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Appalled receives \$173,000

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, better known as Appalled, recently received more than \$170,000 in funding through a \$2.3 million series of federal grants.

The funding, awarded through federal Violence Against Women Act grants, totals \$173,835 to the Appalled organization, which lends legal aid and services to victims of domestic violence in Eastern Kentucky.

Funding was awarded to 32 local and state agencies and nonprofit organizations in an attempt to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement, prosecution and court strategies, as well as victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

The grant was nearly the largest awarded of the 32 entities, second only to a \$183,468 grant to the Louisville Metro Police.

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Today

Partly cloudy

High: 48 • Low: 27

Thursday

Rain, snow

High: 39 • Low: 22

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Industrial park sparking new interest

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Although the \$16 billion soft drink superpower Coca-Cola may have decided against bringing a facility to the Honey Branch Industrial Park in Martin County, Big Sandy Area Development District officials announced Monday during the agency's regular

meeting that negotiations are all but complete in seeing the oil service company Schlumberger build a facility in the park.

Stephanie Stumbo, BSADD community economic director, told board members Monday that Schlumberger representatives had expressed "serious" interest in one of several options given them in negotiations.

Stumbo, who markets industrial sites in the region for the agency, told board members during a Jan. 24 meeting that a lease could be available for review Monday, but explained that the company is still putting finishing touches on final acceptance.

"It's a go, basically," Stumbo said. "The offer just

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Big Sandy Area Development District board chairman Mike Duncan, right, was told Monday that the oil service company, Schlumberger, is preparing documents in an agreement to build a facility at the Honey Branch Industrial Park in Martin, an economic enterprise Duncan has called a "remarkable, regional project".

photo by Sheldon Compton



photo by Steve LeMaster

Rescue workers surrounded the crushed left side of Lora L. Innis' 1992 Toyota Corolla following an accident Monday along U.S. 23 at Ivel. Innis was killed when an oncoming driver struck her as she was pulling onto the highway from Ivy Creek earlier that morning.

Ivel woman killed in wreck on U.S. 23

Times Staff Report

IVEL — An Ivel woman was killed Monday morning when she was side-swiped by an oncoming vehicle while attempting to pull across U.S. 23 from Ivy Creek, police said.

Lora L. Innis, 32, of Ivel, was killed Monday when at about 7:30 a.m. a 1992 Toyota pick-up truck driven by 18-year-old

Steven Gillespie, of Galveston, struck the driver's side of her 1992 Toyota Corolla.

Both Innis and Gillespie were wearing seatbelts, police said.

Gillespie, who suffered injuries in the collision, was taken by ambulance to Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Innis was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Greg Nelson.

Police said there were no other occupants in the two vehicles.

Assisting at the scene Monday was the Kentucky State Police, the Floyd County Coroner's Office, Respond Ambulance Service, the Betsy Layne Fire Department.

Kentucky State Police Trooper David Watkins is investigating the accident.

Inspectors say park is safe

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A series of air quality inspections at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge concluded late last week that no danger could be

found at the facility, according to reports from the Kentucky Department of Parks.

Environmental experts visited the park this past week and performed inspections at the lodge, saying that employees and guests were in no harm as a result of an

asbestos scare that cropped up after park manager Julian Slone remodeled his office space.

Asbestos was found behind a wall that Slone ordered removed during the project, the depart-

(See ASBESTOS, page eleven)

Council told city close to solving sewer stink

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The all-too-familiar stink in the city of Prestonsburg is getting closer to being a distant memory, according to Water Plant office manager Eddie Campbell, who reported to the city council Monday that plans to improve the city's sewer system are well underway and looking favorable.

During Monday's meeting, Campbell told the council that plans to re-route the city's sewer lines are coming closer to reality, with designs now completed to route those lines around, rather than through, the city.

"The lines are pretty well designed," said Campbell. "I think it will alleviate some of the problem."

Applications have been filed for more funds through PRIDE, he said, to help fund the project.

Campbell said the plan includes the addition of a special on-site, chlorine-based treatment at the sewage plant that will be less dangerous to work with. This equipment, he said, should be arriving "any day."

Additionally, Campbell reported that the city's purchase of a new truck was a "very, very good investment." Workers used the truck Monday to clear out a

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Turner drops out of state rep race

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

DRIFT — One candidate who struck out during the Democratic Party's executive election to choose a nominee for the Feb. 17 special election to fill Greg Stumbo's vacancy in the 95th District has decided to drop from the race entirely, foregoing a chance to win the seat during the upcoming May election.

With the special election to fill Stumbo's vacancy in the state House of Representatives just around the corner, Drift resident Jimmy "Gabe" Turner, uncle to 29th District state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, dropped his name from consideration on the May ballot Monday.

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Debate canceled

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Plans for a debate Thursday between the two candidates in next week's special election for state representative have been scrapped, after one of the candidate's cited scheduling conflicts.

The Floyd County Times, along with Prestonsburg radio station WQHY and Hazard television station WYMT, had planned to sponsor a debate

(See DEBATE, page three)

Judge gives woman choice to get married or move

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sentencing for a Prestonsburg woman was postponed Friday, after Judge Danny Caudill turned a sympathetic ear to her situation.

Nona Nelson, 52, indicted in March

1999 and charged with two counts of second-degree drug trafficking, appeared in court with her attorney, Cassie Allen, prepared to be sentenced Friday, only to walk away with a hefty decision to make.

During the course of the hearing, Caudill called Nelson's boyfriend, Bill Junior Little, 53, to the bench and told the

couple of a significant problem they now face.

If Nelson is sentenced for the trafficking charges, said Caudill, and placed on probation as negotiated in the plea offer she made with the commonwealth's attorney's office in December, then she stands a chance of getting arrested again because

Little, who she now lives with at Town Branch, is a convicted felon.

State policy prohibits people on probation to have any contact with known felons, said Caudill.

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Odds & Ends

■ **TOPEKA, Kan.** — When a restaurant owner invited a hypnotist to perform at his steakhouse, he expected hysterical laughter, maybe one or two people strutting like roosters.

What he didn't expect was for a sheriff's deputy to show up later that month telling him the performance was against a Kansas law that prohibits hypnotism for entertainment purposes.

Faced with the possibility of breaking state law or losing money from customers who wanted to see a hypnotist at his restaurant, owner Kansas Walker chose to take his chances.

The Larned businessman described his frustration Monday for the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is considering a bill to repeal the statute against hypnotism as entertain-

ment.

The hypnotism ban was instituted in 1903, when legislators made it a misdemeanor to hypnotize anyone under 18. That same year, lawmakers also banned exhibitions in which someone ate or pretended to eat snakes, lizards, scorpions, centipedes, tarantulas or other reptiles.

Lawmakers repealed the reptiles law in 1969, but rewrote the hypnosis statute.

■ **EDGARTOWN, Mass.** — The rodent control officer on Martha's Vineyard wants to make his services more visible. And he figures you can't miss a 12-foot rat.

T.J. Hegarty raised \$5,000 in private donations to buy a 12-foot tall inflatable rat that he plans to bring to parades and other local events to increase

public awareness of his rodent control program. He expects to take delivery of the bulky beast in six weeks.

A summer playground for the well-to-do, Martha's Vineyard is thought of more as a vacation spot for presidents and Hollywood celebrities than a breeding ground for vermin. Though Hegarty says there isn't a major rat problem on the island now, rats have proliferated on and off for years, aided by an abundance of food sources and a lack of natural predators.

After borrowing a similar blow-up rat for the island's 2002 July 4th parade from the Carpenter's Union of Brockton, Hegarty decided to buy a rat of his own to spread the word about his services.

"We all have this in common," he said. "The rodents don't care who you are."

■ **LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — A helpful tip for would-be thieves: Remember to be as inconspicuous as possible.

Police say Undra Williams, 24, of Little Rock, was wearing a bright-orange Hawaiian shirt when he failed in an attempt to rob a convenience store Wednesday and then successfully held up a bank 20 minutes later.

Security camera video of the incidents was shown on local television later in the week and Williams was arrested Sunday after the images showed off the robber's taste in loud clothes, police said.

"Once we saw the video, we thought it would be fairly easy to catch him," Little Rock police Sgt. Terry Hastings said Monday. "We prefer that criminals wear

bright-colored clothes."

Williams was charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and one count of theft. He was being held in the Pulaski County jail.

■ **MESA, Ariz.** — Peanut Butter is finally free from Jelly.

The pair of conjoined tortoises were separated Sunday at a Tempe animal hospital.

"I think it was a great success," said Sharon Ehasz, 24, who owns the African leopard tortoises with her husband, Bobby Ehasz. "I think they're going to be a little confused — the world as they knew it is going to be somewhat tilted."

Peanut Butter and Jelly were joined at the side of the belly near the tail end, slightly offset in a

heart-shaped configuration.

The two tortoises spent about half of their lives with one on its back, the other trying to kick itself over.

Bobby Ehasz, 29, said he and his wife routinely flipped over the tortoises, carefully logging the time one stayed on its back while the other was upright.

Veterinarians Jay Johnson of University Animal Hospital in Tempe and Jim Jarchow of Orange Grove Animal Hospital in Tucson worked for about three hours to separate the tortoises.

Johnson said the condition is "extremely rare." That's partly why Johnson and Jarchow agreed to operate on the animals at no charge to the Ehaszes, other than the cost for anesthesia and other items.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2004. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 11, 1929, 75 years ago, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

On this date:

■ In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

■ In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1861, President-elect Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

■ In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

■ In 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

■ In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

■ In 1979, 25 years ago, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

■ In 1986, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was released by the Soviet Union after nine years of captivity as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

■ In 1989, the Rev. Barbara C. Harris became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Episcopal Church, in a ceremony held in Boston.

■ In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

Ten years ago:

President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, meeting at the White House, failed to resolve key differences on trade. The space shuttle Discovery returned from an eight-day mission. A judge in Fort Worth, Texas, ordered Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison acquitted of ethics charges after prosecutors refused to present their case. Actor William Conrad died in Los Angeles at age 73.

Five years ago:

A federal jury in New York found several gun makers responsible in three area shootings for letting guns fall into the hands of criminals and assessed damages; gun makers were found liable in six other instances, but no monetary damages were awarded in those cases. (However, the plaintiffs suffered a setback in 2001 when the New York Court of Appeals invalidated such claims.)

One year ago:

Addressing a historic rift within NATO, Secretary of State Colin Powell told a congressional hearing the future of the military alliance was at risk if it failed to confront the crisis with Iraq. The al-Jazeera Arab satellite station broadcast what was believed to be a new audio statement from Osama bin Laden urging Iraqis to carry out suicide attacks on Americans.

Today's Birthdays:

Author Sidney Sheldon is 87. Former Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen is 83. Actor Leslie Nielsen is 78. Actor Conrad Janis is 76. Actress Tina Louise is 70. Actor Burt Reynolds is 68. Songwriter

Gerry Goffin is 65. Singer Bobby "Boris" Pickett is 64. Bandleader Sergio Mendes is 63. Rhythm and blues singer Otis Clay is 62. Environmental Protection Agency administrator Mike Leavitt is 53. Actor Philip Anglim is 51. Actress Catherine Hickland is 48. Actress Carey Lowell is 43. Singer Sheryl Crow is 42. Actress Jennifer Aniston is 35. Actor Damian Lewis is 33. Singer D'Angelo is 30. Actor Bruce Beckham is 28. Rock emcee/vocalist Mike Shinoda (Linkin Park) is 27. Singer-actress Brandy is 25. Actor Matthew Lawrence is 24. Rhythm and blues singer Kelly Rowland (Destiny's Child) is 23.

Thought for Today:

"We had better live as we think, otherwise we shall end up by thinking as we have lived." — Paul Bourget, French author (1852-1935).

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 between Democrat Chuck Meade and Republican Bobby Stumbo tomorrow at the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.
 Those plans are now shelved, after a Meade campaign spokesman told The Times that the campaign would be unable to commit to the debate in time to allow for proper preparation and publicity.
 "Obviously, it is disappointing to cancel the debate, because

we felt it was necessary to get as much information as possible in front of voters during this compressed campaign," said managing editor Ralph B. Davis. "However, although the debate did not come about this time, the planning that went into it will not go to waste because we will build from this to hold other debates in future elections."
 Davis said the newspaper is already looking ahead to sponsoring one or more debates before the May primary.

Martin murder suspect arrested in P'burg

Times Staff Report

TURKEY CREEK — Prestonsburg police assisted state police and Martin County law enforcement in the arrest of one of two men investigating officers say were witnessed leaving the scene where 42-year-old Martin County resident George Cornett was found dead in his home at approximately 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.
 Albert Workman Jr., 28, was arrested in Prestonsburg at about

1:40 a.m. early Monday morning and charged with murder in connection to Cornett's death.

Cornett was found dead in the bedroom of his Turkey Creek home Sunday afternoon.

Police said two men were seen leaving the area of the crime driving Cornett's vehicle, and were arrested after being involved in a wreck.

Police have not identified the second individual they say sped away from from the scene with Workman, and listed no other arrests made in the case.

Police have not detailed exactly how Cornett was killed and have sent his body to Frankfort for autopsy.

Investigating officers could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Detective Steve Bowman is investigating the case, and was assisted Sunday and Monday by Lt. Rob Massie, Sgt. Claude Little, Detective Mike Goble, Trooper Aruther Maynard, Martin County Coroner Mike Crum and members of the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

Workman is currently being held at the Big Sandy Detention Center in Johnson County.

A Candidate of The People A Candidate For The People



My name is Bobby Stumbo, and I want to be your next State Representative. A native of Floyd County, I was raised at McDowell, one of ten children born to Walter and Gertrude Turner Stumbo. My father's parents were Lee and Annie Hall Stumbo, and my mother's parents were William and Louraine Johnson Turner. Through them, I am related to the Hall, Stumbo, Turner, Johnson, Hicks, Youmans, Slone, Collins, Childers and Potter families.

I have worked in Floyd County most of my life, having experience in mining and in retail sales. Currently, I am operating the T&B Grocery at Hippo. For the past few years, I have been a member of the Floyd County Board of Elections.

So many people have asked me why I want to be your next representative. The answer is very simple. I am one of you and share with you the concern and worries about the future of our beloved county.

From Tinkers Fork to Muddy Gut; from Salt Lick to Emma, we are all concerned with the lack of job opportunities; for the young, for the old, and for those in between. We wonder how we are to support our families when we have no new industry locating to our county, to provide us with these much needed jobs. Our small local businesses can only provide so many jobs; it will take larger companies locating here to increase our job opportunities. Those of us who live by creeks start pacing the floors whenever it rains, from fear of being flooded once again. After each flood, we start over again, same place, a different year. We see little, if any, relief in sight; for if you don't have a job, how can you afford to move your family to a safe, dryer place? We all see decisions being made that affect our county. Yet, we have had little involvement in the making of these decisions. We sometimes wonder if these decision makers actually live in Floyd County, for they sometimes seem to be so out of touch with the concerns of the common man. Each of us worries about the high cost of health care, and wonder what will happen when we have driven our doctors out of Kentucky.

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Our View

Too bad, but maybe next time

We had hoped to use this space today to invite you to a debate tomorrow between the candidates for state representative. But that is not the case, due to the fact that the event had to be called off after one of the candidates reported scheduling conflicts.

That is a shame. We feel this debate would have been the signature event of this brief and unusual campaign. Because of the very short campaign season for this race, we felt the debate would have been the surest way for voters to learn who the candidates are and what they stand for.

But while we cannot understand why any candidate running in Floyd County would turn down the chance to get extensive coverage in the top newspaper, radio station and television station in the Floyd County market, we do understand that the hectic schedule of a normal campaign must be much more so for this unusually short one.

However, we tend to look for silver linings in dark clouds, and we believe that this failed attempt to put the candidates and the issues before voters in a way never before seen in Floyd County will pay dividends in the future.

A lot of planning and preparation went into the putting this event together, but although those plans fell apart this time, we believe they will serve as sort of a practice run for similar events in the future. Hopefully, we will see these plans come to fruition in the weeks leading up to the May primary.

We would be remiss if we did not offer our appreciation to those who helped us in this endeavor. First, we thank our partners in sponsoring this event, radio station WQHY and television station WYMT. WQHY station manager Gormon Collins Jr. and WYMT news director Neil Middleton recognized the importance of this campaign and were willing to do what they could to see that this event happened. That it did not is no fault of theirs.

We also offer our appreciation to Big Sandy Community and Technical College President Dr. George Edwards, who was kind enough to allow the college to serve as host. Most of all, we offer our deepest gratitude to Professor Tom Matijasic, whose singular efforts made it a breeze to clear all the hurdles of obtaining space, seating, sound and an audience.

We apologize that this debate did not become a reality this time around. However, we look forward to making it happen in the very near future.

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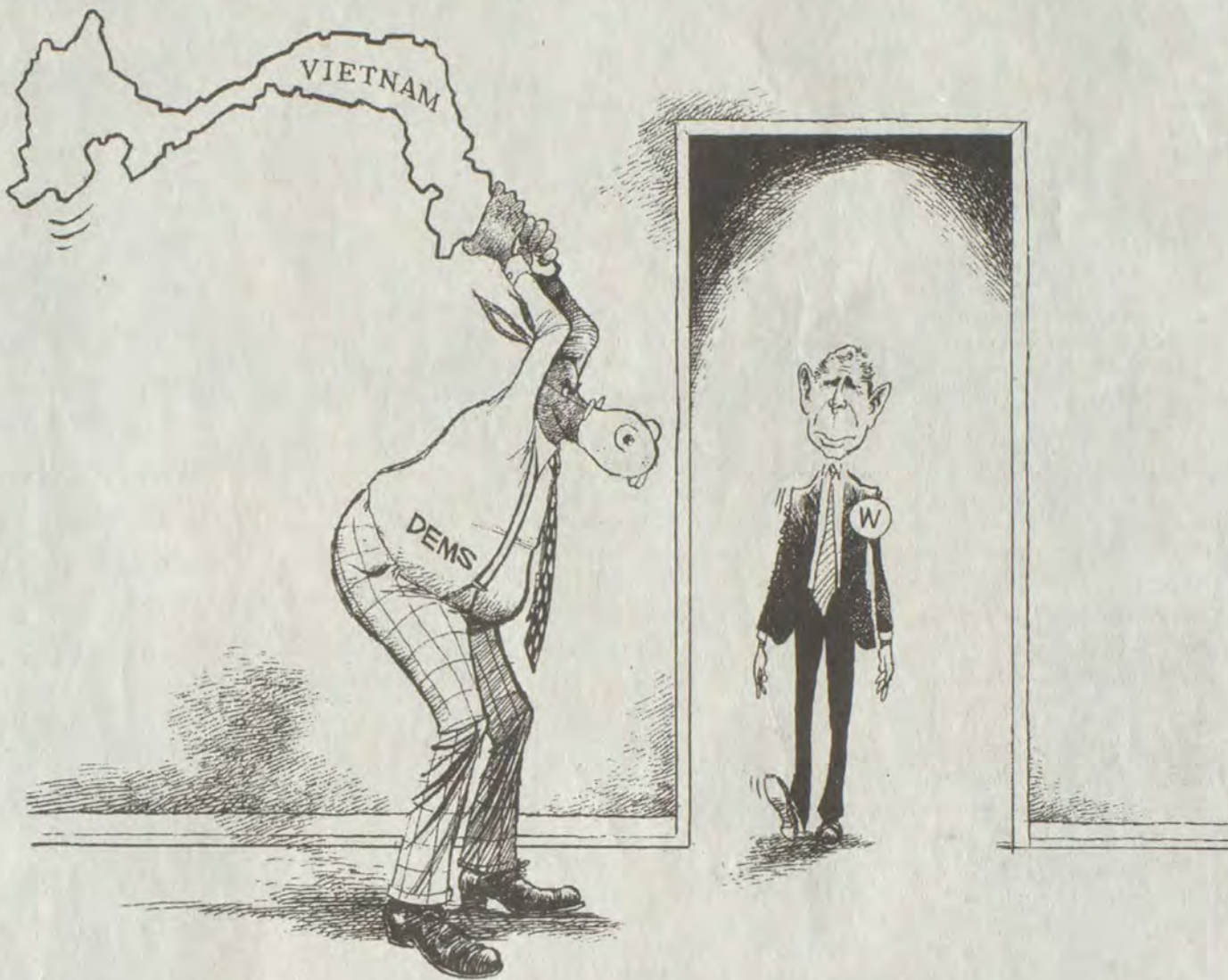
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Sticks & Stones

Weeding out the workforce

American India, a new company starting up in Hager Hill, has expressed surprise in the fact that they recently received more than 400 requests for applications for job openings there.

Their surprise rests in the fact that they have only advertised for 20 available positions.

Area development officials said Monday that of the 400 requests, more than 300 people actually followed up by submitting applications, while the field was cut to 100 or so by the time interviews got underway.

Of those 100 or so, roughly 60 area individuals qualified through the testing, leaving about 40 people who will have to look elsewhere for employment.

The enormous number of folks apply-

ing for the jobs is no surprise to me. This is an area riddled with unemployment, and contrary to what some may believe, not all of those people are happy with their checks and "free ride." Those who are quickly realizing the bus is about to leave.

The government is gradually peeling back on assistance to the unemployed, as well as help to those employed, but living within poverty guidelines.

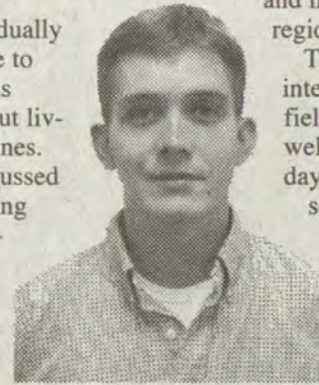
Of late it has been discussed that one problem is gleaning such a wide field of applicants down to those desired few the company is normally searching for. Large entities, such as the federal prison in Martin County, are rolling their eyes at the fact that approximately 60 percent of their workforce is made up of Eastern Kentuckians, applauding such a turnout, while at the same time wondering, like others, how to approach such response.

One time-tested and weathered approach that is now being looked to with more appreciation is drug testing.

Drug testing has long been a staple part of the application process, but never quite as useful as in today's society, and more particularly in this region.

Through revamped and more intensive forms of drug testing, a field of 400 applicants might well be trimmed to 40 before the day is over. Such attention will serve a twofold purpose in ensuring that a given company retains clear-minded workers and also by sending a message that drug abuse will not be tolerated in the very important pocket of society known as the workforce.

Then again, one must question if 360 drug abusers would even get out of the bed in the morning, let alone show up for a job interview.



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Letters

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I would like to say a belated thank you on behalf of the Prestonsburg Head Start to the following people and businesses: Wendy's of Prestonsburg, The Pin Zone Bowling Center, the employees and staff of Alice Lloyd College, and all who participated in making Christmas for the Head Start students.

Everyone's generosity was greatly appreciated.

Debbie Scott
Prestonsburg

Why all the outrage?

Like millions, I watched the Super Bowl, as well as the halftime show. Since the Janet Jackson peep show,

there has been nothing but righteous indignation coming from questionable sources.

The FCC, the NFL, CBS and MTV all claim to be outraged over this act. I ask, "Where have you been the last 10 years?"

In the 1970s and 1980s, our liberal social planners cried about all the violence on television. So, for a while, TV changed. Remember all the shows and movies where no one died? If someone got shot, you never saw them being hit. You never saw the injury or the blood. It was left to your imagination to picture what happened.

Did society get any less violent due to the changes in broadcasting? The answer, of course, is no.

Nowadays, the TV screen is filled with sexual innuendo, "gangstas", glorification of drugs and homosexuality, as well as gender bashing. On today's shows, the women and the gay folks are always

the smarter, more successful ones and us men are the drooling, dumb Java men who are the butt of today's TV humor.

So why the outcry about Janet Jackson? Is not a woman's body during an artistic performance less offensive than all that was mentioned above? I think so, as do many others.

To get all riled up about Janet Jackson is rather two-faced and ridiculous, given the state of television today. To demand an investigation and changes in the Super Bowl broadcast without addressing all the other crap that is show is hilarious!

You see people cheating, lying, backstabbing and scheming on most all reality shows. You see folks eating bugs, feces, hog guts and cow eyes just to win a few bucks. You see certain groups or types of people made fun of or ridiculed. Plus, you still have the sex, drugs and vio-

lence that folks have complained about for years.

I will agree that Ms. Jackson and Mr. Timberlake should have told someone what they planned to do so certain affiliates that did not want her exposed body shown could have blanked it out or cut away from that segment.

We are a nation that is supposed to be progressive and modern in our outlook. We are supposed to have the rights of freedom of speech and expression. It seems to me that only certain people or groups can say and do what they want, while the rest of us are not afforded the same.

We need honesty, ethics and consistency in broadcasting. Until we have that, this whole Janet Jackson incident will be much like the Super Bowl itself — days of hype, with short interludes of substance.

Charles E. Scoville
Ivel

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Health Extra

Carbohydrates manage diabetes and obesity

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky endocrinologist James W. Anderson, M.D., says that diets rich in carbohydrates and fiber are the most effective diets for management of blood glucose in persons with diabetes. Their comments are published in the February issue of the Journal of the American College of Nutrition.

Anderson is professor of medicine and clinical nutrition at the UK College of Medicine, director of the UK Metabolic Research Group, and director of the Health Management Resources (HMR) weight management

program, managed in conjunction with UK.

The article, "Carbohydrate and Fiber Recommendations for Individuals with Diabetes: A Quantitative Assessment and Meta-Analysis of the Evidence," summarizes data about carbohydrate intake for persons with diabetes. It reviews the recommendations of nine expert panels from seven countries. It also reviews 34 research studies, most of which were randomized, controlled, clinical, state of the art studies.

"In addition to helping manage blood glucose, these diets also lower risks for heart attack and stroke and are the most effective way to maintain a desirable weight for the long-haul," Anderson said.

The first and clearest conclusion is that obese diabetic individuals should be encouraged to achieve and maintain a

desirable body weight.

"Since weight gain is related to the development of diabetes in 80 percent of adults, avoiding weight gain is the primary prevention strategy for diabetes," Anderson said.

Anderson and colleagues concluded the most effective diet for controlling blood glucose and lowering cholesterol and triglycerides for diabetic individuals is a diet rich in carbohydrates and fiber. High fat diets cause resistance to insulin action and raise the blood glucose while increasing atherogenic LDL-cholesterol levels. Increasing dietary fiber

is one of the best ways to manage body weight and lower blood glucose and serum cholesterol.

In popular literature there is extensive information about the benefits of high fat intakes, Anderson said.

"Most of these have no scientific basis and are based on pseudoscience and unproven hypotheses," Anderson said. "The wealth of scientific data indicates that diets rich in dietary fiber, whole grains, fruits, vegetables and beans are the eating practices that

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Doctors urged to discuss fitness at every checkup

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — Don't be surprised at your next checkup if the doctor measures your waist and writes a prescription for exercise: They are among the recommendations in a new "call to action" for primary-care physicians.

By now it's a familiar refrain: Americans need to lose weight and get fit. But the necessity couldn't be more dire, the report says, citing data showing that about two-thirds of U.S. adults — 131 million people — are overweight.

Despite the enormous public health impact of excess weight and a sedentary lifestyle — at least 300,000 premature deaths and more than \$90 billion in health care costs each year — many doctors are failing to cap-

italize on their unique ability to help change patients' ways, the report says.

Primary-care doctors "clearly have the access, as the average American makes three office visits per year," according to the report in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

Many doctors might think they do not have time during already-rushed office visits, but the new recommendations could take only three extra minutes, the authors said.

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Obituary

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Clarinda Whitaker

Clarinda Whitaker, age 87, of Mason, Michigan, died Monday, February 2, 2004, in Lansing, Michigan.

She was born April 4, 1916, in Prestonsburg, the daughter of the late Harrison and Izania (Richardson) Williams.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ollie, in 1998, and her son, James.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanetta (Chester) Ramey of Eaton Rapids, Joyce (Mike) Martin of Mason; six sons: Axley (Claude) Whitaker of Eaton Rapids, George (Donis) Whitaker of Texas, Oliver (Kay) Whitaker of Lansing, Russell (Becky) Whitaker of Springport, Richard Whitaker of Ohio, and Glenn (Jill) Whitaker of Eaton Rapids; 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; one step-grandson; two sisters, Revis Kritz of Ohio, and Dorothy Lyons of Indiana.

Funeral services were held in Michigan, on Thursday, February 5, at 10 a.m., at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids; and were held in Prestonsburg on Friday, February 6, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home, where the family received friends from 9 a.m., until service time.

Interment followed at the George Whitaker Cemetery.

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Lloyd Blue Goble

Lloyd Blue Goble, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 8, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Born September 7, 1933, in Floyd County, he was the son of Sally Sizemore Goble of Prestonsburg, and the late Johnny Goble. He was a retired teacher at the Job Corps in Prestonsburg, and a U.S. Air Force, and Korean War veteran.

Survivors include a son, Michael (Mickey) Goble of Los Angeles, California; four daughters, Penny Ishahara of Phoenix, Arizona, Patty Walwork of Pennsylvania, Sally Bernice Goble of Mayking, and Molly Arlene Jervis (Troy) of Prestonsburg; a step-son, Kelsey Edward Bradley of Banner; three brothers: Bert Goble of Tennessee, Fred Goble of Prestonsburg, and Victor Goble of Lexington; and a sister, Betty Ann Goble of Prestonsburg.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Jacob Lee Jervis.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 10, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Floyd Price and Buddy Jones officiating.

DAV Chapter 18, at Auxier, conducted the military service.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Lori Linda Innis

Lori Linda Innis, 32, of Ivel, died Monday, February 9, 2004, following an automobile accident on Route 23, North, at Ivel.

Born March 6, 1971, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of Nathan Innis Sr., of Ivel, and Barbara Deskins Williams of Dwale. She was a cook for Pikeville Independent School, and attended the Toms Creek Freewill Baptist Church, at Ivel.

Other survivors include two brothers: Nathan Innis Jr., and Randall Innis, both of Tram; a sister, Dorothy Pollin of Battle Creek, Michigan; grandmother, Hulda Boyd Burchett of Emma; and step-father, Gordon Williams of Dwale.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 12, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chuck Ferguson officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Curtis (Curt) Hall

Curtis (Curt) Hall, 82, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, February 7, 2004, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born July 31, 1921, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Evan and Margaret Osborne Hall. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include three brothers: John M. Hall of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Leonard Hall of Martin, and Ed Hall of Ligonier, Indiana; and a sister, Gladys Collins of Knott County.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Troy Hall and Lacy Hall; and three sisters: Kelsie Short, Dasie Hall, and Asie Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, February 10, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin, with Spencer Hall and other Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery, at Melvin, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Mack Harvey

Mack Harvey, 48, of Martin, died Friday, February 6, 2004, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born April 27, 1955, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Nelson and Hattie Layne Harvey. He was the owner of a wrecker-towing service; and attended First Baptist Church, in Allen.

He is survived by his wife, Reba Crisp Harvey.

Other survivors include two sons: Mack Alan Harvey (wife, Limikia), and Randy Lee Harvey, both of Martin; three grandsons: Nicholas, Phillip and Eric Harvey; several brothers and sisters; and father and mother-in-law: Randolph and Phyllis Crisp of Martin.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 8, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Randolph Crisp officiating.

Burial was in the Harvey Family Cemetery, (Buck's Branch), in Martin, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Irene Spurlock Conn

Irene Spurlock Conn, age 55, of Martin, passed away, on Sunday, February 8, 2004, at her residence, following an extended illness.

She was born at Dana, on May 24, 1948, the daughter of the late Cas and Verlie Salisbury Spurlock.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Faith Bible Church, at Martin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Conn, and a brother, Bobby Spurlock.

Survivors include: one son, Brian Conn of Auxier; one daughter, Joann Caudill of Martin; three brothers: Bill Spurlock of Dana, Leonard Spurlock of St. Louis, Missouri, and Sherrill Spurlock of Sandusky, Ohio; seven sisters: Betsy Newman of Grethel, Mary Lawson and Marcelia Price, both of Harold, Kathleen Crum of Martin, Garnett Weddington of Hazard, and Ruby Patton and Peggy Hall, both of New London, Ohio; three grandchildren: Ashley Caudill, Payton Conn, and Abigail Conn.

Funeral services for Irene Spurlock Conn will be conducted Wednesday, February 11, at noon, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Bill Campbell officiating.

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

To sign the register for the family, log on to: hallfuneralservice.com

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Freddie Samons Jr.

Freddie Samons Jr., 42, of Martin, was dead on arrival at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, at Martin, Saturday, February 7, 2004.

Born August 10, 1961, in Floyd County, he was the son of Stella Younce Samons of Prestonsburg, and the late Fred Samons. He was a city employee for the City of Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Joann Slusher Samons.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by three sons: Phillip Lee Anderson of Drift, and Toby Joe Samons and Freddie Jay Samons, both of Martin; one daughter, Amy Lynn Anderson of Martin; three brothers: Mark Anthony Samons, Ricky Samons, and James Dalton Samons, all of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Tammy Ousley of Hindman, and Tracy Scott of Prestonsburg; and two grandchildren: Logan Owens, and Olivia Anderson.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 10, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Ronnie Samons officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Bertha Hunter Kidd

Bertha Hunter Kidd, age 78, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Thursday, February 5, 2004, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born March 8, 1925, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late John Morgan Hunter, and Mary Eva Conn Hunter. She was a factory worker and homemaker, and a member of the Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Harold, for 25 years.

Survivors include one brother, David E. Hunter of East Point; one sister, Maggie Snyder of Prestonsburg, formerly of Evansville, Indiana; three special nieces, Brenda Hunter, Patty Hunter Campbell, and Terry Hunter Akers; and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Clarence Hamilton, and her second husband, Lee Kidd Sr.;

Carol Blackburn Holland

Carol Blackburn Holland, 63, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 8, 2004, at her residence.

Born September 13, 1940, in West Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Blackburn and Sallie Fitzpatrick Blackburn. She was a homemaker, a past president of PTA, and Prestonsburg Boosters Club.

She is survived by her husband, Clayton Eugene Holland. Other survivors include two sons: Clayton Eugene Holland Jr. (Pam), and John Thomas Holland (Dana), both of Prestonsburg; one sister, Edith Stanley of Columbus, Ohio, and one brother, Steve Stout of Martin; two granddaughters, Thalia Nicole Holland, and Olivia Morgan Holland; three step-grandsons: Brad Bond, Erin Salyer, and Matthew Ward.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Howard Doss Blackburn; and one sister, Dolle Stout Dotson.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 10, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Steve Williams officiating.

Interment will be at Richmond Memorial Cemetery, at Prestonsburg.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Holland family.

(Paid obituary)

Etta Ruth Akers Crisp

Etta Ruth Akers Crisp, age 100, of Allen, widow of Felix Crisp, passed away, Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at her residence.

She was born January 11, 1904, in Banner, the daughter of the late Jim Akers and Mary Akers. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Regular Baptist Church, New Salem Association.

Survivors include one son, Ray Crisp of Allen; one daughter, Eula C. Spurlock of Allen; four sisters: Toda Tackett of Banner, Emadale Boyd of Dana, Novella Compton of Betsy Layne, and Malta Howell of McDowell; eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 7, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Pallbearers: Michael Parr, Tim Crisp, Wally Burk Hammons, Jeremy Hicks, Larry Vaughn, and Terry Hicks.

(Paid obituary)

Veda Hamilton Tackett

Veda Hamilton Tackett, age 82, of McDowell, wife of the late Curtis Tackett Sr., passed away, Monday, February 9, 2004, in the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg.

She was born January 8, 1922, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Will Hamilton and Maude Hall Hamilton. She was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, at McDowell, and a former assembly worker in Parks Products, Dune Rubber, Inc., Ashtabula, Ohio.

Survivors include her two sons: Curtis Tackett Jr., of McConnell, South Carolina, and Jeffrey Tackett of McDowell; four daughters: Gerlie "Ginger" McCarter and Alrita Shepherd, both of Prestonsburg, and Phyllis Ortiz and Dottie Barnes, both of Tempe, Arizona; two brothers: Homer Hamilton of McDowell, and Sam Hamilton of Beach Grove, Indiana; three sisters: Annie Moore, Ocie Moore and Gerlie Elliott, all of McDowell; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Forrest Dean Tackett and Kenneth Harold Tackett; five brothers: Harold Hamilton, Pearl Hamilton, Andy Hamilton, Lee Hamilton and Eddie Hamilton; and one granddaughter, Karla Darcie Shortridge.

Funeral services for Veda Hamilton Tackett will be conducted Thursday, February 12, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Elder Clinton Moore officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jack Hall Cemetery, at McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Carbs

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prevent diabetes, obesity and heart disease."

Excessive intake of sweets with various refined sugars contributes to excessive calorie intake, but the diabetes risk appears to be related to weight gain and excessive intake of calories.

"While 'old wives tales' suggest eating sugar causes diabetes, actually a high sugar diet that is low in fat protects from diabetes," Anderson said.

The research article affirms the benefits of higher carbohydrate, higher fiber intakes for persons with diabetes, Anderson said. The best carbohydrate choices are the "low glycemic" foods that do not raise the blood glucose as much as the "high glycemic" foods. Beans, oats, pasta, bran cereals, apples and tomatoes are low glycemic foods while

bread, white rice, potatoes, watermelon, bananas and sugar-rich products are high glycemic foods. Intake of low glycemic foods, especially those rich in fiber, decreases risk for developing diabetes and obesity.

Anderson recommends healthy eating choices, even for those who do not have diabetes.

"Approximately 60 percent of chronic diseases such as heart disease, obesity and most cancers are preventable through dietary measures," Anderson said. "These measures-high fiber intake, whole grain intake, low glycemic food choices, and fruit and vegetable intake-have many health promoting benefits and should be encouraged for non-diabetic and diabetic individuals."

Thanks From the Family of John Woodford Howard, II

Please accept our sincere thanks for every gesture of sympathy, every act of kindness and every deed of love expressed during our time of loss. A special thanks is extended to Rev. Walz, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, and Rev. Love, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, for their skillfully administered words of comfort. We're also appreciative for the lovely music presented by David Leslie, Randall Wells and Greta Hicks. Thanks for personal visits, food, flowers, cards and contributions to the Church and College in John's memory, to the pallbearers and to Carter Funeral Home staff for their efficient service. We will always fondly remember the attendants who provided the extra care for John.

Sincerely,

Jane, Jonathan, Harris, Lee and Vanessa

Our sincere gratitude to all John's friends and relatives who came to share our grief. Those who came from a distance were:

Elaine Christ, Hydes, MD; J. Woodford Howard Jr., Baltimore, MD; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Culbertson, Georgetown, Ky.; Joe C. Hopson, Big Stone Gap, Ky.; Robert Hill Hopson, Big Stone Gap, Ky.; Sam Isbell, Lexington, Ky.; Roger Collins, Lexington, Ky.; Rev. Harold Dorsey, Lexington, Ky.; Brenda Oldfield, Lexington, Ky.; Cathy Whitaker Brown, Lexington, Ky.; Dr. and Mrs. William B. Cook, Lexington, Ky.; Rose Collins, Lexington, Ky.; Karen Miller Trivette, Lexington, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, Richmond, Ky.; Keith Shannon, Rock Hill, S.C.; Sally Hill Stumbo, Frankfort, Ky.; Darrell Taulbee, Frankfort, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill, Cincinnati, Oh.; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neeley, WV; Amy Zemo Broadhurst, Louisville, Ky.; Hon. Sara Combs, Stanton, Ky.; John Collins, West Liberty, Ky.; Pamela Oldfield Meade, West Liberty, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Oldfield, West Liberty, Ky.; Ina Hall, Staffordsville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Rice, Jackson, Ky.; Ross Anderson, Pikeville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holbrook, Noctor, Ky.

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Spillway road closed after vandals strike

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Travelers to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will have to park their cars when approaching the spillway area following a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restrict drivers from entering that section of the

park following problems with vandalism, Corps officials said Tuesday.

The spillway area will be closed to drivers for the rest of this month and throughout March, said Corps resource manager T.C. Music, as an attempt to curb what he says has been repeated vandalism and destruction to property in the

past two months.

"We've had some four-wheelers come in on the side of the dam and tear up the ground and recently somebody broke some lights in the restroom," Music said. "So, we're trying to get that vandalism down somewhat."

Music said the spillway is primarily utilized by fisherman

during the months of February and March and, of course, the earlier winter season, adding that these visitors could still make use of the area, but would have to park and walk to their spots.

Another, more positive aspect, is the money that will be saved on cleaning costs, Music said.

"It's reducing some of our cleaning costs, and the money that's saved not having the area cleaned we can reprogram into the heavier use times," he said.

The first part of April will be the cutoff date for the new restriction, correlating with the time when the Corps' contract with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department will go back into effect, bringing rotating shifts of patrolling officers back into the park's routine security efforts, said Music.

As for problems the new restriction might place on visi-

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Turner

Turner, who was one of several Floyd County Democrats to file for the seat, went on record Monday as saying only that "personal reasons" played a role in making his decision.

Turner, a former railroad commissioner, tossed his hat into the ring last May in a bid for state commissioner of agriculture. Turner managed 60 percent of the votes in his home county, but fell to Alice Baesler for the statewide nomination.

However, Turner's 2,853 votes in Floyd County was far more than 2,000 votes better than the nearest of his seven opponents also on the ticket.

The Democratic Party nominated McDowell businessman Chuck Meade during an executive caucus through a weighted vote from representatives from all the county's voting districts.

Meade won by what party

representatives said was a close margin, garnering 12,698 votes.

The second closest nominee was Kelly Hall, who finished 12,055, followed by Scarlet Stumbo with 10,266 votes and C.E. "Little Shag" Branham with 8,460.

Two other nominees were considered during the January gathering in Prestonsburg, but saw no votes cast in their favor. Party representatives did not disclose their names.

Turner's nephew, incumbent state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, will, however, run in the upcoming May election, facing, as of now, only one other candidate, Garrett resident Eric Shane Hamilton.

Jimmy Turner said his only involvement in the upcoming election will be to support his nephew's bid for re-election, but did leave a door open for future bids for office, saying he plans to run again at a later date.

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Fitness

That is less time than doctors spend treating high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and heart disease — some of the major complications of being overweight, said Dr. JoAnn

Manson, the report's lead author and chief of preventive medicine at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

"We're treating the symptoms of the disease, rather than the root cause," Manson said. "We will be spending more and more of our time addressing the health consequences of obesity if we don't spend these few minutes with prevention."

The report is co-authored by Archives editor Dr. Philip Greenland, a Chicago heart specialist, who said it is designed to serve as a practical guide outlining specific steps doctors should take.

"It should not be left to the diet books and health clubs," he said. "This is really a serious medical issue and it should be conveyed to patients as a serious medical issue."

The message is directed at the journal's more than 105,000 subscribers, most of whom are internal medicine doctors who serve as primary-care physicians.

The recommendations include:

- Assessing body mass index and waist measurements and discussing patients' activity levels at every visit. Patients who are not overweight should be congratulated. Overweight patients should be told about the dangers, which include a doubling of the risk of heart disease and a tripling of the risk of diabetes for people with a body-mass index of 30 or higher, which is obese.

- Counseling overweight patients to reduce their daily food intake by 500 to 1,000 calories and get more exercise, with a goal of losing up to two pounds a week.

- Writing a prescription for exercise, such as walking a mile briskly at least five days a week. Sedentary patients also should be advised to incorpo-

rate more activity into their daily routines by doing things like using stairs instead of elevators, walking during lunch breaks or getting off the bus or subway a stop early and walking home.

- Using a pedometer, which can help motivate some patients to walk more. A good long-term goal is to take 10,000 steps daily; many people average about half that, Manson said.

- Strength training or weightlifting, to help raise metabolism.

- Weight-loss medication for obese patients who do not shed pounds after several months of cutting calories and increasing activity.

- Referrals for stomach-shrinking surgery for some severely obese patients who do not succeed with less drastic methods.

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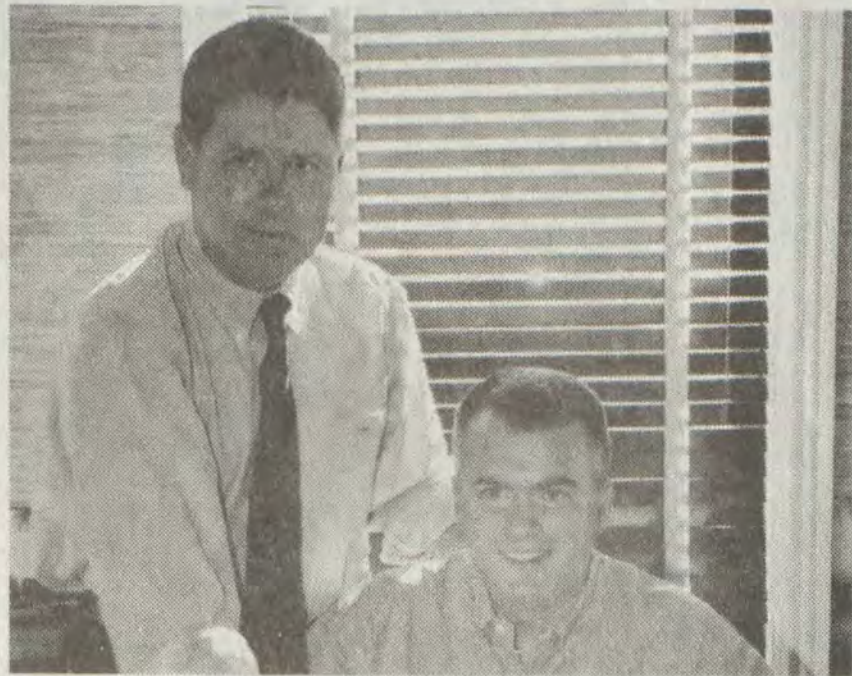
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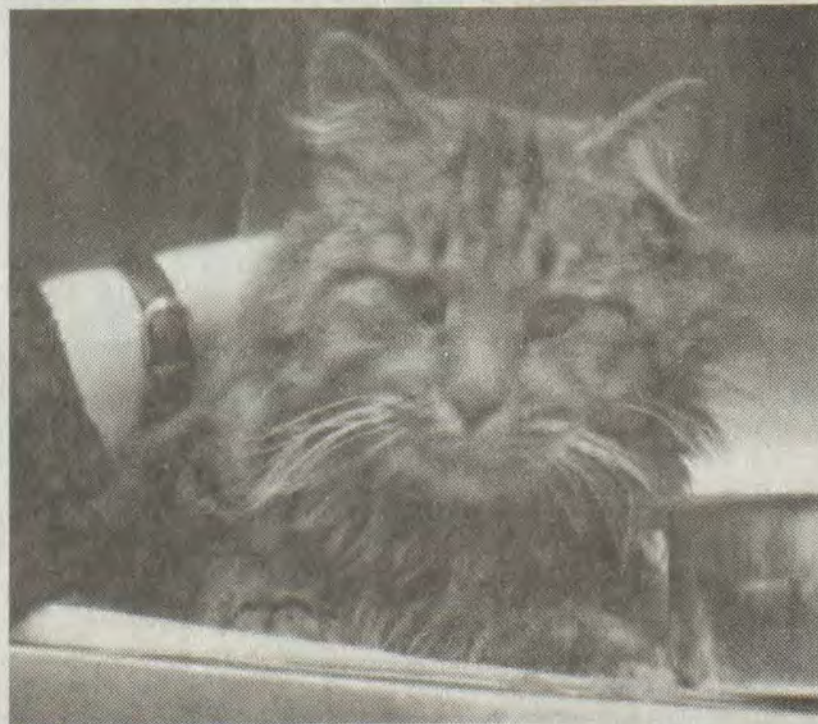
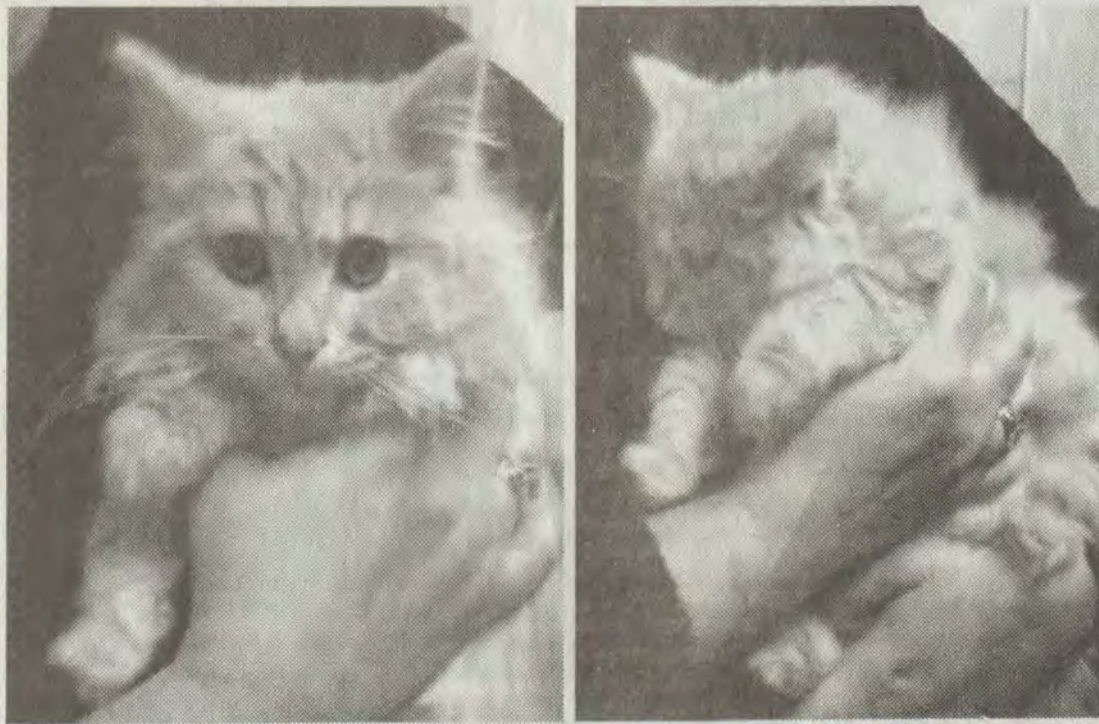
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House panel OKs proposal to restore Boone's name to parkway

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Daniel Boone might soon have his parkway back — in part, anyway.

A House committee Thursday voted to undo a Boone-doggle and restore the famous frontiersman's name to a parkway that winds through southeastern Kentucky, the region first blazed by Boone in 1769.

It won't be the Daniel Boone Parkway of old, however. Under the committee's joint resolution, Boone would have to share the billing with U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers, who in a long congressional career has made the region a magnet for federal highway dollars.

Former Gov. Paul Patton's administration last year took Boone's name off the road in order to honor Rogers. Signs

renaming it the Hal Rogers Parkway were unveiled as a surprise during a ceremony in which Rogers bulldozed a toll booth to celebrate the lifting of tolls. Boone descendants were angered.

On Thursday, a Boone descendant's husband told the House Transportation Committee that the explorer deserved recognition.

"George Washington ... is the father of our country. Daniel Boone is the father of Kentucky," said Robert Bentley Sr., whose wife, Jacqueline, is descended from Boone's sister, Mary.

Mary Boone, like her famous brother, was in the vanguard of Kentucky settlers. She married Capt. William Bryan, who established Bryan Station in Fayette County.

The committee, with little discussion, approved the House joint resolution. Jacqueline Bentley, of Nicholasville, said she was

pleased. Daniel Boone "meant a lot to Kentucky and I think his name should have stayed on it," she said, referring to the parkway.

The resolution would require the road to be renamed the Daniel Boone-Hal Rogers Parkway. Jacqueline Bentley said she did not object to Rogers' sharing of the designation.

The sponsor of the resolution, Rep. Brent Yonts of Greenville, said he got involved after a Boone descendant in his area complained about the name change.

Yonts said his resolution was not meant as a slight to Rogers but was an expression that Boone's name should be put "back in its proper place" along the highway. "Daniel Boone has a very important, and longtime loved spot in Kentucky history," he said.

Bentley, representing the Boone Society, gave the committee a quick history lesson. He said Boone was a member of the first Kentucky legislature, and he fought in the Revolutionary War under Gen. George Rogers Clark.

Rep. Lonnie Napier, R-Lancaster, supported the measure but noted Rogers' contributions in steering federal money to Kentucky.

"Hal Rogers is one of the finest congressmen this state's ever had," he said.

Rep. Don Pasley, D-Winchester, whose district includes Fort Boonesborough, also noted Rogers' accomplishments, but said "this would be a much different state if it weren't for Daniel Boone."

The measure now goes to the full House.

Lt. Gov. Pence intends to have official residence

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Lt. Gov. Steve Pence said Tuesday he intends to move into an official residence, the Old Governor's Mansion, when its restoration is complete. For now, Pence is commuting from his home in Jefferson County.

"I don't need a cook and I don't need a housekeeper. I can take care of those things myself," Pence said in an interview.

"I think a place to live is completely appropriate," and Kentucky law provides for it, Pence said.

The subject of a residence for the lieutenant governor, and other aspects of the budget for the office of Gov. Ernie Fletcher, arose Tuesday at a meeting of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

The lieutenant governor's residence became a budgetary issue in 2003. The General Assembly, largely at the behest of the Republican-controlled Senate, eliminated funding for the official residence and its staff. That effectively evicted Pence's predecessor, Democrat Steve Henry.

At the time, Henry and his family were occupying a leased house in downtown Frankfort while the Old Governor's Mansion underwent renovation.

Debate had focused on the presence of an executive chef, Rafaela Vives, as though she worked personally for Henry and his family. She actually was a state employee assigned to the mansion, which also was in frequent use for public events.

The budget proposed by Fletcher, a Republican, does not contain the language that precluded Henry from having an official residence or a Kentucky State Police security detail. The House appropriations chairman, Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, asked administration officials if Fletcher would object if the same pre-emptive language were inserted in the budget by the legislature.

Bill Hintze, a deputy state budget director, said Fletcher did not want Pence precluded from having "the option" of an official residence, a security detail and other "normal, conservative trappings of the office."

As for security, Pence told The Associated Press that he typically travels to public events with a single trooper, sometimes two if other officials are going along. The troopers are from Fletcher's executive security staff.

"They don't drive me to work. I drive myself to work and back," Pence said.

Democrats on the appropriations committee showed interest in other parts of

Fletcher's proposed budget for his own office, including higher starting salaries for his cabinet secretaries.

Moberly said that violated "the plain language of the budget" passed in 2003, which will be law through June 30.

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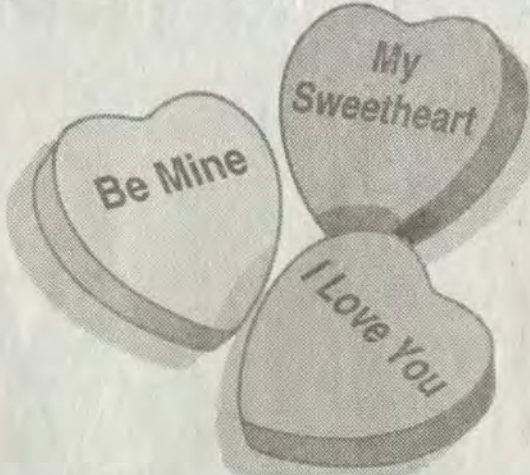
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Police raid Pike home, seize cocaine, cash

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

INDIAN CREEK — Acting on what Kentucky State Police said had been "numerous" complaints revolving around a residence along Indian Creek in Pike

County, officers conducted a search warrant of the home following a traffic stop Monday evening and came away with a cocaine trafficking case.

According to KSP Sergeant Les Stapleton, Troopers Wes and Jennifer Sandlin made a traffic

stop at approximately 7:30 p.m. Monday evening which lead to information for a search warrant.

Four hours later, police conducted a search of Melvina Myers' home along Indian Creek that had been sited in the information given and discovered a large amount of

cocaine, a semi-automatic weapon and several thousand dollars in cash.

Police reported that an estimated half pound of cocaine was found in the home, along with a loaded 9 mm semi-automatic handgun and more than \$7,000 in cash. The items were seized by police and marked as evidence.

Arrested during the search were 58-year-old Melvina Myers and 30-year-old Stacy Hobson, both of Indian Creek.

A third female was arrested during the search, but was not identified by police, according to reports.

Myers and Hobson were both charged with first-degree trafficking in cocaine and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center.

Officers assisting Troopers Wes and Jennifer Sandlin in the search and arrests were Sergeants Les Stapleton and Claude Little and Troopers James Sandlin and Randy Woods.

Asbestos

ment said.

The park recently was cited for workplace safety violations following that remodeling project and Slone was placed on paid administrative leave until an investigation could be finished.

The announcement concerning Slone's paid suspension was made by State Commerce Secretary W. James Host on Feb. 3, saying at the time that fines against the resort could total nearly \$17,000.

Slone's suspension was in response to his decision to initiate the project without the

department's approval, and the department named John Paul as acting director. Paul was still at the resort as of Tuesday.

The inspections were performed Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, according to Department of Parks spokesman Jim Carroll.

According to Carroll, staff members from the Division of Air Quality visited the lodge on Wednesday, and then, on the following day, Eddie Cook, asbestos coordinator for the Finance and Administration Cabinet, also made an on-site

evaluation.

Carroll said both agencies came to the same conclusion following the inspections and have cleared the lodge of any potential health hazards that might have been connected to the asbestos discovery.

Secretary Host said shortly after the inspections were completed that cabinet officials would continue to examine the situation to determine if any further action would be needed.

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Industry

has to be reviewed and taken through their process."

Officials had been negotiating with Schlumberger representatives since learning that the company was looking to move from its offices along the Mountain Parkway, just outside Prestonsburg.

To ensure the company stay close by, officials from Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Pike counties have offered in resolution agreements to provide \$300,000 each in single-county funds to help construct the facility, which will, in turn, be leased back to the company. A multi-county application will be seeking the access of \$450,000 to match the Economic Development administration funds for the water and wastewater line construction, according to agency representatives.

Among the many reasons county officials had hoped to see the company stay in the area was its standing on the New York Stock Exchange.

Schlumberger led all energy stock gainers on the New York Stock Exchange this past January with a \$4.19 jump that left the stock at \$59.77 a share, earnings that exceeded analyst expectations and resulted in a rise in revenues for the company. The company employs over

50,000 in more than 100 countries with a 2003 revenue of \$11.5 billion.

In preparation for the company's relocation, the agency has now got fully underway with bringing electricity and water and wastewater systems to the park.

On Monday, agency officials discussed options and bids from companies planning to start construction of a spec building in the park, as well as a public access road for the area.

Stumbo says retaining the Schlumberger project and bringing them to the Martin County location could have a more far-reaching impact.

"Everything is happening at one time up there," Stumbo said. "With a fancy road with black-top and lights, a spec building going up in two months and the Schlumberger building going up in two months."

As a result, the park is becoming a growing target for potential businesses, according to Stumbo, who said she had been contacted by roughly half a dozen potential tenants.

"It helps so much to have a company on the New York Stock Exchange in the park," she said. "It's a lot better to say that than it is to say, 'I've got farmland with some elk.'"

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Murder suspect released from jail

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A woman charged with murdering her boyfriend in early December was released from custody yesterday morning, after being held for more than 60 days without an indictment.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill signed the order early yesterday for the immediate release of Velma Miller, 43, who is charged in the shooting death of her boyfriend, Ronnie Curnette.

"I'm glad to see her out," said Miller's attorney, Jerry Patton. "She's been held to answer and hasn't been indicted. The rules are clear on this ... The judge did the appropriate thing by releasing her."

Miller was incarcerated Dec. 5 at the Floyd County Jail after she turned herself into authorities. She has been incarcerated for more than 60 days without an indictment, a fact which conflicts state laws governing the rights of accused criminals.

Patton filed a motion for Miller's release on Jan. 2. The motion was set to be heard during in district court on Friday, Jan. 6, but was remanded, instead, to be handled in circuit court.

During an interview last week, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner told The Floyd County Times that the

commonwealth's inability to turn over an indictment for Miller lies in the hands of forensic scientists at Kentucky State Police labs, who are now muddling through a huge load of evidence in backlogged cases, a fact which was confirmed by Captain Tom Porter with the KSP Forensic Lab in Frankfort. Porter said that evidence in Miller's case is possibly being examined in KSP labs in London, Ashland and in the Central Office Forensic Labs in Frankfort. The number of backlogged cases in London and Ashland has been reduced, he said, but it is still a problem.

It could take several months before testing of evidence in Miller's case is completed, Turner said.

"It's not going to change anything as far as the grand jury investigation," said Turner yesterday. "It's still going to be presented to the grand jury and they will make a decision based on the evidence. It may take a while, but that's the right way to do it, rather than making a decision without having all the evidence properly evaluated. The charge and the evidence are more important than whether or not she's been incarcerated for more than 60 days without an indictment."

Allegedly, Miller shot Curnette in the face with a .32 caliber handgun at her home in Cane Fork, in Martin.

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This action is necessary due to recent vandalism and destruction of the Downstream Recreation Area's restrooms and facilities.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dewey Lake apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause any of our downstream users/customers.

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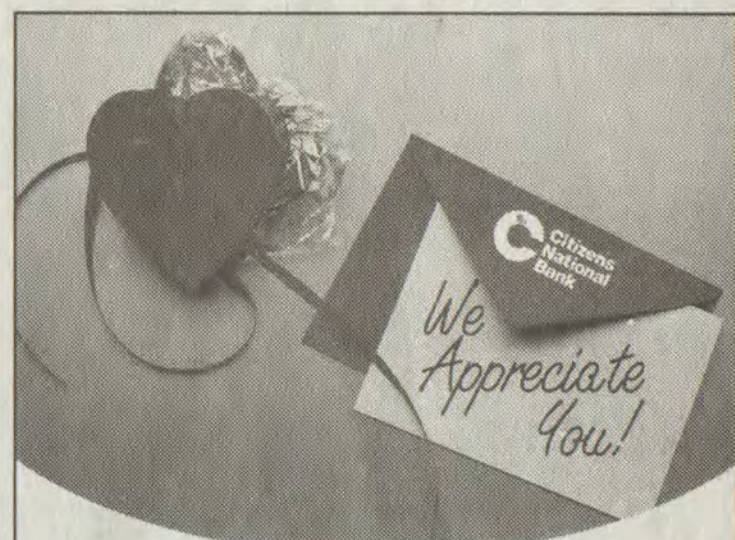
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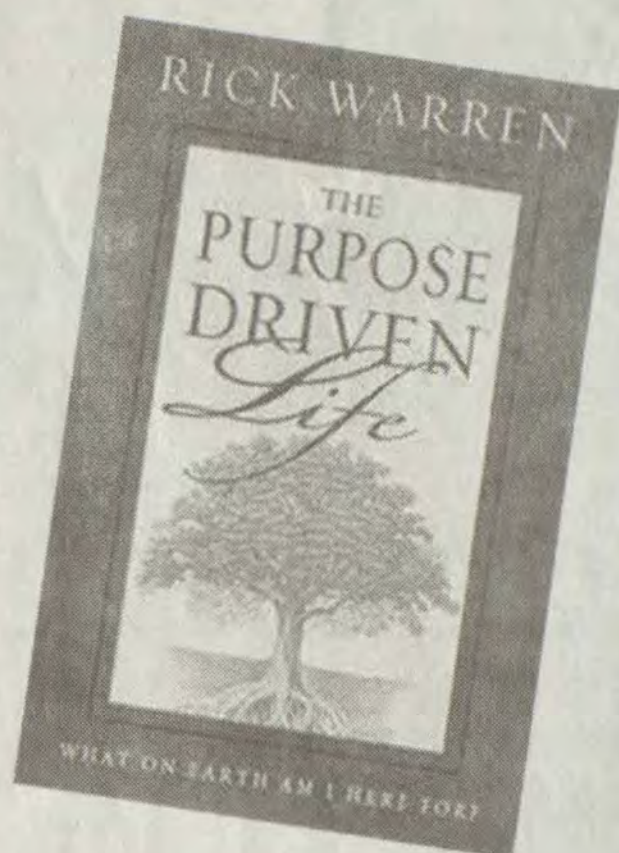
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House panel OKs proposal to restore Boone's name to parkway

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Daniel Boone might soon have his parkway back — in part, anyway.

A House committee Thursday voted to undo a Boone-doggle and restore the famous frontiersman's name to a parkway that winds through southeastern Kentucky, the region first blazed by Boone in 1769.

It won't be the Daniel Boone Parkway of old, however. Under the committee's joint resolution, Boone would have to share the billing with U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers, who in a long congressional career has made the region a magnet for federal highway dollars.

Former Gov. Paul Patton's administration last year took Boone's name off the road in order to honor Rogers. Signs renaming it the Hal Rogers Parkway were unveiled as a surprise during a ceremony in which Rogers bulldozed a toll booth to celebrate the lifting of tolls. Boone descendants were angered.

On Thursday, a Boone descendant's husband told the House Transportation Committee that the explorer deserved recognition.

"George Washington ... is the father of our country. Daniel Boone is the father of Kentucky," said Robert Bentley Sr., whose wife, Jacqueline, is descended from Boone's sister, Mary.

Mary Boone, like her famous brother, was in the vanguard of Kentucky settlers. She married Capt. William Bryan, who established Bryan Station in Fayette County.

The committee, with little discussion, approved the House joint resolution. Jacqueline Bentley, of Nicholasville, said she was pleased.

Daniel Boone "meant a lot to Kentucky and I think his name should have stayed on it," she said, referring to the parkway.

The resolution would require the road to be renamed the Daniel Boone-Hal Rogers

Parkway. Jacqueline Bentley said she did not object to Rogers' sharing of the designation.

The sponsor of the resolution, Rep. Brent Yonts of Greenville, said he got involved after a Boone descendant in his area complained about the name change.

Yonts said his resolution was not meant as a slight to Rogers but was an expression that Boone's name should be put "back in its proper place" along the highway. "Daniel Boone has a very important, and longtime loved spot in Kentucky history," he said.

Bentley, representing the Boone Society, gave the committee a quick history lesson. He

said Boone was a member of the first Kentucky legislature, and he fought in the Revolutionary War under Gen. George Rogers Clark.

Rep. Lonnie Napier, R-Lancaster, supported the measure but noted Rogers' contributions in steering federal money to Kentucky.

"Hal Rogers is one of the finest congressmen this state's ever had," he said.

Rep. Don Pasley, D-Winchester, whose district includes Fort Boonesborough, also noted Rogers' accomplishments, but said "this would be a much different state if it weren't for Daniel Boone."

The measure now goes to the full House.

Lt. Gov. Pence intends to have official residence

by **CHARLES WOLFE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Lt. Gov. Steve Pence said Tuesday he intends to move into an official residence, the Old Governor's Mansion, when its restoration is complete. For now, Pence is commuting from his home in Jefferson County.

"I don't need a cook and I don't need a housekeeper. I can take care of those things myself," Pence said in an interview.

"I think a place to live is completely appropriate," and Kentucky law provides for it, Pence said.

The subject of a residence for the lieutenant governor, and other aspects of the budget for the office of Gov. Ernie Fletcher,

arose Tuesday at a meeting of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

The lieutenant governor's residence became a budgetary issue in 2003. The General Assembly, largely at the behest of the Republican-controlled Senate, eliminated funding for the official residence and its staff. That effectively evicted Pence's predecessor, Democrat Steve Henry.

At the time, Henry and his family were occupying a leased house in downtown Frankfort while the Old Governor's Mansion underwent renovation.

Debate had focused on the presence of an executive chef, Rafaela Vives, as though she worked personally for Henry

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Court ruling against cable TV tax stuns budget officials

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A judge has ruled that Kentucky has violated its constitution by taxing cable and satellite television companies differently.

Franklin County Circuit Judge William L. Graham said he saw "no difference for taxation purposes" between the two types of TV service, yet the state has taxed cable TV companies at a higher rate.

State Budget Director Brad Cowgill said Tuesday that the ruling, entered last week, would have "significant budget implications" if not overturned.

At issue was a section of the 1891 Kentucky Constitution that required all property of the same class to be taxed uniformly but

allowed the General Assembly to define the classes.

The legislature added cable TV to a list of public service corporations subject to property tax. The tax statute also lists dozens of other types of businesses and a catchall: "every other like company or business performing public service."

Insight Kentucky Partners, plaintiff in a lawsuit against the Revenue Cabinet, alleged that "direct broadcast satellite" companies, such as DirecTV, are "like" companies because they offer essentially the same product and compete for the same customers.

However, satellite companies are taxed under a different statute that calculates property taxes differently. Insight contended that cable companies pay a higher tax.

Smell

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drainage problem behind Prestonsburg Elementary, he said.

Mayor Jerry Fannin said that the city is in the process of making a meshing system on that drain to keep large items from passing through it. Workers found small Christmas trees stuck in the pipe, he said.

According to Campbell, the second phase of the project is to construct a new raw water intake at the sewage plant, a goal that will be handled in upcoming months.

"I think it will make a lot of people happy," said council member Hansel Cooley.

In other news, the council also:

- Presented certificates of appreciation to the Betsy Layne Excite All Stars, Pee-wee and All-Star Senior Divisions, who recently placed as ASC National Championship Winners.

- Discussed problems with streets and sidewalks in the city.

- Held the second reading of Ordinance No. 1-2004 pertaining to a Code of Ordinances for the city.

- Discussed "personnel issues" in a closed session which lasted approximately one hour. No action was taken by the council after returning from closed session.

Strike

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tors to the spillway in the next month and a half. Music says it may be unfortunate, but nonetheless needed.

"We really hate to inconvenience anybody over this," Music said. "Ninety-eight percent of the people treat this place like it was theirs. It's the two percent who do just thousands of dollars of damage. I know it's just some kids having a good time, but we can't afford to have somebody here 24/7."

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Majority in poll favor limits on malpractice awards

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — As the Kentucky General Assembly debates how to address the issue of rising medical liability insurance premiums, most Kentuckians surveyed for a new poll said they favor limits on jury awards to malpractice victims.

The Bluegrass Poll, conducted by The Courier-Journal and published Tuesday, showed 68 percent favor limiting awards, while 24 percent said there should be no limit and 8 percent had no opinion.

The poll questioned 804 adults by telephone. Its margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

One solution offered by some legislators is to place caps on

some of the damages a jury can award a victim of malpractice.

The Kentucky Medical Association, Kentucky Hospital Association and others who support limits say that frivolous lawsuits, along with unreasonably large settlements and jury awards in malpractice cases, are causing insurance companies to raise premiums. They say those costs are forcing hospitals to end high-risk services and forcing many doctors to leave Kentucky or retire early. That makes it harder for patients to get health care, they say.

Malpractice victims and the Kentucky Trial Lawyers Association dispute that, arguing that doctors aren't fleeing the state and that insurance companies are raising rates because of the economic downturn. They

oppose setting limits, saying it would strip citizens of legal rights and could end up hurting patients victimized by medical wrongdoing.

Two bills moving through the General Assembly take different approaches to the problem.

A Republican-backed measure, Senate Bill 1, would place on the November ballot a constitutional amendment allowing legislators to set limits for punitive damages and pain and suffering. Under the bill, such caps could not be less than \$250,000 each. Damages for medical expenses and lost earnings would not be limited.

A Democrat-backed measure, House Bill 450, would create an independent, nonprofit agency that would sell malpractice insurance to Kentucky doctors and other health-care providers.



photo by Justin Holbrook

Paula Harris, of Citizens National Bank, third from right, helped Friedman's employees celebrate the jeweler's grand opening in Prestonsburg Village with a ribbon-cutting. From left to right are Candi Preston, Tawnia Hall, regional partner Teresa Hatton, Harris, Tammy Hall and manager Kathy Blackburn.

Pence

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and his family. She actually was a state employee assigned to the mansion, which also was in frequent use for public events.

The budget proposed by Fletcher, a Republican, does not contain the language that precluded Henry from having an official residence or a Kentucky State Police security detail. The House appropriations chairman, Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, asked administration officials if Fletcher would object if the same pre-emptive language were inserted in the budget by the legislature.

Bill Hintze, a deputy state budget director, said Fletcher did not want Pence precluded from having "the option" of an official residence, a security detail and other "normal, con-

servative trappings of the office."

As for security, Pence told The Associated Press that he typically travels to public events with a single trooper, sometimes two if other officials are going along. The troopers are from Fletcher's executive security staff.

"They don't drive me to work. I drive myself to work and back," Pence said.

Democrats on the appropriations committee showed interest in other parts of Fletcher's proposed budget for his own office, including higher starting salaries for his cabinet secretaries.

Moberly said that violated "the plain language of the budget" passed in 2003, which will be law through June 30.

Choice

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said, allows for contact with spouses or family members, so the only two ways to prevent a violation of that law, he said, are for Nelson to find another place to live or marry Little.

"The only way you can do it is if you're married or living apart," said Caudill, prior to placing a 30 day delay in sentencing for Nelson. "We'll reset it for March 5, or if you come back and are married, we'll consider that."

The couple was indicted in March 1999 on drug trafficking charges for selling Lorcet and Lortab to confidential informants with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

In that indictment, Little was indicted for conspiracy to commit murder and for being a persistent felon, charges that were later dismissed. He also faced and served time on two drug trafficking charges. He was discharged from

the Kentucky State Reformatory at La Grange, after serving a year for those charges, and, as a convicted felon, could come between Nelson and her probation regulations.

Nelson entered a guilty plea for two second-degree trafficking charges in December, after the commonwealth offered her a sentence of one year on each count, under the condition that the sentence be probated for two years.

According to the plea agreement, the commonwealth offered Nelson the plea after review of the evidence in the case, in consideration of her "poor health," and in lieu of the fact that she has had no other violations since she was indicted in 1999.

"I love him, but I don't want to marry him," said Nelson during the hearing, who told the judge she is searching for more suitable living arrangements.



photo by Rita Brock

Robyn and Danny Warrix, owners of TobaccoMax, in Prestonsburg, were the winners of The Floyd County Times' "Sweetheart Specials" Valentine's Day contest. The two received a gift certificate entitling them to overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn Lexington North and dinner and champagne for two at the Post Restaurant. "We would like to thank all of our valued customers for shopping with us," said Robyn Warrix. "The people here in Prestonsburg are wonderful."

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Belfry standout to play volleyball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Belfry High School senior has signed a scholarship agreement to play volleyball at Pikeville College.

Vickie Hall, a 5-9 outside hitter, will continue her education and athletics career at the NAIA school.

"We're very proud of Vickie and all that she's been able to do at Belfry," said Coach Robert Staggs. "She has helped build that program into a winner and a terrific young lady. Those are the kind of athletes we want to bring to Pikeville College."

Hall and her Lady Pirate teammates have won the regional title this year, and have played in the last two state tour-

(See BELFRY, page four)

DIRT TRACK

Bad luck hits Kinzer race team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEON SPRINGS, Fla. — Bad luck struck the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team on opening night Monday at Volusia Speedway Park. Kinzer qualified 23rd out of 76 cars. He started fifth in his heat race and finished fourth. The top-three finishers of the heat advanced to the feature, leaving Kinzer outside looking in. Running second place in the third consolation race (final transfer spot), Kinzer cut down a tire and had to retire pit-side, parking the car for the evening.

The Kinzer team will continue to race this week in Florida at Volusia Speedway Park.

For Kinzer, this week's races in Florida kickoff the 2004 race season.

"Right now, we chose to go to VSP because of the uncertainty with the major sanctioning bodies," said Kinzer. "Pup, our Hoosier distributor treats us real well and it would be hard for us to turn away from him and his product not knowing what is going to happen after Speedweek."

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team again plans to keep up a very busy race schedule.

County C-team tourney begins

EASTERN — Betsy Layne opened the Floyd County C-team tournament on a successful note Monday night, beating Osborne 42-25 on the Allen Central Middle School hardwood. Casey Adkins led Betsy Layne with 11 points. Nick Conn had eight points for the Bobcats and Derek Tackett added six. Adam Howell scored five and Jason Case flipped in four. Tommy Hall led Osborne with 11 points. Doug Matthews had six points for the Eagles.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Blackcats return favor, top South Floyd

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HI HAT — South Floyd traveled to Prestonsburg just two short weeks ago and came away with a big district win on the Lady Blackcats' home floor. On Friday night the same two teams met up at South

Floyd with the Lady Blackcats returning the favor with a 60-45 win. South Floyd led 13-12 after one quarter, but Prestonsburg went on an 18-5 run in the second quarter to take control of the game. Prestonsburg got a balanced scoring attack as four Lady Blackcats finished in double

figures led by Darcey Hicks with 13 points. Molly Burchett tossed in 13 points for Prestonsburg and Channel Music added 12 in the win.

Meaghan Slone was the final Lady Blackcat to finish in double figure with 12 points.

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photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg Lady Blackcat Darcey Hicks went up against South Floyd's Courtney Blocker (21).

BLACKCATS LOSE 17-POINT LEAD, LOSE BY 11



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd junior Burnette Little contested a shot put up by P'burg senior Nick Jamerson.

South Floyd storms back, beats Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HI HAT — A basketball game consists of two halves, and the South Floyd Raiders figured that out on Friday evening. Prestonsburg came to

town and looked to be on its way to a blowout win over Henry Webb's team, but a 22-2 third quarter run turned the game around in a hurry. Prestonsburg led 14-7 after one quarter and the Blackcat built as much as a 17-point lead in the second quarter before the

big third quarter from South Floyd.

The Raiders looked like they had forgotten to show up for two quarters but after what must have been an "inspirational" speech at halftime,

(See BEATS, page four)

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Golden Eagles register back-to-back wins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — A hard-fought victory lifted host Johnson Central to a win Friday night.

Senior Mike Walters grabbed an offensive rebound and hit a 10-foot jump shot with about six seconds left to lift the Johnson Central Golden Eagles to a one-point overtime win over visiting Pikeville.

Pikeville (7-13) held a 10-point advantage at halftime but the Golden Eagles kept chipping away and finally caught the Panthers with just over a minute left in the third period. The game was nip-and-tuck the rest of the way and the home team pulled out a 61-60 victory.

Pikeville scored only five points in the third quarter as Johnson Central overcame that double-digit deficit to lead

37-35 with eight minutes to play.

The Golden Eagles (11-10) held a 40-36 advantage with just over five minutes left, but Robert Shurtleff took over.

Shurtleff made back-to-back buckets to tie the game and Jordan Mullins nailed a three-pointer to give the Panthers a 43-40 lead with a 7-0 run.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Houchen Industries Girls Sweet 16 pairings announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The pairings are set for the 2004 Houchen's Industries Girls Sweet 16 to be played in Bowling Green March 24-27.

The Girls Sweet 16 draw was made Friday in the studio of WKYT-TV. Betsy Layne is the defending champion of the 15th Region and Perry County Central is the reigning number one squad out of the 14th Region.

The draw for the girls' state tournament follows. All times given for the

(See HOUCHEN, page two)

ALL 'A' CLASSIC

Hazard 43, Bishop Brossart 38

Spurlock's Bulldogs claim All 'A' title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD — The celebrations continue in the City of Hazard. A hometown boy from Floyd County has led a boys' basketball team to an All "A" Classic title.

Tournament Most Valuable Player Lamar Williams scored all 13 of his points

in the second half, leading Hazard to a 43-38 win over Bishop Brossart in the championship game of the Kentucky Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic on Sunday.

"I knew coming in that the team that would win would be the one that made the biggest plays at the end," said Hazard coach Kevin Spurlock, a Floyd County native who played and cut his coaching teeth at Allen Central High School. "We

(See CLAIM, page four)



photos by Tony McGuire

Hazard High head coach Kevin Spurlock, a Floyd County native, guided his team to an All 'A' Classic title Sunday. The Bulldogs beat Bishop Brossart for the small-school crown.



Regional swim meets conclude

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Regional swimming & diving results are now posted on the Kentucky High School Athletic Association website at www.khsaa.org/swimming. Entries for the 2004 State Swimming & Diving Meet will be posted on the site next week. The State Swim Meet is scheduled for Feb. 27-28 at the University of Kentucky Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington.

REGION WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS - SITES

Following are postseason sites for wrestling. Wrestling regional tournaments are slated for Feb. 20-21. Contact the host site for a schedule of events.

- Region 1 — at Fort Campbell
 - Region 2 — at Central Hardin
 - Region 3 — at Fairdale
 - Region 4 — at Trinity (Louisville)
 - Region 5 — at Jeffersontown
 - Region 6 — at Campbell County
 - Region 7 — at Bryan Station
 - Region 8 — at Wayne County
- The 2004 State Wrestling Championships are scheduled for Feb. 26-28 at the Farnham Dudgeon Arena in Frankfort.

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA BOYS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The draw for the 2004 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball tournament was held last Friday at the studios of

WKYT-TV in Lexington. Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups. The complete bracket is also posted at www.khsaa.org/basketball.

- Rupp Arena, Lexington • All Times Eastern & Local to Site
- Wednesday, March 17
- Region 10 vs. Region 12, 12 p.m.; Region 7 vs. Region 2, 1:30 p.m.
- Region 5 vs. Region 15, 6:30 p.m.; Region 11 vs. Region 8, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, March 18
- Region 1 vs. Region 9, 12 p.m.; Region 6 vs. Region 13, 1:30 p.m.
- Region 14 vs. Region 16, 6:30 p.m.; Region 4 vs. Region 3, 8 p.m.

HOUCHENS/KHSAA GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The draw for the 2004 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball tournament was also held last Friday at the studios of WKYT-TV in Lexington. Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups. The complete bracket is posted at www.khsaa.org/basketball.

- E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green • All Times Central & Local to Site
- Wednesday, March 24
- Region 8 vs. Region 6, 12 p.m.; Region 12 vs. Region 9, 1:30 p.m.
- Region 11 vs. Region 14, 6:30 p.m.; Region 5 vs. Region 10, 8 p.m.
- Thursday, March 25
- Region 13 vs. Region 2, 12 p.m.; Region 15 vs. Region 16, 1:30 p.m.

Region 1 vs. Region 7, 6:30 p.m.; Region 3 vs. Region 4, 8 p.m.

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets sales for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16@ State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office by calling (859) 299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale. Ticket sales will continue through the KHSAA until Feb. 26. After that time, tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com.

This is a reminder to order your tickets now. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Tickets to the 17th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet are now on sale through the KHSAA office. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of 10. This year's Banquet is set for Tuesday, March 16 and will be held in the Bluegrass Grand Ballroom at the Lexington Center (Next to Rupp Arena). A social hour will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Loss

Lambuth last Thursday. Junior B.J. Townsend led the balanced attack with 14. Teon Knox followed with 13, Kevin Gaines with 12 and eight assists and Daniel Price 10 and seven rebounds.

On Saturday, Georgetown got the best of the Bears 78-65. Knox finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds, with Gaines tossing in 16 and Townsend 13.

The move comes on a week where the poll experienced its most active shakeups, beginning at the top where top-ranked Lindsey Wilson College lost for the first time this season on Thursday to Georgetown and then were defeated by unranked Campbellsville on Saturday.

The Blue Raiders fell to fourth, one spot behind Georgetown, which used two Top 20 wins to move from sixth to third.

Mountain State (W.Va.) University returned to the top

(ET). The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m.

Following is a listing of this year's inductees:

Brown Badgett, Ron Cain, Ancie Casey, Otis Dinning, Marty Donlon, Kim Hawkins, Alvis Johnson, Kenneth Dale Moore, Ben Pumphrey, Kim Mays Rose, Evan Settle, Billy B. Smith, Eugene Washington, Jim Watkins and The Dawahare Family.

To purchase tickets, contact Butch Cope or Ken Tippet at the KHSAA at 859/299-5472.

BASKETBALL NOTES

(As submitted by member schools)

Senior forward Jarrod Litzinger scored a career-high 33 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in Mason County's 106-80 win over Scott County last Thursday. Litzinger connected on 12 of 18 shots from the floor, including one of three from beyond the three point arc, and made eight of nine free throws.

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA SWEET 16 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In addition to its title sponsorship of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament, National City Bank will be awarding 32 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. One boy and one girl from each of the 16 basketball regions will receive the honor. Scholarships are open to all athletes (not restricted to basketball). Winners will be recog-

nized at both State Tournaments in March.

The application form is posted on the KHSAA website with the return deadline of March 1.

NATIONAL CITY TROPHY TOUR

Another element of National City's sponsorship is a tour of the

State Championship trophy that will be awarded in March. The tour kicked off at the Hazard Invitational in early January and will continue throughout the state with stops at National City branches as well as high school basketball contests. The trophy

(See MEETS, page three)

YOUTH BASKETBALL

MCA 58, South Floyd 43

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — The Falcons continue to fly high.

Landon Slone poured in a game-high 34 points and Taylor Clark chipped in 12 to lead Mountain Christian Academy to a 58-43 victory over host South Floyd Middle Monday

night. Jeremy Pack scored nine points for MCA. Clinton Turner rounded out the scoring for the Falcons with three points.

Wes Akers had 26 points for South Floyd. Justin Isaac had seven points and Kody Howell tossed in six. Tyler Mitchell and Devon Adams added two each.

Houchen

games are Central Standard Time.

Girls' Sweet Sixteen

- Diddle Arena in Bowling Green
- All times Eastern
- Wednesday, March 24
- Region 8 vs. Region 6, 1 p.m.
- Region 12 vs. Region 9, 2:30 p.m.
- Region 11 vs. Region 14, 7:30 p.m.
- Region 5 vs. Region 10, 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

- Region 13 vs. Region 2, 1 p.m.
- Region 15 vs. Region 16, 2:30 p.m.
- Region 1 vs. Region 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Region 3 vs. Region 4, 9 p.m.

Friday, March 26

- Quarterfinal No. 1, 1 p.m.
- Quarterfinal No. 2, 2:30 p.m.
- Quarterfinal No. 3, 7:30 p.m.
- Quarterfinal No. 4, 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

- Semifinal No. 1, 11 a.m.
- Semifinal No. 2, 12:30 p.m.

Championship game, 9 p.m. These are the top teams in each region.

- Region 1 - Marshall County, Graves County, Paducah Tilghman.
- Region 2 - Henderson County, Christian County, Hopkins County Central.
- Region 3 - Daviess County, Muhlenberg North, Ohio County.
- Region 4 - Monroe County, Clinton County, Barren County.
- Region 5 - Elizabethtown, Central Hardin, Washington County.
- Region 6 - Butler, Presentation, Pleasure Ridge Park.
- Region 7 - Sacred Heart, Mercy, Louisville Christian.
- Region 8 - Scott County, Bullitt East, Owen County.
- Region 9 - Covington Holy Cross, Newport Central Catholic, Boone County.
- Region 10 - Harrison County, Montgomery County, Paris.
- Region 11 - Lexington Catholic, Henry Clay, Woodford County.
- Region 12 - South Laurel, Mercer County, Wayne County.
- Region 13 - Rockcastle County, Jackson County, Cawood.
- Region 14 - Perry County Central, Whitesburg, Leslie County.
- Region 15 - Betsy Layne, Belfry, Pike County Central.
- Region 16 - East Carter, Ashland Blazer, Boyd County.

HONORS

Kentucky's Daniels named SEC Player of the Week

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky forward Erik Daniels received Southeastern Conference basketball player of the week honors Monday after totaling 39 points and 13 rebounds in a pair of wins last week over ranked teams.

Kentucky won 68-65 at then-No. 21 Florida on Tuesday and beat then-No. 25 South Carolina 65-64 on Saturday.

Daniels, a 6-8 senior from Cincinnati, is No. 8 Kentucky's second-leading scorer at 15.7 points per game and also ranks second on the team in rebounds, assists and blocked shots. His 57.9-percent shooting percentage ranks fourth in the SEC.

Daniels is the second Kentucky player to receive the weekly SEC award. Gerald Fitch received the honor in December.

spot. The nation's winningest team is 24-1 and eight of the dozen first-place votes. The other four went to defending national champion Concordia (Calif.) University, which moved up one place to second.

Azusa Pacific (Calif.) University moved up three spots to round out the top five.

Cumberland College, which lost 62-60 to Lambuth on Saturday, fell six places to 13th in the rankings. The Bears are the other Mid-South Conference school in the poll, while the Eagles got a mention and are listed among those receiving votes.

Brescia University of Owensboro is one of three news teams to enter the poll today and is ranked 25th.

Thursday, March 25

- Region 13 vs. Region 2, 1 p.m.
- Region 15 vs. Region 16, 2:30 p.m.
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WOMEN EMPLOYEES NEED MSD STANDARDS

Studies show that women workers suffer a disproportionate number of many types of ergonomic or body strain injuries, also known as musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs). Such problems, which often occur in the upper body and most commonly affect the wrists, shoulders, elbows, neck, hands and back, result from conditions such as a fast-paced activity, heavy lifting, repetition, or working in an awkward and uncomfortable position.

MSDs are common in a wide variety of occupations that include nursing aides, cashiers, assembly workers and sewing machine operators. Some unfortunate statistics include:

- Women make up approximately 44 percent of the workforce, and 33 percent of those injured at work, yet they account for 64 percent of repetitive motion injuries that cause lost work time.
- Women experience 68 percent of the carpal tunnel syndrome injuries that result in lost work time.
- Over 60 percent of the lost-work time, tendonitis injuries occur among women workers.
- In 2000, nearly 155,000 women workers suffered an injury due to overexertion that led to time away from work.
- Sprains/strains, carpal tunnel syndrome and tendonitis, together, account for more than half of all lost work time injuries and illnesses among women.

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Pete Grigsby, pictured standing fourth from the right, was recognized Saturday at Rupp Arena along with former University of Kentucky teammates. Grigsby played high school basketball for the Martin Purple Flash, and then went to UK. He was part of the 1954 UK team that went 25-0, but did not participate in the NCAA tournament because three players graduated early. In those days, NCAA regulation prohibited graduate students from participating in sports. photo by Tony McGuire

Garrett wins Hazard tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — Garrett Christian took the top spot in a tournament played last week in Hazard.

The Warriors beat Clays Mill 73-44 in the championship game of the tournament, running their record on the season to 29-4.

Garrett Christian got out to an early lead and led 27-8 at the end of the first period and 37-17 at halftime. After the first period, the championship game was never really in doubt as the Warriors were rolling.

Seth Bailey led Garrett Christian with a game-high 18 points. Ryan Slone and Larry Stamper added 14 points apiece. Brian Paige and David Franklin netted eight apiece. Jeremy Fugate led Clays

Mills with 14 points. Monti Teater had 12.

Prior to the championship game, Garrett Christian beat Clays Mill in another game of the round-robin tournament. Garrett won easy in the first meeting, too, beating Clays Mill 85-43. Seth Bailey and David Franklin scored 19 points apiece and Ryan Slone added 18 to lead the Warriors.

Jr. Stamper pushed in nine. Brian Paige had six points and Simeon Brace added four, Cody Franklin had two points.

Robert Dulaney had 14 points for Clays Mill.

Garrett Christian had several players step up during and perform well during the tournament. In an opening round game, Ryan Slone poured in 25 points.

Garrett Christian is coached by longtime Allen Central High assistant coach Jerry Manns.

Gate City, Va. 68, Garrett 67 (OT)

GATE CITY, Va. — Ryan Slone scored 25 points and Seth Bailey 23 to lead Garrett Christian in the overtime loss to host Gate City (Va.). The visiting Warriors led 18-17 at the end of the first period before trailing at the half. Gate City led 30-23 at halftime. Garrett held a slim 39-38 advantage at the end of the third quarter. The two teams were deadlocked at 53 at the end of regulation to force the overtime.

Brian Paige and David Franklin had seven points apiece for Garrett. Shane Feltner and Jr. Stamper finished with three and two points, respectively.

Biologists ponder: Which striped fish for the Ohio River?

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Fisheries managers will consider making a substitution for the pin-striped brawlers that have never quite provided Ohio River anglers with all the action they wanted.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources biologists say fishing for stocked striped bass on the Ohio is a valuable resource, but one that has fallen short of expectation after more than a quarter century of annual stocking and the release of more than 22 million striper fingerlings.

Managers suspect a better bet might be stocking hybrid striped

bass because they may exhibit higher rates of survival and ultimately produce more catchable adult fish than do pure striped bass.

Striped bass, also called stripers or rockfish, are a native saltwater species of the Morone family that long ago were found adaptable to freshwater. They are a cousin of the freshwater-native white bass and yellow bass.

A hatchery-induced crossing of striped bass and white bass produces an in-betweeners most often called a hybrid striped bass or simply hybrid. To some, this white bass-plus-striper yields a "wiper."

However you label a hybrid, it shows promise of being a better

large Morone for the river across Kentucky's northern border, said Doug Henley, Ohio River biologist for the department.

During five years of fall sampling to show survival rates from late spring to summer releases, striped bass showed poor results in three.

"Years when there are low flows, with less water in the system, stripers might outperform hybrids a little bit," Henley said. "But during high flow years, striped bass go way down while hybrids still seem to do well."

Aside from rare long periods of droughty conditions, those high flow years that don't work well for striped bass may be more common. Thus, more often than

not, striper stocking may prove inefficient.

Meanwhile, long-term vitality of striped bass in the Ohio River may be compromised by warm water conditions, Henley said.

"Stripers have a problem with body size and warm water temperatures," Henley said. "It gets

hot and they'll sit out there and not feed. Not only does it make them hard to catch, but it causes their condition to deteriorate. They get skinny.

"I'm not sure what happens with hybrids in warm water, but I've never seen a hybrid in poor body condition," he said. "They

may have enough white bass (characteristics) in them that they take to warm water better."

Kentucky has only stocked hybrids in the Ohio River to a limited extent during a past five-

(See PONDER, page four)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wildcats hold off Gamecocks, take over SEC East lead

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — One-point wins are becoming commonplace for Kentucky.

Erik Daniels had 17 points and nine rebounds, and No. 9 Kentucky used a late defensive stand to hold off No. 25 South Carolina 65-64 on Saturday.

Kentucky (16-3, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) picked up its third one-point victory in SEC play this season. The Wildcats also edged Mississippi State (67-66) and Tennessee (69-68 in overtime).

The Wildcats moved past South Carolina (19-4, 6-3) into first place in the SEC East division. The Wildcats have won 15 of 16 against the Gamecocks.

"Are we cutting it too close? Sometimes," Kentucky forward Chuck Hayes said. "This is Kentucky, and everybody is trying to knock us off. When the game is close, we know we have to play defense."

Antwain Barbour, making his first start of the season, completed a three-point play with 1:09 left to give Kentucky a 65-63 lead. Carlos Powell made 1 of 2 free throws with 57.1 seconds left to pull South Carolina within a point.

Kentucky turned the ball over with 22.5 seconds left, and South Carolina held for the last shot.

Hayes trapped Josh Gonner 20 feet from the basket, forcing the Gamecocks to call a timeout with 4.3 seconds remaining.

On the ensuing play, Kerbrell Brown's 8-foot baseline jumper over the 6-8 Daniels hit the side of the backboard, and Kentucky's Cliff Hawkins grabbed the loose ball as time expired.

"I thought our team deserved a

chance to win the basketball game and we got it," South Carolina coach Dave Odom said. "That's what any coach wants — a chance to come in and win the game at the end."

Hayes added 15 points and 11 rebounds for Kentucky, while Kelenna Azubuike had 11 points

(See TAKE, page four)

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne edges Adams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Betsy Layne Elementary held on Monday night to beat host Adams Middle, 46-43. Betsy Layne led Adams 23-16 at half-time and 33-28 at the end of the third quarter.

Tyler Hamilton paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 18 points. Hamilton had six points

in the third period and eight markers in a strong fourth period effort.

Samuel Keathley scored 14 points for the Bobcats and Tim Honaker chipped in nine. Brennan Case had four points for Betsy Layne and Ted Honaker rounded out the Bobcat scoring with a free throw.

The two teams exited the first quarter tied, 5-5.

Bobby Hughes led Adams in scoring with 15 points. James Lafferty and Jordan Hall had 10 points apiece for the Blackcats. Dane Sizemore netted four points while Nathaniel Stephens and Jody Tackett each had two apiece.

B-TEAM — Adams 43, Betsy Layne 22: Jody Tackett scored 15 points and Seth Setser netted 14 to lead Adams to a victory over Betsy Layne in a B-team matchup.

Luke Sturgill and Kyle Hall each had four points for Adams. Austin Gearheart, Adam Kimbler and Chris Schoolcraft all had two apiece.

Richie Tackett led Betsy Layne with nine points. Marvin Lee flipped in six points and Jimmy Meade added three. Austin Collins and Colt Stumbo had two each.

GOLF

American Cancer Society golf pass again available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — If your sweetheart's idea of dimples are the depressions on a golf ball and not the ones when you smile, then perhaps you should steer clear of the chocolate and cards this Valentine's Day. Instead, the American Cancer Society's Golf Pass is sure to put a little love in your golfer's heart.

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Wins

After a Golden Eagle basket, Shurtleff converted a three-point play giving Pikeville a 46-42 edge.

Shurtleff led all scorers with 27 points.

Pikeville hit seven of 12 from the line in OT but missed four of its first six foul shots.

Three Central starters fouled out in the extra session, but the Golden eagles still maintained the lead until the Panthers began making their foul shots.

When Parrish and Mullins made two foul shots apiece, Pikeville led 60-58 with 37 seconds remaining.

Central freshman Jamie McCarty drew a foul and made the second of two free throws to make it 60-59.

Again, Pikeville succumbed to the Golden Eagles pressure defense and turned the ball over with just under 20 seconds left.

Meets

and scholarship applications are the special features of the display.

Following is a listing of the trophy tour (as of 2/9/04):

Feb. 10 — Owensboro (W. Third St. Branch); Feb. 12-13 — Owensboro (Frederica St. Branch); Feb. 13 — Owensboro (Owensboro Catholic at Daviess County); Feb. 17 — Mayfield (Paducah Tilghman at Mayfield); Feb. 20 — Hopkinsville (Logan Co. at Hopkinsville); Feb. 20-26 — Louisville (Branches to be determined).

Additional dates and sites will be confirmed and added. Check out the KHSAA website (Basketball Page) for tour updates.

Music fired up a three-pointer with 14 seconds remaining and missed, but

Walters was bale to get space and pull down the offensive board. Walters, who scored just six points, turned a hit a mid-range jumper for the game winner. Pikeville was unable to a clean look at a final shot.

Music led the Golden Eagles with 23 points. Parrish added 19 for the Panthers.

"It was a good win for us," said Johnson Central head coach Les Trimble.

Johnson Central 63, Magoffin County 40: Johnson Central went to 4-1 in 57th District play with a 63-40 rout of visiting Magoffin County last Thursday during Senior Night.

The school honored three seniors in Mike Walters, Saul Fletcher and Joe Hall.

Walters, along with juniors Nick Music and Tony Hatfield, led five Johnson Central players in double figures with 13 points each. Josh Stapleton and Kyle Rice had 11 points apiece. Hall and Fletcher had one point apiece.

The Golden Eagles led by a dozen at the half and cruised to the victory.

Stumbo scores wins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

John M. Stumbo edged Allen Monday night, beating the Eagles 41-39. Kory Henry and Colby Hayes led Stumbo to the victory, leading the Mustangs in scoring. It was the first Floyd

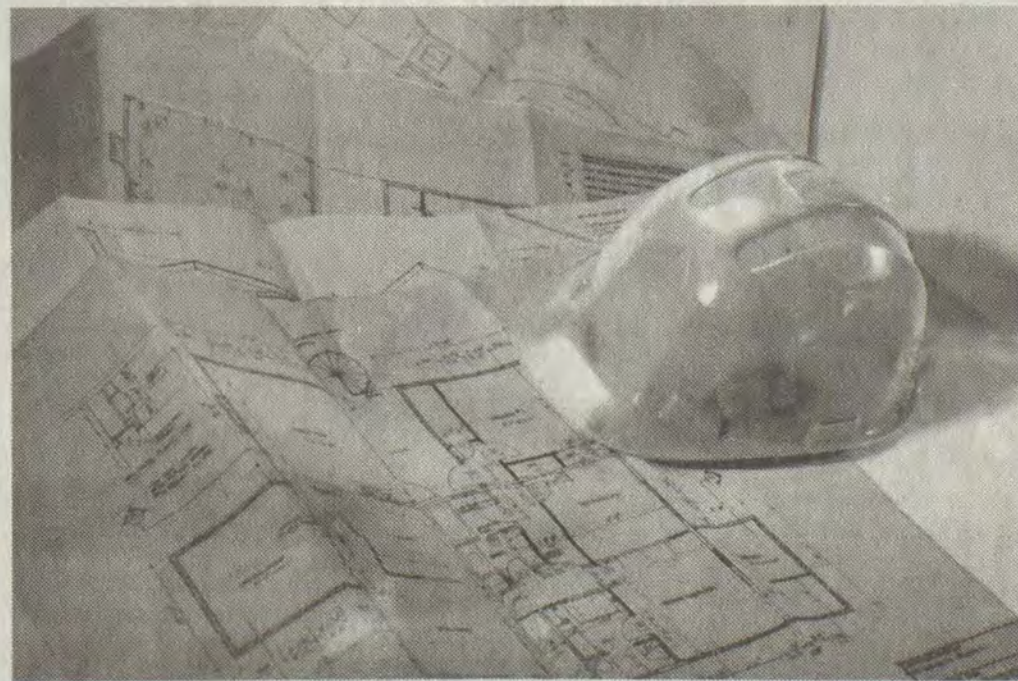
County victory of the season for the boys from Stumbo.

Stumbo also beat Allen in a B-team game.

In a game played in the Floyd County C-Team Tournament, Stumbo beat Mountain Christian Academy.

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Boys

1. Lexington Catholic (18-3)
 2. Mason County (19-2)
 3. Pleasure Ridge Park (17-5)
 4. Fern Creek (18-4)
 5. Wayne County (19-2)
 6. Elizabethtown (17-4)
 7. DeSales (17-4)
 8. Seneca (21-4)
 9. Warren Central (14-7)
 10. Scott County (18-4)
 11. Daviess County (19-4)
 12. Covington Catholic (15-3)
 13. Henderson County (16-3)
 14. Boone County (18-2)
 15. Hazard (20-4)
 16. Perry County Central (15-4)
 17. Hopkinsville (16-7)
 18. Owensboro Catholic (16-4)
 19. Jeffersonton (15-6)
 20. Caverna (20-2)
 21. Apollo (14-8)
 22. Clay County (17-4)
 23. South Laurel (14-7)
 24. Bishop Brossart (18-4)
 25. Geo. Rogers Clark (15-5)
- Girls**
1. Sacred Heart (21-1)
 2. Henderson County (19-3)
 3. Christian County (20-3)
 4. Rockcastle County (19-2)
 5. Elizabethtown (18-3)
 6. Jackson County (16-4)
 7. Lexington Catholic (15-7)
 8. Daviess County (21-2)
 9. Scott County (16-4)
 10. Mercy (14-6)
 11. East Carter (21-4)
 12. Marshall County (19-2)
 13. Newport Central Catholic (15-5)
 14. Muhlenberg North (18-4)
 15. Central Hardin (17-4)
 16. Perry County Central (18-2)
 17. Bullitt East (20-1)
 18. Clinton County (18-7)
 19. Boone County (17-3)
 20. Henry Clay (16-5)
 21. Butler (14-6)
 22. Pulaski County (20-4)
 23. Whitesburg (21-3)
 24. Mercer County (15-7)
 25. Louisville Christian (18-5)

Claim

got the tough rebounds at the end." Hazard was able to win despite a big game by Brossart's big man, seven-foot center Derrick Rhoden, who scored 16 in the contest. "I thought he played extremely well," said Brossart coach Willie Schlarman. "I know he gets ready to play in big games." And what a sweet win it was for Hazard. Hazard felt a sense of redemption after losing last year

Favor

Prestonsburg led 30-18 at the half and South Floyd would get no closer than seven points in the second half. Ashley Johnson led South Floyd in scoring with 15 points on the night while Tab Trammel and Brandy Anderson each tossed in 12 points for the Lady Raiders. Prestonsburg led 42-26 after three quarters and went on to the 60-45 win. Heather White finished the contest with six points and the duo of Kelly Key and Amber Whitaker each contributed two points for Prestonsburg in the win. Amanda Johnson pitched in two points for South Floyd and Tab Tackett finished with four. Both teams have one win in 58th District play which makes this final week of district matchups very important to both squads. Prestonsburg will wrap up district play on Friday against Betsy Layne Lady Cats. South Floyd will take on Allen Central in the final district game for both teams.

in an apparent scoring error in a first round game against Mayfield. "Last year was great motivation," Spurlock said. "It made us hungry. We wanted to come back and prove ourselves." With Hazard leading 39-38 and only 16 seconds left, Rhoden had a chance to tie the game or to give his team a lead, but he missed two free throws. Stephen Sizemore got the rebound and was fouled. Sizemore stepped to the line, and had the full confidence of his coach. "I knew he was going to make those," Spurlock said. And he did, giving Hazard a 41-38 lead. Brossart had a final chance, but Sizemore made Steve McCarty alter a three-point shot, and it came up well short. Hazard claimed the rebound and Williams scored on a layup as

time expired to end the ballgame. "This is a great felling," said Spurlock. "Now, we have to get ready for March." It's been 49 years since Hazard won a state title. Spurlock is in his second season at the helm of the Hazard High boys' basketball program. **All-Tournament Team** Mike Afterkirk, Walton-Verona Mark Krebs, Newport Central Catholic Boris Siakam, Caverna Evan McDole, Bishop Brossart Joshua Mack, University Heights Michael Zimmerman, Newport Central Catholic David Vance, Barbourville Nick Dorman, Walton-Verona Kevin Smith, Bishop Brossart Stephen Sizemore, Hazard Derrick Rhoden, Bishop Brossart Robert Lytle, Hazard MVP - Lamar Williams, Hazard

Ponder

year stretch. Many of the nomadic hybrids appear in the river, however, as the result of stockings by other states. West Virginia and Ohio both have programs of hybrid stocking in the Ohio River. Both striper and hybrids produce fish of quality size that yield popular fishing concentrated in the tailwaters of Ohio River navigational dams, Henley said. "Big class" striped bass most often range to 15 or 20 pounds, while upper-end hybrids range to about 12 pounds, he said. "They're both big, slabby fish," he said. "They'll both break your Zebco."

It may be that stocking hybrids instead of striper or regularly stocking hybrids plus a smaller number of striper would result in more catchable big adult Morones, Henley said. "We haven't come to a solid conclusion yet," he said. Fish and Wildlife researchers this year will conduct extensive sampling of striper and hybrid bass to examine more closely survival and growth rates from spring-summer stockings. Study findings will play into a decision on which Morones or what mix of them should be stocked in the future.

Take

and nine rebounds, and Barbour finished with 10 points. Kentucky outbounded South Carolina 41-26, including 20-8 in the second half, and had 17 offensive rebounds. "On the offensive rebounds, they annihilated us," Odom said. "You give up second- and third-chance shots, and they beat you in the backside." The game included 11 lead changes, including six in the final eight minutes and three in the final 1:43. Neither team led by more than six points. Kentucky had held a double-digit lead in 16 of its previous 18 games. A 3-pointer by Azubuike put Kentucky ahead 62-60, but Mike Boynton's fourth 3-pointer gave the Gamecocks a 63-62 lead with 1:22 left. "We work a lot on developing guys to focus and concentrate in those situations," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "And we have older, more experienced players, and those guys have been through big games."

"I have the utmost confidence in our guys when the game is close and we have the chance to pull the game out." Boynton and Powell each scored 12 points to lead South Carolina, which shot 5-for-8 from 3-point range in the second half. Renaldo Balkman scored 11 points on 5-for-5 shooting from the field. Kentucky won despite the absence of leading scorer Gerald Fitch, who is out indefinitely with a strained ligament in his right (shooting) hand. Backup point guard Brandon Stockton also missed the game because of illness. South Carolina won only five SEC games last season and hasn't won more than six league games in the past five seasons. The Gamecocks were picked in the preseason to finish last in the SEC East. "We take away from this game a feeling that, just maybe, we belong somewhere in a meaningful place in this league," Odom said.

Alice Lloyd teams split against Tenn. Wesleyan

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Shannon Akers scored a game-high 19 points and pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds, 12 on the offensive end Saturday, to lead Alice Lloyd past Tennessee Wesleyan 87-84. Jeremy Daniels and Jason Knott scored 15 points apiece and Matt Spencer and Byron Hall netted 11 apiece in the ALC victory. The Eagles were 12-of-30 on three-point tries. Jeremy Jackson scored eight points for Alice Lloyd and Ryan Shannon tossed in seven.

Tennessee Wesleyan. Jerel Beamon had 18 points for the visiting team. The Tennessee Wesleyan women's team beat the Alice Lloyd ladies 84-64. Amber Cook led the Tennessee team with a game-high 20 points. Three other teammates joined Cook in double figures scoring. Erica Webb led Alice Lloyd with 18 points. Kristina Thompson had 12.

Beats

South Floyd exploded in the third quarter to turn a 10-point half-time deficit into a 10-point lead after three quarters. Prestonsburg was led in scoring by Nick Jamerson with 14 points on the night. South Floyd got a usual big game from Burnette Little as the talented Raider post player came through with 14 points in the win. Ryan Johnson tossed in 14 points for the Raiders and Steven Stanley added 10. The second half turnaround for South Floyd in the third quarter took the visiting Blackcats back out of the game. "In the first half, you have to give credit to Prestonsburg, they were the better team," said South Floyd head coach Henry Webb. "In the third quarter, we played man-to-man defense and executed better and moved better. Obviously, it was a great third-quarter effort. I feel like we're getting better with every

game. South Floyd outscored Prestonsburg 17-16 in the final quarter to come away with the 60-49 win. Sean Leslie was the only other Prestonsburg player to finish in double figures after coming off the bench to score all 10 points in the final six minutes of the game. Michael Stephens came off the Blackcat bench to pitch in seven points on the night. South Floyd remained unbeaten in district play with the win while Prestonsburg fell to 0-4 in district play. Scoring was as follows: South Floyd - Mason Hall 6, Brian Meade 6, Wes Hall 2, Ryan Johnson 14, Adam Tackett 6, Burnette Little 14, Jack Slone 2, Steven Stanley 10. Prestonsburg - Trevor Compton 6, Jesse Chaffin 4, Nick Jamerson 14, Joe Blackburn 2, Michael Morrison 3, Michael Stephens 7, Sean Leslie 10, Nathan Lafferty 3.

Belfry

This season, she posted some impressive statistics. She had 30 blocks, 180 kills, 60 service aces and 180 digs. Belfry posted a 29-9 record this year. "Vickie was a big part of all that," said Hall's coach, Bill Bevins. "Her elevation is the key. I don't think anybody in this region who will out-jump that young lady." Bevins said Hall was looking forward to her new opportunities. "I know she's looking forward to playing volleyball on the college level," he said. "I'm tickled to death for her."

Umpires needed

The Big Sandy Umpires Association is gearing up for the 2004 baseball and softball seasons. Anyone who is interested in being an umpire can call Robert Staggs at 606/432-1807 or 606/218-5357.



photo by Jamie Howell
Betsy Layne senior point guard Jordan Kidd eyed a free throw during Saturday's road game against Paintsville.

Paintsville tops hobbled Betsy Layne

Four Bobcats lost to injury in setback

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - When it rains it pours is the old saying that is most certainly true for Brent Rose and the Betsy Layne Bobcats. The Bobcats came into Saturday's game with the Paintsville Tigers without the services of Preston Simon (lost for the year with a knee injury) and Derek Case (high ankle sprain). The injury bug would strike again early on Saturday when Brandon Hall went down in the first quarter with what appeared to be a knee injury as well. Less than two minutes had ticked off the clock when sixth man Ryan Bryant left the game and did not return with what appeared to be an ankle injury. Even with the mass losses, Betsy Layne gave the youthful Tigers all they could handle before falling by a final of 65-60. Betsy Layne led 15-14 after one quarter and 31-28 at the half, before Paintsville made a run late in the third quarter. Blake Bundy led the Paintsville attack with a

game-high 20 points and Peyton Conley added 18 in the win. Paintsville outscored the Bobcats 14-11 in the third quarter and the game was tied at 42-42 heading into the final quarter. Brandon Kidd led the Bobcat offense with 18 points and Jordan Kidd tossed in 13 on the night. Brandon Thacker came in off the bench for the Bobcats and played well in the losing effort by scoring 11 points in the contest. Brent Newsome finished with eight points for Betsy Layne. Patrick Stapleton continued his streak of good play with seven points for the Bobcats and Brenton Akers rounded out the scoring with three points. Paintsville outscored Betsy Layne 23-18 in the fourth quarter to come away with the five-point win. J.D. Vanhose tossed in 11 points for the Tigers and Daniel Pugh added 10. Sophomore Kevin Williams finished with six points for Paintsville as the Tigers improved to 4-11 on the year. With the loss, Betsy Layne fell to 9-10 on the year. Betsy Layne will look to get the services of Hall, Bryant and Case back very soon as the 58th District tournament is rapidly approaching.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders have no trouble with Piarist

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT - South Floyd raced out to a 21-4 lead and had a very easy time beating the Piarist School Thursday night. The Lady Raiders won easy, 87-21. South Floyd led the visiting Lady Knights 39-14 at halftime and 59-18 at the end of the third quarter. The Lady Raiders outscored Piarist in every quarter. Ashley Johnson fired in a game-high 18 points for the Lady Raiders. Brandy Anderson scored 16, Megan Ousley added 14, and Tab Trammel tossed in 13. Courtney Blocker netted nine points and Carla Hall tossed in six. Center Kellie Farthing led Piarist with eight points. Amanda Johnson and Tab Tackett each had three points for South Floyd. Miranda Gregory and Kim Howell had two points apiece for the Lady Raiders.

Allen Central 72, Piarist 32

EASTERN - Host Allen Central outscored Piarist 22-2 in the first quarter and cruised the rest of the way. Yumekia Hunter led the Lady Rebels in scoring with 15 points. Junior center Becky Thomas had 13 points in the win. Terri Mullins and Amanda Mills each just missed double digits in scoring by tossing in nine apiece. Allen Central held a 36-13 advantage at the intermission. Stephanie Williams led Piarist with 12 points. Beth Tackett added eight in the setback.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne plays past Stumbo

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne got 12 points from Tyler Hamilton in a 43-28 win over John M. Stumbo. Betsy Layne held Stumbo scoreless in the first quarter, leading 17-0 at the end of the initial period. The Bobcats led 24-6 at halftime and 39-16 at the beginning of

the fourth quarter. Brennan Case scored nine points for Betsy Layne and Samuel Keathley chipped in six. Nathan Martin led Stumbo with 10 points. Casey Tackett added six and Adam Slone scored five.

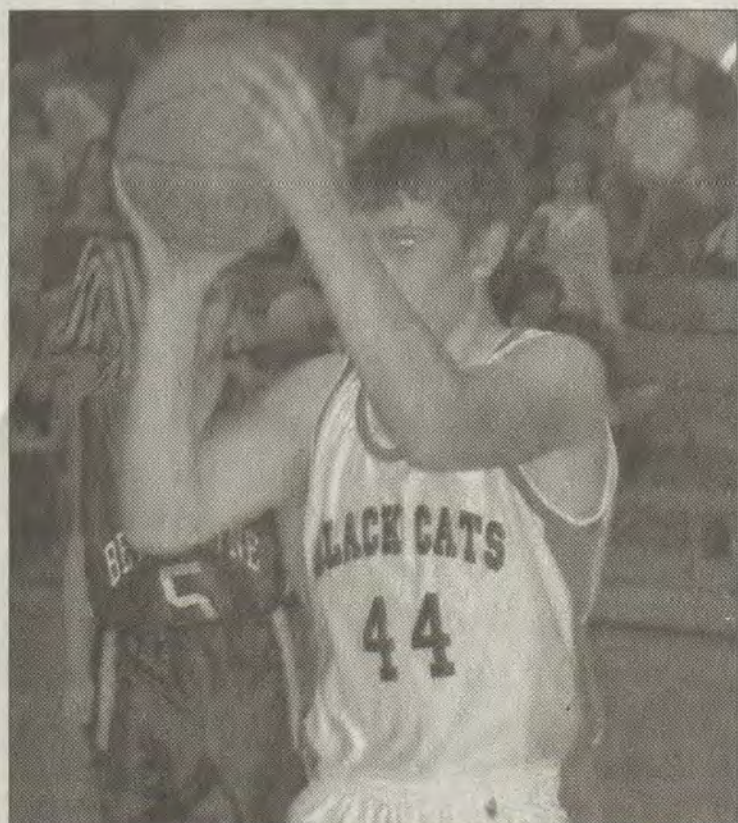


photo by Jamie Howell
Kyle Hall grabbed a rebound for Adams in Monday night's A-team win over Betsy Layne.

GAMES OF THE WEEK

Prestonsburg vs. Betsy Layne

Prestonsburg will play host to Betsy Layne Friday night. The boys' and girls' basketball teams from the two 58th District schools will play that night with district wins hanging in the balance.



South Floyd sophomore starting guard Ryan Johnson (24) kept close tabs on Prestonsburg junior guard Nathan Lafferty.



Four Lady Blackcats awaited the ball to come off the cylinder Friday during a shot attempt.

Bluegrass Preps.com Basketball Rankings

GIRLS

1. Sacred Heart
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Rockcastle County
4. Henderson County
5. Christian County
6. Mercy
7. Scott County
8. Perry County Central
9. Jackson County
10. Newport Central Catholic
11. Mercer County
12. Elizabethtown
13. Assumption
14. East Carter
15. Clinton County
16. South Laurel
17. Boone County
18. Christian Aca. - Louisville
19. Central Hardin
20. Wayne County

BOYS

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Mason County
3. Warren Central
4. Pleasure Ridge Park
5. Scott County
6. Seneca
7. Fern Creek
8. Wayne County
9. Covington Catholic
10. DeSales
11. Jeffersontown
12. Elizabethtown
13. Lafayette
14. Hopkinsville
15. Apollo
16. Boone County
17. Henderson County
18. Owensboro Catholic
19. Hazard
20. Bishop Brossart

Lexington Catholic, Sacred Heart remain on top

LOUISVILLE — Lexington Catholic is the top-ranked boys' basketball team in the state and Louisville Sacred Heart remains supreme on the girls' side.

The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS

Rank-School	FPV	Recd	TP	Pvs
1. Lex. Catholic	(9)	18-3	107	1
2. Mason Co.	(2)	19-2	101	2
3. Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park	-	17-5	76	3
4. Wayne Co.	-	19-2	56	5
5. Lou. Seneca	-	21-4	47	4
6. Scott Co.	-	18-4	42	6
7. Lou. Fern Creek	-	18-4	32	7
(tie)7. Warren Central	-	14-7	32	10
9. Cov. Catholic	-	15-3	25	9
(tie)9. Lou. DeSales	-	17-4	25	-

Others receiving votes: Henderson Co. 12, Hazard 11, Clay Co. 9, Apollo 7, Boone Co. 4, Ashland Blazer 3, Lou. Jeffersontown 3, Clark Co. 3, Barbourville 2, Boyd Co. 2, Elizabethtown 2, Owensboro Catholic 2, Morgan Co. 1, Lou. Male 1.

GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Red	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(11)	21-1	110	1
2. Christian Co.	-	20-3	89	2
3. Henderson Co.	-	19-3	87	3
4. Rockcastle Co.	-	19-2	67	5
5. Lex. Catholic	-	15-7	64	4
6. Jackson Co.	-	16-4	27	7
7. Elizabethtown	-	18-3	26	6
8. Lou. Mercy	-	14-6	25	10
9. Daviess Co.	-	20-2	17	8
10. Newport Central Catholic	-	15-5	16	10

Others receiving votes: Clinton Co. 11; East Carter 10, Mercer Co. 7, Perry Co. Central 6, Boone Co. 5, Ashland Blazer 4, Barren Co. 4, Lex. Henry Clay 4, Lou. Assumption 4, Boyd Co. 3, Bullitt East 3, Lou. Christian Academy 3, Muhlenberg North 3, Whitesburg 3, Marshall Co. 2, Russell 2, Cov. Holy Cross 1, Lou. Butler 1, Scott Co. 1.

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POISON OAK

About placid streams and neat cottages?

To prove the old adage that even a blind hog will stumble onto an acorn now and again, while doing a bit of research at the library the other day, I ran across an interesting item in the November 28, 1907, edition of The Paintsville Herald recounting the efforts of a local coal operator to change the name of the little creek that ran through the community in which I was born some 32 years later.



Clyde Pack

Well, actually, the story was less about Smith's efforts and more of a response to the idea by the Herald, most likely the sentiments of publisher Warren M. Meek. Anyway, who ever responded

was dead set against it.

The article read thusly: "Mr. Smith, president of the Northeast Coal Co., operating on Muddy Branch, would like to change the name of that placid stream and has more than once criticized the Herald for referring to his coal operations as being on Muddy Branch.

"Mr. Smith is a whole souled gentleman for whom we have the greatest respect, but to the Herald, and the people of this section, Muddy Branch will ever remain Muddy Branch, it matters not what changes may be made.

"Back under the old dispensation we

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KIM'S KORNER

Oh, baby!

Just when you think you've heard it all, "Bam!" another news flash of a hideous story surfaces. And what a whopper this one is! Seems some on-line company has been distributing "fake" birth control patches. Oh my good heavens, how horrible is that?

Yes, reports have surfaced that this site has promoted the counterfeit contraceptive patches as being authentic Ortho Evra transdermal patches, which are approved by the FDA and made by Johnson & Johnson. The FDA, as well as Johnson & Johnson, are warning consumers about using the bogus patches.

The counterfeit patch is being issued to consumers without containing the active ingredient necessary to make the patches effective. Talk about a "Baby Boom," that's definitely a possibility!

What a lesson to learn from buying off the internet. This has got to be one of the most outrageous, horrendous things anyone could do to innocent, unsuspecting people.

Wonder if the courts could take every dime these individuals have made from those who've purchased their "fake" contraceptives and have them set up college funds for every child born because of their "Get Rich" scheme.

Evil minds sure can do lots of harm. What a crazy world this can be. 'Til Next Week, God Bless & be careful what you shop for off the net!



Kim Frasure

WINTER WORK MAKES SPRINGTIME FLOWERS



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Program participants Dwayne Layne, left, and Patsy Austin, right, spend a cold winter's day inside a warm greenhouse transplanting seedlings that will mature into beautiful spring flowers by the time outside temperatures begin to rise.

Auxier Community Habilitation valuable resource

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

The weather outside is frightful, but the greenhouses at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Community Habilitation site, located in Auxier, are delightful. And, it's not even spring yet.

Though temperatures are chilly right now, program participants are already busy at work transplanting seedlings that will soon grow into beautiful blooms ready for Mom's flower garden and lush hanging baskets to adorn front porches all throughout the neighborhood.

The greenhouse training program, geared toward instilling skills necessary to become viable members of the work force to individuals faced with either physical or mental challenges, has seen considerable growth since its inception over twenty years ago and a noticeable spurt of growth just within the last year. "We've seen an unprecedented growth of our program just within the past year," said Ralph Frazier, site supervisor of the Auxier location. According to Frazier, the program

has seen a rise in participants, leading to an expansion of on-site facilities.

"We've constructed a new 1,800 square foot building that contains a large multi-purpose room along with a new kitchen. It's very nice, our clients and staff have really enjoyed it," he said.

And, in addition to on-site training in the field of greenhouse production methods, program participants are also able to participate in literacy classes taught at the local community college as well as computer training courses and sewing classes taught at nearby Auxier Lifetime Learning Center.

Frazier, along with Alice Cole, regional horticulturist specialist, say that several of their program participants have received computers from the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, as well as learning to craft such items as tote bags, lap quilts, sweatshirts, and window dressings. "Our clients are gaining more and more opportunities all the time," said Cole.

(See HABILITATION, page eight)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Neat rows of meticulously cared for flats and baskets are just beginning to transform greenhouses into lush green paradises that will be full of blooms and color by the time spring arrives.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Alice Cole, regional horticulturist specialist for the agency's community habilitation programs, shows off a few of the large plants available for rental to the public.

CRITTER CORNER

Not 'just' animals

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

I can tell this is going to be one of those rambling columns; too many things are competing for my attention to focus on one subject.

For starters, this looks like the first time in seventeen years that I am going to miss the live broadcast of Best in Show at Westminster. The first year I saw the show was 1987 because I remember the German Shepherd Ch. Covy Tucker Hills

Manhattan went BiS, and I looked up the date. It was my first exposure to dog shows and I was hooked. It didn't hurt that German Shepherds are one of my favorite breeds.

Anyway, we have managed to schedule the monthly meeting of both the local kennel club and SNOOP for that night, so I'll be looking for someone to tape the show for me. (I can't program our VCR since the

(See CRITTER, page eight)



"Casper." Casper is a two-year old white flame tip Himalayan who is owned by Melissa Hall, of Prestonsburg. According to Melissa, Casper is a "very precious and sweet cat, who loves to spend time playing with his toy mice." Casper also enjoys looking out the front window, taking little naps in the bathroom sink, and sitting on Melissa's desk while she surfs the internet!

School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOTICE School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

**Lost coats have been

turned in to the center office - please have your child come claim their coat.**

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

*Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff

Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

■ Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 16 and Feb. 18, 1994)

A special session of the Floyd County Grand Jury, which was held, February 7-8, ended, Monday, with jurors returning 25 indictments, which included one murder charge, and many drug charges. Joseph L. Banks of Wayland, faces a murder charge for the January 9, shooting death of Robert Dean Jacobs, also of Wayland. Fifteen charges were brought against Larry "Kojac" Slone, 21, of Wheelwright, after a high-speed 14-mile car chase, early Sunday morning. Slone was arrested by Kentucky State Police trooper John Hunt, after losing control of his vehicle near the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg...As far as most area businesses are concerned, Old Man Winter has been something of a grouch so far this year. Unusually harsh weather has put a crimp in business-as-usual, setting some enterprises back weeks and even months from their typical positions for this time of year...Prestonsburg City Council voted, Monday, to begin reviewing the employment records of two firefighters to determine if they are eligible for on-call time back pay similar to benefits awarded to nine other firemen. Nine firefighters sued the city in March 1992, claiming that city officials violated federal Fair Labor Standards by failing to pay the firemen for on-call time. Council voted last month to settle the lawsuit and pay the firemen \$20,000 each, plus back pay...A Floyd County deputy jailer was treated at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Friday night, after he was bitten by a prisoner during the booking process at the jail. Deputy Jailer Marty Howard was allegedly bitten on the chest by Randy Holbrook, 32, of Prestonsburg, while being booked at the jail on charges of criminal trespass, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest and fourth degree aggravated assault...While answering a domestic violence complaint at Price, Monday night, state police confiscated two pounds of marijuana, and arrested an Indiana man who is a fugitive from that state. Michael Hollingshead, 33, was arrested and charged with being a fugitive from justice and trafficking in marijuana by Kentucky State Police trooper Les Stapleton...If you've found yourself laughing all the way to the waste basket with those city parking tickets, listen up. It's not funny anymore. That's the word from Prestonsburg City Hall, where ignoring the laws—particularly city parking laws—will no longer be an acceptable practice...James Eddie Fields, 41, of Elkhorn City, was arrested Thursday, by Pike County sheriff's deputies and transported to Floyd County to face drug charges. Fields was indicted Monday on four counts of trafficking in cocaine. Floyd deputy Denver Spurlock, took Fields into custody from Pike County

officials...Guests at May Lodge think the small, wiry folk musician playing the fiddle in the foyer is part of the paid entertainment. He isn't. He is a judge. When he doesn't have a fiddle in his hands, he has a gavel. Administrative Law Judge Lawrence Pauley, 64, of Huntington, West Virginia, comes to Floyd County at least once a month. During the day, he sorts fact from fiction when he presides at hearings involving Social Security disability claims...With less than a quorum of Floyd County's Development Authority present Wednesday, the validity of actions taken during the meeting could be questionable. Three members of the six-member board were absent from Wednesday's meeting, but board member H.D. Fitzpatrick said he had those members' voting proxies...A Floyd County woman who allegedly kidnapped a Turkey Creek man last year, and tried to get the man to empty his checking account, pleaded guilty, this week, to first degree attempted robbery. Rhonda Vanco, 33, of Prestonsburg, entered an Alford plea Monday, before Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill. Judge Caudill sentenced Vanco to an eight-year prison term...Former Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta will be one of three Kentucky women leaders featured on WYMT-TV's talk show "Issues and Answers: The Mountain Edition." Latta will appear with Pike County Judge-Executive Donna Damron and Harlan County Judge-Executive Delzinna Belcher. The women will discuss their roles as women in leadership positions, and issues they face...For the first time in at least four years, the Paintsville-Prestonsburg Airport Board has a full cast of members. New administrations took over in both cities on January 1, signaling the probable end of an ongoing controversy about the future use of the airport. That's not necessarily so, said the new mayors of Prestonsburg and Paintsville...There died: Irene Johnson Thomas, 85, of Camilla, Georgia, Monday, February 14, at Mitchell County Hospital; Robert Lowell Perry, 56, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, February 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Myrtle B. Peters, 78, originally of Prestonsburg, Sunday, February 13, at the Mease Manor Nursing Home, Dunedin, Florida; John Edward Allen, 70, of Martin, Saturday, February 12, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; James Alonzo Stratton, 84, of Ivel, Saturday, February 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ethel Hall, 55, of Kite, Saturday, February 12, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Leavodis Williams Collier, 80, of Estill, Saturday, February 12, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Keenis Setser, 92, of Allen, Friday, February 11, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; William Henry Bayliss, 68, of Wabash, Indiana, formerly of Weeksburg, January 24, at the Marion, Indiana, V.A. Hospital;

Susie Mae Hughes, 72, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, February 10, at her residence; Delbert Leland Wells, 62, of Auxier, Tuesday, February 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Esther Marie Hamilton Howell, 69, of Banner, Tuesday, February 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Charles W. Elkins, 66, of Battle Creek, Michigan, Sunday, February 6, at his home; Helen L. Stephens, 74, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, February 16, at Lutheran Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Twenty Years Ago

(February 22, 1984)

Clyde Douglas Marshall, 31, of McDowell, on trial in Fayette Circuit Court on a charge of plotting to murder his wife, Glenda Sharon Marshall, last June 20, took the stand in his own defense...The state board of education will continue to monitor Floyd schools and schools here will be asked to report by June 20, on what they have resolved...Traffic controls demands follow accidents here...There died: Betty Mitchell Carroll, 72, of Grethel, Saturday, at the home of her daughter, Minnie Vanderpool Hall, 82, of McDowell, Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Gilda Belle Crager, 46, of Wayland, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Willie Bentley, 77, of Langley, February 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Paul Ross, 69, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Polly Tackett, 76, of Hi Hat, Thursday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Abe Shepherd, 89, of David, Tuesday, February 14, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 20, 1974)

Area service station operators were less than optimistic, this week, as problems of inadequate gasoline supplies lingered, despite the return to near-normal truck traffic...County Judge Henry Stumbo listed solid waste disposal as the most pressing of this county's problems at a meeting, Monday night, of the Big Sandy Area Development Council at May Lodge...The gunshot death, last Tuesday night, of a Wayland man, may have resulted from his playing "Russian roulette," officials said following an investigation...The Prestonsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, last week, elected Ronald H. Frasure, Prestonsburg businessman, as its president, succeeding Robert V. May Jr....Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Shepherd, of Hueysville, a son, Ryan Ellis, Jan. 2, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Henry Pratt, native

of Garrett, Feb. 2, at Cynthiana; Isaac N. Hall, Jr., 48, formerly of Banner, Monday, at Lexington; John Fannin, 57, of Martin, Sunday, at Martin; Miah Spradlin, 60, of Ivel, Friday, at Pikeville; Noah Hopper, formerly of this county, Sunday, at Hanging Rock, Ohio.

Forty Years Ago

(February 27, 1964)

The Princess Elkhorn Division of Princess Coals Inc., may be nearing the end of its stay at David, because of dwindling coal reserves, but several years are being added to the company's operation there by installation of new machinery and acquisition of added coal acreage...The American Red Cross, during fiscal year 1963, spent \$2,710,978 to aid disaster victims in Kentucky, and \$369,000 of that total was spent in Floyd County...Strip mining was described in Frankfort, Tuesday, as murdering the eastern Kentucky mountains and destroying western Kentucky agricultural counties...Paul R. Jordan, native of Wayland, who was a special assistant in public relations in state government during the last administration, this week, was named director of information and education for the Department of Conservation...Latest of a long series of breaks in this county was last Wednesday night's entrance of the new Garth Vocational School...There died: Mrs. Mary Alice Hall, 66, of Galveston, Sunday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Joe Todd, 66, co-owner of Opal & Joe's, well-known Ivel restaurant, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Emma Akers Sizemore, 83, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at home; Mrs. Beatrice Williams, 62, of Wheelwright, Sunday at the Beckley, W.Va. Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ora Hamilton, 63, of Galveston, Sunday, at home; Mrs. Stella Chapman, 71, of Hite, Tuesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 25, 1954)

The U.S. Corps of Engineers announced, this week, that bids on cabin sites at Dewey Lake will be received till March 22...State Senator Doug Hays has introduced a bill in the State Senate to change the official name of the valley's largest stream, from the Levisa to the Big Sandy River...Deputy Sheriffs and State Police are patrolling the road to David which was blocked, Monday, to out-of-county workers...Voters of the Prestonsburg independent school district will be given the opportunity, soon, to decide if a 35-cent levy on each \$100

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School

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skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 ■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
 ■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH

SCHOOL

■ Feb. 18 - Special-called SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in media center. Notice: The Feb. 16 regularly scheduled meeting has been canceled.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).
 ■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
 ■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.
 ■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located

on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Feb. 17 - Floyd County Health Dept., Dental Program, K-3.
 ■ Feb. 19 - VIP meeting, Stress Management, 10:30 a.m., in Resource Center.
 ■ Feb. 19 - Dollars & Sense Store, 5th grade, Martin Comm. Center.
 ■ Resource Center hours are

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

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.
 ■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8

a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.
 ■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St.

James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

Critter

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remote went kaffloie several months ago.)

We are in the final stages of planning for the Eastern Kentucky Kennel Club dog show, which is coming back to Paintsville this year. It will be held at Johnson Central High School/Middle School on March 20 & 21, so mark your calendars. We've changed our date so we don't conflict with all the Apple Festival events going on around town. We're glad to be back home, and we hope to give the local economy a tourism boost at an otherwise slow time of year.

In SNOOP news (as most of you know, SNOOP stands for the Spay & Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg), things are pretty much the same: WE NEED FUNDS. This group has taken off like no one ever expected, providing low-cost vouchers to pet owners who otherwise might not be able to afford sterilization surgery for their animals. Although we have obtained a grant, it only covers about half of our expenses, so we are currently looking into some additional fundraisers. One of our projects is to collect old cell phones, for which we are paid through CollectiveGood.com. If you have an old phone you can drop it off at the Eastern Kentucky Radiology offices in Prestonsburg (in the office complex just past Highlands Regional Hospital), or you can call us at 358-9913. My office also serves as a collection point.

Now, on to one of the more sobering subjects running

through my head like so many hamsters on a giant exercise wheel.

This past Thursday afternoon, Kelly called me to say that he couldn't be sure, but he thought he had seen what looked like a cat—possibly dead—caught on a fence in Wayland, about a mile above the clinic. It was pouring rain, and his sister thought he was seeing things when they drove by, but he wanted someone to check it out. Kelly is seldom mistaken about things like this. He has that unfortunate sixth sense about animals in trouble that will cause him grief the rest of his life. Wanda and I drove up there with a net and a carrier, in case it was injured. It didn't take long to find what Kelly had seen.

The cat, a blue shorthaired male, was dead all right, but it didn't die in the fence. It was suspended in a pair of women's thong underwear and hung from the fence about six feet off the ground. It was directly across from the Town Park, which in better weather would have been filled with children playing, and people using the walking track. The cat's fur was fairly dry; it could not have been there long.

Maybe this is not something to get upset about; maybe my nerves are just stretched to the breaking point, but I went back to the office and called my editor at the Floyd County Times, and also the Sheriff's Department. I knew the Sheriff couldn't do anything with no suspect (and possibly

no crime—I don't know that there's anything against displaying dead animals) but I wanted to report it. Kathy Prater drove up from the Times to take photos.

From the looks of things, the cat was already dead when it was placed on the fence. I did a quasi-autopsy when I got back to the clinic and found that the cause of death was some sort of blunt-force trauma, such as being struck by a car. That made me feel a little better; there were no signs of abuse. Wanda took the body home with her that evening and gave it a proper burial.

We've thrashed around various possibilities concerning this case. Did someone find the cat on the road, and hang it up there so the owner could find it? I just can't imagine someone would take the time, especially given the weather conditions, and certainly not to use underwear to hang it with. Did an abusive man kill his wife/girlfriend's pet and put it there as a warning to her? Was it just some sort of sick "joke"?

I was just going to let Kathy write the story; I'm certainly no reporter. Then I started thinking, "Why does this matter?" and decided I needed to put in my two cents' worth. Although the cause of death may (or may not) have been accidental, the act of suspending the animal on the fence was certainly deliberate. In fact, someone got out in the freezing rain to do it.

I suppose I'm bothered by one more example of our soci-

ety treating an animal like a piece of trash—that cat was just as expendable as the cheap lingerie it was wrapped in.

Kathy e-mailed me today with the news that the photographs of the cat were inad-

vertently erased from her digital camera. That's okay. The picture persists in my mind along with thousands of other images I wish weren't there. I hope it's also present in the mind of whoever did this, and I

hope he can't get rid of it either. I also hope and pray that he is not responsible for the care of any children; there is little reason to think he would have any more respect for their lives.



Middle Creek Baptist Church Pastor Eugene Cook, with wife, Renee, son, Chase, and daughter, Abby.

Middle Creek Baptist gets new pastor

The Middle Creek Baptist Church, located at Blue River, recently appointed Eugene Cook, of Cyclone, West Virginia, as their new pastor. Pastor Cook began his service on September 7, 2003, under the guidance of former pastor, Vernon Slone, who is now homebound with a lung ailment.

Middle Creek Baptist Church prides itself on being

an independent, fundamental Baptist church, meaning that the church strives to hold to the fundamentals of Bible teaching. Among these fundamental beliefs is the belief of the Virgin Birth, Substitutionary Death, Bodily Resurrection, and the Pre-millennial Return of Jesus Christ, along with salvation by grace, through faith, and the Eternal Security of the Believer.

Pastor Cook, who was saved and baptized in January, 1998, sensed the leading of God to preach at the age of 23. If you would like to talk to Pastor Cook, you may call him at the church at 889-9397, or at his home at 886-2134. Middle Creek Baptist Church welcomes all to join them in service and prayer; all who attend will be received with love and friendliness.

Yesterdays

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worth of taxable property shall be made to finance construction of a gymnasium here...James Wine, Pikeville attorney, last Friday, announced he will seek the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventh District...Sgt. John J. Bentley, formerly of McDowell, remains unconscious in Camp Campbell Hospital, after suffering a brain injury two weeks ago in his 46th jump as a paratrooper...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fox Homes at Louisville, February 20, a daughter—Roxanne...There died: Dr. W. J. Fitzpatrick, 77, Prestonsburg dentist, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Melvin Slone, probably the area's oldest man, at Printer, Wednesday, at the age of 103; John R. "Click" Kelly, 59, formerly of Prestonsburg, killed by an auto in Detroit, February 11; Mrs. Bethany Hale, 73, last Thursday, at Estill; Jerry Hall, 72, Friday, at Banner; Mrs. Ethel Hamilton, 46, of Honaker, Saturday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Minnie Goble Sturgill, 39, Sunday, on Little Paint Creek.

Association, the UMW may buy or build a hospital for their exclusive use...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard, of Cow Creek, a son, James Franklin, February 17; to Pvt. and Mrs. Hershel Tackett, a son, Carl Edmund, Monday, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Cpl. and Mrs. Willie Hicks, of Alphoretta, a daughter, Judith Carol, February 10...There died: Glenn Roberts, 16, Tuesday, on Johns Creek; Beulah Napier, 17, last Thursday, at Garrett; Denver Skaggs, 38, of Garrett, Monday, at Martin; Luther Sturgill, 53, February 11, at Auxier; Mrs. Susan Turner, 89, Tuesday, at Wayland; Mrs. Cassie Mae Keathley, 58, Wednesday, at Amba.

Seventy Years Ago

(February 23, 1934)

Floyd Post No. 129, here, went on record, Saturday, in alleging irregularities in the conduct of the Civil Works Administration in this county...Irvin Hall, 24, was fatally injured, last Thursday, when struck on his head with a stove bolt in a fight at a Mud Creek mill...John Hale, W. B. Boyd, John Williams and Grover Lowe, last week, drilled in a gas well at Martin County, which is reported as having, a volume of 1,600 cubic feet...Homes of Jake Akers at Salisbury, and Harve Jarrell at Martin, were destroyed by fire, this week...Raymond Rickman, 25, was fatally crushed at Betsy Layne, Friday, when he was thrown from the mine motor on which he was brakeman...Dr. W. L. Stumbo, of Martin, has reported receiving extortion notes demanding of him, \$50,000...There died: Mrs. Millie Terry, 86, Saturday, at Lackey.

Habilitation

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"We're excited about the growth we're seeing and how well the program is running."

Some program participants, such as Dwayne Layne, are also participating in community supported employment programs at area businesses.

In addition to horticulture plant production, the center also offers rental services by which community members may borrow large, lush potted plants and hanging baskets to decorate community halls, churches or private homes for meetings, receptions, bridal and new baby showers, weddings and the like. In addition to foliage rentals, the center also offers candelabra and wedding archway rentals.

"We love having kids in on field trips, also," said Cole, "that's something teachers can be thinking about right now, as well as maybe organizing a little Mother's Day fundraiser at their school. We're happy to help and we're also available to answer questions from folks who might be needing a little gardening information this spring."

So, as a few more weeks of

dreary weather continues for the most of us, the staff and program participants at the Auxier Community Habilitation site will be busy working on producing those beautiful spring flowers and vegetable plants that make our springtimes so joyous and filled with gardening fun.

For more information about the Auxier Community Habilitation program, contact Frazier or Cole at 886-6815, or the Mountain

Comprehensive Care Center office at 886-8572.

Greenhouse hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Extended spring season hours, beginning April 5, are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center also operates other Community Habilitation centers at both Salyersville and Shelby Valley.

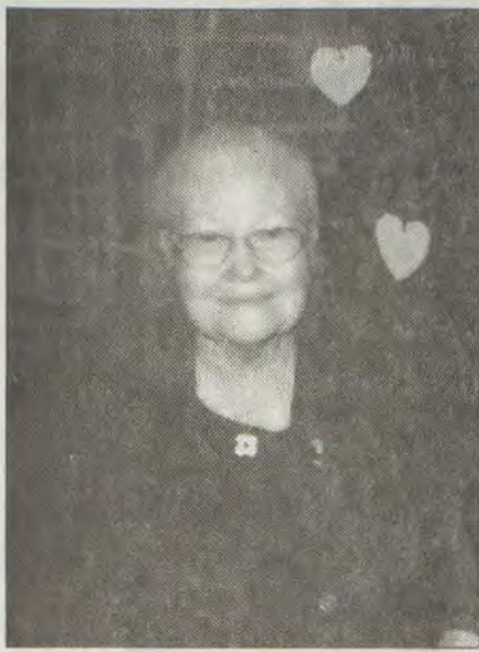
Sixty Years Ago

(February 24, 1944)

Sgt. Euian C. Mills, of Wayland, recently listed as missing, is now known to be a German prisoner of war...Alben W. Barkley tendered his resignation as Senate majority leader, Wednesday, after President Roosevelt had vetoed the tax bill voted by Congress...Tom Raney, UMW district president, told The Times, this week, that if the mine workers fail to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the Tug River-Big Sandy Hospital

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Announcements



Riverview Resident of the Month

The Riverview Health Care Center is happy to name resident Melba Risner as their Resident of the Month for February. Melba has been a resident of the center since February, 2003. She is from Prestonsburg. Everyone at Riverview Health Care is pleased to welcome Melba and proud to name her as their Resident of the Month.

Birthdays



Brianna is 11!

Brianna Paige Osborne, the daughter of Doug and Pamela Harvey, of Garrett, and Harold and Tena Osborne, of Blaine, turned 11 years old on February 5, 2004. She celebrated her birthday on January 31, at her home in Garrett. Brianna and her guests enjoyed lots of cake and ice cream and Brianna received many nice gifts from friends and family. Brianna is the maternal granddaughter of Gene Herholz, of Blaine, and Linda Downard, of Paintsville. She is the paternal granddaughter of Jean Osborne, of Blaine, and the late Hubert Osborne.

WMMT hosts bluegrass show

WMMT's 2004 season of Bluegrass Express Live begins Thursday, Feb. 19, with the Alabama-based group David Davis and the Warrior River Boys.

The group will appear in concert at the Appalshop Theatre in Whitesburg at 7:30 p.m. It will also be broadcast live on WMMT-FM, 88.7.

Davis, a mandolin player, comes from a musical family. His uncle Cleo Davis was the first member of the Bluegrass Boys, fronted by bluegrass pioneer Bill Monroe.

Other members of the band are Marty Hays, originally from Salem, IL, double bass; Josh Smith of Florence, KY, banjo; Jeff Griffey of Glen

Carbon, IL, guitar; and Owen Saunders of Newport, TN, fiddle.

For reservations, call the Appalshop at 606-633-0108.

The Bluegrass Express Live schedule for the spring also includes The VW Boys, March 11; The Dean Osborne Band with the Moron Brothers, April 1; Ernie Thacker and Rt. 23, May 6; and Larry Sigmon and Barbara Poole, June 3 (part of Seedtime on the Cumberland Festival).

WMMT, public community radio, is a part of Appalshop, the arts and education center that seeks to preserve and protect Appalachian heritage and culture.

Weddings



Tackett-Laferty

Paul David and Anita Tackett, of Teaberry, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley, to Chuck Laferty, the son of Charles and Rita Laferty, of Martin. Ashley is the granddaughter of Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, of Craynor, and Mearl Tackett, of Teaberry, and the late Walker Tackett. Chuck is the grandson of the late Foster and Sara Porter, of Martin, and the late Willie and Goldia Laferty, of Allen. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, March 13, 2004.

Oak

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used to do all our fighting on Muddy Branch, held our exciting school elections there, run our horses up and down that stream and take an occasional crack at random. 'Twas on Muddy Branch we held our barbecues the night before the election, and the occasion would draw some of the leading statesmen from Paintsville.

"No, a thousand times, no, we will always call her Muddy Branch.

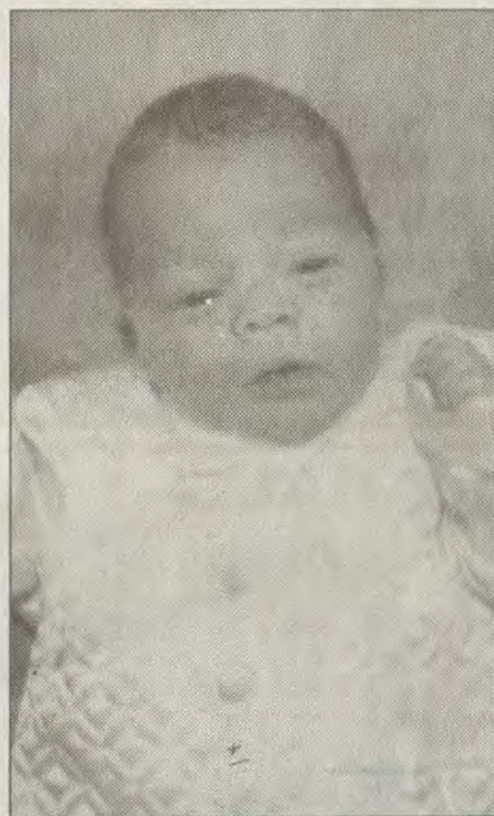
"Our people have grown better and so has Muddy Branch, but so long as we live she will be known as Muddy Branch. The tearing down of the old houses and the building of neat cottages, the construction of a railroad and whatnot, may in some respects change the appearance of things, but she is the same old Muddy Branch in a new dress."

Apparently, the writer had quite a bit of influence to go along with his flair for the written word, because nearly a hundred years later, the creek still flows under that same name.

But to be perfectly honest, while spending my boyhood there, I never ever heard anyone else refer to Muddy Branch as being a "placid stream," nor the company houses as being "neat cottages."

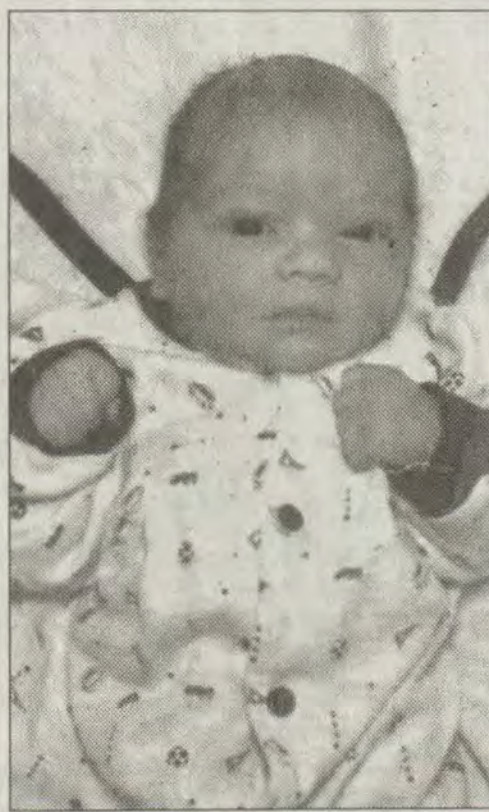
There's nothing in the above newspaper article that further identifies "Mr. Smith," but its probably safe to assume that he was A.D.W. Smith, a Philadelphia entrepreneur, who along with Morris Williams and Carl Metzger opened mines near the beginning of the last century at Thealka, White House and Auxier.

Births



It's a Boy!

Christian Isaiah Allen was born on November 24, 2003, at Pikeville Hospital, to proud parents Jerry and Jeanice Allen. He is the grandson of Milton and Verna Johnson and Curt and Helma Allen. Christian has two "Big Brothers," Casey and Brandon Allen and one "Big Sister," Kiana Hall.



It's a Boy!

Tyler Chase Johnson was born on January 12, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to proud parents Wallace and Melissa Johnson. He weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 19 inches long. He is the maternal grandson of Charles and Judy Hall, of McDowell. His paternal grandparents are Bee Johnson, of Martin, and the late Eunice Johnson. Chase has one "Big Sister," Alyssa Paige Johnson.



Hall-Porter

Darkus Melinda Hall and Dustin Tyler Porter were united in marriage on January 3, 2004, at the Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg. The new bride is the daughter of Sherman Hall, of Grethel, and Agnes Hall, of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Darkie Hall, of Grethel, and the late Joe Hall and the late Nancy Newsome. Dustin is the son of Paul Doug Porter, of Allen, and Renea Holbrook, of Owensville. He is the grandson of Martha Jane Porter, of Allen, and the late Paul F. Porter. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

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Business/Professions

Kentucky's unemployment rate drops to 5.4 percent in December

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.4 percent in December from a revised 5.6 percent in November, according to the Department for Employment Services, a department of the Education Cabinet.

The state's seasonally adjusted jobless rate for December 2002 was 5.5 percent.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate also declined in December to 5.7 percent from 5.9 percent in November, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"This is the lowest unemployment rate Kentucky has experienced since January 2003 when it was 5.3 percent," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst.

Four of the 10 major nonfarm job North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors had employment increases in December, while six decreased, Cracraft said. A monthly survey of business establishments revealed that Kentucky's nonfarm employment fell by 400 on a seasonally adjusted basis to December's 1,774,400 employees.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, the

manufacturing sector rose by 600 employees in December. Compared to December 2002, the sector had 4,500 fewer employees in December 2003.

"December marked only the fourth month during 2003 that the manufacturing sector has added employment," said Cracraft.

The professional and business services employment rebounded in December with 500 more employees than in November. This sector had 1,200 more employees in December 2003 than in December 2002.

The financial activities sector rose by 400 jobs in December. This sector, which includes establishments involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has lost 200 jobs since December 2002.

Kentucky's information sector recorded a gain of 200 employees in December.

This sector, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities and broadcasting and news syndication, had the same level of employment in December 2002 and December 2003.

On the negative side, the other services sector, which

includes such establishments as repair and maintenance places, personal and laundry services, religious organizations, and civic and professional organizations, lost 700 jobs in December. Over the past 12 months, the sector has had 2,000 fewer employees.

The educational and health services sector reported 400 fewer jobs in December than in November. Since December 2002, the sector has added 2,300 jobs.

The trade, transportation and utilities sector reported a decline of 200 jobs in December. This sector includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and utilities businesses, and warehousing, and is the largest sector in Kentucky with 366,600 employees. Since December 2002, the sector has lost 100 employees.

Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector reported 200 fewer jobs in December. Since December 2002, the sector has added 100 employees.

In December 2003, the government sector, which includes public education, dropped by 200 jobs. Since December 2002, this sector has decreased by 3,300 jobs.

Kentucky's construction sec-

tor fell by 100 jobs in December after adding employment during the last four months. Since December 2002, the sector has fallen by 2,100 jobs.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for December 2003 was 1,886,688 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is up 6,268 from the 1,880,420 employed in November 2003, and up 36,178 from the 1,850,510 employed in December 2002.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for December 2003 was 108,616. This figure is down 2,130 from the 110,746 unemployed in November 2003, but up 410 from the 108,206 Kentuckians unemployed in December 2002.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for December 2003 was 1,995,304. This figure is up 4,138 from the 1,991,166 recorded in November 2003, and up 36,588 from the 1,958,716 recorded for December 2002.

December 2003 County Unemployment Rates

Unemployment rates fell in 66 Kentucky counties between

December 2002 and December 2003, rose in 49 and remained the same in Ballard, Crittenden, Grayson, Hardin and Woodford counties.

In December 2003, four counties had jobless rates at or above 10 percent, and six counties recorded double-digit rates in December 2002.

Metcalf and Woodford counties' 2.3 percent jobless rates were the lowest in the commonwealth. Other low rates were recorded in Oldham County, 2.5 percent; Franklin County, 2.9 percent; Fayette County, 3 percent; Shelby County, 3.2 percent; Todd County, 3.3 percent; Jessamine County, 3.4

percent; and Anderson and Marion counties, 3.5 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 13.6 percent. It was followed by Fulton County, 10.8 percent; Lewis County, 10.7 percent; Russell County, 10.4 percent; Cumberland and Powell counties, 9.9 percent each; Breathitt County, 9.2 percent; Carter County, 9.1 percent;

Carlisle and Letcher counties, 9 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Learn more about Workforce Development and the Department for Employment Services at www.workforce.ky.gov.



Richard Strachan, president, Manufacturing Group of Clayton Homes, Inc., presented Mike Kirk, manager, Luv Homes of Ivel, with a plaque recognizing Kirk's accomplishment of \$3 million in sales. Kevin Clayton, right, chief executive officer and president of C.M.H. Corporation, was also on hand to offer congratulations.

Luv Homes recognized for \$3 million in sales

Mike Kirk, manager of Luv Homes, Ivel, has been recognized for \$3 million in sales. Luv Homes received the award during the 29th Annual Awards Banquet, attended by retailers from throughout the United States, sponsored by C.M. H., Inc. During the awards ceremony, held in Knoxville, Tennessee, Kirk was also recognized and presented with a plaque for "Legendary Service."

Presenting the award was Richard Strachan, president, Manufacturing Group of C.M.

H., Inc., which was recognized as Manufacturer of the Year for the fourth straight year by the Manufactured Housing Institute.

Upon receipt of his awards, Kirk recognized his sales and service team as being instrumental in this accomplishment. "My salespeople, along with my service people, all joined together to make this possible. It took a combined team effort to make Luv Homes \$3 million in sales. I'd like to recognize and thank our sales team, Robbie Blair and Bob Munz, and our service

team, Jim Elkins, Tim Setser and Donny Johnson for their help in this accomplishment," he said.

C.M.H., Inc. is also one of the nation's largest retailers of manufactured homes. Employing over 7,000 people, the company builds, sells, finances, and insures manufactured homes and operates 87 communities. C.M.H.'s retail network includes more than 400 company owned sales centers and more than 600 independent retailers in 33 states.

Alice Lloyd College partners with AT&T Foundation

Alice Lloyd College, in Pippa Passes, recently received a generous gift from the AT&T Foundation to be used for scholarships benefiting ALC students. Alice Lloyd College has received matching employee contributions from AT&T since 1976. This gift marks the first direct contribution for a scholarship fund.

The AT&T Foundation, located in New York, seeks to educate, enrich, engage, and empower global communities served by AT&T. As one of the leading communications companies, AT&T has maintained a strong commitment to education. The Foundation supports a philosophy that education has the power to transform lives, strengthen communities, fuel the economy, and deepen our understanding of each other and the world.

"We are grateful for the AT&T Foundation's financial support. This gift will help Alice Lloyd College continue to offer a quality, affordable, character-based education to deserving mountain students," commented Vice President Dr. Jim Stepp.

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New on line service more customer friendly

FRANKFORT - A new on-line option for filing for Kentucky unemployment insurance (UI) benefits now makes the process more customer friendly. The new service from the Kentucky Department for Employment Services (DES) called KEWES or Kentucky's Electronic Workplace for Employment Services lets people file new claims and register for work without visiting a DES office.

"Unemployment insurance claimants can file their claim anywhere that they can use an Internet-connected computer. This eliminates the need to visit a local office to file an unemployment insurance claim. On-line claim filing has been developed to ensure that job registration and job search requirements are met by each claimant," said DES Commissioner James Thompson.


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These programs, which are administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), include the:

n Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, better known as KEES. Kentucky students can earn KEES awards by getting good grades in high school and doing well on the ACT. GED students can

earn awards based on their ACT scores.

n College Access Program (CAP) Grant, awarded to needy Kentucky students attending the state's public and private colleges.

n Kentucky Tuition Grant (KTG), awarded to needy Kentucky students attending the state's private colleges.

n KHEAA Teacher Scholarship, which helps students who want to become teachers in Kentucky.

n Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship, for Kentuckians studying at the Pikeville

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n Early Childhood Development Scholarship, for child-care providers seeking certain professional credentials.

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What is the one thing that we as people can give to another? OURSELVES! Be a volunteer for Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Volunteer classes will be given if enough sign up Call 606-789-3841 or come and visit with Dr.Cook for more information (psa).

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812-Free

FREE TO A GOOD HOME! Puppies, mixed miniature colies. 6 weeks old Call 285-5003 after 3 p.m.

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

FREE FILL DIRT right fork of Bull Creek. call 606-874-2444.

815-Lost & Found

Lost Dog Red Doberman male 1 year old lost in Short Branch area of Abbott 500.00 Reward for safe return No Questions asked call 885-1696 or 422-4788

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When responding to Personal 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.

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900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8041, Amendment 4 In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for an amendment to a permit for coal processing facility and refuse disposal operation located 1.9 miles Southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The amendment will add 85.51 acres for a total of 156.66 acres within the amended boundary. The facility is approximately 1.4 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030 and located 0.004 miles Northeast of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°31'25". The longitude is 82°43'30". The facility is on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation and the Keathley heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of the C. Reiss Coal Company, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite, 130, Lexington, KY 40504, has applied for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5284, which was last issued on 1/30/95. The applicants covers an area of approximately 734.34 acres, located 0.5 mile southwest of Orkney in Floyd

County.

The permit area is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from Moore Branch Road's junction with KY 122, and located 0.1 mile northwest of Moore Branch of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds.

The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$9,200.00. Approximately 66 percent of the original bond amount of \$13,900.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed on 6/13/93.

"This is the final advertisement of the application."Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321, by 3/12/04.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 3/15/04, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 3/12/04.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II, C.A. NO. 03-CI-816 CENDANT MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF VS. ELLA M. COMPTON DEFENDANT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of December, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$67,005.41, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application.

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

Being the same property conveyed to Ella M. Compton from The Associates, Inc., by deed dated November 24, 1999, of record in Deed Book 441, Page 448, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows: Beginning in the center line of a drain and the C & O Railroad right of way thence running with

the drain S 66 degrees 00'36" W 36.564' to an iron pin, thence N 52 degrees 20'25" W 362', to an iron pin in the center of the drain, thence with the drain 550 45'18" W 75.549; S 50 degrees 19'57" W 73.363' to an iron pipe, thence continuing with said drain S 44 degrees 11'03" W 13.993, S 42 degrees 39'39" W 39.197; S 53 degrees 46'44" W 56.628; S 27 degrees 26'13" 15.637 to big branch; S 8 degrees 36'04" E 32.768'; S 29 degrees 46'03" E 27.108' to the C & O Railroad right of way; thence running with the C & O right of way in a curve with radius of 1948 976' and a chord with the bearing of S 89 degrees 29'56" E a distance of 552.37' to the point of beginning.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Jeremy M. Rettig Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The absentee voting machine is set up in the Floyd County Clerk's office during the hours of 8:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 9:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m., on Saturday, for people who will be out of town on the February 17, 2004, special election. Chris Waugh Floyd County Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-752 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER AND BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS 2000-2 CO-PLAINTIFFS VS. MARY LOU BRANHAM UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, WHO ARE THE HEIRS OR DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF JOHN BRANHAM & THEIR SPOUSES AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSON WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF MARY LOU BRANHAM DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

America, and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFFS COUNSEL: Hon. John R. Cummins Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100 WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-646 BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. KENLEY STURGILL; FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of December, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$33,533.92, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 35 Main Street, Branham Hollow, Wheelwright in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly as follows: Lot No. 35 Shown on a plat of the City of Wheelwright prepared by Richard E. Martin and recorded in Map File No. 348A in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

in a South Easterly direction N 29 degrees 30' 02" W for a distance of 134.81 feet to a stake, corner to Flo Weddington-Cooley; thence in a distance of 117.49 feet to a stake, corner to said County Road; thence North East, along the County Road, S 46 degree 36' 49" W for a distance of 136.71 feet to the point of beginning. This tract encompasses approximately 0.3951 acres, and is further identified as being a portion of the same property conveyed as "Tract No. 1" of Deed Book 412, page 578, as recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. Being the same property conveyed to Kenley Sturgill from Jimmy D. Flannery, by deed dated July 28, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 437, Page 582, Floyd County Clerk's Office. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on August 4, 2003, in the above-captioned case, the Honorable David L. Bunning, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered an order condemning and forfeiting the following property: CURRENCY: \$1,050.00 in United States currency; and \$884.00 in United States currency; VEHICLE: 1994 Toyota 4 Runner. VIN JT3VN39W8R80652 14 REAL PROPERTY: 1. A tract or parcel of land laying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek in the town of Wheelwright and being lot #One hundred Sixteen (116) including the appurtenance thereunto belonging and located on said lot or parcel of land of the Wheelwright Subdivision as shown by Mountain Investment, Inc., map or plat on file number 348, Records of Floyd County Clerk's office. Being the same property conveyed to Glen Thornsberry and Shirley Thornsberry by deed dated March 25, 1989, and recorded in Deed Book 329, Page 27, in the Floyd County Clerk's office. Also being the same property referenced by Floyd County P.V.A. as map number 071-00-001.06 which includes house and lot number 116/metal building. 2. Being Lot 402 four hundred & two, including the building and the appurtenances thereunto being located on said lot or parcel of land of the Wheelwright Subdivision as shown by Plat or map in file number 348, Records of Floyd County Clerk's Office. The Deed of conveyance is subject to the restrictions, covenants and assessments contained in the Deed from Lillie Ward et al. to the parties of the first part. Being the same land conveyed to Glen Thornsberry by deed dated May 4, 2001, and recorded in Deed Book 458, Page 604, in the Floyd County Clerk's office. 3. The surface rights of 8.1060 acres of land located on the Right Fork of Otter Creek in the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and conveyed to Glen Thornsberry by Quit Claim Deed dated April 29, 2002, and recorded in Book D473, Page 117, in the Floyd County Clerk's office. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the United States intends to dispose of this property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), if you have a legal interest in this property, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS of receipt of this notice, you must petition the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of your alleged legal interest in this property. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Court alone, without a jury. THE PETITION must be signed by the petitioner under

penalty of perjury, as established in 28 U.S.C. §1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of your right, title or interest in each item of property, the time and circumstances of your acquisition of the right, title or interest in each item of property and any additional facts supporting your claim and the relief sought. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, §853(n)(2), NEITHER A DEFENDANT IN THE ABOVE-STYLED CASE NOR HIS AGENT IS ENTITLED TO FILE A PETITION. ANY HEARING on your petition shall, to the extent practicable and consistent with the interests of justice, be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of your petition. The court may consolidate your hearing on the petition with any other hearings requested on any other petitions filed by any other person other than the defendant named above. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT at the hearing to testify and present evidence and witnesses on your own behalf and cross examine witnesses who appear at the hearing. IF YOU FAIL TO ASSERT YOUR RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY SHALL BE LOST AND FORFEITED TO THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES THEN SHALL HAVE CLEAR TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AND MAY WARRANT GOOD TITLE TO ANY SUBSEQUENT PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE. All petitions must be filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, District of Kentucky, Pikeville Docket, at the following address: United States District Court Clerk, 203 Federal Building, 110 Main Street, Suite 203, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-1100. You must serve a copy of your petition upon the United States Attorney at the following address: Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, United States Attorney, David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Forfeiture Unit, 110 West Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. Dated 1-22-04.

purchase construction materials to build these homes. Additionally, LINKS will contract the following activities: framing, electrical, heating/air conditioning, plumbing, dry-wall, roofing, and approved septic systems. In addition to standard residential building materials, LINKS will be purchasing concrete, gravel, shrubbery, grass seed, concrete/metal culverts, etc. The low income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, Inc., (LINKS) will be accepting separate sealed bids until 12 noon EDT, February 17, 2004, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. All construction shall comply with the Kentucky Residential Code, the Energy Efficiency Code, and the National Electric Code. Documentation from REScheck or other approved software is required stating the building envelope exceeds the code requirements by 20 percent. Any approved septic/plumbing, and electrical installers will be responsible for all permits and inspection fees. If you are interested in bidding on materials, or performing sub-contract services, please contact Eddie Patton, Director, Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, Inc., 116 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, for a Statement of Qualifications, or supply a written response on your company letterhead, outlining the services or materials you have to offer. Copies of the bid package may be obtained between 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Monday-Friday. The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids. Attention of bidders is particularly called to HUD Section 3 Segregated Facility, Section 109, and E.O. 12246, and Title VI. MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID. Successful bidders will be required to submit evidence of Worker's Compensation, Builders Risk, and General Liability Insurance coverage at the time of contract signing.

INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-0284, Operator Change #1 In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 235, Lexington, Kentucky 40504, intends to revise permit number 898-0457 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Lodestar Energy, Inc. The new operator will be M&D Pipeline, Inc., P.O. Box 1736, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The operation is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Pigeon, in Pike County. The operation is 0.25 mile east of the intersection of Island Creek Road (SR 1426), and CR 1289, and located 0.25 mile west of the left fork of Island Creek. The Latitude is 37° 25' 40" and the Longitude is 82° 32' 30" on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. PUBLIC NOTICE The Floyd County Board of Elections will conduct the Examination of the Voting Machines on February 07, 2004, at 8:00 a.m., for the February 17, 2004, special election, per KRS 117.165, in the Floyd County Fiscal Court courtroom. Any candidate, one (1) representative of each political party having candidates to be voted for at the election, and representatives of the news media, may be present when the examination of the machines is being conducted by the County Board of Elections. Chris Waugh Floyd County Clerk

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 255.19 surface acres and will underlie 476.28 acres of auger, of which 363.28 acres underlie surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 368.19 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.90 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Mink Branch Road, and is located at the head of Mink Branch of Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burlene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will underlie land owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burlene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY PIKEVILLE CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 03-28-DLB UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF V. HAROLD GLEN THORNSBERRY DEFENDENT

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS LINKS, INC., has received funding from Kentucky Housing Corporation, through the HOME and AHTF programs, to perform construction of 2 new homes for families whose incomes are at or below 80% of median income, adjusted to household size, and 1 rehabilitation/reconstruction on a home that is occupied by the owner, and whose household income is at or below 80% of the area median income in Floyd County. In compliance with the HUD HOME guidelines, LINKS announces it will be

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0305 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 107.58 acres, located 5.70 miles southwest from Harold, Kentucky, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 mile southeast from KY State Route 2030's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located along Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 53" and the longitude is 82° 41' 25". The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The hearing will be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 4, 2004.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY SEALED BID DEPARTMENT OF PARKS JENNY WILEY STATE RESORT PARK PRESTONSBURG-KENTUCKY Sealed bids will be received by the

NOTICE OF