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briefs

Easter egg hunt Saturday

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will be held this Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Park's campgrounds will be the site for the event, which is open to all children 12 years old and under. This year there will be candy-filled eggs to hunt for as well as prize-filled ones.

Sponsors for the event are the park and the Floyd County Chapter of The National Wildlife Turkey Federation.

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3 DAY FORECAST

Today
Partly cloudy
High: 70 • Low: 46

Thursday
Scattered storms
High: 69 • Low: 40

Friday
Mostly sunny
High: 62 • Low: 38

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com



The driver of this vehicle, Gregory Conn, of Martin, was killed after his truck collided with a flatbed tractor-trailer along U.S. 23 near Paintsville. Police continue to investigate the wreck, but have said that neither alcohol nor drugs appear to have been a factor.

photo by Joyal Frazier

Martin man killed in U.S. 23 wreck

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

HAGER HILL — A fatal crash on U.S. 23 leaves a Martin man dead and another driver with minor injuries.

According to Kentucky State Police, Gregory Conn, 45, was heading north on U.S. 23 driving a white pickup truck when he crossed the center line and collided with a flatbed Mack truck. Greg Fyffe, 38, was driving the flat bed truck going south.

The accident happened around 8:30 am Monday morning at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Route 1750 in Johnson County, just out-

side of Paintsville.

Conn was pronounced dead at the scene by Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby. Conn was not wearing his seat belt.

Investigating Trooper Ben Cramer, with Kentucky State Police, said, "It is not believed that drugs or alcohol were involved at this present time."

Fyffe had shoulder and left side injuries and was taken to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center for further evaluation. He was released from the hospital later that day.

"The driver of the flatbed did

(See U.S. 23, page three)

Burton wreck kills 1, injures 5

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

BURTON — Five people were injured and one person died as a result of a single-car accident Friday on Route 122 at Burton.

The driver, Helen Johnson, 23, of Melvin, apparently lost control of her 1997 Pontiac Grand Am at 9 p.m. and went off the road. The vehicle came

(See BURTON, page three)

Patient killed along highway after escape

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MIDDLE CREEK — A mental health patient who walked away his residential care home was killed after midnight Monday when he walked into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

George Simpson, 47, formerly of Maysville, was pronounced dead at the scene on Route 114 by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson shortly after 2 a.m. Monday morning.

Kentucky State Police officials who are currently investigating the accident say that Simpson, who suffered from schizo-affective disorder, was walking west-bound in the center of the road on Route 114 about a half-mile away from an Evercare residential group

home when he was hit by a 2003 GMC Yukon driven by Don Chaffin Jr.

According to KSP Detective Mike Goble, Simpson was released from the Hazard Psychiatric Unit about a week ago. Considered homeless, he was taken in by the Evercare program at Martin, which was working, Goble said, to establish him in a group home in the Middle Creek area.

Goble said Simpson, who had been in residential group homes since 1996, was prone to walking away when workers "turned their back" or "got busy with other things."

Simpson left an Evercare home early Sunday afternoon, Goble said, and was

(See ESCAPE, page three)

Mother complains about drug search

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — A parent of two children at John M. Stumbo Elementary who voiced concerns about the punishment of her children last month says that school officials are taking their frustrations toward her out on her children.

Sandy Hall, 34, mother of sixth- and eighth-grade special needs students at the school, attended a site-

based council meeting last month to address concerns that the school has been punishing children by taking away their snack break, a disciplinary measure Principal Deresa Ray said is in the school's authority to implement.

Hall returned to the site-based decision making council meeting Monday with her eighth-grade son, Ben, at her side to address

(See SEARCH, page three)

Alleged burglars nabbed when coming back for more

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

HONAKER — Two burglary suspects who allegedly returned for a second helping this week were arrested by authorities after being detained by property owners.

Paul Wilburn Tucker, 18, of Virgie, and Nathan Newsome, 20, of Pikeville, were arrested after 1 a.m. Monday morning by KSP Trooper Brad Hamilton following the alleged burglary at a resi-

dence on Big Branch in Honaker.

Hamilton said yesterday that the pair burglarized a building adjacent to the owners' property on Sunday, then returned in the same car later that night to get another load.

"They came up there with a car earlier that day," Hamilton said. "Then they came back later that night and the owners of the items seen the car again. As they went up the hill the property own-

(See BURGLARY, page three)



Diners at the Rio Grande Restaurant on 334 North Lake Drive were greeted by a mariachi band yesterday. The band, Tequila, hails from California and will be playing every other Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. They play bluegrass music as well as traditional Spanish tunes.

photo by Tom Doty

Allen council discusses city trash problem

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — With spring in the air, city council members are vowing to take control of unsightly garbage that's been creeping into city limits.

During a meeting Monday night, council members discussed the need to clean up the town's trashy appearance, one brought

on by irresponsible residents and illegal dumping.

According to council member Cindy Parsons, people from all over Floyd County have been tossing their trash at two illegal dump sites, one located on the Allen-Banner road, the other on Collier Road.

With the annual PRIDE cleanup initiative slated to take place between April 12

and 26, Mayor Sharon Woods said she's already gotten a promise of help from magistrate Jackie Edford Owens, who toured the city with her recently to check out roads in disrepair and various places that need cleaning up.

Husband and wife Jamie and Sherry Kinzer, of Shortwood Road, who addressed the council concerning safety issues on their road, suggested that the

council find ways of requiring residents to keep trash can receptacles on their property.

The couple said they were having a problems with neighbors tossing trash onto their property rather than placing it appropriately in a trash bin.

"It's sad Allen residents don't have

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Since the February 17th special election, and becoming your current state representative, I have been working diligently for Floyd County and will continue to fight for your families and children. Both you and your families alike can count on me to provide good, solid representation. As you are a friend to me—I am Floyd County's friend. I am and will continue to provide Floyd County with a new spirit of leadership.

Often, while campaigning, I'm asked about my family, and my wife's family, and because they are such an important part of who we are; it is important for you, the voters, to know them. So, I would like to introduce you to my family.

As many of you already know, I'm Charles "Chuck" Meade, and my wife is the former Jackie Mitchell, and we have two sons, Cody Lawrence and Chayce Logan.

My parents are Eddie D. Meade of McDowell, and Joyce Adkins of Prestonsburg.

My father, Eddie, is the son of Lloyd Meade and Ethel Tackett Meade of McDowell. My grandfather, Lloyd, is the son of the late Manville Meade and late Eva Gibson, both formerly of McDowell. My grandmother, Ethel, is the daughter of the late Bert Tackett and late Renie Hamilton Tackett, both formerly of McDowell.

My mother, Mary Joyce, is the daughter of Lawrence Adkins of McDowell and the late Nettie Scalf Adkins, also from McDowell. My grandfather, Lawrence, is the son of the late Arley Adkins and the late Matie Robinette Adkins from Lawrence County. My late grandmother, Nettie, was the daughter of the late Ballard Scalf and the late Judy Roop Scalf, both formerly of Tram.

My wife's parents are the late Tramble "Tabby" Mitchell Jr., and late Rebecca Jean Meadows Mitchell, formerly of Printer. Tabby was the son of the late Tramble Mitchell Sr., and late Lillian Walters Mitchell, formerly of Printer. Tramble Sr., was the son of the late Robert Lee Mitchell and late Martha Akers Mitchell, formerly of Mud Creek. Lillian was the daughter of the late Jake Walters and Lula Miller Walters, formerly of Drift. My wife's mother, Rebecca, was the daughter of the late Ted Meadows, and the late Edna Lands Meadows, formerly from Stephens Branch.

Jackie and I are glad to be able to share with you our family background and hope that this helps you to make a connection with us. Serving Floyd County and its citizens is an honor, and together we ask you, once again, for your continued vote and support in the May 18th Primary. I look forward to getting to know your families better, and for having the opportunity to serve you.

Thank you and God bless--
Representative Charles "Chuck" Meade

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Odds & Ends

■ **BLOOMSBURG, Pa.** —

Officials in this northeastern Pennsylvania town have a message for scofflaws: Pay your parking tickets, or the next car you buy may be your own.

Police Chief Leo Sokoloski asked a court Thursday to give the town title to five vehicles that were seized for repeated, unpaid parking violations.

Sokoloski said none of the cars were ever reclaimed by their owners, even during "amnesty" programs that allow forgiveness of parking fines. It

costs the town \$5 per day to store each vehicle.

The owner of one of the vehicles, Michael Hess, signed over his 1988 Isuzu Trooper to the town instead of paying more than \$3,000 in parking fines, saying he had been out of work and had only recently gained employment again.

The other four owners, at least three of whom are alleged to owe more than \$2,000 each in fines, did not show up in court.

■ **PASADENA, Calif.** —

One person apparently thought the Pasadena Playhouse's stage production of "Dirty Blonde" was worth immortalizing.

Police were called to the theater Sunday after a man was caught illegally videotaping an afternoon performance of the play about the actress Mae West, officials said.

Lead actress Claudia Shear noticed the man videotaping, came down from the stage and asked the man for the tape, but he refused to turn it over, said Playhouse spokesman Ken Novice.

"The audience then got into the action and began chanting 'Give back the tape!'" he said.

After police were called to the theater, the man turned over the tape and was escorted away, Novice said. Police said the problem was resolved without incident.

Novice said Playhouse officials will not ask police to charge the man, who was not identified, with illegal videotaping. The man told officials he arrived late and did not hear the announcement or see the written notice in the program warning against videotaping, Novice said.

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UMW begins radio campaign to promote miners' health care benefits

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The United Mine Workers union is starting a radio ad campaign calling for continued federal funding of a financially troubled program that provides health care benefits to 50,000 retired miners' and miners' widows.

Tuesday's airing of radio ads in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania is aimed at educating the public and raising awareness of the issue among candidates in 2004 elections.

"We chose these key battleground states to run our ads because each is home to thousands of retired and active miners and their dependents, friends and supporters," UMW President Cecil Roberts said Monday. "We are hopeful that our ads will move the issue of keeping the promise and saving the Coal Act to the top of any candidate's political agenda in these three states."

The radio campaign will run through June 30. The union also plans a series of television and billboard ads in the three states.

In 1992, Congress passed the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act to confirm a 1946 agreement by President Truman and UMW President John L. Lewis that promised union coal miners and their families cradle-to-grave health care.

"That promise is about to be broken" if Congress doesn't act, the UMW ad says. "This election, tell Washington to keep its promise to retired miners and widows."

The 1992 law merged previous UMW benefit plans into the Combined Benefit Fund, and created a new mechanism to fund health care for miners whose last known employers had gone out of business.

But lawsuits by coal companies and firms that have purchased former coal companies have chipped away at the 1992 law, creating periodic financial emergencies.

In 2001, Congress made a

one-time emergency transfer of \$78 million from the federal Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to eliminate a growing deficit in the health care plan.

President Bush in January signed an administrative order extending until December 2005 a pilot program that provides prescription drug benefits through Medicare to the retired miners and widows.

The Associated Press

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On this date:

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■ In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted a Japanese fleet that was headed for Okinawa on a suicide mission.

■ In 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Mich., at age 83.

■ In 1948, the World Health Organization was founded.

■ In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden to be secretary-general.

■ In 1964, IBM introduced its innovative System/360, the company's first line of compatible mainframe computers that gave customers the option of upgrading from lower-cost models to more powerful, expensive ones.

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■ In 1969, the Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

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old Virginia law making it a crime to burn a cross as an act of intimidation. The Boston Globe won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for public service for its coverage of the priest sex abuse scandal. Syracuse won the NCAA basketball tournament with an 81-78 victory over Kansas.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor R.G. Armstrong is 87. Sitar player Ravi Shankar is 84. Actor James Garner is 76. Country singer Cal Smith is 72. Actor Wayne Rogers is 71. Actor Ian Richardson is 70. Media commentator Hodding Carter III is 69. Country singer Bobby Bare is 69. Rhythm and blues singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 67. Jazz musician Freddie Hubbard is 66. The mayor of Oakland, Calif., Jerry Brown, is 66. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 65. Television personality David Frost is 65. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 57. Singer John Oates is 55. Singer Janis Ian is 53. Country musician John Dittrich is 53. Rock musician Bruce Gary is 52. Actor Jackie Chan is 50. Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dorsett is 50. Actor Russell Crowe is 40. Rhythm and blues singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 40. Actor Bill Bellamy is 39. Rock musician Dave "Yorkie" Palmer (Space) is 39.

Thought for Today:

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Author unknown

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The Marriage Protection Amendment (Senate Bill 245)

The original Marriage Protection Amendment (SB 245) had two sentences, one defining marriage, the other protecting it from all other counterfeits:

"Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Kentucky. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized."

Now, liberals in the House Democratic Caucus are holding the conservative and moderate Democrats hostage. They've removed the second sentence of the bill, thus opening the door for so-called "civil unions," "domestic partner" and other arrangements. They're trying to make Kentucky like Massachusetts.

Contact your Representatives, Charles Meade, Hubert Collins, and Howard Cornett, and ask them to vote for the original version of SB 245 — with both sentences! They can lead the battle in the House of Representatives. Then Kentucky can lead the nation in protection of marriage and family by making sure that marriage is set apart from all other relationships.

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Search

several other concerns with council members.

One of those concerns addressed a March 16 incident in which a teacher "illegally" searched five sixth-graders, one of whom was Hall's son, for drugs.

Hall, who said the parents of these children weren't told about the search, asked for an apology from the teacher and the principal for those students, who did not have any drugs or paraphernalia in their possession.

Hall also suggested that the school work with local officials to regularly search the school with drug dogs, a practice she says has not been implemented since Ray took over as principal two years ago.

"We really need to go by board policy on searching ... so these students don't get harassment that they shouldn't have to take," parent member Jim Maldonado said, telling the council that a couple of "straight-A" students who were searched have since been teased by other students because of the incident.

According to Ray, a teacher at the school searched the children's pockets in the hallway after noticing an "odor" in his classroom, a practice the Floyd County Board of Education dictates can only be performed by the school principal, Maldonado said.

During an interview yesterday, Floyd County School

Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning, relating that he was unfamiliar with this specific incident, said that teachers search students as an "absolute last resort."

"The situation is usually referred to the principal," he said, noting that teachers can search students for a reasonable cause if the principal, assistant principal or a employee appointed by the principal are unavailable at the time of the search.

Ray said that the teacher "probably didn't have the right" to search the children, but that she's dealt with the matter on an individual basis with each student that was searched, noting that none of them "had any problems" with it.

"I don't think the teacher did anything wrong," Ray said following the meeting. "I think it was an unwise decision at the time. In no way were the rights of those children violated at all ... School law gives us the right to search kids based on reasonable suspicion."

No disciplinary action was taken against the teacher, Ray said, noting that she doesn't feel like the school has a drug problem.

Following that discussion, Hall's son, Ben, asked council members to explain why he can no longer tutor students at the school.

"Since tutoring started, Mrs. Slone has encouraged me to tutor and do well at tutoring and I looked forward to coming to school every day just to tutor and help little kids," Ben Hall said. "But now that's taken away from me, I hate school because I don't have anything to look forward to at school."

Ray evasively answered the question, saying that she could not discuss individual students

during site-based meetings and that the boy "already knew" why his tutoring privileges were taken away.

According to Ray, tutoring privileges are removed from students who fail to show up or leave the tutoring session on time, or who are found in other rooms during their scheduled tutoring sessions.

The teacher who revoked Ben Hall's tutoring privileges is the only one who can replace them, Hall said, noting that it would depend on whether or not he is able to follow school regulations.

Following the meeting, Ray denied allegations that Hall's children were being treated unfairly.

"They haven't been treated any differently, any time," Ray said. "I've got roughly 480 students at this school. I don't have the time to pick on one or two students."

In other news, the council also:

■ Address a concern of Ben Hall about the school not allow-

ing eighth-grade students to graduate with caps and gowns, a concern Maldonado said should be decided by the students and parents. No action was taken on this matter.

■ Approved a fundraising project to purchase trophies and jackets for the academic team.

■ Approved allocations for the 2004-2005 school year.

■ Tabled the schedule for the 2004-2005 school year upon request of members who said they needed more time to look at it.

■ Adopted two policies related to the school's curriculum and agreed to amend parts of a policy regarding the required writing portfolio.

■ Adopted the comprehensive school improvement plan for 2004-2006.

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Escape

found sleeping in an automobile, where a local resident gave him an electric blanket to stay warm.

Trooper Bryan Layne transported Simpson that day to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, where he was treated and released for possible exposure, then returned around 10:30 p.m. to the Evercare home and left in the care of the staff.

An Evercare employee, William Graham, began his shift at midnight, Goble said, and told authorities that he nodded off to sleep for a few minutes during his shift.

Graham told authorities he was awakened by Simpson, who was restless and made several trips to the bathroom during the night.

Reportedly, Simpson "slipped out" the back door of the home when Graham was using the restroom around 12:30 a.m.

Goble said that Graham, after unsuccessfully searching for Simpson, notified KSP at 2:13 a.m., a few minutes after he was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Goble, who continues the

investigation along with other KSP troopers, said Monday that criminal charges may be pending in the accident.

Possible charges, he said, would depend on whether or not he could determine if Graham was negligent in his duties.

Evercare employees, he said, were not allowed to sleep as long as any resident is awake at night. Also, he said, charges might be pending because employees allowed Simpson to sleep in the living room that night, a fact which conflicts a state regulation that says residents must stay in their own room.

Goble said he's currently waiting on copies of state policies and procedures to determine if there were any violations of law.

"To say there's responsibility on anyone besides George Simpson, that's something I have to talk with the commonwealth's attorney about to see," Goble said.

No charges will be brought against Chaffin, Goble said, who volunteered to take a toxicology test following the accident.

Residents of the facility are under their own guardianship, Goble said. Evercare employees are not allowed to use locks on doors or to restrain residents from leaving the premises.

If Simpson would have asked to leave, Graham could have done nothing but try to discourage him, he said.

Lisa Bentley, director of Evercare, refused to comment yesterday.

Trash

enough pride to clean up their property," Sherry Kinzer said, a statement which led Mayor Woods to promise that the council would work toward addressing the issue.

After the council agreed to compose a letter requesting that residents obtain trash receptacles on their property, Woods said she "wouldn't care to go door to door" to deliver the letter.

The problem, however, as pointed out by city manager Bill Parsons and city attorney Stacy Marshall, is that it would be difficult to enforce such regulations on city residents. State law, Marshall said, does not allow that people be "penalized" for being poor. Additionally, he said, judges

aren't likely to incarcerate individuals over a small fine for disregarding regulations imposed by the council.

"You can't regulate decency, but sometimes we sure like to try,"

said council member Judy Parsons, suggesting that the city put up "friendly" signs encouraging people to participate in the PRIDE cleanup.

Council member Jerôme Kinzer reported that a water or sewage leak on a property adjacent to his is in "desperate need of repair."

Woods said she'd contact the Prestonsburg City Utilities on the matter.

The council also agreed to demand the removal or cleanup of a junkyard within the city within the next 10 days.

Burton

to a rest at an embankment.

Passenger Reba Johnson, 52, of Melvin, was taken to the ARH Hospital in McDowell but had to be transferred to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. She died Saturday.

The other passengers in the vehicle were all treated and released in McDowell and include three children, aged 1 to 3, Timothy Johnson, 26 and the driver, Helen.

It isn't clear at this point if Reba Johnson was wearing a seat belt but all of the others involved were wearing proper restraints.

The accident is currently under investigation by Kentucky State Police Trooper S. Little.

U.S. 23

everything he could to avoid the collision," said Sgt. Brian Howard with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.

There were no brake marks left by the white pick up truck, and it appeared that he did not try to stop before the collision. One witness to the accident said Conn's truck did not appear to slow before hitting the flatbed and "exploding."

The impact of the collision was so great that the motor of the pickup was lying about 50 feet away from where the truck came to rest.

The accident spanned over

about a quarter of a mile, and clean up crews were just starting at 11 a.m. Traffic was detoured along a nearby side road.

The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

Burglary

ers blocked them with their car until we got there."

Upon his arrival, Hamilton said he recovered several items valued at approximately \$1,250 from the vehicle. According to him, the men allegedly stole an air compressor, welder, two disc grinders and other miscellaneous items.

"This was not too hard a case to solve," he said.

Tucker and Newsome, both charged with third-degree burglary, pleaded not guilty to the charges during their arraignments Monday in district court.

Judge Eric Hall placed both men under a \$3,000 partially-secured bond. They are scheduled for preliminary hearings April 12.

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—Marvin Gaye

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Our View

Dramatic sweeps counterproductive

Drug roundups by the Floyd County Drug Task Force last week and Operation UNITE this week underscore two important points — the prescription drug abuse epidemic continues to be a widespread problem in Eastern Kentucky, and local law enforcement agencies are stepping up to the challenge of fighting it.

But we cannot help but have mixed feelings each time one of these far-reaching drug sweeps occurs. Like most, we're glad to see police seemingly going full-throttle after the pill pushers. The illicit trade in Oxycontin and other painkillers has ravaged Appalachia, and anything that is done to counter it can only be welcomed.

At the same time, however, we can't help but wonder if some of these suspects could have been taken off the streets sooner.

Generally speaking, drug roundups are accompanied by police statements that the arrests were the result of six-month, nine-month or x-month investigations. Certainly, some of those arrested were identified early in the investigation, yet were allowed to remain free to peddle their poisons until police could finger a few more and sweep them all up together in a dramatic public relations bonanza.

Of course, we do not expect police to make overnight arrests. There is much more to law enforcement than meets the eye, and it takes time for police to build cases that stick. And we will not dispute that such large-scale sweeps send a powerful message to dealers.

Still, we do not see the efficacy in allowing some dealers to remain on the streets for months, free to create more addicts, more drugged drivers, more distressed families, more crime.

And there are practical difficulties caused by such sweeps to consider, as well. Hauling in 20 or 40 or, in the case of Tuesday's roundup, 200 or more drug suspects at one time causes all sorts of headaches for local jails, which often have too few beds, too few deputies and not enough money to accommodate the increased burden.

So while we are happy to see police continue to keep up the heat on what has become Eastern Kentucky's most pressing problem, we believe the public safety would be better served by canning the theatrics and getting the dealers off the streets as soon as possible.

—The Floyd County Times

April Showers



Guest Column

Tax plan is not a good choice for Kentucky

by JASON BAILEY
DEBRA MILLER
and KIM WOLF

Who will be the winners and who will be the losers if legislators negotiating behind closed doors on the state budget keep Gov. Fletcher's tax plan largely intact?

It's clear that the wealthy and corporations will benefit. Everyone else loses. And the state as a whole will be limited in its ability to move forward, build on the progress we've made in health care

and education, and promise a bright future for our children and grandchildren.

All Kentuckians need to understand what's at stake.

Gov. Fletcher based his tax plan and the promise of future benefits on a faulty premise — that tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy will lead to economic growth. It simply doesn't work that way. In a new study, economist Robert Lynch finds that smart investments in public services are much more effective than mindless tax cuts as a way to create jobs.

"The real lesson here for legislators and local policymakers is that what makes a community a good place to do business looks a lot like what makes a community a good place to live," Lynch says. "That means good schools, good police and fire protection, a modern and well-maintained transportation infrastructure, and good all-around public

services. Instead of creating jobs, tax cutting strategies that undermine government's ability to provide quality services can end up destroying jobs."

There is no question that our tax system is broken and in need of a complete overhaul. But the proposal offered by the Governor and passed by the Senate fails to fix those problems. In fact, it ignores the most pressing problem we have — the desperate need for additional revenue now. It increases the unfairness of Kentucky's tax system. And it will endanger Kentucky's ability to pay for important services and investments in the future with a clever "trigger" designed to shrink the size of government services.

So let's stop calling it tax modernization. There is nothing modern about shifting taxes to the poor and giving our public treasure to corporations and the wealthy. This plan fails the basic tests of

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Letters

Malpractice bill opposed

Tort reform continues to rear its ugly head in Congress and in state legislatures across the country, which it is doing now in Kentucky.

Senate bill (SB 1) would put before voters a proposed constitutional amendment allowing the General Assembly to cap non-economic and punitive damages in medical malpractice lawsuits at no less than \$250,000.

Before that is done two myths about tort reform should be considered.

California has repeatedly been held up as the poster child of tort reform, wrongly so.

Last year, I had the privilege of testifying in Washington, D.C. during the Democratic Forum on medical malpractice chaired by Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member

of the House Judiciary Committee. Conyers said, "In 1975, California enacted the 'Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act.' Despite these 'reforms,' premiums for medical malpractice in California grew more quickly between 1991 and 2000 than in the nation — 3.5 percent vs. 1.9 percent, respectively. And between 1975 and 1993, California's health care cost rose 343 percent, almost double the rate of inflation."

Predictably, the medical community is perpetrating another myth, that doctors are quitting practicing medicine en masse or are heading pell-mell for other states. According to Tort Reform GAO Report 8.03, that is not the case. According to the report, "We also determined that many of the reported provider actions taken in response to malpractice pressures were not substantiated or did not widely affect access to health care."

Malpractice is at the root of the problem. Insurance companies are the beneficiaries of the problem. The solution is obvious: stop malpractice or at least curb it significantly and regulate insurance companies.

Please don't take away the only weapon patients have to prevent the spread of malpractice: the threat of a meaningful malpractice award imposed by a jury.

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The Woodstock Era comes of Age

We who fought and many who died to keep this country

free have lost a revolutionary war we didn't even know we were in. The children who hung out, smoked dope, and made love are now in command of the most powerful country in the world. So, what happens now? For those who might feel betrayed, well — —, get a life! Sit back and just enjoy the ride; let patience have its perfect way. I think those who are not willing to let go are being selfish and impatient. Its like saying God doesn't know what He's doing. Rest assured, God will not be mocked.

I'll bet if one looked hard enough he could find something good in all this, I only had to look at Romans 8:28. You see we were being presumptuous to think that our young would mature in like manner as we. Who knows?

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Health Extra

Three units at PMH rank first in the nation for patient satisfaction

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Methodist Hospital congratulates the staff of its rehabilitation hospital, inpatient oncology unit and NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) for their outstanding patient satisfaction survey scores.

One way the hospital measures its performance is through the PRC Patient Satisfaction Survey. The results are in for the fourth quarter of 2003, and hospital officials are very proud of

the numbers. PMH's results are measured against the "norm" for other hospitals across the country. In fact, PMH had three inpatient units which ranked number one in the nation in patient satisfaction. For the last six months, cancer patients who were hospitalized in the oncology unit at PMH have rated the unit number one compared to other cancer hospitals across the United States. As a matter of fact, 19 out of the 23 areas surveyed ranked number one in percent excellence, and the other four areas ranked in the top ten percent.

Kathy Khoshreza, director of the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center and inpatient oncology

unit at PMH says she is very proud of her staff.

"The staff members of the inpatient oncology unit are a very special group of talented and caring individuals who have made the choice to work with cancer patients," Khoshreza states. "They don't seem to think of caring for patients and their families as a job, but as a rewarding way to serve and help others. They make being diagnosed and living with cancer a little easier while employing expert technical care. The physicians, Dr. VJ Puram, Dr. Musgrave, Dr. Modur and Dr. Gutti, coordinate the patients' care, and include staff and the patients themselves in planning patient care. Our doctors are very concerned for their

patients' emotional and spiritual well-being as well as for their medical needs."

Khoshreza also stresses that for the inpatient oncology unit to have gotten such positive feedback from patients, everyone had to work as a team. The inpatient oncology group not only received a number one ranking from the nurses' and doctors' care, but in several other areas as well. The admissions process was ranked first, as was the friendliness of the staff, the radiology department, pain management, the cleanliness of the hospital, overall room accommodations, safety in the hospital and the discharge process.

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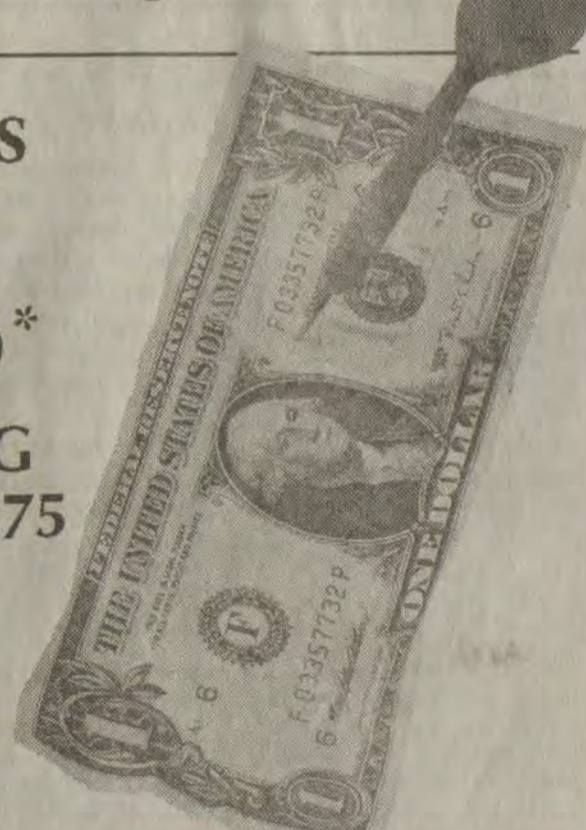
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Governor to take his tax code on statewide television

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher wants to take his case for overhauling the state's tax code before a statewide television audience this Thursday evening, his spokeswoman said Tuesday. Fletcher is planning a 15-minute televised address to voters from his Frankfort office Thursday evening at about 5:30 p.m., Fletcher spokeswoman Jeannie Lausche said. The exact sta-

tions that will air the speech was still uncertain, Lausche said. "He wants to talk to the people of the commonwealth about his plan," Lausche said. Fletcher is offering television stations the opportunity to carry the broadcast live, she said. There will be a single camera, and stations would be able to pick up the feed through satellite coordinates, she said. Fletcher has been touring

the state this week in an attempt to garner support for his proposed tax plan. On Monday, the governor was in Louisville to talk about his plan. He said he planned to spend time this week drumming up support for his tax plan elsewhere. On Tuesday, Fletcher went to Northern Kentucky University to promote his plan. He's scheduled to appear in Ashland, Bowling Green, Hazard, Owensboro and

Paducah on Wednesday. Fletcher has said his proposal would help stimulate job growth in Kentucky by making the state more attractive to businesses. His plan also calls for exempting thousands of low-income Kentuckians from the state income tax. It would also raise some taxes and lower others, so that it would be "revenue neutral" at the outset. Fletcher's plan would reduce the tax individ-

ual corporations pay, but at the same time it would tax more of them. Tobacco would also face steeper taxes under the plan; smokers would have to pay an extra 26-cents per pack. For the first time cigars, snuff and chewing tobacco would be taxed under the plan. Taxes on beer, alcohol and telecommunications services such as satellite television would increase under Fletcher's plan.

So far, the governor's office has not confirmed which stations plan to carry the speech, Lausche said. Wayne Martin, president and general manager of WKYT-TV in Lexington, said his station and its Hazard affiliate are planning to air the speech live. A Bowling Green affiliate would also carry the speech at some point during the evening, Martin said.

Guest

good tax reform on at least three counts:
■ The tax plan makes our system less fair. Already, Kentucky families at the poverty line face the highest income tax bill of any state. The poorest 20 percent of Kentuckians pay 13 percent of their income in state and local taxes while the wealthiest 20

percent pay only a 10 percent share. But according to an analysis by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, on average only the wealthiest 20 percent will see their taxes decline under the Governor's proposal. While those making less than \$12,600 will pay \$27 more on average, the wealthiest 1 percent (those with incomes of at least \$246,700) will get an average state tax cut of \$1,397. The Governor's plan is being sold to legislators and to the public as a way to help low-income folks. The facts don't support this claim.
■ The tax plan fails to raise

adequate revenue to meet Kentucky's urgent needs. Our state is in a serious budget crisis that no amount of clever accounting can hide. Our schools are cutting staff and slashing programs. Cuts in Medicaid and social programs are leaving many Kentuckians without essential services. Colleges are raising tuition every year, putting the dream of education beyond reach for more and more people. The governor's plan does not address Kentucky's needs. In this time of financial crisis, a "revenue neutral" tax plan is not neutral at all.
■ The tax plan fails to

build a tax system that will grow with Kentucky's economy. In the final version of his plan, Gov. Fletcher backed off expanding the sales tax to services, an essential part of any "modernization." The biggest single source of revenue is a cigarette tax increase, which while needed for public health reasons is not a long-term revenue solution. Even more troubling is the powerful "trigger mechanism" buried in the fine print. This formula will mandate further tax cuts in the future and erode Kentucky's income tax base.
The bottom line is clear: the Governor's plan is not a good

choice for Kentucky. Our leaders must act wisely and do tax reform right. We are a state with large needs and big dreams. We should not shrink public investments, reduce public services, and shift taxes away from corporations and the wealthy. There are better options. We must chart a better course for Kentucky.

Bailey is co-director of the Democracy Resource Center. Miller is the executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates. Wolf is a member of the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

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THE FAMILY OF MARIE F. MARTIN

Obituaries

Keith Eugene Marsillett

Keith Eugene Marsillett, 37, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Born February 22, 1967, in Floyd County, he was the son of Lonnie and Jewell Johnson Marsillett of Prestonsburg. He was a disabled steam cleaner. He is survived by his wife, Tammie Adams Marsillett. In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by one son, Frank Nicholas Maerz of Madisonville; three daughters: Misty Dawn Myers and Jennifer Deanna Maerz, both of Prestonsburg, and Aimee Lee Wilson, of Henderson; one broth-

er, Kevin Marsillett of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Karen Nelson and Lisa Bentley, both of Prestonsburg; and three grandchildren: Alexia Danelle Hefner, Genesis Lasha-Lee Wilson, and McKeel Keith Myers. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m., at the Dotson Pentecostal Church in Prestonsburg, with Rev. Wiley Nelson, and others, officiating. Burial was in the Brown Cemetery (Dry Bread), in Ivyton, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation was at the church.
(Paid obituary)

Ralph Carter Jr.

Ralph Carter Jr., age 62, of Mousie, passed away, Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at his home. He was born in Mousie, on May 1, 1941, the son of Ralph Carter and Grace Combs Carter. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jerry Carter; and one sister, Alice Faye Martin. He is survived by one daughter, Andrea Lynn Carter of Lexington; one brother,

John Milton Carter of Mousie; and one sister, Clarinda Hollis of Greenville, South Carolina. Memorial services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 3, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel. Arrangements were under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services at Hindman. Sign the guest book at www.hindmanfuneralservices.com.
(Paid obituary)

Malta Castle Wells Watson

Malta Castle Wells Watson, 89, of Auxier, died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Born on January 18, 1915, in Auxier, she was the daughter of the late Julius Castle and Ethel Alexander Castle. She was a seamstress, and was self-employed. She was a charter member of Auxier Freewill Baptist Church. She was twice married, first to Rollan Wells, and later to George Randolph Watson. Both preceded her in death. Survivors include one son, James E. Wells of Virginia Beach, Virginia; one step-son, Elmer Watson of Auxier; two sisters: Imogene Price of Jacksonville, Florida, and Mary Evelyn Henry of Irvine; one brother, Andrew Jackson Castle of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Beulah Wells Keel; and one step-son, Dolph Watson Jr.

Terry P. Martin Layne

Terry P. Martin Layne, 53, of Greencamp, Ohio, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at South Williamson Regional Hospital. Born February 4, 1951, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was the son of Edna Mae Martin Harless and the late Thomas "Buck" Layne. He was employed for 20 years at M.P.S., and had been a truck driver the past year for Transforce Trucking Company. He was reared in Wayland. He spent his adult life in Marion, Ohio. He is survived by his first wife, of 12 years, Linda Willis; and his second wife, Cathy L. Johnson Layne, whom he married on October 14, 1981, in Marion, Ohio. Other survivors include one son, Terry Layne Jr., of Marion, Ohio; three daughters: Robin (Kelly) Hicks, Sara (Joshua) Millington, and Holly Layne, all of Marion, Ohio; five brothers: Larry (Marilyn) Layne, Tom (Becky) Layne, and Steve Harless, all of Marion, Ohio, Keith (Thersa) Layne of Asheville, North Carolina, and James (Minnie) Martin of Kentucky; two sisters: Kathy (Tim) Downing of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Lisa Harless of Marion, Ohio; four grandchildren: Kyle and Heather Hicks, Corey Layne and Madison Rizer. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 9, at 1 p.m., at the Boyd Funeral Home, Marion, Ohio, with Rev. Bobby Layne officiating. Burial will be in the Grand Prairie Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Marion County Humane Society.
(Paid obituary)

Gregory Conn

Gregory Conn, 45, of Arkansas Creek, in Martin, died Monday, April 5, 2004, following an auto accident in Johnson County. Born March 15, 1959, in McDowell, he was the son of Geraldine Castle Conn Robinson of Martin; and the late Willie Conn; and step-father, Roy Robinson. He was a general laborer and a member of the Arkansas Church of Christ, in Martin. In addition to his mother and step-father, survivors include two sons: Roy Anthony Conn (fiancee, Lavadis Casebolt) of Prestonsburg, and Billy Dean Lopen of Paintsville; a fiancee, Hattie Crisp (her daughter, Brittany) of Martin; three brothers: Jonathan Conn (wife, Sparkle), Eddie Conn, and Joey Robinson, all of Martin; four sisters and their husbands: Rita Roberts (William) of Banner, Freda Branham (Tony) of Prestonsburg, Sharon Helton (Robert) of Picketon, Ohio, and Marlena Hammond (Bill) of Martin; several foster children; six nieces, 10 nephews, two grandnieces and two grand-nephews. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two sisters: Diana Joyce Conn and Carolyn Jean Conn. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 9, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Church of Christ ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Adkins-Crum Cemetery, at Arkansas Creek, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. Active pallbearers: Michael, Jason, Josh, Dustin, Ryan and Alex.
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Margaret Booth

Margaret Booth, 87, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away, Friday, April 2, 2004, at home. She was born November 3, 1916, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Will and Martha (Howe) Hall. She owned and operated an adult foster care home in Ypsilanti, for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Howard. Survivors include two daughters: Pat (John) Makuch of Ohio, and Phyllis Linke of Ypsilanti; six sons: Tyrone (June) of Ypsilanti, Barry (Beverly) of Leonides, Michigan, Howard Jr., (Debra) and Ted, both of Ypsilanti, Carl E. (Pam) of Pittsford, Michigan, and Charles S. (Virgie) of Alaska; one daughter-in-law, Sharon Booth of Ypsilanti; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters: Drixie Sloan of Kentucky, Pauline Taylor of West Virginia, and Betty Pennington of Illinois; one brother, Edgel Hall of Ypsilanti; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Billy; and one daughter, Virgie Lee. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 6, at 11 a.m., at Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Pauletta Logan, and Rev. Brad Farley co-officiating. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery, under the direction of Stark Funeral Service. Visitation was at the funeral home.
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PMH

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Another inpatient unit to be ranked number one in the patient satisfaction survey is the Rehabilitation Hospital at PMH. For the rehab hospital, 17 out of the 23 areas surveyed ranked number one nationally in percent excellence compared to other rehab hospitals. As was the case for the inpatient oncology unit, the remaining areas scored in the top 10 percentile.

Director of the rehab hospital, Dena Sparkman, says she is thrilled with these results.

"It is wonderful to see this much positive feedback from our patients, especially since our unit just opened a few months ago," remarks Sparkman. "This was the first quarter that we received results, and we

received a number one ranking. I am very proud of our team."

In addition to receiving number one rankings in doctor and nursing care, the rehab hospital also saw number ones in the following areas: admission process, staff courtesy and friendliness, radiology, pain management, cleanliness of hospital, overall room accommodations, food, overall safety in the hospital and the discharge process.

Also, pertaining to rehabilitation services which includes physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, 90 percent of the rehab hospital's patients surveyed described these services as "Excellent."

Another statistic that PMH is

proud of is that 95 percent of inpatient rehab patients say they would highly recommend the rehab hospital at PMH to friends and family members.

An additional inpatient unit at PMH to receive a number one national ranking is the NICU, which was ranked number one in 12 of its surveyed areas.

Brenda Chapman, assistant director of Women's Services, says she is very excited to see such positive results from the survey. "We have an excellent staff in the NICU," Chapman notes. "They all work very hard and strive to attain that level of excellence. Our group is constantly looking for ways to make our unit better."

Hospital officials were

pleased to see that safety in the hospital was ranked so highly by parents of NICU patients. These parents aren't able to be with their newborns as often as they would like but say they are comforted by the emphasis put on security measures at PMH. Debbie Puckett, PMH chief operating officer, says she is excited about the latest PRC

results. "Congratulations to everyone on these phenomenal results," comments Puckett. "I want to stress that these amazing results do not just reflect the efforts of one single department. Making Pikeville Methodist Hospital successful takes the efforts of many different people working together as

a team. This combined effort is reflected by the results of the PRC survey. We are proud of all the clinical staff, all the physicians and support departments who are consistently delivering care that satisfies our patients. We are always striving to improve our care, as we want to exceed our patients' expectations."

Partnership seeks statewide effort to track, prevent, manage chronic asthma

Report cites financial, quality of life issues

FRANKFORT — Asthma affects 9.5 percent of adults in Kentucky, 2 percent more than the national rate, according to a recent report on the prevalence of the chronic respiratory disease in the state. Compiled by asthma experts and advocates for asthma sufferers, the report reveals still higher asthma rates among Kentuckians who are obese (11.7 percent) or who smoke (10.6 percent). It says children accounted for more than one-third of the 12,000 Kentucky residents hospitalized for asthma in 2000-2001.

The report, "Asthma in Kentucky: Laying the Foundation for a Statewide Strategy," contains the findings and recommendations of the Kentucky Asthma Partnership. Established in 2003 by the American Lung Association of Kentucky, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville and the Kentucky Department for Public Health, the partnership represents the first coordinated statewide effort to better understand, prevent

and manage the disease.

In announcing the report's findings, Dr. James Holsinger, Jr., secretary of the Health and Family Services Cabinet, said the high occurrence of asthma in Kentucky, particularly among children, and the often manageable nature of the disease present a promising opportunity to affect positive change in the health status of many Kentuckians. "Through education and promoting prevention strategies, Kentucky can make real progress toward reducing the impact of asthma on our state," Holsinger said. Advances in medical management and a greater understanding of how asthma reacts to environmental and behavior factors, can often transform asthma from a major health problem to a relatively minor annoyance, he said.

Cigarette smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke are among the known triggers of asthma attacks. The report notes that 363,000 Kentucky children are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes and that smoking rates among Kentucky children exceed those for their

age peers nationally-by 6 percent in high school and 4 percent in middle school.

Nationally and in Kentucky, asthma disproportionately affects blacks in urban communities and the poor, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The report cites a CDC risk factor survey showing that 14.2 percent of blacks suffer from asthma, compared to 9.3

percent of whites, and that asthma affects 20 percent of persons with household incomes of less than \$15,000.

The cost of asthma-related hospitalizations in Kentucky alone totaled more than \$36 million in 2001, according to data compiled from Kentucky hospital discharge claims by the state Department for Public Health.

The price tag is much higher when all direct costs (for hospitalization, emergency room and physician services and medication) and indirect costs (for time lost from school and work as a result of asthma-related illness and death) are calculated. Citing data from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, the partnership reported that in 1998, asthma affected about 209,000 Kentuckians at an estimated total cost of \$159 million.

The partnership offered recommendations for improving asthma tracking, education, treatment, management and policies. They include:

- A statewide system to track asthma data as a means to better direct efforts and limited resources where needs are greatest;
- Education activities to ensure that Kentuckians with asthma receive the best care, information and resources available to manage their disease;
- Consistent use of nationally recognized guidelines for diagnosing and treating asthma; and
- Integration of policy

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Screening

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medications need to be answered.

To help answer these questions, Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Fountain of Hope Medical Detoxification Unit is offering free, anonymous education and screening as part of National Alcohol Screening Day, Thursday, April 8. The free screenings will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at the Pikeville Wal-Mart.

"The goal of this screening is to educate the community about the effects alcohol has on your overall health and how to identify if alcohol use is becoming a problem," said Erdil Looney, director of the Medical Detox Unit. "We want to make people aware of the potential risks associated with drinking."

As part of the screening, par-

ticipants can complete a written self-test, view an educational presentation on alcohol problems and have the opportunity to talk privately with a health professional, all for free. Pamphlets, brochures and flyers will be available, as well as information concerning local treatment options and support resources for those who seek further evaluation.

National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD), held in April as part of Alcohol Awareness Month, is a program of the non-profit organization Screening for Mental Health, Inc. in collaboration with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For additional information about alcohol or the screening program, visit www.NationalAlcoholScreeningDay.org.

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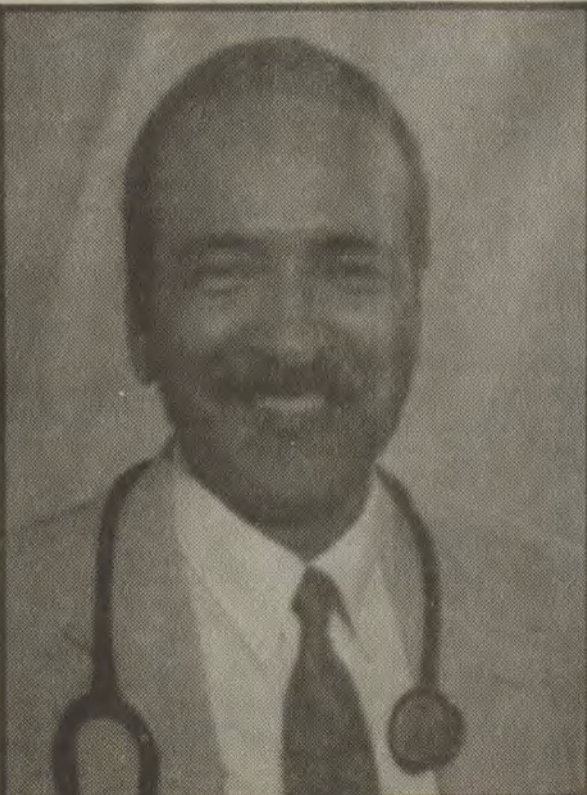
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Police begin massive roundup of drug dealers

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAZARD — Still bedeviled by widespread abuse of prescription drugs, authorities in Eastern Kentucky began filling local jails on Tuesday in one of the state's largest roundups of street-level dealers.

Some 210 people were expected to be arrested by the conclusion of the operation, said Dan Smoot, head of law enforcement for the anti-drug task force Operation UNITE in Hazard.

Smoot said the roundup was aimed primarily at people dealing in the prescription drug

market. OxyContin, a powerful painkiller that remains the drug of choice in the mountain region.

"We are sending a message that we are serious about getting drug dealers off our streets," said U.S. Rep. Harold Rogers, who helped get \$16 million in federal funds over the past two years to pay for the anti-drug initiative.

Rogers appeared Tuesday at the Kentucky Rural Law Enforcement Center in Hazard where many of the people apprehended in the raids in eight Eastern Kentucky counties were being fingerprinted and booked.

"We all have the same goal, to put an end to the worst scourge we've ever faced in southeastern Kentucky," Rogers said.

More than 100 local, state and federal law enforcement personnel began the roundup at daybreak, taking suspected dealers straight from their beds to the law enforcement center.

Smoot said the raids came at a key time, as the generic form of OxyContin prepares to hit the

market. "OxyContin is the primary drug here," he said. "I'm afraid we're going to see a resurgence in its use with the lower-priced generic form."

Smoot said OxyContin, which drug addicts crush into a powder and snort or mix with water and administer intravenously, has caused addictions that raised crime levels across the region.


"It's an ongoing, vicious cycle," Smoot said. "People stealing from family and friends and then total strangers, to support their habits."

Rogers said everyone in the region needs to be involved in the fight against drug abuse. He is calling for the formation of community coalitions to help in the fight.

"This epidemic is tearing our families apart, killing people and ruining lives," he said.

Smoot said it will take several days to arrest all of the alleged drug dealers who have arrested


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Asthma

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changes addressing asthma prevention and control with key intervention strategies, especially in schools and among minority groups and uninsured and underinsured populations. Barry Gottschalk, executive director of the American Lung Association of Kentucky, said that although asthma cannot yet be cured, it can be controlled with the right education and treatment. "Asthma demands the same level of commitment we give to diabetes, or hypertension or any chronic, yet treatable, disease," Gottschalk said. "We can and must do more to lessen the tremendous burden" of asthma.

Copies of the report may be obtained from Tricia McLendon, Asthma Program Manager, 502-564-7996, patricia.mclendon@ky.gov

Odds

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ST. MEINRAD, Ind. — Monks in a monastery here may have a harder time with their vows of poverty now that they've got \$26 million in spending money.

Two women rewarded the hospitality of the Benedictine monks at the St. Meinrad Archabbey by leaving them \$13 million each in their wills, according to Archabbot Lambert Reilly.

"We would consider it an extreme blessing from God," Reilly said. "We would also see it as somehow proof that we do exercise what's supposed to typify us, and that is hospitality."

Both women were Bernice Davey, 90, and Virginia Basso, 91 — had spoken of contributing to the monastery northeast of Evansville. "For them, it was home," Reilly said.

The monastery, which houses about 120 monks, was founded 150 years ago and operates a theology school for men studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood, and lay ministry studies.

It also has a guest house where people can go for religious retreats. Some of the new cash will go toward building a new guest house.

"One of the things we are interested in providing is a more adequate guesthouse," Reilly said. "We are almost overrun with requests for people just to be with us."

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Students and alumni awash in beery nostalgia may now own a chunk of a favorite tavern near the University of Missouri at Columbia that burned down last summer.

Dick Walls, owner of the Old Heidelberg across the street from the main campus, found that he couldn't recycle the charred bricks into the facade of the rebuilt bar as he had hoped.

So Walls donated about 4,000 bricks to the university's Hotel and Restaurant Management Program, for sale as fund-raising memorabilia.

The bricks will have brass plaques commemorating the roughly 40-year run of the bar, along with a certificate of authenticity, and may be purchased for a \$30 tax-deductible donation.

Walls said he wanted the management program to benefit because he strongly supports its mission. His son, Richard Walls Jr., is a graduate of the program.

"Knowing finances aren't the best at the university right now, I thought it'd be a way we could help," Walls said.

Walls hopes to open the new Old Heidelberg in time for fall classes at the same location.

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Former mine safety official says Bush administration covered up spill

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The former head of a federal mine safety school alleges that Bush administration appointees halted an investigation of a coal sludge spill that polluted about 100 miles of creeks and rivers along the Kentucky-West Virginia state line.

The bottom of a coal mine waste impoundment collapsed into an abandoned underground mine near Inez in October 2000. An estimated 250 million to 300 million gallons of water, coal and rock particles poured out of the mine, killing fish and fouling drinking water supplies.

Jack Spadaro, former superintendent of the federal Mine Health and Safety Academy at Beckley and member of the team that investigated the spill, says the investigation showed Martin County Coal Corp., a Massey Energy Inc. subsidiary, knew its containment was weak.

Spadaro, who has been a frequent critic of U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration operations, told CBS' "60 Minutes" for a report airing Sunday that the agency interfered with the investigation.

In 2001, Spadaro resigned from the team investigating the spill in eastern Kentucky's Martin County because he felt that MSHA, a division of the Department of Labor, was trying to cover up its own role in overlooking previous violations at the impoundment.

"The Bush administration came in and the scope of our investigation was considerably shortened," Spadaro said. "I had never seen something so corrupt and lawless in my entire career ... interference with a federal investigation of the most serious environmental disaster in the history of the Eastern United States."

Spadaro told CBS that Massey Energy was going to be cited for serious violations that could have resulted in large fines and criminal charges, and that MSHA itself was going to be accused of failure to regulate Massey's impoundment.

MSHA officials did not immediately respond to calls seeking comment Saturday.

Last year, MSHA dropped six of eight proposed citations against Massey Energy, the Department of Labor's Inspector General said.

MSHA told Spadaro earlier this year that he was being demoted from his superintendent position at the mine academy and transferred to the agency's technical center in Pittsburgh.

The demotion followed an MSHA investigation into allegations that Spadaro had abused his authority, failed to follow orders and proper procedures and misused a government credit card by taking unauthorized cash advances that cost the government \$22.60 in bank fees.

MSHA Deputy Assistant Secretary John Correll upheld 13 of the 15 allegations against Spadaro, saying he had "flouted government regulations and agency policies in a variety of issues," The Charleston Gazette reported in February.

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Drugs

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warrants pending as part of the roundup.

Letcher County Sheriff Danny Webb said logistics have forced him to limit his arrests.

"I have about 50 people to pick up, but we can't get them all at once because we don't have room in the jail," he said. "It's full already."

Perry County Sheriff Pat Wooten said the cooperation of law enforcement through Operation UNITE will help rid the region of the drug problem.

"It's the dawning of a new day in Eastern Kentucky," he said.

The maker of OxyContin, Purdue Pharma, has contributed to law-enforcement efforts to prosecute drug dealers, said J. Aaron Graham, vice president of corporate security.

In 2003, the first year of the company's grant program for police departments, about half of the total \$1.2 million was distributed in Kentucky, he said.

"There was a problem, we recognized it, and we want to be part of the solution," Graham.

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Bunning campaign apologizes for 'joke' about possible opponent

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The re-election campaign of U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning has apologized for a remark he made about state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo, who could be his opponent in the

November election.

Bunning told diners at a recent GOP event that Mongiardo looks like one of Saddam Hussein's sons. His campaign said Wednesday the remark was a joke.

"We're sorry if this joke, which got a lot of laughs,

offended anyone," Bunning campaign manager David Young said.

Bunning made the remark March 20 at the annual 4th Congressional District Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner at the Hilton hotel in Florence. Bunning's speech was video-

taped, but Young declined to make the tape of Bunning's speech available.

Mongiardo's campaign said that he had received no apology from Bunning and that he should make the tape available.

"A half-hearted apology from his campaign manager is no apology at all," Mongiardo spokesman Eric Niloff said. "Jim Bunning needs to come clean, show the people of Kentucky the tape and let them decide whether or not that's funny."

Mongiardo, 43, of Hazard, is running in the Democratic primary against David Lynn Williams of Glasgow, a perennial candidate who is not running

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Tuck Fraley
Prestonsburg

Spill

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Spadaro said he was punished for not going along with the shortened spill report and because he complained about training contracts MSHA awarded without following proper bidding procedures.

A Massey Energy spokeswoman said the company had no role in any action MSHA took against Spadaro and declined to comment further.

The company agreed to pay Kentucky \$1.75 million in civil penalties, \$1 million for environmental damages and \$500,000 for the state's costs to clean up the spill. It also was fined \$225,000 by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Service and \$110,000 by MSHA, and agreed last year to pay \$600,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by West Virginia.

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My name is Jimmie Hopkins. I was born and raised in Floyd County, at Price. My parents are Blaine Hopkins of Prestonsburg and Virginia Robinson Hopkins of Price. My paternal grandparents were the late Fayette Hopkins and the late Virgie Hall Hopkins of McDowell. My maternal grandparents were the late Sol Robinson and the late Mindy Newsome Robinson of McDowell. I have two sisters and one brother. They are Sharon Mullins of Morehead, wife of Steve Mullins; Melinda Osborne of Price, wife of Jessie Osborne; and Gary Hopkins of Ivel, husband of Susie Amos Hopkins.

I have been married 35 years to the former Rosemary Bradley, daughter of the late Gliden "Sam" Bradley and the late Rosa Huff Bradley of Wayland. My wife and I reside at Wayland. My wife's paternal grandparents were the late Butler Bradley and the late Mary Collins Bradley of Wayland. Her maternal grandparents were the late Allen Huff of Hueysville and the late Zora Davis Huff of Allen. My wife has two sisters. They are Gloria Webb of Wayland, wife of Hobert Webb Jr.; and Janice Layne of Eastern, wife of Bert Layne.

My wife and I have two children, Douglas and Jennifer, whom we have raised in Floyd County. Our son, an employee of CSX, is married to the former Rebecca Smith, a speech pathologist at McDowell Elementary. We have a step-grandson, Drew. Our daughter will be graduating in May from Morehead State University with a teaching degree.

I graduated from McDowell High School in 1965. I obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alice Lloyd College, where I was later inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. I received a Masters in Education from Morehead State University. I am a retired school teacher with 27 years of service. I taught at Maytown and Martin Elementary Schools and Betsy Layne High School. While teaching at Martin Elementary, I was the director of Martin Junior Pro for five years, and I served on the Site-Based Council. I coached different sports at the elementary and high school levels for 24 years. I am now a member of the Ky. Retired Teachers Association. I currently serve on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and the Committee on Lay Leadership at the Wayland United Methodist Church, where I am a member.

Rosemary and I love Floyd County, and I will be a tireless advocate for the things Floyd Countians desire and believe in. I want to do everything possible to ensure a bright future for the children of Floyd County. Together, we can create a legacy of hope for our children and grandchildren, and preserve the best of our county.

My campaign has been very gratifying. I have always worked with the public and I have enjoyed meeting and talking with the citizens of Floyd County. Your support and encouragement has been greatly appreciated by myself and my family. However, I realize it is virtually impossible to personally contact everyone, so I have chosen this means to communicate with many of you. I am very interested in learning the hopes and dreams of my fellow Floyd Countians. The next election will help determine the future of Floyd County. Floyd Countians' concerns must be heard in Frankfort! My greatest challenge is getting you to know my family and myself, and making you aware of my beliefs and ideas. Thanks to my family and to my many friends who have joined me in this effort. My family and I ask you to please join us on the Hopkins for Representative team.

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Community Calendar

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Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits

PRESTONSBURG VA CLINIC EXTENDS HOURS

The Prestonsburg VA Outpatient Clinic has expanded its hours of operation. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, the clinic, located at 5230 Kentucky Route 321, will be open until 5:30 p.m. Veterans needing an appointment or enrollment and eligibility information may call the clinic at 606-886-1970 or toll-free 1-800-827-8244, ext. 5300.

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Regional Medical Center, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, on Friday, April 16, at 6 p.m., in meeting rooms A and B, of the office complex at Highlands Regional. Preston has a very informative program, which will be of great interest to many persons.

All members and friends of the chapter are encouraged to attend.

CAKE DECORATING CLASS

Bonnie Crisp will be teaching a cake decorating class in the near future. A list of "eager" students is already being compiled. This will be a series of evening classes, and will be held at the Floyd County Extension Office, every Monday night in April (April 12, 19, and 26) at 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Contact Theresa Scott at (606) 886-2668 for further detailed registration information. Registration deadline for this workshop is March 29. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people, regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

A CHILD NEEDS YOU

There is a child who needs you! We are seeking dedicated individuals who are married or single to serve as full-time or part-time foster parents for Kentucky's children. Our program serves the Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin counties. If interested, call PCWA Big Sandy Treatment Foster Care at (606) 886-7008 or 1-800-677-2720.

SAAD-GOODMAN TO INSTRUCT MOTHER/DAUGHTER SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR

Toufic Saad and Patricia Goodman will be instructing a Mother/Daughter Self-Defense Seminar on Monday, April 12, at the Floyd County Extension Office, at 7 p.m.

This seminar will cover

- Avoidance/Awareness
- Fear Management
- Rape Prevention

All mothers and teenage daughters need to come to this seminar! There is no charge for attending.

Contact Chuck Stamper, Floyd County 4-H Youth Development Agent for more information, at the Floyd County Extension Service, at 606-886-2668.

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BIG SANDY SENIOR GAMES

The Big Sandy ADD is currently taking applications for the 19th annual Big Sandy Senior Games event, which will take place at the Dewey Lake Down Stream area on Friday, May 21, 2004. Games include bowling (held May 14, at the Mark III in Pikeville) billiards, mile walk, football toss, softball toss, horseshoes, and bingo, among others. Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third-place finishes in all events. The event is open to all residents, 55 or older, in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike counties. Call 1-200-737-2723 for more information.

BLHS CLASS OF '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

MAYTOWN HOMECOMING 2004

Homecoming event will be held Memorial weekend, May 28-31, at the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center. Registration will be held Friday, May 28, from 3-6 p.m. A traditional Gospel Sing will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 29 - Registration and full day of scheduled events. Sunday, May 30 - Church services. Those wishing to participate in the gospel sing event may email: coachf@mikrotec.com. Those wishing to donate items to the auction may price and mail items to: Ruth Martin, P.O. Box 186, Eastern, KY, 41622. Those who wish to share in the breakfast, noon and evening meals should send \$20 each to: Betty Frasure, P.O. Box 17, Langley, KY 41645; those who wish to skip the breakfast meal should send \$15. Those who wish to visit only and not share in meals are welcome to do so.

FUN FAIR

"Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents" will be held on April 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Mini-workshops, educational information, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags and refreshments. All expectant parents and parents of children up to one year of age are invited to attend.

PHS CLASS OF '69

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1969 will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labor Day weekend), at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. Pre-dinner meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m.; Dinner will be at 6 p.m., in Lodge dining room; Reunion meeting following dinner, from 8 p.m. until midnight in Lodge conference rooms. For more info., contact Ken & Jan at 886-8328, or Mike at 886-0252.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

■ Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

■ Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

■ Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

■ Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

■ Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk

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■ A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs,

adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

■ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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Pikeville College Concert Choir to perform 'Magnificat'

PIKEVILLE — The community is invited to join the Pikeville College Concert Choir for a performance of "Magnificat" on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. The hour-long master work of John Rutter will be presented entirely in Latin and includes seven movements.

"'Magnificat' is tremendously beautiful, yet accessible to any audience. Audience

members don't have to be a classical connoisseur to appreciate this piece," said Jennifer Hughes, instructor of music.

"Being able to perform a masterwork, such as "Magnificat," has been a goal of our choir for quite some time," said Hughes. "This group of students possesses the level of artistry and dedication necessary to perform such a work."

The concert is part of the Pikeville Concert Association's regular concert season and will be held in Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial Building, on the Pikeville College campus. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited. For more information, call the Office of Public Affairs at (606) 218-5271.

Bunning

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an active campaign. Mongiardo's parents emigrated from Italy.

In his 2002 campaign, Mongiardo accused Republican Johnnie L. Turner of Harlan of using bigotry and racism in an ad that showed Sept. 11 hijacker Mohammed Atta. Mongiardo said the ad made a point of showing that he and Atta both had dark eyes, black hair and olive complexions.

Bunning, 72, is seeking a second six-year term in the Senate. He is opposed in the May 18 primary election by former state Sen. Barry Metcalf of

Richmond, whom he defeated in the 1998 primary.

The senator's wife, Mary Bunning, said in a telephone interview that her husband's comment was unintentional.

"It just came out," she said. "He doesn't feel that way about him at all. It was something, I think, that was on his mind."

Mary Bunning said her husband talked earlier in his speech about visiting Iraq in January and flying over the site where Saddam's two sons were killed by American forces.

Another attendee at the dinner, Boone County Republican

Chairman Ken Brown, said he has heard no one express reservations about the remarks.

"Everybody took it as a light-hearted joke," said Brown, who was elected Boone County GOP chairman earlier that day. "He wasn't saying the guy's politics were in line with that. Everybody kind of laughed a little bit. It didn't bring down the house."

Michael Plummer, a Covington lawyer who also attended the event, said Bunning "compared Senator Dan Mongiardo to Saddam Hussein's two sons, Oday and Qusai."

Plummer said Bunning's comparison has been the subject of much discussion in northern Kentucky, where Bunning lives.

"A lot of people have been interested in it," he said. "I don't know if it's so bad or not, but it's pretty bad from a U.S. senator, probably."

John A. Stephenson of Covington said he videotaped the speech for Bunning's campaign as an in-kind contribution, and he gave the campaign his only copy.

Bunning, who was a pitcher before entering politics and is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, has a history of making controversial remarks.

In 1997, Bunning apologized for mistakenly saying on a Cincinnati radio show that downtown Louisville was devastated by flooding because the city failed to close its floodgates in time.

This year, Bunning said one of the city's proposed Ohio River bridges would have to be delayed to provide money for replacement of a bridge between Covington and Cincinnati. Later, Bunning denied making that statement and hung up on a reporter who asked that he listen to a tape of his comments. After objections from U.S. Rep. Anne Northup, R-Louisville, he supported building both Louisville bridges as soon as possible.

Weekend blaze scorches downtown Hazard

by JARRID DEATON
HAZARD HERALD

HAZARD — Ash was still falling from the sky on Monday after a major fire destroyed two businesses in Hazard on Sunday. The fire consumed Area Office Supply, The Broke Spoke Lounge, and at least three apartments.

According to Hazard Police Chief Ronnie Bryant, a resident of the apartments located above Area Office Supply confessed to setting the blaze.

Marty Williams, 50, was arrested and charged with arson after allegedly admitting to police that he had started the fire.

According to Bryant, Williams has a history of setting fires. Officials have previously investi-

gated the suspect in connection to a recent fire that caused extensive damage to a psychiatric ward at Hazard ARH. However, no charges were brought against Williams in relation to that incident.

"We began our investigation based on his statement," Bryant said.

The fire was the third major blaze to hit Hazard in three years.

In October, 2001, a law office and two businesses were destroyed by a fire. In February, 2002, a paint store and a church were destroyed in a blaze.

According to Hazard Mayor Bill Gorman, there are no definite plans as to what to do with the remains of the buildings.

"At this point, we are waiting to see just how much destruction there is and what it amounts to," Gorman said. "We are behind doing something to improve the quality of life on Main Street."

Gorman remains optimistic despite the loss of the historical building and businesses.

"It's tragic, but you have to overcome," Gorman said. "That's where progress starts."

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Fletcher: 'We'll continue to push' tax plan

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Wednesday that he is seeking more support for his tax plan during the week or so

before House and Senate conferences begin talks on a budget compromise.

A budget bill passed at the behest of Fletcher's Republican allies in the Senate incorporated

his plan for changes in the state tax code. The House, which is under Democratic control, declined to accept it.

"I think we'll see over the next week that we'll continue to push the tax modernization," Fletcher said after a ceremonial proclamation signing in the Capitol Rotunda.

Fletcher's tax proposal evidenced his faith in tax cuts as a way to stimulate the economy and to attract and keep the successful people he calls "job creators."

He proposed a modest cut in individual income taxes, deep cuts in corporate taxes and repeal of a state tax on stocks, bonds and other "intangible property."

To balance the cuts, he proposed expanding the business tax base by extending taxes to limited liability companies. He also proposed raising taxes on tobacco and alcohol products, among other things.

"We're a poor state and we're not a very healthy state," said

Fletcher, a physician by training. "As governor, I don't like to have to say that. But the fact is, the leadership of the past has failed to provide the opportunities that are necessary."

Fletcher's plan received qualified endorsements from some business organizations. Kentucky Farm Bureau did not support his tobacco taxes and persuaded Fletcher to abandon the idea of freezing property tax rates - a move that would have the effect of actually increasing property tax revenues.

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce objected to parts of his plan for businesses, especially a broadening of the business tax base.

Fletcher said his plan "won't please everyone in every way, but it will provide jobs."

The administration estimated that 125,000 low-income taxpayers would be removed from the tax rolls altogether. Fletcher originally wanted a deeper cut in personal income taxes - enough

to take 300,000 poor people off the tax rolls.

He had to retreat on that point to balance concessions on property and tobacco taxes.

"It is the best plan for the poor in Kentucky that can be

offered, given the political situation up here," Fletcher said. "We could have done more with my initial plan. But this will provide the poor more opportunity than any plan that's been offered up here."

15 of 18 sought captured in roundup

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The April Fool's Day drug roundup netted 15 suspects for the Floyd County Detention Center last week. The following day saw everyone arraigned and that night there was a run on the jail with many of the alleged traffickers making bond.

Only two suspects still in custody at the Floyd County Detention center at this time. They are Paul Robinson and Holly Powers. The rest are in the wind and not due back in court until July 14th and 15th.

There are still three outstanding summons that need to be served but the final suspects have not been collared as of Tuesday. One was almost captured Monday but managed to elude authorities.

It remains to be seen if the suspects rounded up last week will use this period before their next court date to accept a plea agreement from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Many suspects from the last roundup backed away from trial dates and entered blind pleas rather than face a Floyd County jury which had found one of their cohorts guilty on all counts.

Board files truancy charges against mom

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Board of Education has filed a criminal complaint against Julie Hall, of Galveston, for allegedly allowing her three minor children to miss school.

Hall, 33, is being charged with allowing one of her minor children to have 29 unexcused absences, one with 23 unexcused absences and another with 15. All three children also have a number of unexcused tardies as well.

Hall was served with a summons to appear before the Floyd County District Court on May 12.

Kristina Springer, director of pupil personnel with the board, explained, "We know kids are going to be sick and we don't want them to be at school if they are. However if kids are going to be absent, send an excuse when they return back to school."

Hall could not be reached for comment, but this is not the first time that she has been charged

with this offense. In August 2002, she pleaded guilty to one count of compulsory attendance, and in February she was charged with another count.

Before charges are filed against parents, Springer said, the board follows a long ongoing procedure. If a child has an alarming number of unexcused absences, the school will make a recommendation to the board. At this point a home visit is scheduled to consult with the parent and discuss any problems that may be going on in the home that may be causing the absences. After the home visit, the child's attendance is monitored and if, at that point, it does not improve the board then files charges.

If a parent is found guilty of compulsory attendance, they could be charged \$100 plus court costs on the first offense and after the third offense could receive jail time.

"It is the district policy that if an absence is not excused the child cannot make up any schoolwork for that particular day, and this can affect a child's grades," Springer said.

Workers replacing highway markers

Raised pavement marker lenses will be replaced on a number of state roads in Highway District 12, according to Doug Wright, PE, construction branch manager.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet awarded a contract March 26 to Central Seal Company of Danville for raised pavement marker lens replacements in Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher and Pike counties.

There is no start date for the work, but Wright said that it will have very little impact on traffic flow once it does begin.

"This work is done with what we call a moving lane closure," Wright said. "What that means is that three trucks are used.

They are in a convoy. The first one pulls up the old lens. The second one cleans and sandblasts the opening. The third one installs the new lens. Each truck probably stops for no more than five seconds per pavement marker, so traffic is not stopped in order for this work to be done."

Wright said that some of the lens replacements are for pavement markers that are in intersections and medians, but most of them are between lanes. He said motorists should slow down and use caution "just as you would for any kind of road work," but that lens replacement does not involve shutting down a lane or a road to get the work done.

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A groundbreaking was held Tuesday at the new site of the Floyd County Health Department. The new building, adjacent to the old health department, will be located at 283 Goble Street.

Hospital urges people to report child abuse

Times Staff Report

April is Child Abuse Awareness month and Our Lady of the Way Hospital has issued a plea to encourage people to report abuse whenever they suspect it.

Child abuse falls into four categories. The most noticeable abuse is physical. If you suspect that a child is being physically harmed then it is your duty to report it. Children who suffer from physical abuse may exhibit extreme anger and aggressive behavior or they may be silent and withdrawn.

Emotional abuse often includes the use of extreme punishments like locking children in closets and denying food. It often includes belittling and the use of harsh language against the child or when talking about the child. It leaves no

physical evidence and is hard to recognize.

Sexual abuse does not just mean sexual contact. It is termed sexual abuse when it is perpetrated by the child's caregiver and can include exploiting a child through prostitution and pornography.

Neglect is not always due to indigence. Hungry children or those in poor states of dress and hygiene could be victims of neglect. This also includes not receiving adequate medical or dental care. It often leads to poor school attendance. Though poverty may be a factor, it is one for legal authorities to decide and should be reported if suspected.

If you live in the Big Sandy Region and suspect a child is being abused, you can report it to (866) 229-2196. You can also call Kentucky State Police or the

Department of Protection and Permanency.

Last year there were 90,787 children abused in the United States. These are just the ones that were reported and the crime retains the taboo nature that keeps it underreported.

This year the hope is to bring these numbers down and encourage everyone to report abuse.

The fact remains that families tend not to report abuse because of the fear of recriminations and seeing their caregivers get into trouble. The truth is that child abuse reports tend to come from outside the home.

To show support for Child Abuse Awareness Month, you can sport a blue ribbon but more importantly be ready to make that call if you suspect a child has been abused.

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Unusual request leads to Pike drug arrest

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Tennessee man was arrested Saturday after leaving Food City in Pikeville, where he showed up looking to buy a large quantity of matches.

The large match order tipped off an employee at the store who then called the Pikeville Police Department. Large quantities of matches are an ingredient, along with several over-the-counter medicines, for making methamphetamine.

Officer Chris Nickles responded to the call. One traffic stop later a pat down of the suspect, Raymond E. Turner, 37, of Butler, Tenn., revealed that he was also carrying a half-ounce of cocaine, some marijuana and processed LSD. A search of his vehicle

revealed that he also had ingredients to manufacture methamphetamine — namely five boxes of Sudafed and 50 cases of matches.

Turner, already facing several charges at this point, allegedly made matters worse by giving Nickles a phony name. The charges will now include possession of materials used to make methamphetamine, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, traffic charges and giving a police officer a false name.

Turner is currently lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. The investigation will be conducted by Officer Nickles and Sgt. N. Prewitt with assistance from officers John Hunt and Tim Roberts.



The Stanville Post Office held a "Customer Appreciation Day" March 9 with a party in the lobby. Patrons enjoyed complimentary coffee and doughnuts, prize drawings and snapshots with "Praise the Clown."



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Simon playing, but still rehabbing

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Prior to a season-ending knee injury in January, Betsy Layne junior boys' basketball player Preston Simon was making a name for himself. Opposing teams had to take notice of Simon and his impressive skills. Simon broke through the 15th Region basketball scene as a sophomore during the 2002-03 campaign and continued the strong play over into what should have been a promising junior campaign. The season-ending injury stopped Simon's season, forcing him to go to the sidelines as the Bobcats tried to make it out of the 58th District and into the 15th Region Tournament, a feat they nearly accomplished. After the absence, Simon is back.

(See SIMON, page two)

Lykens, Witt to sign with Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Teammates. Best friends. Two high school seniors leaving high school and heading to college. Together. Two of the top senior girls' basketball players in the 15th Region will play at the same college next season. Betsy Layne



Lykens



Witt

High seniors Whitney Lykens and Tabatha Witt will sign with Alice Lloyd College Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. The signing ceremony will take place in the school's library. Betsy Layne High head girls' basketball coach Cassandra Akers announced the signing Monday. "We are very proud of both of them," said Akers. "They are quality human beings besides being quality basketball players."

An alumnus of Alice Lloyd College, Akers was once a Lady Eagle herself.

Lykens and Witt will sign to play for first-year head coach David Adams. A graduate of Alice Lloyd College, Adams played for the Eagles and takes over the

(See LYKENS, page two)

Blackcats battle back, down Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN – It wasn't a 58th District game, but it was a contest between two 58th District rivals, nonetheless. In a thrilling come-from-behind win, Prestonsburg topped Allen Central 4-3 in a game played on the Knott County Central diamond as part of the East Kentucky Invitational.

Blackcats batters rallied from a two-run

deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning, plating three runs and scoring the come-from-behind win.

"This was a real big win for us," admitted Prestonsburg assistant coach Kimber McGuire.

Prestonsburg got all of its runs in the final two innings, scoring four runs on just three

(See BATTLE, page two)



Eighth-grader Josh Rodebaugh is now a regular starter for the Prestonsburg High baseball team.



file photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central High student-athlete Terri Mullins is one of the seniors set to take part in this year's Gatorade Senior All-Star Classic.

GATORADE SENIOR ALL-STAR CLASSIC GAMES SET FOR SATURDAY

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD – For many players, it'll be their final time on the high school hardwood. For others, it'll be their final organized game, period.

The spotlight will be placed on some of the top high school basketball players in Eastern Kentucky Saturday when talented hoopsters

from the area, both male and female, take part in the Gatorade Senior All-Star Classic games.

Players from the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th regions will make up the rosters for both the girls and boys.

Fifteenth Region Player of the Year Whitney Lykens is among the girls' all-stars. She'll be joined by

Allen Central senior Terri Mullins, another skilled player from Floyd County.

Magoffin County's Savannah Howard is another girls player from the 15th Region.

Pike Central's Chase Lyons and

(See CLASSIC, page two)

Schedule almost finished for Kentucky Farm Bureau Warrior Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK – Reigning 15th Region boys' basketball champ East Ridge will again host the Warrior Classic. However, the 2004 version of the event has a new name and a new

sponsor. "Kentucky Farm Bureau will now sponsor the Warrior Classic and it will be called the Kentucky Farm Bureau Warrior Classic," East Ridge Coach James Hurley said Monday.

The 2004 Kentucky Farm Bureau Warrior Classic will include two sessions over two days. The first session

on Friday, Dec. 10 will feature two girls games. The first game, tentatively set for a 6:30 p.m. tipoff, will pit 14th Region power Perry County Central against the host East Ridge girls. The second and final girls game

(See SCHEDULE, page two)

Rebels beat Knott Central, notch first win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN – The Allen Central High School baseball team would not be denied its first win of the season Saturday against host Knott County Central. Playing in the East Kentucky Invitational wooden bat tournament, Allen Central edged the host Patriots 5-4. The Rebels scored five runs on eight hits and just committed one error. Knott Central got its four runs across on five hits and had two miscues in the field.

It was the first win for Allen Central with Craig Kidd as head coach.

Allen Central sophomore Tyler Turner pitched the complete seven innings to hurl the Rebels to the win. Two of the four runs Knott Central got were earned.

Turner had seven strikeouts opposed to two walks and two wild pitches.

Turner, Nick Music, Ryan Hammonds and Raymon Spurlock each had two hits apiece. All four players each had a lone RBI as well.

Allen Central got on the scoreboard early, plating three runs in the top of the first inning. Allen Central led 4-0 head-

(See REBELS, page two)



Turner



Hammonds

Rebs' district opener versus South Floyd

Defending 15th Region champ Allen Central will open 58th District play Tuesday against South Floyd. Allen Central is scheduled to take to the road to face the host Raiders. The Rebels are also the defending champs in the 58th District.

Athlete with Floyd County roots signs to play college football

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Jon D. Smith of Farragut, Tenn., a suburb of Knoxville, signed a national letter of intent on March 19 with Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio, to play college football, after receiving both an athletic and an academic scholarship. After being recruited by several schools such as Centre College, Harvard, Austin Peay, the University of the South

and University of Redlands, the decision has been made. He is the son of Louie Smith and Paige Conley-Smith of Farragut, Tenn. He is the grandson of David Conley and Elizabeth Allen of Floyd County, Louie and Faye Smith of Clarksville, Tenn., and the great-grandson of Eileen O. Conley, of Lawrenceburg, (formerly of Floyd County) and the late Eugene Conley and the late Dr. and Mrs. (Kathryn) C.L. Allen of Floyd

County.

Smith started his football career at age seven on a flag football team in Knoxville. He then made the transition into contact football at age eight. After winning several awards for offensive and defensive linemen, at age 12 he was moved into a defensive back position. In 2000, he became a member of the Farragut High School Admiral

(See ROOTS, page two)



Floyd County native Jon Smith recently signed a national letter of intent to play football at Ohio Dominican University.

Battle

hits. Prestonsburg trailed 3-1 when it came to bat in the bottom half of the final inning. Allen Central struck first, scoring all three of its runs in the top half of the second inning. The Rebels held a 3-0 lead through five frames. The Prestonsburg bats were quiet, until the sixth inning when one run came across. Allen Central got its three runs on seven hits, but committed three errors in the field. A dropped flyball off the bat of Prestonsburg junior John Mark Stephens allowed the

Blackcats to come across with the game-winning run. Eighth-grader Josh Rodebaugh pitched Prestonsburg to victory, registering the complete game win. All three of Allen Central's runs were earned. Rodebaugh finished with seven strikeouts and gave up three walks. Rodebaugh, Kyle Wicker and Jarred McGuire had a hit apiece for Prestonsburg. McGuire and Rodebaugh each had singles while Wicker was one-of-four from the plate with a double. Nick Music and Wilfredo

Dominguez had two hits apiece for Allen Central. Dominguez drove in two runs and Music added the other RBI. Tyler Turner, Ryan Hammonds and Ramon Spurlock each had one hit.

Hammonds, the starting pitcher for Allen Central, allowed just one earned run while holding the Blackcats to the three hits. Hammonds had a career-high 14 strikeouts and walked six batters.

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LeFors, Rascati star in Louisville scrimmage

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Quarterbacks Stefan LeFors and Justin Rascati combined to throw for 594 yards and seven touchdowns Saturday in Louisville's first spring scrimmage. LeFors, the left-handed senior who threw for 2,921 yards last season, went 15 for 24 for 257 yards and three touchdowns. Rascati, a right-handed sophomore and LeFors' backup last season, completed 21 of 29 passes for 337 yards and four touchdowns. "It seemed like nothing could stop us except for ourselves," said LeFors.

Joshua Tinch caught three passes for 112 yards and J.R. Russell had five receptions for 96 yards and a touchdown. In all, 14 Cardinals caught passes and six had touchdown receptions. "That's a good group of receivers," said Louisville coach Bobby Petrino. "It's going to be interesting to see how it plays out for playing time." Eric Shelton rushed for 85 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries. Petrino said the offense's sharp performance wasn't necessarily an indication of a weak defense. "Sometimes in scrimmages, particularly when the head coach is an offensive guy, it might look a little better on offense than it really is," said Petrino, a former NFL offensive coordinator. All-purpose sophomore Michael Bush watched the scrimmage from the sideline, walking with the aid of aluminum crutches. The 6-foot-3, 240-pound Bush broke a bone in his right foot on March 25, the first day of spring practice. Bush, who rushed for 470 yards and six touchdowns last season, is expected to miss up to six weeks. He was upbeat about his situation Saturday. "It messes with you mentally, but I'm fine right now," Bush said. "I have no reason to be down. I've still got a lot ahead of me." Louisville has seven more spring practices remaining, ending with the Red-White scrimmage on April 16.

Beaver Creek Little League extends signups

Beaver Creek Little League will hold signups at Minnie Ballpark on Thursday from 6-7 p.m. For additional information, call Sarita Jacobs at 285-0668 or Rodney Nelson at 358-4230.

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Classic

East Ridge's Robbie Spears and Brandon Ratliff represent the 15th Region. Lyons is another 15th Region Player of the Year. The girls will play at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 at the Sherman Neace Athletic Center. For more information, call Ira Combs at 606/436-3002.

GIRLS' ALL-STARS

Brittany Baker (Perry Central); Heather Benton (Leslie Co.); Natasha Boggs (Cawood); Stephanie Hall (West Carter); Savannah Howard (Magoffin Co.); Molly Jackson (East Carter); Sheena Lee (Cumberland); Whitney Lykens (Betsy Layne); Whitney Moore

Simon

Simon has been released by his doctor to run and play, but according to Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose is still under a watchful eye. "He is doing pretty well," Rose said, when asked about Simon's current condition. "He has been released to run and play. He still attends physical therapy and the knee is healing more each day." Many are looking forward to seeing Simon get back in full swing with a busy schedule of summer games as part of the Betsy Layne High team. "He should be back to 100 percent by the time we begin summer play," Rose added. Simon will return for his senior season as one of the top players in the 15th Region. Betsy Layne will host the 2005 58th District Tournament.

Lykens

ALC women's basketball program, replacing Floyd County resident Tim Rice, who guided the program for two seasons. Adams is a native of Knott County. Alice Lloyd plays in the AAC (Appalachian Athletic Conference). Lykens and Witt have been a formidable tag team since their junior high years. The two have played together as teammates in hundreds of games over the years.

Roots

football team. As a freshman, he broke the school's tackle record that was set by Bill Bates, who played for Farragut, the University of Tennessee and the Dallas Cowboys. The award, called the Slobberknocker Award, was created for Bill Bates and Smith is the only other athlete to win the award. He was chosen to be a starter his sophomore and so began his varsity career. During his sophomore year he was nominated to the All-KIL (Knoxville Interscholastic League) team and that same year was elected by the coaches at Farragut to become a member of the Leadership Committee. He was the only sophomore to be elected. His junior and senior

seasons went just as well, allowing him to end his career with over 250 career tackles and 10 interceptions. Smith also played baseball in Martin, beginning at age six. He played on a competitive team in Knoxville sponsored by NIKE, beginning at age nine. He decided to give up baseball his sophomore year after being named a starter on the varsity football team. The Floyd County native is also an excellent student. He currently holds a 3.5 GPA and is involved in many other school activities. In addition, he enjoys volunteer work with Children's Hospital and Habitat For Humanities.

WYMT Sports Overtime Boys' Basketball All-Century Team

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Center	J.R. Vanhoose, Paintsville (1995-1998)
Sixth Man	Charles Thomas, Harlan (1993-1996)
Coach	Bobby Keith, Clay County
Honorable Mention	Shannon Hoskins, Clay County (1992)
Honorable Mention	Frank Selvy, Corbin (1947-1950)
Honorable Mention	Donnis Butcher, Meade Memorial (1952-1955)
Honorable Mention	Todd May, Virgie (1979-1982)

WYMT Sports Overtime Girls' Basketball All-Century Team	
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Guard	Bridgette Combs, Whitesburg (1981-1985)
Forward	Geri Grigsby, McDowell (1975-1977)
Forward	Peggy Gaymoore, Buckhorn (1975)
Center	Charlotte Sizemore, Breathitt County/Hazard (94-97)
Super Sub	Irene Moore, Breathitt County (1976-1978)
Coach	Roy Bowling, Laurel County
Honorable Mention	Ida Bowen, Sheldon Clark (1988-1991)
Honorable Mention	Kim Mays, Knox Central (1987-1990)
Honorable Mention	Lisa Collins, Laurel County (1977-1980)

Boyd, Fontaine shine in Kentucky scrimmage

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Quarterback Shane Boyd and linebacker Raymond Fontaine turned in star performances Saturday as Kentucky held its first scrimmage of spring practice. The Wildcats began spring practice Wednesday.

Boyd and backup Andre Woodson alternated snaps during the 30-minute controlled scrimmage. The team ran plays from one spot with no distance kept. Boyd circled right on a keeper and ran 55 yards for a touchdown. The offense also got good gains on scrambles by Boyd and Woodson and on running plays from tailback Arliss Beach. In the passing game, catches by Beach, tailback Draak Davis and wide receivers John Logan and Gerard Parker turned into big gainers. Outside linebackers recorded three sacks — two by Fontaine and one by Keith Shelton. "It was a little ragged, as it usually is on the first day in pads," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said. "Everybody plays well in shorts, but when you put the pads on, things get a little different. "We made some mistakes out there today, but the enthusiasm is good, and the guys are flying around. There were some good plays on the offensive side and quite a few good ones on the defensive side. We just need to keep making progress as we go through this."

Rebels

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ing into the bottom half of the third inning when Knott Central answered with a score. The host Patriots had two runs in the fourth inning to cut it to a 4-3 lead with the Rebels still out in front. Allen Central put another score on the board in the top half of the sixth inning and Knott Central struck back with a run, but couldn't get out in front.

Highlanders finish undefeated in indoor soccer play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND — Katy Petry and Tori Parker got to show off their scoring skills. Tori Hunt showed why she is one of the finest defenders around, and everybody got in on the offensive action as the all-girl U12 Highlanders closed out the Ashland Y Indoor Soccer season with an 8-0 victory over the blue team from Greenup County (a team they had defeated 1-0 in their first meeting).

DeRossett and Smith combined for the shoot-out as goalkeepers, with Osborne holding her own in her only appearance as goalie this year. The Highlanders finished the season 5-0-1. Tom Smith, Don Parker, B.D. Nunnery, Calhoun Salyer and Bobby Dean Kelsey served as coaches.

The scoring parade began on the opening kickoff when Parker nailed a hard kick that rebounded to an open Alexis DeRossett who slammed in the first goal less than 15 seconds into the match. Kaitlyn Minix, once again being in the right place, knocked in a crossing shot. Kathleen Smith then added a goal on one of the top plays of the year, passing off the side wall to herself and nailing a sharp shot to the far post to make it 3-0. Jerralyn Kelsey got in on the action with a successful shot, then DeRossett sliced in another goal to close out the scoring for the first half. Petry continued the barrage in the second half as she hammered home two goals after moving up to forward, and Parker added one after leaving the fullback position. Hunt saved goalie Smith by clearing a ball from immediately in front of the open net as two Greenup players charged the goal. Throughout the game, constant pressure was applied by forwards Alyson Salyer and Clara Osborne, as well as reliable midfielder Madyson Nunnery. Osborne, Hunt,

Eagles drop three games to Union

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College baseball team played only three games last week due to cold and rainy weather. Alice Lloyd played a three-game series at Union College over the weekend. On Saturday, the Eagles played a doubleheader, losing the first game 6-1 and the second game 9-4. On Sunday, Alice Lloyd lost a close contest by the final score of 9-8. Jason Smith went four-for-four in the game with an RBI and two runs scored. The Eagles are scheduled to travel to Mount St. Joseph today and will be at home on Saturday (3 p.m.) and Sunday (1 p.m., double-header) with a three-game series with Tennessee Wesleyan College on tap. SOFTBALL: The Lady Eagles softball team played only two games last week. The ALC

softball squad played a doubleheader at home on Wednesday against Union College. Alice Lloyd lost the first game 11-3. Tasha Rice went one-for-one in the game with an RBI. Devon Reynolds went two-for-two with a run scored. Tiffany Turner had a hit and a run scored and Sara Meyer had a hit and an RBI. The Lady Eagles lost the second game 16-1. Rice had two hits, Amanda Ribinette and Reynolds each had a hit and Natasha Stratton had a hit and an RBI. The Lady Eagles will travel to Lindsey Wilson today for a doubleheader. TENNIS: The ALC women's tennis team played one match last week, losing to Asbury 9-0 on Saturday. This week the men's and women's teams are scheduled to travel to UVA-Wise on Thursday, Pikeville on Friday, and Berea on Saturday.

APRIL IS NATIONAL BACKPACK SAFETY MONTH
The Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA) designates April as National Backpack Safety Month. This event is designed to help educate parents, children and school officials about the potential dangers of heavy backpacks, and the solutions to this problem. The prevalence of nonspecific back pain increases dramatically during adolescence, from less than 10 percent in the pre-teenage years, up to 50 percent in 15- to 16-year-olds. There is widespread concern that heavy backpacks carried by adolescents contribute to the development of this pain. In a recent study about this issue, 1,122 children, ages 12 to 18 years, completed a questionnaire about their health, activities, and backpack use. Seventy-four percent of the backpack users were classified as having back problems. Adolescents reporting back pain carried significantly heavier packs, which represented a significantly greater percentage of their body weights, as compared with adolescents who had no back pain. Contact your Doctor of Chiropractic about additional information concerning this problem. Brought to you as a community service by Dr. Philip Simpson 1938 Ky. Rt. 321 — Across Highway from New Social Security Building — 886-1416

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OPENING DAY: Cubs 7, Reds 4

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Sammy Sosa couldn't get a hit. Kerry Wood couldn't get past the fifth inning. Big problems? Not for these newly confident Cubs. Corey Patterson homered and Moises Alou doubled with the bases loaded Monday, leading the defending NL Central cham-

pions to a 7-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds. After winning their first division title in 14 years, the Cubs got a good start on their next quest: back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1971-72. "Last year, we were not really sure how good we were," said Patterson, who tore knee ligaments on July 6 and missed the rest of the season. "Since we did

well last year, it builds more confidence. We know everyone is gunning for us." The Reds had another disappointing debut in Great American Ball Park, where 42,122 fans watched a lineup missing Ken Griffey Jr. stumble out of the gate once again. Griffey reluctantly took a few more days to rest a strained calf injured a week ago in Florida. The injury-prone outfielder paced in the dugout with a bat in each hand, but never got to hit. "We played some spring training games without him and we did all right, but you always want a stud like that in your lineup," shortstop Barry Larkin said. Instead, the day belonged to the Cubs, who got little from their top starter and best run producer, but won anyway. "This is a new year, a new opportunity to go all the way," said Alou, who doubled home three runs in the third. "We feel we have the team to do it. We just need a little luck. We feel we're going to win a lot of games." This one opened with a tribute to former Reds owner Marge Schott and a ceremonial first pitch by Vice President Dick Cheney, who wore a bright red jacket on a sunny, 45-degree afternoon. Schott died last month at age 75, ending a tumultuous chapter for baseball's first pro team. Video clips were shown on the scoreboard, and the public address announcer asked for a moment of silence "to honor Marge Schott on this, her favorite day of the year." Cheney got a loud ovation when he stood in the grass in front of the mound, and threw a right-handed strike to crouching Reds catcher Jason LaRue. Four pitches later, LaRue was standing and watching Patterson's homer land in the outfield stands, putting the Cubs

ahead to stay. Patterson also dove for a ball in center, showing no lingering problems from his reconstructive knee surgery. Patterson also opened spring training with a home run. "He's hungry because he missed all the fun last year and wants to be part of it this year," Alou said. Sosa went 0-for-4 with a

walk, failing to get the ball out of the infield in his first three at-bats. He put his mark on the ballpark last season — a dent in the top of the batters' eye in center — but couldn't put his mark on the game. Neither could Wood, who needed 95 pitches to make it through five innings. The right-hander gave up five hits and

four runs, striking out six, and repeatedly worked deep in the count. "I got a little out of whack — not bad," Wood said. "It was first-game adrenaline, opening day and all of that." Alou doubled home three runs in the third inning off Cory (See OPENING, page four)

Sadler wins in Texas, another runner-up for rookie Kahne

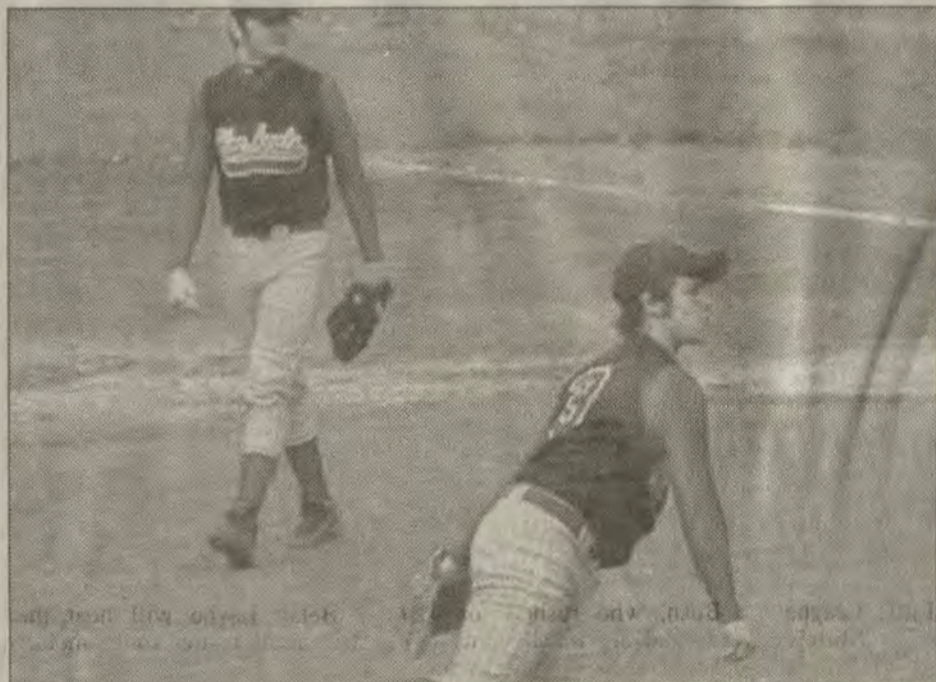
by STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — Elliott Sadler took advantage of another hard-luck moment for Jeff Gordon in Texas, then barely held off rookie Kasey Kahne in an exciting finish Sunday. Sadler's victory in the Samsung/Radio Shack 500 — his second career NASCAR Nextel Cup win — came by two-hundredths of a second over Kahne, the rookie who has three runner-up finishes and a third-place showing in seven races for Ray Evernham. "It's unbelievable," said Sadler, in his second season for Robert Yates Racing. "I've always had a good knack for this track, so a good win is just very, very special." Sadler and Kahne were racing alone at the front of the field, with the rookie trying to get back in the lead for the seventh time. He led 148 laps, but not the one that mattered. Sadler led by a half-second with 10 laps left, but Kahne kept

trimming the space between the two cars. He tried to go high several times in the corners, but never could get back in front. Coming out of the last turn, Kahne made one last push and had his left front panel just alongside the rear of Sadler's Ford as they crossed the finish line around the lapped car of Johnny Sauter. It was the eighth-closest finish in Cup history. "To run second by that much is a little bit disappointing," Kahne said. "We just about got there. We didn't need too much more and we would have been there." Sadler averaged 138.845 mph in the race slowed by seven caution periods that took 45 laps. Twelve drivers led the race, with Sadler topping the field the final 27 laps. Gordon finished third and Dale Earnhardt Jr. was fourth, his fourth top-10 finish at the 1 1/2-mile track where he got his first Cup win four years ago. A week after a runner-up finish at (See SADLER, page four)



The Prestonsburg High baseball team headed back out onto the Knott County Central High field during a game in the East Kentucky Invitational.



The Prestonsburg High School baseball team gained valuable experience during the East Kentucky Invitational wooden bat tournament.

Ratliff leaves high school job, takes assistant job at James Madison

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Spring Valley High School football coach Phil Ratliff has resigned to take an assistant coaching job at James Madison

University. Ratliff, a native of Louisa, informed about a half dozen players and Spring Valley's assistant coaches of his decision Sunday evening. "It's really tough to leave,

especially with the group that's coming back," Ratliff told the Wayne County News. "These kids are special to me and that's the toughest part about all of this. And it's hard to leave my friends and family. But on the other hand, it's exciting." Ratliff will serve as tight ends coach at James Madison and assist with coaching the offensive line. He was an All-America lineman at Marshall University when James Madison coach Mickey Matthews was defensive coordinator for the Thundering Herd. "I'm 33 years old and, if I was ever going to take that step to the next level, I couldn't have asked for a better situation to be going into," said Ratliff, who will also serve as a recruiter for James Madison in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. Ratliff was 22-21 in four seasons at Spring Valley and led the Timberwolves to three playoff appearances. He was to begin his new job Monday afternoon.

Brown another local link to James Madison

Paintsville High School grad Ryan Brown is a freshman at James Madison University. Brown saw action on the gridiron last fall at James Madison as a true freshman, fresh out of high school. The James Madison coaching staff had originally planned to redshirt Brown during his freshman season before opting to play the former Kentucky All-Star in his first semester of college. He is the son of Mike and Sandy Brown. An older brother, Matt, a junior, plays for nearby Pikeville College. — TIMES STAFF REPORT



Josh Dingus, playing in his first game as a Warrior, moved the ball against the midfield defense of Larissa Cybriwsky.

Warriors top Johnson County foe

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County U14 Warriors traveled to the American Standard Plant field on Saturday to take on Johnson County in their first game of the spring season. The rain from the night before had left the field covered with water, but despite the conditions, the Warriors prevailed, winning 5-4. The Johnson County team graciously agreed to play with nine players, since the Floyd County team had several players missing due to Spring Break, and had only nine athletes in uniform. Playing only two forwards, the Warriors pressed the attack and kept the ball in the offensive end of the field most of the first half. The midfield play of Josh Holbrook and Josh Dingus led the Warriors. Despite this aggressive play, the Warriors were unable to capitalize, while the Johnson County team made

its possessions count, leading 1-0 midway through the first half. The game went to halftime tied at 2-2, as Ethan Filowiat and Luke Greene each netted a goal for the Warriors. In the second half, the Johnson County team became the aggressors, and Christian Smith, Taylor Moak, Adam Kimbler and Rob Allen (the defense of the Warriors) worked hard to keep the ball out of the opposing team's goal. Great goalie play from Jackson Osborne stopped several hard shots at the goal, but the forwards from Johnson County were able to convert twice against the Warriors' tough defense. Fortunately, Filowiat had a hot second half, netting three more goals to propel the Warriors to the win. The Warriors will be in action in Pikeville at noon on Saturday against the Pike County Sharks.



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Derby picture becomes even more cluttered

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
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ARCADIA, Calif. — The Kentucky Derby still needs a favorite.

A major Derby prep once again produced an unexpected result when 30-1 long shot Castledale won the Santa Anita Derby on Saturday, leaving racing fans wondering who's the horse to beat at Churchill Downs on May 1.

Castledale, a colt bred in Ireland who just started running on dirt in America, beat top Derby prospects Wimbledon, St. Averil and Imperialism in the final major prep on the West Coast.

After the race, co-owner Frank Lyons couldn't believe his good fortune.

"To go to the Kentucky Derby, the greatest race in the world, with a chance, is unbelievable," he said. "There's no standout this year, that's why we're here."

This week's Derby Prospects list reflects that thinking, which is why Master David — trainer Bobby Frankel's colt who hasn't raced since February — moves in at No. 1 this week, replacing trainer Bob Baffert's Wimbledon.

Master David, winner of the Sham Stakes on Feb. 5 and never off the board in six starts, is set to run in Saturday's Wood Memorial at Aqueduct.

While Louisiana Derby winner Wimbledon could have stamped himself the clear-cut favorite with a victory Saturday — he was fifth — the Santa Anita Derby still has produced three of the last seven Kentucky Derby winners.

As many as six of the seven 3-year-olds from Saturday's race could end up in Louisville — Castledale, Imperialism, Rock

Hard Ten, Quintons Gold Rush, Wimbledon and St. Averil.

Imperialism was in position to win Saturday's 1 1/8-mile race, but Rock Hard Ten drifted inside during the stretch run and forced 21-year-old trainer Kristin Mulhall's colt to check hard before finished third. A stewards' inquiry, though, disqualified Rock Hard Ten and placed him third; Imperialism was moved up to second.

Joining the prospects list for the first time is Pollard's Vision, a two-length winner in Saturday's Illinois Derby. The colt trained by Todd Pletcher is named for Seabiscuit jockey Red Pollard.

Like Pollard, Pollard's Vision cannot see out of his right eye.

Two years ago, War Emblem won the Illinois Derby before his surprise win in the Kentucky Derby.

The biggest prep weekend arrives Saturday, with the Blue Grass, Wood Memorial and Arkansas Derby. Then there's the Lexington Stakes on April 17, a race trainer D. Wayne Lukas has used to produce 1999 Derby winner Charismatic and 2002 runner-up Proud Citizen.

Lukas hasn't been on the Derby trail this year, but he's trying. The Hall of Famer will send out Hasslefree in the Arkansas

Derby. Probables for the Blue Grass include San Felipe winner Preachinathebar, 2-year-old champion Action This Day, Champagne winner Birdstone and Hollywood Futurity winner Lion Heart.

The Wood will feature Master David, Value Plus, Eddington and Sinister G, and the Arkansas Derby boasts unbeaten Smarty Jones.

Eurosilver is off the Derby trail with a gland infection.

The top 10 prospects:

1. Master David (Bobby Frankel, trainer; Edgar Prado, jockey) — Must win Wood to stay here ... Worked six furlongs in 1:12.60 at Hollywood Park last week ... Travels from Hollywood to New York early this week ... Derby future wager odds (pool 3): 18-1.

2. Friends Lake (John Kimmel, Richard Migliore) — Still bidding time at Payson Park in Florida before shipping to Churchill Downs in a few weeks ... Won Florida Derby on March 13 at odds of 37-1 ... Next start: Kentucky Derby ... Odds: 22-1.

3. Value Plus (Todd Pletcher, John Velazquez) — Pletcher nominated record 35 horses for Triple Crown races, and this could be his best ... Florida Derby runner-up ... Next start: Wood ... Odds: 27-1.

4. Reads the Footnotes (Rick Violette Jr., Bailey) — Fourth in

Florida Derby after going all out to win Fountain of Youth four weeks earlier on Feb. 14 ... Still training at Palm Meadows in Florida ... Next start: Kentucky Derby ... Odds: 14-1.

5. Birdstone (Nick Zito, Jerry

Bailey) — Mary Lou Whitney's colt needs string effort in Blue Grass to remain on list ... Worked five furlongs in 1:00.81 at Keeneland on Sunday, second

(See DERBY, page five)

BRIEFS: UConn lives up to preseason No. 1 billing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Led by 24 points from Emeka Okafor and 21 from Ben Gordon, the Connecticut Huskies outclassed Georgia Tech 82-73 to win the national championship.

UConn became the first team since the 1996 Kentucky Wildcats to win the title after being ranked first in the preseason.

n Clyde Drexler was one of six former players, coaches and team executives announced as the newest members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Joining him are Lynette Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and the first female Harlem Globetrotter; coach Bill Sharman, already in the hall as a player; the 1956

NBA rookie of the year, Jerry Colangelo, chairman of the Phoenix Suns; and Drazen Dalipagic, an international star for Yugoslavia.

They will be inducted Sept. 10 in Springfield.

In 1997, Drexler was selected as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players. He is one of three players in league history to accumulate 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists.

VOLLEYBALL: Betsy Layne downs MCA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — In volleyball action Monday evening at the Dome, the host Betsy Layne Elementary Ladycats faced the MCA Lady Falcons. Betsy Layne prevailed in the A-team match, but dropped the B-team meeting.

MCA handed the Betsy Layne B-team its first loss of the season. In the B-team match, MCA won the first frame 21-17. Betsy Layne took the second frame, 21-16. MCA took the third and decisive game 15-13.

The Ladycat A-team swept its match, winning 21-18, 21-7.

Betsy Layne is coached by Jim Roberts. He is assisted by Betsy Layne High Volleycat Breann Akers and Bernice Trimble.

The Ladycats were back in action last night, hosting Allen Central Middle. Results were unavailable at press time. Betsy Layne will host Adams Middle on Thursday.

Sadler

Bristol, Rusty Wallace was fifth, stretching his winless drought to 105 races.

Kahne led when he took his Dodge into the pits on the 262nd lap. Just after he got back on the track, and before Gordon and Sadler had pitted, Ward Burton spun on the backstretch to bring out the caution.

Staying on the lead lap only after getting the free pass under yellow, Kahne restarted eighth. Gordon and Sadler were 1-2.

There were three more caution flags before the final restart on the 302nd of 334 laps. Gordon and Sadler maintained the lead and Kahne was seventh.

Six laps later, Gordon suddenly fell off the pace because of an electrical problem. By time he switched to his backup battery, Gordon had slipped to fourth behind Sadler, Earnhardt and Kahne.

Opening

Lidle, who took the loss in his first opening-day start, Joe Borowski got three outs for the save, polishing off an upbeat opener for a team trying to shad its legacy as lovable losers.

Only five outs from their first World Series appearance since 1945, the Cubs imploded last season. Instead of merely moping for five months, they improved the lineup and rotation, aiming to finally break out.

"All the things they say about Chicago is going to be over pretty soon," Sosa said before the game.

The Reds are just aiming for respectability in their second season at Great American Ball Park. Fans staged a near-mutiny last year when they moved into the taxpayer-financed park, traded stars to save money and lost 93 games.

Owner Carl Lindner was booed when he walked onto the field before the game, a measure of the lingering discontent. Lindner slashed \$15 million off last year's payroll — it's now around \$42 million — leaving little hope of a quick turnaround.

It probably was the last home opener for Larkin, who turns 40 later this month and expects to retire after the season. He went 0-for-4 with a walk in his 17th Cincinnati opener, matching Pete Rose and Bid McPhee for most in franchise history.

Notes: The Cubs have played 34 season openers against the Reds, the most against any opponent, going 19-15. ... Manager Dusty Baker decided to bat IB Derrek Lee sixth after consulting the newcomer before the game. Baker tinkered with his lineup during spring training, looking for the right combination. ... The Reds lost the inaugural game at their new park to

Slugger Museum displays bat held by Ruth

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A new addition to the Louisville Slugger Museum is a bat Babe Ruth may have used to hit his last home run with the New York Yankees.

The bat was unveiled Saturday by Erin and Kellie Frazer, the daughters of the man who owned it for two decades.

The bat has an authentic Ruth signature with the handwritten date "9/29/34."

On that day, Ruth hit his 22nd and last home run of the year, going 2-for-4 in the first game of a doubleheader against the Washington Senators. Ruth did not play in the second game that day and went hitless in the final game of the season the next day.

Ruth was traded to the Boston Braves in 1935 and hit six home runs in 28 games that

season. Ruth was elected to the baseball Hall of Fame in 1936. His 714 career home runs stood as the major-league record until Hank Aaron broke it in 1974.

Dave Bushing, a Chicago area sports collectibles authenticator and appraiser who examined the bat, estimated its value at \$150,000. Bushing said it is one of possibly six authentically autographed Ruth bats known to exist.

Cheryl Frazer held back tears at the downtown museum Saturday as her daughters pulled a black veil off the glass case that contains the bat.

It had belonged to the girls' father, George Frazer, Jr., who died in 1992 at age 30. Family members said Frazer had an inoperable heart defect.

(See SLUGGER, page five)

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VARIOUS SITES

April 7

Hazard-Knox Central	11 AM
Simon Kenton-Cawood	1:30 PM
Breckinridge County-Menifee County	2 PM
Knox Central-Cawood	4:00 PM
Perry County Central-Menifee County	5 PM
Simon Kenton-Leslie County	5:30 PM
Johnson Central-Whitesburg	8 PM

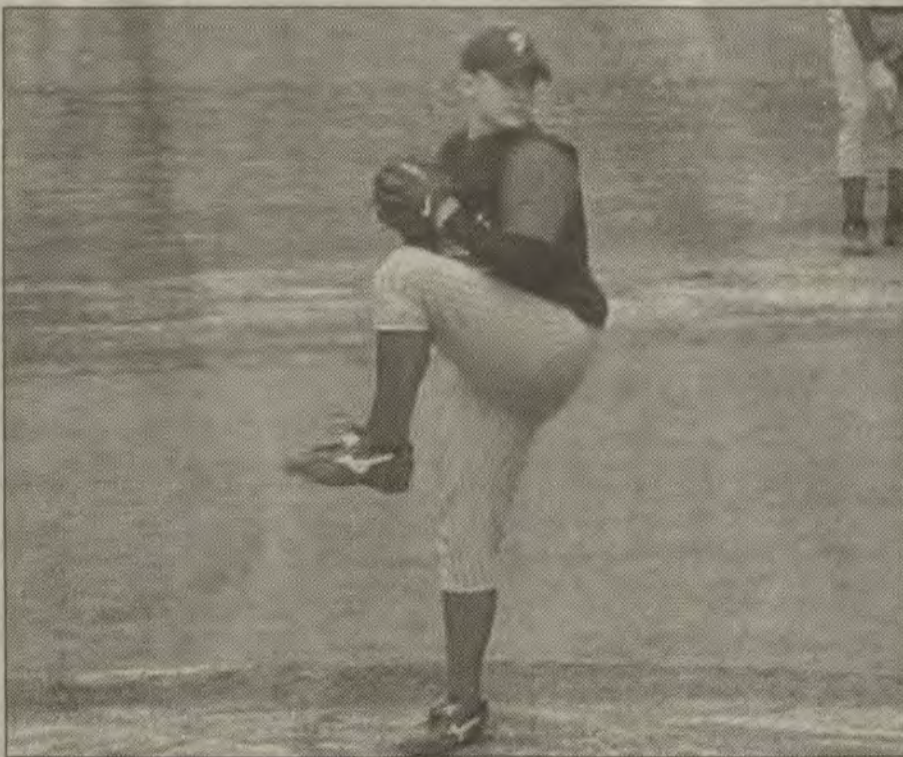
April 8

Hazard-Cawood	11 AM
Hazard-Simon Kenton	1:30 PM
Breckinridge County-Johnson Central	2 PM
Whitesburg-Menifee County	5 PM
Knox Central-Leslie County	7:30 PM

April 9

Menifee County-Johnson Central	12:30 PM
Perry County Central-Johnson Central	12:30 PM
Leslie County-Hazard	4:30 PM
Leslie County-Cawood	7:30 PM

Josh Rodebaugh took to the mound on a couple different occasions during the East Kentucky Invitational. Rodebaugh has been a spark for Prestonsburg early on.



Schott honored in Reds' opening day parade

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Crowds lining the route of the traditional Cincinnati Reds' opening day parade on Monday watched the procession without one of its long-time leaders, former Reds' majority owner Marge Schott.

Schott, 75, died on March 2. She served as the parade's grand marshal for years.

"She was a great lady," said John Marshall, 37, a service station owner who marched in the parade with his son, Jordan, 9, and his friend, James Cannon.

Both boys wore their baseball gloves. James said he hoped to catch a foul ball at Monday's game against the Chicago Cubs. Red was the dominant color for the marching bands, fire engines and strollers in the downtown parade.

As part of the tribute to Schott, parade organizers retired her Reds jacket. The jacket, encased in a \$700 frame, was

carried along the parade route.

Schott's sisters rode in her place during the parade and 21 St. Bernard dogs marched in her memory. An elephant used its trunk to sound the siren that was traditionally sounded by Schott as the official start of the parade.

Schott was known for doting on her St. Bernard and regularly rubbing dog hair on her managers and players for good luck. Her contributions to the Cincinnati Zoo helped build a new elephant display facility opened in 2000.

Merchants of Findlay Market, an open air market in operation since 1852, sponsored the parade, traditionally held an hour before the Reds' season opener.

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No clear favorite in final Derby pool

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The mutual field was the top betting choice in the third and final pool of the 2004 Kentucky Derby future wager.

The wagering interest that includes all three-year-olds other than the pool's remaining 22 individual horses was a 6-1 choice when wagering closed at 6:30 p.m. EST Sunday. The result marked

the first time in the wager's six-year history that "all others" was favored in the final pool.

The future wager allows betting on Kentucky Derby and Oaks contenders weeks in advance at longer odds than what may be available the day of the race.

Derby pool betting was suspended on Eurosilver, who was the second choice in the first Derby pool. Trainer Nick Zito said

the colt won't run in the Derby because of lingering effects of a gland infection.

The mutual field has always been the favorite after the first Derby pool, but an individual horse has always emerged as the top choice by the third pool.

Smarty Jones, an unbeaten son of Elusive Quality, had the best odds among individual entries, at 10-1. The second choice was the Bobby Frankel-trained Master David, whose odds improved from 18-1 to 12-1 by the close of the pool on Sunday.

A total of \$1,282,168 was wagered on this year's future pool. The Derby is May 1.

In the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager, Halfbridled was listed as the 4-1 favorite despite scratching from Saturday's Ashland Stakes with muscle cramps. Trainer Richard Mandella said he was still pointing the reigning two-year-old filly champion to the Oaks on April 30.

On the Net:
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Schedule

is still being finalized.

The second session, to be played on Saturday, Dec. 11, will feature a mix of area, state and national boys' basketball talent.

In all, five games will be played on the second day. Boys' basketball matchups will include Paintsville-Harlan; Cawood-Betsy Layne; South Floyd-Oak Hill Academy Red Team and Lexington Catholic-Male.

Kent Thacker of the Kentucky Farm Bureau office in Pikeville was instrumental in

getting the new sponsor in place for the Warrior Classic.

Hurley working on schedule

East Ridge boys' basketball coach James Hurley is busy working on a schedule for the 2004-05 season. After capturing the school's first regional basketball championship, Hurley's squad won't get much rest in the season after. One game on the 2004-05 slate will put East Ridge on the road, traveling to

Lexington Catholic to take on the Knights. East Ridge is also leaning toward participating in a tournament in Las Vegas.

Locally, East Ridge has picked up games against 15th Region foes Paintsville and Johnson Central.

"We've added a lot more regional games," said Hurley. "We'll play a competitive schedule."

HAP Little League gets first pitch Monday

ALLEN — Harold-Allen-Prater will get the 2004 season underway Monday. HAP Little League plans to honor area veterans all next week. Floyd County veterans will throw out first pitches all week, prior to the start of HAP Little League games.

Girls' softball

The HAP Little League girls' softball division will have a meeting Saturday at Betsy Layne High School. Anyone who has signed up or wishes to sign up for the upcoming season needs to be present at the meeting.

Blanton, Eagle bats beat Betsy Layne

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The first game of the season resulted in a shutout loss for the Betsy Layne High baseball team Saturday when the Bobcats played on the road at Johnson Central.

The Bobcats, coached by Duran Newsome, could get no offense going in a 10-0 loss.

Betsy Layne managed to just two hits in the loss.

Johnson Central junior pitcher Adam Blanton, a player who started over the summer for the Huntington Hounds, was the winning pitcher. In four innings of work, Blanton fanned four Bobcat batters and allowed just one hit.

host Tug Valley, W.Va. Results of both games were unavailable at press time.

In other area action yesterday evening, Allen Central was set to host Johnson Central and Prestonsburg was on the road at Shelby Valley. Results of those games were also unavailable at press time.

Prestonsburg falls to Knott Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN — Michael Morrison and Jarred McGuire each collected two hits Saturday against host Knott County Central and Prestonsburg mustered four runs, but it wasn't enough. Knott Central, after a slow start, got going and went on to beat Prestonsburg 7-4 on the final day of play in the East Kentucky Invitational wooden bat baseball tournament.

In the setback, senior John Mark Stephens drove in two runs

for Prestonsburg.

The Blackcats enjoyed a lead through more than half of the game.

Prestonsburg began the game with two runs in the first inning. The Blackcats came through with two more runs in the third inning and led 4-1 through four innings.

Knott Central batters clicked in the fifth inning, scoring five runs. The Patriots had another run in the sixth inning.

The bottom half of the Blackcat batting order went down in order, one-, two-, three, in the final inning.

Derby

Continued from p4

fastest of 25 going the same distance ... Odds: 15-1.

6. Preachinathebar (Bob Baffert, Javier Santiago) — Rounding into form at the right time for owner Mike Pegram, who won the 1998 Derby and Preakness with Real Quiet ... Impressive winner of San Felipe on March 14 ... Next start: Blue Grass ... Odds: 22-1.

7. Imperialism (Kristin Mulhall, Victor Espinoza) — Did nothing to hurt his status in Santa Anita Derby ... Closer did well to find room along the rail before being cut off by Rock Hard Ten ... Next start: Kentucky Derby ... Odds 14-1.

8. Pollard's Vision (Pletcher, Eibar Coa) — Beware the Illinois Derby winner ... Win comes after

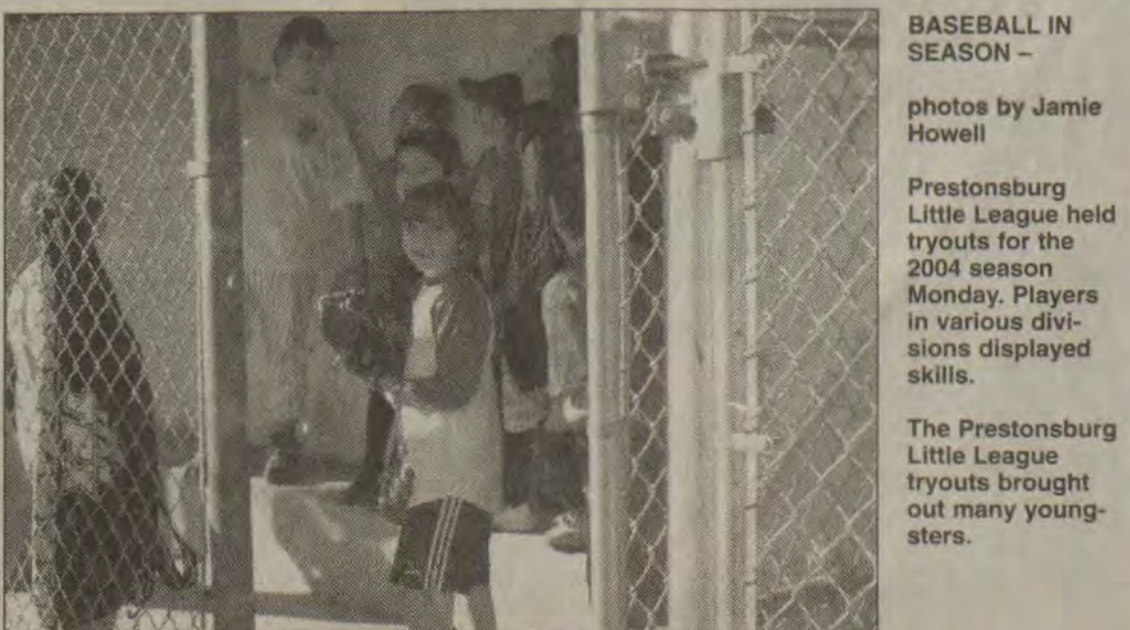
solid third-place effort in Louisiana Derby ... Coa replaced regular rider Velazquez for Illinois Derby ... Next start: Kentucky Derby ... Odds: 7-1 (mutuel field).

9. Wimbledon (Baffert; Santiago) — Baffert said big, gray colt was too close to pace in Santa Anita Derby ... Still headed to Churchill despite fifth-place finish ... Next start: Kentucky Derby ... Odds: 12-1.

10. Smarty Jones (John Servis, Stewart Elliott) — This guy is undefeated — 5-for-5 ... Has yet to win graded stakes, but coming off win in Rebel at Oaklawn Park ... Next start: Arkansas Derby ... Odds: 10-1.

Keep in mind: Action This Day, Castledale, Eddington, Lion Heart, The Cliff's Edge.

Prestonsburg Little League



BASEBALL IN SEASON —

photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg Little League held tryouts for the 2004 season Monday. Players in various divisions displayed skills.

The Prestonsburg Little League tryouts brought out many youngsters.

WYMT BASKETBALL ALL-REGION TEAMS

BOYS

13TH REGION

Guard - Aaron Cash, Rockcastle County
Guard - Chris Mills, Knox Central
Forward - Blake Hubbs, Cawood
Forward - David Vance, Barbourville
Center - Rodney Mitchell, Clay County
Sixth Man - Chaz Bargo, Knox Central
Coach of the Year - Dinkie Phipps, Barbourville
Player of the Year - David Vance, Barbourville

14TH REGION

Guard - Daniel Combs, Perry County Central
Guard - Tyson Gross, Owsley County
Forward - Al Holland Jr., Perry County Central
Forward - Jason Miller, Breathitt County
Center - Steve Sizemore, Hazard
Sixth Man - Lamar Williams, Hazard
Coach of the Year - Brian Hall, Breathitt County
Player of the Year - Steve Sizemore, Hazard

15TH REGION

Guard - Seth Kiser, Shelby Valley
Guard - Brandon Ratliff, East Ridge
Forward - Robbie Spears, East Ridge
Forward - Peyton Conley, Paintsville
Center - Chase Lyons, Pike Central
Sixth Man - Mike Walters, Johnson Central
Coach of the Year - James Hurley, East Ridge
Player of the Year - Seth Kiser, Shelby Valley

Mountain Player of the Year - David Vance, Barbourville
Mountain Coach of the Year - Kevin Spurlock, Hazard

GIRLS

13TH REGION

Center - Sarah Elliott, Jackson County
Guard - Johnna Abney, Rockcastle County
Guard - Tarah Rowe, Rockcastle County
Forward - Heather Hammond, Rockcastle County
Forward - Jamie Gilbert, Clay County
Super Sub - Jayme Bonza, Corbin
Coach of the Year - Chrysti Noble, Rockcastle County
Player of the Year - Sarah Elliott, Jackson County

14TH REGION

Center - Camille Cook, Whitesburg
Guard - Polly Sebastian, Perry County Central
Guard - Whitney Hogg, Whitesburg
Forward - Heather Benton, Leslie County
Forward - Austin McIntosh, Owsley County
Super Sub - Brittany Baker, Perry County Central
Coach of the Year - Dickie Adams, Whitesburg
Player of the Year - Polly Sebastian, Perry County Central

15th Region

Center - Becky Thomas, Allen Central
Guard - Kim Clark, Betsy Layne
Guard - Haley Ratliff, Pike Central
Forward - Whitney Lykens, Betsy Layne
Forward - Anna Bevens, Belfry
Super Sub - Vickie Hall, Belfry
Coach of the Year - Tammy Tussey, Pike Central
Player of the Year - Whitney Lykens, Betsy Layne

Mountain Player of the Year - Sarah Elliott, Jackson County
Mountain Coach of the Year - Chrysti Noble, Rockcastle County

Slugger

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He "loved the bat," but the family never knew its value, historical or financial, Cheryl Frazer said.

Frazer, a Simpsonville, S.C., nurse, said the bat was given to her husband in 1972 by a niece of Hall of Fame pitcher Walter Johnson. The woman worked as a secretary for Frazer's father.

Frazer's sister, Susan Frazer Lulman, said her brother kept the bat on a shelf in his bedroom when the family lived in Springfield, Va.

George Frazer, Jr. and his family eventually settled in Simpsonville and the bat ended up in a closet. It remained there after he died.

Cheryl Frazer's parents, Ken and Pat Boyd, recently stopped at a visitors' center in northern Kentucky and saw a Louisville Slugger display with a replica of a Ruth bat. The museum already has a cracked bat used by Ruth in the 1920s. It has 21 notches carved by the slugger for each home run he hit with it.

The Boyds told an attendant at the visitors' center about the bat their daughter had. The museum was contacted, which led to the appraisal by Bushing.

The museum will keep the bat for at least two years. Cheryl Frazer said she'll then sell it to pay for her daughters' college educations. Kellie is 11 and Erin is 14.

Information from: The Courier-Journal, <http://www.courier-journal.com>

NCAA Tournament

FINAL FOUR

At The Alamodome

San Antonio Semifinals
Saturday, April 3
Georgia Tech 67, Oklahoma St. 65
Connecticut 79, Duke 78
Championship
Monday, April 5
Connecticut 82, Georgia Tech 73

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POISON OAK

A plague upon us!

They're back!
Well, not yet, but soon those little beady, reddish-orange eyes will be peering from every horizontal green thing that grows.

Was that a fast 17 years, or what?
Of course, we're talking about the return of the periodical cicada, or as the old folks say, the 17-year locusts.



Clyde Pack

They last came calling back in 1987, and pretty much did a number on just about every small bush and shrub standing as the females laid their eggs in the small, tender twigs. Apparently, the

dogwood is a favorite target, because they left ours in shambles.

Since they'll start reappearing about the middle of May and hang around through July, the biblical story of how God set the plague of locusts upon the Pharaoh, will no doubt be retold many times.

"And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night, and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts." (Exodus 10:13)

I can remember my Dad quoting that verse, followed by the explanation that the noise made by the locusts (or in our case, the cicadas) sounded as if they

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KIM'S KORNER

Culture 'Shock'

This past weekend I think I could have set up a tent and just camped out at the MAC.

Friday night the Father-in-law bought Spouse and I tickets to go along with he and Dixie to see Ralph Stanley.

Guess he thought I needed some more "bluegrass culture" in my life, and it was a first for me to see Ralph and his band live. Melvin Goins opened for Ralph Stanley, and boy, did that bring back the memories.



Kim Frasure

I reflected on the days of past at Osborne Elementary when Melvin and company used to don the stage. I hadn't thought about those little concerts in many a year, I tell you.

And ol' Melvin can still kick up a heel now and then. Maybe not as high as back in the day, but hey, he's still goin', pickin' and grinin'!

Regardless of my taste in music, I couldn't help but tap a foot every now and then. And the father-in-law was quick to point out that I was tapping to the beat. Ralph and his band did a really good job on the song, "Man of Constant Sorrow," and yes, I admit, it was probably the only one I recognized, but still, like I told Spouse, however good it was Friday night, NOBODY and

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Child abuse: A matter of fact Abused children usually do not tell

by PETER O. SAMPLES
STATE CHAIRMAN AND CEO

To a child, the fear of the unknown may be more frightening than the abuse itself. Children often will try to hide their injuries in an attempt to protect the abuser, especially if the abuser is a parent or caretaker.

The child may feel that the punishment received was deserved or that the

abuser will be punished or removed from the home if the abuse is discovered. The child may believe that he or she will be removed from the home if the abuse is reported.

In the same way, other family members may try to protect an abusive parent or pretend that the abuse is not occurring. The occurrence of the abuse within a home does not mean that strong bonds do not exist between

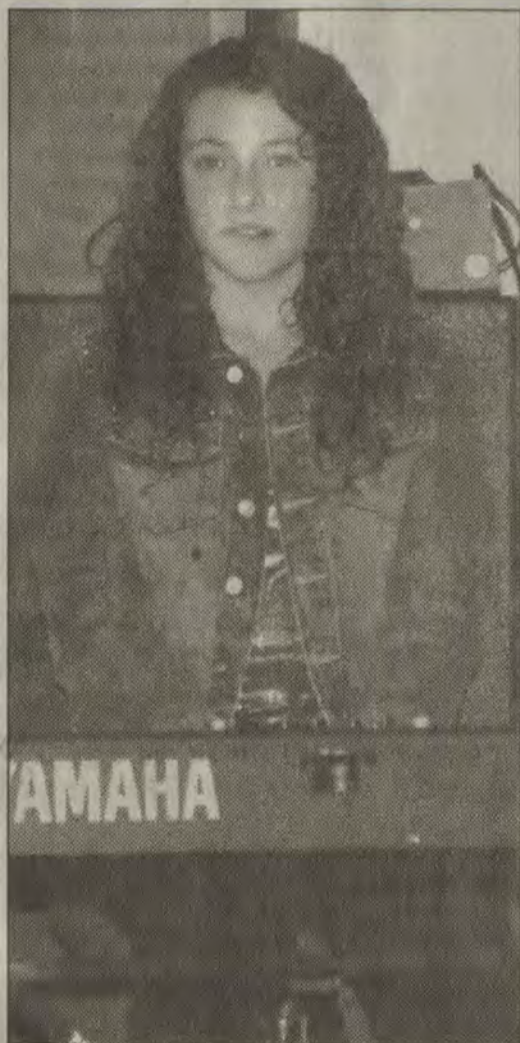
family members. Fear of the severe punishment or breakup of the family unit may prevent the reporting of abuse. Sexual abuse is often accompanied by threats of violence or retaliation if the abuse were to be reported.

The child is made to feel responsible for the abuse and any action which may take place as a result of reporting the abuse. Many children simply do not trust that anyone will believe them

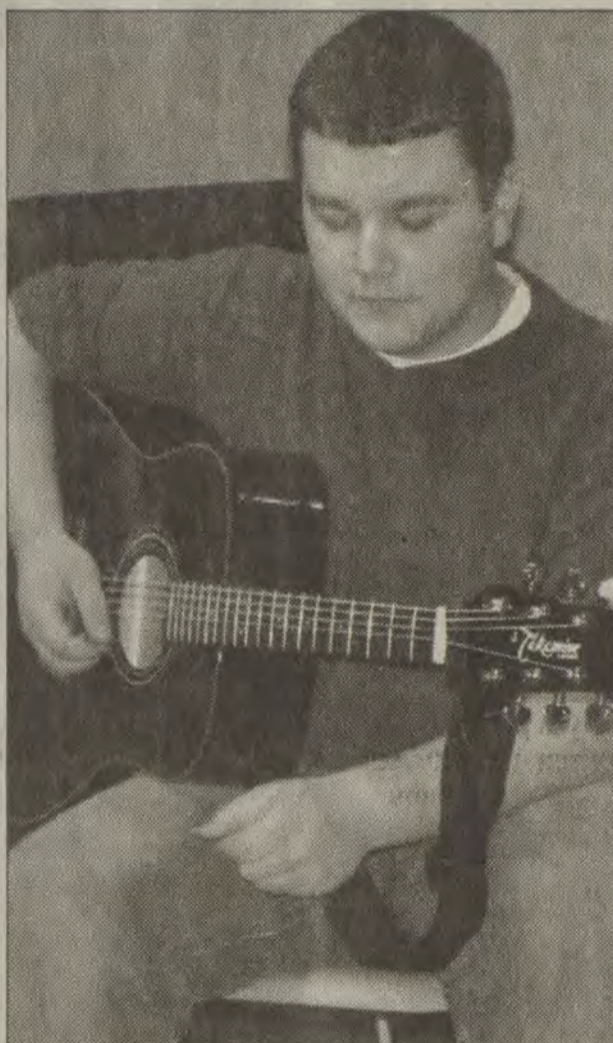
or listen to them if they report the abuse.

To obtain assistance in reporting child abuse or neglect, or obtain information on how to help prevent it, please call our hotline number at 1-800-468-8920. Reports of child abuse may be made directly to the Cabinet of Health and Family Services' Hotline at 1-800-752-6200 or the Kentucky State Police Hotline at 1-800-222-5555.

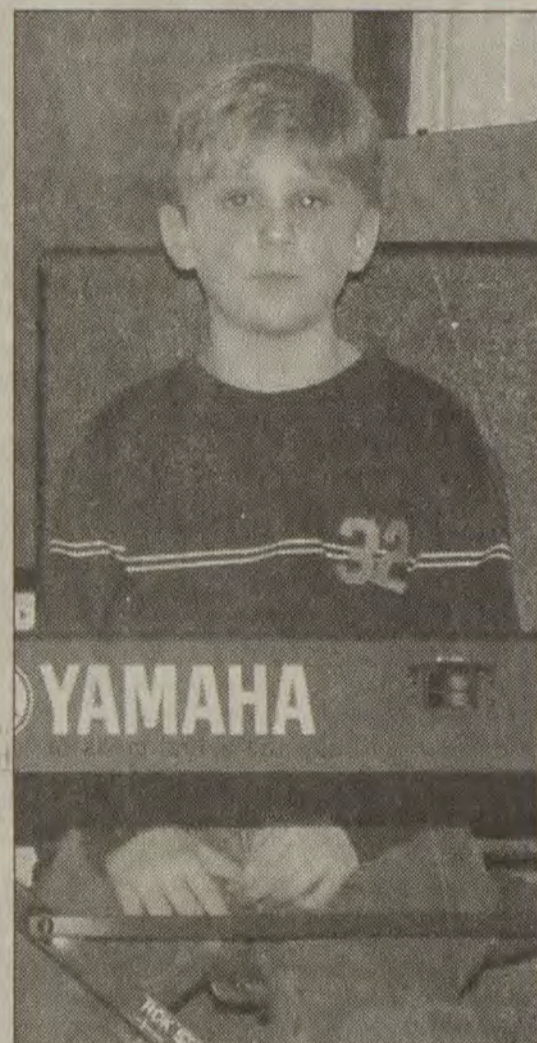
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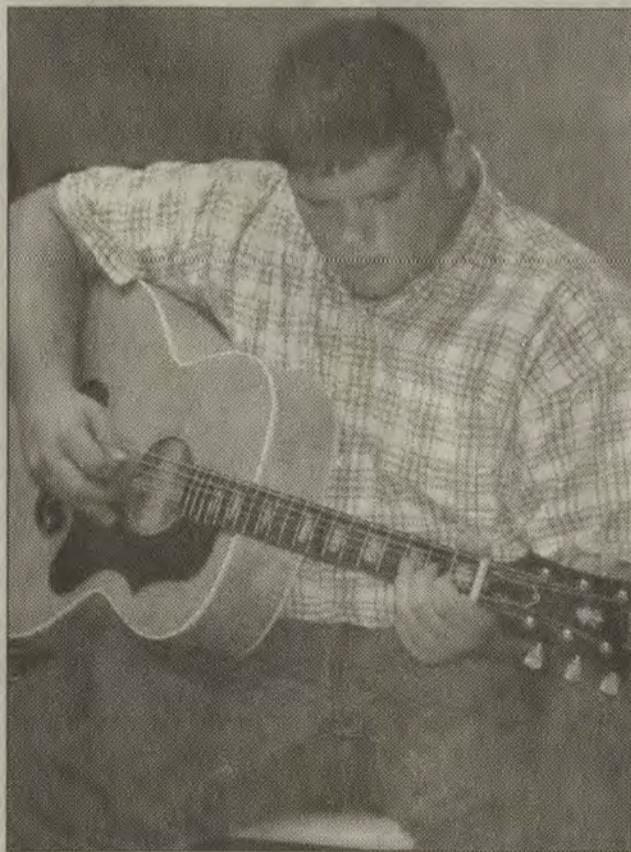
★ Hannah Fitzpatrick



★ Joshua Shepherd



★ Nicholas Hites



★ Tom Britt

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS

The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros recently held auditions exclusively for instrumentalists at the Mountain Arts Center. Several talented young people from the area auditioned, representing their respective counties proudly and well. The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros is a musical group founded by Billie Jean Osborne in an effort to help identify and promote the talents of Eastern Kentucky youth. The Junior Pros are now recognized

widely as a unique and impressive group of young singers and musicians. They are comprised of students ranging from elementary school age to college. These young people represent several counties in the Eastern Kentucky region. The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros appear regularly as an opening act for the Kentucky Opry at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, as well as headlining performances for regional groups and even

national dignitaries, most recently President George W. Bush. Floyd County youngsters who recently auditioned for the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros instrumentalist positions were Hannah Fitzpatrick, Nicholas Hites, Joshua Shepherd and Tom Britt. For more information about the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros, the Kentucky Opry or the Mountain Arts Center and its arts programs, call 889-9125, or toll-free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS (1-888-622-2787).

CRITTER CORNER

Easter tales and trials

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,
DVM

The symbols of Easter are all about new life. Daffodils, eggs, bunnies, chicks and ducklings are everywhere you look. Children are captivated by this concept, whether they are hearing the Easter story or looking for brightly colored eggs hidden in a tall clump of grass.

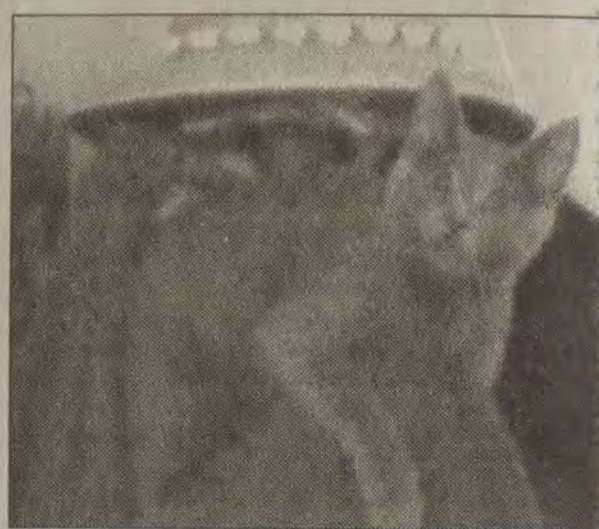
Symbols are important to all of us. I love the rituals of the Church this time of year as the heaviness of Lent ends, the altar

is covered in its white cloth and Easter lilies, and the hymns are full of joy. During my brief tenure as a Sunday School teacher (a job I was not cut out for!), I relied heavily on symbolism and object lessons whenever possible. It's easier to talk to kids about death and resurrection while you are planting seeds in the ground and waiting for them to begin their new life in a different way. I don't know of anything more useful than an egg to explain the Trinity—the idea that the yolk, white and

shell are three different parts that make up one whole. Anyway, one of the ways that Easter symbols are used bothers me and has for years. I always mean to write something about it, but somehow never get around to it. This year I am making a point to address the issue. I am referring to the sale of live rabbits and chicks as pets.

Don't take this wrong. I love rabbits, and have had several as

(See CRITTER, page eight)



No, it isn't exactly the Easter Bunny hiding beneath that springtime bonnet, but "Henry," a frisky little fella owned by Katbird Isaac, of Martin, may be thinking he can fool a couple of us, anyway. Kelly Adam, associate professor, BSCTCS, shares that Henry "is the apple of Katbird's eye." Looking at this handsome guy, we can see why!

School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Apr. 17 - Community Baby Shower, Mt. Arts Center, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. FREE to all Floyd County expectant parents or parents with children up to 1 year of age. Mini-workshops, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags, refreshments. Sponsored by various community agencies.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" at Mt. Arts Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9 a.m. FREE to all Floyd County parents. Information, fun, door prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate to the rec room, please call the center.

■ 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

■ 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 referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

**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

■ 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

■ 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:

■ 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. 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

*Character Education words for the month of April - Caring & Helpfulness.

PES wants to THANK everyone for helping us reach our goal of \$400,000 in Food City receipts!!

■ April 8 - Image Photo Company will be at the school to take springtime class pictures. If you would like to purchase a photo of your child's class, the purchase price is \$7. You must pre-pay for the photo the day the picture is taken.

■ April 9 - FRC Summer Camp registration. Summer Child Care Camp will be held June 21-July 16. Total fee is \$190. A \$95 (non-refundable) deposit is required on the day of registration.

■ April 13 - "Connecting with Kids" will be shown on WYMT-TV. Topic: "Silent Epidemic."

■ April 17 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(April 13 and April 15, 1994)

Lawsuit settlements of more than \$200,000 pushed the city of Prestonsburg into a deficit situation at the close of fiscal 1993, even though the actual costs of litigation weren't incurred until this year. An audit detailing city finances for the 1992-93 fiscal year, accepted Monday evening, by council, suggested the city ended the year with a deficit totaling \$12,076...Chickens will be banned from the city; dogs will no longer be allowed to run loose; and there could be a shift in the leadership in the police department after Monday's meeting of the Allen City Commission...Prestonsburg firefighters will be taking to the hills in their new fireengine red ATVs (all-terrain vehicles), but it won't be for pleasure. The ATVs are the latest rescue equipment acquired by the Prestonsburg Fire Department. The two four-wheelers will be used mainly for hillside rescue operations...A cocaine distribution ring, which stretched from Florida to Kentucky, has been cracked after a three-year investigation and a Floyd County man has been indicted on a federal drug charge...A 17-year-old Banner teen, died Monday evening, from injuries she received in a two-vehicle car accident, earlier Monday. Melissa Lynn May died at Pikeville Methodist Hospital at approximately 10 p.m...Test is a four-letter word. But it's not the kind of four-letter word you might imagine. Not anymore, anyway. In fact, many Floyd County students and their schools are pretty excited about a series of tests that begin next week...Area residents took steps to prevent child abuse, on Blue Ribbon Day, April 14, by participating in the "Our Promise to the Future" walk at Prestonsburg Community College...The Second Annual Heritage on the Hill Day at the Betsy Layne High School, set for Wednesday, April 20, promises to be an event where senior citizens and teenagers teach each other a thing or two about their shared mountain heritage...An area bank warned Big Sandy residents this week about a potential credit card scam. Matewan BancShares has received several calls from its customers complaining that a company had been calling their homes and telling them to send a blank or voided check to receive a preapproved credit card from the company...Chris Cox, an eight-year old boy was injured, Tuesday evening, when he apparently crashed his bicycle into a vehicle at Pageant Hills at Martin...The Big Sandy Coal Mining Institute will host the 17th Annual Coal Mining Seminar on April 21 and 22 at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center...While most people

took Wednesday's spring weather as an opportunity to get a jump on doing yard work, residents of lower Garrett could only watch their yards being covered by backwater...Present and future customers hooked on to an extension of Martin's sewer system, will be asked to ante up a hefty tap fee, as a part of an agreement between the city council and Mountain Christian Academy...There died: Bennie Gene Conn, 61, of Garrett, Sunday, April 10, at his residence; Hershell Jarrell, 78, of Bay View, Ohio, a native of Whitehouse, Wednesday, April 6, at the Lutheran Memorial Home in Sandusky, Ohio; Frank Little Jr., 40, of Lockport, Illinois, Sunday, April 3, at Silver Cross Hospital; Palmer Keith Lowe, 54, of Felicity, Ohio, formerly of Eastern, Wednesday, April 6, at the Anderson Mercy Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio; Anse Mullins, 77, of Jonancy, Wednesday, April 6, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Sheila Frasure, 28, of Grethel, Monday, April 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Goldie Campbell Wright, 58, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, April 6, at Orlando, Florida, Regional Medical Center; Melissa Lynn Hollifield May, 17, of Banner, Monday, April 11, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Bruce Moore, 37, of Price, Friday, April 8, at the University of Cincinnati; Glenn Caudill, 53, of Andrews, Indiana, Tuesday evening, at the Huntington, Indiana, Memorial Hospital; Harvey (June) Johnson, 74, of Kite, Wednesday, April 13, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Erma L. Mayo, 82, of Winchester, Friday, March 25, at the Clark Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 18, 1984)

Solid waste rates were raised \$2 a month after creditors pressured the Floyd County Solid Waste Inc. for payment of its bills...A fire swept through Hall & Couch Dollar Store and Jack's Restaurant at Wheelwright, destroying both businesses...Jerry Ray Johnson, 27, of Teaberry, became the twelfth Kentucky miner to die in a mining accident...Governor Martha Layne Collins vetoed a state budget addition that would have made \$2.5 million available for construction of another classroom block at Prestonsburg Community College...A slate dump at the head of Clear Creek will be reclaimed with federal funds...Bobby McGuffey, convicted in the death in 1983, of Glenda Sharon Marshall, was sentenced to a life term in prison...There died: Isaac Caudill Sr., 81, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at the Humana University Hospital in Louisville; Carmelene Deskins Dale, 66, of Highland

Terrace, April 10, at Mercy Medical Center, in Ohio; Ella Tussey, 91, of Risner, Thursday, at her home; Bernard Little, 55, of Hi Hat, Monday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lucy Sellards Reed, 69, of Endicott, April 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Harold Ousley, 60, of Martin, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Earnest Hager, 69, of East Point, April 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elmer Rice of Banner, Sunday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; and Minnie Jarrell Akers, 87, of Dana, Wednesday, April 11, at her home.

Thirty Years Ago

(April 17, 1974)

A move by the Huntington District Corps of Engineers to cancel leases of three persons who have built cabins overlooking Dewey Lake, in the Clark Branch area, drew spirited opposition last week, and the cottage-owners found allies this week in members of the Kentucky and West Virginia delegations to Congress...Floyd Countians have already responded with several hundred dollars in contributions for the relief of those who suffered losses from storms earlier this month...The lure of higher pay at strip mining, has drawn the City's bulldozer owner-operator from his work of covering garbage accumulations at the city dump on the old Middle Creek road near here, and for three weeks a mountainous mass of waste has piled up...Johnny Heinze and Mike Meade, members of the 1973 football squad at Prestonsburg High School, have been named to the Prep All-American Football Honor Roll for the year, it was announced, recently, by the editors of Coach and Athlete magazine...Forty-nine persons were jailed here, Saturday, and Sunday, and Sheriff Joe W. Lewis said a large percentage of these followed an apparent "spree" being indulged in by some who thought his recent illness made it safe for them to "turn on"...There died: Fed Allen, 80, of Hunter, April 8, at Paintsville; Ray Foster, 55, of Drift, last Wednesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Rod Hall, 87, Friday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, and his wife, Frances, 85, there the following day. They were residents of Grethel; Oscar Thompson, 74, of Weeksbury, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Dortha S. Sutterfield, 56, formerly of Prestonsburg, April 7, at Ft. Thomas, Ky.; Mrs. Julia Cooley Ruiz, formerly of this county, April 9, in Indiana; Roosevelt Auxier, 70, native of East Point, April 6, at his home at Whites Creek, West Virginia.

Forty Years Ago

(April 23, 1964)

Between 25 and 30 homes in the McDowell area are without water; some wells as much as 100 feet deep have gone dry, and some householders have been forced to use waters from nearby coal openings as a result of a recent severe water shortage...Clean-up Month, April 15 to May 15, is being observed in Prestonsburg, and Mrs. Mary Jane Harkins, general chairman of the drive, here, said unemployed fathers, now at work under city sponsorship, are helping with clean-up activities...County Attorney Barkley J. Sturgill said this week, that easements for the Right Beaver Creek clearing and snagging project is approximately 95 percent complete...Site preparation for a housing development, to be located on the land formerly occupied by the old Eureka Coal Company mining camp near the New Lancer Addition, and which eventually may involve the expenditure of more than \$450,000 has been completed by C. R. Hatton, Prestonsburg insurance man...Ten Floyd County girls will compete for the title of Miss Floyd County, May 16, at the new Jenny Wiley State Park amphitheatre. This year's contestants are Helen Wells, Prestonsburg; Joan Hicks, Maytown; Rita Kay Spurlock, Drift; Sallye Hill, Prestonsburg; Ann Ryan, Martin; Brenda Horn, Prestonsburg; Judy Ratliff, Drift; Brenda Milligan, Prestonsburg; Brenda Patton, Allen, and Susie Wells, of David...Dr. Herbert G. Salisbury scored a hole-in-one at the Paintsville Country club, last Sunday, on the par. 3 No. 6 hole...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, of Huntington, W.Va., a son, April 16, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jenkins, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, April 19, at a Paintsville hospital...There died: Homer Glenn Tackett, 27, of East McDowell, April 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Grady Woods, 36, of Cliff, Tuesday, at Martin; Harrison Griffith, 80, of Garrett, Monday, at the home of a daughter, at Dema; Burl Boyd, 61, of Hueysville, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Clarence Sexton, 63, Wednesday, at his home at Printer.

Fifty Years Ago

(April 22, 1954)

The first person to be slain in this county in eight months is Mrs. Sadie Halbert, 32, of Printer, who died at a Martin hos-

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Weddings



Elliott-Mullins

Kristen Danyail Elliott, the daughter of Cloyd and Jo Elliott, of Proce, and the late Anita Elliott Frasure, and John Melvin "Jay" Mullins II, the son of Jeannie Mullins, of Staffordsville, and John Mullins, of Hunter, will unite in marriage on Saturday, May 29, 2004, in a ceremony that will take place at the First Baptist Church of Martin, in Martin, at four o'clock in the afternoon. A reception will be held immediately afterwards at the Stumbo Park Convention Center, in Allen. Kristen is a senior at Opportunities Unlimited High School, in Martin. Jay is employed by Justice Land Surveying and Engineering, Inc., located in Betsy Layne. Following a short honeymoon, the newlyweds will reside at Hunter. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Oak

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were saying "Pharaoh... Pharaoh... Pharaoh." As a kid, I would listen carefully, and agreed that, yes, that's what they were saying, all right.

Entomologists (those who study bugs and things) tell us that the noise is made by the male cicada by the vibrating membranes on his belly, and what he's really saying is his version of a courtship song to attract the female cicadas for mating. In a real aberration of nature, the females are silent.

Anyway, six to ten weeks after mating, the female's eggs hatch and drop from the tender twigs onto the ground where they burrow anywhere from six to eighteen inches underground to feed by sucking sap from roots.

Seventeen years later, here we go again.

When the temperature of the ground warms to near the mid-sixties, the mature nymphs will emerge from the soil during the nighttime hours, climb up on some vertical surface, shed their outer skins (what the bug experts call exoskeletons) and change into winged adults. Millions of them will do this within a night or two. On Monday there may not be a cicada in sight, and by Wednesday, they'll be everywhere.

If there's a bright side to any of this, it's that, except for the fact that the constant droning of the male's love song tends to grate away on people's nerves, the cicada is not harmful to humans in any way because they don't bite or sting. Dogs and cats love to eat them, however, and since they're so abundant, tend to make

themselves sick from overeating.

Anyway, in about six weeks, we can expect another visit. Since adult cicadas live only from two to four weeks, wouldn't it be nice if they would eat up all those stubborn lady bugs?

Now, talk about a plague!

School

Mountain Arts Center. For additional info., call the FRC at 886-7088.

April 20 - PTA meeting, 7 p.m., in school auditorium. SBDM parent election (school year 04-05) will be held at this time.

April 20 - Family Reading Night, 6 p.m., school library.

April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," sponsored by the Floyd County FRYSC's, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Door prizes, fun workshops and FREE lunch!

May 3-14 - Spring testing.

May 21 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in school auditorium.

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

School now has applications for 2004 Summer School program, dates to run from June 1-June 28, 2004 for 1 credit. For more information, call 886-2252.

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.

Critter

pets; and although I am not particularly fond of chickens, I wouldn't mind having a few if I lived on a farm. The point is, I don't live on a farm, and it would be insane for me to purchase a chick that is going to grow up into a very large bird.

I think this is the very thing that bothers me. These animals are generally sold as "Easter Bunnies" or "Easter Chicks," with no indication that they are intended to last past the springtime Holiday.

Of course, children want these little animals; they are adorable—and this goes a long way toward swaying parents into an impulse purchase. And therein lies the problem. These are animals that, under ideal conditions, will live for several years and therefore deserve a little planning. I see children with these little fluffy chicks, and I know in my heart that their parents' next stop is not going to be Lowe's to purchase chicken wire and building materials for a hen house.

Lack of regard for the life of another creature is not the sort of object lesson children need. I have heard the horror stories—the child pulling the head off a chick and asking his father to "fix it," not

understanding that it was a living thing; the family that soon started to "forget" to feed the rabbit as Easter faded into a memory; the rabbit that broke its own back as it struggled in the grasp of an unsupervised three year old. I spent last Easter Sunday afternoon on a neighbor's porch with a crying child as we watched her new pet bunny die. It had been separated from its mother much too soon, and was just not capable of living on its own. The family had been assured that it was fine, "just a little small." By the time they realized what they had been sold, the roadside stand was gone, having apparently unloaded all its stock on other unsuspecting families. I wondered how many other children were crying over a tiny baby rabbit.

My advice is just to pass those chick-and-bunny vendors by; don't even go over to "just look." That's the only way to avoid being caught up in the "cute factor" or the feeling of needing to rescue one of the animals. If nobody buys, they won't continue to sell. Of course the kids will whine, but that's okay. If they are not old enough to understand now, they will be soon, and they will be the

better for having a parent or grandparent that stood firm regarding the welfare of an animal.

I hate to always be on a soapbox about something, but it doesn't stop me when I believe in what I'm saying. I thought I would end this article on a lighter note by telling the story of Little Frankie and the most traumatic Easter of my childhood.

I was an only child, but, as I've told you before, I grew up with two first cousins who lived nearby and seemed like my brothers. Every year our Grandmother would get us something for Easter—chocolate marshmallow eggs, a stuffed animal, something of that sort. One year she got each of us a huge chocolate rabbit.

The box said his name was "Little Frankie." I thought he was beautiful with his molded chocolate Easter basket and his big blue candy eyes. Greg and Bill ate theirs right away, but I just couldn't bring myself to do it. Instead I set him up on the best vantage point in the living room, the top of my Grandmother's television, so I could admire him. I stayed all night with 'Mother that night, and when it was time for bed, I reluc-

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tantly turned off the TV and left Little Frankie in his place of honor.

The next morning I got up to one of the most horrific sights I had ever seen. Those old-fashioned TV sets got hot when they were on. During the night the residual heat had reduced Little Frankie to a chocolate puddle, his blue candy eyeballs floating on top. I could see those eyes staring up at me for weeks; I had nightmares about them. I couldn't eat chocolate for ages. My cousins thought I was weird, and my Grandmother feared that she had psychologically scarred me for life.

As an adult, I still cannot pass the Easter candy aisle without feeling the stares of all those chocolate rabbits, accusing me of what I did to Little Frankie.

Happy Easter, folks!

Korner

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I mean, NOBODY can sing that song like George Clooney!

Man, does that get under Spouse's skin when I say that! He's so quick to remind me that George was simply pantomiming. Yeah right, but anyway, if that's what Spouse wants to think, let him think it.

Then on Saturday night, Mamaw Judy, Mom and I went to the MAC to see Eddie Miles. Another first for me, and I have heard for years now just how good this Eddie Miles is at his Elvis impersonations. And yes, the man is good! He's got more moves than Ex-lax and has an awesome voice to go with it.

He told some pretty good jokes, too. His counteractions with the audience are amusing and quite different than any other performer I've witnessed at the MAC. Although I'm not quite sure exactly how many

shows Eddie Miles has had over the years at the MAC, I'm thinking this was his third or fourth visit to the entertainment center.

When Miles asked, by show of applause, how many were in the audience from here in Prestonsburg, the response was quite meek, to say the least. It sounded as though maybe 15-20 people were clapping their hands. Then he asked, again by show of applause, how many had traveled from out of town, or out of state even, to see his show, and the crowd went wild!

To say Miles' response about the lack of "hometown" people coming out to see his show was disheartening would be an understatement at best.

His statement that, "it would be a long time before he'd come back to Prestonsburg to perform again," due to the lack of hometown bodies filling the seats took

me by somewhat of a surprise.

He continued, saying how hard it was for entertainers to promote their own shows, and how cost consuming it was as well. And that when people don't come out to support his efforts, he just goes elsewhere where they do!

Can't blame the man for that now, can we?

Then again, holding the position of Advertising Manager here at the Times I have to say this in response - ADVERTISE! Spend some money to make some money! Consistency is KEY! One ad isn't going to bring a house full of people trampling in! But let them see what you've got over and over and over, and just sit back and watch it work!

'Til Next Week, God's Blessings to all...

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Apr. 7 - 4-H Project Day, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Apr. 17 - "Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mountain Arts Ctr.

Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all parents, grandparents & guardians, Mountain Arts Ctr.

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.

Yesterdays

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pital, Friday night, almost eight hours after she was shot at the home of a neighbor...Body of Charles Webb, age about 40, of Laynesville, was found, Sunday, in a ravine near Phelps, Pike County, where he had apparently been bludgeoned to death...Henry P. Scalf, of The Times' staff, is one of 30 outstanding Kentucky citizens to be honored tomorrow by Transylvania College at Lexington...Henry Bradley, 51, of Risner, drowned, Monday, in the Big Sandy, near Louisa...There died: John Smith, 42, of Tram, victim of a slatefall in a West Virginia mine; John Riley Bradford, 74, Wednesday, on Middle Creek; Mrs. Rebecca Newsome, 72, Wednesday, at Ligon; George Ratlif, 59, at Lackey, Monday; Dr. John Wess Duke, 80, Friday, at Hindman; Urian Leroy Humphreys, 78, of Ironton, O., Friday, at West Prestonsburg; William Martin, 75, Floyd native, April 12, at Ashland.

Sixty Years Ago

(April 20, 1944)

Rumors that Prestonsburg may lose its Vocational Training Shop were denied, this week, by Fred A. Martin, local coordinator...The Floyd draft quota for May is 359...T-Sgt. Patrick Hicks, of Blue River, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in the South Pacific...Condition of Pvt. Hershell Tackett, of Prestonsburg, who has been critically ill of pneumonia at an army hospital in Atlantic City, New Jersey, is reported improved...Mrs. Sarah Collins, 46, of Prestonsburg, and Mrs. Goldie Robinson Combs, 40, of West Van Lear, died Saturday, and Sunday, respec-

tively, of injuries received in separate auto wrecks in this county...There died: James Carroll Howard, 40, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at an Ashland hospital; Mrs. Earl Campbell, 42, Monday, at her home on Brandy Keg; Mrs. Mary Case, 55, of Little Mud, last Thursday, as she walked toward Harold, where she hoped to receive a letter from her soldier son; Tom McCown, 49, Tuesday, at McDowell.

Seventy Years Ago

(April 20, 1934)

Ashland Ousley, 20, was shot and killed, near Bosco, Sunday night...The strike at the Garrett mine of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation ended, a few days ago. The work stoppage, it was said, resulted from the company's refusal to discharge a mine foreman...Floyd County teachers voted, unanimately, in an open meeting here, Saturday, endorsing the work of Dr. A. L. Hill in the General Assembly, and the sales tax...The State Highway Commission expressed the belief, a few days ago, that it "had been taken" in a transaction with Floyd County. The county gave the road commission a two-year-old gasoline-powered shovel in return for road work, and now the Ohio manufacturer demands that the state pay the \$8,200, yet due on the shovel, or return of the equipment...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, of Prestonsburg, April 5, a son—William Ernest...There died: M. V. Allen, 66, postmaster at Garth, Monday, at his home; Freddy Davis, 20, of Garrett, last Thursday, at a Pikeville hospital.

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Business/Professions

Kentucky State Police Trooper Island Raffle features 2004 Harley-Davidson Road King® Motorcycle

FRANKFORT- For just \$10, you can help disadvantaged children in Kentucky enjoy a new experience that might help change their lives for the better. In return, you might just win a 2004 Harley-Davidson Road King® motorcycle.

The Kentucky State Police is raffling off a 2004 Harley-Davidson FLHR/FLHRI Road King® motorcycle to help support their Trooper Island summer camp for disadvantaged children. The motorcycle is Sierra Red in color, includes a

vibration-isolated, 1450cc Twin Cam® black-powder-coated engine with chrome covers, large Hiawatha headlight and chrome nacelle, detachable windshield, large, tank-mounted speedometer, two-piece seat, GTX nylon alloy lockable sad-

diebags, triple-disc brakes and air-adjustable rear suspension.

The Kentucky State Police established Trooper Island in 1965 at Dale Hollow Lake near the Cumberland and Clinton county line as part of a long range program of public service to the youth of Kentucky. It's a place where the tensions and turmoil of everyday life can be forgotten and for one week young people can be given a touch of hope and desire of a better tomorrow.

The free summer camp hosts disadvantaged boys and girls 10-12 years of age. Each year troopers select approximately 800 campers from across Kentucky to participate in athletics, citizenship, canoeing, water safety, archery, crafts, fishing, swimming, environmental awareness and other camp activities.

"Campers experience a dynamic and fun-filled week," explains KSP Sgt. Rob Winsett, camp director. "The Trooper Island staff reinforces many skills and values that will benefit campers throughout their lives such as personal hygiene, self-esteem enhancement, fair play, sportsmanship and patriotism."

Special camp sessions are scheduled for visually impaired youth, hearing impaired youth, medical risk youth and Hispanic youth. Trooper Island Camp is run by volunteers and is funded by tax-deductible contributions. Many industries,

civic and business groups, in addition to the troopers from across the state, have provided this program with much needed support.

Drawing for the winning ticket will take place at 4:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, August 29, 2004 at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville. A maximum

of 15,000 tickets will be sold.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be obtained by contacting any Kentucky State Police post or calling the Community Relations Branch at KSP headquarters in Frankfort.

This raffle is being conducted via Charitable Gaming License #0000633.



Judy Darnell and Melissa Hall represented the Big Sandy Community and Technical College on the 2004 Phi Theta Kappa Kentucky All-State Team, pictured above.

BSCTC students represented on Phi Theta Kappa All-State Team

The Kentucky Region of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for two-year colleges honored 27 students from across the state for achieving academic excellence. The students received recognition during the regional convention held at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, on March 6.

The students were selected by their college presidents based on scholarship, leadership and community service. Students were chosen through a process established by Phi Theta Kappa and USA Today newspaper referred to as the All-USA Academic Team. Phi Theta Kappa holds All-State Team recognition programs in 32 states. Each two-year college in Kentucky may nominate two students per campus to the All-USA Academic Team. Students from Kentucky nominated to the national team comprise the Phi Theta Kappa All-State Team.

Michael Chronister, a student from West Kentucky Community and Technical College, earned recognition as the top scholar for Kentucky and was named the Kentucky New Century Scholar. Chronister, along with New Century Scholars from all 50 states, will be recognized at the American Association of Community College's annual

convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in April. At that time, Chronister will be awarded a scholarship sponsored by the Coca-Cola Foundation to further his education.

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Anna Webb named HRMC Clinical Manager of Emergency Services

Anna Webb, RN, has been named the new Clinical Manager of Highlands Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department. Anna was previously employed with Nurse Rx, a traveling nurse agency, and had been providing interim ER management at Highlands since February 2, 2004. She accepted the full time position effective March 29.

Anna is an experienced registered nurse with a twenty-three year career in nursing. She has worked at numerous facilities including Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky., Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, and Baptist Medical Center South in Montgomery, Alabama.

Anna has many goals for



Anna Webb, RN, the new Clinical Manager of HRMC's Emergency Department will be working with the new staff of EmCare physicians implementing new and improved services in ER care.

Highlands, Emergency Department and hopes to see that all ER nurses become certified in TNCC (Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum). She stated, "We have been working very hard to implement many positive changes in the Emergency Department and thanks to the support and positive reinforcement from the Administration of the Medical Center we have accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. I believe the community will be pleased with the changes we are making to improve our emergency services. On a personal note, I am so glad to be back home in eastern Kentucky. This position is a wonderful opportunity for me to be of service to those requiring emergency care in our area. I look forward to being a part of the dynamic changes that are to come in the area of Emergency Medicine at Highlands Regional."

Anna is originally from Paintsville. She is a graduate of Paintsville High School and received her degree as a registered nurse from Prestonsburg Community College. Anna, her husband Don, and son, Adam, live in Wittensville. Anna's husband, Don Webb, is the owner of Webb's Barber Shop in Salyersville.



Alliance Corporation new Chamber member

Brandon Akers, left, of Alliance Corporation, accepts certificate of Chamber membership from Kathy Stumbo, right, chair, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, at the organization's February meeting. Alliance Corporation, Inc., offers construction management, design, and general contracting services to its clients. Akers manages a new office recently opened and located at 122 North Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg.

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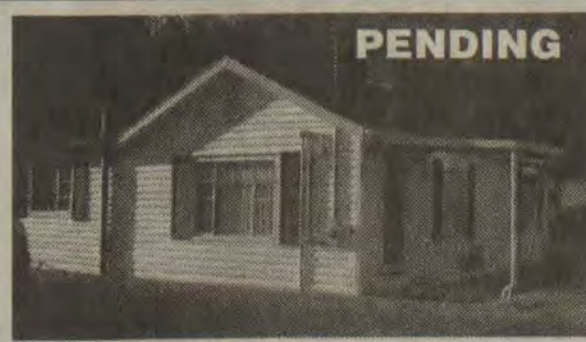
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Cranberry Pear Salad With Curried Hazelnuts

With arrival of spring, make a move toward lighter, healthier cuisine. Fresh, contemporary fare complements the enticing blend of pears, cranberries and hazelnuts.

Whether searching for a delightful dessert to tempt even the most calorie conscious or an innovative new wrap, the following recipes provide a full array of menu choices for light and delicious springtime meals.

For more information or to access additional recipes, please visit www.usapears.com, www.uscranberries.com and www.hazelnutcouncil.org.

Cranberry Pear Salad With Curried Hazelnuts

Dressing

- 8 ounces plain, fat-free yogurt
- 1 cup peeled, seeded and chopped cucumber
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried tarragon
- 1 teaspoon chopped chives
- 1/4 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper

Hazelnuts

- 1 3/4 cups toasted, coarsely chopped hazelnuts
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons butter

Salad

- 2 cups spinach leaves, washed
- 1 1/2 cups spring greens, washed and torn
- 1 1/3 cups sweetened dried cranberries
- 1 Anjou pear, cored and cubed
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions

Process dressing ingredients in food processor or blender until smooth.

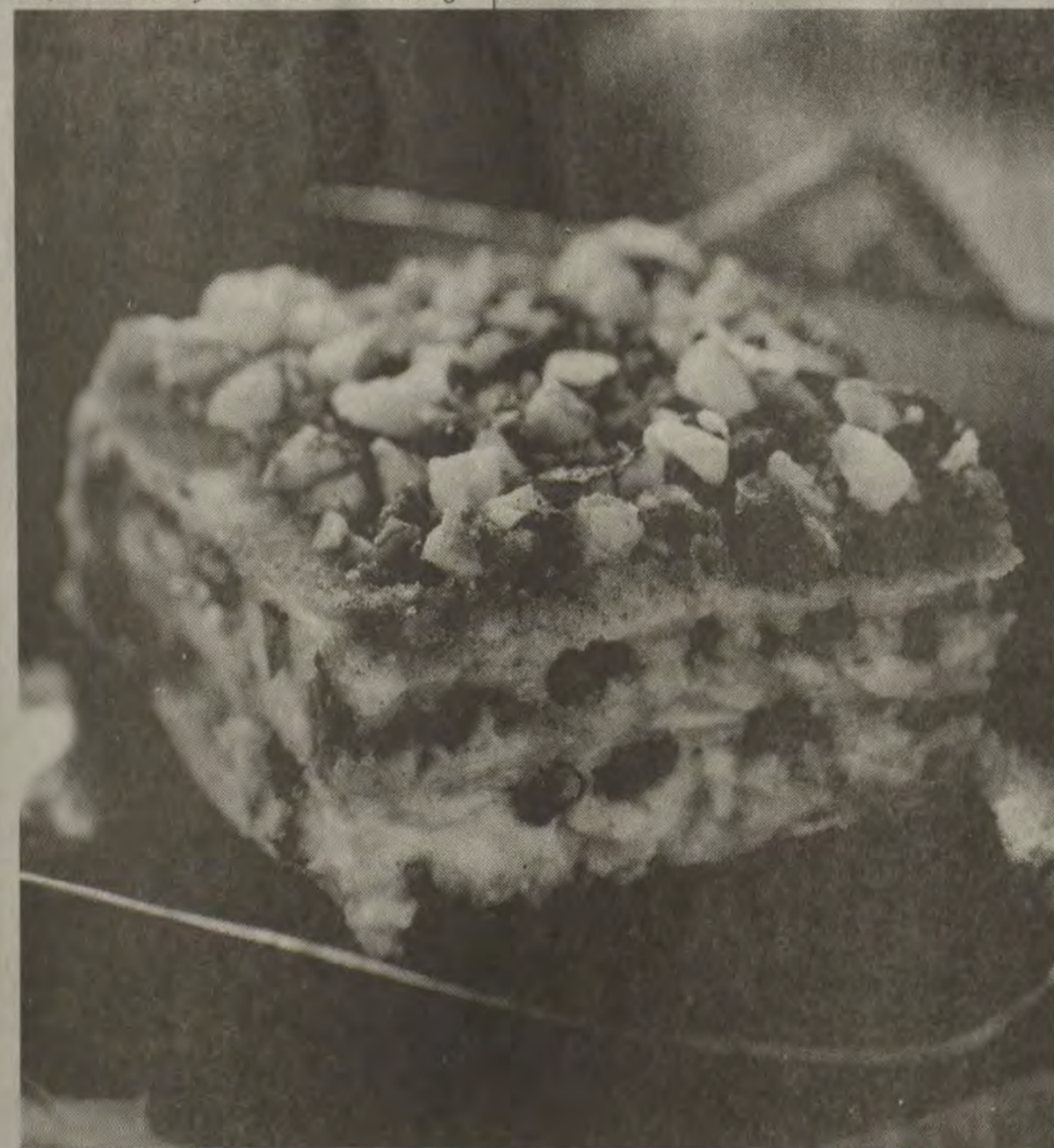
Preheat oven to 300°F. Place hazelnuts in large bowl. Pour melted butter into 9 x 9 x 2-inch pan; set aside.

Stir corn syrup, honey, curry powder, salt and cayenne pepper in small saucepan until boiling. Boil 2 minutes; do not stir. Stir in 1 1/2 teaspoons butter until melted. Immediately pour over nuts. Stir until coated. Spread into prepared pan. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until golden brown. Pour onto baking sheet; cool. Break into small pieces.

Place salad ingredients in large bowl. Toss with dressing. Sprinkle with curried hazelnuts. Makes 4 servings.

Serving Nutritional Analysis: Calories 420 (33% Calories from Fat), Protein 8g, Carbohydrate 68g, Fiber 8g, Fat 17g, Sat. Fat 2.5g, Cholesterol 10mg, Sodium 310mg

Hazelnut Cranberry Baklava With Pear Filling



Picking the Perfect Pear

Sweet, juicy and crisp, pears are a refreshingly wholesome snack and wonderful component in contemporary cuisine. Available in many varieties, there is a pear for every season. For springtime fare, look for juicy green Anjous, whose sweet, mellow flavor is a perfect accompaniment to fresh salads. Also excellent for salads and in season are Bosc, whose highly aromatic flavor and dense flesh make them ideal for baking and cooking. Select the perfect pear by applying gentle pressure at the base of the stem. If it yields slightly, the pear is ripe. Not ripe? Put pears in a paper bag, fold down the top and leave for three to four days.

Berry Good and Healthy, Too

Spring is an ideal time to revisit New Year's resolutions or start shaping up for summer, but a low-fat/low-carb diet doesn't necessarily imply bland, boring food. Cranberries are low in fat and carbohydrates, and fresh cranberries, unsweetened dried cranberries and light cranberry juice can make a delicious and nutritious meal or snack.

A cup of raw fresh cranberries yields approximately 11 grams of carbohydrates, an acceptable amount for the low-carb maintenance phase. Cranberries offer many other health benefits, including antioxidant capabilities, which may help reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers, and antiadhesion properties that can help prevent urinary tract infections (UTIs).

An Everyday Indulgence

Although spring menus call for lighter fare, healthy cuisine can still be indulgent and flavorful. Hazelnuts — with their exotic appeal, unique flavor and crunchy texture — transform any dish from ordinary to extraordinary. The sweet, nutty flavor and crunchy texture of hazelnuts complement many foods, including baked goods, confections, salads and sauces.

Also, nutrition research shows that the addition of 1 1/2 ounces of hazelnuts in the daily diet may help prevent heart disease. Hazelnuts provide a high-quality source of protein, fiber, vitamin E and important antioxidants, and are naturally low in carbohydrates, with less than 5 carbohydrates per 1 ounce serving.

Hazelnut Cranberry Baklava With Pear Filling

- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 Anjou pears, peeled, cored and cubed
- 1/3 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 1 1/2 cups toasted, finely chopped hazelnuts
- 1 1/3 cups sweetened dried cranberries, chopped
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 8 ounces (1/2 package) phyllo pastry, defrosted
- 1/2 cup melted butter

Whip cream cheese and pears until smooth. Add honey, eggs and lemon peel; beat until blended. Set aside. Mix hazelnuts, cranberries, sugar, cinnamon and cloves; set aside.

Preheat oven to 300°F. Cut phyllo in half to 13 x 9-inch rectangle; cover with damp cloth. Layer 10 sheets on bottom of buttered 9 x 13 x 2-inch pan, brushing each layer with butter.

Pour half cream cheese mixture over phyllo and sprinkle with 1 1/4 cups spice mixture. Place 7 sheets phyllo over spice mixture; brush each layer with butter; repeat. Sprinkle remaining spice mixture over buttered top.

Bake 45 to 60 minutes until golden brown and center is set. Cool and refrigerate. Makes 24 bars.

Serving Nutritional Analysis: Calories 250 (55% Calories from Fat), Protein 4g, Carbohydrate 25g, Fiber 2g, Fat 16g, Sat. Fat 7g, Cholesterol 45mg, Sodium 150mg

Easy Couscous Wrap

Sauce

- 1 (12-ounce) jar roasted red peppers, drained
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 4 drops Tabasco Sauce

Couscous

- 1 (12-ounce) package couscous
- 1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup toasted, chopped hazelnuts

Wrap

- 1 Anjou pear, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 cup cooked, shredded chicken
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 4 (10-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup spinach leaves, washed
- Salt and pepper to taste

Process sauce ingredients in food processor or blender until smooth; set aside. Prepare couscous as directed on package for 2 servings, adding cranberries. Stir in hazelnuts after cooking; set aside. Mix pear, chicken, oil, basil and oregano; set aside.

Spread 3 tablespoons sauce over each tortilla to 1/2-inch of edge. Layer with 1/2 cup couscous, 1/4 cup spinach and 1/2 cup pear mixture. Salt and pepper to taste.

Fold tortilla bottom and top edges over filling. Fold one side to center. Fold last side overlapping center. Roll until tight. Makes 4 servings.

Serving Nutritional Analysis: Calories 660 (35% Calories from Fat), Protein 22g, Carbohydrate 87g, Fiber 8g, Fat 26g, Sat. Fat 4g, Cholesterol 20mg, Sodium 980mg

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No. 836-5378, Amendment # 2

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Belfry Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 236, Sidney, Kentucky 41564, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.3 mile south of Galveston, in Pike and Floyd counties. The amendment will add 14.0 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 0.00 acres making a total area of 629.61 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.02 mile north from Branham Creek Road's junction with Tinker Fork Road, and located in the gap at the head of Tinker Fork and Branham Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell and Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Donald Ray Hamilton, Augustine Bryant, Eyvind Hamilton, William & Nancy Howell, Randall & Wilma Howell, Levi Hamilton, Dollie Akers, Elmer Hamilton, Harvey Tackett, Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Donald Ray Hamilton, Augustine Bryant, Eyvind Hamilton, William & Nancy Howell, Randall & Wilma Howell, Levi Hamilton, Dollie Akers, Elmer Hamilton, Harvey Tackett, Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The operation will use the underground method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. 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, Ky. 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

The major revision is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, 248 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.6 mile northeast of Hippo in Floyd County. The major revision will change the post-mining land use designation for a portion of the previously approved area. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage to the permit area, making a total of 1190.04 acres within the revised permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile northeast from KY Route 850 junction with Prater Fork County Road, and located 0.3 mile west of Turner Branch. The latitude is 37° 32' 19". The longitude is 82° 52' 18".

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by John T. & Anna Lea Thornsby, Phyllis & Kenneth Reffett, Elmer Reffett Heirs, Billy Reffett, T.L. Reffett Heirs, Peachis Pitts, and Sharon Fields, KEDC 904 West Rose Road Ashland, KY 41102 Telephone: 606-928-0205, ext. 215 Fax: 606-928-3785 Email: bitting@kedc.coop.k12.ky.us

Or contact Gina Amos, Floyd County Board 106 North Front Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Telephone: 606-886-2354 Fax: 606-886-4540 Email: gamos@floyd.k12.ky.us

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- Lumber & Garden Supplies
- Office Supply
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- Specialty Items
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- Uniforms
- Athletic Reconditioning
- Band Supplies
- Business Forms
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- Fire Extinguisher Inspections
- First Aid
- Food Service Equipment
- Food Service Repairs
- Food Service Uniforms
- Instructional Supplies
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Sharon Fields, KEDC 904 West Rose Road Ashland, KY 41102 Telephone: 606-928-0205, ext. 215 Fax: 606-928-3785 Email: bitting@kedc.coop.k12.ky.us

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-343 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AS NOMINEE FOR HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS PLAINTIFF VS. MARVIN WADE GIBSON; AVALON GIBSON; UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT; CITIFINANCIAL, INC.; JIMMY D. SHEPHERD; COUNTY OF FLOYD; UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF MARVIN WADE GIBSON; UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF AVALON GIBSON DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 23rd day of February, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$85,293.61, 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 8th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on water of Right Beaver Creek and a tributary of Little Middle Creek and being a part or lot #1 land conveyed to the first parties by Orville G. Cooley and Leslie Marie Cooley by deed bearing date, February 7, 1973, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 212, Page 73, County Court Clerk's Office, containing 1 acre more or less.

Beginning more particularly described as following on a stake on road of Kathleen Spencer line then up the hill with Kathleen Spencer line to a stake thence a straight line around hill 210 feet to a stake, thence down hill 210 feet to the edge of road, thence back up road 210 feet to the beginning. Containing 1 acre.

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, 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, 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.

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513/241-3100

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO.1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-1215 U.S. BANK, NA PLAINTIFF VS. DEREK V. CLICK, ELLA M. CLICK, N/K/A ELLA M. CLAY, WILLIE CASE, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMANDA CASE, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY AND SHEILA MEADE CLICK DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 2nd day of March, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$30,714.95, 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 8th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 463 Madison Tyler Road, Hueysville, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land located at Lady Love Branch on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the

right side of Lady Love Branch at the mouth of a drain across to lot No. 1 line; thence running straight line to the hill to Lawrence Hale's line to the top of the hill to John B. Huff line; thence down the ridge to Robert Adkins line to the creek; thence down the creek with Robert Adams and MintaThornsby to the beginning. Subject to all easements, covenants, conditions, reservations, leases and restrictions of record, all legal highways, all rights of way, all zoning, building and other laws, ordinances and regulations, all rights to tenants in possession, and all real estate taxes and assessments not yet due and payable.

Being the same property conveyed to Derek V. Click and Ella M. Click by deed dated June 12, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 448, Page 242, of the Floyd County, Kentucky records.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Harold E. Meade. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Vito's. The nature of the business will be Dancing and Bands. Pursuant to

KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application, has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than April 15, 2004, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for April 15, 2004, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

Hon. Keith Bartley
Floyd County Attorney

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Reynolds Branch Coal Co., Inc., P.O. Box 51, Langley, KY

41645, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5139, which was last issued on April 1, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 1282.70 acres, located 1.42 mile east of Hi Hat, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

2. The permit area is approximately 1.42 mile east of KY Route 122's junction with Ky Route 979, and is located on Reynolds Branch of Clear Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 17 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 21 seconds.

3. The bond now in effect on Permit Number 836-5139 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$10,300.00. The remainder of the original bond amount of \$36,100.00, is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed, fall 1998. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate vegetative growth for plant species, and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation, according to the revegetation plan.

5. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort KY 40601, by April 16, 2004.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 19, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prestonsburg

Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 16, 2004.

The ad is to run four consecutive weeks. For the final ad in the series, the following is to be inserted as the first sentence of paragraph (5): This is the final advertisement of the application.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5457, Transfer

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Dekalb Recovery, Inc., 0205 CR 62, Box 172, Laotto, Indiana 46763, intends to transfer permit number 836-5436 to MATT/CO, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The new permit number will be 836-5457. The operation disturbs 5.87 surface acres, and underlies 39.56 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 mile southwest from KY 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation

is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°30'56" and longitude 82°48'32". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections, must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by J.K. Stratton Heirs and Wendell E. Stratton. 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, 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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-8053, Renewal

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied

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This Week: **Bunny Buddies**

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The Bunny Buddies and the MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE!

This Easter, Buzz and Beeper didn't find eggs in their baskets. They found a mysterious message!

Every bunny needs a buddy and these bunnies need YOUR help to discover how to read the message.



Find the eight vegetables I have hidden in the meadow. Next to each one is a letter. Match the letter to each of the vegetables in the coded message below and you will find out how to get to your baskets full of goodies!

Happy Easter!
E.B.

Find somebunny to be your buddy and do this page together! If this page looks easy to do, share it with somebunny younger than you. If it looks hard, share it with somebunny older!



Extra! Extra!

Trust

Whom do you trust? Do you know why? Can you find a picture in the newspaper of someone you trust? Can you find a picture of someone you would not trust?

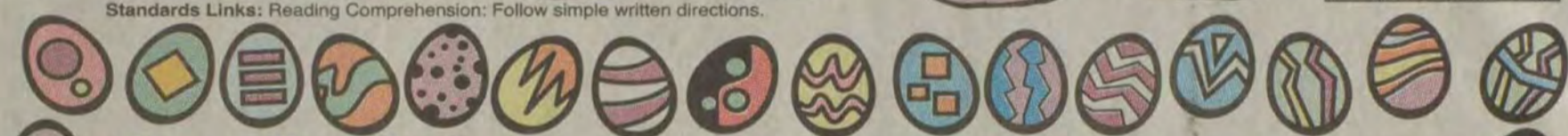
Standards Links: Health: Students recognize and identify positive character traits in themselves and others.



The baskets that belong to Buzz and Beeper are identical.



Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Crack Up!

The secret code to crack the answer to this riddle is hidden in this egg border.

is the letter A.

To find out what letter each egg stands for, find

The alphabet follows in order by going clockwise around the border. Each egg stands for one letter of the alphabet.

Q: What's the greatest use of chicken feathers in the world?



Crack Up! Answer: TO COVER CHICKENS.

Standards Links: Decoding: Recognize letters of the alphabet. Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Color It!

Beeper didn't finish coloring her egg. Do the rest for her.

Have more fun with your buddy! Draw an egg and color half of it. Then let your buddy finish your design.

Egg Timer

How many eggs can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Race your buddy!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Eye-hand coordination.



Egg Search

How many times can you find the word EGG in the puzzle?

Hint: The word EGG is spelled forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. You may use the same letter more than once.

0-5 Great Beginner
6-10 Eggstra-Special
11-15 Egg-citing
15+ Eggstra-ordinary!

Standards Link: Letter Sequencing: Skim and scan reading.



Weekly Writing Corner

Chocolate Bunny

What part of the chocolate bunny do you eat first?

I eat the head of the bunny first so that the bunny can't look at me.

Drake,
3rd Grade

First I would eat the ears because they just stick out and they are so cute.

Allie,
5th Grade

I eat the body first because I like the cute head and so I save the head for last. But all the chocolate is delicious.

Sydney,
5th Grade

I eat the legs first so that the bunny doesn't run away from my mouth.

Eric,
5th Grade

I eat the stomach of the chocolate bunny first because it is the biggest part.

Devon,
4th Grade

I eat the tail first because that just makes a little hole. I pour milk in the hole and then I can drink chocolate milk before I eat the chocolate.

Ariana,
6th Grade

The part of the bunny I eat the first is the ears because they taste the best.

Jessica,
6th Grade

I usually eat the ears first because they are solid chocolate and not hollow like the rest of the bunny. They taste the best!

Andrew,
6th Grade

I do not care what part of the chocolate bunny I eat first. I never really think about it. All I care about is that I get a chocolate bunny.

Christopher,
4th Grade

I love chocolate bunnies. I start with the big ears and then I work my way down. Actually, just thinking about it makes me want one.

Candace,
4th Grade

I would eat the feet first because it is the smallest piece and that way, I would have the big part left.

Kelsey,
4th Grade

Write On!

When I am Crabby I...

Deadline: May 2, 2004
Published: Week of May 30, 2004

Send your story to:

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Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

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BEYOND Kid Scoop

Reporter Game

With a partner, read a newspaper article. One of you must choose to be a person in the article and the other should be the reporter. Decide what questions were asked to get the relevant information and then role-play the interview.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Ask clarifying questions about essential textual elements, restate facts and details, clarify and organize ideas.



Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck?

ANSWER: Because he kept quacking the eggs.

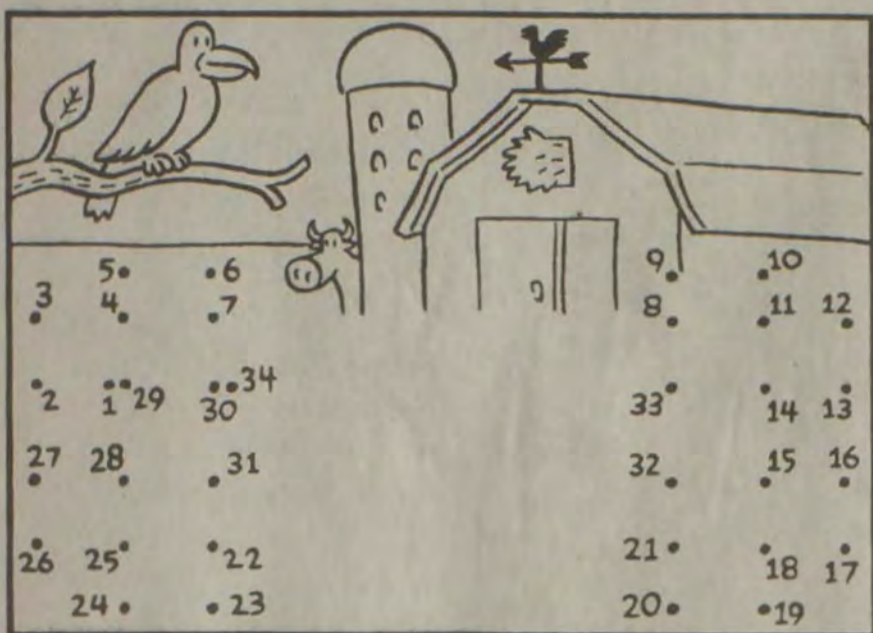
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ON A FARM, what runs all around the yard but never moves? Connect the dots to find out!

Answer: A fence.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

Illustrated by David Coulson

1.	E						M
2.		E					M
3.			E			M	
4.				E	M		
5.				M	E		
6.			M			E	
7.		M					E
8.	M						E

FIND THE BIG WORDS

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

THIS PUZZLE IS "TWO MUCH"! Using seven 2's, try writing a math expression that is equal to 2!

2 2 2 2 2 2 2

Answer: $2 + 22/22 - 2/2 = 2$

THE "OTHER" FAST FOOD! Below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

1. A protective covering.
2. Placed down.
3. Medieval war club.
4. Show how to use.

GRID A

T			
	A		
		C	
			O

GRID B

T			
	I		
		M	
			E

1. Catches things.
2. Part of a clock.
3. To have arrived.
4. Current fashion.

Answers: 1. Tarp-trap. 2. Laid-dial. 3. Mace-club. 4. Demo-mode.

DEFINITIONS:

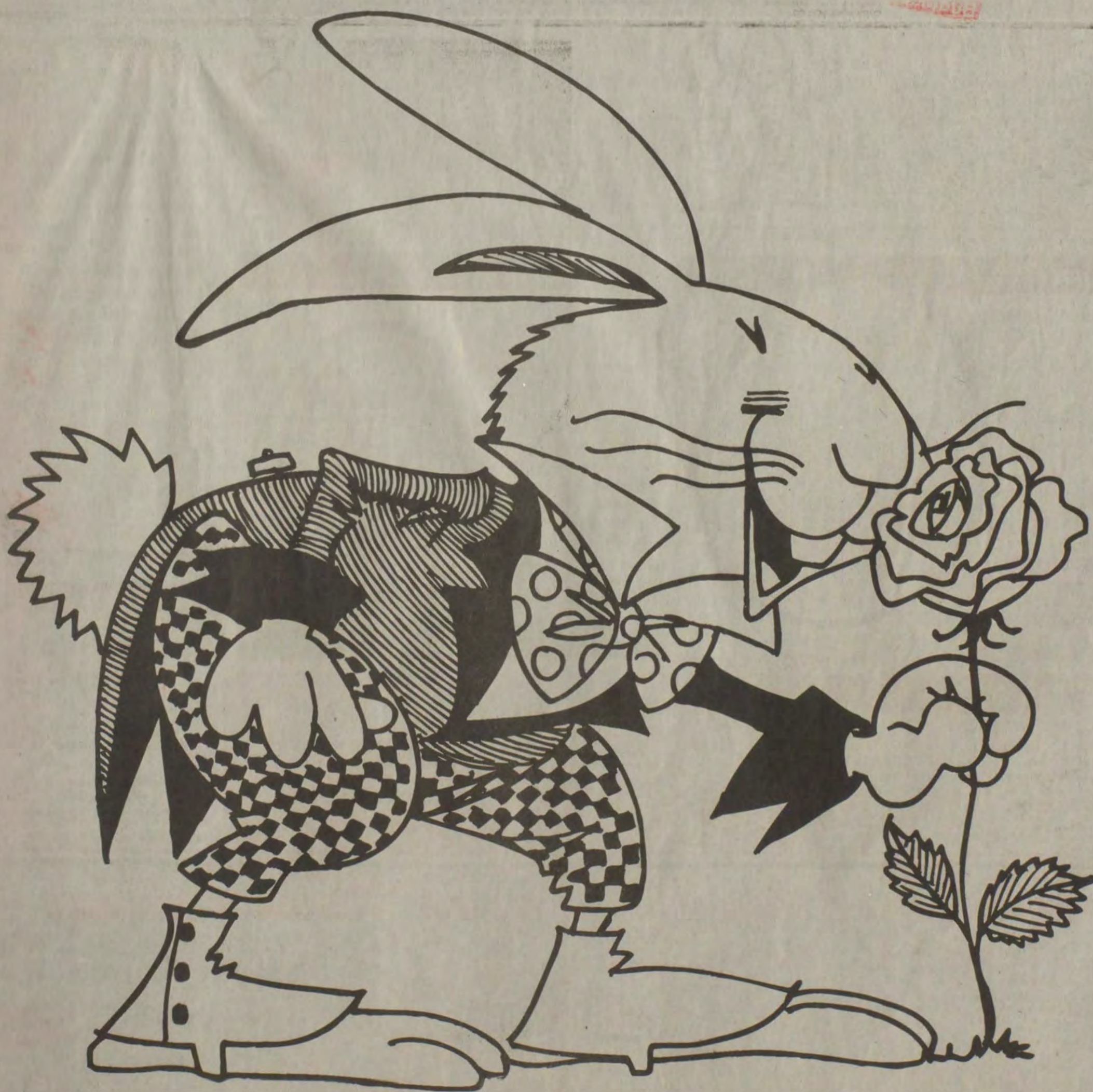
- A large retail store.
- A French policeman.
- Needed for board game.
- Some houses have one.
- Records distance traveled.
- Used by bodybuilders.
- Kissed for a while.
- A very small particle.

ANAGRAM:

- mime + pour
- dean + germ
- hens + cams
- beam + tens
- tome + rode
- bulb + meld
- shod + come
- clue + mole

Answers: 1. Emporium. 2. Gendarme. 3. Chessman. 4. Basement. 5. Odometer. 6. Dumbbell. 7. Smooched. 8. Molecule.

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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My Kid Scoop™

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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Happy Hare

Find six or more differences between the happy hare and his reflection in the mirror.



My Rhyme Time

Simple Simon went a-looking
For to see a hare;
He rode a goat about the street,
But could not find one there.

My Letters

H is for Hair
h is for hair



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter H. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that begin with the sound the letter H makes at the beginning of the word hair?

My Numbers

How many hearts?



hearts

How many hats?



hats



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



My hair is _____



Sunday
Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or include the same sound as the letter H in hair.

Monday
Math Play
Point to the number 6 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

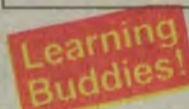
Tuesday
How many heads with hair?
Look at pictures of people in the newspaper. Count the people who have hair on their heads. Let your child color the hair different colors.

Wednesday
Hair and Hare
Explain to your child that the words *hair* and *hare* sound the same, but mean different things. Find examples of other words in today's paper. Here are some examples: *son* and *sun*, *blue* and *blew*, *pair* and *pear*, *sail* and *sale*, *clothes* and *close*.

Thursday
Big H and Little h
On one page of the newspaper, search for an uppercase letter H and a lowercase letter h. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase h pairs?

Friday
Sets of Six
Look through your newspaper to find 6 pictures of the same things, such as 6 shoes, 6 noses, 6 cars, etc. Cut these out and glue them onto a piece of paper. Have your child circle groups of 6 items that are the same.

Saturday
Newspaper Hair
Cut or tear a sheet of newspaper into long strips that are about 1 inch wide. Tape the strips to the bottom of a paper plate. Tie the plate to your child's head to give him/her long newspaper hair! Roll strips around a pencil to make them curly.



My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.
Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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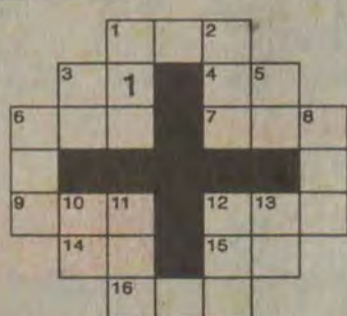
6	4	7	4	5	6	5	2	6	7	6	4	6
A	B	S	I	R	C	E	A	H	P	A	G	N
7	2	7	6	3	8	2	5	8	6	2	3	8
L	H	E	G	B	T	A	M	A	E	P	E	K
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Rational Numbers

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



- ACROSS**
- One-fifth of 7-Across
 - Same digit repeated
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - Three less than 8-Down
 - 2-Down minus 6-Across
 - Two less than 16-Across
 - 3-Down plus 13-Down
 - Twenty less than 4-Across
 - Two times 14-Across

- DOWN**
- Five more than 1-Across
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - One-third of 10-Down
 - Four less than 13-Down
 - The first digit is the sum of the other digits
 - The last digit is the sum of the other digits
 - Eight less than 15-Across
 - 6-Down minus 1-Down
 - 4-Across plus 5-Down
 - Seven times 3-Across

Rational Numbers

answers



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Tibet

Mt. Everest, called *Qomolangma* (cho-mo-LUNG-ma), “goddess mother of the world,” by Tibetans, is the highest place on earth. It is part of the Himalayas.

Buddhism in Tibet

Indian Buddhists introduced Buddhism to Tibet in the seventh century A.D. At the time, Tibet's leader was Songsten Gampo. He built a powerful empire through central Asia and battled the Chinese for control of trade throughout the region. In 779, two teachers, Santarakshita and Padmasambhava, founded Tibet's first university. In 792, a debate was held there to determine whether Tibetans would follow Indian or Chinese Buddhist teachings. The Indian buddhists prevailed, and the Chinese were expelled. In the 1300s, Tsong Khapa founded the Gelukpa (“Yellow Hat”) sect. In 1578, Sonam Gyatso, a Gelukpa abbot, managed to convert a Mongolian prince and his followers. The prince gave Sonam the title *Dalai Lama*, meaning “Ocean of Wisdom.” The powerful alliance of the Mongols and the Gelukpa allowed the sect to gain control of all Tibet. Since that time, a succession of rulers with the formal title of Dalai Lama have ruled Tibet, until the Chinese assumed control of the country.



The exiled Dalai Lama continues to negotiate for Tibet's independence from the Chinese. Many Tibetans are still loyal to him.

The Lotus blossom is common in Tibetan art. It symbolizes, among other things, wisdom, serenity and *nirvana*, the state of complete enlightenment.

Tibet at a glance

Tibet is an area of central Asia that is surrounded by some of the Earth's highest mountains, including the Himalayas. Tibet has been under China's control since the 1950s, but for much of its history it has been a fully or partially independent state.

That changed when communists gained control of China's government in 1949, and the following year Chinese forces entered Tibet. In 1951, Tibet surrendered to the Chinese government, but retained its regional self-government under rule by the Dalai Lama. China's harsh control and continued reduction of Tibet's borders, however, led to violent uprisings, and prompted the Dalai Lama to flee to India following a full-scale revolt in 1959. The Chinese suppressed the rebellion and eventually established, in 1965, the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), which is less than half the area of historic Tibet. To China, the term “Tibet” means only the TAR, but Tibetans associate Tibet with the area it covered prior to the invasion more than 40 years ago.



Yaks, a type of wild ox, are beasts of burden in Tibet. Herders and farmers use their meat, hides and milk.



The Chinese government forbids the flying or display of the Tibetan flag.

Gazetteer

Current size: 471,700 sq. miles (1.22 million sq. km)

Former size: 965,000 sq. miles (2.5 million sq. km)

Highest point: Mt. Everest 29,035 ft. (8,850 m)

Capital: Lhasa

Population (2000):

In TAR: 2.62 million, of whom 500,000 are Chinese. Another 4 million Tibetans live in adjacent areas in China.

Language: Tibetan (of the Tibeto-Burman language family). Official language is Chinese.

Staple food: Tsampa (roasted barley flour)

National drink: Salted butter tea

Economy: Primarily agricultural

Political and religious leader:

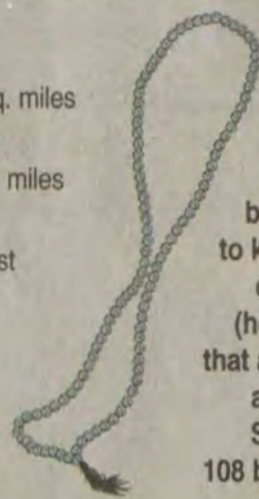
The 14th Dalai Lama (In exile in India)

Current government: Communist

Legal status: Occupied

Typical wildlife: Wild yak, bharal (blue) sheep, musk deer, Tibetan antelope, Tibetan gazelle, wild horses, tigers, bears, monkeys and pandas

Environmental concerns: Rampant deforestation in eastern Tibet, poaching of large mammals



Malas are strings of beads used to keep count of *mantras* (holy words) that are recited as prayers. Some have 108 beads, one for each prayer.



Prayer wheels contain prayers written on paper. They are spun to release the prayer with each turn. In temples, they are large and contain thousands of prayers.



Historic map of Tibet prior to the Chinese invasion, 1949-1950

“The Land of Hats”

A great variety of peoples are found in Tibet, truly a crossroads between East and West. Many of the headgear and hairstyles are typical to a race, tribe or group. Here are some of the various hats found across Tibet:



“Yellow Hat” Buddhist, a member of the Gelukpa, meaning “virtuous,” order. Members repeatedly take vows of self-discipline.



Monks wear costumes, masks and hats in the many religious festivals celebrated in Tibet. This Nyingmapa monk wears a demon hat as part of his dance costume. Skulls and skeletons represent the journey of a soul in “Bardo,” a netherworld that is visited by the soul of the dead before its rebirth.



Litang Khampa men from this nomadic, northern warrior tribe wear braids in their long black hair.



Ladakhi women wear elaborate, heavily decorated headdresses called Peraks. Turquoise, amber and agate are favorite stones for their dowry (marriage gift) jewelry.



Golok herdsman are some of the hardest and hardest-working in Tibet. They wear furs and splendid silk brocade coats during festivals.

Important festivals

The Tibetan calendar is based on lunar cycles. It begins with the birth of Buddha and works in 60-year cycles.

Here are some major festival dates during the year:

Festival	Month	Days
New Year	1	1-7
Monlam	1	4-25
Lantern	1	15th
Scapegoat	2	28-29
Buddha's birth	4	7th
Xigaze	5	14-16
Golden Star	7-8	all
Dajyur	8	1-10

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