaign instead chose to attack Republican opponents Rep. Steve Nunn and former Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson.

The Fletcher campaign asserted that the lawsuit was politically motivated. It may have been, but just because an opponent raises an issue for political reasons doesn't mean he or she isn't right.

Is this how Fletcher will choose to handle a crisis or a tough policy debate if elected governor? Will he tackle it head-on in a forthright manner, or will he simply revert to the finger-pointing that is far too prevalent already in state government?

If he truly wants to change the climate of state government, to be a different type of leader, Fletcher will need to learn from mistakes made in the Bates incident.

— The Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro



Sticks & Stones

The arch of accountability

It's probably not a bad idea to take time to apologize to the readers of this newspaper on behalf of Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb, because if you're waiting for an apology from the man himself, you might want to invest in a comfortable chair.

Webb decided it would be in your best interest not to hear what was discussed during his private meeting with Judge-Exec Paul Hunt Thompson about how to fix problems with the jail. He used words like "political" and "foolishness" when talking about the news coverage the subject has recently received and then clammed up until the doors were closed.

Since you could only be given choppy, after-the-fact accounts of what went on at that meeting, I apologize.

We stayed until they told us to leave. It was the best we could do.

As for Webb's version of how important the issue is for residents of this county, I am inclined to agree with Thompson ... \$1.25 million is not "foolishness", especially when it's coming out of taxpayer's pockets.

On the other hand, I also agree when Webb says the jail was not built to turn a profit for the county. Ideally, the jail's function is to provide a place where lawbreakers can be taken so that they are off the streets and apart from society until their crimes can be dealt with properly. It's not a McDonald's or a Wal-Mart and was never intended to be, but

failing to make a profit and draining money from the county are hardly one and the same.

Such a substantial amount of money taken from the county fund means that things like road and construction projects, which would ultimately serve to improve the quality of lives, must be set aside. Slamming the door on the public when these decisions hang in the balance is just wrong.

Certain details of the meeting trickled your way, and those were probably comprehensive enough to say that relatively little was lost from the political cold-shouldering you were made to endure, but the most significant loss — that of accountability — cannot be so



SHELDONCOMPTON

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Guest Column

State government, at your service

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

As Eastern Kentucky tries, in a variety of ways, to free itself from the substance abuse is crippling our area, the State Senate took a step forward with the passage of SB114.

The bill, which I sponsored during the recent legislative session, will do away with the requirement for a master's degree for those who want to obtain certification as drug and alcohol counselors, creating a bigger pool of people interested in helping others overcome addictions to drugs and alcohol.

This is a small, but significant change, particularly for a rural area where it can be difficult to find qualified counselors. In addition, in these

times of tight budgets, the law has no cost associated with it.

The Appalachian region is home to some of the nation's worst prescription drug abuse. Recent newspaper reports show that, over the past four years, six eastern Kentucky counties led the nation in the amount of narcotics received per person.

For many of our neighbors, these numbers are much more than statistics in a newspaper - they're all too real. We need to work together to continue to address this problem.

Watch for the blue ribbon

Each year, close to 3 million reports of suspected child abuse are filed in the United States. Many more cases may

never get reported.

The Kentucky State Police, in partnership with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, as well as dedicated child advocates throughout the Commonwealth and across the nation, recognize April as National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

All Kentucky State Police vehicles will adorn a blue antenna ribbon as a constant reminder of the hidden dangers that can threaten our most vulnerable citizens.

I join the Kentucky State Police in encouraging the public to get involved. There is a lot you can do to help prevent child abuse. You can know the warning signs of child abuse and report it. Be a nurturing parent. Reach out to your neighbors. Take part in prevention efforts. Most importantly, protect your own children from abuse.

Spring cleaning for safety

We look forward to spring for many reasons — sunshine, baseball, flowers in the gar-

den and spring cleaning.

Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services officials remind those of us who are spring cleaners that this is also a good time to take an inventory of medicine chests and other areas where potentially poisonous materials may be stored.

Every year, approximately 30 children die due to accidental poisonings in America. Kentucky's Regional Poison Center handled more than 71,000 calls in 2002, a 10,000-call increase compared to five years ago.

"Many poisonings happen when adults are distracted for just a few moments by the telephone, doorbell, or something else. It only takes a few moments for a small child to grab and swallow something that could be poisonous," says Dr. Rice Leach, Kentucky's Public Health Commissioner.

Adults must make sure that household chemicals and medicines are stored away from children at all times, and

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Health Extra

Pregnant women face added burden with husbands at war

"I am scared," said Thurber, whose husband, Army Spc. Michael Thurber, left Fort Campbell for the Middle East in February. "I know that if he was here I still would be scared. But with him gone, I know it's going to be harder."

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT CAMPBELL — Through letters and ultrasound pictures, 19-year-old Shawna Thurber tries the best she can to keep her husband updated on the progress of the twin boys she expects to deliver later this spring.

And while she tries to comfort him, she and countless other military wives must cope with the trials of pregnancy knowing that their husbands are thousands of miles away at war.

"I am scared," said Thurber, whose husband, Army Spc. Michael Thurber, left Fort Campbell for the Middle East in February. "I know that if he was here I still would be scared. But with him gone, I know it's going to be harder."

Among the 91 American soldiers killed since the war with Iraq began last month, at least five died as expectant fathers.

Every time Heidi Taylor hears of a U.S. soldier's death, she can't help thinking it could be her husband, Staff Sgt. Duane Taylor, who is among the more than 17,000 soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division deployed in the Persian Gulf.

"That always rests on your mind. The reality is there," said Taylor, 23, of Fort Campbell. "I could become a single mother just as easy as anybody. It's horrible to think about, but it's kind of a reality that you have to be prepared for."

Expectant wives of deployed soldiers face everything from the fears of combat death to having to make important medical and financial decisions without their mate's immediate input, said Dr. Jeffrey Weyeneth, the University of Kentucky Medical Center's chief resident for child psychiatry.

And while the women watch the war play out on television, expectant fathers aren't there for prenatal doctor visits, shopping

for baby gear or offering a quick massage for swollen feet and sore backs.

Women who give birth during the war know it's doubtful their husbands will be able to get home or to even know when they go into labor.

Dr. Cornelia R. Graves, an associate professor who works in maternal fetal medicine at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., said many of the wives with deployed husbands she sees "seem to be very well-adjusted."

Kim Suarez, 25, of Fort Campbell, thinks that's because women living in the military have no choice but to deal with their husbands' being gone for long stretches.

Aside from caring for their 4-year-old daughter, Hannah, Suarez is expecting their second daughter in early May. Her husband, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Suarez, left for the Middle East in late February.

"I'm a pretty independent person. You have to be if you're going to be married to someone in the military," Suarez said. "Of course I'm emotional, but I have a 4-year-old. So I have to be strong."

For support, many women turn to family, friends and base support groups. Others rely on Operation Special Delivery, which provides volunteers to help pregnant military wives.

Patricia Newton, national director of the nonprofit organization, said volunteers have helped about 100 pregnant military wives nationwide since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Within the last month, applications for their help has increased to about 10 per week, Newton said. The program offers women prenatal support and someone to be with them in the delivery room, Newton said.

"The most important thing for any husband to do during

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Obese children rank their quality of life as low as cancer patients

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — Obese children rate their quality of life with scores as low as those of young cancer patients on chemotherapy, a study found,

highlighting the physical and emotional toll of being too fat.

Teasing at school, difficulties playing sports, fatigue, sleep apnea and other obesity-linked problems all severely affect obese youngsters' well-being, the study found.

While the researchers didn't expect to find youngsters mirroring the cliché of the fat, happy child, the dismal scores were far lower than anticipated, said lead author Dr. Jeffrey Schwimmer, a pediatric gastroenterologist at the University of California in San Diego.

"The magnitude... is striking," Schwimmer said. "The likelihood of significant quality-of-life impairment was profound for obese children."

The study appears in Wednesday's Journal of the

American Medical Association, an edition devoted to obesity studies.

It comes amid doctors' growing concern about the nation's obesity epidemic and recent data suggesting 15 percent of U.S. youngsters are severely overweight or obese.

A JAMA editorial notes that Schwimmer's study found that severely obese youngsters and adolescents seeking obesity treatment have more than a fivefold increased risk of reporting low quality of life than healthy youngsters.

"It seems clear that one of the most compelling medical challenges of the 21st century is to

develop effective strategies to prevent and treat pediatric obesity," Drs. Jack and Susan Yanovski of the National Institutes of Health said in the editorial.

Schwimmer's study involved 106 children aged 5 to 18 who filled out a questionnaire last year used by pediatricians to evaluate quality of life issues. Parents answered the same questionnaires, and their ratings of their children's well-being were even lower than the youngsters' self-ratings.

On the 100-point questionnaire, obese youngsters scored an average of 67 points — 16 points lower than in a group of 400 mostly normal weight healthy youngsters. The obese children's scores were similar to quality of life self-ratings from a previously published study of about 100 pediatric cancer patients.

Youngsters were asked to rate things like their ability to walk more than one block, play sports, sleep well, get along with others and keep up in school.

Girls and boys appeared to be equally adversely affected by obesity.

Youngsters were aged 12 on average, with an average height of 5 feet 1 inch and average weight of 174 pounds. All had a body-mass index that would be considered obese.

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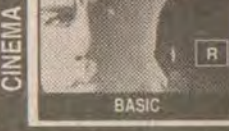
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Exploring reasons for slaying of Lillelid family

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — A documentary film about the roadside slayings of a 6-year-old girl and her parents in Greene County will debut this week — six years after the killings.

The film "Six" will be shown 7:15 p.m. Thursday at the Valleyfest Independent Film Festival in Knoxville.

Vidar and Delfina Lillelid and their two children, Tabitha

and Peter, were abducted from a rest area on Interstate 81 by six youths from Eastern Kentucky. They were taken to a remote area and shot. The couple and their daughter died; Peter was critically wounded but survived.

The documentary is a collaborative effort by Helen Smith, a forensic psychologist, and filmmakers Brandon Ward and Roman Karpynec that explores

reasons for the killings.

"This is not a Court TV, solve-who-did-it kind of piece," Ward said. "We want to reveal the breakdowns in the system that occurred and use this film as a platform. For me it's a story of responsibility on the part of the parents, the mental health system, the schools, the kids themselves."

The "kids" Ward refers to are

Natasha Cornett, Karen Howell, Joe Risner, Jason Bryant, Crystal Sturgill and Dean Mullins. They are serving life sentences without possibility of parole for the murders of the Lillelid family. At the time of the killings, they ranged in age from 14 to 20.

The film focuses on Natasha Cornett, not only because she was the supposed "ringleader" of the group, but also because of

access filmmakers were given to her life.

Smith, whose book "The Scattered Heart: Understanding and Identifying Kids Who Kill" contains a chapter on the killings, had talked with Cornett. The filmmakers also were given access to Cornett's diaries and spoke with her mother, Madonna Wallen.

"I thought Madonna was one of the strongest characters in the film," Smith said. "She seemed to really understand what had gone wrong with the system. She had tried so hard to get her daughter into a hospital. She had called the police hoping they would take her to jail so she would get treatment, but they released her."

Smith said the film will be

used in university classrooms and as a training aid for mental health and other professionals who work with troubled youth.

The Lillelids' story and the tragedy of their deaths are not overlooked in the effort to try to show why the killings occurred. Troy Love, a close friend of the family, talks on screen about the family and the way their faith shaped their lives.

Ultimately, Ward and Karpynec said the film is an effort to bring some good out of the tragedy.

"This story will always be part of my life," Karpynec said. "Our duty to the Lillelids is to get something out of it and maybe prevent this from happening again."

Odds

Kearney, 23, of Little Rock, as he walked nearby. Kearney was arrested after witnesses in the bank identified him as the man with the trash bag, police said.

No weapon was found, and the man at the bank never threatened anybody, so police are unsure how the case will be handled.

"Technically, it could be robbery, and since it is in a bank, the FBI might also have some regulations about what we can charge him with," said police spokesman Robert Rawlinson.

"Either he'll be (in jail) or we will put him in for mental evaluation," Rawlinson said. "He's not just going to be released."

CHEBOYGAN, Mich. — Police said two people used dog feces to settle a grudge.

Cheboygan County prosecutors authorized littering charges against Frank Scott, 51, and Sharyn Ostroske, 55. State police from the Cheboygan post say they threw 40

plastic bags filled with dog feces and toilet paper on the roadway in front of another person's house.

Troopers said the campaign began last November and extended through January. The suspects each face a \$150 fine.

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Love was the most popular display item at a local Wal-Mart as two employees exchanged vows in the apparel aisle of the discount department store.

The jittery bride, Sandy Thomas, 54, walked past \$11.93 NASCAR hats as the Celine Dion song "Power of Love" played over the intercom.

"This is absolutely fantastic," said the groom, Dan Harbecke, 51, after the vows were exchanged Saturday. "I feel so good right now. I'm so in love."

The pair met last year in the store's break room. She works in women's apparel and he works in dairy.

They originally planned to get married on the beach but the store manager suggested Wal-Mart. It seemed appropriate.

Thomas' brother wasn't surprised at her choice in weddings.

"She wanted to do something different," said George Mabardy, 61, of Cape Coral. "That's what my sister does."

SALEM, Ore. — A homeless man billed for \$6 million in taxes by the Internal Revenue Service has been notified it was a mistake.

John Ramer, known as the "six million dollar man" by his buddies at the Union Gospel Mission in Salem, was told Friday that his \$5,981,104.02 tax bill was an error and he owed nothing.

The IRS refused to comment on the case, but an agency spokeswoman previously confirmed that they were looking into Ramer's complaints.

Ramer, 30, said the agency's Taxpayer Advocate Service traced the source of the mistake to an employer's computer glitch in 1994.

The problem started with some malfunctioning magnetic tape. Instead of reporting earnings of \$35 to the IRS for a few hours work at a bowling alley, the mistake ballooned Ramer's pay to more than \$2 million. Penalties and interest boosted the tax amount into the \$6 million range.

"It was just the luck of the draw that it happened to me," Ramer said.

His former boss said he didn't remember Ramer's brief stint behind the snack counter, but he did recall there were some problems with the company's W-2 forms about 10 years ago.

Despite wide publicity about the case, Ramer says his financial situation has not improved. He said a television reporter bought him lunch, and someone gave him a T-shirt that says, "I'm not really a bum, but I play one on TV."

ATLANTA — The green tree frog isn't the official amphibian of Georgia — yet.

Amid intense partisan debates on the flag, redistricting and the budget, a handful of quirky bills — including the tree frog legislation — are making their way slowly through the General Assembly.

Atlanta Democrat Rep. John Noel was so upset that he could not get sweet tea at a restaurant that he and four co-sponsors filed a bill that would make it a misdemeanor "of a high and aggravated nature" not to offer sweet tea in any restaurant that serves iced tea.

The punishment for such an egregious offense? Up to 12 months in jail. Noel's bill is pending in the House Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

The only active police officer in the Legislature, Rep. Victor Hill, D-College Park, wants to crack down on massage parlors that stay open all night. Hill wrote 12 pages of rules he says will protect reputable therapists but drive out the neon-lit establishments that sell randy rubdowns.

There is also a push that would make Bengal cats — a rare breed of an Asian leopard cat — legal in Georgia. The bill passed the House and is in the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee.

SAN DIMAS, Calif. — He's been on the job for a while, but it became official last week: Bert the camel is now a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy.

Bert, who weighs in at 1,700 pounds, got his sheriff's ID card after a swearing-in ceremony Saturday during a festival in this

city 30 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

Bert is a member of the Sheriff's Posse in San Dimas and visits area schools as part of a presentation on California history, said Nancy Fite, a member of the Sheriff's Posse and Bert's handler. "He's very intelligent," Fite said.

In California, Bert's ancestors were once part of the U.S. garrison at Fort Tejon, which operated between 1854 and 1864, about 77 miles north of Los Angeles.

Bert joins other members of the sheriff's four-footed force that also includes dogs and horses.

Bert, not quite full grown at 6, was joined at the swearing in by two other reservists, Muffin and Brougan, a pair of 100-pound-plus bull mastiffs. Like Bert, the two dogs are not crime fighters, but public relations representatives.

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Inquiries should be directed to: THOMAS W. KEETH, Community Development Manager
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Obese

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Obesity-related ailments were common and included fatty liver disease, obstructive

sleep apnea, diabetes and orthopedic problems caused by excess weight.

"Even in the absence of these physical conditions, children and parents reported a low quality of life," Schwimmer said.

Dr. Nancy Krebs, head of the American Academy of Pediatrics' nutrition committee, said the results aren't surprising given what is known about self-esteem and health problems in obese youngsters.

On the other hand, Krebs said, "It is almost becoming the norm," which may be de-stigmatizing obesity and making it easier for affected children to cope.

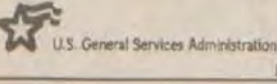
Still, the prevalence only underscores the need to treat it, she said.

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Obituaries

Tramble Turner

Tramble Turner, age 90, of Allen, husband of Tula Frances Hobbs Turner, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2003, in the Lexington Country Place Nursing Home, Lexington.

He was born April 5, 1913, in Hueysville (Bosco), the son of the late J.M. "Morg" Turner and Emma Hayes Turner. He was a retired Standard Oil distributor, a member of the Hueysville Church of Christ, where he served as an elder, a member of James W. Alley Lodge No. 869, Wayland, a 32nd degree Mason for 63 years, and a member of the Martin Kiwanis Club for 40 years.

Survivors include one son, Lionel "Joe" Turner of Ringgold, Georgia, seven grandchildren, Rusty Fraley, Lois Taylor, Sara Levine, Myra Jo Hurt, Carol Ruiz, Dr. Tramble Tom Turner, and Lewis Smith; 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Tharon "Potsy" Fraley; two brothers, Hatler Turner and Ezra Turner; one sister, Zeda Turner; two grandchildren, Bruce Fraley and Jo Betty Turner.

Funeral services for Tramble Turner will be conducted Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Chester Varney officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home, where Masonic services were conducted Tuesday, April 8.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 1900 Richmond Road, Lexington, Ky. 40502.

Pallbearers: Ralph Crisp, Jerry Rice, Jerry Watts, Jeff Patton, Bill Green, and Jeff Prater.

Honorary bearers: Rocky Hurt, Jay Barrowman, Bryan Fraley, John Taylor II, Rusty Fraley, Tramble Tom Turner, Carl Taylor, and Carl Ray Fraley.

(Paid obituary)

George Hunt

George Hunt, 87, of Stanville, died Sunday, April 6, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born December 20, 1915, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John B. and Sarah Lewis Hunt. He was a coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Eva Coline Newsome Hunt.

Other survivors include seven sons, Jimmy Hunt, Donald Hunt and Gregory Hunt, all of Stanville, Ronnie Hunt and LeRoy Hunt, both of Stanton, Bobby Hunt both of Tram, and Stevie Hunt of Harold; five daughters, Eula Mae Spradlin and Goldie Adkins, both of Stanville, Gustavia Lewis of Stanton, Alberta Bevins of Betsy Layne, and Magline Pinson of Harold; a brother, Harvey Hunt of Tram; three sisters, Ocie Pelphrey and Callie Cecil, both of Florida, and Ruby Hunt of Michigan; 31 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and nine step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, William Lee Hunt; three brothers, Roland Hunt, Thomas J. Hunt and John Henry Hunt; and two sisters, Laura Akers and Elavine Gunnels.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, April 10, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Jack Hunt and Jim Smith officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Luther "CatBird" Hall

Luther "CatBird" Hall, age 67, Longview Drive, Harrodsburg, husband of Joyce Tackett Hall, died Saturday April 5, 2003, at Ephriam McDowell Regional Medical Center, Danville.

He was born September 24, 1935, at Grethel, in Floyd County, the son of the late John and Goldie Hall. He retired as a truck driver for Bizzack Construction Company. His hobbies included restoring old automobiles, and gardening.

Additional survivors include three daughters, Vickie Justice of Pikeville, Lisa Cummins of Danville, and Elizabeth Hale of Crab Orchard; three brothers, Edgar Hall and Roy Hall, both of Harold, and Gary Hall of Berea; one sister, Maggie Adkins of Harold; two grandchildren, Kayla Cummins and Jordan Hale; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home.

Interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery, Harrodsburg. Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Paul Hicks

Paul Hicks, 33, of Garrett, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Born December 22, 1969, in Floyd County, he was the son of Lawrence and Roxie Whitaker Hicks. He was a disabled tool dresser.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Crider Hicks.

In addition to his wife, and parents, he is survived by one son, Mike McGuire of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Khayla Crider of Hueysville; one brother, Brent Hicks of Hueysville; one sister, Michelle Handshoe of Hueysville; two grandsons, James Michael McGuire and Nathaniel Ralph McGuire; his grandmothers, Madge Hicks of Hueysville, and Armine Whitaker of Magoffin County.

In addition to his grandfathers, Rex Hicks and Alan Whitaker, he was preceded in death by one son, Paul Blake Hicks.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 9, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Jimmy Hall, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Hicks Family Cemetery, at Garrett, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Brent Hicks, Tim Hicks, David Howard, Eric Conley, Jacoby Qualls, Perry Crider, Roger Crider, and Michael McGuire.

Honorary pallbearers: Belvra Crider, Brent Handshoe, Clarence Hicks, Jimmy Miller, Lawrence Hicks, Donald Collins, Brett Collins, Christian Collins, John McKinster, Jack Osborne, Rodney Osborne, Dusty Hale, B.J. Crider, and all employees of R & J Well Service. (Paid obituary)

Louie J. Hamilton

Louie J. Hamilton, 27, of Teaberry, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at his residence.

Born August 31, 1975, in Marshall, Michigan, he was the son of Emmitt (Cat) Hamilton of Teaberry, and the late Maxine Reynolds Hamilton. He was a coal miner.

Survivors in addition to his father, include three brothers, Jackie Dean Hamilton, Kevin Johnson, and Philip Hamilton, all of Teaberry; three sisters, Randa Hamilton, Pattie Hopkins, and Sandy Johnson, all of Teaberry; four nephews, Jared Hamilton, Corbin Hamilton, Kevin O'Brian Johnson, and Michael Lee Martin; five nieces, Abrielle Hamilton, Savannah Hamilton, Keshia Johnson, Tonya Johnson, and Brittany Johnson.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one brother, Forrest Donnelly Hamilton.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 9, at noon, at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the John Hamilton Jr., Cemetery, at Teaberry, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Bertha (Ted) Wallen Wright

Bertha (Ted) Wallen Wright, 91, of Garrett, died Friday, April 4, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born December 21, 1911, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Lee and Lizzy Ratliff Wallen. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Malcom Wright.

Survivors include one brother, Russell Wallen of Garrett; and one sister, Audrey May Hicks of Garrett.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Eugene Wallen, Beverage Wallen, Lawrence Wallen, Earl Wallen; and three sisters, Gertie Vanderpool, Artie Patrick, and Virgie Shepherd.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 7, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Scott Family Cemetery, at Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Betty Lou Little

Betty Lou Little, 65, of Wheelwright, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born February 3, 1938, in Floyd County, she was a daughter of the late Oscar and Mary Belle Collins Little. She was a mother and homemaker.

Survivors include four sons and their wives, David (Chip) Jr., and Teresa Little of Bypro, Joe and Lora Little of Neon, Jerry and Sandra Little of Carlisle, and Steve and Tonja Little of Prestonsburg; a daughter and her husband, Janet Renee and Kevin Moore of Cynthia; a sister, Dora Sue Barnette of Columbus, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Kacie Jo, Tara Lynn, Toni, Melissa, Tobie Jo, Brandon, David, Justin, Kristen and Steven.

In addition to her parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Clyde Little, John Little, Bobby Sam Little and Edsel Ray Little.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Ellis Holbrook, Chuck Hall, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Little-Hall Cemetery at Wheelwright.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Rickey D. Conley

Rickey D. Conley, 47, of Garrett, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the VA Medical Center, in Huntington, West Virginia.

He was born November 14, 1955, at Lackey, the son of Cloytene Daniels Conley of Lackey; and the late Neve Conley. He was a general laborer, and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include a son, Rickey Steven Conley of Garrett; two daughters, Deona Renee Dobson of Vest, and Susan Denise Hamilton of Morehead; three brothers, Jeff Conley of Lima, Ohio, Melvin Conley of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Jimmy Lee Conley of Lackey; two grandchildren, Justin Dwayne Slone, and April Renee Slone; and a special friend, Ray Owens of Garrett.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Scott Cemetery, at Garrett, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Sticks

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easily measured.

Understandably, not all county decisions are going to take place in a public forum. There are some things — such as personnel matters — that need to be worked through one-on-one, but those moments should be carefully chosen and always later explained to the public. Most importantly, closet troubleshooting about county business should never assist in clouding the levels of responsibility.

If mismanagement on the part of the jailer aided in this current financial sinkhole, then so be it. No one is immune to mistakes, and the public can be surprisingly quick to understand the nature of such human frailty. But going behind closed doors to save face while fig-

uring out how to correct them is something the public should never be made to accept, no matter how much time is given.

It's very adequate and telling, then, to see how AT&T Chairman Michael Armstrong reminds himself of how important responsibility can be.

He's fond of remembering the Romans.

Armstrong reminds himself that in ancient Rome, whenever workers finished building an arch and the final piece was being lifted into place, the engineer assumed accountability for the success or failure of his job in the most profound way possible.

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We could use some more folks like that.

Congress earmarks money to deal with Kentucky's drug problem

The Associated Press

HAZARD — U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Somerset, unveiled a new program Monday that he

said will help police, prosecutors and health professionals deal with illegal drug use in Eastern Kentucky.

Congress appropriated \$8 million to fund the program in February.

Rogers said the money will

be used to create the Unlawful Narcotics Investigation Treatment & Education program, which will bring together key players in an effort to thwart what he described as a drug epidemic sweeping through the region.

"The drug epidemic is the worst scourge we've ever faced in southern and Eastern Kentucky," Rogers said. "These drugs have torn families apart, ruined lives, and stretched the resources of law enforcement and social service agencies to the absolute limit."

Rogers referred to the program as Operation UNITE, say-

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Service

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they know what to do if kids swallow something that is potentially harmful.

"We can't emphasize enough the importance of the new toll-free number for poison control centers and the need to keep it posted in a handy place," said Rick Spiller, director of Kentucky's Regional Poison Center. "If you need poison control help, call 1-800-222-1222 immediately."

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Republicans hold spotlight in first KET forum

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The four Republican candidates for governor got a chance to pitch themselves to a statewide audience Monday night in the first of a series of forums on Kentucky Educational Television.

Candidates Ernie Fletcher, Rebecca Jackson, Steve Nunn and Virgil Moore fielded questions from panelists and one another for an hour, all trying to play to their perceived strengths.

Fletcher, the congressman from central Kentucky's Sixth District, promoted the new running mate he introduced earlier in the day — former U.S. Attorney Steve Pence of Louisville. Fletcher urged voters to consider their combined "life experiences" — Pence's years as a prosecutor and his own career as an Air Force pilot, engineer and physician.


Jackson, a former Jefferson County clerk and judge-executive, talked at length about efficiency in government offices. Moore, a state senator from Leitchfield, rallied against taxation. Nunn, a state representa-

tive from Glasgow, said he was the most candid of the lot.

Nunn was the only candidate to say that a higher cigarette tax should be considered and that the tax code should be revamped to increase its "elasticity" — a

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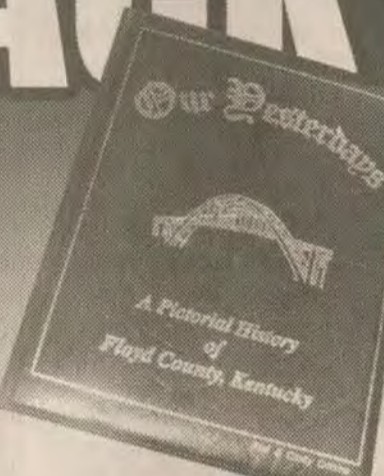
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Burden

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labor is to be there and to touch her and hold her hand," Newton said. "But if that person is not there to do those two crucial points then they're already starting out with a great loss."

Thurber's mom, Susan Skirvin, said she plans to move in with her daughter, who also has three dogs to care for, within the next month. Her daughter's due date is in early June.

"The biggest thing I think is trying to keep her spirits up, because he's not here," Skirvin said. "Mom and dad can do so much, but we can't replace Mike."

Ideally, couples who have time to plan for a lengthy deployment can prepare by anticipating some major decisions, said Weyeneth, whose wife, Jennifer, went through parts of her pregnancy while he was away in the Navy.


Thankfully, Thurber said, she and her husband had time to settle on the twins' names, Breyan Reed and Brentin Allen. She also had her sons' room decorated in a Winnie the Pooh motif, and already has the cribs and dressers ready to go.

"We made sure we discussed all that before he left," said Thurber, who has spoken to her husband just once since he deployed.

Meanwhile, Taylor said she hopes to speak with her husband before her June due date because she wants to change the baby's planned name from Savannah Grace to Lana Ashton.

"I've been joking that if I don't get to talk to him before then he'll just get a Red Cross message that says, 'Sorry, honey, I changed the name,'" she said.

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Official Contest Rules

- Up to eight consecutive clues will be published, one per day, beginning Friday, April 4, 2003.
- Each clue will appear on a random page of The Floyd County Times. The last clue will be published on Sunday, April 20, and the contest ends Monday, April 28, at 4 p.m.
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Floyd County Times employees and their families are not eligible to play.

Jury finds Paintsville doctor guilty of illegally prescribing drugs

The Associated Press

LONDON — A doctor accused of illegally prescribing pills to Eastern Kentucky drug addicts was found guilty on Monday by a jury in U.S. District Court in London.

After more than seven hours of deliberation, jurors convicted Dr. Yakov Drabovskiy of one count of conspiracy to illegally distribute prescription drugs and two counts of writing prescriptions without legitimate medical reason. The jury acquitted Drabovskiy of one count involving money laundering and one count of Medicaid fraud.

Drabovskiy faces up to 20 years in prison. U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell scheduled sentencing for Oct. 23.

Drabovskiy, who defended himself in the trial, worked with Dr. Frederick Cohn in a Paintsville clinic. Both were charged in the case.

One witness said the doctors routinely gave patients prescription slips for drugs that were written out before their examinations, if examinations were done.

That witness, Regina Lowe, a former office manager at the clinic, said so many people

that the waiting room often had standing room only, while other patients lined up on the walk outside.

Authorities raided the clinic in August 2001, as part of an effort to crack down on doctors' fueling prescription drug abuse in eastern Kentucky by illegally prescribing pills. Those doctors, police said, were a key source of legal drugs being diverted for illegal sale.

Cohn and Drabovskiy were indicted together on charges including conspiracy to illegally prescribe drugs, prescribing drugs for no legitimate medical reason and scheming to defraud Medicaid by submitting false bills.

Between November 1999 and Aug. 2, 2001, the doctors handed out prescriptions for more than 5 million pills, the

indictment said.

Cohn, 70, pleaded guilty in federal court in February to conspiring to illegally distribute pills, as well as other charges. He is awaiting sentencing.

However, Drabovskiy, a Russian national, decided to fight the charges. The court also provided interpreters to Drabovskiy, who speaks some English but cross-examined witnesses in Russian.

Cohn and Drabovskiy sometimes saw more than 150 patients a day. The two often saw patients for as little as three minutes and prescribed pills at the rate of 45,000 a day, investigators have said.

Lowe estimated Cohn saw 75 to 80 percent of the patients. Former employees said Drabovskiy often spent much more time examining his patients than Cohn did.

Card of Thanks

We, the family of the late Adam Wright would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, food, and kind words. A special thanks to Clergyman Mark Tackett for his comforting words, 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 FAMILY OF ADAM WRIGHT

Card of Thanks

The family of Evelyn Combs Griffie wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who gave food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers 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.

THE FAMILY OF EVELYN COMBS GRIFFIE

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Paul Edward "Pete" Lemaster, wish to take this means to express our appreciation to all of you who came to our assistance following Pete's tragic death.

To our wonderful Mountain Christian Academy family, we can only say thanks for being so kind and generous. To Dr. Tiller, Pam, staff, and students at MCA, your love and prayers sustained us; your presence lifted our spirits. And to the friends who were there for Katie and Zach, thanks for being such great friends.

To the people of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, we'll be forever grateful for your surrounding arms that held us up and gave us hope for tomorrow. And to Brother Mark, Brother Polk, Ron, Mary, and Denise, the words you spoke, and the beautiful singing, brought comfort to our hearts; you gave us a lovely service to remember. And to Mike and his kitchen crew, thank you guys, for the great food you prepared for us.

To the owners and employees of Action Petroleum, we are so very grateful for your generosity and kindness.

To our neighbors at Rolling Acres subdivision, we were so touched by the love you showed us, and we will be eternally grateful to all of you.

To Hall Funeral Home, we appreciate the personal and professional way you handled the funeral of our beloved Pete.

To all of our friends who brought food, sent flowers, held our hands, stood and cried with us, there is no way we can express our tremendous thanks, but we will always remember.

And finally, to all of Pete's CB buddies out there, especially Snowman, Baby Huey says thanks.

THE LEMASTER FAMILY

Wife, Janie; children, Katie and Zachary; father, Paul Lemaster, and brothers, Herb and David Lemaster.

Forum

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term that means taxes are tied to the parts of the economy that grow.

"You deserve honest, intelligent answers ... and you're not getting it here tonight except with Steve Nunn," Nunn said.

The issue of Fletcher's running mate engendered its share of discussion. Pence replaced Hunter Bates on the Fletcher slate after a judge declared that Bates did not meet constitutional residency requirements for a lieutenant governor.

Nunn, who is trying in court to block Fletcher from continuing with Pence or any other substitute running mate, said he was doing so to uphold the constitution and "the rule of law."

Fletcher defended his choice of Bates, whom he called "a Kentuckian through and through." He said he disagreed with the ruling on Bates' residency and would have challenged it but ran out of time.

All four candidates professed opposition to abortion and none expressed any support for expanded gambling.

In some cases, responses were notable for what was left unsaid.

For example, Jackson declined to directly answer a question about how much money, if any, running mate Robby Rudolph, a prosperous businessman from Murray, was willing to put into their campaign. Jackson conceded that she lags in fund raising behind Fletcher but said, "We will have what we need when we need it."

Moore, in a follow-up round of comments on abortion, never mentioned the subject and chose instead to reiterate his opposition to taxes.

The four Democratic candidates — Ben Chandler, Bruce Lunsford, Jody Richards and Otis Hensley — are invited to a forum on KET next Monday night.

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Abuse

present to testify on behalf of the commonwealth.

Goble testified that he was called out to Highlands Regional Medical Center on March 14 to investigate a possible rape. He testified that the alleged victim told him that she went to England's residence on

March 13 to fill out an application for a job in which she would talk to a person in an internet chatroom with her photo posted for viewing. She told Goble that she was promised \$250 to fill out the application.

Goble testified that the woman told him that upon her

arrival, England told her that he had chosen her name from a website modeling agency and that he wanted her to model for a "horror flick" as well as for "Miss WWW America: Party Girls", to which she allegedly declined.

According to Goble, England allegedly insinuated that the woman looked nervous and offered her a green liquid substance in a red cup to calm her down. Goble testified that the female related that she became nauseated by the substance and went to the restroom to vomit, where she passed out.

When she awoke, Goble testified, she allegedly found herself in England's bed, where he had disrobed her to her panties and had placed her hand in his pants. She reportedly stated to Det. Goble that she became upset and England informed her that he had performed oral sex on her for an hour.

Goble stated that a green substance was found in the refriger-

ator and is currently being tested.

Upon questioning from Leta Baharasan, a public defender acting on England's behalf, Goble reported that a rape kit had been performed on both the alleged victim and England, who had submitted for testing, and a blood test had not shown drugs to be in her system.

However, Goble said date-rape drugs have to be tested for separately, and that all the tests were currently being reviewed in the Kentucky State Police forensics lab in Frankfort.

Goble reported that when he served the charges, England was cooperative and stated that he "he had done nothing" and had "no complaints against a search", offering that the police should remove anything they saw fit to examine. Police removed video, discs and computers from the home as possible evidence.

Upon questioning concerning the photo offered to England for the website chatroom, Goble stated that he had not seen the photo, but evidence at the scene included an envelope sent to England that contained photos of the victim, some of which were nude and of a sexual nature.

England had told Goble that he had contacted the victim for the party girls video and she wanted to be the cover. However, when he refused, she retaliated with the sex abuse charges.

In a separate incident, Donnie Pinion testified against England for not returning a tanning bed that his daughter, Amanda Pinion, had taken to the resi-

dence when she lived with England. He stated that England had failed to give him any money toward the purchase of the \$2,900 tanning bed that he still owed \$2,800 on, and had failed to give it back when his daughter moved out of the home with England.

Both cases were referred to the grand jury.

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Drugs

that Thornsby then returned with three ounces of cocaine. Both Slone and Thornsby were charged from this transaction.

Det. Underwood stated that Det. Hunter traveled to Michael "White" Slone's on Feb. 21, and requested an "eight-ball" of cocaine, which was provided at Jacks Creek, in Bevinville.

The defendant's attorney questioned the evidence of the investigation including validation of the authenticity of the substance. Underwood said that KSP has video and audio evidence and that the substance, which smelled and

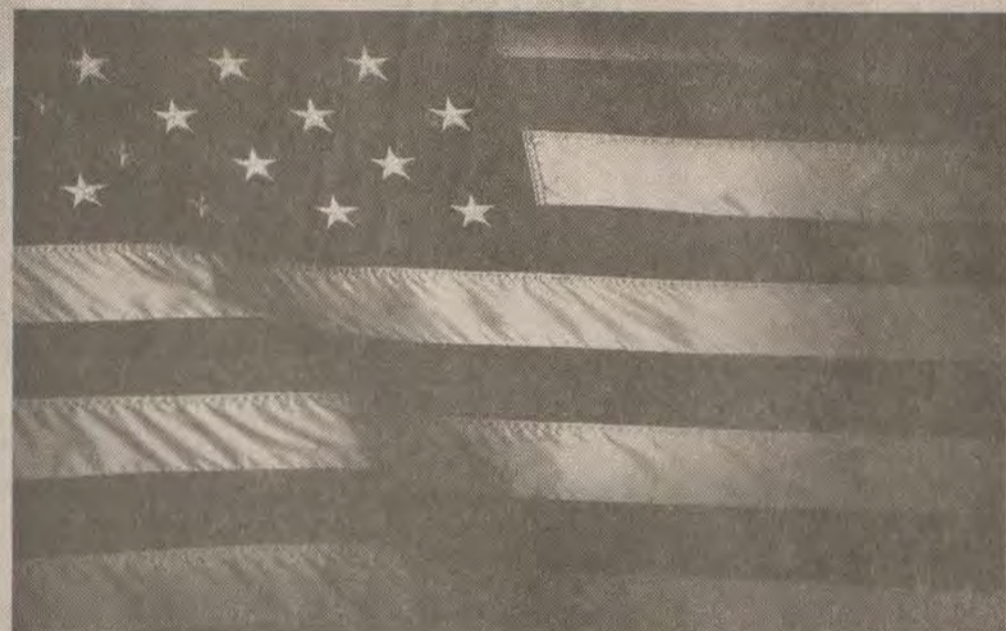
looked as others obtained in the investigation, is currently being tested.

Baharasan requested a bond reduction for the defendants, but Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum objected as David Slone and Randy Thornsby are not eligible for bond pursuant to other charges.

Judge Eric Hall left the bond amounts at \$250,000 cash.

Underwood stated that the other two involved in the investigation, Harold Thornsby and Vernon Slone, had waived their right to a preliminary hearing.

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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.

MAKE A FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

If your family knows where to go and what to do in an emergency, they'll save time and remain calm. Here's what your plan should contain: The name and phone number of out-of-state relatives to contact. Long-distance calling may be easier than local calling. A family meeting place near your home and another one away from the neighborhood. An evacuation plan using alternative routes. A designated room in your house to take shelter. See www.fema.gov for more information.

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Man accused of numerous attacks against family

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — A Branham's Creek man has been arrested on a myriad of charges for allegedly terrorizing a Grethel family.

Christopher L. Clark, 25, is charged with theft, two counts of terroristic threatening, menacing, fourth-degree assault and criminal mischief for separate incidents.

According to court documents, Clark took a shotgun belonging to Irene Sparks on

March 29, and committed the act of terroristic threatening when he said he would kill her. Clark also allegedly slashed a tire of an automobile belonging to Greg Sparks on March 22, and was swinging a board at him threatening to "knock out his brains" on March 30.

Clark is charged with fourth-degree assault for a March 30 incident in which he allegedly came up behind Alibia Sparks Perry and shoved her to the ground, causing minor injuries. Clark is also charged with terroristic threatening for allegedly telling Patricia Branham that he would kill her.

A restraining order was issued prohibiting Clark from being within 500 feet of the complaining witnesses and their families.

School

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with the shirt of his uniform unbuttoned and that Ripkoswsky cursed and threatened her son before demanding he leave. Hall insists her son wore his uniform to school on the wrong day, later realized his mistake and unbuttoned and left the shirt open, revealing his undershirt.

According to Marcum, Hall, says the alleged outburst took place in front of the JROTC class and continued even after her son had been sent to the office, leaving many of the students frightened.

Marcum, who asked state police to visit the school Friday morning, said if the claims are substantiated, the county attorney's office will most likely take appropriate action.

"She wants to file a complaint, and I just told her to exhaust every remedy possible first," Marcum said. "But I've got the police up there right now taking statements and if they come back and substantiate what she's said, we'll probably issue charges."

FEMA closing local office

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — The Small Business Administration will be closing its temporary disaster assistance office in Martin on Thursday.

According to SBA Disaster Area Director Michael C. Allen, the needs of the community have apparently been met in regards to disaster assistance.

"We keep our offices open as long as there appears to be a need for SBA to be there. We've seen almost no one at this loca-

tion over the past few days. That tells us we've probably met the needs of those interested in this assistance," Allen said.

The temporary office was set up to assist people who had any damage from the disastrous weather that occurred from Feb. 15 to 26. Officers at the location provided answers to questions about the disaster loan program and gave out applications.

The disaster office located at the Floyd County Community Center in Martin will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Man charged with offering pills for food

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A South Williamson man was arrested at Pikeville Methodist Hospital for allegedly trying to trade pills for food.

According to court documents, James Dotson Jr., 49, was arrested on April 1, after police went to Pikeville Methodist to serve Dotson with an emergency protective order. However, officers found him in the custody of security for allegedly attempting to trade pills for food.

The pills, identified as being

Xanax, were not in a proper container.

Dotson was charged with prescription in improper container, trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of marijuana, after a search turned up an amount in his pocket at the jail.

Dotson was originally held on a \$10,000 full cash bond, but was later released on his own recognizance.

All emerge from freak accident unscathed

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The driver, his passenger and two pedestrians were hospitalized after a freak vehicle accident in Wheelwright early Monday evening.

According to Wheelwright police officer Randy Johnson, Kyle Hall, of Hen Pen, was driving out of Wheelwright when he lost control of his Dodge pickup truck and veered off the road near the city's old number two store just below the entrance to Otter Creek Correctional Center.

Johnson said it appeared that Hall's vehicle struck Wheelwright resident Nathan Stanley and a 16-year-old juvenile who was walking with Stanley at about 5 p.m. after leaving the city's main road.

"It's a miracle those boys are alive," Johnson said. "It's thanks to the good lord above that they weren't killed."

The accident is under investigation by Kentucky State Police Post 9 Trooper Chris Collins,

who said drug-related charges would be filed against Hall.

"I will definitely be charging him [Hall], but probably not with assault," Collins said. "I recovered a small amount of marijuana after the accident."

Collins reported that witnesses at the scene said Hall revved the engine of his truck just after hitting a patch of water along the road and then lost control, knocking Stanley and the 16-year-old as far as 50 feet.

"They couldn't even remember what happened," Collins said. "One of them said they were just standing there talking about where they were going to go and then the next thing they knew they were on the ground."

All four were taken to McDowell ARH hospital shortly after the accident, at which time Stanley was flown to Cabell-Huntington Hospital with head injuries. The four, including Stanley, were listed in "stable" condition, according to hospital officials.

The identity of Hall's passenger could not be ascertained as of press time.

Deal

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ing it "will equip our law enforcement officials, citizens groups, and health care professionals with the resources necessary to tackle this problem head on. UNITE is going to help this region kick the drug habit."

Operation UNITE, which serves 29 counties, will create three regional drug task forces to do undercover investigations

and to interdict and confiscate drugs in the Cumberland Valley area, Kentucky River area and Big Sandy area.

The task forces will target street level dealers and corrupt health care professionals. U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove has assigned six assistant federal prosecutors to assist overworked commonwealth attorneys with drug cases.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

Music in the Park - Begins at noon.
Welcoming Ceremony - City Park, 5-6 p.m.
Annual Hillbilly Square Dance - Western, 8:30 - 11 p.m. Hambley Athletic Center
Fireworks Show - At dark, rescheduled in case of rain.

FRIDAY

Music - From 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Amateur musicians and dance contest.
Quilt Show - From 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pike County Extension Office (148 Trivette Drive)
Bike, Car & Truck Show - Located at the Mark III from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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SATURDAY

Hillbilly Music - City park area, 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Open stage; all hillbilly and acoustic musicians welcome; featuring The Mule Band, amateur contest, and more.
Carnival - Riverfill.
Arts, Crafts and Vittles - Pikeville College Gym (Hillbilly Clan Headquarters). Thursday and Friday.

SATURDAY

Music - From 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Hillbilly Parade - The climactic event each year; several hours long; usually begins at 2 p.m.
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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@floyd-countytimes.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.

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM AVAILABLE

The Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky (LINKS) is now accepting appli-

cations from residents in Floyd County, for its 2003 Summer Volunteer Program for Home Repair. Applicants must be homeowners, and should be able to supply some materials. Volunteers will supply the labor. If interested, call the LINKS office at 606-886-0152 for more information.

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

- April 8th: Meeting place A & B, Mended Hearts, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
- April 12th: Meeting place, A & B, Healthy Living with Diabetes, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- April 15: Martin Room, Highlands, S.H.A.R.E., 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
- April 17th: Meeting place B, Laryngectomy Support Group, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- April 18: Meeting place B, AARP, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

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.

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 Loris, SC vs. Bellfy
 Sheldon Clark vs. East Carter
 Whitesburg vs. Pike Co. Central

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Betsy Layne vs. Fleming County
 Breathitt Co. vs. Betsy Layne
 Carolina Forest, SC vs. Bellfy
 Letcher vs. Jenkins
 Morgan Co. vs. Whitley Co.

Morgan Co. vs. Nicholas Co.
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Floyd County Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer is a contender for Rookie of the Year honors in the SAS. More on Kinzer appears inside today's edition.

THUNDER RIDGE RACEWAY

Dirt track season now back on

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – It's been almost seven months since the last race at Thunder Ridge Raceway. Since the last race some major changes has taken place. While the drivers prepared for the 2003, JD Racing Incorporated was

in negotiations to lease the track, after some lengthy meetings' terms were agreed upon.

JD Racing Inc. has already began work on preparing for the opening night on April 19. Race fans and drivers will immediately notice the changes when entering the racing facility. A new rac-

ing surface is currently being added to the track, an upgraded PA system will be in place and some new ideas will be implemented that will help the racing program run more smoothly and efficiently.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Floyd Co. set to host Area Games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – Floyd County Special Olympics and Prestonsburg High School will host this year's Area 3 Games on Saturday, April 19 at the Prestonsburg High Athletic Complex.

Some 165 athletes will test their training hoping to qualify for the State Summer Games to be held at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond May 30-June 1.

Athletes from Floyd, Pike, Letcher, Leslie, Perry, Knott, Magoffin, Wolfe, Lee, Johnson and Breathitt counties will converge on Prestonsburg to showcase their talents hoping for the ultimate trip to Richmond.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. with a parade of athletes followed

(See GAMES, page five)

– EASTERN KENTUCKY INVITATIONAL –



Prestonsburg won the Eastern Kentucky Invitational over the weekend in Knott County and plays in the Queen City Classic today in Hazard. This is Prestonsburg's first season under new head coach John DeRossett.

BLACKCATS OPEN SEASON WITH TITLE

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

HINDMAN – Don't look now but the Prestonsburg Blackcats are building tradition in all of the school's sports teams this season.

The Football Cats always put a winner on the field. The Basketball Cats made it all the way to the regional semifinals this year and now the Baseball Cats have opened the 2003 season with a tournament title in

Hindman in the Eastern Kentucky Invitational Tournament. Prestonsburg scored 54 runs in the four games played in the tournament. The Blackcats also got solid pitching enroute to the title.

The championship game pitted the Blackcats against the Whitesburg Yellowjackets. The game was played in a driving rainstorm and had to be called after five innings with the score tied at 5-5, but tournament rules gave the title to Prestonsburg on

total runs scored in the four games. Prestonsburg got things going in a hurry, scoring three runs in the first inning.

Prestonsburg put two runners on base via walks and Adam Dixon followed with a three-run shot for the Cats. Joey Willis got the ball for Coach John DeRossett in the finals and threw a strong game for the cats as Whitesburg was only able to put one

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BLACKCAT NOTES

Prestonsburg had a game in Pike County rained out after four innings of play on Tuesday. The team is scheduled to play in the Queen City Classic this week.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Parker out of spring drills

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – Gerad Parker will have to stand on the sidelines or watch from a safe distance the rest of spring drills. Parker, a graduate of Lawrence County High School and a junior wide receiver on the University of Kentucky football team, left practice Saturday with

(See PARKER, page three)



First-year head coach Tim Rice has the Alice Lloyd College softball team back in competition. More on ALC softball appears

NAIA

Eagles sweep Southwest Va. Softball team back in the swing of things

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College baseball team hosted Southwest Virginia Friday in a doubleheader. The Eagles won the first game 10-0. Jason Smith

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COMMITMENT

Wheeler commits to ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Senior Brandon Wheeler played just one season for Johnson Central High School, but made much of the campaign. Wheeler, who transferred to Johnson Central from Lawrence County to play his final season of prep basketball, recently gave Alice Lloyd College and head coach Gary Gibson a verbal commitment.

Wheeler would have signed with Alice Lloyd this week had school been in session in Johnson County. School was out in Johnson County for Spring Break.

Johnson Central graduates

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GOLF

HAP to host golf tourney Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will host a golf tournament Saturday at Stumbo Park in Allen.

The league invites residents in Floyd and surrounding counties to join new league president Mike Jarrell for a day of golf and fellowship. Proceeds from the event go to HAP Little League. The annual golf event is the biggest fundraiser for the league.

Prize money in the tournament will be awarded as follows: First-place – \$1,000; Second-place – \$750; Third-place – \$500. There will also be a chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one con

(See HAP, page four)



Powell County senior Jeremy Jones will play in one of nine games in Louisville this weekend as part of the Executive Inn AllStar Classic. Jones is undecided on college.

Area players in AllStar Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – This year's Executive Inn AllStar Classic will be held Saturday at Manual High School. A total of nine games are scheduled with the final two games of the day featuring some of the state's top senior talent.

But the young talent will also be present.

Shelby Valley sophomores Kelsey Friend, Seth Kiser and Patrick Tackett will join East Ridge sophomore Aaron Brown on the West Team in Game 3 (Class 2005) at 12:30 p.m. Game 5 (Class of 2004)

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The training is free, and lunch will be available at a cost of \$8.00 per person.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

South Floyd High School, like many other high schools throughout the state, has sent students off on a Senior Trip this week. With that, the baseball and softball teams at SFHS will not be in action this week.

"We usually come back from Senior Trip behind some of the other teams," SFHS baseball coach Barry Hall said.

The Raider baseball team opened its season last week with a loss on the road at Shelby Valley.

Baseball

Blanton shines in opener for Johnson Central

Host Johnson Central opened the 2003 baseball season last Wednesday with a 7-6 loss to visiting Hazard.

Sophomore pitcher Adam

Blanton, who will play for the Huntington Hounds baseball club team this summer, pitched six and one third inning, giving up six runs on eight hits, while striking out 11 walking four in a

tough no decision. Sophomore Jeremy VanHoose came on to throw 2/3 of an inning. VanHoose gave up one run on one hit, hit one batter and struck out one in the loss for Johnson

Central (0-1).

The win improved Hazard's record to 1-1.

Teams head south

Baseball teams from Johnson Central, Paintsville and Belfry high schools are down south this week in Myrtle Beach, SC for the Hawaiian Tropic Classic. All three teams return to play this season as strong contenders in the 15th Region.

Softball

Johnson Central wins opener

Johnson Central senior pitcher Brianne Daniels pitched the Lady Eagles to an impressive 13-1 win over Sheldon Clark when the two teams met in a season-opener last week in Martin County.

Daniels allowed the lone Sheldon Clark run on just four hits, while striking out eight and walking only one.

Daniels helped herself at the

(See REGION, page three)

YOUTH SOCCER

Trailblazers begin season with strong efforts

On Opening Day (March 29), the U-10 Trailblazers fought the elements and the Johnson County Hurricanes for a 1-1 tie in season opener for both teams. Both squads went without scoring in the rainy first half. The action picked up early in the second half, with the Hurricanes scoring within the first five minutes. The all-female Blazers focused, however, and stopped all further scoring efforts of their skilled opponents.

Kaitlyn Minix, Madysen Nunnery, Kelsey Hughes, Thalia Holland and Meghan Banks kept pressure on the Johnson Countians. In the meantime, goalkeepers Alexis DeRossett and Kathleen Smith shut the door. The efforts of defenders and mid-fielders Rachel Pescosolido, Kasey Moore, Christine Walz, Alison Conley, Brenna Ousley and their fearless leaders, Clara Osborne and Tori Hunt, were excellent throughout the game.

The defensive efforts were rewarded by Osborne's long drive to the top of the Johnson County penalty box, followed by a net-rippling shot to tie the score.

The second week of the season saw the Trailblazers travel to Johnson County to take on the Johnson County Kixx. Clara Osborne supplied all the scoring punch in a 4-2 victory. The Kixx broke out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Kennedy Hall midway through the first half. Osborne tied it soon thereafter. Allison Salyer put the Johnson County squad up 2-1 within one minute after the first Trailblazer goal. In less than a minute, Osborne answered.

The second half was scoreless for nearly twenty minutes due to excellent goaltending by Andy Adkins for the Kixx and superb defense by the Trailblazers, led by their goalie Alexis DeRossett. With five minutes to go, Osborne again found the net. The Blazers kept constant pressure on the Kixx defense for the remainder of the game, and they were rewarded with a penalty on the Kixx during a drive by Kathleen Smith. Osborne calmly drove the penalty shot home. Alison Conley, Tori Hunt and Kasey Moore played great defense to seal the victory.

The Trailblazers will play at home this Saturday against the Belfry Rampage.

U8 Supersonics pull to 1-1 on season

The Floyd County U-8 Supersonics evened its season record at 1-1 with a home win this past Saturday morning over the Belfry Storm. The Supersonics used a strong team

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H.S. BASEBALL

Bobcats begin season with win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — In the hole 4-0 to start, Betsy Layne was down, but not against Magoffin County. Bobcat pitcher Brett Preston gave up four runs to visiting Magoffin County in the top half of the first inning, but recovered to notch an 8-4 win.

A couple of costly errors led to Betsy Layne spotting Magoffin County four runs in the first frame.

Randall Craft, Courtney Conley, Brad Marshall and Adam Smith reached base and scored for the Homets in the first stanza.

Despite scoring four runs in the game, Magoffin County could come up with just one hit in the game.

Betsy Layne scored one run in the first inning, three in the third and one in the fourth to take the lead away from Magoffin County for good.

Junior Jordan Kidd recorded the save for the Bobcats coming into the game in relief of Preston and throwing three innings of scoreless baseball.

Lance Collins and Ryan Lawson each had two hits for the Bobcats. Collins scored two and Lawson drove in a pair of runs. Betsy Layne was back in action on Thursday and came up short, losing 4-3 to Sheldon Clark.

The Bobcat baseball team continues its season this week in Morehead for the Foothills Tournament.

Area

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features Jordan Mullins (Pikeville), Brandon Ratliff (East Ridge) and Robbie Spears (East Ridge).

Lawrence County High School will send two players, both seniors. Adam Brown will play in Game 8 and teammate Steven Driver will show his talents in Game 9. Both will play for the West teams.

Shelby Valley's Paul Terry Fleming and Pike County

Central's Barry Sanders will also suit up for the West Team in Game 8.

Powell County's Jeremy Jones, still undecided on college, but expected to play somewhere next season as a college freshman, will also play in Game 9.

Complete rosters may be viewed online at www.derek-smithallstars.org/executive.shtm

ALC

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already on the ALC men's basketball roster include Tommy McKenzie, Jimmy Burchett and Dock Johnson, a player who signed with the Eagles last spring. Wheeler led the Golden Eagles in scoring this past season. He will become the first of what Gibson and staff hopes to

be a very good recruiting class.

"We are hoping to sign four or five players for the varsity for next season," Gibson said.

A time and date for Wheeler to sign with Alice Lloyd has not yet been announced. A signing will more than likely take place one day next week.

COLLEGE FEATURE

Multi-sport star Ortega fills many roles for Centre baseball team

by JILL ERWIN
ADVOCATE MESSENGER

In his final full year as a Centre College athlete, John Ortega has decided to do a little bit of everything.

But Ortega's always worn several hats in his years on the baseball diamond for the Colonels.

Ortega has played football, basketball and baseball this year, becoming the first Centre player since 1952 to start games in all three sports in the same year.

"In 31 years of coaching, he's the best athlete I've ever coached," baseball coach Ed Rall said.

The versatility that allows him to compete in all three sports also shows up in spades in baseball.

Ortega joined the baseball team last year after not having played since his high school days at Prestonsburg. He is a center fielder by trade, but has also logged time at third base and catcher for the Colonels.

"He was a lifesaver for us last year at third base," Rall said. "When (Matt) Durham was pitching, we didn't have anybody to play third, so he just filled in admirably for us."

"He had never been there. We put him there in the second game of a doubleheader and he got about six or seven ground balls and fielded every one of

them. He's just a natural."

He's batting .360

Ortega is also the second-string catcher for Centre this season when he's not in center field, batting .360. He often catches the second game of doubleheaders to give catcher Tim McLaughlin a break.

"Coach finds a place for me,"

Ortega said. "If he's got a place he needs somebody to get some rest, like our catcher in a doubleheader, then he asked me if I could catch. I caught a little bit in high school, so I told him I'd try it out. It's worked out well so far."

Ortega came to Centre in 2001 after walking on as a football player at Kentucky for two years. He started at safety for the Colonels, earning second team all-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference honors and honorable mention All-America honors from d3football.com.

Last year, Ortega was named first team preseason All-American by the same Web site and finished the season as a first team all-SCAC honoree. He was also named Centre's defensive player of the year for the past two years.

He finished last year second on the team in tackles with 83, had two interceptions, seven pass breakups, two tackles for loss and forced a fumble. He also led the team in punt returns.

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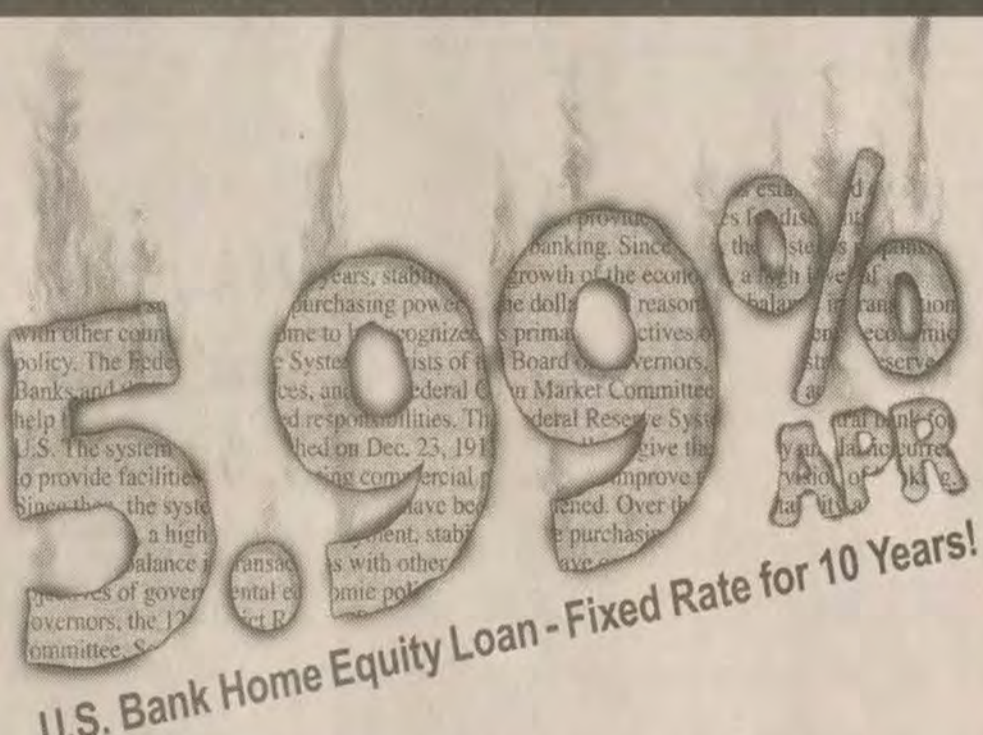
PRIDE Spring Cleanup Schedule & Projects

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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Kinzer Motorsports gets back on track

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - Things are looking up for one of the state's premier dirt track drivers.

After weeks of disappointment, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports was finally able to get back on track in

a weekend of Carolina Clash sanctioned events.

On Saturday, Kinzer traveled to Thunder Valley Speedway in Lawndale, North Carolina. The 50 lap \$3,500 to win Carolina Clash season opener featured 47 drivers, including some of the southeast's

best. According to series regulations, the top 16 drivers in qualifying were automatically entered into the feature; the #18 qualified and started ninth. Throughout the race, Kinzer teetered around his opening track position, but by races end was able to maintain his ground and finish in ninth place where he began.

Riding the wave of success at Thunder Valley, Kinzer Motorsports spent Sunday at Cherokee Speedway in Gaffney, South Carolina for a second Carolina Clash race. Qualifying and starting 11th, the No. 18 battled his way through the \$4,000 to win 50 lap event to finish seventh.

"We couldn't be happier about the outcome of this past weekend," said Kinzer. "Our performance at these two events helped bolster our confidence. This season started rockier than we would've liked,

but we all hope this weekend will serve as a positive turning point for the team."

The next scheduled event for Brandon Kinzer is an American Late Model Series event on Saturday at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

Partnership in place

Duayne Hommel, 2002 Southern All-Star Champion (SAS), and Brandon Kinzer, 2003 SAS Rookie hopeful, have made plans for a 2003 driver partnership.

Throughout the 2003 season, drivers Brandon Kinzer and Duayne Hommel have agreed to trade track information with each other before and during events. Each hope that by consulting on track conditions they will be better able to lead their teams to more titles and trophies. In 2002, Kinzer was able to bring home nine feature wins, and qualified for both the Dream 100 and World 100 at Eldora Speedway. With the addition of crew-chief Jimmy Cabral and the deal with Hommel, Kinzer hopes to earn the SAS 2003 Rookie of the Year title. Since the team's introduction to late model racing in 1997, several Feature wins have been attributed to the team, but no titles, yet. The No. 18 is proudly sponsored by Stardust Cruisers, AFCCO Racing Products, Alert Oil & Gas, Commonwealth Chiropractic Center, Prestonsburg Cycle Center, Kinzer Drilling,

Eastco Supply, Perry Co. Tires, Stealth Carburetors, and Lonesome Pine Raceway.

Defending his 2002 SAS National Championship is how Duayne Hommel plans to spend 2003. Sponsors for this season include Alert Oil & Gas, Lakeway

Concrete, BASE Racing Fuel and Oil and Pro Power Racing Engines. When asked of the deal with Kinzer, Hommel stated, "Brandon helped me out in a time of need last year. I felt this partnership was the least my team could do to repay his generosity."



photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central Middle and the other middle schools in Floyd County field volleyball teams this spring. Larry Maynard coaches the ACMS volleyball team.

Ortega

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bringing back 23 kicks for 242 yards, an average of 10.5 yards per return.

But even that didn't satisfy him. Ortega decided to look into playing other sports as well.

"I'd given up on basketball and baseball after going to UK," Ortega said. "I decided to focus on football. Once I got the chance to come here, I looked into it a little bit and saw how the workload was with practice and everything. I decided to try it out with my last year, and it's worked out so far."

Ortega joined the basketball team after finishing the football season, stepping in and playing valuable minutes at point guard after starting guard Kyle Roby injured his knee in the preseason.

He started off slow on basketball team, but came on strong

Ortega started off the year understandably slow, not having played since high school, but said his game came around by the end of the season. Ortega was named to the all-SCAC Tournament team after the year

and finished the season shooting 50 percent from the field and 46 percent on 3-pointers.

"I was surprised how well I played," Ortega said. "Like baseball, it took me a while to adjust to the college level and everything, but toward the end of the season I started playing pretty well. I put a lot of extra work in and it paid off in the end."

But the end isn't quite here for Ortega. He has two years of athletic eligibility left after not playing at UK. However, he is set to graduate next winter with a degree in computer science.

Ortega said he will meet with Centre athletic director Brian Chafin to determine his playing status for basketball. Ortega said there's a rule that allows students that graduate 60 days after the completion of school work to complete the athletic season they are currently in.

Ortega's mind is completely on baseball now, and he said he can tell he's starting to come into shape. However, he also knows it will be a while before

he reaches the level he needs to be at.

"Even if you've been practicing, it takes a while to get your swing back and it takes a while for your arm to get into baseball shape," Ortega said. "Different muscles are used in each different sport. I'm starting to get back into shape now, and two or three weeks from now I'll be in top shape."

Rall said Ortega is always in shape.

"He works real hard and keeps his body in wonderful shape," Rall said. "He just really looks like he enjoys all the sports and practice never seems to be drudgery to him. He definitely could play up a level in football and baseball."

"He's really a good one. He's very humble. I don't even think he has any faults. I've never heard him raise his voice. He's just quiet and a real good person."

This story ran in the Advocate Messenger on April 3.

Parker

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a fractured collarbone and will miss the rest of spring drills, new UK head coach Rich Brooks said Monday.

It was the same collarbone that Parker broke in the fifth game last season that caused him to miss the rest of the season. Brooks said that Parker

should be 100 percent by the start of fall practice in August.

With a new coaching staff in place, it is still unclear how big of a role Parker will play in the Kentucky offense next season. Parker came out of Lawrence County High School as the state's all-time leading receiver.

Soccer

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commitment to defense to prevail 2-1. Fleming the defensive effort were Lane Terry, Bryant Studebaker, Rachel Hall, Laurel Small and Andrew Padgett. Allyson DeRossett and Allyson Branham each relieved offensive pressure from the Storm in the second half by pushing the ball back into the Storm's end of the field. The Supersonics were staked to a 2-0 lead on two first period goals by Cameron Love. After allowing a goal in the second period the remainder of the game was a defensive struggle with solid play from both squads. The Supersonics next play in Pikeville on Saturday at 9 a.m. against the Leprechauns.

half with an early goal scored by forward Nick Hughes followed by another goal by midfielder Josh McCarty. Johnson County then answered back with a goal. Nick Hughes then scored another goal.

Prestonsburg goalie Josh Woods had six saves in the first half; he then scored another goal, his second of the game. Prestonsburg goalie Josh Woods had six saves in the first half.

In the second half, the Quakes roared out with four goals, two by forward Eplin Little and two more by Hughes. Woods, who played goalie the entire game, shut the Omegas out in the second half by not allowing a single goal.

The next game for the Prestonsburg U19 team is Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Prestonsburg field against the David Falcons.

Region

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plate with a double and a single. She also crossed the plate three times in the game.

Johnson Central scored runs in every inning in the win.

Johnson Central's Lori Carty had two singles while teammates Maggie Callis, Nellie Barton and Ashley Meek added a single each.

The Lady Cards' one run came on four hits.

Kim Calloway led Sheldon Clark with two singles. Tiffany Meade and Brittany Horn banded out a single each.

U19 Quakes win opener

The Prestonsburg U19 youth soccer team, the Quakes, guided by coach Wilter Perez, opened its season Saturday at the Johnson County field at the American Standard plant with a 7-1 win over the Johnson County Omegas.

The Quakes opened the first

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Anglers hold season opener at Yatesville Lake

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA— On March 23, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its

first tournament of the 2003 season at Yatesville Lake in Louisa. This is the first event in a nine tournament season which will

conclude in November with the Club Classic. The Club Classic will feature the top 15 anglers who qualify through the clubs

points system, competing for a payout of \$3000 paid to the top-5 places.

The club has grown in size to over 40 members this year because of its reputation for being a well organized and ran club as well as having competitive tournaments and top notch competition. More members are expected to join in the near future.

The event blasted off at 7 a.m. Sunday morning with 25 boats competing, the first tournament of the year was under way. As the sky began to lighten up the anglers were greeted with a clear, cool morning. The weather for the tournament day was warm and breezy at about 65-70 degrees.

The lake was down to winter pool, which is about eight-feet below normal. The lake was stained with a temperature of 55-60 degrees. Because of all the spring rains we have had this year the water temperature is about 8 to 10 degrees warmer

than this time last year. This spike in water temps have the fish about a month ahead of schedule.

The fishing for the tournament was pretty good with most

everyone weighing in a few fish. The fish were in their late pre spawn pattern, which is staging near flatter banks near deep

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DIRT TRACK

Willard Speedway hosts races

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLARD — The Saturday, April 5 races at Willard Speedway brought out 65 racecars with drivers hungry for some dirt competition after a long winter's rest. More competitors created more excitement

around the red-clay oval Saturday, making it to the feature races to vie for the winner's trophy were 18 Modifieds, nine Super Streets, 14 Bombers and eight 4-Cylinders. Also racing were three Road Hogs and four V-6 Stock machines. The evening was rounded out with a Powder Puff race for the Ladies.

Willard Speedway, located in Carter County, is racing every Saturday with the gates opening at 1 p.m. and racing at 3 p.m. If there is a chance of rain, it's always best to call the track at

606/474-2477 before leaving home. Some exciting days ahead at Willard will include the 305 Winged Sprints, the Southern Ohio Sprints series. For this class, the first scheduled race is Saturday, May 3.

A complete list of results is posted on the website at www.willardspeedway.com. The following list are the top finishers of the April 5 races:

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test. A \$100 prize will go the golfer who hits closest-to-the-hole.

The tournament will be a captain's choice, four-man scramble, best-ball format. Allen Park does not allow metal cleats on its course. Members of participating teams are urged to inform other members of their team of this very important rule.

The cost of playing in Saturday's tournament is \$50 per player. The entry fee will include a free pig roast and free beverages. The league is encouraging area companies and businesses to get involved with the tournament. There is still time to do so.

For more information on the tournament, contact Mike Jarrell by calling 606/874-8165, after 6 p.m.; Tommie Layne at 606/874-9481, after 6 p.m.; or Mide Watson at 606/478-1482, anytime.

HAP Little League will hold its Opening Day on Monday,

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run on the board in the first three innings.

Josh Colmenares led the way for Prestonsburg at the plate going two-of-three on the night while teammate Adam Dixon drove in three runs. Prestonsburg put two more runs on the board in the third inning after Thomas Nelson opened the inning with a double. Mikeal Fannin was then hit by a pitch. Colmenares eventually plated both runners with a single.

Whitesburg mounted a rally with two runs in the fourth and fifth innings to tie the score at 5-5 and the tie when the game was called because of the weather. The semi-final game had the Blackcats taking on Williamson (W.Va.) and the Ccats came away with a 10-4 win in the contest. Prestonsburg started slowly against Williamson, but came alive in the third and fourth inning, scoring three runs in each inning.

Adam Dixon and Matt Setser each had two hits on the night for Prestonsburg.

John Mark Stephens was on the hill for Prestonsburg and went the distance allowing five hits while walking none and striking out four. Prestonsburg racked up nine hits in the game while Williamson finished with five. In the fifth inning, with Williamson threatening to produce a big inning, Setser hauled in a fly ball while falling down and held on through a backwards flip to help quiet the rally.

The Blackcats tangled with an overmatched Evarts squad in the second game of the tournament and came away with a 20-2 four-inning Mercy Rule win. Prestonsburg scored 11 runs in the first inning and ran away from Evarts. John Hunt, Michael Morrison and Willis all had multi-hit games for Prestonsburg.

Nelson went the distance for 'P'burg, allowing only two hits for Evarts. Prestonsburg improved to 3-0 on the season in claiming the title. Whitesburg finished second with Knott Central coming home in third.

ACHS goes 1-2 in tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — The Allen Central High baseball team opened the 2003 baseball season with a 7-9 loss to Whitesburg in its opening game of the Eastern Kentucky Invitational at Knott Central High School.

Senior Neil Allen had a home run and drove in three runs in Allen Central's setback.

Allen Central bounced back after falling to Whitesburg to beat Breathitt County, another 14th Region squad. Play in the tournament ended for the Rebels with a 3-2 loss to Evarts on Friday.

Allen Central is scheduled to travel to Sheldon Clark for a game in its next outing.

AC BASEBALL 2003

Apr. 2	Whitesburg 7-9 (L)
(Eastern Kentucky Invitational)	
Apr. 3	Breathitt County 9-6 (W)
(Eastern Kentucky Invitational)	
Apr. 4	Evarts 2-3 (L)
(Eastern Kentucky Invitational)	
Apr. 7	Pikeville (Rained out)
Apr. 7	Phelps (Rained out)
Apr. 13	at Sheldon Clark
Apr. 14	at East Ridge
Apr. 16	Sheldon Clark
Apr. 17	Betsy Layne

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NCAA Championship: Syracuse 81, Kansas 78

by EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Jim Boeheim insisted his long-awaited national title didn't make him a better coach. Wearier? Maybe so. In a riveting game that would make any coach go gray, the Syracuse Orangemen finally delivered the championship

Boeheim has sought during his 27 seasons at the school. They defeated Kansas 81-78 in the NCAA final Monday night behind big games from freshmen Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara and a late clutch block by a forward nicknamed "The Helicopter." "I might be getting old or something," the 58-year-old Boeheim said. "I didn't used to

get this tired." After this game, he certainly deserved a good night's sleep. Shaking and baking with an in-your-face offense straight from the playground, the Orangemen (30-5) took an early 18-point lead. They led 53-42 at halftime — setting a record for first-half points in the final. But the determined Jayhawks

(30-8) rallied, and the outcome was in doubt until the buzzer sounded. "We played the best first half

we could play, and then we just hung on," Boeheim said. Trailing 81-78 in the final minute, the Jayhawks had three

chances to tie. With 18 seconds left, Kirk Hinrich missed a 3-pointer that went halfway down the basket before rattling out.

The Jayhawks fouled Hakim Warrick, who missed both free throws with 13.5 seconds left. Kansas got the ball to a wide-open Michael Lee in the corner, but from nowhere, Warrick appeared and swatted the ball out of bounds.

At that point, his nickname — "Helicopter" for his 7-foot armspan — never seemed more appropriate.

"I definitely wanted to go out there and make a play after missing those free throws," Warrick said. "I saw a guy open in the corner and I knew they

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Ridge

The 2003 dirt track racing schedule is packed full of special events. Ten races will pay at least \$3,000-to-win for the dirt Late Models, and four different racing series will grace the 3/8th mile track during the 2003 season.

Thunder Ridge will play host to the season opener of the Mid-Atlantic Championship Dirt Racing Series. This will be the first ever visit to Eastern Kentucky for the series and this will bring in several new drivers to the area that many of the race fans have not had the chance to see compete before. The MACS Series will be at Thunder Ridge on May 10 for a \$5,000-to-win show.

Another dirt racing series making their first appearance in Eastern Kentucky will be the Southern All-Star Dirt Racing Series. The Southern All-Star Racing Series is one of the oldest dirt racing series in the nation and always has a great following of drivers and fans including a local driver that is currently vying for Rookie of the Year in the series, Brandon Kinzer of Allen.

The SAS Series will be at Thunder Ridge on June 21st for a \$5,000-to-win show.

The Renegade Dirt Car Racing Series will make its return to Thunder Ridge after a four-year absence. The Renegade Dirt Car Series is one of the most popular dirt racing

series in the nation with several nationally known drivers following the series. The Renegade Dirt Car Racing Series will be at Thunder Ridge on July 19 competing for a \$7,500-to-win feature.

In 2002 the only series that competed at Thunder Ridge Raceway was the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass. In 2003 The STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Dirt Racing Series will be at Thunder Ridge for four big shows. The Battle of the Bluegrass series was one of the most competitive and talked about series in the nation in 2002 and has close ties to Thunder Ridge. Knott County native Eddie Carrier Jr. holds the pleasure of not only being the 2002 STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Series Champion, but also the 2002 Thunder Ridge Late Model Track Champion. Eddie Carrier Jr. will lead the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Series back to Thunder Ridge on May 30-31 as well on August 29-30 for the second annual "Summer Thunder at the Ridge" presented by JD Racing.

One of the biggest events in Thunder Ridge racing history will also be back in 2003. In 2002 The Miller Brothers/Pepsi Fall Classic drew one of the biggest audiences to ever see a dirt track race at Thunder Ridge with race fans filling the parking lot and over flowing out onto the shoulder of Route 3, and race

cars were backed out onto Route 3 by the time the gates were able to open. Drivers traveled from as far away as Wisconsin to compete in the event that paid the winner \$10,000. The 2003 Fall Classic presented by JD Racing should be even bigger with \$15,000 waiting for the winner of the feature race. The Fall Classic presented by JD Racing will be September 27.

Thunder Ridge will present five exciting divisions of racing every Saturday night throughout the summer months; Late Models, Limited Late Models, Street Stock, Bomber, and Four Cylinders. Racing will begin on April 19 with the Limited Late Models, Street Stock, Bomber, and Four Cylinders all running a regular show. Late Models will be added to the weekly show lineup on April 29.

For more information about dirt track racing at Thunder Ridge Raceway call 606/436-1124 before 6 p.m., 606/436-5870 after 6 p.m., or email jamie24@foothills.net.

Games

by the entrance and lighting of the Olympic Torch. Troopers from the Kentucky State Police in Pikeville will carry the torch through Prestonsburg along South Lake Drive through to the athletic complex. The torch will be passed to four Special Olympics athletes then placed on a stand to watch over the competitors throughout the day.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Floyd County Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson will speak to the athletes and declare the Games open.

Numerous running events from 25 meters to 800 meters, and field events, including shot put, long jump and softball throw will take place. An Olympic Village will be available for athletes, volunteers and guests to enjoy from blood pressure screening to games and music.

Special Olympics is a year-round sports training program for persons with cognitive/developmental or related disabilities and is available to athletes ages 8-80.

For more information about this year's Area Games, or to volunteer for the day, call Ed Senig at 452-9564 or Robin Crider at 886-8655.

Meeting

Floyd County Special Olympics will hold its next meeting tonight at Community Connections. The meeting is scheduled to begin around 6 p.m.

Lake

water waiting to move in to spawn. The majority of fish were caught on the main lake.

The lures of choice for the tournament were a crankbait and a spinnerbait.

The club brought 39 legal fish to the scales, weighing 73.58 pounds.

The top finishers are as follows.

Kevin Harper: 5 bass — 16.71 lbs.

Kevin Runyon: 3 bass — 13.17 lbs. (Big Bass — 6.23 lbs)

Name Withheld: 4 bass — 12.72 lbs.

Kyle Calhoun: 4 bass — 10.24 lbs.

Allen Rose: 2 bass — 6.38 lbs.

Andy Maynard: 2 bass — 5.57 lbs.

Jimmy Kirk: 2 bass — 4.95 lbs.

Donald Collins: 2 bass — 4.08 lbs.

Ralph Taylor: 2 bass — 4.08 lbs.

Brandon Staten: 1 bass — 3.91 lbs.

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H.S. SOFTBALL

Lady Rebels split over two games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LETCHER — Allen Central rallied late to defeat Letcher 12-10 in high school softball action last Wednesday night. Letcher was playing the same Allen Central team which blew by Pike Central in its opener.

The Lady Rebels owned a seven-run advantage after the first inning, before scoring three times in the top of the seventh to pull out the two-run victory.

Allen Central's Tiffany Turner, who finished the day with four hits, ignited the final rally with a one-out double.

Following a walk to Terri Mullins, Amber Scott reached on an error to load the bases and Kristie Howard walked to force home Turner with the tying run.

Jessica Isaac then pushed out a basehit to score Mullins with the eventual game winning run and Scott with some insurance.

Mullins and Isaac finished with two hits apiece and Turner pitched all seven innings as Allen Central won for the second straight time this season.

Turner tossed a no-hitter Tuesday night to lead the Lady Rebs in a 24-2 three inning win over Pike County Central.

Jackie Martin and Megan Harris collected three hits each to lead Allen Central, which finished with 14 hits.

Kristie Howard and Jenny Spurlock added two hits apiece to the Lady Reb offensive effort while Turner, Mullins, Scott, Harris, and Martin all crossed the plate three times.

Johnson Central 9, Allen Central 8
PAINTSVILLE — Trailing 2-0 at the end of one inning, Allen Central tied host Johnson

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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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Earnhardt wins record fourth in a row

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. narrowly avoided an early crash and charged from behind Sunday to win the Aaron's 499, becoming the first driver to win four straight races at Talladega Superspeedway.

Earnhardt, who led nine times for 34 laps in a race in which there was a total of 43 lead changes among 16 drivers, fought off challenges at the end from Jimmie Johnson, Ward Burton and Matt Kenseth.

He fought his way into the lead twice in the last four laps, once with

a controversial pass below the yellow line on the track apron.

"That was some of the hardest racing I've seen here in a long time," Earnhardt said.

The 28-year-old son of the late Dale Earnhardt, the career leader at Talladega with 10 Winston Cup victories, came up with his first win of

the season and the eighth of his career.

Sunday's win broke the record of three in a row on the 2.66-mile oval, set in 1975 and 1976 by Buddy Baker.

"There ain't too many (drivers) ever won four races here, period," Earnhardt said. "I'm stepping into some awful big shoes."

NASCAR requires carburetor restrictor plates at Talladega and Daytona, its two longest and fastest ovals. The plates sap horsepower and produce huge drafts up to four-cars wide in which a multi-car wreck — sometimes called "The Big One" — is virtually inevitable.



photo by Steve LeMaster

The Allen Central Middle School volleyball team entered Spring Break on top in the Floyd County standings.

Blackcats in Queen City Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — A new era of Prestonsburg baseball has been ushered in with new head coach John DeRossett leading the charge. The Blackcats, after winning the Eastern Kentucky Invitational, begin play in another tournament, the Queen City Classic, tonight in Hazard. Prestonsburg will take on Cawood tonight at 8 p.m. at Perry Central High School. The Blackcats switch over to Hazard High School for a game against

Casey County on Friday at 10 a.m. The Blackcats' third game against Madison Central Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. will also be played at Hazard.

Several seniors have given up the annual PHS Senior Trip to play in this tournament.

The tournament will feature two different pools. Pool A includes Perry Central, one of three tournament hosts, Leslie County, another tournament host, Madison Southern, Oneida and Henry County. Pool B includes Prestonsburg, Hazard, the other tournament host,

Cawood, Madison Central and Casey County.

The championship game of the tournament is scheduled for noon on Saturday at Leslie County.

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P'burg softball team drops first two games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School softball team didn't get off to quite the start it had hoped for on Tuesday evening, April 1.

The Lady Blackcats, playing at home, began the season with a loss to an accomplished Belfry Lady Pirate team. Belfry junior Anna Bevins gave up one hit in four innings of work to secure the win for Belfry.

Dana Runyon led Belfry with three hits, including a triple. Kelly Hale, Brittany Chapman and Brandi Stanley each had two hits for the Lady Pirates.

Prestonsburg hosted Paintsville on Thursday and also fell, losing 4-1 to the visiting Lady Tigers, under head coach B.J. Ward.

Prestonsburg girls' basketball coach Harold Tackett is pulling double duty this season as he has taken over the reigns of the school's softball team. Tackett replaces Jackie Day Crisp who spent one year at the helm before moving on.

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needed to hit a 3, so I just tried to fly at him."

With 1.5 seconds left, Hinrich put up a desperation heave that found nothing but air. At the buzzer, the Orangemen mobbed the court to celebrate the program's first title.

"Last year, this time, I'm playing in high school for a state championship," McNamara said. "Now, you know, we're national champs. That's hard to believe."

It was a great basketball game — a well-timed tribute to the excellence this sport can provide after a season filled with embarrassing scandals at Georgia, St. Bonaventure, Fresno State and elsewhere.

Boeheim's milestone win denied Roy Williams his first title in a 15-year career at Kansas.

"Jimmy Boeheim hasn't gotten the respect he deserves," Williams said. "I'm happy that I think he'll get more of it now. I hate that it was at our expense."

The coach was choked up, not only by the loss, but the knowledge he'll never again coach Hinrich or fellow senior Nick Collison, who finished with 19 points and 21 rebounds.

"I've never been one to like moral victories, and I don't like this one," Williams said. "But I love the competitiveness of my kids."

Indeed, they had quite a hill to climb, and quite a group of players to stop.

McNamara hit six 3-pointers, all in the first half, to finish with 18 points. Anthony showed he is certainly ready for the NBA if he chooses, fighting off a bad back to finish with 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

"All my hard work just paid off tonight," Anthony said. "I paid a physical toll the whole night, the whole tournament. The whole season, everybody's been beating me up. Coach told me to tough it up."

The Orangemen built their big lead during a breakneck first 20 minutes. But things ground to a halt in the second, and it was Boeheim's famous 2-3 zone that closed out the game.

The Jayhawks never really

found the outside touch to force the Orangemen to guard them up high. Hinrich shot 6-for-20 — 3-for-12 from 3-point range, including the two late misses.

Inside, Syracuse's "D" came close to turning Kansas into a one-man show.

Collison, the All-American forward, was valiant and brilliant. But he simply didn't have enough help against the tall and long Syracuse players and that well-coached defense.

Meanwhile, the Jayhawks missed an amazing 18 of 30 free throws; Collison went 3-for-10.

"I think the dominating thoughts that everybody will have will be their shooting percentage in the first half and our inability to make free throws."

Williams said.

Sixteen years ago, Syracuse lost by one to Indiana on Keith Smart's game-winner with four seconds left on the same Superdome floor. Boeheim said he wanted to get the last four seconds right this time, and he did — just barely.

"I think this building kind of owed us one," he said.

As to whether the victory validated his already illustrious career, or made him smarter, Boeheim demurred.

"I don't think about validation or anything like that," he said. "I'm the same coach I was just a few minutes ago. If Hinrich had made that jump shot, I probably would be worse. But that's the game."

H.S. SOFTBALL

Ladycats open up with losses

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — Fresh off a 15th Region championship in girls' basketball, some holdovers from Betsy Layne High School went into softball last week. The BLHS softball team opened the season on the road at East Ridge High School, losing 8-4 to the host Lady Warriors on March 31, the first day of the new season for some area teams.

Betsy Layne had its first home game of the season the following day. The home game with Shelby Valley resulted in a 13-2 loss for the Ladycats.

Betsy Layne will host Breathitt County on Tuesday.

Other games this month for the Betsy Layne softball team — Apr. 17 Paintsville; Apr. 21 at South Floyd; Apr. 24 Sheldon Clark; Apr. 29 at Knott County Central.

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was the winning pitcher. K.W. Sexton had

four hits and three runs batted in while Dan Howard had three hits in the game. Byron Hall (one hit, three runs batted in) and Ben Monroe (one hit, two runs batted in) also had productive games.

The Eagles also won the second game by the score of 10-2. Brian Smith was the winning pitcher and Brandon Morgan picked up the save. Josh Todd picked up two hits and an RBI.

Michael Marcum had a hit and two runs batted in as the Eagles pounded out 12 hits in the contest.

The Eagles traveled to Athens, Tenn. for a three-game conference road trip on Saturday and Sunday against Tennessee Wesleyan. In the first game on Saturday, ALC scored two runs in the top of the fifth inning but Wesleyan scored one run in the bottom of the fifth and four in the bottom of the sixth for a 5-2 win.

Sexton, Clark, Marcum and Monroe each had a hit and Whitaker picked up an RBI in the game.

In the second game, the Eagles managed only four hits, one each by Daniel Knauz, Eugene Farmer, Chris Combs and Whitaker in an 11-0 loss.

The series wrapped up on Sunday. The Eagles had 14 hits but committed five errors and left too many runners on base throughout the game in a 22-4 loss. Sexton went three-for-three with a home run and four runs batted in.

Marcum, Noah May, Eric Helton and Knauz each had two

hits in the game.

This week the Eagles are scheduled to host UVa.-Wise on today in a doubleheader. They also have a three-game road trip

at Milligan College on tap for the weekend.

Softball

The Alice Lloyd College women's fast-pitch softball team, coached by Tim Rice, hit the field for the first time in a couple of seasons last week with six games. The team got off to an excellent start on Monday in a doubleheader at home against Asbury College. The ALC women won their first game by the score of 10-2. Betsy Layne graduate Kim Tackett was the winning pitcher.

Erin Bingham and Devon Reynolds, also of Betsy Layne, each had three hits in the game. In the second game, Asbury came back with a 12-4 win.

Bridgett Maggard had two hits and Lora Mullins had three hits in the game.

On Wednesday, the Lady Eagles traveled to Union College for a doubleheader. The game was tied at three until Union scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning en route to a 6-3 win. Bingham and Reynolds each had two hits in the game.

Tackett had two hits and three runs drove in.

In the second game, the Lady Eagles lost 21-10. Mullins had three hits in the game.

The Lady Eagles played a doubleheader at Berea on Friday. Krystal Caudill picked up the only hit in a 10-0 loss in the first game of the double show.

In the second game, the Lady Eagles lost 8-0 in a game in which they did not get a hit.

This week the ALC women are scheduled to play a doubleheader at home on Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hindman Park.

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| Friday, June 6 th | Megan Goble, <i>Vocalist</i> |
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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

- 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 regardless of income. Center telephone:

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POISON OAK

Tactful, tolerant and tough

by CLYDE PACK

About the only thing left of the once-prosperous eastern Kentucky coal camps are a few remodeled company houses, and what memories of community life that can be stored in the heads of those who experienced them.

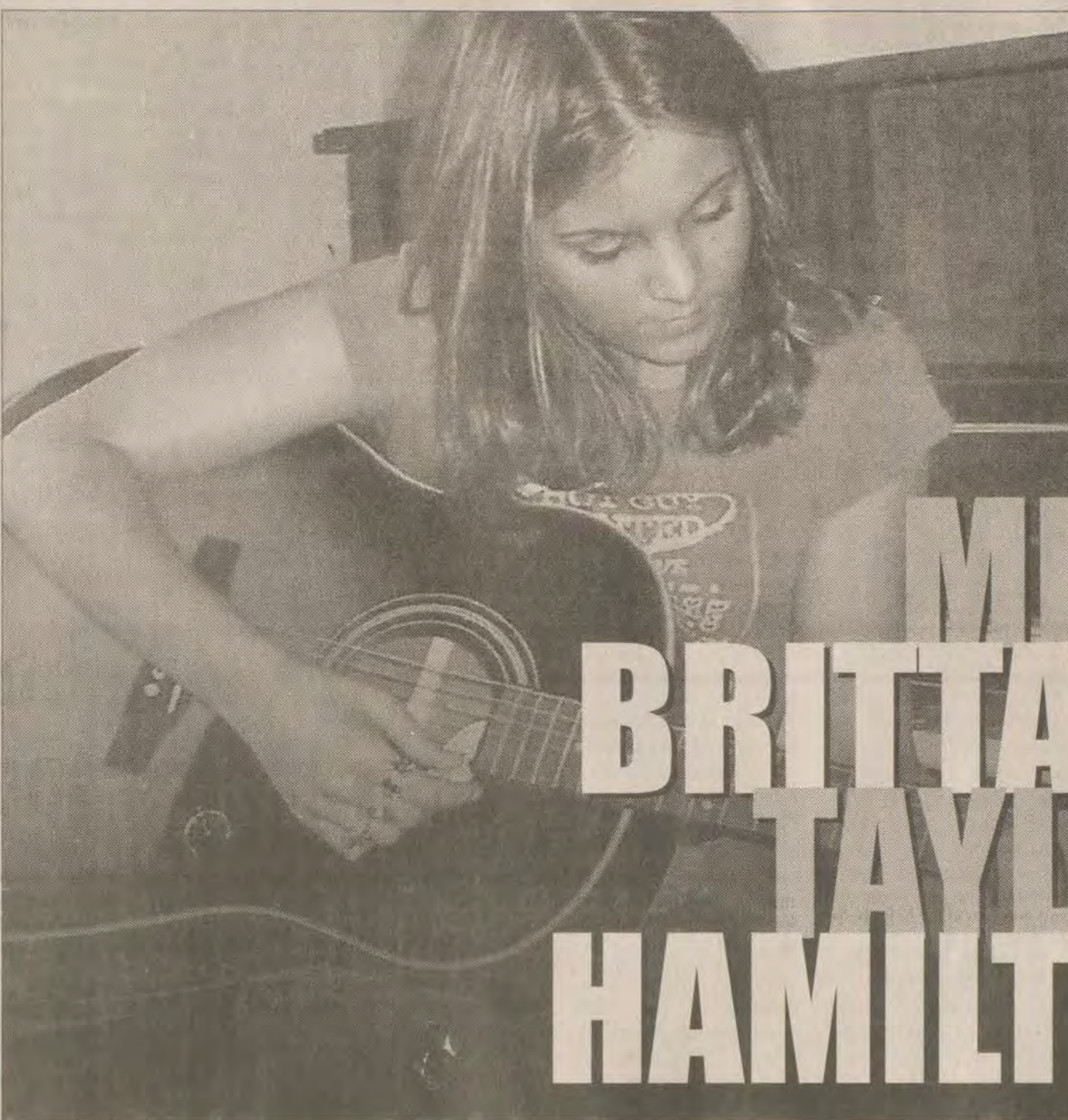
The word "prosperous," although selected carefully, may raise a few eyebrows of those who were never



fortunate enough to have ever lived in one. Likely as not, to those folks the word "prosperous" conjures up thoughts of money. On the count of three, the rest of us can have a hearty laugh at that one. In the first place, about the only money anybody ever saw was only for an hour or so at the end of the half, when the miners opened those tiny brown envelopes and shook out the change left over

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J R . P R O S P O T L I G H T



Brittany at home, near the musical instruments she loves - her piano and her guitar. Brittany says she enjoys composing her own songs.

MISS BRITTANY TAYLOR HAMILTON

Carrying a tune, keeping step and 'painting fingernails'

I attend 8th grade at Hindman Elementary in Hindman. While in school I enjoy volleyball, participating in speech, and hanging out with my buddies. I also take karate, play the piano and guitar and write songs on my own. My parents are Shane and Lois "Bug" Hamilton. I have one younger brother, Eric Shane. I am currently a lead vocalist and sing backup for other singers in the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros.

At times I have had to dance, thanks to Chris Lafferty. Believe me, I am no dancer!!! Singing has been a large part of my life since I was about 4 or 5 years old. My grandmother, Beulah, always said I could carry a tune. But it was actually one of my primary teachers, Ms. Patty Rose, who convinced Mom I could sing.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Since I have told each Jr. Pro member to consider their profile as their own personal forum, I thought this week that I would just run Brittany's in her own words. I don't think I can tell the story any better than this talented little lady can!



Brittany gives it her all during a Jr. Pros performance at the MAC.

Kim's Korner: A truly grand opening

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE



Vacation's over, and it's back to work full speed ahead. First, though it needs to be said that there was a mistake in last Sunday's article on The Christian Messenger. Kathy Prater and I were just on the phone a little while ago, and she asked that I clear that up in this column for her since she will be vacationing this week. Kathy sends her sincere apologies to Clyde Burchett, owner of the building where the Christian Messenger is now located. Gary Wright had made us aware the building was vacant and whom we

needed to contact. During the grand opening celebration and all the conversations taking place from everyone she just got a little confused. So, please accept our apologies, Mr. Burchett, for you are a wonderful landlord! There are so many people to thank for making our grand opening such a glorious occasion. And I truly wish I could have the space to name each of you. However Ralph would probably skin me. Mayor Jerry Fannin, made the event so memorable and special, our gratitude is beyond words. Jim Caldwell, WYMT's infamous weatherman, can always bring a

smile to every occasion he's a part of, and we truly appreciate his participation in our special day. To my relatives, friends, church family, co-workers, and boss Rod Collins, I am grateful for your support and encouragement and attendance at the ceremony. Having each of you there made the day even more special. When I picked up a copy of Sunday's edition, my heart filled with joy to see the coverage of this very blessed occasion on the front page of the Business section. God continues to pour out His Blessings and here's hoping each of you receive all He has to shower upon you!

Kim Frasure

School

886-9812.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

■ April 15 - Open House, 5-7 p.m. Report cards will be handed out at this time.

■ 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

■ April 22 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:00-2:00 p.m. Please bring the following records: (1) An official copy of the student's birth certificate (applications may be obtained at the school, health department, or the school board central office). (2) Kentucky Immunization Certificate. (3) Physical exam form - performed within twelve (12) months prior to entry to school. (4) Eye examination - performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist and completed on the Kentucky Eye Examination Form. **For questions, please call Teresa Frazier at the school.

■ 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 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, there is a list of several necessary items in order to register. Call 358-9878 to schedule a FREE physical for your child. This physical exam is necessary in order to register your child for the upcoming school year.

■ April 17 - April parent meeting, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

■ April 17 - Advisory Council meeting, 4:15 p.m., in school conference room. Meeting is open to public.

■ April 25 - "Spring Fling Dance," 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission - \$3 per person. Reason for admission is to help fund trip for 2nd and 3rd grades to the Louisville Zoo in May. Grades K-8 are invited to attend. Dance will be held in school gym.

■ April 28 thru 30 - "Volunteer Appreciation Week." School will host a volunteer appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, April 30, from 11:30 - 12:30. We appreciate all our school volunteers, so come on out and "have lunch on us!"

■ 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 14 - School will hold a public forum beginning at 5 p.m. for the purpose of viewing the newly revised Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.

■ April 14 - "Stranger Danger" program for primary students.

■ April 17 - "Time Out for Parents," program, from 1-2:30 p.m.

■ April 21 - "Recycling" program for 2nd grade.

■ April 24 - "Stranger Danger" program for primary students.

■ April 27 thru May 4 - "National Volunteer Week." May Valley thanks all their volunteers for their assistance.

■ 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

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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 14 and April 16, 1992)

A write-in candidate for the district three school board seat, who received just two votes in last November's general election, is asking state officials to declare him the winner of that race. Robert Stewart, who was defeated by incumbent board member Tommy Boyd by 1,496 votes, sent a letter, Tuesday, asking Attorney General Chris Gorman to investigate the issue, because he says he wants to know "how a person can resign from office when, legally, he never held that position." Boyd, who suffered a stroke, last October, and who has remained in a wheelchair and unable to speak, was sworn into office in a private ceremony in January. Dan Hall, acting as legal guardian for Boyd, resigned Boyd from his board seat March 31, because of health reasons. Boyd's resignation came just days before he was scheduled to answer charges of misconduct in office, before the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education...The Easter holiday was marred, for at least three Floyd County families, Sunday, following an afternoon traffic accident that put two men in the hospital, and a Meade Branch woman in the Floyd County Jail. Mickey Keller and Erman Dean Poe were driving west on Route 114 at Middle Creek, Sunday, when an eastbound Cadillac, driven by Lois G. Hieronymus, crossed the center line, struck the Keller vehicle and forced it off the road. Keller and Poe were transported to the Highlands Regional Medical Center, where they were treated and released. Trooper David Maynard of the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police, arrested Hieronymus, and transported her to the Floyd County jail. She was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant...A third suspect has been charged in the Thursday night assault on Wayland police chief Danny Francis. Marion Wade Martin, 21, of Wayland, was arrested Monday night and charged with fourth degree assault on a police officer. Martin is the third person charged in the incident, which left Francis slightly injured. Francis received a broken nose and required stitches in his face and head. Two suspects were arrested at the scene, Thursday, Gary Jacobs, 18, of Wayland and a 17-year-old juvenile. Both were charged with third degree assault on a police officer...Members of a local planning committee, charged with recommending architects for future school construction projects, have wasted no time in getting down to work. Monday evening, committee members listened to presentations from three architectural firms, and

have sessions planned to talk with six more companies. The committee is conducting the informational sessions in an effort to get a jump on two projects they have listed as the next major school construction projects needed for Floyd County...Discussions about the city's annual July Fourth fireworks display, and about the use of Area Development Fund revenues, set off fireworks of a different kind, Monday evening, at a meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council. Tempers flared when Perry Summers, newly-elected chairman of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, told council members that he was "pretty sure" that the tourism commission would arrange and pay for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at Archer Park, but said that, with severe budget cuts, he was not sure where the commission would find the funds to pay for the display...A CSX railroad worker was killed at Dwale, Tuesday, when he was struck by a train while walking along the track. Franklin "Frank" Scalf, 44, of Prestonsburg, was struck by an oncoming train, and died at the scene. Scalf was a brakeman for the CSX Corporation...Two Floyd County men were indicted, Tuesday, by a Fayette County grand jury on heroin trafficking charges, following a February arrest by officers of the Lexington-Fayette Urban-County Police Department. Joey Wesley Campbell, 28, of Prestonsburg, faces trial on one count of trafficking in heroin; and Ronald Harold Neeley, 32, also of Prestonsburg, has been charged with one count off trafficking in heroin, one count of possession of heroin, and first degree persistent felony offenses...The Mountain Comprehensive Care Adult Day Habilitation Program, better known as "the Greenhouse Training Program," is currently celebrating its twentieth year of operation as "a growing concern." Program Director Chalmer Howard has been active with the Adult Day Habilitation Program since its inception, overseeing about 45 developmentally challenged adults who work at the greenhouse, growing trees, flowers and vegetables for the entire region...Two Floyd County school board members discussed the finishing touches on a revised short-term improvement plan, Tuesday, in order to meet a deadline imposed by state education officials, and to avoid the threat of being ousted from office. Board members approved revisions on 35 recommendations in the short-term plan, which state officials had deemed unacceptable last month...Area health care providers publicly criticized Governor Brereton Jones' controversial new health care reform program, Tuesday evening, at a Floyd County Medical Association banquet, saying that it needed a "major overhaul"

in order to accomplish its projected goals. Keynote speaker for the event, Chairman of the Board of the Kentucky Medical Association Political Action Committee, Dr. Samuel J. King, said that the members of his organization are "so disgruntled (about Jones' plan) that we are considering...pursuing litigation"...There died: Shirley Caldwell, 76, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lorena Mullins Hamilton, 59, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Abel Johnson, 68, of Bevinsville, Thursday, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington; George Smith, 74, of Leburn, Friday, at his residence; Sam Williams, 86, of Mousie, Wednesday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Ollie James Slone, 80, of Bypro, Monday, at his residence in Monticello; Vance Hall, 23, of Honaker, Friday, at Honaker; John Dennis Caudill, 87, of Bevinsville, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Jacqueline Johnson, 54, of Wayland, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Edgar Holland, 69, of Carrie, Wednesday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; William Yancy Cash Sr., 74, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Florence Ann Nelson, 59, of Auxier, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ena Pigman Mills, 80, of Wayland, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; "Tootsie" Dorothy Joyce Hall, 66, of Harold, Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Franklin "Frank" Scalf, 44, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, as a result of a train accident at Dwale; Mamie Sturgill, 73, of Wayland, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Cosby "Connie" Hazlett, 64, of Ocala, Florida, native of Martin, Thursday, at Shands Hospital; Nola Gearheart Cox, 75, of Greenwich, Ohio, native of Hueysville, Monday, at the Mansfield General Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 20, 1983)

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Floyd County will probably have to sue the estate of the late county court clerk, C. Ollie Robinson, who appeared to owe the court \$51,047, according to a 1981 audit...State officials, who have been closely supervising Floyd County finances, since an investigation in February, revealed the county was in serious financial difficulty, assumed complete control of spending...A U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the 1979 murder conviction of a Floyd County man, after finding "prosecutorial miscon-

duct" on the part of Lester H. Burns Jr...There died: Larcie Endicott, 67, of Cow Creek, last Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Kenneth Dale Collins, 47, of Langley, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Annie Mae Mosley, 71, of Wheelwright, April 7, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Paul Crawford, 54, of Hi Hat, April 12, in a Lexington hospital; Carter Dale King, 3, son of Shiller and Clara Belle Hamilton of Teaberry, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Edward Mitchel, 53, of Teaberry, last Thursday, at his home; Hatler Hill, 54, of Wheelwright, April 7, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ernestine Samons, 48, of Arkansas Creek, April 11, at her home; Rev. Harry Moore, 67, of McDowell, last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Marion Tackett, 79, of Printer, April 13, at her home; Fred (Yellow Cat) Goble, 71, of Auxier, Saturday, at his home; Grace DeRossett, 67, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Jeanetta (June) Mollett, 86, of Wheelwright, January 1, at he home of her daughter.

Thirty Years Ago

(April 18, 1973)

Floyd County's share of Rural Secondary highway funds for the fiscal 1973-74, beginning July 1, is \$393,985, it was announced, last Friday...Sunny skies and relatively mild temperatures helped make this year's ninth annual Mountain Dew Festival one of the most successful ever, with a record number of participating students...Wind damage, sustained last Thursday, temporarily interrupted expansion and renovation of Jenny Wiley boat dock...W. L. Wells and R. M. Henderson, founders of the Princess Manufacturing Company at Auxier, have sold their interest in the company to Executive Wardrobes Inc., of Concord, N.C....Floyd County spelling bee winners were Jackie Jarrell, champion, and Valerie Ratliff, runnerup...There died: Mrs. Mary C. Hobson, 84, Tuesday, at her home at McDowell; George W. Newman, 63, of Hi Hat, Saturday, at his home; Eleanor Owens Starline, of Vandalia, O., formerly of this county, April 2, in Ohio; Craig Hamilton, 80, of Craynor, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Alton Otto Frazier, 57, formerly of Martin, April 8, in a Dayton, O., hospital; Johnny Hale, 54, formerly of Prestonsburg, at his home in Lexington, April 4; Harold Lloyd Moore, 42, found

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Step

We were singing the "Hooked on Phonics" song and she ran to my mother's classroom and said, "You have to hear Brittany sing." And then it all started. Mrs. Vicki Frazier pushed me to sing in all the school talent shows, insisted I perform at local festivals and entered me in contests.

After hearing me sing, one of

my mom's closest friends, the late Bobetta Everage, encouraged her to enroll me in voice lessons and apply to perform in Showcase 23. I was fortunate to be selected for the Showcase performance. I think I was about 7 years old at the time. I sang "One Way Ticket" and "Hopelessly Devoted"—and everybody stood. I loved it! A

few weeks later, the MAC contacted me about voice lessons. On that very week I had to fill in for another Junior Pro member and it was at that time that I became a regular member. Thanks to my family, I gained the confidence to do it.

Being a member of the Junior Pros has given me several opportunities to perform. We

have traveled to several different states and have performed for numerous agencies.

Probably my most memorable moment while being a Jr. Pro member was in Nashville when Billy Ray Cyrus winked at me. Bus rides always provide memories, too. Particularly,

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Oak

after the company had held out a large percentage of already meager wages for rent, and the groceries bought at the company store.

The word "fortunate" (as used in the previous paragraph), was also used on purpose, because the advantages gained from coal-camp living have more than served us well. Like today's pre-packaged hot oatmeal, prosperity comes in a variety of flavors, and those who rubbed elbows with all the assorted personalities that made up the community, have developed into a people who are tactful, tolerant, and tough.

Early eastern Kentucky coal-camp families also represented a diverse ethnicity. But a neighbor was a neighbor, and it mattered little to anybody, from whence they came. About the only difference anybody really noticed, anyway, was whether or not the head of the family worked the day shift, the night shift, or the hoot owl.

Another thing that made a coal camp special, was that there were no class distinctions.

Everybody lived in a company house, and it didn't matter whether you were a "boss," or had the dirtiest job in the mine, you were of equal rank inside the community. Everybody (except the men on the night shift, of course) showed up at the Friday night pie supper being held at the grade school to raise money for a new lunchroom. Even those on the night shift were in attendance for the Labor Day picnic, as cheers went up sporadically when the local Joe Dimaggio connected for a homer at the baseball field, or new horseshoe champions were crowned amid the clang of metal on metal, filtering from the only area of abundant shade as provided by a huge sycamore.

The company store is gone now. So is the old schoolhouse. The company houses still there are no longer painted the once-familiar monochromatic sameness, and are now equipped with cable TV, indoor plumbing, and tons of memories; memories of a time when a sense of community was predominant, and neighbors got along.

Happenings

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH
SERVICES CENTER

April 14 - Peer Pressure and Conflict Resolutions classroom presentations.

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

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

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

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

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

STUMBO
ELEMENTARY/MUD
CREEK FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 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

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

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW
JUNCTION FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER

"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.

Yesterdays

dead near his home at East McDowell.

Forty Years Ago

(April 18, 1963)

The State Finance Department is proceeding on schedule with plans to construct a Community College building for the University of Kentucky, at Prestonsburg...Before the Saturday midnight deadline had passed, 42 Floyd County men had filed for office at the County Clerk's office here, as candidates...Nearly 4,000 eastern Kentucky families, participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's food stamp program, received more than \$225,200 of food stamp coupons during March...Floyd, and two other eastern Kentucky counties, are among the top six in average daily attendance figures, the Department of Education announced this week...The National Labor Relations Board hearing, called to probe into the mine field unrest and activities of mine pickets, began at Pikeville, Monday...Woodland fires became a major threat again this week, and eight fires, whipped by a strong wind, were burning out of control in this county, Wednesday...There died: Sam K. Music, 72, Monday, at his home on Little Paint; Ed Banks, 84, of Water Gap, Sunday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington; Willie Baldrige, 82, of Auxier, Monday, at his home; Ernest Baldrige, 46, of West Prestonsburg, last Thursday; Ora Lee Amburgy, 47, native of Tram; Friday, at Chicago; David P. Osborne, 91, of Prestonsburg, Sunday; Lee Stewart, 90, of Morehead, formerly of Prestonsburg, April 7; Mollie Conley, 83, formerly of this county, March 28, in Silver Lake, Indiana.

Fifty Years Ago

(April 16, 1953)

The grand jury here, Tuesday, indicted two members of the Louisville accounting firm of the W. M. Cotton Company, charging them with falsification of the audit made of Floyd County officials' receipts and expenses...Extensive development of the Stratton Branch area for the convenience of campers and picnickers at Dewey Lake, is being planned by the Huntington district office, U.S. Corps of Engineers...Burtis Wicker, 33, former Floyd Countian, was killed last Wednesday, when a bridge spanning the Big Sandy on a link in the Paintsville-Inez road, collapsed as Wicker was crossing it on a tractor pulling a trailer...The Prestonsburg-West Prestonsburg bridge on which an eight, ton load limit has been placed, will undergo repairs, starting within the next few days...Julia Ann Derossett, 6, died Monday, April 13, at King's Daughters' hospital, Ashland, of burns received in an accident, February 5, when her clothing caught fire at an open fireplace at the home of her parents, at Dock...Last Thursday night's windstorm hit Prestonsburg and vicinity with near tornado force, causing damage of several thousand dollars...After being under the water of Beaver Creek for ten minutes, and apparently drowned, Greg Mynhier, six-year-old Martin child, was rescued from the stream and restored to life, minutes after artificial respiration was administered by Red Ison, also of Martin...Two Floyd County high school graduates, members of the Morehead State basketball squad, honored by the Morehead Kiwanis Club

recently, are Jim Duff, of Garrett, and Russell Hunley Jr., of Prestonsburg...Married: Miss Alka Lanette Dingus, of Alphoretta, and Mr. Don Smith, April 4...There died: Isham Webster Hughes, 59, formerly of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, in Sacramento, California; Mrs. Dave Prater Hoover, 92, former Garrett resident, at the home of a son at Carlisle, Kentucky, April 14; Wilson H. Halstead, 86, former Prestonsburg man, at the home of a son, at Wales, Pike County, April 11; John Bevins, 40, at his home on Buffalo Creek at Endicott, Friday.

Sixty Years Ago

(April 15, 1943)

The Selective Service system underwent another revamping, this week, as preparations were made to induct into the armed services, this year, every able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 37...Caught between a heavy fall of slate in the mines of the Inland Steel Company, at Wheelwright, Noel Bates, 32-year-old Wheelwright miner, was instantly killed early Wednesday morning...For bravery during a submarine attack on the merchant ship on which he was serving, and the subsequent sinking of the vessel, Spency Cook, 19, seaman first class U.S. Naval Reserve, of Gearheart, has been awarded a letter of commendation by the Chief of Naval Personnel...The West Prestonsburg home of Mrs. Sadie Price was destroyed by fire at 5 a.m., Wednesday...Lt. L. A. (Jack) Donoho, formerly of Wayland, is missing after his plane crashed in Chesapeake Bay...Ray Patton, of Estill, former pitcher of the Prestonsburg team, is with the Louisville Colonels this spring. Last Sunday, he hurled three-innings against the Chicago Cubs in an exhibition game, allowing one harmless single. Another Floyd County boy, Joe Weddington, of Emma, is on the Colonel's roster as a catcher...Staff Sgt. Walter L. Goble, of Lancer, has been hospitalized in North Africa with a slight wound. He has been in six separate engagements in North Africa...A teacher in the Floyd County schools eight years, Miss Gradys Flannery, of Martn, will return to college herself, next Monday—to prepare for service in the WAAC...There died: Emma Dell Prater, 17, of Glo, Monday, at a Paintsville hospital; Wilson Clark, 71, Tuesday, at his home here; Mrs. Violet Pauline Price, 27, Sunday, at Wheelwright.

Seventy Years Ago

(April 14, 1933)

J. A. May has resigned his post as a member of the Floyd County Board of Education, and his son, Frank May, has been named his successor...Three members of the Mills family, of Martin County, were convicted at Inez, Wednesday, of the "human sacrifice" slaying of Mrs. Lucinda Mills, 67, near Tomahawk, February 28, last. One received a life term, the others, terms of 21 years each...The Red Cross supply of clothing for the aid of Floyd needy is exhausted, Miss Ella Noel White, Red Cross chapter secretary said, this week...Ishmael H. Triplett was reelected superintendent of Prestonsburg schools for a three-year term at a meeting, Monday night, of the City Board of Education...There died: Lewis (Tom) Stumbo, 76, April 3, at a Martin hospital.

Happy Birthday



Emily will be 4!

Emily Faith Tackett will celebrate her fourth birthday on April 24, 2003. This "little angel" is the daughter of Wesley and Stephanie Tackett, of Cynthiana. She is the maternal granddaughter of Bobby and Gwen Hale, of Martin County. Her paternal grandparents are M.L. and Judy Tackett, of Grethel. Emily will enjoy a wonderful day filled with a "Barbie" theme birthday cake, lots of ice cream, gifts, and visits from close family and friends.

Weddings

Bradley-Hughes reunite

Ricky Hughes and Michelle Bradley, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce their plans to be reunited in marriage. The couple were first married on April 18, 1986. They plan to reunite in marriage on Friday, April 18, 2003, in the presence of family and friends. The ceremony will take place at the Rising Son Ministries Church, Allen, at seven o'clock in the evening. Pastor Danny P. Curry will officiate. Ricky and Michelle have one son, Dakota Bradley Hughes. All are invited to attend and celebrate this joyous occasion and share this special day with this special couple and their young son.



Pack-Fitchpatrick

Jamie Darrell and Stacy Ann Fitchpatrick are pleased to announce their recent marriage, held Saturday, March 29, 2003, in the home of the bride's parents. Stacy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pack, of Prestonsburg. Jamie is the son of Martha Fitchpatrick, of Van Lear, and the late Junior Fitchpatrick. The couple were joined in celebration of this special event by their infant son, Nicholas Evan, of whom they are exceedingly proud, close family and friends.

Critter Corner: House training puppies

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS, DVM

I get lots of calls concerning housebreaking. Dog owners have heard so many old wives tales and so much bad advice that it has turned a fairly straightforward process into a major project. First off, let's establish some basic concepts.

Dogs don't understand English. They will learn the meaning of some words as they go along, but they are not born with the ability.

Dogs don't share our concept of "right" and "wrong, nor do they have a concept of abstract value. The Oriental rug was soft and

absorbent; Puppy had no idea that it was "valuable" or why you think he was a "bad dog".

Dogs can't really move mentally backward and forward in time. Puppy can't make a connection between your being upset over a puddle in the floor now and the fact that he made the puddle two hours ago.

It is much easier to teach a dog what "right is", rather than what "wrong is not". In other words, doesn't it seem much simpler to teach Puppy that you do want him to relieve himself in the far corner of the yard, than to teach him you don't want him to go in the living room, kitchen, bath, bedroom, or back porch, or on the front steps, the walkway, the flower bed, etc.,

etc., etc.?

Puppies are babies. They are going to have accidents and make mistakes. Resign yourself to this from the beginning.

With these ideas in mind, let's look at how the original housebreaking expert, Mother Wolf, handles the job. The origins of most dog behavior can be found by the study of their close relatives, the wolves, who for the most part still live as they have for thousands of years.

Mother Wolf wants to keep a clean house, or den as much as we do. When the pups are still infants, she keeps them and the nest clean. (Motherhood has always been a dirty job.) Once the babies have reached the toddler stage, they instinctively do their business a little way away from the nest, and Mother also takes care of that. Once they can walk, she begins to "potty train" them by leading them outside the den to a designated area. When they have accidents, she doesn't scold or punish them; she just cleans up the mess and continues to show them "what right is". Soon the entire litter knows where the toilet area is.

I'm a great fan of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", and this system has worked for countless generations: it has Mother Canine's good housekeeping seal of approval. So how do we put this plan into action?

First, set the puppy up to succeed. Minimize the chances for an accident to happen. Think how big your house seems to something as small as a six-week old pup. It's worse than trying to find the restrooms at the mall. Don't give Puppy the run of the house at first. He will be much more reluctant to make a mess in a small area, where he has to sleep, than if he can toddle into the next room, where out of sight will be out of mind. When Puppy is out of his confinement area, supervise him. This doesn't mean he is somewhere in the living room while you watch TV. This means that you are actively watching and interacting with him, or that he is physically attached to you by a leash-and-collar "umbilical cord" hooked to your belt. (The "umbilical cord" is also an excellent way to help teach the concepts of restraint and walking with you.) Give him lots of opportunities to go outdoors; remember how small his bladder is, and that he may not have full control of it yet.

Now we've set the stage by discussing the "whys". It's time to get down to the nuts and bolts of the "hows".

This method is one of the quickest, easiest, and most reliable ones. It does, however, take advantage of the perfect situation, where someone will be home all day with the pup. In the real world, we are usually dealing with less than ideal circumstances, so each case calls for its own modification of the basic plan.

First off, resign yourself to a couple of weeks of pretty intense work with the puppy. Hard work now, for a short time, will pay off with years of a well-behaved pet.

Arm yourself with cleaning supplies, because there WILL be accidents. The best cleaning agents are a mild detergent and clear water. Use absorbent cloths or paper towels to blot up as much moisture as possible. You will also need a good odor neutralizer. Most vets' offices carry very effective products. A good household substitute is half water and half white vinegar. (Be sure to spot check fabric and carpet for colorfastness.) Don't get something that just covers up odors. Just because you can't smell anything, it doesn't mean that Puppy can't. Remember dogs' noses are many times more sensitive than ours, and they tend to return to previously soiled areas. Now that you are aware of that little gem, use it to your advantage. Soak up a little

of Puppy's next puddle on a piece of paper towel or newspaper and place the damp paper in a plastic zipper bag to save for use later (honest). By the way, for this same reason, avoid ammonia-based cleaners. They have a chemical makeup somewhat similar to urine.

Fix the puppy up a little "home-within-a-home". It seems to turn people off when we call it "crate training", probably because



"Muffin." Muffin is a nine year old female West Highland Terrier owned by Sherry Prater. Muffin had just had her hair done at PetsMart in Lexington before this picture was snapped. Her owner said that Muffin was feeling "very proud" that day. Muffin has already appeared once before in the Times as the winner of the "Top Dog" category in the SNOOP pet photo contest. Muffin's owner says she enjoys taking pictures of Muffin in a variety of poses and outfits and that Muffin is very easy to work with and photograph.

it conjures up images of a dark, cramped airline crate. Actually, a roomy, airy wire cage is more the ticket. A blanket draped over one end will give him a nice secluded place to sleep. Remember that dogs are den animals, so a crate is not cruel; in fact it becomes his "safe spot". In the crate you want room for him to stand up, turn around, stretch out, etc. and not much more. (Wolf dens aren't exactly the Waldorf.) He needs his bed, some water in a no-tip bowl, and some toys in there. I prefer the toys that will really keep him occupied, such as the hollow, hard rubber "Kong"® types that can be stuffed with peanut butter, cheese, or some other treat that he will have to really work at. These can entertain puppies and adult dogs for hours and can be washed in the dishwasher for the next session. Ideally, there should not be a bowl of food left in the crate; the pup should be on several scheduled feedings a day. The crate is to be a sanctuary, not a prison! He goes in there when he is tired, overnight, when you are gone, and any time you cannot actively supervise him. He does not go in there because you have better things to do and don't want to fool with him. It is kosher to use it as a time-out spot for short periods when you just can't handle the little demon any longer!

Now, his wolf-ancestor instincts should kick in—the ones that say "don't soil the den". Of course he can only hold things so long, so he should have lots of opportunities to relieve himself in his "spot". The selected area should ideally be outdoors. It should be close enough to be convenient for you and him while he is still little, but far enough away so it won't be a problem when he weighs 80 pounds and has to get rid of all that kibble he packs away in a day's time. Carry that soggy little paper towel you prepared earlier out with you in the sandwich bag; you can then pick up the whole mess in the bag and dispose of it. How often should you take him out? I can give you a rule of

thumb, but the exact timing will depend on the individual pup—older puppies have more control, females sometimes take longer to develop bladder control, digestive upsets and recent deworming may affect the need to eliminate. In general, take the pup out first thing in the morning, last thing at night, after every meal, after every play session, any time he seems restless, and especially if you see him starting to walk in circles.

Initially, I would get up at least once during the night until I was sure he had enough control to last until morning. This goes for weekends and holidays too. And notice I said take him out, not let him out. You are to go with him and see that he eliminates.

Consider feeding the pup several meals a day, rather than leaving food out constantly; this will help put his system on a schedule, and takes advantage of a reflex in young pups that signals the need to eliminate soon after a meal.

You may have to carry the puppy to his potty area if he's really small, but he should be on leash so you can keep him in the general vicinity once you get there. He won't understand the purpose of the trip outside at first. With his short attention span he will be distracted by

every new sight, sound and smell, so give him time. Use a phrase—"go potty", "get busy", etc., which he will eventually learn to associate with the act of elimination.

If he does not eliminate within a reasonable amount of time (5-10 minutes), he should go back into his "den" for a little while and then taken back out to try again. Praise the pup as he eliminates. You are praising for the location of elimination; the act of elimination is self-rewarding; it relieves pressure and makes the puppy feel better.

Don't punish the pup for accidents. It is extremely unfair to punish a puppy for something he doesn't understand. It will only confuse and scare the puppy, and it doesn't do anything for his concept of you as a good leader, either. So how should you handle the inevitable accidents in the house? If you didn't actually catch the puppy in the act, about the only thing you can do is to roll a newspaper up tight, hit yourself over the head with it, and resolve to be more observant next time! If you do see him eliminating in an inappropriate place, DON'T yell, run at, or hit the puppy. This obviously will scare him, and fear says to the body, "drop this load and get out of here!", so it will be counterproductive. If you can distract him with a sharp handclap or by tossing something like an empty pop can or a beanbag near him (not AT him), it may buy you a few seconds. Just say, "no, no, not here", or something similar in a normal tone of voice, scoop the pup up gently and take him out to his "spot". If you're lucky, he will finish his business in the proper place and you can praise him. I

have read in several books that you should not let the puppy see you clean up his accidents, but I honestly can't understand the logic behind this. As far as I know, the mother wolf doesn't take any pains to be secretive, so I don't see why we should.

As puppy grows and gets a little more control over his body, you should start to see him looking for a way to get out to his bathroom spot when he needs to go. You need to watch for these signs, because while some pups will make a racket if their "doorman" is not there to take them out, others will stand quietly near the door until they just can't wait any longer. Continue to take him out on leash at least a few more weeks to confirm that he's not just chasing butterflies while he's out there.

What about those less-than-ideal situations I mentioned earlier? Maybe no one can get home several times a day, or for some other reason you prefer to paper train the pup. It's actually easier to teach a pup to use paper; it just makes for an extra step to make the transition to outdoors later.

I've potty-trained entire litters of stray puppies with this method. By keeping them in a small tiled room (about the size of an average bathroom) their choices were limited. In half the room they had their food and water, their beds and their toys; the other half was covered with newspaper. Yes, they shredded paper, had accidents in the wrong spots, and in general made a huge mess. But soon the mess was more often on the paper than not, and gradually I reduced the area covered by the papers until they were located in one corner of the room away from the sleeping and eating areas. The mess moved with the papers. When they went to their new homes, at least they knew the basics.

A note about those commercial "housebreaking pads": they have the advantage of a plastic backing that keeps moisture from leaking through, and if this is what you're looking for, they certainly serve their purpose. If you're buying them because the package claims they have this magic scent that attracts puppies, don't waste your money. You have ample supply of the most potent chemical available, in the form of his own urine, to tell your puppy "this is your spot".

This method works for older dogs also. You will need to start from scratch, and make sure the carpets are very well deodorized. Remember that it takes longer to relearn something than to learn it correctly the first time. It's also a good idea to have an older dog checked by your vet if he's suddenly had a lapse in his bathroom routine. Many disorders, including bladder infections, diabetes, colitis, and "senility" (canine cognitive dysfunction) can cause this.

I hope this has helped clear up some misunderstandings about housebreaking—Good Luck!

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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 take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Virginia Baird Gannon Baird & Baird, PSC P.O. Box 351 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
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 65.44 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.

(FOR FINAL ADVERTISEMENT ONLY): This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-00524 THE BANK OF NEW YORK, TRUSTEE UNDER THE AGREEMENT DATED 12/1/01 (EQCC TRUST 2001-2) C/O FAIR-BANKS CAPITAL CORP. PLAINTIFF VS. ALLEN TACKETT, GERILIE TACKETT, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT MERCANTILE MORTGAGE COMPANY AND CITIFINANCIAL, INC. DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 30th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$66,909.42, 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 24th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 979, Hi Hat, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract One Beginning at a marked rock at the right of way of state highway 979; thence with said right of way up the road to Lilly Damron's line; thence up the hill to a point about 15 feet above old country road; thence around the hill to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Allen Tackett and Gerlie Tackett, his wife, by deed dated 6/25/91 of record in Deed Book 257, Page 201, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Tract Two Beginning at a marked rock at the right of way of highway state 979 up the right of way to Lilly Damron line; thence up the hill to a spotted forked oak tree; thence around the hill to a white oak; thence straight down the hill to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Allen Tackett and Gerlie Tackett, his wife by deed dated 6/25/91, and recorded in Deed Book 257, Page 198, in the office of 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 \$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.

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PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Michael R. Brinkman Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480

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

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-01148 KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF VS. CHARLES E. CAMP, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 17th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$85,914.38, 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 24th 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:

Beginning at an iron pipe & cap, a corner to 20 foot road (egress & ingress), thence running with said 20 foot road South 30 deg. 03 min. 23 sec. West 39.32 feet; South 30 deg. 16 min. 36 sec. West 76.76 feet; South 43 deg. 25 min. 01 sec. West 77.69; South 44 deg. 05 min. 11 sec. West 38.59 feet and South 39 deg. 54 min. 44 sec. West-61.97 feet to a T-bar, a corner to Ernest Fannin, Jr.; thence running with the line of Fannin North 72 deg. 38 min. 17 sec. West 107-57 feet; North 06 deg. 07 min. 13 sec. West-219.18 feet; North 79 deg. 36 min. 46 sec. East-87.99 feet and North 83 deg. 53 min. 51 sec. East-179.62 feet to an iron post in the eastern margin of the County Road Jim Potter Branch; thence running with the eastern margin of said road South 36 deg. 44 min. 44 sec. East-64.84 feet to the point of the beginning and containing 1.325 acres, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Charles Edward Camp and Joshua Paul Thornton by deed dated February 14, 2002, of record in Deed Book 469, Page 248, in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

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

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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 17th 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 hornbeam 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.

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 PM. 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 8AM and 4PM through April 17th. Questions may be directed to Superintendent Paul W. Fanning at 606-886-2354. 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 begin scheduled in accordance with KRS 157.620, and regulated by 702 KAR 1:001.

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

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. James E. Stierle 410 West Chestnut Street Suite 617 Louisville, Kentucky 40202

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I 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

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc.; 14305 Old US Route 23; Catlettsburg, Ky 41129, has applied for Phase I bond release on permit 836-5342, which was last issued on 06/12/2001. The bond release application covers an area of approximate 1242.00 acres, located 0.60 mile Northeast of Ivel in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.9

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Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2003, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, and will be opened at 1:05 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Thursday, April 17, 2003. All bids must be received by the time designated in the invitation, and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay, as a result of failure of the mails to deliver bids on time. Bids will be opened and read at the time and location stated above. Bids are scheduled to be awarded at the board meeting held at 6:30 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, April 28, 2003, at W. D. Osborne Elementary School, Bevinville, Kentucky.

mile Northeast from Ivel Creek Road's junction with U.S. Route 23/460, and located 0 miles West of Kinney Branch. The Latitude is 37°36'10". The Longitude is 82°39'17".

The bond now in effect for the permit 836-5342, is a surety bond of \$28,700. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$28,700 are included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed in 836-5342 has included backfilling and grading, redistribution of the available topsoil, and revegetation, in accordance with approved plan, completed on March 2002. The achieved results include the stabilization of backfilling and seeding of permanent vegetation species.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, Department of Surface Mining Reclamation, and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by May 30th, 2003.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for June 2nd, 2003, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's 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 May 30th, 2003.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 353.630 and KRS 353.640

An application for Pooling Order to drill and operate Equitable Production Company Well No KL-505275, is being filed with the Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. The subject property is located in Wayland Quadrangle, of Knott County, State of Kentucky. Said property being more completely described in Deed Book 38, Page 604, of the public records of the County Clerks Office of Knott County, State of Kentucky

Any party claiming an interest in the proposed pooled tract, should contact the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, C/O the Director of the Division of Oil and Gas, and Equitable Production Company (606-433-1240) within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication.

The following list comprises all known or last known owners of the subject property. To include all known or unknown heirs of George W. Koons, including address if known or last known address.

Dorothy Milenx
3750 North Harding Ave. Chicago, Illinois
E. Oswald Milenx and Adah Milenx, his wife 1134 Hazel Ave. Deerfield, Illinois

Robert K. Milenx and Lillian Milenx, his wife 234 Glenwood Ave. Highland Park, Illinois

Barnett H. Koons and Mazel Koons, his wife 222 South Orlando St. Daytona Beach, Florida

Fred Everett
Address unknown

Florence Mae Hughes 14 McClinck St. Shickshinny, Pennsylvania
George Enke
Address unknown

William B. Koons and Minnie Koons, his wife 54 Susquehanna Ave. Shickshinny, Pennsylvania

Jesse K. Liptock and Joseph Liptock, her husband 330 Chestnut St. Burwick, Pennsylvania

Wayne C. Cocking 1210 Wyoming Ave. Wyoming, Pennsylvania

Byron Cocking and Betty Cocking, his wife 575 Wyoming Ave. Wyoming, Pennsylvania

Hayden Cocking and Maddell Cocking, his wife 1712 A. Wilson St. Byran, Texas

Leonard George Koons and May Koons, his wife 2014 37th St., S. E. Washington, D. C.

Grace Leavy and Harry Leavy, her husband 915 Wyoming Ave. Fortyfort, Pennsylvania

Venice Allen Koons and Martha Koons, his wife Address unknown

Oswald Arthur Koons and 80 South Main St. Shickshinny, Pennsylvania

Sarah Isabel Engle and 140 Main St. Luzerne, Pennsylvania

NOTIFICATION

East Kentucky Radio Network, Inc., licensee of WPRT (AM), hereby provides notice that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has evaluated the Environmental Assessment provided by applicant, and found that the tower and transmitter building, proposed for the

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floodplain along Spurlock Creek, will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment, and that no further environmental processing is warranted.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5389 OPERATOR CHANGE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Levisa Fork Mining Company, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to revise Permit No. 836-5389, to add an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541. This revision proposes to add Rose Mining, Inc., 37 Stacy Street, Apt. 105, Harold, Kentucky 41635, as an operator on the site. The operation is

located 1.0 mile northwest of Beaver, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.75 mile west from KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road, and located in the head of Mitchell Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°24'37" and longitude 82°39'55".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-01325

U.S. BANK, NA (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRSTAR BANK, NA, F/K/A STAR BANK, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TRANS FINANCIAL BANK, NA) PLAINTIFF VS.

LARRY L. LEWIS, GEORGIA LEWIS, AND DISCOVER BANK, BY ITS SERVICING AGENT, DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 26th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$15,057.84, 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 24th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 1973 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL NO. 576-00-00-016.03
A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Cow Creek, containing 1 1/2 acres more or less and being more particularly described as follows: beginning at a black top road and concrete post straight line up hill going west to another concrete point around the hill going north to Joe Burchett's line down the hill following Joe Burchett's line going east around the hill, thence around the hill going south back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Larry Lewis and

Georgia Lewis, by deed in Volume 351, Page 154, of the Floyd County, Kentucky, records.

*Consists of Housing Unit and Lot.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may

exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, 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 asse-

ssed against the real estate.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 353.630 and KRS 353.640
An application for Pooling Order to drill and operate Equitable Production Company Well No KL-505126, is being filed with the

Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. The subject property is located in Carrie Quadrangle, of Knott County, State of Kentucky. Said property being more completely described in Deed Book 18, Page 226, of the public records of the County Clerks Office of Knott County, State of Kentucky

Any party claiming an interest in the proposed pooled tract, should contact the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, C/O the Director of the Division of Oil and Gas, and Equitable Production Company (606-433-1240) within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication.

The following list comprises all known or last known owners of the subject property. The Unknown heirs of Thomas Richie

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