

OVER 18,000 READERS, THREE TIMES A WEEK

The Times FLOYD COUNTY REGIONAL

ALL FOR ADC 301 12/27/2024 LEWIS BINDERY 190 LANDOR DR ATHENS GA 30606-2428

Attorney Eric C. Conn A SOCIAL SECURITY/SSI ATTORNEY Statue of Liberty, Stanville Free Call: 1-800-232-HURT

Associated Press • National Newspaper Association One Voice for Eastern Kentucky Kentucky Press Association • www.floydcountytimes.com

briefs

Ky. poverty increased at double national rate

FRANKFORT — Poverty in Kentucky increased at twice the national rate from 2000 to 2002, according to figures released Friday by the Census Bureau. Median household income declined slightly over the same period. Taken together, the two patterns were "disconcerting," said Ron Crouch, executive director of the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville. Crouch said the trend in Kentucky has been toward smaller households because families with children at home are declining as a percentage of the state's population. "You'd really expect income to be going up and poverty to be going down," Crouch said in a telephone interview. The census figures, expressed as averages for overlapping two-year periods, were taken from estimates based on data for the entire state rather than for counties or cities. The figures indicated an average poverty rate in Kentucky of 12.6 percent for 2000-2001, increasing to 13.4 percent for 2001-2002 — an increase of eight-tenths of a point. Nationally, the average increased by four-tenths of a point to 11.9 percent. Median household income declined 1.4 percent to \$37,905. The national median declined by 1.7 percent.

Fiscal court forced to reverse itself

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

School rates to appear on county's tax bills

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court not only has no choice in what the local school board sets as a tax rate, but also has no voice in whether they should include the rate on their tax bill, county attorney Keith Bartley told court members Friday.

During a special-called meeting Friday afternoon, Bartley told court members that Department of Property Valuation Commissioner Thomas Crawford met with him and other public officials Wednesday and informed local officials that the state requires the school tax to be included on the county's tax bill. "It's real clear that this board doesn't agree on the tax

increase," Bartley said, "but it's going on the tax bill whether they agree with it or not." In a followup letter from Crawford addressed to Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, County PVA Connie Hancock,

Bartley, Sheriff John K. Blackburn and Supt. Paul Fanning, the commissioner wrote, "It is clear from the statutes that a fiscal court has no authority to reject a school district's tax rate ... it is the Department's position that you (See TAX BILLS, page three)



photo by Sheldon Compton

Three people were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center after a single-vehicle accident Friday morning along Route 114 at Middle Creek. Captain James Adams with the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department said that one of the individuals was thrown from the vehicle while two others crawled away from the wreck when the vehicle struck a rock cliff while negotiating a curve along the road. The names of the individuals and further details were not available at press time. Officials suspect alcohol may have been a factor in the accident.

Former Martin police chief pleads guilty

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Former Martin Police Chief Jeff Powell, who was named in a seven-count indictment in May of this year and arrested on charges of first-degree theft of a controlled substance and six additional counts of theft by unlawful taking, pleaded guilty Friday afternoon in Floyd Circuit Court. Powell will serve two-and-a-half years in prison and then three more years on probation after his release.

For the second time in a year, Powell became the focus of an investigation after reporting to the courts that he had "flushed" nearly 3,000 prescription pills seized after Matthew Perkins robbed a Martin drug store last year. The court had ordered the pills to be brought in and presented to be destroyed. After an investigation was initiated, Powell was fired from his position with the city and longtime officer Jim Slone was put in as (See GUILTY, page three)

inside

Local News

- Odds & Ends.....A2 Expressions.....A4 Beyond the Beltway.....A4 Faith Extra.....A5 Regional Obituaries.....A6

Sports

- H.S. Football.....B1 Caudill Turf.....B1 Soccer News.....B1 Couch Update.....B2 Classifieds.....B5 Business Services.....B6

Judge asks FBI to investigate alleged threat in election fraud case

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A federal judge has asked the FBI to look into a complaint that at least one witness in an election fraud trial was threatened to keep her from testifying. U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves ordered the U.S. Marshal Service to provide protection for the witness, Sheila Combs Fugate of

Dwarf, who testified Friday despite the threat. Reeves said evidence was clear and convincing that Fugate had been threatened. Fugate was the last witness called by federal prosecutors before the election fraud trial of Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome and campaign worker Willard Smith adjourned for the weekend. The trial is scheduled to resume Monday morning. At that time, the (See TAMPERING, page six)

Newsome, 52, and Smith, 54, both of Hindman, are accused of buying votes in the 1998 primary election. They were among several people indicted earlier this year after an FBI investigation into election fraud in the eastern Kentucky county.

Grethel man pleads not guilty to rape

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Grethel man pleaded innocent in Floyd District Court Thursday to charges that he raped an underage female relative twice in two months. Ronald Fred Kidd, 40, of Grethel, was arrested Wednesday by Kentucky State Police Det. David Maynard on warrants following a criminal complaint alleging that sometime in May and then again on June

14 he raped an underage female relative. Maynard filed the criminal complaint against Kidd on Aug. 5. Kidd was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center following his arraignment, but has since posted a \$40,000 property bond. He was released under a restraining order that he stay at least 1,000 feet from the alleged victim and have no contact with her. Kidd will next appear in court for a preliminary hearing on Sept. 29.

One defendant dismissed from May Valley abuse case

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Following a signed affidavit, the case against Renee Conn, the May Valley Elementary special needs aide named in a federal suit alleging abuse against students at the school, has been dropped. The lawsuit, which focuses on Conn's former coworker, Marty Mullins, was filed earlier this month in U.S. District Court in Pikeville, and claims that Mullins abused several students in the school's behavioral disorder class on numerous occasions during the school year. In her affidavit, Conn, who said she worked as an aide in the classroom for about three weeks, said she began to notice "improper actions" taken by Mullins, adding that she witnessed Mullins twist one stu-

dent's hand behind his back on four or five occasions, and saw him take the same student into the bathroom and close the door for about five minutes. Conn said in her affidavit she believed it was classroom policy that the door should not be closed during discipline. In another portion of her sworn statement, Conn says she saw Mullins twist another student's arm behind his back, adding that during the first part of September 2002, she encountered the same student in a "very upset condition". The student told her that Mullins had "hurt him" by pushing him against a wall. Conn stated in her affidavit, filed Tuesday in Pikeville, that she noticed a "red place" on this last student's chest and then reported the (See DISMISSED, page three)



Nellie Baldwin, coordinator of food services for the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, spoke to the hospitality management class about operating the Student Center grill. Students learned about pricing menu items, customer service and the day-to-day operations of restaurant management. The Big Sandy Community and Technical College is now offering a degree in business administration, with an option in hospitality management. Pictured from left to right are Brandy Gibson, Kathy Clark, Amanda Hill, Jessica Warrix (behind Amanda), Jessica Dye and Kayla Minix.

2 DAY FORECAST Today Partly cloudy High: 60 • Low: 38 Tomorrow Partly cloudy High: 58 • Low: 38 For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

SMOKE SHACK I Rt. 80, Martin • 606-285-1070 II Rt. 23, Prestonsburg • 606-874-1070 III 457 N. Mayo Trail, Pikeville • 606-432-7316 ALL MAJOR TOBACCO BRANDS SOLD AT DISCOUNT PRICES. PRICES STARTING AT \$6.99 PER CARTON SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide. FREE LIGHTER WITH PURCHASE OF CARTON

Odds and Ends

■ **ROYAL OAK, Mich.** — A downtown merchant wanted to draw the attention of city officials' to the dead tree outside his store.

So Keith Howarth hung at least 50 brassieres from the branches outside Noir Leather, an avant-garde clothing store and longtime fixture in this Detroit suburb.

Howarth, 49, told the Detroit Free Press he hoped the multicolored cotton and Spandex garments — which are for sale at Noir — would prompt city officials to replace the leafless ash tree.

The tree was healthy until city workers replaced adjoining sidewalk pavers and "covered up whatever cracks the tree was living off of for water," he said.

The city will try to inspect the tree in coming weeks, said Tom Trice, recreation and public ser-

vices director. But Trice said the tree more likely fell victim to the emerald ash borer, an insect blamed for killing or damaging millions of ash trees in southeast Michigan.

Royal Oak already has cut down hundreds of ash trees and can't afford to replace them, Trice said.

■ **POINT PLEASANT, W.Va.** — Mayor Jim Wilson was skeptical that a 37-year-old legend about a red-eyed, winged apparition would draw visitors to this Ohio River town.

But, after seeing a steady stream of tourists looking for all things Mothman, Wilson is a believer.

"I don't care why they're coming, as long as they are," Wilson said. "If they want Mothman, then we'll give them Mothman."

Point Pleasant has embraced the local legend, holding an annual Mothman Festival this year, and, recently erecting a metal statue on a downtown street.

Some people think the statue is too realistic.

"It's those eyes. When it's dark and you put a light on them, they just come right back at you," said Charles Humphreys, director of Point Pleasant's Main Street program. "They look alive. Even if you've seen it before, it kind of makes you jump."

The first Mothman sighting was reported Nov. 15, 1966. Others later came forward to say they had seen a gray creature, standing 7 feet tall, with bright red eyes and wings like a bird. The sightings ended abruptly Dec. 15, 1967, when the Silver Bridge collapsed, killing 45 people.

The 2002 movie, "The

Mothman Prophecies," was based on the Point Pleasant-area legend.

■ **PALO ALTO, Calif.** — The new 211-car garage in the tony downtown of this San Francisco Bay area suburb should please the local literati.

Forget the red-tiled bathroom. The garage, which opened Wednesday, boasts a four-story wall of 16 haiku poems — the Japanese verse with a five/seven/five syllable structure.

The poems, culled from 500 entries by local muses, touch on everything from parakeets to, of course, parking.

One winner was 11-year-old Matthew Tan, who wrote an ode to the pet bird that entertains him as he plays the piano: Playing staccato/On the bars, the treble clef/Is my parakeet.

■ **CHICAGO** — Ravenous rabbits are putting a big-time bite on vegetation in Chicago's Grant Park, and city officials are trying to keep the rascally creatures at bay.

"We've never counted them, but there's thousands of them," Sloane Nystrom, deputy director of natural resources for the Chicago Park District, said Thursday.

Joel Brown, a University of Illinois-Chicago biology professor told the Grant Park Advisory Board on Wednesday that the rabbits have been drawn by park vegetation — lawns, plants and the sap behind tree bark.

The advisory board is working with the city to develop a permanent, yet humane, solution to the rabbits, said board president Bob O'Neill. Officials are concerned that the rabbits might harm some 200 elm trees that are to be planted in the park.

The best way to protect the new elms would be to erect wire-mesh fences around the trees, then trap and relocate the rabbits, Brown said.

O'Neill said the city made such a move last year, capturing

rabbits and moving them to the Cook County Forest Preserve. But the effort did little to stifle the spread of the floppy-eared critters.

"We're all trying to figure out why there are so many of them," Nystrom said of the rabbits. "Part of the reason may be that a lot of (recent) winters have been more

mild, so they're not dying off in the natural way the way they used to."

Brown offered some mathematical reasoning for the problem: The bunnies have a 30-day gestation period and produce four to six rabbits per litter, with as many as four litters per season.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 28, the 271st day of 2003. There are 94 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 28, 1939, during World War II, Germany and the Soviet Union agreed on a plan to partition Poland.

On this date:

■ In 1066, William the Conqueror invaded England to claim the English throne.

■ In 1542, Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo arrived at present-day San Diego.

■ In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War, backed by a French fleet, began their siege of Yorktown Heights, Va.

■ In 1787, Congress voted to send the just-completed Constitution of the United States to state legislatures for their approval.

■ In 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

■ In 1924, two U.S. Army planes landed in Seattle, Wash., having completed the first round-the-world flight in 175 days.

■ In 1974, first lady Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy at Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland, following discov-

ery of a cancerous lump in her breast.

■ In 1989, deposed Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos died in exile in Hawaii at age 72.

■ In 1991, jazz great Miles Davis died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 65.

■ In 2000, former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau died in Montreal at age 80.

Ten years ago:

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton went to Capitol Hill to begin selling the administration's health care plan to Congress.

Five years ago:

Hurricane Georges plowed into the Gulf Coast, weakening to a tropical storm but pouring rain at an inch-an-hour pace. President Clinton declared an emergency late in the day.

One year ago:

Iraq rejected a U.S.-British plan for the United Nations to force President Saddam Hussein to disarm and open his palaces for weapons searches. Finance leaders meeting in Washington directed the International Monetary Fund to work on new approach to resolving global debt crises. Rep. Patsy Mink, a 12-term Democratic congress-

(See HISTORY, page three)

Pro-Fitness MULTISPORTS

TWO LOCATIONS: NEW STORE IN PIKEVILLE!

South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg
886-8604

Weddington Plaza Pikeville
437-9242

www.multisports.net

Lift, cycle, run, climb & paddle your body to great health and fitness.

BICYCLES / KAYAKS / FITNESS EQUIPMENT / FITNESS CENTER
PERSONAL TRAINING / CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

Bicycles by Cannondale & Trek
Kayaks by Dagger & Perception
Fitness Equipment by Schwinn,
Body Solid & Troy Barbell;



WEIGHT LOSS:

XENADRINE, HYDROXYCUT, THERMAL CUTS, RIPPED FORCE

BODYBUILDING:

CREATINE, SWOLE, WHEY PROTEIN, ECLIPSE, TWINLAB, SCI-FIT, CYTOMAX,
ACCELERADE, PROTEIN SHAKES

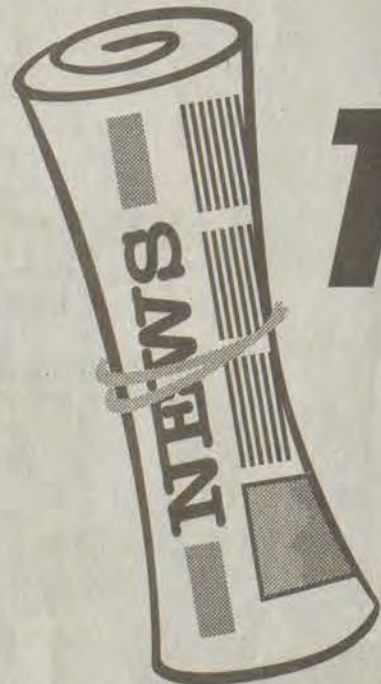
INTERVALS CIRCUIT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

\$20 SIGN UP FEE / \$25 PER MONTH

ASK ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS

The Times

FLOYD COUNTY



The ONE and ONLY

NEWSPAPER

Circulated in ALL of Floyd County

Left Beaver • Right Beaver

Betsy Layne areas

We've got you covered!

Rogers reflects on first Homeland Security bill

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Rep. Hal Rogers was clearly pleased last week that Congress passed the first-ever homeland security spending bill, but the Kentucky Republican was far from celebratory.

As the chairman of the committee that oversees the newly created Homeland Security Department, Rogers wrote the \$29 billion bill that allocates money for next year's emergency response, airport security and border protection programs.

Rogers, of Somerset, said writing the bill was in many ways more difficult than his previous jobs controlling the purse strings of the departments of Transportation, Justice and State.

"You get a lot of confidential classified briefings that are scary," he said in an interview after the homeland security bill passed Wednesday. "You think about all of the vulnerabilities we have and the practical impossibility to perfectly protect everything."

Rogers also made the job sound sort of thankless.

"I'm the only chairman in Congress who is successful if nothing happens," he said. "In my previous jobs, you knew you were there to try to create something or make something happen. For the most part, this one is a completely defensive posture, and it can become rather morose."

The bill passed 417-8 in the House and by voice in the Senate.

Despite the overwhelming House vote, the measure had critics. Democrats in that chamber complained the bill shortchanged domestic security even as the administration sought \$87 billion in a separate bill for emergency money for military and rebuilding efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Democrats also unsuccessfully tried to reinstate a measure that had been stripped from the bill and would have banned passenger planes from carrying uninspected cargo.

Rogers said the technology doesn't exist to effectively screen the cargo and that the measure could have cost the airlines at least \$4 billion in cargo revenues.

"They say it will bring commerce to a screeching halt," said Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass. "But

what would be the cost to commerce if a bomb exploded on a cargo hold of a passenger aircraft?"

The bill instead provides \$85 million for the research, development and procurement of screening technology.

Democrats also complained that the bill didn't include enough money to prepare firefighters and others expected to respond to terrorist attacks. Rogers said the \$4.2 billion for those programs is all that can efficiently be spent now.

"They're buying a political insurance policy," Rogers said of the critics. "In case something happens, they can say, 'See I told you so.'"

Tax Bills

Continued from p1

should print the county tax bills with the tax rate that has been formally set by the local school board and the sheriff will collect and distribute the school taxes in the same manner as all other taxes on the bill."

According to state law, a school board's decision to adjust the tax rate can only be scrutinized and recalled for a vote if the rate is increased more than 4 percent.

Before Bartley told the court of the meeting and Crawford's position on the issue, attending school board representatives Fanning, school board finance director Matt Wireman and school board member Jeff Stumbo discussed their decision to accept the compensating rate with the fiscal court.

Wireman reiterated his position from the court's last meeting when magistrates voted unanimously to reject the tax rate, saying that it was to maintain revenue from previous years.

But the fiscal court as a whole responded Friday by admitting they simply could not agree with adopting a compensating tax rate that would mean a higher tax rate for county residents.

Thompson, who urged magistrates to vote to include the rate on the county's bill during the last meeting, joined the court yesterday, saying that "nobody wants to see a tax increase", but maintained his position that it was still not the duty of the fiscal court to set the school board's rates.

"Nobody wants to raise taxes, but these districts are set up with the power of the legislature to set their tax rates whether we agree or not," Thompson said. "I don't see what our options are except to voice displeasure with it."

Despite debate that threatened to become heated at times, both the school board and the fiscal court said Friday they ultimately hoped to maintain a good working relationship, but their disagreement on the new tax rate was clear.

Thompson supplemented some of the court's concern by saying that many county residents seemed to believe that

Rogers said he thinks the nation is safer since the Bush administration decided to create the Homeland Security Department, which merged employees from existing agencies. The new department opened March 1.

Some conservatives complained the administration was creating a big bureaucracy, but Rogers disagreed.

Specific improvements include better airport security, the hiring of more border patrol agents and more cooperation between workers from different agencies, Rogers said.

That's not to say Rogers sleeps soundly.

He has taken to rattling off scary statistics like a sports enthusiast might talk about batting averages.

"We've got 7,500 miles of border with our two neighbors, which is more or less an open sieve," he said. "We've got 9,500 miles of coastline to protect, 77,000 chemical plants in the country."

Rogers says he is especially concerned about the safety of commercial nuclear reactors, which store spent fuel on site. "I worry about a plane hitting those spent fuel depots in populated areas, creating a huge dirty bomb," Rogers said.

He has asked government officials to study the problem.

House lawmakers who write spending bills have broad powers to send money back to their districts, and Rogers repeatedly uses that authority to pay for projects in Kentucky. But Rogers didn't

allow House appropriators to add earmarks, or projects not vetted by congressional authorizing committees, to the homeland security legislation.

The bill does include \$95 million for Kentucky projects, including \$35 million in formula funding for first-responder programs. Another \$60 million in the bill is expected to fund other Kentucky projects.

Those include the manufacturing of immigrant green cards at a Corbin facility and nuclear detection devices, also in Corbin. A Tennessee-based company makes the detection devices, but the company recently decided to open an operation in Rogers' district.

"I'm not adverse to my home area benefiting as does the rest of the nation in the expenditure of federal dollars," Rogers said. "If it can be done in my area, and it needs to be done, than I think it's a good idea."

Dismissed

Continued from p1

incident to the school's assistant principal, Tonya Williams, who then reported the information to May Valley Principal Carole Combs.

According to Conn's statement, the incident was investigated by both the school and the school board, during which time students from the class were questioned.

Conn also says that on the day she noticed the red mark on the student, she spoke with another employee of the school, Jody Terry, who told her that

she "had seen similar behavior" during the prior 2001-2002 school year. Conn says she could only assume from the conversation that Terry had reported the supposed incident or incidents to Combs.

Ned Pillersdorf, who is representing the seven parents who filed the complaint in federal court earlier this month, entered the motion to dismiss the case against Conn, citing the affidavit filed along with the motion as "self-explanatory".

Mills named new CAP president

Jerome B. O'Daniel, chairman of the board of Christian Appalachian Project, announced today that Bill Mills has been hired as president of the organization.

Mills, a native of Pineville, is a 1985 graduate of Pineville High School. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in English with a minor in public relations, as well as a masters in manufacturing management from Eastern Kentucky University.

Mills currently serves as assistant vice president of manufacturing at Hitachi Automotive Products, in Harrodsburg, where he has been employed for 12 years.

In addition to his professional career, Mills is active in several local community service and religious organizations in Mercer County. He serves as deacon at Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church, is current vice president of Gideons International Camp Mercer



Bill Mills

County, and formerly served as president of Faith Seekers Building Bridges, a Christian, teen-focused non-profit.

Mills, along with his wife, Christi, and two daughters will be relocating to Eastern Kentucky for his new position.

Mills will serve as the fourth president of CAP since its founding by Father Ralph Beiting in 1957.

Guilty

Continued from p1

chief. It was while Slone was working to arrange the department's evidence locker, that had been picked through by state police after Powell was pinpointed in the investigation, that he came upon paperwork concerning the city's gun buyback program, formed with the federal government.

The program, which was implemented during Powell's tenure as police chief, saw the police department offer to buy guns from citizens for approximately \$50 each. The guns were then supposed to be either handed over to federal authorities or destroyed.

But when Slone found the paperwork and then failed to match the number of guns found within the paperwork and the number of guns actually stored in the evidence locker, he contacted authorities.

State police investigators, who were already handling the drug investigation against Powell, immediately began to

question people about the guns, and found that some city residents had guns they said they had purchased from Powell which matched the serial numbers of the weapons missing from the evidence locker.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said Powell's plea was particularly important, considering the responsibilities that had been entrusted to him as a law enforcement officer.

"We believe it's a very important case, because the public needs to have confidence in their law enforcement officers," Turner said. "Here we have a case that involves a theft of prescription pills when drug abuse and drug trafficking is such a big problem in this area and anyone that is charged with enforcing the law cannot be above the law. We've got a hard enough time dealing with the drug problem as it is without having to worry about police officers contributing to it."

History

Continued from p2

woman from Hawaii, died in Honolulu at age 74.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor William Windom is 80. Actor Arnold Stang is 78. Actress Brigitte Bardot is 69. Blues singer Koko Taylor is 68. Singer Ben E. King is 65. Actor Joel Higgins is 60. Singer Helen Shapiro is 57. Movie writer-director-actor John Sayles is 53. Actress Sylvia Kristel is 51. Rock musician George Lynch is 49. Actress-comedian Janeane Garofalo is 39. Country singer Matt King is 37. Actress Mira Sorvino is 36. TV personality Moon Zappa is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sean Levert (Levert) is 35. Actress-model Carre Otis is 35. Actress Naomi Watts is 35. Country singer Mandy Barnett is 28. Actress Hilary Duff is 16. Actress Skye McCole Bartusiak is 11.

Thought for Today:

"Time cools, time clarifies; no mood can be maintained quite unaltered through the course of hours." — Thomas Mann, German writer (1875-1955).

It's time to become the woman you want to be.



It's time for Curves. And now there's one right in your neighborhood. Curves is thirty-minute fitness, commonsense weight loss and the support you need to do both. Call us today and discover what over one million women already know: that at Curves, your dreams are our goals.

Curves

The power to amaze yourself™

COMING SOON TO
Prestonsburg
10/06

889-9929

Rt. 114 across from Glenview Plaza
Prestonsburg, Ky 41653

Over 6,000 locations to serve you.

First 100 Members

66% Off
Service Fee

*Offer based on the rate conditions, minimum 12 mos. c. & programs are available only. †Offer only at participating locations. ‡Not valid with any other offer.

Pageant winner

Shanan Nicole Akers the thirteen-year-old daughter of Wayne and Stacy Boyd Akers of Pulaski County, Kentucky (formerly of Floyd County), was chosen as Miss Pulaski Teen Pulaski County. Contestants competed in categories of Interview, Sportswear, and Evening Gown.

Shanan is in the eighth grade at Science Hill Independent School where she is also a cheerleader. Shanan is the granddaughter of Roger and Olivia Wiley Stambaugh of East Point, Sandy and Toni Boyd of Dana, Bill and Carolyn Patrick Bishop of Lexington, and Gordon and Debbie Akers of Nashville, Tennessee. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Ernest and Lamona Reed Wiley of Prestonsburg, the late Wilford Boyd and Archer and Lillian Boyd Akers of Dana, the late Burr Akers and Woodsie Wells Akers of Lexington, the late Henry Patrick and Irene Patrick of Salyersville. She is the great-great-niece of Arvena Reed of Prestonsburg. Shanan will go on to compete in the Mill Tee Kentucky Pageant held on October 10 and 11, at the Executive West Inn, in Louisville. Shanan's family and friends would all like to wish her good luck.



PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING:

Highlands Cancer Center on campus at Highlands Regional Medical Center will host a FREE Prostate Cancer Screening on Wednesday, October 8, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PSA blood tests, prostate exams, and information on a new Prostate Cancer Clinical Trial offered by the National Cancer Institute will be offered to men age 50 and over. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Prostate Cancer, a disease that will affect 1 in every 6 men in their lifetime. For more information, call: 886-7586

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky, Inc.

A Subsidiary of Consolidated Health Systems

"Think Healthy, Think Highlands"

886-8511

expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.
— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

Kentucky has been there from the beginning

There's a story they tell at the Kentucky National Guard Headquarters in Frankfort, and it goes like this:
Back during the winter, when a severe ice storm devastated Lexington, leaving the city without power and leaving its tree-lined streets lined with downed limbs, the Guard responded, as it does during natural disasters.
Appreciative, the residents of Lexington responded, too, bringing baked goods to the troops. Mindful that the nation was concluding one war and contemplating another, the gracious residents typically delivered their gifts with a wish, "I hope you don't have to go to Afghanistan or Iraq after this." And the typical response? "Already been."
Therein lies a fact few Kentuckians realize. Our state's contribution to the war effort has been early, extensive and, for some troops, extended.

CONSIDER:

- The Guard's commanders estimate that more than half of the 7,500 men and women in Kentucky's Air and Army National Guard have been on duty somewhere since Sept. 11, 2001.
 - The deployment is the Guard's largest since World War II.
 - Units continue to deploy, one as recently as this month. Remember those harsh, barren mountains in Afghanistan? Our volunteers were in harm's way there. Remember those early days of the war in Iraq, with the succession of intense firefights? Our volunteers were in harm's way there.
- Other volunteers have been to Bosnia, where stability is far from fully achieved; to other parts of Europe to provide security and support; and to military bases across the United States to keep them going strong while regular troops are away for war.
- Some have been on one deployment, only to come home for a while, then go on another.
It's impressive dedication and sacrifice. ...

— The Kentucky Post, Covington



— Jim Davidson

Success is just a 'Bounce' away

During the course of each week there are always a number of things that come across my desk with the initials FYI. Of course, this means "For Your Information." Many people send me things to keep me better informed, whether indicated or not, and for this I am grateful.

In the course of writing my column, I also like to share practical things from time to time that are FYI and I do my best to only share those things I feel would be of interest and will benefit you.

Someone sent me something a few days ago about a laundry product called Bounce. As you may know the purpose of this product is to go in the clothes dryer to remove static electricity and to make the clothes smell better. There are also other brand names on the market and some may be cheaper.

What I did not know, until I read this FYI, is the many other uses for this product and how practical and beneficial it can be. My wife, Viola does several loads of clothes each day and she had never heard of many of these uses either, and I consider her to be an expert. In fact, she has the equivalent of a Ph.D. in laundry. If you get the feeling that I am sold on her, you are right. There are 17 different uses for Bounce

- on this sheet and I suspect that you can get a new idea or two here, as well.
- Here are the uses listed and you may know of others:
- No. 1. It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them.
- No. 2. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
- No. 3. Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop outdoors during mosquito season.
- No. 4. Eliminates static electricity from your television screen. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.
- No. 5. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.
- No. 6. Freshen the air in your home. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.
- No. 7. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.
- No. 8. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
- No. 9. Freshen the air in your car. Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.



- No. 10. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, and let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond of the food.
 - No. 11. Eliminate odor from wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce in the bottom of the wastebasket.
 - No. 12. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract the loose hairs.
 - No. 13. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
 - No. 14. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or paper sanding. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
 - No. 15. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
 - No. 16. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.
 - No. 17. Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away. Hmmm, didn't say anything about helping you shoot a lower score.
- Well, there you have it, 17 ways to use the product Bounce around the house, in addition to the intended use of

(See DAVIDSON, page six)

APPARENTLY...



The Times FLOYD COUNTY
Published Wednesday, Friday & Sunday
Member, Kentucky Press Association
Member, National Newspaper Association

CNHI
263 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE.
PRESTONSBURG, KY. 41653
Phone: (606) 886-8506
Toll-free: (888) 450-6397
Fax: (606) 886-3603
web@floydcountytimes.com

USPS 202-700
Entered as second class matter, June 18, 1927, at the post office at Prestonsburg, Kentucky, under the act of March 3, 1879.
Periodicals postage paid at Prestonsburg, Ky.

Visit The Floyd County Times on the internet at
www.floydcountytimes.com

Editorial
web@floydcountytimes.com
Ralph B. Davis, Managing Editor
Steve LeMaster, Sports Editor
Kathy Prater, Features Editor

Composing
composing@floydcountytimes.com
Heath Wiley, Composing Director

Classifieds
Tammy Conn, Classified Manager

Advertising
advertising@floydcountytimes.com
Kim Frasure, Advertising Manager

Accounting
David Bowyer, Business Manager

All contents copyright 2003 The Floyd County Times

— guest column

Why the WTO ran aground in Cancun

by MARK WEISBROT

The collapse of negotiations at the meeting of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Cancun last weekend is neither surprising nor lamentable. It is mostly a case of perception catching up with reality.

The WTO was sold to the congresses and parliaments of the world in 1994 as an organization that would establish and enforce global trade rules, with the goal of liberalizing trade. But those who read the agreement from the beginning knew that a very different goal was intended. In fact, it is doubtful that the WTO agreement could have passed our own Congress, as well as many others, if the public had been aware of what was being created.

The breakdown in Cancun occurred when some of the poorer countries refused to move forward on a set of "new issues" that — like much of the WTO agenda — have little to do with trade. These proposed rules would make it more difficult for developing coun-

tries to make foreign investment work for their own benefit. For example, the rules could forbid countries from requiring that foreign firms transfer technology or hire local skilled workers or managers.

The representatives of the rich countries also seek to establish brand new rights for their companies overseas — rights that they could not win within their own borders. One of these is the right of corporations to sue governments for actions that reduce their profits, including environmental regulation.

These rights were established under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) before most people knew what was in that agreement. A Canadian company is currently suing the state of California under NAFTA rules, for banning a gasoline additive that has contaminated thousands of groundwater sites. A similar action by the US Ethyl Corporation in 1997 forced Canada to rescind its import ban on another gasoline additive, and pay damages.

It was the targeting of environmental regulation as a "barrier to trade" that brought environmental activists into the streets of Seattle in 1999. They were joined by thousands of workers — the other half of the "Teamster-Turtle" alliance that first exposed the dark side of the WTO. But the Seattle negotiations also broke down from the conflict between developing countries — which were expected to take most of the pain

from the new rules — and the rich countries that made the major decisions in "green rooms" where representatives from the global South were not invited.

Agriculture was the focus of the North-South divide in Cancun, and a major cause of this session's collapse. But the issue has been misrepresented in the press. It is true that some farmers in developing countries are hurt by subsidies to U.S. and European agriculture, as well as by barriers to the rich countries' markets. But others are helped — for example, by cheap food or the higher prices that their exports can earn when they sell products in markets protected by quota restrictions.

The World Bank has estimated the net gains to low and middle-income countries from removing all subsidies, and allowing complete access for all of their merchandise exports — including manufactured goods — to the markets of rich countries. It does not amount to much: a country that now has an annual income of \$1,000 per person would, with such liberalization, move up to \$1,006.

Far more threatening to tens of millions of poor farmers in developing countries than any subsidies or barriers is the WTO's goal of forcing open their national markets. Corn farmers in Mexico cannot compete with U.S. agriculture, subsidized or not. Nor should they have to. The idea that simply elimi-

(See GUEST, page six)

Faith Extra

Minister's Moment: Pastor Appreciation Month

by REV. TOM BIDDLE
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS
ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

I have attended a lot of church services in my lifetime. I have seen people stand and applaud singers as they asked for one more song to be played. I am still waiting on the congregation that says to a preacher, "Great sermon. Could you do another?" Rarely do you hear anyone say that the best part of their church is the preaching.

Recently my wife and I attended the Loretta Lynn concert held at the Mountain Arts Center. When Loretta began to sing the classic, "Coal Miner's Daughter," a woman seated directly in front of me took out her cell phone, called someone and then held the phone in the air so that the person at the other end could hear the song.

The following Sunday, I told the congregation where I was preaching that I knew I was doing a good job if someone there got out their cell phone, called someone and said, "You have to hear this sermon. It is the best thing I've ever heard." As expected, that did not happen.

In a story I read of a young

pastor at his first church, he was greeting people at the door as they left, when a very elderly lady came by. As he shook her hand, she told the preacher that because of her advanced years and loss of hearing, she didn't hear his entire message, but that she was faithful to attend. The young preacher responded to her, "Well, I'm sure you didn't miss much," to which she replied, "That's what they tell me."

The life of a minister is at best a roller coaster ride. The

upside will take you to heights you never dreamed possible. The valleys come far too quickly and often.

I have attended a lot of church services in my lifetime. I have seen people stand and applaud singers as they asked for one more song to be played. I am still waiting on the congregation that says to a preacher, "Great sermon. Could you do another?" Rarely do you hear anyone say that the best part of their church is the preaching.

its, sermon preparation and so on are just a small part of what the minister does. There are many behind-the-scenes things that nearly every minister does and nobody notices until he is gone.

I say all of that to say this. October is "Pastor Appreciation Month." It has become a widely accepted time to encourage church members to show appreciation for their pastor. I have seen churches give their pastors

gifts of appreciation ranging from hunting clothes to new suits. Some churches have given the pastor and his family a weekend vacation. (At least I think that was a gift for him, and not just a way to get rid of him for a weekend.) Others have just showered the pastor with cards of appreciation and held a fellowship meal in his honor. The possibilities are end-

(See MOMENT, page six)

America is a notably harmonious country in religion, argues analyst Alan Wolfe

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

Boston College social analyst Alan Wolfe has written three upbeat books contending that despite those angry headlines and allegations of "culture war," America is a unified rather than a quarrelsome country.

"One Nation, After All," published in 1998, treated political attitudes. "Moral Freedom," which came out in 2001, focused on ethical issues. Wolfe completes the trilogy with his new "The Transformation of American Religion: How We Actually Live Our Faith" (Free Press).

Wolfe says most Americans are amiable souls in matters of religion, too, and that the power-

ful American culture sands down the rough edges of how believers behave, regardless of what official creeds might command.

As he and others have described it, American religion is generally individualistic, uninterested in doctrine, distrustful toward tradition and institutions, practical and "increasingly at home with the culture surrounding it."

His debatable conclusion: "American religion has been so transformed that we have reached the end of religion as we have known it."

There are exceptions. Monism manages to militantly preserve its innovative beliefs and practices. And in terms of issues, Wolfe said in an interview,

the harmonious landscape is marred by the raging debates within liberal churches on whether to accept same-sex behavior, and in society at large over legalizing same-sex marriage.

To a great extent, Wolfe is writing for fellow secularists, whom he depicts as frightened that their devout neighbors are undermining democracy. Yet he says liberals often rely on a "non-democratic institution," the courts, to limit public exercise of religion.

He admonishes intellectuals that "believers are full citizens of the United States, and it is time to make peace between them and the rest of America." He further asserts, "If anything, the problem American believers have is lack of confidence rather than excessive arrogance."

America has a propensity to reshape institutions to satisfy personal needs, Wolfe writes, and while this may be appropriate for consumer goods, it appears "out of place when matters of ultimate meaning and significance are at issue."

Many will doubtless dispute Wolfe's broad-brush theory, finding him perhaps too ambitious in attempting to treat all faiths and working too hard to fit them into his scenario. But he offers many keen observations.

And, intriguingly, he comes at all this as a religious outsider. Though Wolfe has directed his college's Center for Religion and American Public Life since 1999, he says "some might feel I'm tone deaf to religion" and admits that "in many ways I feel like a religious illiterate."

Wolfe, 61, only began thinking seriously about the field in the late 1990s. The Philadelphia native says he underwent a pro forma bar mitzvah but was raised a thoroughly secular Jew. He barely knew any Protestants till he reached grad school.

Many writers have noted American religion's major convulsions beginning around 1965: disruptions in Roman Catholicism following the Second Vatican Council; steady decline for "mainline" or liberal Protestant denominations; and an influx of Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists, resulting from changes in immigration law.

Less dramatic but equally important was the growth of conservative evangelicalism, whose central role in American culture gets much of Wolfe's attention.

By Wolfe's reckoning, the culture has reshaped the evangelicals more than the opposite because they try so hard to appeal to the largest number of potential followers. He thinks U.S. evangelicalism is rarely sectarian. "Its

2003 Patriotic Beauty Pageant

Sunday, October 12, at 1:00 p.m.

Martin Community Center at Martin

Registration and deadline is
Wednesday, October 8th

Registration to be held at 6 p.m.
at the Martin Community Center

Age Divisions


Girls: 0-11 months, 12-23 months,
2-3 yrs., 4-5 yrs.

Boys: 0-24 months, 3-5 yrs.

For more information, contact
Imajean Robinson at 285-9569

HIGHLANDS CLINIC

DR. NAVEED AHMED


Neurology
Spine & Headache
Center, PLLC

Accepting New Patients • Call for an Appointment • 1-606-886-7471

- Board Certified Neurologist
- Board Certified in Spinal Cord Injury Medicine
- Fellowship In Neuro Rehabilitation, Pain Management

- Special interest in the evaluation and treatment of headaches
- Trained at Harvard Medical School, Boston, and Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York

GRAND OPENING

SPA SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

 **HotSpring**
Portable Spas
World's #1 Selling Brand



The Ultimate Family Getaway

The vacation of a lifetime awaits you and your family...

...no packing, traffic, or airport check-in, just pure relaxation. Imagine the fun of having a hot tub in your own backyard. Whether you need tranquil time alone or want to reconnect and spend quality time with family and friends, a Hot Spring Spa is the perfect getaway. So, gather the family and visit our showroom to start enjoying a relaxing vacation every day - without leaving the comfort of your own home.

Premiere Pond & Spa
"Your Backyard Paradise Specialist"

South Mayo Trail, Pikeville
606-432-7727
1-866-401-7727

www.hotspring.com

Free Delivery & Setup


Attention CTB 55+ Club Members!

Join us as we celebrate our **100th Anniversary!**

We're having an **Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social**

Tuesday, September 30th
from 2:30 - 4:00 pm
at **Bob Amos Park**
at the **Pikeville Cut-Thru**
Near the **YMCA**

Please RSVP to 606-437-3300.

 **Community Trust Bank**

Member FDIC Employees & their immediate families are not eligible for door prizes.

(See ARGUE page six)

Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Wayne Akers, 66, of Printer, died Monday, September 15, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, at McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Cassell K. Barnett, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, September 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Albert Michael Bertram, 35, of Allen, died Monday, September 22, following a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Brandon J. (B.J.) Bryant, 21, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, September 21, following an auto accident on Ky. Rt. 466, at Melvin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Audrey Mae Burchett, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, September 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Samuel Burchett. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John W. Dotson, 62, of Grethel, died Tuesday, September 23, at the

V.A. Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William D. (Wild Bill) Griffith, 62, of Lenoir, North Carolina, formerly of Martin, died Monday, September 22, at the Hospice residential facility. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Della Sanders Hall, 83, of Bypro, died Thursday, September 18, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Ethel Harless, 93, of Emma, died Tuesday, September 16, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ratanlal Majmudar, 88, of Martin, died Thursday, September 18, at Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 20, at 4 p.m., at Wages and Son Funeral Home, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Susie Miller, 70, of Warsaw, Indiana, a native of Blue River, died Saturday, September 20, at Kosciusko Community Hospital emergency room, Warsaw, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Green Miller. Funeral services were

conducted Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Bobby Mulkey, 74, of Homer, Michigan, a native of Floyd County, died Thursday, September 18, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Betty Reynolds Mulkey. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 22, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, Albion.

Dinah Smiley, 74, of Attica, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, September 16, at Mount Clemens General Hospital, Mt. Clemens, Michigan. She is survived by her husband, Ermon Smiley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Frank (Polie) Thomsbury, 57, of Wayland, died Thursday, September 25, at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, September 28, 1 p.m., at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Kathleen Jewel Osborne, 77, native of Johnson County, died Sunday, September 21, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Vincent Douglas Plummer, 77, formerly of Paintsville, died Tuesday, September 23. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 26, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

Morris Allen Rice, 63, of Wittenville, died Tuesday, September 16, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise VanHoose Rice. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mildred Irene Lemaster Miles Short, 79, of Thelma, died Tuesday, September 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Short. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Doug Spriggs, 64, of Boons Camp, died Wednesday, September 17, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Collins Spriggs. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Gerald Leslie Stambaugh, 62, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, September 16, at Wellmont-Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Wanda L. Conley Stambaugh. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Minyard Stambaugh, 78, native of Johnson County, died Sunday, September 21, at Salyersville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Okie Jewell Patrick Stambaugh. Funeral services were

conducted Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Knott County

Brenda Halcomb Gibson, 53, of Somerset, native of Anco, died Tuesday, September 16, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Clifford Gibson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

John Patrick Johnson, 39, of Franklin, Ohio, formerly of Kite, died Wednesday, September 17, at Middletown Hospital, Lebanon, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gracie Mosley, 85, of Gamer, died Tuesday, September 16, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

Rondell Short, 48, of Willard, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, September 16, in Willard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Michael Dwight Simmons, 47, of Pikeville, Tennessee, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, September 15, at Erlanger Bledsoe Hospital, Pikeville, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 18, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Charles Wendell Wicker, 53, of Columbus, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, September 21, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Madison, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Lawrence County

Calvin Joshua Edward Blackburn, infant son of Billy Evans and Leigha Blackburn, was stillborn Sunday, September 21, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Jack Ivan Goble, 69, of Louisa, died Monday, September 22, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Bonnie Bowen Pack, 56, of Louisa, died Sunday, September 21, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Millie Lue Sammons, 91, of Louisa, died Thursday, September 18, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Donald Wells Sr., 76, of Louisa, died Tuesday, September 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Edith Pearl Mills Wells. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 26, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Martin County

Patsy Chafin, 72, of Martin

Davidson

Continued from p4

just putting sheets in the dryer with your clothes. I realize that what I've just shared will not change the world, but it may make life a little easier for some of you.

When you think about it, the grocery stores are full of products that have made someone a fortune, and the next great idea could be yours. For the manufacturers of this product, success was just a Bounce away.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

County, died Saturday, September 20, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Magdaline Sumpter Dingess, 58, of Warfield, died Monday, September 15, at Wayne County, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, William Dingess. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 18, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Amalial Jude, 68, of Pilgrim, died Monday, September 22, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Benjamin Franklin Moore, 82, of Inez, died Monday, September 15, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Arlon Smith, 71, of Inez, died Thursday, September 18, near his home. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Smith. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Pike County

Jeanetta "Jen" Harmon, 46, of Hurricane Creek Road, died Friday, September 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Chester Allen Newsome, 56, of Caney Creek, died Tuesday, September 23, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 26, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

John F. Reynolds Jr., 61, of Elmwood, Illinois, a native of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 23, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Asbell Reynolds. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 27, in the First

Argue

Continued from p5

problem, in fact, is the opposite — so strong a desire to copy the culture of hotel chains and popular music that it loses what religious distinctiveness it once had."

In his view, evangelical worship "may serve many needs, but otherworldly reverence is unlikely to be one of them." Much of the music entertains the crowd rather than inducing moments of transcendence. Sermons have "remarkably little actual content," however dynamic the delivery. The Bible is invariably cited, but rarely explored.

Other Wolfe assertions on evangelicalism:

The faith makes few demands on the conscience or pocketbook. Fellowship and self-help trump doctrine and devotion. And though evangelicals believe they ought to present the Christian message to their neighbors, they don't want to be offensive.

Though evangelicals ritually denounce popular media, they live in the "celebrity-drenched,

Presbyterian Church, Elwood. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilton Mortuary of Peoria, Illinois.

Jimmy Tackett, 56, of Dorton, died Wednesday, September 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Linda Tackett. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, September 28, 1 p.m., under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Charlie VanHoose, 89, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 23, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 26, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Tommie A. Vogel, of Elkhart, Indiana, formerly of St. Albans, West Virginia, died Sunday, September 21, in Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 25, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Marion Walker, 90, of Lower Johns Creek, died Tuesday, September 23. He is survived by his wife, Ella L. Walker. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 26, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Ola Gullett Castle, 87, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, September 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Arnold "General" Castle. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Reva Mae Slusher, 78, of Salyersville, died Thursday, September 18, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Bobby Jenkins Spurlock, 76, of Huber Heights, Ohio, formerly of Magoffin County, died Thursday, September 18, at Miami Valley Hospital, Huber Heights. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

In these and other ways, he claims, "we are all evangelicals now," whatever the denominational label. What about Islam, another increasingly prominent religion? Here, too, Wolfe sees the beginnings of assimilation and accommodation. For the first time, large numbers of Muslims are living in the West within cultures they do not control. So, for instance, it is often impossible for American Muslims to observe the obligatory daily prayers, and Wolfe considers it inevitable that one day they will face an intermarriage crisis like that affecting American Jews.

"I am struck by how much Jews and Muslims have in common, if they could only realize this."

Guest

Continued from p4

nating the rich countries' few remaining trade barriers, as well as subsidies, will create a "level playing field" is a strange fantasy.

The rich countries are also using the WTO, with much bul-

Moment

Continued from p5

less. All I would like to stress is that church members need to show some appreciation for those who are called to serve the Lord in a ministry capacity. These individuals need our prayer and support.

I want to close by saying this. The greatest appreciation you can show your pastor is through

lying, to restrict trade in generic medicines — a life-and-death issue for many developing countries. If we add up the costs and benefits, it's not hard to see that the current version of the WTO is a net loss for the vast majority of people in the world. In short, the WTO was doing fine so long as its negotiators could operate in the shadows. But it has trouble getting past "the Dracula test," as Public Citizen's Lori Wallach has described it. The increasing exposure to daylight over the past four years has nearly done in this ambitious undertaking. And the future looks bright.

Mark Weisbrot is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington, D.C. www.cepr.net.

Tampering

Continued from p1

judge said, FBI agents would be in and around the small courthouse in downtown Pikeville.

A tearful Fugate told Reeves that Kermit Short of Leburn came to her home on Sunday and told her not to testify.

"He threatened me," she said. "He said that the police — like, state police and county police — would be after me, after my family. He said, 'You know who governs the county, don't you?'"

Fugate said she felt intimidated when she arrived at the courthouse Friday morning and saw Short there. Reeves ordered Short to leave the courthouse.

Fugate's testimony didn't involve the 1998 primary election. Instead, she said Newsome, a former state representative in his second term as judge-executive, paid her \$50 to vote for him in the 2002 primary election.

"I needed the money, so I took it," she said. "I'm ashamed of that. But I did."

Defense attorneys have questioned the credibility of witnesses in the trial, especially those like Fugate who were granted immunity from prosecution for their cooperation.

Scott C. Cox, a Louisville attorney representing Newsome, said the judge-executive won election by working hard in his campaign, not by buying votes.

"Believe me," Cox told the jury in his opening statement, "there are two sides to this

story."

Defense attorneys are expected to begin calling their witnesses early next week, perhaps by Monday afternoon.

Federal prosecutors, having failed to win convictions in two vote-fraud trials in Pikeville since June, had tried to get the Newsome-Smith trial moved out of Pikeville.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Self said he feared publicity and the political influence of the defendants could hurt the chances of a fair trial in Pikeville.

Reeves warned Friday that he may declare a mistrial based on publicity the trial is receiving in the local media. He warned spectators at the trial to be careful what they say to reporters.

In a trial last month, Brady Slone, 57, and Ronnie Slone, 55, both of Pippa Passes, were found innocent of buying votes in the same primary election. A federal jury in June found Jimmy Lee Conley, 33, of Lackey, innocent of buying votes.

Three other people indicted for election fraud in the Knott County probe have pleaded guilty. Phillip Slone, 53, of Hindman; Newton J. Johnson, 40, of Brinkley; and Jimmy Calhoun, 33, of Hindman, admitted paying voters \$50 each to vote in the primary election.

The trial of the one remaining defendant, Patrick Wayne

Octoberfest

WEEKSBURY PARK

October 3rd & 4th
All-day Long

Sponsored by: Weeksbury Community Club
and Special Olympics

FLEA MARKET • NOVELTIES
GAMES • CONCESSIONS

• Gospel Sing • Motorcycle Show
• Cake Walk
• Horseshoe
Tournament

PSA

Sports Editor:
Steve LeMaster

Phone Number:
Floyd County Times:
(606) 886-8506
Fax: (606) 886-3603

www.floydcountytimes.com

Regional SPORTS

Sunday, September 28, 2003

Inside

- Blackcats Fall • B1
- Couch Update • B2
- Michigan Ban • B4
- Sunday Classifieds • B5

TIMES Email: sports@floydcountytimes.com

COLLEGE

Martin, Eagles finish Eighth at Butler Invitational

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Morehead State University golf coach Rex Chaney took a youthful squad to the Butler Fall Invitational held Sept. 22-23, and the Eagles finished eighth among nine teams.



Ryan Martin

One of the most talented golfers to ever come out of Floyd County now plays for the MSU team. Ryan Martin got his first collegiate action in the

Butler tournament.

Martin has had an illustrious amateur career which includes a regional championship captured during his senior year at

(See MARTIN, page two)

Caudill speaks out on turf

P'burg grad serves as captain for Florida game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — When the University of Kentucky football team took on the Indiana University on Saturday, Sept. 20, the host team had a new, hybrid-style surface in its stadium.

Indiana installed AstroPlay, a synthetic surface similar to what the University of Louisville has placed in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. The completed project cost Indiana \$446,000 and contains 300,000 pounds of ground rubber.

But Prestonsburg High School alum and UK senior defensive tackle Jeremy Caudill wasn't too impressed.

AstroPlay looks like regular grass except for the fact that it has a natural darker tint to it.

(See CAUDILL, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Senior running back Chat Yates turned the corner to score Prestonsburg's first touchdown of the game. The score was Yates' first in a Blackcat uniform.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Blackcats fall to Sheldon Clark in 2OT

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

INEZ — The Sheldon Clark Cardinals and the Prestonsburg Blackcats have played some great football games over the past several

seasons. On Friday night at Inez, the two teams got together for another great high school football game. In the end it would be the homestading Cardinals who would walk away with

(See BLACKCATS, page four)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Fleming-Neon won the coin toss Friday night and elected to receive the football.

South Floyd pulls away from Neon

Raiders help hope for playoffs with win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — When Donny Daniels returned as head coach of the South Floyd High football

team he intended on coaching the Raiders back into the playoffs. In his second season back at the helm, Daniels is a step closer following Friday night's game. Against a team fresh off its first

district victory of the season, South Floyd came out with a victory by beating visiting Fleming-

(See NEON, page three)

BASEBALL

Sosa passes Mantle, sets NL RBI mark

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Sammy Sosa moved ahead of Mickey Mantle with his 537th homer Thursday night, a two-run shot that also made him the first NL player with nine straight 100-RBI seasons.

He added a solo homer in the eighth, his 39th of the season and 538th of his career.

With three homers in the last two games, Sosa moved ahead of Mantle into 10th place on the career list. Next is Mike Schmidt with 548.

His first homer on Thursday also gave him 100 runs batted in for the season, putting him in elite company for slugging consistency.

COLLEGE

Pikeville Volleyball wins third straight

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Lady Bears remained unbeaten at home with a 3-0 decision over Kentucky Christian College Thursday night.



Hillary McKenzie

"We're playing pretty well right now," said Coach Robert Staggs after the 30-11, 30-17, 30-17 win. "We need a couple of more good matches next week to get us ready for conference play."

The Lady Bears begin Mid-South Conference competition a week from Saturday when they travel to Jackson, Tenn., to play

Lambuth University.

Pikeville (8-3) got a terrific effort from

(See VOLLEYBALL, page two)

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

SFMS beats ACMS

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — Anytime two teams from Right Beaver and Left Beaver square on any playing field a battle is present. Maybe especially on the hardwood.

Such was the case Thursday night when girls' basketball was the order of the evening and South Floyd Middle School played host to Allen Central Middle School.

South Floyd Middle won both the A- and B-team games.

Coach April Bradford's A-team squad beat Allen Central and head coach Ronnie Patton 30-27 in a close game that saw the host team outscore the visiting one in each quarter. However, the game was close until the very end.

Four different players tossed in field goals in the first

(See SFMS, page two)



In a game played on Saturday, Sept. 20, Floyd County Warriors forwards Luke Greene and Thomas Cybriwsky sprinted to win the ball, as teammate Katie Walz looked on.

YOUTH SOCCER

Supersonics fall short of win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Players of all ages play and enjoy the sport of soccer.

The Floyd County U-10 Supersonics dropped a 2-0 decision on Saturday to the visiting Pike 2 team. The Supersonics played excellent defense in both halves, anchored by the efforts of keepers Alex Davis and James Sanders.

The Pike 2 squad led at the half 1-0 and added their second goal near the end of the second half. The Supersonics gave a great effort but could not dent the Pike 2 defense. The loss drops the Supersonics record to 1-1 on the young season.

Couch starts comeback with Browns

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Wearing a visor and not a helmet, Tim Couch stood on the sideline for three straight Sundays and watched the Cleveland Browns play.

He didn't particularly care for the view. But it offered him something he never had: a new perspective, and a chance to see the rest of his career more clearly.

"It's definitely been a humbling experience," Couch said.

During four tumultuous seasons as Cleveland's starting

quarterback, Couch has experienced every conceivable high and low the NFL can possibly offer. There have been nearly as many sweet victories for Couch as bitter defeats.

In the past few months alone, Couch went from being a former No. 1 overall draft pick on the brink of stardom to the league's highest-priced benchwarmer.

But on Sunday, Couch will begin a comeback he never imagined he'd have to make.

With Kelly Holcomb out with a broken right leg and sprained left ankle, Couch will start as the Browns (1-2) host the winless Cincinnati Bengals (0-3), who are still seeking their first win under new coach Marvin Lewis.

"I feel confident about getting back out on the field," Couch said. "I feel healthy again. Obviously, I feel well rested and I think I can go out and be really effective."

Couch lost his starting job this summer to Holcomb, a career backup who made the most of his chance last year when Couch broke his leg in the regular-season finale against Atlanta.

Filling in for Couch, Holcomb passed for 429 yards in an AFC playoff loss to Pittsburgh, prompting coach Butch Davis to open the quarterback competition during training camp.

Two preseason games didn't yield a clear-cut winner, but on Aug. 17 Davis announced he had chosen Holcomb — on a "gut feeling" — to be his starter.

The demotion crushed Couch, who had overcome an elbow injury and a falling out with booing Cleveland fans to lead the Browns to eight wins last season.

Cast as a backup for the first time in his life was a new low point for the 26-year-old Couch,

who admitted that having to watch Holcomb play had been much tougher on him than he had counted on.

To make matters worse, the Browns didn't call on Couch last week in San Francisco despite the fact that Holcomb could hardly move.

"This is about as low as you can get, being the No. 1 pick in the draft and now not even getting in the game," Couch said. "It couldn't get any worse for me. But I think that's a good thing for me because I think I can handle anything that comes to me in the future."

Now, in an ironic twist, Couch is getting the chance to re-claim his job and jump-start his career while Holcomb sits with an injury.

Couch can appreciate Holcomb's situation. He also knows Holcomb can't help but worry that he may never get his job as a starter back.

"That's always in your mind," Couch said. "I know what was in my mind last year when I was hurt. I didn't want to come off the field because if you give the backup a chance and he goes in and plays well, then you never know what can happen."

"That kind of got me where I'm at right now."

The Bengals are in a familiar spot, too.

They're off to an 0-3 start, the seventh time they've opened that way since 1991. But, this one feels different.

(See **COUCH**, page three)

NASCAR

Mayfield, Stewart fined \$5,000 for language

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR officials have fined NASCAR Winston Cup Series drivers Jeremy Mayfield and Tony Stewart \$5,000 for use of inappropriate language during the telecast of Sunday's MBNA America 400 at Dover International Speedway.

Mayfield, driver of the No. 19

Dodge, was penalized under Section 12-4-A in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series rule book: "Actions detrimental to stock car racing. Improper use of language."

Stewart, driver of the No. 20 Chevrolet, was penalized under Section 12-4-A in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series rule book: "Actions detrimental to stock car racing. Improper use of language."

ATTENTION

Area Ghost & Goblins

The Floyd County Times will publish

TOMBSTONE TALES

Wed. Oct 29th

Deadline to send us your Scariest Story Mon. Oct. 20th

NOTE: All stories must be typed & mailed to:
Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653
or email to: tombstonetales@hotmail.com

SFMS

Continued from p1

quarter and South Floyd led Allen Central 8-7. The Lady Raiders led 16-12 at the half.

Allen Central edged South Floyd 8-7 in the third period.

Each team managed seven points in the fourth quarter. One of the big baskets in the quarter was a three-point field goal from Vanessa Skeens. In the game, Skeens led all scorers with 14 points, including three treys.

Stephanie Slone, Faith Little and JeriAnn Jones all had four points for South Floyd. Amber Tackett and Jessica Tackett each had a single field goal and finished with two points apiece.

Sara Johnson and Whitney Moore led Allen Central with eight points each. Brandi Brown chipped in six points and Kim Biliter finished with five.

B-TEAM: South Floyd Middle 38, Allen Central Middle 17

The South Floyd Middle B-team built an 8-4 lead through

one quarter and controlled the rest of way Thursday evening en route to a 38-17 victory.

South Floyd Middle outscored the visiting Lady Rebels in every quarter. The Lady Raiders finished the meeting between the two rivals in strong fashion with a 10-0 blasting in the fourth quarter.

South Floyd led 20-8 at half-time and 28-17 after three quarters.

Jessica Tackett paced the South Floyd B-team with a game-high 16 points. Kayla Hall and Trista Damron each scored six points for the Lady Raiders. Danielle Tackett and Kristen Booth each had four points and Matraca Bentley flipped in two to round out the scoring for South Floyd.

Sandra Johnson, Rachel Johnson and Kayla Slone all played but did not score for the Lady Raiders.

Guard Brandi Brown led Allen Central in scoring with 12 points.

Martin

Continued from p1

Prestonsburg High School.

With the addition of Martin to his program, Chaney gets a boost.

"We wanted to take a different group to our second Fall tournament just to see how we've progressed," Chaney said. "Obviously, our veterans are way ahead of our freshmen for the most part. I was pleased

with the play of Ryan Martin in his first college tournament."

Martin shot back-to-back rounds of 75 and tied for 16th place among the 62 individual golfers.

The Eagles were back in action at the Eastern Kentucky University Colonel Classic over the weekend at Arlington Golf Course in Richmond.

Caudill

Continued from p1

Caudill, who plays low to the ground and whatever surface from his defensive end position, didn't car much for the turf.

"I hate it," Caudill said in an interview, following the IU game.

"I know a lot of people love this stuff and some don't care one way or another, but I'll honestly say that I hate it," Caudill added. "The little rubber pieces get in your eyes. The traction is good, but at the same time some of the sports are uneven and it makes your footing a little weird. I don't usually tape my ankles, but I got them taped twice just to be sure because I didn't feel real sturdy."

Playing on the turf even prompted Caudill to change shoes.

"Most of the guys wore regular cleats but I switched up to

some that are better when you have a ground that you can really dig into," he said. "I went to a molded, flatter bottom. It helped a whole lot."

Caudill and junior teammate and punter Anthony Thornton were the game captains for yesterday's game against Florida as they joined permanent captains Jared Lorenzen and Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns.

According to Coach Rich Brooks, Caudill played his best game of the season at Indiana, notching three tackles and a quarterback sack. Thornton had his best game as a Wildcat, averaging 46.3 yards per punt, and was named Southeastern Conference Special Teams Player of the Week.

A story on yesterday's Florida-Kentucky game will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Volleyball

Continued from p1

senior outside hitter Rebecca Van Meter, who had seven aces and nine kills. Tereza Morano finished with eight kills, six block assists, 11 digs and two service aces. Sophomore Lindsay Hill had 13 kills to go with a pair of solo blocks and an ace.

Sophomore Hilary McKenzie contributed seven kills, and 10 blocks, two solos and eight assists. Senior Teresa Westray

had six kills, three block assists and nine digs. Senior Brooke Suthers added 12 digs and two aces.

Senior setter Amanda Sammons had 29 assists, four kills, three aces, six assisted blocks and eight digs in the win.

Pikeville will return to the Pikeville College Gym on Monday night to play host to Johnson Bible College at 6:30 p.m.

Neon

Neon 52-20.

Daniels let his team and others know about the importance of the Neon game on many different occasions, calling the contest a "key game." And that it was.

The Pirates came in to Friday night's game following a lopsided win over Allen Central.

Host South Floyd (3-3) trailed the visiting team on the scoreboard through the second quarter after a scoreless first period of play.

Fleming-Neon received the football to begin the game, and like South Floyd, could do little in the way of scoring in the first quarter.

Fleming-Neon won the toss and elected to receive the ball, thus going on offense first in the first quarter. Both teams exited the first quarter scoreless.

The Pirates got on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter when quarterback Donny Webb kept for a one-yard TD with 6:22 showing on a second-quarter scoreclock. Scooter Bentley added the PAT kick to put Fleming-Neon up 7-0.

Neon tried an onside kick following the initial score of the game only to have South Floyd's Matt Hall recover.

On the Raiders' first scoring drive of the night, a six-yard run by junior Joe Osborne was followed by a 49-yard touchdown scamper to paydirt by senior running back Brandon Little. The South Floyd two-point conversion try run was good leaving the Raiders with an 8-7 lead with 5:27 left in the second quarter.

Fleming-Neon was successful on the following drive. The Pirates made good on a fourth-and-one attempt to get the first down. Webb

got back into the endzone for the Pirates with 2:24 left in the second period when he eluded a couple of would-be South Floyd tacklers and got into the endzone. Following Webb's second score of the game, another Bentley PAT kick was good, leaving Neon to lead 14-8. The 14-8 advantage would be Neon's last lead of the game.

South Floyd scored just second later, at the 2:07 mark, on another Little touchdown run to tie the game at 14. South Floyd quarterback Landon Hall found receiver Adam Tackett for the two-point conversion to put the Raiders ahead 16-14.

After stopping Neon on defense, South Floyd turned around on offense and score again, as time expired when Hall found Tackett through the air again, this time on a touchdown strike.

The Raiders led 24-14 at half-time and never relinquished the lead in the second half.

The South Floyd offense really got thing going in the second quarter, but it wasn't all offense. The

South Floyd special teams and defense also played key roles. Wes Hall placed a punt to pin the Pirates on their side of the field on play and one defensive highlight in the first half came when Raider defensive end T.J. Hall.

South Floyd received the football to begin play in the third quarter and methodically went to work. The Raiders returned to the endzone with 2:40 remaining in the third quarter when Brandon Little broke free again and scored from three yards out. Hall found receiver Justin Slone on the two-point conversion after the score to put South Floyd up 32-14 and to essentially put the game out of Fleming-Neon's reach.

The Raiders return to action Friday night on the friendly ground of Raider Arena when they host Jenkins, which is back in district play as a member of Class A, Region Four, District Eight. South Floyd is now 2-1 in the district. Kickoff for Friday's South Floyd-Jenkins game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Couch

Continued from p1

Continued from p2

"Completely different," wide receiver Chad Johnson said. "You can sense the difference in that we're competing. We're in our games more. There are things we need to clean up because we have a new coaching staff, but just because you have a new coach doesn't mean everything is going to be completely erased. You have to crawl before you can walk."

At least Lewis has the NFL's worst team over the past decade standing upright.

Two weeks ago, Cincinnati took Oakland down to the final seconds before losing 20-17. The Bengals fell behind early to Pittsburgh last week, but unlike

in recent years, they never caved in during a 17-10 home loss.

They've been close, but Lewis wants more from his team, and he knows it can only come with a first victory.

"We need some reward," Lewis said. "We've worked extremely hard. The players have dedicated themselves and committed themselves and sacrificed and now, we have to make some plays."

Quarterback Jon Kitna feels that once the Bengals make a few plays, the wins will follow.

"I really think for us, getting that first win might be the hardest one we have to get all year," he said.

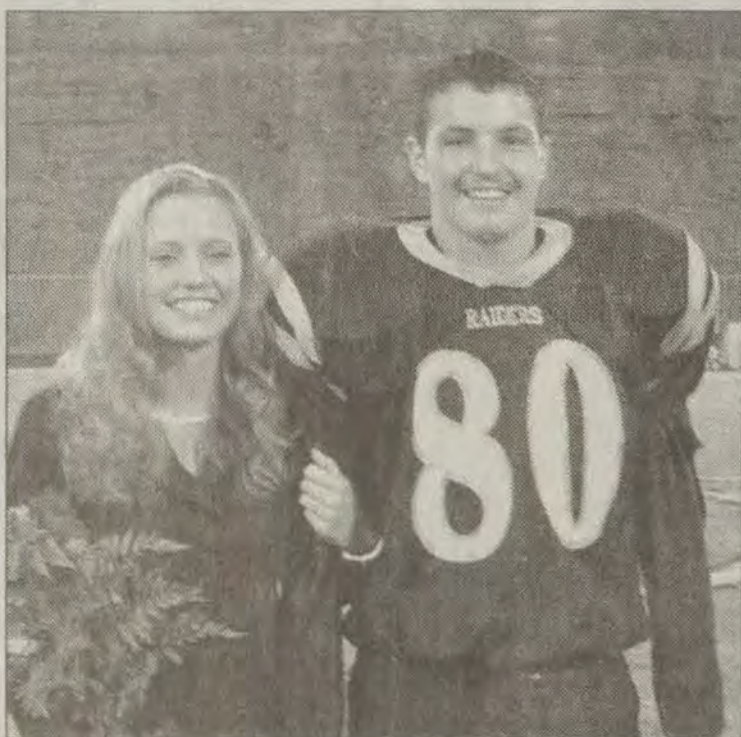


photo by Steve LeMaster
Amanda Jo Johnson, shown with escort Adam Tackett, was crowned 2003 South Floyd High School Football Homecoming Queen.

INDUSTRY

'Loaded Weapon' Converse sneaker causes flap

by HAL BOCK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The company that brought the world the original basketball sneaker has come up with a new one: "Loaded Weapon."

What would Chuck Taylor think?

The name of the latest Converse sneaker is drawing criticism because of recent high-profile cases involving guns, murder and basketball players.

Jim Haney, executive director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, was troubled by the name, especially in light of the fatal shooting this summer of Baylor's Patrick Dennehy.

"You're taking a violent theme and trying to sell it to kids," Haney said. "I'm sure these people are well-meaning, but I think it's a bad message in today's environment, a bad statement for the time in which we live."

"It's a pensive time reflecting on what's going on, and we're promoting a shoe called Loaded Weapon?"

The sneaker name also raises issues in the NBA, where several players have had run-ins with the law, sometimes involving firearms.

Former NBA All-Star Jayson Williams was charged with manslaughter in the shooting of a limo driver, and Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas was charged this summer with carrying a concealed weapon.

In 2002, Philadelphia star Allen Iverson was accused of waving a gun in a man's face but was later cleared. Iverson also pleaded no contest to a gun charge after a 1997 traffic stop.

Converse recruited five NBA rookies — Chris Bosh of Toronto, Kirk Hinrich of Chicago, Dwyane Wade of Miami, Mike Sweetney of New York and Troy Bell of Memphis — to endorse the new product in a series of TV ads.

The company had been struggling and was bought by Nike in July for \$305 million. Converse still operates independently.

It invented basketball shoes in the early days of the game. The most popular got their name from Taylor, a player who worked for Converse and traveled the country from the 1920s until the 1960s, evangelizing the game and selling shoes.

The new shoe, in stores in November, is the next generation of the "Weapon," which Converse released in 1981.

"That shoe is still sold in hundreds of countries and the company has sold millions of pairs," said Dave Maddocks of Converse. "The new shoe is loaded with a new cushion sys-

(See LOADED, page four)

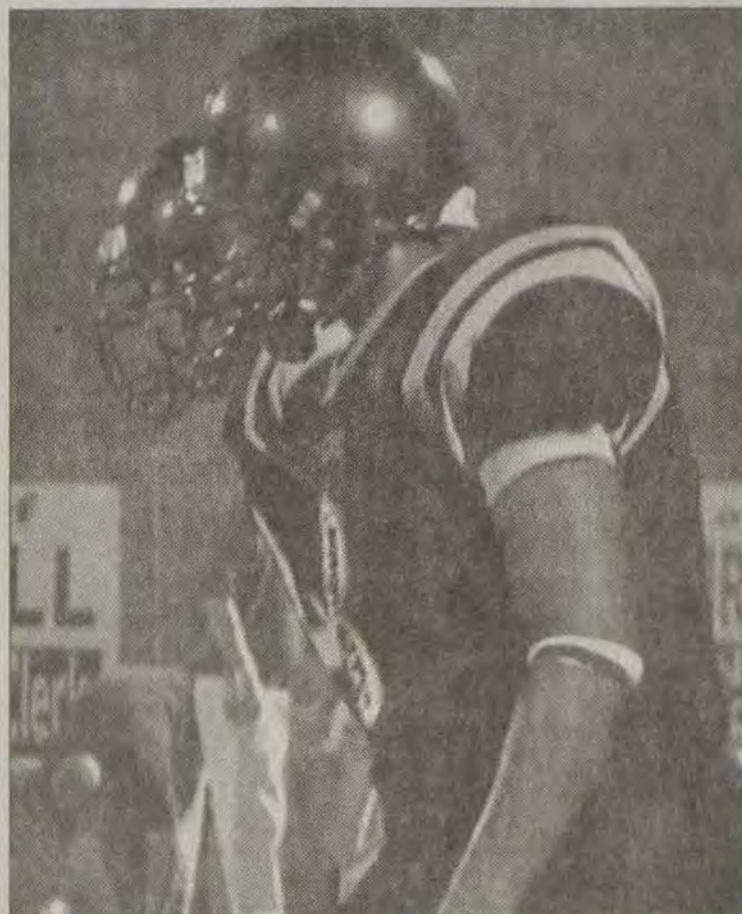


photo by Steve LeMaster
The South Floyd defense buckled down versus the Fleming-Neon offense. Pictured is Kenny Parker.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Larkin acting like he's leaving

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Barry Larkin still hopes to finish his career in Cincinnati, but he's taking care of some farewell chores in case it doesn't work out that way.

The Reds shortstop gathered teammates in Great American Ball Park's garage before Thursday's game to honor clubhouse manager Rick Stowe. In the first parking spot by the door was a new, silver Mercedes, purchased by Larkin.

Stowe, who has worked in the Reds clubhouse since 1983, didn't know that a surprise awaited when he was asked to accompany Larkin to the garage. Stowe was dumbfounded when the players broke into applause while catcher Jason LaRue recorded the moment on video.

"I've been with this guy for 17 years," Larkin said. "He's done everything I've asked for, and never asked for a thing. So I'd like to present my buddy Rick Stowe with a new car."

The players applauded again and Stowe nearly broke down as he twice hugged Larkin, who handed him the keys. Larkin got into the passenger seat and Stowe started up the Mercedes.

"That's so big-time," first baseman Sean Casey said.

It was Larkin's way of saying thanks in case he doesn't get another chance.

Larkin, 39, rejected the club's take-it-or-leave-it contract offer, which would have made him one of the lowest-paid players on the team next year. Larkin felt the club didn't want him back for an 18th and final season because chief operating officer John Allen refused to negotiate or budge off the initial offer, and also inquired about removing his title of team captain if he returned.

Larkin said Thursday that he was still hoping the club had a change of heart and offered to talk about a deal. Allen has insisted the one-year, \$500,000 offer was final.

"I didn't close off negotiations," Larkin said. "There were no negotiations."

Larkin had a long and ani-

ated talk on the field before Wednesday's game with Bill Reik, one of the limited partners in the Reds ownership group headed by Carl Lindner.

Larkin talked to Lindner on Monday before turning down the one-year offer. He said Lindner had complained about the Reds losing money.

"He (Reik) wasn't aware of what was going on," Larkin said. "He said he talked to Carl, and Carl asked him how he thought the handling of the Larkin situation went. He (Lindner) said, 'It went well, don't you think?' and Bill was like, 'No, I don't think so.'"

The flap was the latest black eye for an organization that has suffered one misstep after another in its first season in a new ballpark. Allen fired general manager Jim Bowden and manager Bob Boone in July, and presided over a series of trades that stripped the club of its veteran stars in return for money and prospects.

The club has lost 90 games for only the 14th time in franchise history.

Some fans have called Larkin selfish for not taking the offer. Larkin is finishing a three-year, \$27 million deal.

Outfielder Adam Dunn watched Larkin hand the keys to Stowe on Thursday and said, "All that stuff about him not being a team guy? That was awesome."

Larkin will become a free agent and move to another club if the Reds don't change their stance. He has spent his entire career with his hometown team, and is finishing this season on the disabled list for the third time.

"If it doesn't happen, I'm not going to bash anybody," Larkin said. "I'm terribly disappointed. If nothing happens, I'll go into the offseason terribly disappointed, but motivated to get in shape and be healthy and do whatever I have to do next year."

"My family wants me to play. That's enough motivation for me. There's some things that I want to accomplish still, so I'm going to. Hopefully, it will be here. If not, I'll do it somewhere else."

HEY, PARENTS
sponsor newspapers in YOUR child's classroom for less than **\$5 A WEEK!***
Call Patty for details at **606.886.8506**
*Varies by classroom size.

Helping Today's Readers Become Tomorrow's Leaders

NIE
Newspapers in Education

NCAA lifts Michigan basketball tourney ban

by LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan became the first school in five years to win an appeal with the NCAA.

The Wolverines will be eligible for postseason play in 2004 after winning an appeal of an NCAA ban that resulted from a booster's payment to players. The decision to overturn the ban handed down in May was made by the NCAA's infractions appeals committee.

"I am thrilled for the young men on our team, and I believe they truly deserve this opportunity," Michigan coach Tommy Amaker said Thursday in a state-

ment. Michigan's successful appeal ends its seven-year saga involving former booster Ed Martin, who died earlier this year.

After pleading guilty to conspiracy to launder money in 2002, Martin told the federal government he lent \$616,000 to former Wolverines Chris Webber, Maurice Taylor, Robert Traylor and Louis Bullock.

The NCAA has said it was the largest financial scandal in its history.

According to the appeals committee's report, Michigan won its appeal for a number of reasons: the university was not a repeat rules violator; did not lack institutional control; did not commit academic fraud; did not gain a significant competitive advantage from the violations; and Martin did not remain active in the program.

"The institution's extraordinary efforts transcended 'cooperation,'" the committee added in its report.

NCAA spokeswoman Kay Hawes said 10 programs have been banned from postseason play in consecutive years over the last decade.

Of those cases, seven were appealed, five were upheld and two were overturned in 1998, Hawes said, referring to sanctions against the basketball programs at Louisiana State and Louisville.

Amaker told Michigan's current players about the appeal decision Wednesday night.

"We all just cheered, had smiles on our faces, jumped up and down and hugged each other," senior

Bernard Robinson said. Of the NCAA sanctions handed down in May, the ban on participation in the NCAA tournament and NIT was the only one that Michigan appealed. Other sanctions, including 3 1/2 years of probation and the loss of one scholarship in each of four seasons beginning in 2004-2005, remain in effect.

"We accepted full responsibility for the wrongdoing that occurred, and we felt that the loss of scholarships, extended probation, and other penalties imposed by the NCAA were an appropriately severe response to the violations," President Mary Sue Coleman said in a statement.

As grounds for the appeal, Michigan cited an NCAA bylaw that states, "An important consideration in imposing penalties is to provide fairness to uninvolved student-athletes, coaches. ..."

Terry Don Phillips, chairman of the appeals committee and Clemson's athletic director, said as a matter of policy, no additional comments would be made regarding the decision.

Expectations for last season's Michigan team were low because of an apparent lack of talent and motivation. The Wolverines lost their first six games, but staged a remarkable turnaround by winning 13 straight games for the first time since 1987-88.

Michigan finished with its best season in five years, going 17-13 overall and 10-6 in the Big Ten. The 2003-04 Wolverines are expected to contend for an NCAA

tournament berth. Michigan officials hoped the penalties they imposed on their program in November 2002 would appease the NCAA.

Those penalties included a postseason ban for 2003; forfeiture of 112 regular season and tournament victories from five seasons, plus its victory in the 1992 NCAA semifinal; returning \$450,000 to the NCAA for money earned from the NCAA tournament during those years; and placing itself on

two years' probation. It also removed four banners from Crisler Arena: for the 1992 and 1993 Final Fours, 1997 NIT title and 1998 Big Ten tournament title.

Martin, a self-described basketball booster, told federal prosecutors he took gambling money and combined it with other funds for the loans to the players, hoping they would pay him back when they became professionals. Martin was awaiting

sentencing when he died in February at age 69 of a pulmonary embolism.

"This long and unpleasant chapter in the university history has ended once and for all," athletic director Bill Martin said in a statement. "We have learned some hard lessons from this experience, but we emerged from it with a stronger program and a renewed commitment to the highest standards of integrity."

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Has anyone noticed...

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Have you been paying attention?

Have you noticed the lack of big numbers in home runs this season. Over the past four seasons we have seen

numbers in the 60s and 70s but this year they are telling us that we may not have one player who will hit 50 and that includes record setter Bobby Bonds. Unthinkable.

Players and other front office folks are blaming the lack of numbers on drug testing by major league baseball. In other words, the players who have hit the long ball the most, they think they are using steroids. So with the threat of testing, they have stop using the drug and thus the lack of numbers.

Maybe the pitching should get a little more credit for less home runs hit. The Cincinnati Reds pitching staff has done their part in giving up the long ball. More than anyone in major

league baseball. BROWNS: With Kelly Holcomb on the sideline this Sunday, former UK quarterback, Tim Couch, will get another chance to be behind center when the Cleveland Browns take to the gridiron this Sunday (today).

Holcomb injured his leg but still guided the Browns to a 13-12 win over the 49ers last Sunday. Browns coach Butch Davis says the club has a lot of confidence in Couch, who help lead the Browns to an eight game win season last year.

YANKS: The New York Yankees clinched yet another divisional title, their sixth straight. One has to wonder what the Boston Red Sox have to do to win again. Baseball hurts themselves when it is the same team advancing to the next round year after year.

I suppose if you have the money, you buy a title, a pennant and possibly a World Series. The Bombers have the cash to hand out to free agents but they also have good baseball people who knows what it takes

to field a winning team and not afraid to go after them. Much unlike the smaller market teams. The smaller market clubs don't seem to be concerned about "winning it all" anymore.

TIGERS: Wow! I bet the Detroit Tigers are glad this season is almost over. But the sad thing is it will be in the record books as the worst loss record since the 1962 New York Mets. The Tigers are in line to assume 120 losses this season. That amounts to only 40 victories. And we thought the Reds were bad and we still do.

Did you know that the 1899 Cleveland Spiders finished the season 20-134.

The following year they folded as a franchise. Remarkable!

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Blackcats

Continued from p1

a 28-22 win over Prestonsburg in double overtime. Prestonsburg seemed ready to show the same offensive production as the week before at Ashland as the cats would score early on a 10-yard touchdown run from Chat Yates. The two point conversion keeper from Trevor Compton would give the Blackcats a 8-0 lead with 7:04 left in the first quarter.

The Blackcat defense would control the game in the first quarter and help Prestonsburg hold an 8-0 lead after one. Sheldon Clark began to move the football in the second quarter behind the hard running of junior tailback Jamie Jarrett. The Cardinals would get their first score of the night on a 1 yard sneak from quarterback Nathan Moore.

The two-point conversion run from Daniel Cornette tied the game at 8-8 with 6:07 remaining in the first half. The game would remain tied at the half and Sheldon Clark would take the lead at the 7:00 mark of the third quarter on a 15 yd touchdown pass from Nathan Moore to Brandon Fletcher. The two-point conversion would put the cards in front 16-8 with 6:40 left in the third quarter.

The third quarter would end with the same score and the Blackcats would tie the game on a 3 yard touchdown leap from Joe Blackburn.

Neither team could put any points on the board in the final 11:00 and the game would go to overtime. Sheldon Clark had one last chance with :03 on the clock in regulation, but Brandon Mahon was ran out of bounds at the Blackcat two-yard line as time expired in regulation. Prestonsburg would strike first in the first overtime on a 6 yard run from Nicholas Jamerson, but the conversion attempt failed and Prestonsburg led 22-16. Sheldon Clark would answer in their first series of overtime on a 6-yard touchdown run from Nathan Moore but instead of kicking the extra point, Jim Matney decided to go for the two-point conversion and the Blackcat defensive front held at the goal line to send the game into a second overtime. Sheldon Clark would score on a 3 yard keeper by Moore and fail on the two-point conversion attempt to lead 28-22. Prestonsburg would have another chance but on the first play, Trevor Compton was intercepted in the end zone by Daniel Cornette and the Cardinals would come away with the victory.



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg junior quarterback Trevor Compton dropped back to pass against the Sheldon Clark defense.

Loaded

Continued from p3

tem." Thus, the Loaded Weapon.

Dr. Leonard Moore, a professor of history and director of African-American studies at Louisiana State University, thinks Converse made a bad mistake.

"It's problematic when you look at the level of violence in the African-American community," he said. "To try and capitalize on misery and fratricide is reprehensible.

"I think it would be wise for them to go back to the drawing board on this one."

Steve Shapiro is a lecturer in the marketing division at Babson College with 30 years of experience at Gillette and six

years at Procter and Gamble.

"The concept of 'loaded' is right out of Marketing 101," he said. "It suggests extra benefits, additional features. So the concept of 'loaded' is a good one. But tying it these days to 'weapon' is questionable. Unfortunately, the news is kids shooting up kids. A 'weapon' that's 'loaded' I think is asking for trouble."

Maddocks said Converse conducted focus groups and didn't receive negative feedback.

"We have no second thoughts about the name, whatsoever," Maddocks said. "Sports is loaded with battlefield terminology. This is merely the name of a shoe."

NEWS & NOTES

Slone wins first Yu-Gi-Oh tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — On August 23, approximately 35 children from the tri-county area gathered at Page Three for the first Yu-Gi-Oh double elimination tournament. The Pike County comic book store hosted the first annual event with many onhand to watch the tournament.

The dueling started at 12:30 p.m. and didn't end until 6:30 p.m.

After an exciting day Charles Nevan Slone was undefeated in the final round and crowned champion.

Prizes were given for first and second place. Pictured above is Slone was presented with a prize for first place, the "head of exodia" card. Slone is the 11-year-old son of Scott Slone of Wayland and Vickie King Slone of Hueysville. He attends Allen Central Middle School.

Lester D. Hall

Dec. 22, 1933 — Sept. 8, 2003

NEW CARLISLE, Ohio — Lester D. Hall, 69, New Carlisle, Ohio, died Sept. 8, 2003, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

Born Dec. 22, 1933, in Floyd County, Printer, Ky., he was the son of Hollie and Julia Brown (Allen) Hall, Anderson, Ind. A veteran of the United States Air Force, he served a total of 21 years. He served in the Korean War as a jet engine mechanic and retired from Federal Civil Service at WPAFB in September 1974.

Lester was well known as a professional bluegrass musician and was given the honor of acceptance as a Kentucky Colonel. He made special guest appearances on Ernest Tubbs Midnight Jamboresque on WSM radio, Nashville, Tenn., The Wheeling Jamboresque, Wheeling, W.Va., and also appeared on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. In 1968 he received a recording contract with REM Records of Nashville. He recorded nine single records and four long play albums under his name "Les Hall and The Master-tones." His many talents included his ability to play the mandolin, guitar, banjo, dobro guitar, fiddle and the bass without reading music.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Debra A. (Hall) and Virgil Bays of New Carlisle; two granddaughters, Kim Downing (husband, Doug) and Kary Burille (husband, Rick); brother, Don L. Hall (wife, Phyllis) of Kokomo; two sisters, Rochelle R. Riddell and Floreille H. Shreves (husband Phil), all of Anderson; great-granddaughter, Lauren Duncan; and great-grandson, Brock Downing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Virginia Ann (Helsley) Hall.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trostel, Chapman & Christmas Funeral Home, New Carlisle, Ohio, with Pastor Dan Witter officiating. Burial will be in New Carlisle Cemetery.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m.

SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND

For only \$25 you can reserve your space today!

Ads will run in our Wed. editions prior to each Festival Dates. (Apple Day, Jenny Wiley, and Red White & Blue) Advertise for all three festivals, receive a 10% discount.

Contact: Rita Brock Special Section Sales Rep.
606-886-8506 or Fax: 606-886-3603

The Floyd County Times Classifieds

Classified Rates: for 20 words or less
 Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, only \$12.00
 Sunday, Wednesday, Friday & Shopper \$13.00
 An additional charge of .25 per word for every word over 20
 Classified Manager: Tammy Conn, ext. #19

DEADLINES:

- Wednesday Paper, Noon Mon.
- Friday Paper and Shopper, Wed. 5 p.m.
- Sunday Paper, Thurs. 5 p.m.

CONTACT US AT: (606) 886-8506



Send Us Your Ad
(606) 886-3603
 24 HOURS*

100 - AUTOMOTIVE

- 110 - Agriculture
- 115 - ATVs
- 120 - Boats
- 130 - Cars
- 140 - 4x4's
- 150 - Miscellaneous
- 160 - Motorcycles
- 170 - Parts
- 175 - SUV's
- 180 - Trucks
- 190 - Vans

200 - EMPLOYMENT

- 210 - Job Listings
- 220 - Help Wanted
- 230 - Information
- 250 - Miscellaneous
- 260 - Part Time
- 270 - Sales
- 280 - Services
- 290 - Work Wanted

300 - FINANCIAL

- 310 - Business Opportunity
- 330 - For Sale
- 350 - Miscellaneous
- 360 - Money To Lend
- 380 - Services

400 - MERCHANDISE

- 410 - Animals
- 420 - Appliances
- 440 - Electronics

- 445 - Furniture
- 450 - Lawn & Garden
- 460 - Yard Sale
- 470 - Health & Beauty
- 475 - Household
- 480 - Miscellaneous
- 490 - Recreation
- 495 - Wanted To Buy

500 - REAL ESTATE

- 505 - Business

- 510 - Commercial Property
- 530 - Homes
- 550 - Land/Lots
- 570 - Mobile Homes
- 580 - Miscellaneous
- 590 - Sale or Lease

600 - RENTALS

- 610 - Apartments
- 620 - Storage

- Office Space
- 630 - Houses
- 640 - Land/Lots
- 650 - Mobile Homes
- 660 - Miscellaneous
- 670 - Commercial Property
- 690 - Wanted To Rent

700 - SERVICES

- 705 - Construction

- 710 - Educational
- 713 - Child Care
- 715 - Electrician
- 720 - Health & Beauty
- 730 - Lawn & Garden
- 735 - Legal
- 740 - Masonry
- 745 - Miscellaneous
- 750 - Mobile Home Movers
- 755 - Office
- 760 - Plumbing

- 765 - Professionals
- 770 - Repair/Service
- 780 - Timber
- 790 - Travel

800 - NOTICES

- 805 - Announcements
- 810 - Auctions
- 815 - Lost & Found
- 830 - Miscellaneous
- 850 - Personal
- 870 - Services

The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

AUTOMOTIVE

120-Boats

1984 19 FT. PONTON BOAT with 90 HP Johnson engine. \$2895. Call 285-5141.

130-Cars

1997 MERCURY TRACER FOR SALE: 4 dr., 85,000 miles. Car has been rebuilt in great condition. \$2,300. Call 886-8648.

1994 Mercedes Benz E320 4 door sedan. Like new 48K \$12,000. Dr. Simpson 606-886-1416 or 606-886-3680.

1996 FORD TAURUS silver, excellent condition. #3500 firm. 874-9757.

1992 CHEVY CORSI-CA for sale. If interested call 889-0872 or 226-0062.

140-4X4's

2000 YAMAHA BIG BEAR 400-4X4 4 wheeler, with HMF exhaust pipes and bear claw tires. \$2500. Call 886-9657.

2000 SUZUKI QUAD MASTER Automatic, 2wd-4wd. 710 miles. \$3900. Call 889-0424.

150-Miscellaneous

1984 RV, 350 motor with 65,000 miles, refrigerator, microwave, AC, furnished, water heater, stove, bath, very good condition. Asking \$6500. Call 886-0098.

1987 35 PASSENGER BUS. Diesel, standard transmission. Ideal for hunting/fishing camper \$2295. Call 285-5141.

1984 29 PASSENGER BUS with wheel chair lift. Gasoline engine, standard transmission. Great for Church Bus. \$3595. Call 285-5141.

160-Motorcycles

1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 452-9599 for more info.

EMPLOYMENT

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

205-Business Oppt.

COAL FOR LEASE: Elkhorn seam one with seam two below one. Several acres for lease. Require resume, references and financial statement from interested party. Principals only. Call 606-376-8119.

A \$5,000 WEEKLY potential. Serious inquiries only. 1-888-863-1676.

210-Job Listings

COME JOIN A GROWING COMPANY! Repo Depot USA is looking for a mechanic who will be willing to travel. Bring resume to Repo Depot USA, on Nicholasville Rd. across from the Carpenters Dish Barn or call (859) 885-5645.

COME JOIN A GROWING COMPANY. Repo Depot USA is looking for a mechanic who will be willing to travel. Bring resume to Repo Depot USA, on Nicholasville Rd. across from the Carpenters Dish Barn or call (859) 885-5645.

Classified ads work!

THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG is taking applications for a mechanic with the Public Works Department. Applicants should have experience with gas and diesel engines. Heavy machinery and general equipment. Pay will be based on experience and schooling. The City Of Prestonsburg offers health and retirement benefits. The City Of Prestonsburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Deadline for submitting applications is 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 1, 2003. If any additional information is needed contact Tom Harris, Supervisor of Public Works at 886-3537 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FINANCIAL

380-Services

BECOME DEBT FREE! Cut payments without new loans. It's easy! 1 hr. approval. Call 1-800-517-3406.

PIANO TUNING for pianos old and new. Spinets, uprights, grand pianos. Call 606-666-4261.

FREE GRANTS! NEVER REPAY! \$500 to \$5000. Education, home repairs, homes. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Call 1-800-893-2510.

MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

2 BOSTON TERRIERS for sale. One male, one female. Asking \$200 each. Call 606-785-0239.

440-Electronics

FOR SALE: PIONEER HOME STEREO Includes CD player, cassette player & recorder, 2 large speakers, turntable and stand. reduced to \$250 but will negotiate. 874-4604 after 5:30 p.m.

445-Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunkbeds, and lots more! Call 874-9790.

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER

New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell, Call 606-377-0143.

460-Yard Sale

FIRST TIME: 4 FAMILY MOVING AND GARAGE SALE. Rain or shine. 245 Carter Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. Oct. 3rd and 4th, 8 a.m.

MOVING SALE at 556 Abbott Creek Rd. One half mile off US 23. Friday, October 3rd.

5 FAMILY YARD SALE next to Layne Brothers Ford at Ivel, October 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Items too numerous to mention. Weather permitting.

YARD SALE October 3 and October 4. 9am-? At Scutchfield house beside Seton Complex in Martin.

480-Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: Home interior items, full size comforters & curtains to match. Avon collectible items, collection of novels. Call after 4 p.m. 886-3326.

BUCK STOVE and 1 ton of coal for sale. Call 886-3994.

3 NATURAL GAS HEATERS, one 20,000 BTU-\$85.00, 2nd 24,500 BTU-\$125.00, 3rd open flame bathroom heater-\$35.00. Call 886-2275.

KAY'S WALPAPER 205 DEPOT RD. PAINTSVILLE, KY HUNDREDS OF PATTERNS OF WALLPAPER & BORDERS All under \$10.00. Open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sunday & Monday. 789-8584.

FOR SALE: Home interior items, full size comforters & curtains to match. Avon collectible items, collection of novels. Call after 4 p.m. 886-3326.

REAL ESTATE

530-Houses

HOUSE FOR SALE IN DOWNTOWN PRESTONSBURG. For more information Call 606-889-0507.

5 BR, 3 BA HOME for sale at Lancer. Call 889-9232 anytime.

6 ROOM HOUSE with bath on 25 acres on Rte. 7, south of Dema, Ky. Priced reduced. 2 additional tracts also for sale. Call 606-358-9318.

HOUSE FOR SALE 1/2 acre, 3 BR, 2 BA, carport, shed, city water. Built in 1994. Located on Abbott Crk. Call 606-652-1692.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 story cedar siding, with FR, den, living room DR & kitchen. 5 BR, 2 BA & storage room Located in New Allen. Asking \$139,900. Call 606-874-3200.

550-Land/Lots

1 1/3 ACRE LEVEL LOT, 250 FT FRONT Quality 16X80 mobile home, like new. Somerset area. 4 car garage w/room upstairs for 3 BR apt. Build new home on side or in front. Much more. Death, must sacrifice for \$68,000 or make cash offer. Call 606-432-9429.

LOT AND HILLSIDE LAND FOR SALE. 1 1/2 miles from Rte 114. Call 606-886-8420.

FOR SALE: Almost 1 acre near Long Bow Boat Docks at Cave Run Lake. Asking \$6000. Call 606-889-0746.

50 ACRES OF MINERALS coal & gas located on Laurel Fork of Quick Sand. Call 260-347-0259

Your ad could be here!

570-Mobile Homes

1992 FLEETWOOD, 28X60 MOBILE HOME 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 porches and 18 X28 carport. Asking \$25,000. Call 478-9520 or 478-5020.

12 X 60 2 BR, MOBILE HOME FOR SALE. \$1950. CALL 874-3989.

FOR SALE: 2003 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME 16x70, 3 BR, 2 full BA, central heat/ac. 10x8 deck with roof. Also a new 14x20 utility building. Building has been wired for electric. Mobile home has only been lived in about 7 months. Call any time 606-886-0633. If no answer leave message.

FOR SALE 12X60 Mobile Home. Underpinning & steps included, needs repairs, excellent for parts or storage. \$1000 OBO. Call after 5:30 874-4604.

590-Sale or Lease

FOR SALE OR LEASE: 16000 sq. ft. building, more or less w/apt. attached. 2 BR, 1 BA. Separate metal bldg. 40x50 & 2 + 1/2 acres of land. Large road frontage. Between Allen & Martin, close to WMDJ Call 859-512-6812.

RENTALS

610-Apartments

DUPLEX APARTMENT FOR RENT: 2 BR, 1 BA, stove, refrigerator, central h/a, w/d hookup, city limits at US 23 & 80. \$425 mo. + utilities. 1 year lease, no pets. Call 886-7237 or 237-4758.

APARTMENT FOR RENT, extremely nice, near college. Furnished or unfurnished. References and security deposit. No pets. Call 886-3565.

2 FURNISHED APARTMENTS FOR RENT

near Prestonsburg and J.W. Lake. A/C, private, clean. Not suitable for more than 2 people. Also, like new central heat furnace for sale. Call 606-886-3941.

PRESTONSBURG- \$99.00 MOVE-IN SPECIAL HURRY ENDS 9/30! FREE PROCESSING THROUGH SEPTEMBER. Immediate Occupancy for Qualified Applicants 1 Br/\$305 mo. 2 Br/\$325 mo. Call 886-0039

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

GREETINGS FROM LIGHTHOUSE MANOR, Terry & Sharon Smith. We have apartments for rent that are efficiency apartments, all utilities paid. For more info call 606-886-2797.

FURNISHED 1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS: Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$350 month, + \$300 deposit. Located near HRMC. 889-9717.*

1 EFFICIENCY APARTMENT, \$300 mo. + \$250 dep. Lease and references required. Utilities paid. 886-3154.

610-Apartments

2 BR HOUSE FOR RENT. 3 miles out of Prestonsburg on Rte. 404. Privacy. Call 886-3902.

2 BR HOUSE FOR RENT 5 miles from Rte 80, HUD approved, no pets, \$400 mo. + dep. Call 358-9694.

FOR RENT: 2,000 sq. ft. house on Rte. 80. Would be great for a business. Located just West of Martin. Call 285-1233 for more information.

2 BR HOUSE FOR RENT in Prestonsburg. Call 886-0124.

HOUSES, APARTMENTS, & TOWNHOUSES,

No pets. Call B&O Rental Properties 606-886-8991.

650-Mobile Homes

FIRST RATE 1997 CLAYTON 3 BR/2BA MOBILE HOME FOR RENT- Located 1 1/2 miles pass Cliffside Apts. New roof with extra 2" insulation for energy savings. New porch. All new carpet. Water, sewer, garbage provided. \$435 month/\$300 deposit. Available to first depositor on or about October 1 2003, HUD approved. Call (606) 874-2162 during business hours.

670-Comm. Property

FOR RENT: MODERN SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT Approx. 900 sq. ft. Furnished kitchen. Will also consider renting apartment for office space. Located 1 mile south of Martin on Rte 122 across from the Floyd County Technology Center at Garth. \$500 per mo. plus utilities. Call 285-3625 or 285-9112.

SERVICES

705-Construction

ALL TYPES: Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

Subscribe To The Floyd County Times, 886-8506 Call Patty today!!!

PEPSI Position Available
MEM Field Service Technician

Job Summary:
 Field Service Technician, to repair and maintain Marketing Equipment to meet our customers' expectations, occasional Fountain installer, Vending Utilities, and all other duties as assigned.

Job Eligibility Criteria:
 -Must be 18 years of age
 -High School Diploma or equivalent
 -Good Driving Record - Class B CDL license optional
 -Must have Refrigeration License Certification Type I & Type II
 -Mechanical background & knowledge of electronics
 -Basic plumbing, carpentry & soldering knowledge
 -Basic knowledge of CO2 & Freon
 -On Call - Occasional Weekend and Evening work

Taking applications Tuesday, September 30, 2003 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ONLY
 Testing will follow application process.

Apply in person at The Pepsi Bottling Group
 3591 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501
No Phone Calls
 PBG is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Find your calling
 in the heart of the mountains

HEAD NURSE MANAGER
 ARH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
 HAZARD, KY

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, a not-for-profit system of nine (9) hospitals, 17 clinics and a wide network of Home Health Agencies, serving Kentucky and West Virginia is seeking candidates for a Head Nurse Manager opportunity with the system's 208 bed ARH Regional Medical Center in Hazard, KY.

This position, reporting to the Operating Room Supervisor, will have primary responsibility for the management of patients services for the Operating Room to include implementation of standards of nursing practice and total quality management.

Requirements include graduation from an approved School of Nursing and current non-limited KY RN licensure with a minimum of three (3) years of clinical RN experience and demonstrated management skills.

ARH offers an outstanding compensation schedule and benefits include low cost single or family plan health insurance; paid vacation, sick and holiday leaves; noncontributory retirement plan, Tax Sheltered Annuity Programs; etc.

Please send resume to or contact: Sonya Bergman, Human Resources Manager, ARH Regional Medical Center, 100 Medical Center Drive, Hazard, KY 41701; e-mail: sbergman@arh.org or Lisa Hall, Operating Room Supervisor at: 606-439-5675. EOE M/F

ARH
 APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE
 The Medical Center of the Mountains
 www.arh.org

Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.
 is seeking candidates for
PHARMACIST

Position available in a primary care setting at Mud Creek Pharmacy, located at Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, KY. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Qualifications include a graduate of an accredited college of Pharmacy and current licensure in KY.

Benefits include:
 SIGN-ON BONUS
 37.5 Hour Workweek
 Paid Health Insurance
 Paid Dental Insurance
 Paid Vacation
 11 Paid Holidays
 403 (b) Retirement Plan

Please send resume to:
Human Resources
 Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.
 1709 KY Route 321, Suite 3
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
 Phone: (606) 886-8546
 Fax (606) 886-8548
 Email: hr@bshc.org

A proud tradition of providing access to quality health care.
 Big Sandy Health Care is an Equal Opportunity Employer

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
 The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky, Inc.
 A Subsidiary of Consolidated Health Systems

Come grow with us!!
 Highlands, a growing premier healthcare facility in Prestonsburg, is currently recruiting for a
Part-Time
Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician

Performs a wide range of prescribed therapeutic and diagnostic respiratory care procedures in the routine critical care areas on adult, pediatric and newborn patients. Kentucky licensure; high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent and completion of one (1) year certification program. Successful completion of CRTT exam administered by the NBRC. Minimum of one (1) year clinical experience to include Critical Care/Ventilator Management.

Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department
 Highlands Regional Medical Center
 5000 Kentucky Route 321
 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653
 (606) 886-7531
 Fax: (606) 886-7534
 E-Mail: tclark@hrmc.org

Highlands is an equal opportunity employer.
 Please visit Highlands web site at www.hrmc.org
"Think Healthy, Think Highlands!"

790-Travel
FLORIDA HIDE-A-WAY! Looking for a nice get-a-way in Florida, but don't want the high expense of a place on the beach? Check out this place: Located in the Daytona Beach Shores area. It is a 2 BR house, but sleeps 6. Nice Florida room for quite evenings, also hot tub in backyard with a great view of the river. Two blocks from beach access. Nice neighborhood for only \$650. Priced change for special events. E-mail hofd@bell-south.net or call 386-760-3247 ask for Pleasant View House

for pictures. Locally owned 606-447-2192 or 606-886-0893.

NOTICES

805-Announcements

HELP THE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY. We are looking for donations for new & used computers to distribute to the kids community facilities. For pick up call Scott 889-9551 and to deliver call Scott 889-9551.

812-Free

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

OIL FIELD COMPANY has openings for hard working responsible drivers. Must be of age 21 or older. Must have CDL and good driving record, and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person.

UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE INC.

5252 Route 1428
 Allen, Ky. 41601

606-874-3487

Call Monday thru Friday,
 8:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.

OIL FIELD COMPANY is currently seeking a responsible secretary/clerk. Background in Microsoft Word and Excel is a plus. Ability to process payroll, invoicing and other various office duties. Benefit package and competitive wages commensurate with experience.

Please apply in person to:

UNIVERSAL WELL SERVICE INC.

5252 Route 1428
 Allen, Ky. 41601

606-874-3487

Call Monday thru Friday,
 8:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.

Employment Opportunity

Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center has an opening for a

Health Occupations Instructor

RN Certification Required

Competitive benefits package including Medical, Dental, Sick Leave, Paid Vacation, Tuition Reimbursement, Paid Holidays, and 401-K

Qualified candidates should submit résumé to:

Human Resources Department
 Carl D. Perkins Job Corps
 478 Meadows Branch
 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Equal Opportunity Employer
 M/F/V/D



KENTUCKY TRADITIONS

From bluegrass and barbecues to riverboats and racing, you take pride in your reputation and history. So do we. At AEGIS Therapies, we continue to lead the industry in delivering geriatric rehab services that enhance our patients' quality of life. Help us continue that tradition.

PT/PTA/OT/COTA/SLP

Full-Time, Part-Time & PRN positions available throughout the state of KENTUCKY.

Immediate opportunities in:

Ashland • Inez • Lexington • Maysville • Owingsville

Chanta Brittain, PHR
 888-306-1654 • Fax: 601-956-9560
 Email: chanta_brittain@egistherapies.com



www.egistherapies.com

THE MIPDV • A Drug-Free Workplace

NEEDED

Experienced People in the Following Areas:

- Pole and anchor work. Must be able to operate an auger truck.
- CDL License. Preferably Class A
- Underground which consists of conduit and buried cable.
- R/way trim
- Tree trimming

Pay to be determined at interview.

APPLY AT

Star Construction

Banner, Ky.

874-1263

Be an Angel.

Become a Kentucky organ & tissue donor. Sign the back of your driver license or place a Donor Dec on it & tell your family of your wishes.

For information contact:
 1-800-525-3456,
 or www.trustforlife.org



Kentucky Organ & Tissue Donor Program

PSA

Manpower is seeking applicants for basic and advanced General Office Assignments in the Floyd & Pike areas. Excellent phone skills, a basic knowledge of office Equipment, knowledge of Word & Excel, data entry, and accounting, are some of the skills needed. If you have any, or all of these qualifications, contact Manpower at (606) 889-9710 for an appointment.

American Heart Association
 Fighting Heart Disease & Stroke

www.americanheart.org

PSA

Register For Ky/Federal Disaster Assistance
 1-800-621-FEMA (3362)
 (TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the hearing- and speech impaired)

PAID

PEOPLE AGAINST DRUGS

"Come Walk With Us"

STOP!

You've cleaned out your attic, your basement, your garage and now you're ready to host a garage sale. Before you proceed, follow these signs for placing the type of classified ad that will help turn your event into a best-seller.

Be sure to include in your Garage or Yard Sale ad...

GARAGE SALE

Tips

AHEAD

- WHAT.** Describe the type of sale you're hosting. Is it mostly household goods? Nursery furniture? Apparel?
- WHEN.** Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.
- WHERE.** Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.
- WHY.** Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

Let one of our "ad-visors" help you with your ad.
 Call **886-8506**

The Floyd County Times

Service IS OUR BUSINESS

STUMP REMOVAL!

Get rid of those ugly, troublesome stumps.
Won't damage lawn!
 Free Estimates
874-0356 or 874-8077

Spring Maiden Cleaning Service

Office or Home. General or Spring Cleaning.
 Reliable • Affordable
 References on Request
 Floyd, Johnson, Pike Counties
874-4389 • 886-0346

J & S Lawn & Garden Service

For all of your lawn, garden, landscaping, hillside cleaning, & tree trimming needs. Satisfaction Guaranteed!!!
 Free estimates, call:
(606) 886-9602

CAUDILL'S LAWN SERVICE

587-2725
 Free Estimates
 Lawns • Cemeteries Businesses
 Floyd-Pike County

Mine Safety & First Aid Training

Newly Employed
 24 hr. Class (surface)
 40 hr. (underground)
 8 hr. refresher (surface & underground)
 Also Electrical Classes
285-0999
 Train at your convenience.

J & L Electrical Contracting

Residential & Commercial Electrical Services
 Home Improvements and Repairs
Free Estimates • Reliable
 Ph: (606) 886-2785
 Pager: (606) 482-0229
 John K. Lewis, Master Electrician
 Licensed: ME8643, CE8644

J & J EXCAVATING

BACKHOE
 DUMP TRUCK
 GRAVEL
 SEPTIC
377-0791
377-9843

TRIP'S MINE TRAINING & TECHNOLOGY INC.

- Teaching Newly Employed 24 Hour
- Annual 8-Hour Refresher Classes
- Mine Medical Technician Instructor
- American Heart C.P.R. and First Aid

Phone 606-358-9303 (Home)
 606-434-0542 (Mobile)
 Garrett, Kentucky
 Terry Triplett, Instructor

CARPENTER WORK

Build new homes
 Remodel old homes
 Build new additions
 Vinyl siding
 Concrete work
 Free Estimates
 Phone: 886-1783

P & N Construction

Residential & Commercial
 All Types of Building, Remodeling, New Construction, Roofing, Vinyl Siding, Replacement Windows, Electrical, Masonry and Concrete Work
 • Free Estimates •
Phone 631-9991
Cell Ph: 477-9837

J & M Seamless Guttering & Siding

Located at
 Weeksbury, Ky.
 14 Years Experience
Free estimates, call anytime
606-452-2490
or 606-424-9858

HEAVY EQUIPMENT STEAM CLEANING CO.

NEEDS EMPLOYEES

Must have valid drivers license and valid surface mining papers. Call 886-0833 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

TRIPLE R EXCAVATING
 Minnie, Kentucky
606-377-2323 • Cell: 791-6083

ANY TYPE CONSTRUCTION WORK

- Septic System
- Pond Cleaning
- Site Preparation
- Backhoe Work
- Brushing
- Home Remodeling
- Dirt Removal
- Home Building
- Block Work
- Dozer Work

NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL
 We deliver and spread gravel.
15% DISCOUNT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS
 Free estimates • Commercial and Residential
www.triplerfoxfinder.com

SOUTHERN STEEL Tattoo & Piercing

Located on Rt. 80, next to Budweiser plant
Phone 874-8282
or 874-8288

Aiken Technology LLC

Commercial & Residential
HEATING, COOLING AND ELECTRICAL
We do it right the first time!
 Above-Code Work
Call 606-874-2516
 M02745

FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING NEEDS!

New homes, remodeling, roofing, patios, block, concrete or siding. Have 30 years experience.
 Call Spears Construction,
 Romey Spears
 (606) 874-2688.

Tree Trimming

Hillside, lawn care and light hauling.
 Garage and Basement Cleaning.
886-8350