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Briefs

Flooding study continues

The Flood Damage Reduction Study that is being conducted in Floyd County by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will result in several tests being conducted in Prestonsburg starting next month.

The tests are an important part of determining what alternatives may exist for reducing the potential for flood damage to the city.

The tests will include some drilling, which will tell the Corps what kind of materials make up the foundation of the city. There will also be surveys of property that are aimed at determining the cost-effectiveness of different strategies.

The acting project manager is Ted Hamb who has an office in Huntington but can be found in Prestonsburg on Tuesdays in a temporary space allotted to his staff at the Courthouse Annex, room 313, at 313 Westminster street.

Hamb will be announcing a public meeting shortly to give concerned citizens a forum for finding out more about the project. In the meantime he can be reached at his Huntington office at (304) 399-5887.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 75 • Low: 51

Tomorrow



High: 79 • Low: 52

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

9 agree to plead guilty to drug charges

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The ongoing trend of drug dealers entering blind pleas is continuing to affect the drug trafficking community in Floyd County, officials reported this week.

The Commonwealth Attorney's office closed the door Wednesday on a successful pretrial conference session, with a total of nine suspected drug dealers opting to plead guilty to the charges against them rather than rolling the dice with a jury.

The agreements tagged by the commonwealth came just a day after a Floyd

County jury recommended a maximum 10-year sentence for Liz Goble, who was found guilty Tuesday of trafficking methamphetamine. They also follow a long list of recently entered blind pleas in drug trafficking cases, including one entered Friday of last week by Floyd County resident Donald Quillen, who

topped out with a 15-year sentence for cocaine trafficking.

"That's good. It's not surprising," Turner said. "We've seen the same kind of effect in the past. When a jury comes in and hammers somebody, the others don't

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photo by Tom Doty

One-story buildings that used to house offices for the Floyd County Health Department were demolished Wednesday to clear way for a new facility. The offices have moved to the basement of the main building until construction is complete.

Mother charged for hiding son from police in dryer

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg woman was released on bond this week after she was arrested and charged with hindering prosecution.

Mary Kilburn, 54, was arraigned by Judge James Allen in Floyd District Court, where she pleaded

not guilty.

According to Prestonsburg Police Lt. William Petry's report, police were looking to serve a warrant against Kilburn's son, against whom a warrant had been issued and a complaint of domestic violence had been made.

Kilburn allegedly told police several times, when asked, that her son was not at her home and that

there had been people calling saying that he was at another residence. At that time, police asked Kilburn if they could look inside her home and she gave them permission.

After searching Kilburn's home the police found her son hiding inside the clothes dryer. At that time, Kilburn was arrested.

A pretrial conference has been set for June 7.

Home lost due to skipped bond

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County couple signed their property over to the court this week when they failed to appear at a required hearing.

Judge Danny P. Caudill signed the order, filed Monday in Floyd Circuit Court, to forfeit property belonging to Shirley and Ralph King, of Harold.

The couple posted their \$56,000 property, a house seated on one-

and-a-half acres at Toler Creek, to stand for two bonds, totaling \$15,000, for Alfred King, who is facing burglary and theft charges in two separate cases against him.

When Alfred King failed to appear for a hearing in his case, Caudill ordered in March that all three parties appear in court April 2 to discuss the issue.

When they failed to do so, Caudill signed the order to forfeit their property, a practice rarely carried through in Floyd County.

Court records indicate that Alfred King, charged with theft for allegedly stealing property from Worldwide Equipment in September and third-degree burglary, was granted an amended bond at the request of his attorney, Leta Baharestan, but failed to appear at a March 5 status hearing after being released from custody.

A warrant is currently out for the arrest of Alfred King.

Baharestan could not be reached for comment.

Tourism awards \$26,000 in grants

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau met in regular session Wednesday, at the tourism office. Immediately after the meeting was called to order, a motion was made to go into executive ses-

sion to discuss personnel matters.

A draft of the 2004-2005 budget was on the agenda, however the Commission decided to table the budget draft until they could review it in more detail.

The East Kentucky Science Center invited the tourism commission to sponsor a membership. The board decided to buy a \$100 mem-

bership and also recommended that a letter be drafted to the science center with the sponsorship explaining that the commission will also help with advertising.

Grant requests were evaluated during the meeting. The Floyd County Rescue Squad submitted a

(See TOURISM, page three)

Local residents enlist to help fight drugs

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — May Valley Elementary School was the setting for a town meeting that was chaired by the Floyd County Drug Coalition of UNITE.

A good turnout for the event included concerned citizens, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, area teachers, church leaders and several law enforcement officers.

The meeting was an occasion to let Floyd Countians know about what efforts are being made to combat the rising drug problem and more importantly it was an opportunity to give citizens of the area a chance to join the effort by enlisting in various committees that were formed to help combat

the drug problem on all fronts.

The meeting was also a chance for residents to meet Scott Barker, a retired FBI agent who will be leading the UNITE Task Force for the Big Sandy area.

Barker is still busy setting up the UNITE offices, but he pledged to be ready to help in mid-May. He will be hiring 10 detectives, one of whom will be assigned to Floyd County, to help make drug busts. Barker was clear in his intent, and mindful of the success of the Floyd County Drug Task Force, when he said, "We are here to supplement the Drug Task Force. We are here to give them an extra tool and not to replace them."

Barker was passionate

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State rep candidates to debate next week

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Candidates in next month's election for 95th District state representative will square off next week during a debate sponsored by The Floyd County Times and WQHY.

All six Democratic candidates for the seat vacated by Attorney General Greg Stumbo have indicated that they plan to participate in next Thursday's debate, which will be held in the main lobby of the Martin

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photo by Tom Doty

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin planted a tree Thursday on a bare hill at Stonecrest Golf Course in celebration of Arbor Day. (See story, page A3)

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Odds & Ends

■ **BROKEN ARROW, Okla.** — A man shopping for trees at a Lowe's home improvement store was bitten by an 18-inch eastern diamondback rattler, a snake native to the Southeast.

"The gentleman thought he had hit his hand on a thorn but they discovered it was a snakebite," said Chris Ahearn, a spokeswoman for the Mooresville, N.C.-based chain.

A relative shopping with the man Sunday killed the snake, and they brought it with them when the customer was taken to

a hospital, she said.

Ahearn would not identify the customer. A hospital official would not provide information without the man's name.

Ahearn surmises the reptile probably made its way to Broken Arrow with the trees, which were shipped in from Tennessee. The species can grow as long as 7 feet and often gives warning bites that deliver no venom.

After the man was bitten, Ahearn said, store employees immediately scoured the trees for other creatures but found none.

"We feel like this is an isolated incident, but we are taking it very seriously," she said. "We continue to watch our garden centers for uninvited guests."

■ **SANTA FE, Argentina** — Veterinarians had to be called in to treat an elephant "depressed" about being separated from her circus troupe.

Mesry was taken from the circus grounds last week after local authorities said her participation in the public shows violated a city ordinance.

The elephant showed signs of

distress soon after being transported to El Recreo, a town 300 miles north of Buenos Aires.

Veterinarians from the nearby Santa Fe Zoo were consulted and recommended that Mesry be moved again. Authorities said they were looking for another place for Mesry to stay while the circus tours over the next few days.

■ **BILLINGS, Mont.** — In most places, the days of a firefighter getting a cat out of a tree are long gone.

It's true here, too, though an

exception was made when the number of stranded felines added up to five.

Battalion Chief Tom Bergstrom agreed to respond to the plea of a woman whose pet had a litter of kittens in the crook of a branch some 40 feet off the ground.

The woman called a veterinarian for advice, and he told her the tiny newborns might not survive the nighttime cold. Even if they did withstand the elements, the pet doctor said, the babies — with their eyes still closed — would probably fall out of the

tree once they became mobile.

The woman had tried everything else and it was getting dark. Bergstrom decided firefighters would come to the rescue with an aerial ladder.

The mother cat, Bergstrom said, wasn't too happy that anyone had touched her babies but was calmer when the whole family was safely on the ground.

■ **GRAND ISLAND, Neb.** — A teenager did more than let out a groan when she learned she had to dissect a fetal pig in her freshman biology class. She and her parents objected to school officials.

Morgan Merrick, a vegan who eats no meat, dairy products or eggs, believes it is wrong to dissect frogs and fetal pigs in the name of science.

She and her parents talked with a counselor on the day she was scheduled to start the dissection.

By midday, Morgan and the school had worked out a compromise. She could perform a virtual fetal pig dissection, on the Internet.

Morgan spent the next four days working independently in the library to complete her virtual dissection. She received a score of 85.

Lack of budget overshadows legislative accomplishments

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — It could have gone down in history as the legislature that deregulated broadband.

Not all that romantic, perhaps, but more dignified than the legislature that failed — again — to pass a budget.

The 2004 General Assembly seems likely to be best remembered, if remembered at all, for not meeting the single task demanded of it by the 1891 Kentucky Constitution — enacting a spending plan for the next biennium.

"It's a real empty feeling that you work hard for 60 days and you can't even get a budget," Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, said Tuesday night before the final gavel fell on the 60-day session.

House and Senate leaders were unable to agree on a budget — mostly on whether it should include a "tax modernization" plan championed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher — and each side called the other obstructionist.

Republicans control the Senate; Democrats hold the House. Draud said "leadership on both sides of the aisle has failed us."

"Everybody wants a budget, but we don't have a budget. I think our constituents are going to be very disappointed in our performance," he said.

Rep. Tom Burch of Louisville, a legislator for 28 years, said the 2004 General Assembly "will have to go down

as being one of the less productive sessions that I've ever been in."

Sen. Bob Leeper, R-Paducah, said lack of a budget will be the main topic among people back home. "Folks will express to us their dissatisfaction or satisfaction about that," he said. "I think we'll find out when we get home."

Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, called it a "jackluster" session. But he said legislators "might be better off leaving without a budget rather than make a bunch of mistakes by including a so-called 'tax reform' with it." Gray said lawmakers could return to work on the budget and

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 16, the 107th day of 2004. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 16, 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the Highflyer, exploded the following day. The blasts and resulting fires killed 576 people.

On this date:

■ In 1789, President-elect Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

■ In 1862, a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law.

■ In 1879, Saint Bernadette, who had described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers, France.

■ In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

■ In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on the NBC Blue Network.

■ In 1945, in his first speech to Congress, President Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

■ In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during World War II.

■ In 1947, financier and presidential confidant Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse: "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

■ In 1962, Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

■ In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.

Ten years ago:

Bosnian Serbs downed a British Sea Harrier jet near Gorazde; the pilot ejected, and was rescued by Bosnian government troops. Ralph Ellison, author of "Invisible Man," died in New York at age 80.

Five years ago:

President Clinton defended NATO airstrikes against Serbian targets during visits to Michigan and Massachusetts, saying U.S. involvement in Kosovo was a moral imperative. Wayne Gretzky announced his retirement from hockey.

One year ago:

The Bush administration lowered the terror alert level from orange to yellow, saying

the end of heavy fighting in Iraq has diminished the threat of terrorism in the United States. During a visit to a fighter jet factory in St. Louis, President Bush called for lifting economic sanctions against Iraq as commanders of both the U.S. military and the reconstruction effort prepared to move into the country. Michael Jordan played his last NBA game with the Washington Wizards, who lost to the Philadelphia 76ers, 107-87.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Barry Nelson is 84. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 77. Actress-singer Edie Adams is 75. Singer Bobby Vinton is

69. Denmark's Queen Margrethe the Second is 64. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 57. Singer Gerry Rafferty is 57. Actress Ellen Barkin is 50. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 41. Rock singer David Piner (Soul Asylum) is 40. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 39. Actor Jon Cryer is 39. Rock musician Dan Rieser is 38. Actor Peter Billingsley is 32. Actor Lukas Haas is 28.


Thought for Today:

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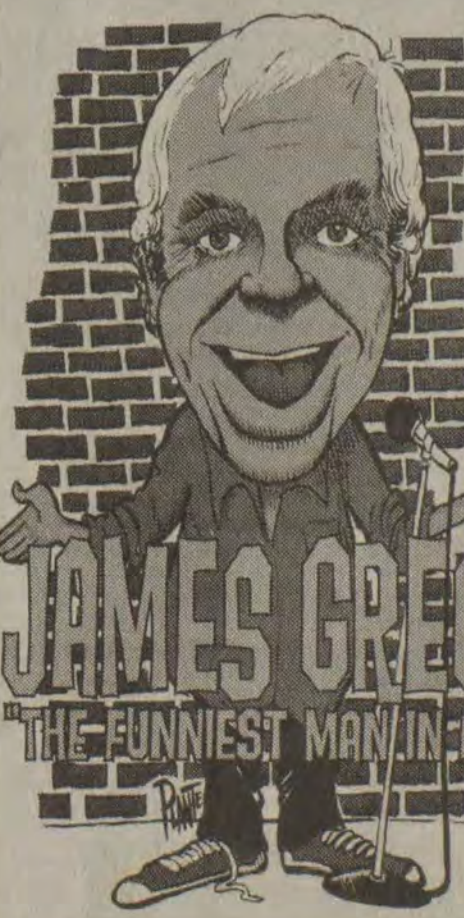
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Cocaine, fugitive found during traffic stop

Times Staff Report

PHELPS — A Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officer kept abreast of the situation during an arrest yesterday, when he confiscated cocaine allegedly hidden in a suspect's bra before it was eaten in the back of his cruiser.

Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officer Kevin Belcher arrested William R. Mullins, 26, of Florence, S.C., a fugitive wanted for failing to appear in a Virginia court to face charges of distributing Oxycontin.

According to a press release issued by Belcher, Sonya L. Wolford, 24, of Freeburn, riding

as a passenger in the car, was also arrested for allowing Mullins to drive her vehicle on a suspended license.

Upon a search of the vehicle, Belcher discovered 12 Oxycontin tablets with a street value of approximately \$1200, but another interesting find came after the pair were placed in his cruiser.

According to the press release, Mullins and Wolford both "retrieved" cocaine from the woman's bra and "attempted

to eat it." Noticing the attempt, Belcher retrieved that cocaine from the floorboard of his cruiser, the report says.

In addition to the fugitive charge against him, Belcher is charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The case is still under investigation by officers with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.



photo by Tom Doty

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Mayor Jerry Fannin and Dexter Conley of the state Division of Forestry posed with Allen Central students before an arduous afternoon of tree planting. From left to right, front, are Mayor Fannin, Sen. Turner, Terri Mullins, Ethan Conley, Tori Maynard, Julie Alexander, Francisco Dominguez, Dexter Conley. In back, from left, are David Johnson and Cody Harlow.

Women admits to impersonating cop

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman who previously denied allegations that she impersonated a police officer pleaded guilty this week to the charge against her.

Jerrica M. Banks, 23, of Raccoon Road in Hueysville, who was charged with impersonating a police officer earlier this month, she told The Floyd County Times that the charge was a "simple misunderstanding" during an initial interview following her arrest May 27.

She changed that statement in district court Tuesday, when she

entered a guilty plea to the charge.

Authorities said Banks called the Pikeville Police Department and identified herself as Kentucky State Police Trooper Vicki Eversole in an effort to obtain information about a complaint against a server at El Azul Grande Restaurant in Pikeville.

Banks, who told The Times that a taped phone conversation of the incident would "prove" her innocence, was sentenced by District Judge James R. Allen after pleading guilty Tuesday.

Allen handed her a 90-day sentence, probated for one year, and ordered that she pay nearly \$400 in court fines.

Debate

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Student Center at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The debate will get underway at 10:50 a.m. and conclude at noon.

Members of a media panel will take turns asking each candidate a question. The candidate being asked the question will be given three minutes to answer, after which the remaining candidates will each be given 30 seconds to offer responses. At the end of the debate, each candidate

will be given two minutes for a closing statement.

Following the debate, candidates will also engage Big Sandy students during a 15-minute question-and-answer session.

Members of the media panel will include representatives of The Times and WQHY, as well as a third outlet to be named later. The event will be emceed by Big Sandy Professor Tom Matisjasic.

The event is open to the public and free.

Tourism

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grant request for \$1,000 for their fishing tournament. The request was to help with advertising the event for newspaper, radio and television.

The event is the rescue squad's annual fund raiser. Last year there were 168 participants and more are expected this year, which helps fill hotel rooms and promotes tourism.

The commission granted the request to give the rescue squad \$1,000.

The Kentucky Opry and the Mountain Arts Center submitted their grant requests as well. The Kentucky Opry asked for \$5,000 for the development, distribution and production of brochures and advertisements. This money was already in the budget for the Opry and is given to them year-

ly.

The Mountain Arts Center requested \$20,000 for marketing purposes, such as billboards, posters, brochures, television and radio ads. Tourism Director Fred James explained, "This money is normally given to them quarterly, and is in our budget. The request is just now being submitted."

After some discussion, a motion was made and both the Kentucky Opry and Mountain Arts Center were granted their requests.

James invited the board to the Eastern Highlands North meeting Monday at Stonecrest Golf Course. Randy Fiveash, commissioner of the Department of Travel, will be speaking about tourism throughout the state.

Robinsons plead not guilty to drug charges

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A pretrial conference was scheduled this week for Alisha Robinson, 23, and Paul Robinson, 38, both of Langley.

Alisha Robinson was indicted March 25 for attempting to aid Paul Robinson in planning or committing trafficking of a controlled substance in October. She was arraigned and pleaded not guilty this week in front of Judge Danny P. Caudill. She was appointed a public defender and her pretrial conference will be

July 14.

Paul Robinson was also arraigned this week and pleaded not guilty to three separate counts of drug trafficking that allegedly occurred in September, October and November. Judge Danny P. Caudill appointed him a public defender and a pretrial conference was set for July 14.

The public defender's office told The Floyd County Times that there is a conflict of interest between the office and both Alisha Robinson and Paul Robinson and they did not yet know who would be defending them.

Drugs

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want to stand trial." Turner reported that suspects involved in every drug trafficking case presented during pretrial conferences Wednesday signed agreements to enter guilty pleas in their cases. They include:

■ Doc Ed Moore, 72, of Martin, charged with second-degree hydrocodone trafficking.

■ Earl Thomas Patton, 51, of Hager Hill, charged with two counts of falsely obtaining controlled substance prescriptions at the Med Zone Pharmacy.

■ David Webb, 36, of Prestonsburg, charged with

hydrocodone trafficking.

■ Penny Branham, 53, of Prestonsburg, charged with three counts of drug trafficking for selling marijuana and Xanax near Adams Middle School and one count of tampering with physical evidence.

■ Bob McCoy, charged with cocaine trafficking.

■ Russell (Crum) Sammons, 58, of Martin, charged with hydrocodone trafficking.

■ Edgar Tackett, 59, of Harold, charged with two counts of complicity to commit trafficking of Tylenol 3 and hydrocodone.

■ Johnny Owens, 42, charged with six counts of falsely obtaining controlled substance prescriptions.

■ Sandy Reed, charged with second-degree trafficking and trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school.

Court dates for the entries of these pleas are scheduled for later this month and continue through May, Turner said, noting that defendants in the cases will each receive jail time for the crimes.

Last of roundup suspects out of jail

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judge John Caudill proved in Circuit Court yesterday that he was, in his own words, "fair but stern," when he reduced the bond on a drug trafficker caught in the April Fool's Day drug roundup.

Caudill halved the bond that was issued for one Holly Powers who was the only one from the roundup who still remained in the Floyd County Detention Center. All of the others arrested were bonded out within 48 hours of being apprehended.

Powers was represented by attorney Jerry Patton, who pointed out that Powers had been severely depressed since her incarceration. Caudill responded frankly by saying, "Mr. Patton I figure if you or me were over there, we'd be depressed too." The judge did reduce Powers' bond after hearing no objection from Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner.

This was good news for Powers, who throughout the process, has been visibly shaken by her arrest and subsequent incarceration. She was in tears when she was first arrested and cried quietly throughout her arraignment.

Her time in jail has also been difficult on her physically. She was treated for a kidney infection last week, but she has proven to be no trouble for the staff at the jail.

Assistant Jailer Kaye Webb called Powers "... a good inmate. She hasn't been any trouble at all." Webb also reported that she hadn't been in the jail before but several others in the roundup were familiar faces to the staff at the detention center.

Powers had some support in court. An aunt was there for support and she was frank about Powers' problems, saying, "She's had a hard life but she hasn't gotten into trouble like

this."

Powers was living with boyfriend Dennis Fields at the time of her arrest and was one of five members of the Fields family to get arrested. Her boyfriend has kept in touch with her while she was at the jail but bonded out on his arraignment day.

Rose, Patton case gets hearing today

by MARY MUSIC
and TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITERS

MOREHEAD — Rowan Circuit Court will preside over a status hearing today in an unlawful termination case that names former Gov. Paul Patton and Robert Stephens, former secretary of the Justice Cabinet, according to an order filed this week in Floyd County.

The suit, filed in 2000 by Gary Rose, the former commissioner of the Kentucky State Police, will be heard by Judge William Mains, who took over the case after Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill was disqualified to hear it.

Rose, who began his career as KSP commissioner in 1996, claims he was wrongfully terminated in 1999 by Stevens and Patton.

In the suit, Rose alleges that he was fired on August, 26, 1999, roughly two weeks after he reported "improper and wrongful practices" within the Justice Cabinet in a memorandum he presented on August 18, 1999, outlining "mismanagement and waste of public funds" and "improper employment practices" within Kentucky State Police.

Bernard Pafunda, represent-

ing Rose, asks for compensatory damages for lost wages, pain and suffering, humiliation and mental anguish.

Patton and Stephens denied Rose's allegations in a response filed by Stephens filed in May 2000, stating his claims "fail" because he "knew" the memorandum was false.

"Rose's claims, in whole or in part, fail because Rose knew the statements contained in the memorandum were false, and acted with reckless disregard for the falsity of those statements when he delivered the memorandum to Stephens," Stephens wrote in the response.

Stephens also argued that he and Patton acted only in their official capacities, not individually as Rose alleges. He asked that the court dismiss the case.

Frankfort attorney R. Johnson Powell, of the Justice Cabinet, filed Tuesday a notice of entry as counsel for Stephens and Patton in Floyd Circuit Court.

When contacted, Powell was vague as to what he expects to see happen in the case, which has laid dormant in the courts for more than a year.

"I'm waiting to see what Mr. Rose's Attorney has to say," he said.

Pafunda could not be reached for comment.

Senator, mayor help students plant trees

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Mayor Jerry Fannin went to Stonecrest Golf Course Thursday to help Dexter Conley, of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, and seven Allen Central High School students plant a thousand trees for Arbor Day.

The golf course is situated on an old strip mining site and this effort is meant to, eventually, return the area to its natural beauty.

The day began with Conley giving the students a brief history of Arbor Day and was followed by a tutorial on the proper handling and planting procedures for seedlings. The group then heard briefly from Turner and Fannin, who thanked the students for com-

ing out to help plant the trees. The entire group then proceeded to a bare hill to begin the planting, which would take the better part of the day.

Turner said he was elated to see the planting being done for its second year and hopes it will become a new tradition. He and Conley came up with the event two years ago and their hopes are high that the tradition continues.

"We hope to continue this every year," Turner said. "They destroyed a lot of trees here when they got the coal out."

Turner also made it a point to address the Allen Central students and thank them for joining in.

Fannin echoed the feelings of gratitude for the teenage volunteers and told them "This is your future. We appreciate your being here."

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about using education and early prevention to fight drugs in area schools and was met with a round of applause when he explained his rationalization for school drug testing.

"We are burying too many of our teenagers," Barker told the audience.

The evening ended with a plea for interested parties to sign up for the various committees that the coalition is forming to help in providing further educational resources, alternative programs for giving adolescents

drug-free activity choices and family support since drugs tend to have a domino effect on everyone around the user. In all 51 people signed up to serve on the different committees Tuesday night.

UNITE has two hotlines that residents can make use of now. The first number is for reporting suspected drug dealers in your neighborhood and that number is (866) 424-4382. The other number is for anyone who needs help in treating drug dependency and that number is (866) 908-6483.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Daily Times-Call, Longmont, Colo., on a wasteful federal program to compensate radiation victims:

How many investors would settle for a 0.0002 percent return on their money?

But that's exactly what ailing nuclear weapons plant workers have realized out of a taxpayer-funded Energy Department program created in 2000 to compensate employees sickened by radiation or toxic chemicals while on the job.

To date, the DOE has spent \$74 million essentially creating a fortress of paperwork that people who believe their jobs made them ill will have to scale. Since the program was created, one worker in Washington state has been paid \$15,000.

To date, 23,000 people have applied for compensation. The DOE says it has rejected about 5 percent of those and moved forward on about 1 percent, or 230 cases. Which means 94 percent, or almost 22,000 people, are still waiting for their situations to be addressed.

These are people who, in many cases, don't have a lot of time. They are people who worked in weapons plants and developed cancers and other illnesses they believe were directly related to their work.

The ongoing expenditure of millions to administer a program that has benefited one single person in four years is shocking, it is shameful and it is an indictment of big government at its very worst.

The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y., on Rwanda:

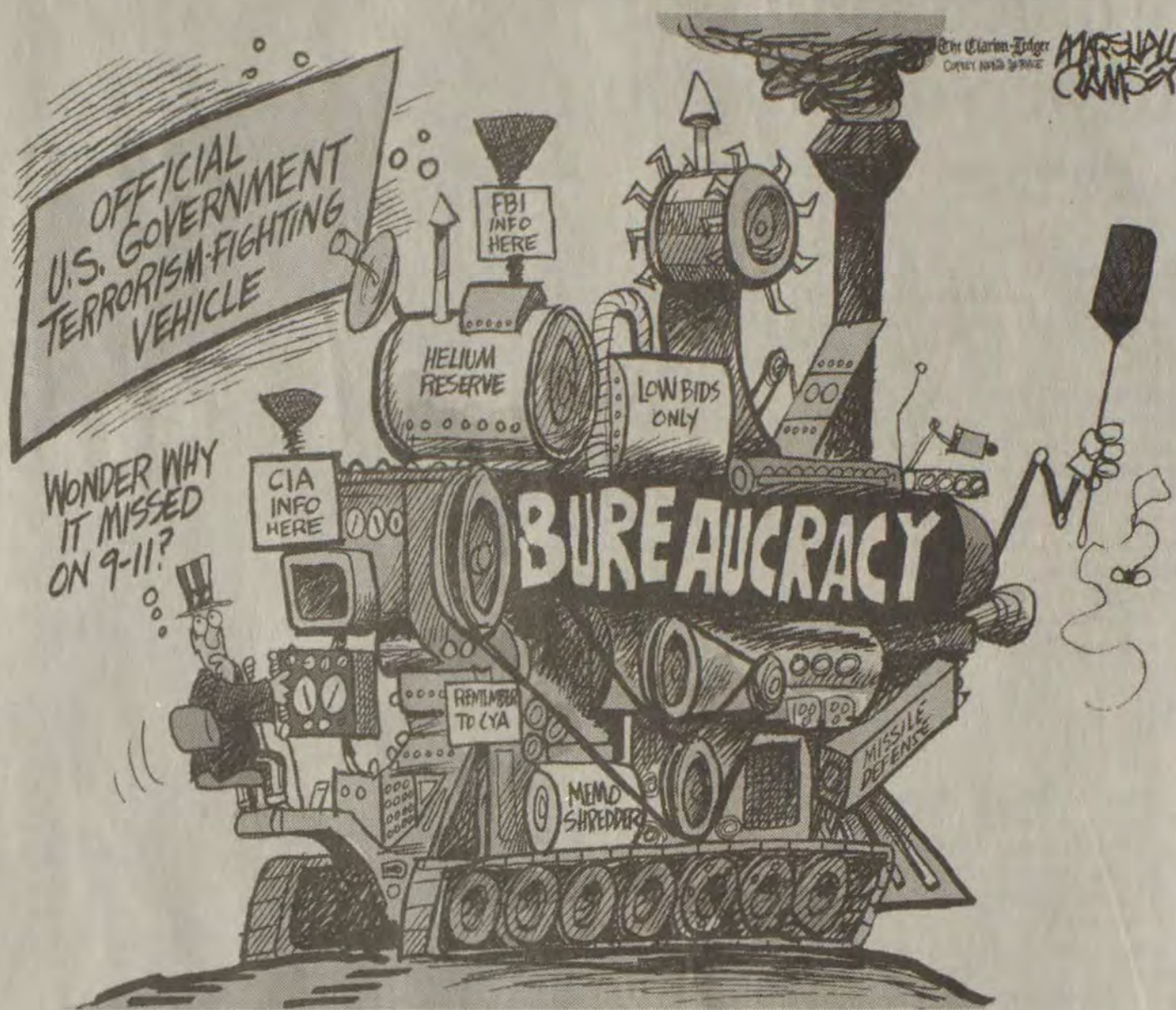
More than 630 U.S. soldiers have died thus far in Iraq. More than 3,000 people perished in the terror attacks of 2001.

Grim statistics, to be sure. But 10 years ago this month, in the tiny African nation of Rwanda, more people were killed between breakfast and lunch than died at the World Trade Center - and it went on 100 days.

And world leaders equivocated. ...

The slaughter continued unabated until nearly 1 million had perished. In 1993, at the opening of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, speakers solemnly vowed, "Never again." Visiting Rwanda as president in 1998, Clinton acknowledged the U.S. failure to act and repeated the mantra: "Never again."

Never again? Until nations and leaders demonstrate the will to set aside politics and self-interest when confronted with the face of true evil, such ritual invocations will ring hollow.



Guest Column

A new enemy!

by JACOB G. HORNBERGER

Well, those who were anguishing that the United States was without an official enemy after the capture of Saddam Hussein (the "new Adolf Hitler") can sleep well again: America has a new enemy — an even newer, younger, and more dangerous Hitler!

(You'll recall that this psychological phenomenon — "official enemy lack" — afflicted many federal officials, especially those in the Pentagon, after the fall of the Soviet Union.)

The "newest Hitler" who provides yet another justification for the invasion of Iraq and the continued occupation of that country is Muqtada al-Sadr, an Iraqi Shi'ite Muslim whose father was killed by the old "new Hitler" — Saddam Hussein.

According to an op-ed entitled "Take

a Deep Breath" by New York Times columnist David Brooks, for example, Muqtada is a "lowlife hoodlum," "ruthless and hyperpoliticized." Even worse, Muqtada has been "spectacularly successful in winning popular support," even though he is a "young, hotheaded murderer who terrorizes people wherever he goes." Worst of all, "he has taken this opportunity to make a desperate bid for power" in Iraq!

Unfortunately, Brooks forgot to refer to Muqtada as a "new Hitler" who, if left free to seek political power in Iraq, could ultimately take over the reins of power in that country, amass weapons of mass destruction that could threaten the United States and mankind, align himself with Iran and international terrorists, and actually take over the entire world — just like Saddam Hussein and Adolf Hitler (the real one)! He must be captured or killed now, just like Saddam Hussein and his two sons!

Spread the word among the troops in Iraq: "The latest cause for which you are dying is to protect the American

people and the Iraqi people and mankind from Muqtada al-Sadr, the "newest Hitler."

So, rest easy — we now have a "new official enemy." Increase the Pentagon's budget — now! Enact PATRIOT 2 — now! Any delay is dangerous! "Hitler" must be stopped now, before it is too late! Munich-style appeasement is not the way to go! National security is at stake! Trust us!

Meanwhile, the New York Times reports that people in Afghanistan, another locus of the U.S. government's "war on terrorism," is making a killing producing poppies, which means that there will now be an overabundance of heroin dealers in the United States to target as "new drug-dealing Hitlers."

So, as David Brooks would put it, get a grip, take a deep breath, and relax — there are plenty of potential "new Hitlers" around to keep people's juices roiling.

Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

Letters

The lost mother

To whom this letter may concern and to all the mothers across the nation and the state of Kentucky. Well, here goes a story, a true story that I can't even believe. I hope and pray everyday I will awake from this bad dream, that is not, but is a live nightmare that I'm living, in my own hell.

Have you every been without your children? Have you ever lost the only thing in your life that made you life worth living? Seeing your child's beautiful smile every morning you awake? Seeing their happiness and heartache, sadness and their angelicness?

But you see, here is my lost mother story for the world to read. I sit here day in and day out without all of that now. Here I am in this big house without the laughter, without my babies and I

can't stand it. The pain is killing me. Wait, it already has. I am dead already.

The neighbors laugh, the town harasses me, but they don't understand. Their laughs and making fun of the lost mother do not bother me. Why? Because when my kids were taken, that's what killed me and my tears are no more, my heart is broken. I'm emotionless. I'm dead inside.

Children services and foster parents keep-us apart. I will not get to spend Easter with my kids. They won't let me.

I love my kids and miss them so, so bad. Pray for us. Lord, help us all. Robin Blevins Prestonsburg

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Many Floyd County residents well remember a trip they felt they had to make on April 4, 1989. On that date,

people were hot on the lookout for a single word in the windows or on the marquees of local stores — "lottery". Now, 15 years later, the Kentucky Lottery has provided a tangible benefit to the Commonwealth in excess of \$2 billion.

Since that first day of sales, the Kentucky Lottery has sold more than \$7.7 billion in tickets, with more than \$4.5 billion going to player prizes. Retailers across the state have also enjoyed nearly \$471 million in commissions from selling and cashing tickets.

Lottery proceeds have paid for a variety of programs across Floyd County and the commonwealth. A majority of the funds we've raised — nearly \$1.4 billion — have gone to the state's General Fund, which is primarily used to pay for primary and secondary education in the state. \$15 million has gone to literacy programs to help Kentucky's children and adults learn to read. The

Kentucky Affordable Housing Trust Fund has built nearly 2,770 housing units for some of the state's neediest citizens with \$21 million in Lottery proceeds.

In 1998, legislators enacted a seven-year plan to shift Lottery dividends to scholarship programs benefiting the Commonwealth's high school students. Since the start of the program, a little more than \$400 million has gone to pay for need-based and merit-based scholarships and grants over the past five years.

This has helped many of Floyd County's best and brightest reach the goal of a college degree. In fact, during our past fiscal year, 1,345 Floyd County students have received financial grants and awards totaling \$1,448,656 to attend college.

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: 'Kill Bill - Vol. 2'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

If "Kill Bill — Vol. 1" was like a roundhouse kick to the head, "Kill Bill — Vol. 2" is practically a warm hug.

Oh, there's still plenty of violence in the second half of Quentin Tarantino's samurai-kung fu-spaghetti Western-blaxploitation megamix. A knock-down, drag-out cat fight in which Uma Thurman and Daryl Hannah destroy a trailer with amazonian fury is a prime example.

There just isn't the kind of cartoonish blood and gore that saturated the first film, which came out last fall. "Vol. 2" ends on a note that could almost be described as heartwarming, with Thurman's character finding happiness in a traditional way.

Is Tarantino going soft? Hardly. "Vol. 2" is every bit as thrilling as the first, but it also features more of the stylized, rhythmic dialogue that has become the writer-director's trademark through films like "Pulp Fiction."

This gives the second film an emotional resonance that the first lacked, and it brings the enormity of the whole project into perspective.

I'd still like to see both parts shown together in a theater; cinematographer

Robert Richardson shot "Kill Bill" so breathtakingly and in so many varied styles, it seems watching the film in its entirety at home on DVD wouldn't do it justice.

Tarantino has said he released "Vol. 2" several months after "Vol. 1" because it would have been too much of a sensory overload for audiences to sit through the whole thing at once.

I was among the many critics who decried Miramax's decision to divide the film as "a marketing ploy to get filmgoers to pay



"Kill Bill — Vol. 2," a Miramax Films release, is rated R for violence, language and brief drug use. Running time: 136 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

twice." I'd be curious now, though, to experience both halves melded together.

The cliffhanger ending of "Vol. 1" revealed that the baby taken from The Bride while she was in a coma is still alive. In "Vol. 2," she sets out to get revenge on the rest of her former

comrades in the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad who tried to kill her on her wedding day.

There's Budd (Michael Madsen), the sleazy brother of her former lover and boss, Bill. There's the eyepatch-wearing Elle Driver (Hannah), who has become the top killer in The

Bride's absence. And, of course, there's Bill himself — represented only in rich, baritone voiceovers in "Vol. 1" but now a main character played by David Carradine.

And what a fabulous casting choice Carradine is to play the charming, dangerous Bill; he's one of Tarantino's idols from his television role in "Kung Fu," but he also has such gravitas about him, such a look of experience on his weathered face, he's truly magnetic.

Despite the twisted nature of the relationship between Bill and The Bride, their scenes together are surprisingly moving. They also buzz with tension because we know from the title alone what she plans to do to him.

In flashbacks, we see another

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RENTAL CENTRAL

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Quentin Tarantino fans got a real treat this week with his latest film, "Kill Bill — Vol. 2," hitting area theaters the same week that "Kill Bill — Vol. 1" hit video stores. In the second film audiences will actually see Bill, who only appeared vocally in part one.

The DVD is a rehash of all of the films Tarantino watched during the last seven years and the good news is that they were excellent flicks. The influences here are the kung fu films from Hong Kong's Shaw Brothers studios and the hyperkinetic

action films of Tokyo's Takashi Miike. For an intro to Miike check out "Dead or Alive," which has an opening 12-minute sequence that will introduce you to his style which is a frenetic combo of manic editing and over-the-top violence.

"Kill Bill — Vol. 1" features three excellent fight scenes and just enough plot to get from each one to the next. The last line of dialogue is a killer and will have you grabbing your car keys in a rush to catch "Bill 2" at the nearest cinema.

Cult classic "Eating Raul" made its DVD debut this week and it is the story of an uptight suburban couple who come up

with a unique method of dealing with Reaganomics, and it ain't pretty. Basically they invite local, and obnoxious, swinging couples to their apartment, where they knock them off and steal their wallets to keep their small restaurant business afloat. Great social satire from director Paul Bartel ("Death Race 2000").

"Timeline" — This is the latest Michael Crichton (JURASSIC PARK) book to make it to the movies. Unfortunately it is sure proof that even the most

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Budget

taxes "when cooler heads prevail," which could yield better results.

However, Fletcher said he does not intend to call a special session to pass a budget. Without a budget, state government would operate under a spending plan by Fletcher when the next fiscal year begins July 1.

Lawmakers passed bills that run the gamut, assuming all become law: Doubled fines for speeding in school zones. Allowing some Medicaid recipients to choose their in-home caretakers. Bills against identity theft and prescription drug abuse. Better electrical safety standards in coal mines. High school diplomas for Korean War veterans — to name a few.

Broadband service was deregulated in hope of spreading high-speed Internet access across rural Kentucky. A three-year moratorium was put on mandated state health benefits to

try to attract insurers.

Social conservatives claimed victories with the passage of a fetal-homicide bill and a proposed constitutional amendment that, if ratified by voters, would ban same-sex marriages and deny legal recognition of civil unions.

The marriage amendment provoked bitter debate that occupied much of the House's time during the crucial final weeks of the session.

Some high-profile measures came up short.

A proposed constitutional amendment for limits on medical malpractice cases, the top priority for the Kentucky Medical Association and for Senate President David Williams, died in the House.

Draud said lack of action on malpractice would make problems of health-care access more acute as doctors, especially in high-risk specialties, leave for states where insurance rates are

lower.

Ethics bills sponsored by House Speaker Jody Richards also stalled out. Richards said his bills would have curbed nepotism, cronyism and no-bid contracts in the state's executive branch.

Other bills that came up short would have limited sales of soft drinks and junk food in schools and rewritten laws on methamphetamine crimes.

Sen. Walter Blevins, D-West Liberty, said partisanship stymied discussion on many bills. "I think it's worse than it ever has been," Blevins said. "We're in a real political battle right now and it shows."

Rep. Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow, said the session "in general has been embarrassing." He found one glimmer of progress. He said people will be able to "breathe easier" in the Capitol and Capitol Annex — thanks to his own bill to limit smoking.

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Tiffany Shea Williams, 20, of Prestonsburg, to Anthony Vaughn Allen, 25, of Pikeville.

Wendi Marie Baitley, 23, to Rudolph Newsome, 52, both of McDowell.

Civil Suits Filed

Johnny Martin vs. Wilma Whitney; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Steven Thompson vs. N. Little Company; complaint.

Community Trust Bank vs. Rebecca Kuss; complaint.

Deutsche Bank National Trust vs. Orville Mitchell; complaint.

Kentucky Medical Services vs. Pamela Robinson; complaint.

Wanda Justice vs. Kenneth Justice; petition for health care insurance.

Sage Financial Ltd. vs. Lorrie McGue; complaint.

National Union Fire Insurance vs. B & R Coal Mining; complaint.

Steve Whitt vs. Lisa Whitt; divorce.

Holly Calhoun vs. Kathleen Preece; complaint.

Pra III LLC vs. Hazel Shepherd; complaint.

Michael Shortridge and Jodie Shortridge vs. Eric Reid and unknown defendants; verified complaint.

Michael Wireman vs. Tracy Wireman; divorce.

Hilda Strickland vs. George Strickland; divorce.

Ricky D. Bentley vs. Melissa Bentley; divorce.

Shelly Inis vs. Kevin Inis; verified petition for divorce.

Christal Gail Jenkins vs. Jason Henry Jenkins; divorce.

Connie Lee Goble vs. Dickie Mitchel Goble; divorce.

Lorraine Reynolds vs. Consolidated Health Systems; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Prestonsburg Housing vs. Erelene Collins; complaint.

Prestonsburg Housing vs. Tracy Hicks; complaint.

Trenton Ward vs. Willie Marshall; complaint.

Little Stop and Shop vs. Mary Crittendon; \$1,500 store debt.

Maggard Heating and Cooling vs. Janey Bamer; complaint.

Ronald Hall vs. Heather D. Tackett; attempt to reclaim a stolen jar of money.

Anita Moore vs. Prestonsburg Health Care; wants refunded for garnished wages.

George Doc Hale vs. Angel Miller and Daniel Miller; payment for four months rent.

Julia Anna Carr vs. Betty Harkness; suing for damage to a trailer.

Ezra Allen vs. Ellen Mae Gilliam; wants personal property removed from rental residence.

Charges Filed

Basil Moore, no age listed, McDowell; first-degree wanton endangerment.

Melody M. Perry, 43, Paintsville; theft.

Danny Waddles, 29, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct.

Jamie Renee Boyd, 27, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

King D. Collins, 26, Pikeville; theft.

Reao Hamilton Jr., 33, Teaberry; evading police, alcohol intoxication.

Chad Jervis, 22, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, harassment.

Lonnie Dean Thacker Jr., 25, Pikeville; theft.

Bobby Prater, 49, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, obstruction of government operation, menacing, terrorist threatening, harassment.

John M. Casper, 31, Knoxville, Tenn.; alcohol intoxication.

Michael Newsome, 33, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Annie Collins Newsome, 32, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Property Transfers

Swinging Bridge Rentals Inc., to May-Johnson Properties, LLC, property located, Goble Roberts Addition.

Tommy Gene McKinney to Alvin Osborne and Bonnie Osborne, property located, Left Beaver Creek.

Deawanna Justice to Ricky Bingham and Wilma J. Bingham, property located, Clear Creek.

Newspaper Holdings Inc., to Community Holdings of Kentucky, LLC, property location not listed.

Sharon K. (Kidd) Hall and Andrew Hall and Anita G. (Kidd) Hall and Clarence E. Kidd and Sheliah R. Kidd to Timothy W. Robinson and Christa L. Kidd Robinson, property located, Tanyard Branch on Little Mud Creek.

Roger Lee Adkins and Maryann Adkins, Freddy Adkins, Timmy Joe Adkins, Teddy Gene Adkins, Christine Newman and

Travis Newman, Hattie Lou Crisp and Daphene Myers to Terry Ray Adkins, property located, Branham Creek Road.

Sylvia J. Hall and Holly Hall to Karen Hamilton, property located, Joe I. May Addition to Betsy Layne.

Sylvia Sellards Hall and Holly Denise Hall to Rose Karen Hall Hamilton, property location not listed.

Curtis Hatfield and Joan Hatfield to Kinbag Development Company, LLC, property located, Watergap and Bull Creek.

Obituaries

Connie Lynn Helton

Connie Lynn Helton, 57, of Taylor, Michigan, passed away, Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Putnam Community Medical Center, following an extended illness.

She was born December 27, 1946, in Martin, and had been visiting in Florida for the past three months. She was formerly employed by General Motors in Lavonia, Michigan, and was a member of New Hope Assembly of God in Taylor, Michigan. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, television, and going to the beach. Her grandchildren held a very special place in her heart.

Surviving her are one son, James Balentine of Taylor, Michigan; one daughter and her fiancée, Kimberlie Dolane and James Dicesare of Taylor, Michigan; her mother, Nova Workman Zeltner, and stepfather, Bob Zeltner of Interlachen; one sister, Debra Kirby of Satsuma; four grandchildren: Nicholous Dolane, Nichole Dolane, Stephen Angel Dolane and Cheyenne Balentine, all of Taylor, Michigan, and two nieces: Danielle Kirby and Candace Kirby, both of Satsuma.

She was preceded in death by her father, Burns Workman; her maternal grandparents: Maude and Don Boyd, and her paternal grandparents, Laura and Lon Workman.

Funeral services for Connie Lynn Helton will be conducted Saturday, April 17, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Rev. Jarrell officiating.

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

Visitation is after 11 a.m., Saturday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Phillip Inmon

Phillip Inmon, age 41, of Garrett, passed away, Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was born July 1, 1963, the son of Delmas "Ram" Inmon and Sturneth Moore Inmon of Garrett. He was a school teacher.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Teresa Lynn Allen, and her husband, Ricky, of Garrett; one nephew, Brad Allen, and one niece, Brook Allen, both of Garrett.

Funeral services for Phillip Inmon will be conducted Friday, April 16, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Red Morris, Willie Duff, Carl Watkins, and Martin Branch Freewill Baptist ministers, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Coburn-Inmon Family Cemetery, at Garrett, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home, where nightly services were held at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

Lillian Thornsby Kendrick Blackburn

Lillian Thornsby Kendrick Blackburn, 70, of Martin, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born May 30, 1933, at Dwale, she was the daughter of the late Morris and Mary Garrett Thornsby. She was a homemaker and a member of the Emma United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Marty and Patricia Kendrick of Dwale, and Clint and Carla Campbell of Martin; brothers: Gary Thornsby and Everett Thornsby, both of Warsaw, Indiana, and Hack Thornsby of Prestonsburg; sisters: Ida Ross and Myrtle Jo Potter, both of Prestonsburg, and Hester Layne of Elizabethton, Tennessee; grandchildren: Shane, Jarred, Nick and Alex; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters: Deborah Campbell and Penny Kendrick; and three brothers: Russell, George and Jimmy.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 15, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Henry Lewis and Harold Lewis officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Barry Potter, Billy Potter, Shane Kendrick, Herbert Layne, Jimmy Lee Brown, George Thornsby Jr., Chris Porter, and Matthew Crum.

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Paul (Tobe) Prater

Paul (Tobe) Prater, 84, of Dickson, Tennessee, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at his residence.

He was born November 23, 1919, in Morgan County, the son of the late Pierce and Ogie Salyer Prater. He was a coal miner, and served in the U.S. Army in WWII.

Survivors include three sons: Robert Prater, Kenneth Ray Prater, and John Paul Prater, all of Dickson; two daughters: Vikki Lynn (Paul) Inman of New Johnsonville, Tennessee, and Mary Ruth (Terry) Hamilton of Wayland; two brothers: Frank and Ralph Prater, both of Wayland; two sisters: Geraldine Thorpe and Wanda Lee Allen, both of Wayland; two grandsons: Jamie Shannon Prater and Jason Kinley Raymond; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Merle Ruth Hicks Prater.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 15, at the Dickson Funeral Home, with Brother Jeff Hicks officiating.

Burial was in the Hicks-Prater Cemetery, under the direction of Dickson Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Again without a budget, governor to run state on his own

by CHARLES WOLFE
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FRANKFORT — The General Assembly's failure to pass a budget raises the specter, for the second time in three years, of a governor running the state on his own spending plan.

It seemed equally likely that the governor's political opposition would take him to court.

The Senate and House shut down late Tuesday, unable to agree on Gov. Ernie Fletcher's demand for a new tax code. Fletcher's Republican allies in the Senate insisted on including his proposed tax plan in a new budget. Democrats who control the House refused.

Tuesday was the 60th and final legislative day allowed by the Kentucky Constitution. The General Assembly will not meet again until January unless called back to the Capitol by Fletcher,

who said he had no plan to do so.

Instead, Fletcher said he probably would do as his predecessor, Democrat Paul Patton, who was left in similar circumstances in 2002.

Patton ran the state for nine months under an "executive spending plan" — an unprecedented move that was challenged in court by state Treasurer Jonathan Miller and later by Senate President David Williams, a Republican.

The suit was never resolved. It was dismissed as moot after the 2003 General Assembly finally passed the budget that expires June 30.

Fletcher made no public comments Wednesday. But he said late Tuesday that he would follow a spending plan that provided for "essential services" and not much more. "There's some things that I think are important that are not going to be provided," he told reporters.

Without appropriated debt service, the state cannot sell bonds for construction projects, as also happened under Patton. That will delay hundreds of water and sewer projects that both chambers wanted, as well as several university buildings and technical centers, Fletcher said.

House Speaker Jody Richards, who emerged as leader of the Democratic opposition to Fletcher's tax plan, said the governor "is essentially a caretaker" without an enacted spending plan.

The chairman of the House appropriations committee, Rep. Harry Moberly, said an executive spending plan is too ambiguous and might prove to be illegal.

"There is no certainty on the spending of government programs for the next two years —

no certainty on education spending, human services spending," Moberly, D-Richmond, said.

"It would depend on the courts, and they're very unpredictable, but a very good case could be made that the governor has no authority to spend other than for emergency functions of government," Moberly said.

Kentucky's budget impasse has been part of a trend. Two years ago, budget talks collapsed over Republican demands to repeal partial public financing of the state's gubernatorial campaigns.

This time, the Senate insisted on folding Fletcher's tax plan into a new, biennial budget but the House refused.

In neighboring Virginia, the Legislature should have adjourned nearly a month ago but was still trying to pass a budget this week.

Last year, legislatures in six other states — California, Connecticut, Oregon, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Nevada — started fiscal 2004 without budgets.

Fletcher inherited a budget shortfall and ordered \$300 million in spending cuts after taking office in December. It was the fourth straight year in which revenues fell short of budget needs. Fletcher proposed a new tax code that he said would stimulate economic growth.

He wanted to broaden certain taxes on corporations but at lower rates and to make a modest cut in individual income taxes. To balance the cuts in order to be "revenue neutral," Fletcher wanted to raise taxes on tobacco and alcohol and on communication services, including — for the first time — satellite television.

Richards and other Democrats said the effect would be tax cuts for business and tax



Honk! is a hit!

Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center's production of "Honk! The Ugly Duckling Musical" opened this week at the MAC. This contemporary retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, "The Ugly Duckling," is great for the entire family. Here, Ugly, played by Wes Nelson of Harold, is being "prepared" for dinner by The Cat, played by Brance Cornelius of Lexington. Tickets are still available for Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17, by calling the Mountain Arts Center at 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

Kill

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of Tarantino's idols, Chinese film veteran Gordon Liu, challenging The Bride as her martial arts instructor. Their scenes together have a campy authenticity, with the camera zooming in quickly on his face to catch the twitch in his white eyebrows as he barks out orders and insults.

"Your anger amuses me," he tells The Bride in subtitles. "Do you think you are my match?"

The training also showcase

Thurman's intensity and athleticism. Some critics said her character wasn't developed enough in part one; she is here, and while she's an intimidating spectacle to behold, she also gets to show a softer side. And that's a deadly combination.

"Kill Bill — Vol. 2," a Miramax Films release, is rated R for violence, language and brief drug use. Running time: 136 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Rental

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successful authors can write dreck once in awhile and proves to be a boring take on time travel and action scenarios.

"Ginger Snaps 2" — A sequel to the excellent original film which featured an adolescent girl succumbing to lycanthropy. The original was an excellent treatise on being a teenager and showcased the horrors inherent when someone doesn't fit in to the group. Great stuff with teens who were treated as three dimensional characters and not just party charred automatons. The sequel has done well on the film festival circuit and a third film is due later in the year. The original is still available at Kmart and priced under \$10.

"Babylon 5" — The fifth and final season comes to DVD with

most of the shorelines wrapped up. This show stayed true to its promise and told its story in five seasons. Hats off to creator J. Michael Strazynski who is still active with a series of graphic novels and the series "Jeremiah" on Showtime.

Anime fans can check out the complete season one of "Yu-Gi-Oh" which takes up eight discs and costs a whopping \$100. There are also several volumes of "Mobile Suit Gundam" and "Rouin Warriors" that hit shelves this week.

Coming up next week is the Russell Crowe adventure film "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" and the second season of the BBC America hit "The Office."

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BAPTIST

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FREEDOM BIBLE CHURCH

April 11th: James Bentley will be bringing the morning service at Freedom Bible Church on Lower Johns Creek. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY SERVICE

On Sunday, April 18, Frankie Bryant will be bringing the morning service at Freedom Bible Church on Lower John's Creek. Everyone welcome.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING, APRIL 20

The Floyd County Conservation District will be holding the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 20, at 10 a.m., in the District office.

REVIVAL

There will be a revival at the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church on April 18, weekly, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, 6 p.m. Special singing. Preachers: Justin Williams and Ronnie Spriggs. Pastor: William Canterbury.

NURSE-COORDINATOR TO SPEAK AT JENNY WILEY AARP MEET

Kim Preston, Nurse-coordinator of the Heartburn Treatment Center at Highlands 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.

HRMC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ Apr. 15 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Place B, 5-7 p.m.
 ■ Apr. 17 - Child Birth Classes, Meeting Place A & B, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 ■ Apr. 22 - Alzheimer's Support Group, Johnson County Public Library, 6-7 p.m.

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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: coach@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, Eastern 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."

Goodman returns to enter guilty

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A La Grange inmate serving a 10-year sentence for drug trafficking charges got a brief look at freedom this week, when he appeared in Floyd Circuit court to plead guilty to 14 charges in three other cases against him.

Charles Stevie Goodman, 26, pleaded guilty Wednesday to 13 counts of falsely obtaining a controlled substance prescription and one count of receiving stolen property.

Goodman, who was sentenced

to 10 years in February by Judge Danny P. Caudill to charges of first- and second-degree drug trafficking, will only serve one additional year on his latest guilty plea, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said.

The commonwealth recommended a sentence of 10 years to run concurrently with the sentence he is currently serving. Additionally, they recommended a one-year sentence to run consecutively with the other sentences.

Goodman was transported back to La Grange following the hearing.

Ohio couple pleads guilty to BB&T heist

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Ohio residents charged in the August robbery of a Prestonsburg bank are expected to enter guilty pleas, following pretrial conferences held this week.

Malinda Workman, 22, and Elijah P. Hluch, 23, both of Ravenna, Ohio, signed intents to enter guilty pleas in their cases upon accepting an offer made by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office Wednesday.

If they follow through with that agreement, the couple will collectively spend more than two decades in jail for the alleged crime.
 According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Workman, charged with first-degree robbery, settled for a 10-year sentence recommendation in return for her guilty plea. Hluch, charged with wanton endangerment, fleeing and evading and complicity to commit first-degree robbery, accepted a 15-year sentence recommendation for the charges against him, Turner said.

The two were arrested for allegedly robbing the BB&T Bank in the Glyn View Plaza Shopping Center on August 11 and thereafter leading police on a lengthy car chase through Prestonsburg, Allen and Cow Creek, where they were later arrested.

Allegedly, Workman held a teller at gunpoint and "politely" instructed her to fill a bag she was carrying with cash.

She then allegedly left the bank with approximately \$4,000 in tow and got into a car driven by Hluch, who led police, according to a citation issued by Allen Officer James Burke, on a high-speed car chase from Route 1428 to Route 194 in Cow Creek.

Burke arrested Workman at the scene. Hluch, who fled on foot into a nearby wooded area, was arrested a short time later with the help of a Kentucky State Police canine unit.

Both Workman and Hluch pleaded not guilty during their arraignments in October and have since been out on bond.

If the case faced a jury, they each could have expected a sentence of 10-to-20 years.

Letters

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Early baseball honors are in order, right?

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Time for some early-season baseball awards. Huh? Think it's too early? You've gotta be kidding me.

They've been playing a week and a half now. How can it be too early?

If you're a Reds fan you must strike whilst the iron's hot and right now it, like the good guys in the NL Central, are en fuago.



Rick Bentley

So let's get on with it, ok?

■ Baseball's best story, AL: This is easy. Alan Trammell's Tigers opened the 2003 baseball season with nine straight consecutive unanswered losses in a row without interruption.

This year, they entered yesterday afternoon's game 6-2 to share the league's best record with Oakland.

Last year, the team Ernie Harwell lovingly referred to as "the Tigahs" for decades were the worst hitting team in the league, finishing at .240.

This year, they opened the season with a .291 batting average.

Last year, they were the only team in the American League to score fewer than 600 runs.

This year, they scored at least five runs in each of their first eight games.

■ Baseball's best story, NL: Again, no challenge. The Marlins are 7-1, but they are the defending champions. The only thing the Reds were defending entering the season was having the game's top broadcaster in Marty Brennaman.

But heading into yesterday afternoon's series finale in Philly, the Reds were 5-2 and percentage points ahead of Houston in the league's best division.

Friends, this isn't your father's Big Red Machine.

Remember when they were all-hit, no-pitching? It's no coincidence that the names from the mid-70s that roll off the tongue are Rose, Morgan, Bench and Perez. I mean, Jack Billingham was a nice pitcher, but the best arm on this team belonged to shortstop Dave Concepcion.

But this year the emphasis has been on pitching in the early stages. A year after posting a 5.09 ERA, the Reds have opened the season with a 2.29, second best in the

(See BENTLEY, page two)

Eagle Ridge Golf Course opens today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - As of today, there's a new golf course in Eastern Kentucky.

Eagle Ridge, the new golf course at Yatesville Lake State Park in Lawrence County near Louisa, will open for its first full season, today.

The challenging par 71 course was designed by noted golf architect Arthur Hills & Associates. The course rests on hilly terrain and offers dramatic views of the wooded countryside and scenic Yatesville Lake. The course is aptly named. America bald eagles have in fact been sighted around the course.

Park Manager Mark Reeder said the course features a fully stocked pro shop offering golf equipment, apparel, snacks and related merchandise. Rates are \$36 per weekday for cart and green fees, \$42 on weekends. Hours are daylight to dusk, seven days a week, weather permitting. The toll-free reservations number is 1-866-906-7888. The local number is 673-4300.

Jamerson to attend UK practice

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Prestonsburg High senior Nicholas Jamerson made his college intentions known earlier this year when he announced that he would attend the University of

Kentucky and play football for the Wildcats as a preferred walk-on. By attending the University of Kentucky, Jamerson will follow in the footsteps of his legendary grandfather, Wilbur "Shorty" Jamerson, a former UK football standout.

Jamerson will take in a

Kentucky football practice Saturday.

"They want all of the walk-ons to watch a practice," said Dewey Jamerson, the future Wildcat's father.

Following the end of a stellar high school football career, the

(See JAMERSON, page two)



file photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High senior Nicholas Jamerson plans to attend a University of Kentucky football practice Saturday.

MOVIN' ON



Jenkins High senior Jonah Tackett is one of the latest recruits for the Pikeville College football program. Pikeville College Coach Jerry Mynatt was present for the recent signing.

Tackett signs with Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JENKINS - One of the best all-around athletes in Eastern Kentucky is moving on to play football at the next level. Jonah Tackett, one of the top athletes in the history

of Jenkins High School, will be moving on to Pikeville College in the fall. The Jenkins senior signed with Pikeville on Wednesday, April 7.

He is now a Bear. Tackett lettered in all five varsity

sports at Jenkins and recently signed a letter of intent to play football for the Bears. Tackett, a dual threat at wide receiver and running back, chalked up over 1,000 yards

(See TACKETT, page four)

Dates announced for Lady Rebel camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Dates and times have been announced for the annual Lady Rebel Basketball Camp. This year's Lady Rebel Basketball Camp will be held at Allen Central High School. The camp will be directed by Lady Rebel

head coach Mark Martin.

This year's camp will run June 14-18. The camp will begin at 8:30 a.m. each morning and end at noon. The camp is for young basketball hopefuls in grades 3-8. Cost of the camp is \$60 per camper.

Martin, members of his coaching

staff, and current ACHS Lady Rebels will work the camp.

Martin, who played basketball at Allen Central High School, ended his first season at the helm of the Lady Rebel program with a 17-13 record.

(See CAMP, page three)



file photo by Steve LeMaster

The familiar number 28 car of Allen driver Chuckie May is one of several area race machines fans can expect to see on area tracks in the upcoming weeks. Willard Speedway and 201 Speedway both have shows with feature races scheduled for Saturday. Half Mountain Speedway in Magoffin County will host a testing session Sunday.

Damron named bowling's top coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TULSA, Okla. - On the eve of college bowling's biggest event, Pikeville College's head coach was honored by a jury of his peers.

The National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) named Ron Damron the national women's bowling coach of the year Wednesday night.



Ron Damron

Damron received the honor at the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships Night of Champions Banquet at the DoubleTree at Warren Place.

"I very much appreciate this honor, that the coaches had this much confidence in what we're doing at Pikeville College," said Damron, the school's director of athletics. "I hope our players see this as an affirmation of all the hard work they've put into our program. It's a very nice honor, and hopefully the beginning of a big week for us here in Tulsa."

(See DAMRON page two)

Four teams registered for Rebel hoops tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - As of Thursday evening, four teams were registered for the upcoming Allen Central basketball tournament. The winner of the tournament will get the chance to face the group of University of Kentucky seniors that'll make a visit to Floyd County in May.

The Allen Central High School Rebel Battalion and Rebel Band will host the basketball tournament at J.E. Campbell Arena May 3-8. The tournament's championship team will take on the University of Kentucky Seniors on Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

No more than 20 teams will be allowed to participate in the tourna-

(See TOURNEY, page three)

AC baseball team in Louisville tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - Allen Central baseball faithful hope the recent sunny skies present throughout the state hold up through the weekend. The Rebel baseball team is scheduled to compete in a tournament in Louisville during the upcoming weekend. The tournament shapes up to offer Allen Central the opportunity to play some of the top prep baseball teams in the state.

Hosted by Pleasure Ridge Park High School, the tournament will also include, in addition to Allen Central, Marshall County, Webster County and Lexington Catholic. Knott County

(See BASEBALL, page three)

Spurred by Ferdinand saga, farm will be haven for retired horses

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDWAY — At 21 years old, Narrow Escape had produced a handful of winners as a broodmare, but drew little interest when she was put up for sale.

Used to be, a horse like her would end up in a slaughterhouse. Instead, the aptly-named horse has become the symbol of a new nonprofit organization devoted to providing a retirement home for racehorses when their careers have ended.

Narrow Escape will live out her days on Afton Farm, the host farm for Old Friends, which was formed last year by horse enthusiast and former journalist Michael Blowen.

"We're going to prove that this worthless horse is invaluable," Blowen said recently as he stroked Narrow Escape's head.

Like many in the industry, Blowen was appalled when he heard last July of the untimely death of 1986 Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand in Japan. Ferdinand's life ended sometime in 2002, possibly in a slaughterhouse.

Blowen had just started Old Friends when the story of Ferdinand's death shocked the racing industry.

"It was unfortunate that that happened, but all of a sudden, we went from getting three or four hits on our Web site to getting hundreds," said Blowen, 57. "It was a gravitational force. All of a sudden, it became like a national movement."

Old Friends wants to work with other thoroughbred retirement or adoption organizations,

including ReRun, the Exceller Foundation and the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, to save as many horses as possible.

Already, Friends, ReRun and the Exceller Foundation have teamed to provide Rich In Dallas — one of the 10 horses that portrayed Seabiscuit in last summer's movie — with a home.

"People are so focused on the Derby and all of these beautiful horses and think when their careers are over, they retire to those beautiful farms in Lexington," said Lori Neagle of ReRun. "That's far from reality for some of them."

Horses can be expensive to care for, so if an animal isn't making money, some owners opt for the slaughterhouse. Nearly 50,000 horses were slaughtered in this country last year for human consumption, with the meat shipped off to countries such as France and Japan where it is considered a delicacy.

U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., is a co-sponsor of a bill that would effectively shut down such slaughterhouses and place a

federal ban on the killing of horses for human consumption. Actress Bo Derek recently testified before a congressional committee in support of the bill.

The goal of Old Friends is to ensure famous stallions — most notably those who now are overseas — a safe place to live in retirement. Blowen has started by collecting private donations from people who want to own a small stake in retired Kentucky Derby winners.

Old Friends representatives have checked on the five Kentucky Derby winners that are overseas and are satisfied all are being well cared for and in demand as stallions, Blowen said. He's trying to negotiate the return of those horses when their stallion careers have ended, because of old age or ineffectiveness.

Once the horses are at Afton Farm, Blowen believes that tourists will visit, and he wants to use any money generated to care for lesser-known, less-successful horses so that they, too, can avoid the slaughterhouse.

A similar setup has succeeded at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, where former thoroughbred champions John Henry and Cigar are two of the park's main draws. Fans can see the horses and view video presentations of some of their most famous races.

"These horses are revered and loved," said the Horse Park's executive director, John Nicholson. "Michael Blowen represents the sentiments of nearly everyone in the business. These horses have given so much to us. The very least we can do is give them a home and a dignified retirement."

Phillip and Betty Sue Walters donated space at Afton Farm for Old Friends. They're converting their farmhouse into a bed-and-breakfast, with hopes that visitors will be drawn to the

farm by the Old Friends horses. Peggy Wittingham, the wife of the late Charlie Wittingham — who trained Ferdinand — will be the guest of honor at an April 17 open house at Afton Farm.

Old Friends expects to be home to mainly stallions. But it's first horse, Narrow Escape, is a mare whose father Exceller was shipped off to the slaughterhouse in 1997.

Blowen plans to put Narrow Escape, along with a Ferdinand mare that he thinks will be donated soon to Old Friends, in the front paddock at Afton Farm.

"These two mares will stand as reminders that what happened to their sires should never happen to any horse, much less these great champions," Blowen said.

On the Net: <http://www.old-friendsequine.com>

Record falls during Keeneland April sale

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A colt by Pulpit was bought for \$3.3 million on Tuesday during the one-day April 2-year-olds in training sale at Keeneland.

Aisling Cross-Dunigan made the \$3.3 million bid, a record for the Keeneland April sale. She signed the name of Demi O'Byrne to the sales sheet and bought the colt on behalf of

Coolmore Stud and Michael Tabor. O'Byrne manages Tabor's racing interests.

The bay colt had been consigned by Niall Brennan Stables.

It was the second-highest price ever paid for a 2-year-old in training. The world record was set in February, when a Fusaichi Pegasus colt sold for \$4.5 million to Fusao Sekiguchi at the Fasig-Tipton Calder select sale.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Jonah Tackett, Pikeville College football signee



Terri Mullins, Mountain All-Star Classic participant

East Ridge's Hunt wins high school spelling bee

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PIKEVILLE — East Ridge High School junior Sarah Hunt is the Grand Champion of the Pike County High School Spelling Bee, after outscoring other top spellers in the county's five high schools. Hunt won the oral competition with the correct spelling of the word privy.

Hunt, the 16-year-old daughter of Linda Hunt of Elkhorn City, also won the written portion of the competition and was the 11th grade level winner. Other winners of the spelling bee, held Tuesday at the Central Office of Pike County Schools, included freshman Elizabeth Moore of Pike County Central High School, who won the vocabulary competition and was the ninth grade winner. Renee Thompson of Pike County Central was the 10th grade winner. Josh Taylor, also of Pike County Central High School,

was the 12th grade winner.

Pike Central, coached by Laurel Slone, took home the first place team trophy. Belfry High School, coached by Tara Adkins, took the second place team trophy.

In oral competition, Kandace Hensley of Phelps took second place and Taylor took third place.

Bentley

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league. Most Overblown Story, First Runner-Up: This steroid issue was a black cloud over the game throughout the spring and doesn't seem to be going away anytime soon.

Says here the powers that be need to prove their point or keep quiet about it. I've heard enough about all the accusations, all the whispers about first this guy and then that one.

They say it looks like Bonds, McGwire and Sosa were on the juice, and maybe they were. They're the first people in baseball history to pick up power as their career's headed down the home stretch, and yes, it looks iffy.

But until somebody proves they were using something that was illegal at the time it was used, I don't see the use in beating this dead horse.

Bonds, on the other hand ... Most Overblown Story, Winner: I'm sorry, I've had enough of Barry Bonds catching Willie Mays.

Yes, it's a nice story. Yes, Mays was his godfather and de facto best friend, but enough's enough. On the night this week when Bonds tied Mays, I'm going to guess SportsCenter spent between 40 and 45 minutes on it. Was nothing else going on in all of sports?

Phil Mickelson had just won about the most exciting golf tournament ever televised, and he was relegated to the crawl.

I'm happy for Bonds and glad to see Mays in the spotlight one final time, I suppose, but as the old man says, enough's enough of anything. I've had enough of this story.

Teams Most Likely to Prevent a Reds/Tigers World Series: As much as I hate to say it, Boston and New York will dominate the landscape as the summer wears on.

I don't know which one will win, but both look reasonably strong. Well, Boston looks good right now, but it's hard to tell much about the Yankees because they play Tampa Bay every night.

But these are the top two

teams in the game, and will be 1 and 1a all the way through. I'll say this: Whichever team wins the division will likely lose the ALCS.

In the National League, Florida looks good because they're the only good team in a sorry division. This was to be the year Philly took over for Atlanta and proved the Marlins to be the baseball equivalent of Christopher Cross.

Atlanta just can't decide if it wants to be good or bad: The Braves are 4-4 overall, 3-3 at home, 1-1 on the road, and have both scored and allowed 50 runs. They'll be lucky to win 75 games.

Houston and Chicago were supposed to be the Yanks and Sox of the NL, but both are missing vital cogs to their pitching staffs.

Down the road it could be the Yankees and Cubs, but right now, the top teams seem to be the Sox and Marlins.

Jamerson

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Prestonsburg High senior took very little time off, moving on to a senior basketball season that included a 58th District title.

Now, he's participating in track and field meets. Jamerson has also been attending weekend workouts on Saturdays at the HIT Center in Huntington, W.Va.

Jamerson will head off to Lexington later this spring on June 13 to begin preparation for the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Classic.

The University of Kentucky football program has kept busy the last two weeks with spring practice in high gear.

Kentucky assistant head coach/special teams coordinator/tight ends coach Steve Ortmyer was featured on a live chat session on ukathletics.com on Tuesday.

Wildcat head coach Rich Brooks will have his spring practice radio call-in show on Tuesday, Apr. 20 from 7-9 p.m. at Damon's Restaurant in Lexington. The show is pro-

duced by Host Communications and UK play-by-play announcer Tom Leach will serve as host. Brooks will give his observations on the team's progress during the spring as the Wildcats prepare for the Blue/White Game.

Kentucky Football Calendar:

■ Saturday, Apr. 17 Practice, 1 p.m.; location TBA

■ Monday, Apr. 19 Practice, 3:40 p.m. at Nutter Training Center

■ Tuesday, Apr. 20 Rich Brooks Call-in Radio Show, 7-9 p.m., from Damon's Restaurant in Lexington

■ Wednesday, Apr. 21 Practice, 3:40 p.m. at Nutter Training Center

■ Friday, Apr. 23 Practice, 3:40 p.m. at Nutter Training Center

■ Saturday, Apr. 24 Blue/White Spring Football Game, 1 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium



April Ellis

State University in both polls.

The NCBCA also honored April Ellis, naming her to the five-player All-American Second Team.

Ellis, a junior from Jackson, Tenn., is 16th in the nation this season with an average score of 194.963, and ranks 23rd in average differential — the difference in her average and that of the field in her tournaments — at 22.312.

Additionally, five Pikeville Bowlers were named Academic All-Americans by the NCBCA.

They were seniors Stacey Wyatt and Lindsey Durham, both of Louisville, Teresa Sanderson of Garfield Heights, Ohio, and sophomore LaDeanna Damron of Millard.

Also honored was one member of the men's bowling team, sophomore Cassady Schaub of Polk, Ohio.

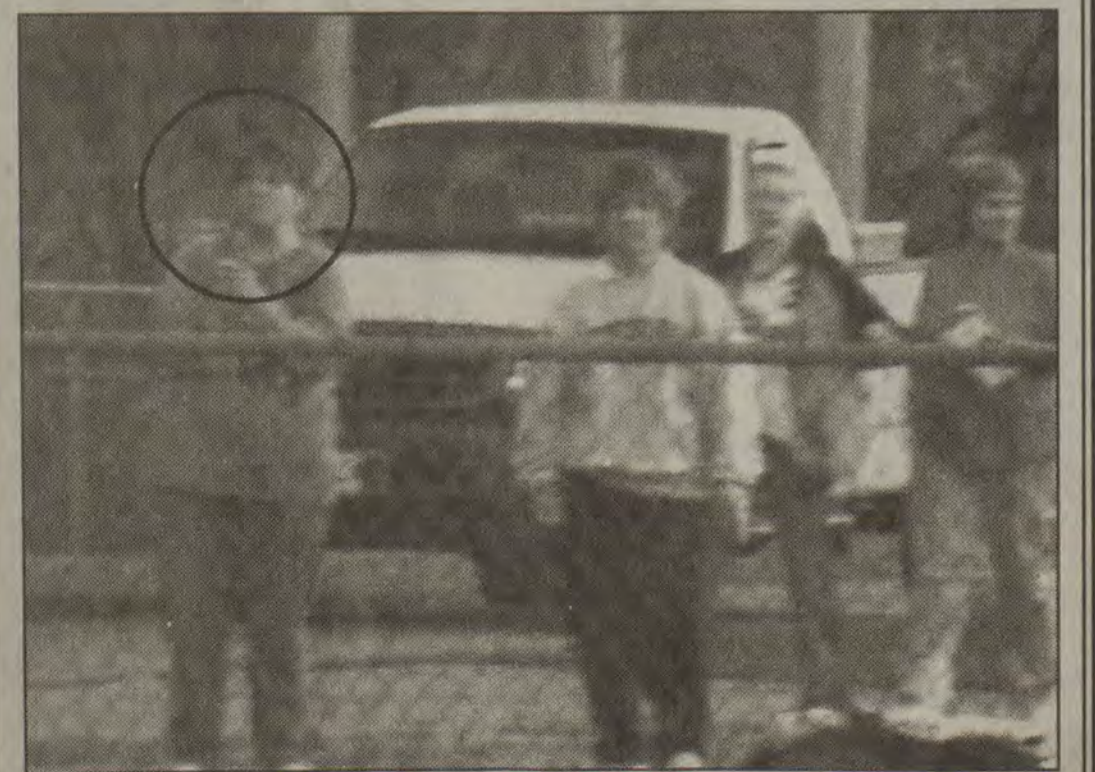
Pikeville College began play in the 2004 IBC championships Thursday morning at Riverlakes Bowling Center. Each team was to bowl 32 Baker games, and based on those, a double-elimination Match Play tournament will be seeded to decide the championship.

Match Play begins this morning, with the championship round slated for Saturday at 1 p.m. CDT.

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Clark, Cardinal tennis team in conference tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team earned a No. 3 seed and a first-round bye in the

2004 Conference USA Men's Tennis Championship in Memphis. The Cardinals (18-7) will play the winner of fifth-seeded UAB and eleventh-seeded Marquette today at 9 a.m.

The Cards are currently on a program-best 10-match win streak.

Louisville, No. 36 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, is led at the top

seed by senior Matt Mayer (17-14 overall, 11-10 dual matches). Junior Octavian Nicodim steps in at the No. 2 slot with a 13-14 record (8-10 dual). Nicodim is currently on a four-match winning streak and has won five of his last six singles matches.

Freshman Damar Johnson, the Cardinals' No. 3 player has compiled a 20-9 record and is 17-6 in the spring. Johnson on a five-match win streak and has won seven of his last eight. The No. 4 spot belongs to sophomore Jhonny Berrido who boasts a 24-12 record and is 17-8 in dual matches. Sophomore Jakob Gustafsson has the

team's best singles record at 30-8 (18-6 dual) and will see action at No. 5. Sophomore Jeremy Clark rounds out the singles lineup at No. 6 with a 23-9 overall record and a 15-5 dual match record. Clark has developed into a strong contributor for the Cardinal tennis program, in both singles and doubles play.

The Cards are led in doubles by the team of Mayer and Clark, currently No. 18 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. Mayer and Clark have compiled an 18-6 record this season (15-5 dual matches).

"The conference has again

recognized us as a contender for the C-USA championship," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarria. "After losing half of last year's starting lineup to graduation, we're back in the top part of our conference with a No. 3 seed. We've got our work cut out for us with No. 1 seeded TCU in our bracket, but we feel if we continue to play our game continue to work hard, we've got a chance to win it all. That is our focus, to do everything we can and lay our hearts on the line to come home with the championship. The committee seeded us fairly and now it's up to us to do everything we can to win another conference title."

Kentucky Football Notebook

Phillips named Perimeter Game Coordinator

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator Joker Phillips has added the duties of perimeter game coordinator, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

As perimeter game coordinator, Phillips will direct the outside running game and outside screen plays.

"Joker has done a great job with our wide receivers," Brooks said. "He is integrally

involved with our blocking schemes on outside screens and running plays. He is well-qualified to handle this responsibility."

Phillips has been associated with University of Kentucky football for 15 years. He played at Kentucky from 1981-84, held various coaching and administrative positions from 1988-96, and returned to his alma mater last year to join Brooks' staff.

Under Phillips' direction last season, wide receiver Keenan Burton was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team by the Knoxville News-Sentinel and wide receiver/kick returner Derek Abney was named second-team All-

America and first-team All-SEC as an all-purpose player. In addition, Phillips organized the 2004 recruiting class that has been hailed as Kentucky's best in recent years by media and others who evaluate recruiting success.

Minister Eric preps for Derby with win

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The confusion surrounding the potential field for the Kentucky Derby now has this unusual twist — a horse prepping by winning a \$54,000 allowance race.

The horse, Minister Eric, easily won the 1 1/16-mile race at Keeneland for 3-year-olds on Wednesday.

Afterward, trainer Richard Mandella said that Minister Eric definitely would run in the May 1 Derby at Churchill Downs in

Louisville.

The horse has yet to run in a stakes race this year, having finished third and second in his only previous 3-year-old starts, both in allowance races at Santa Anita.

Still, Minister Eric has more than enough graded-stakes earnings, won as a 2-year-old, to clinch a spot in the Derby, which figures to have a full 20-horse field.

"The allowance races are easier than the stakes, but this will be a good schedule for him," Mandella said.

"He's got his three races in. I think this is a great way to go into it."

Mandella always had planned to run Minister Eric during the Keeneland spring meeting. He originally had pointed the horse toward the Grade 2 Lexington Stakes on Saturday before opting for Wednesday's allowance race.

In modern times, it's rare for a Derby horse not to have at least run in a stakes race as a 3-year-old. But Mandella makes no apologies, citing racing history.

"Sir Barton was a maiden when he won the Derby, and then won the (1919) Triple Crown,"

Mandella said. "I think he worked a mile the day before he ran."

Under jockey Alex Solis, Minister Eric followed the leaders early and was in third at the quarter-mile mark. He moved up to challenge Go Now at the half-mile mark, and the pair pulled away from the rest of the seven-horse field.

Minister Eric took the lead from Go Now at the top of the stretch and wasn't challenged after that, winning by 4 1/4 lengths in 1:44.81 on a fast track.

Minister Eric paid \$2.40, \$2.10 and \$2.10. Go Now paid

\$2.40 and \$2.10, while third-place Burst of Fire paid \$2.10.

"He got to looking around a little bit down the stretch, but it was a very good race for him," Solis said.

Minister Eric's only previous win came in a six-furlong maiden race on Aug. 24, 2003 at Del Mar. As a 2-year-old, he also finished second in the Del Mar Futurity and Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the latter to Action This Day, another Mandella-trained horse.

"You can tell by his record that he's been a little bit shy of winning," Mandella said. "Maybe this will make him think it's OK."

Bengals to play first Monday night game in 12 years

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals are being rewarded for the team's turnaround with their first Monday night game in 12 years.

The Bengals 2004 schedule, released Wednesday by the NFL, includes the team's first Monday night game since they lost 20-0 on the road at Pittsburgh in 1992. The team hasn't played a home game on Monday night since a 21-14 victory over Cleveland on Sept. 25, 1989.

ABC's Monday Night Football will return to Cincinnati on Oct. 25, when the Bengals host Denver at Paul Brown Stadium.

The Bengals' schedule also includes a Sunday night home opener. It will be the first Sunday night game they have hosted since 1996. They are scheduled to play the home opener against the Miami Dolphins on Sept. 19. That game will be aired nationally on ESPN.

The 2004 schedule is the first in the club's history with two prime-time home games.

"This is the national spotlight, and we're excited about the opportunity," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "If you're in the NFL, you want to be playing on Monday and Sunday night."

The Bengals finished 8-8 last season under Lewis. They will open the season on the road for the first time since 1999, visiting the New York Jets on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Cincinnati Bengals 2004 schedule
The Cincinnati Bengals 2004 schedule (All times EST):

Sept. 12	..... New York Jets	..... 1 p.m.
Sept. 19	..... Miami	..... 8:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	..... Baltimore	..... 1 p.m.
Oct. 3	..... Pittsburgh	..... 1 p.m.
Oct. 10	..... Open Date	
Oct. 17	..... Cleveland	..... 1 p.m.
Oct. 25	..... Denver	..... 9 p.m.
Oct. 31	..... Tennessee	..... 1 p.m.
Nov. 7	..... Dallas	..... 1 p.m.
Nov. 14	..... Washington	..... 4:05 p.m.
Nov. 21	..... Pittsburgh	..... 1 p.m.
Nov. 28	..... Cleveland	..... 1 p.m.
Dec. 5	..... Baltimore	..... 1 p.m.
Dec. 12 New England 1 p.m.
Dec. 19 Buffalo 1 p.m.
Dec. 26 New York Giants 1 p.m.
Jan. 2 Philadelphia 1 p.m.

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ment. Entry fee is \$100 per team. The registration deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, April 23. Uniforms are required. Teams must have numbered, same colored jerseys.

Names of the teams and individuals registered for the tournament were not available at press time.

The tournament will be single-elimination. Following the April 23 deadline, all registered teams' names will be drawn from a bucket with the first team drawn getting the TEam 1 bracket assignment through the 20th team getting the Team 20 bracket assignment.

To register for the tournament, contact SSG Jerry T. Hardy, or LTC Larry D. Maynard via telephone or fax at 358-5305.

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Allen Central finished runner-up in the 58th District this past season. The Lady Rebels ended their season with a loss in the first round of the 15th Region Tournament.

Allen Central's 17-13 mark was the fifth best in the region.

Baseball

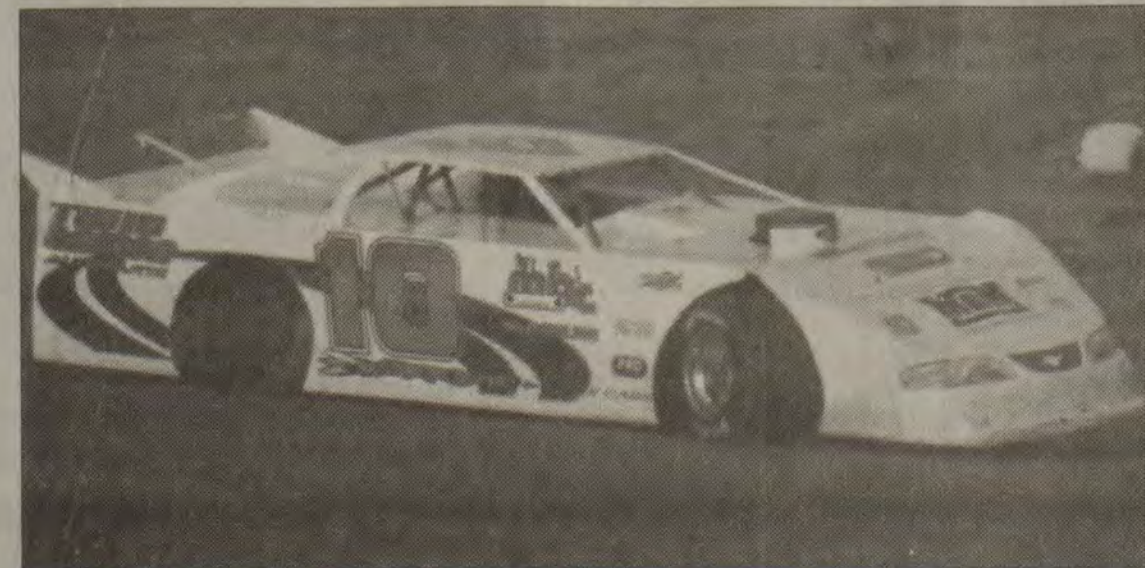
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Central will also play in the tournament.

Allen Central, coached by first-year skipper Craig Kidd, has played several games on the road early in the season. Earlier this month, the Rebels played in the East Kentucky Invitational Wooden Bat Tournament at Knott County Central. Allen Central won its last home game on April 8, blanking Letcher 10-0.



Floyd County resident John "D.J." Henson has been a track champion in the Four-Cylinder class at dirt tracks throughout Eastern Kentucky. He is pictured with Willard Speedway owner Jim Allen, who also lives in Floyd County. Willard Speedway, located in Carter County, has another set of feature races scheduled for Saturday.



A fan favorite of many in Eastern Kentucky is Floyd County driver Paul Harris, a longtime Late Model driver.

Bengals re-sign WR Houshmandzadeh

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals on Wednesday signed wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, one of the team's restricted free agents, to a one-year contract.

Contract terms weren't disclosed.

The Bengals drafted Houshmandzadeh in the seventh round in 2001 from Oregon State.

He did not have any catches or kick returns in 2003. He played in only two games while spending most of the season recovering from a severe hamstring pull in the preseason finale.

In his two previous Bengals seasons, Houshmandzadeh has a total of 62 catches for 720 yards

with one touchdown, 23 kickoff returns for a 20.6-yard average and 36 punt returns for a 7.8-yard average.

State record paddlefish caught in Ohio River

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — William Chumbler of Calvert City, Kentucky cast a spinnerbait into the Ohio River on March 23 expecting a bass to hit.

Instead of a bass, Chumbler hooked into a 106-pound paddlefish over five feet long and more than three feet around. It is now

the new state record for the species, besting the old record of 82 pounds set by Standley Shelton from the Parrish Lakes in Georgetown in 1982.

"For a paddlefish, it was big," said Paul Rister, western district fisheries biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and

(See RECORD, page four)

Morehead State, Murray State tie for first in rain-shortened Greg Palmer Eagle Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State and Murray State both shot 10-over par scores of 298 to tie for the championship of the rain-shortened 2004 Greg Palmer Eagle Classic played April 12 at Eagle Trace Golf Course. Rain forced postponement of the tournament's second round on Monday and of Tuesday's scheduled round.

The competitors played in a steady drizzle with occasional showers and below-normal temperatures in the mid-40's on Monday. By the scheduled start of Monday's second round, the rain intensity had picked up, and the course became unplayable.

Jamie Frazier of Murray State was the medalist with a three-under par 69. Colin Christie of Butler was the only other golfer under par, firing a one-under par 71. Morehead State's Kyle Litter and Casey Wade and John Billiter of Western Illinois tied for third with two-over par 74 totals. Prestonsburg High grad

Ryan Martin shot a 75 for Morehead.

Following Morehead State and Murray State in the team standings were: Butler in third place at 311; Cleveland State and Western Illinois tied for fourth at 312; IUPUI in sixth at 313; Tennessee Tech and Detroit Mercy tied for seventh at 315; Longwood in ninth at 322; Youngstown State and Loyola (Ill.) tied for 10th at 324 and IPFW in 12th at 328.

HAP Little League reschedules Opening Day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Harold-Allen-Prater has rescheduled its Opening Day and first games of the 2004 season for Monday. The previously scheduled first set of games set for this past Monday night were rained out.

■ HAP Little League T-ball signups are ongoing. For more information, call 606/478-2953.

■ A meeting for HAP Little League softball will be held Saturday on the hill at Betsy Layne High School. For more information, call Jim Clark at 606/478-2614.

When's a triple-double not a triple-double? When NBA says so

by PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Bob Sura didn't make any pretense about it.

Urged on by his teammates in a blowout game, the Atlanta Hawks' journeyman guard intentionally missed a layup just before the buzzer so he could get the rebound and make his small mark in history.

Sura was trying to become the first NBA player in seven years with three straight triple-doubles. The game was essentially over. What the heck?

The NBA didn't see it that way. Less than 24 hours after Sura's bit of self-gratification, the league ruled Tuesday that he wouldn't be rewarded for intentionally missing a shot.

The field goal attempt was taken away, which wiped out the

rebound. Sura was left with 22 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds — not 10 — in the Hawks' 129-107 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday night.

So much for having three straight games with double figures in scoring, rebounding and assists — a feat last accomplished by Grant Hill in 1997.

After flying to Boston for Atlanta's regular-season finale Wednesday night, Sura issued a statement through a team spokesman.

"I'm disappointed that my attempt to turn my third triple-double caused so much controversy," he said. "It was never my intention to make a mockery of our sport and to take any attention away from our huge win over the Nets. If anyone was offended by my actions, I sin-

cerely apologize."

Sura's motives didn't seem all that sinister — "it was kind of a reaction thing," he said after the game — but he joined the growing list of players and coaches who have resorted to underhanded tactics in an attempt to pad individual stats.

Ricky Davis, then with Cleveland, took matters to the extreme last season when he intentionally missed a shot at the wrong basket, with the idea of getting his own rebound and finishing off the first triple-double of his career.

It didn't work — the NBA has a rule against trying to score for the opposing team. After his attempt, Davis was bear-hugged by an angry Utah player, fined by his own team and roundly condemned for his blatant attempt at personal glory.

Davis wasn't the first. Six years ago, Connecticut women's basketball star Nykeshia Sales, lost for the season with a torn Achilles' tendon, hobbled onto the court at the start of a game to make an uncontested layup that gave her the school scoring record.

In January 2002, Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre appeared to take a dive so New York Giants defender Michael Strahan could set the single-season sack record. Both players denied they were in cahoots.

And last November, a high school quarterback in Illinois, Nate Haasis, asked officials to erase a record-setting pass because his coach made a deal with the opposing team to allow a completion late in the game. The pass was disallowed and the coach resigned under pressure.

Michael Sachs, a sports psychologist at Temple University, praised Sura for apologizing and the NBA for striking the shady accomplishment from the record books.

"It's a good sign that this is not something we just accept as

a matter of course," Sachs said. "There's still sportsmanship involved. There's still a sense of fair play and doing things the right way that people are concerned about."

But Bob Troutwine, a personnel and coaching consultant for several pro football teams, said it's not necessarily harmful when players focus on personal achievements.

In fact, it can be good for the psyche of the whole team — especially a team such as the Hawks, which will miss the playoffs for the fifth year in a row.

"It's uplifting to not only the individual, but the team," said Troutwine, who is based in Kansas City, Mo. "It can energize a team. I can understand the internal reasons why a coach would want a player to do that."

The NBA's basketball operation department made the deci-

sion not to count Sura's rebound.

"I don't know if there are any messages in this," said Brian McIntyre, a league spokesman. "We saw something that needed to be corrected, so we made the correction."

The NBA cited a rule that states, "A field goal attempt is a player's attempt to shoot the ball into the basket for a field goal."

Because Sura wasn't trying to make the shot, he shouldn't get credit for a field goal attempted. Therefore, no rebound, the NBA said.

In the final minutes, Sura's teammates kept pumping up shots, hoping to give him a legitimate chance at the 10th rebound. Unfortunately, they made most of them — the Hawks shot 58 percent in the game, including 17-of-25 on 3-pointers — and it didn't look as if he would get the chance.

Then, with the final seconds ticking off, reserve center Michael Bradley tossed the ball the length of the floor to Sura, who was uncontested under the basket. He missed the shot, grabbed the rebound and stood there grinning as the horn sounded.

Sura joked that the shot slipped out of his hands, but he made it clear that the miss had a purpose — and was on purpose.

"All the guys on the team were screaming at me to do it," he said. "I just did it."

The Nets didn't seem too upset about Sura's intentional miss, though Kenyon Martin declined comment and Jason Kidd, the NBA's triple-double leader, said he's never had to resort to those sort of tactics.

"They've struggled this season," Richard Jefferson said. "If they can find a high point, go for it."

Players declare for NBA draft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STORRS, Conn. — Ben Gordon of NCAA champion Connecticut will skip his senior year to enter the NBA draft, he announced at a news conference.

Gordon averaged a team-leading 18.5 points for the Huskies, who beat Georgia Tech last week for the title. The junior guard averaged 21.2 points during six NCAA tournament games.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Julius Hodge announced that he will stay at North Carolina State for his senior year, choosing not to enter the NBA draft.

Hodge, the reigning Atlantic

Coast Conference player of the year and a second-team All-American, led the Wolfpack to a second-place regular-season finish in the ACC and a third straight trip to the NCAA tournament.

ATLANTA — High school phenom Dwight Howard will enter the NBA draft.

The 6-foot-10 forward said he made his decision before the past season, but wanted to keep it secret so he could enjoy his senior year at Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy.

Howard led the school to Georgia's Class A championship, and he won two national player of the year awards, averaging 25 points, 18 rebounds and eight blocks this past sea-

Gallery hopes to be first pick in NFL draft

by CHUCK SCHOFFNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Spring planting on the Gallery farm will have to wait this year. New York City and the NFL draft are calling.

Robert Gallery, the massive offensive lineman from Iowa, is expected to be one of the first players taken in the draft April 24 — maybe the very first. And when his name is called, Gallery's family — his parents, three brothers and a sister — will be there at Madison Square Garden with him.

"Their expenses will be on me this time," said Gallery, soon to be making more than

enough to cover their bill.

As for getting that crop in the ground, what's the rush? The seed and tractor will still be there when Mike and Mary Gallery return to their farm near the tiny northeastern Iowa town of Masonville, population 129.

"Dad was kind of upset that the draft landed in this part of the year," Gallery said Tuesday. "It is right when he's getting ready for planting and stuff. But I think he can miss a couple of days. I think he's gladly shutting it down for a day or two."

And why not? His son won the 2003 Outland Trophy as the nation's top lineman, and he's one of the most highly

regarded prospects in this year's draft, April 24 and 25. If the San Diego Chargers don't take Gallery with the first pick, the Oakland Raiders just might at No. 2.

(See GALLERY, page five)

State high school fast-pitch softball poll

- Owensboro Catholic (14)
- Ballard (1)
- Christian County
- North Laurel
- Middlesboro
- Grayson Co. (3)
- Mercy
- Allen County-Scottsville
- Greenwood
- Lafayette
- Eastern
- Hopkins County Central
- Madison Central
- Reidland
- North Hardin
- Elizabethtown
- Boone County
- Manual
- Central Hardin
- Murray
- South Laurel
- Presentation
- Montgomery County
- Dunbar
- Meade County
- Dixie Heights

Others receiving votes: Tates Creek 23, Sacred Heart 12, Butler 11, Henderson County 8, Calloway County 7, Scott County 6, LaRue County 6, Lone Oak 6, St. Mary 5, Hopkinsville 5, Whitley County 5, Franklin County 4, Russell 4, Assumption 4, Western Hills 4, Hazard 3, Southern, Male, Madisonville, Danville, Bullitt Central, Lexington Catholic, Clark County, Breathitt County, Belfry, Conner 1

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Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). "We commonly see paddlefish in the 20 to 40 pound range and we've tagged a few big ones in the 50 to 60 pound range. This fish was double the size of what we are used to seeing."

Chumbler landed the record paddlefish on 17-pound test line. The fish was 65 inches long with a girth of 37 inches. The record fish was weighed at Rudy's Farm Center in Kevil.

For more information about the Kentucky Record Fish program, call 1-800-858-1549. The record fish list is on pages 20 and 21 of the 2004 Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide or may be viewed on the KDFWR web site at fw.ky.gov.



file photos

Jenkins senior Jonah Tackett starred in several sports in high school, including basketball and football. He has signed to play football next season at Pikeville College.



Tackett

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on the ground and 300 yards through the air, on his way to 10 touchdowns last season. During his time in the Jenkins grid program, Tackett played several places on both offense and defense. On offense, he threw, caught and run, playing quarterback, receiver and running back at various times.

At Pikeville College, he'll play under second-year head coach Jerry Mynatt, who was present during Tackett's signing ceremony. Tackett will most likely split time at wide receiver

and cornerback.

During his school career, Tackett was a team captain in football, basketball and track.

He performed on a high level in all sports over the years, ending the recent high school basketball season with a 24.3 scoring average, good enough for eighth in the state. He averaged a double-double by pulling down 11.3 rebounds per game.

According to records available, Tackett is the only JHS Student to participate in

all varsity sports currently offered for males.

The Pikeville college signee is the son of Harvey and Jan Tackett. His grandparents are Julius and Juanita Mullins of Melvin and James and Jean Tackett of Jenkins.

The multi-sport star has several family members living in Floyd County, including Larry and Kaye Mullins of Little Paint, Kathi and Keith Caudill of Prestonsburg and Linda and Dennis Holbrook of Wheelwright.

Kentucky receives three Spirit Awards

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CollegeHoopsnet.com has announced the winners of the 2003-04 Spirit Awards. The Spirits honor the very best in the world of college basketball, both on the court and off.

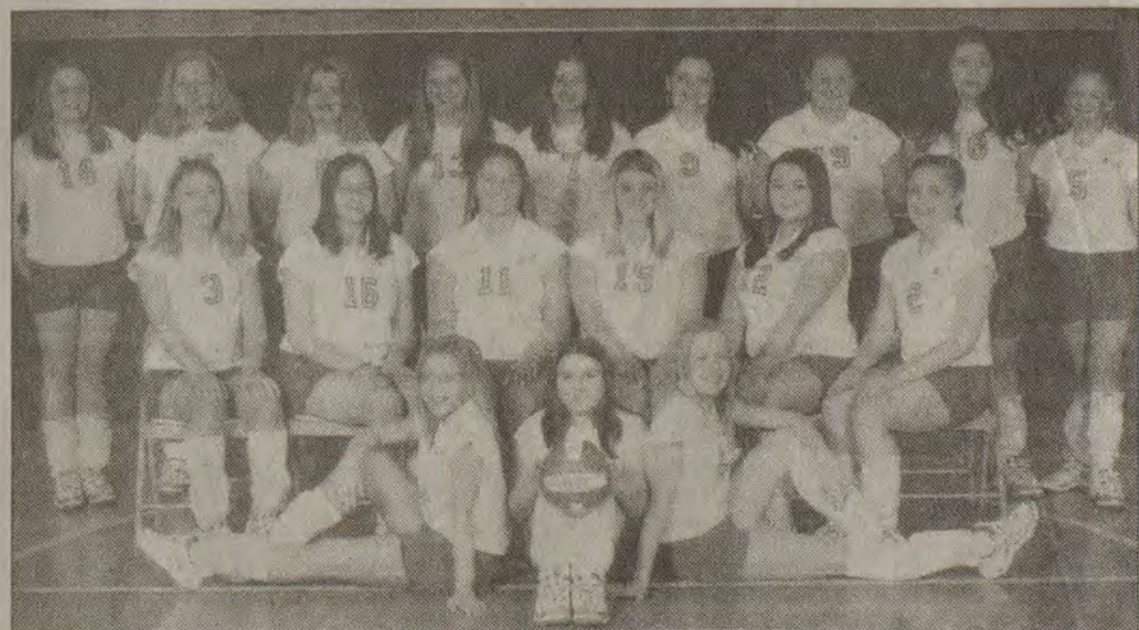
The University of Kentucky took home three Spirit Awards, the most of any school, including Best College Basketball Fans, Favorite Cheerleaders and Best Athletic Department Website, www.ukathletics.com. UK was edged out by the University of Southern California by just three votes for Favorite Dance Team.

The most popular winner,

with 42 percent of the vote for Favorite Team Nickname, was the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns. The University of Arizona was well represented in The Spirits, as GoAZCats.com was chosen as the Best College Basketball Fansite and Lute Olson was voted Favorite Coach in College Basketball. Duke University, which won two Spirit Awards, was voted the nation's Ultimate College Basketball School.

Fifty-six teams, representing 20 conferences, were nominated in The Spirits' 16 categories.

(See AWARDS, page five)



Allen Central Middle School Volleyball — Left to right, first row: Hannah Howard, Jamie Mullins, Brittany Hodge. Second row: Brittany Jarrell, Brittany Henson, Brandy Jarrell, Kim Meade, Whitney Slone, Kortney Ward Third row: Whitney Ousley, Brittany Johnson, Koko Martin, Kimble Blevins, Brittany Smith, Natalie Glime, Chelsie Cordial, Bridget Slone, Taylor Allen.

Allen Central, Adams split matches

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — After dropping a B-team match to Adams, Allen Central (2-1) rebounded to win an A-team game, taking two of three Tuesday night.

Allen Central outscored Adams 21-16 in the first game of the A-team match. Adams took the second game 21-9. Allen Central bounced back and took the third game 15-10.

In the B-team matchup,

Adams won two of three games to win the match. Adams took the first B-team game 21-17 and the third and final B-team game 15-10. In between, Allen Central took a second B-team game 21-11.

Gallery

Only two offensive linemen have been the No. 1 pick. The St. Louis Rams took Orlando Pace in 1997, and the Minnesota Vikings selected Ron Yary in 1968.

"I know a lot of the top teams really like me," Gallery said. "There's trades and different things that could hap-

pen. Who knows? It doesn't happen very often. But that's my goal. I want to be the first pick.

"But wherever I end up, it's going to be good for me. It's really up to those teams — if they decide they want me and I'm their guy. We'll see what happens."

There's a lot to like about Gallery, starting with his build: 6-foot-7 and 320 pounds. He has run the 40-yard dash in under 5 seconds. Growing up on a farm, he learned the value of discipline and hard work. He spent a semester at Iowa student teaching in an elementary

school. His character is as solid as his body. "I really think that's Robert's best attribute," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "His physical abilities are pretty significant, needless to say. But I think the kind of person he is, the kind of pride he has, the work ethic, those intangibles that he possesses, the way he was raised, to me those are his best attributes."

Always a popular player at Iowa, Gallery's fame has spread. Reporters from all over call for interviews. He walks through airports and sees himself on magazine covers. People stop him to ask if he really is who they think he is.

Then again, Gallery is a hard guy to forget with his size, the long, dark hair he hasn't cut in 2 1/2 years and he has pulled back into a ponytail, and the two silver hoops hanging from each ear. Once, he was seated on a plane next to a man who was reading a story about Gallery. The man would look at his magazine, look over at Gallery and then back at the magazine.

"He didn't really say anything until the end of the ride," Gallery said. "He didn't realize it was me. Actually, I asked him if I could read it."

Even with all the attention, Gallery insists he's the same person who showed up at Iowa

as a skinny tight end in 1999. He still drives the 1984 Buick LeSabre he had in high school. It reflects who he is, Gallery said, though the last time he washed it, he discovered the

windshield leaks. "I don't think any of this experience will change me a whole lot, besides possibly the size of my bank account," he said.

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Brett Bodine hired by NASCAR as project engineer

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—The newest member of NASCAR's Research & Development team knows his sport well from behind the wheel. Now, he gets the opportunity to contribute behind the scenes.

NASCAR president Mike Helton announced earlier this week that veteran driver Brett Bodine has joined NASCAR's R&D staff as special project engineer. Bodine, who holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the State University of New York at Alfred, will tackle several assignments. One project with priority is the "Car of the Future," where Bodine will work on cost-saving initiatives.

Operating out of NASCAR's Concord, N.C.-based R&D Center, Bodine will work with Gary Nelson, NASCAR's managing director of research and development.

A native of Chemung, N.Y., Bodine, 45, competed at NASCAR's highest level for nearly 20 years. He has one win (1990 at North Wilkesboro) and five poles in 480 career starts. His career-high finish of 12th in the point standings also came in 1990.

Bodine was a driver/owner from 1996-2003. He became an owner in 1996, buying the renowned No. 11 team from Junior Johnson prior to that season. His last on-track action came in June, 2003, when he qualified

for the June 15 event at Michigan.

Prior to 2003, Bodine had been a fulltime competitor for 15 consecutive seasons (1988-2003). During his career, he drove for some of NASCAR's most successful owners, including Bud Moore (1988-89), Kenny Bernstein (1990-1994) and Junior Johnson (1995). Bodine's first race in NASCAR's premier series came in 1986 for owner Rick Hendrick (his only start that year). He drove 14 races for Hoss Ellington in 1987 before beginning his fulltime career in 1988.

"We're delighted to have Brett on board," Helton said. "He's been such a steadfast member of the garage over the years, and he's done it all — he's built race cars, he's worked on race cars and he's driven race cars. He brings a new

perspective that we're glad to tap into."

Bodine's experience also extends back to the NASCAR Busch Series, where he was the series runner-up in 1986. Before that, he enjoyed success in northeastern modified circles, finishing second in the 1984 track championship at Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway, and winning the 1985 Modified Race of Champions at Pocono Raceway. Overall, he has three career victories in the NASCAR Featherlite Modified Series. In 1998, he was named one of the Top-50 Modified drivers of all time.

Bodine hails from a racing family; older brother Geoffrey (54) and younger brother Todd (40) also are veteran drivers. Brett Bodine resides in Davidson, N.C.

Track gets more time to consider offer

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The Fair Grounds race track has been given more time to consider a buyout offer by Churchill Downs Inc.

A deadline for a bankruptcy reorganization plan for the New Orleans track has been extended from Thursday to Monday to provide more time for both sides to talk, said an attorney in the case.

According to a published report, Churchill has offered \$45 million for the track, including \$33 million for a claim that horsemen have against the Fair Grounds for underpayments of video poker proceeds to racing purses. The Times-Picayune of New Orleans said it obtained documents outlining terms of the sale.

"The reason is that negotiations are ongoing between the parties, and we needed additional time to see if we can get a deal or not," said Douglas Draper, an attorney representing the Fair Grounds. "We're working in the context of Churchill's interest in the Fair Grounds."

Churchill Downs, based in Louisville, Ky., has declined to comment, citing corporate policy.

On Tuesday, Fair Grounds president Bryan Krantz said the track had talked to several potential suitors.

Awards

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The nominations were selected through an initial round of voting open to CollegeHoopsnet.com writers and message board readers. The final voting was open for seven days, with fans around the country filling out ballots on CollegeHoopsnet.com.

"Our main focus is to remain owners and operators of the business we have given so much to make a success," he said.

Magna Entertainment Corp., the racing entity headed by auto parts magnate and prominent horse owner Frank Stronach, remains interested in the Fair Grounds, said Don Amos, Magna executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Amos said he spoke with the Louisiana horsemen four weeks ago, but the company has not decided whether to make an offer.

Mike Pegram, a Kentucky Derby-winning horse owner who has talked to the Fair Grounds about a possible deal, said Tuesday he no longer is interested because the potential sale price is too high.

LONESOME PINE RACEWAY

2004 Tentative Schedule
(LM-Late Model, LS-Limited Sportsman, GS-Grand Stock, M4-Mod 4, P4-Pure 4, LG-Legends, PC-Pro Challenge)

- April 17 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - April 24 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - May 1 - Hooters Pro Cup
 - May 8 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - May 14 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
 - May 22 - Closed
 - May 29 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - June 5 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
 - June 12 - UARA Late Model Touring, PC
 - June 19 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
 - June 26 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
 - July 3 - Closed
 - July 10 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - July 17 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
 - July 24 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - July 31 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
 - August 7 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - August 14 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
 - August - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - August 28 - Closed
 - September 4 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG,PC
 - September 11 - LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
 - September 18 - LS,GS,P4,LG
- Schedule subject to change due to weather.

Saturday Night Race Day Schedule

- Sign-In Begins - 11:45 a.m.
- Pit Gates Open - Noon
- Practice Starts - 2 p.m.
- Grandstands Open - 4 p.m.
- Drivers Meeting - 4:45 p.m.
- Qualifying - 5 p.m.
- Pre-Race Activities - 6:30 p.m.
- Racing Begins - 7 p.m.

Phillies 6, Reds 4

by DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Mike Lieberthal gave Philadelphia a first win to remember at Citizens Bank Park.

Lieberthal hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning, rallying the Phillies over the Cincinnati Reds 6-4 Thursday.

The Phillies trailed 4-2 entering the eighth and showed few signs of snapping out of their offensive funk.

But Reds reliever Phil Norton allowed a single to Placido Polanco and walked Bobby Abreu. Jim Thome then grounded into a forceout, putting runners at the corners.

Ryan Wagner (0-1) gave up a bloop RBI single to Pat Burrell, who had struck out swinging his first three times.

Lieberthal, just 2-for-27 this season, connected for his second home run of the season. It was only the Phillies' fourth homer in eight games this year.

Rheal Cormier (2-2) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win. Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his second save.

Philadelphia lost the opener in its new ballpark Monday. After an off-day Tuesday, the Phillies and Reds were rained out.

The Phillies had been held in check by starter Juan Acevedo, who struck out eight in 6 1-3 innings. He allowed four hits against a lineup that had scored 16 runs in its first seven games.

The Reds led 1-0 against Vicente Padilla when they scored three times in the fourth inning.

Padilla walked Austin Kearns and gave up a single to Sean Casey. After an out, Jason LaRue was intentionally walked to load the bases. Then Juan Castro, playing for Barry Larkin, hit a double to right.

LaRue was thrown out at home, but Castro advanced to third. Castro scored on a wild pitch, bringing out the boo birds.

Padilla allowed a walk to Kearns after getting ahead 1-2 and gave up Casey's single on an 0-2 pitch.

Padilla gave up five hits, walked four and struck out six in five innings.

Acevedo cruised in his first career appearance against the Phillies. He worked out of his only jam in the second inning when he whiffed Padilla to squirm out of a bases-loaded situation.

Marlon Byrd hit a line drive off Acevedo's glove with one out in the seventh. It seemed to shake up Acevedo a bit, as he tossed a few warmup pitches to compose himself. He could have used a few more, allowing a two-run homer to David Bell.

Notes: Larkin did not start because of tenderness in his forearm. ... LaRue crashed hard into the padded rail in front of the Phillies' dugout while chasing a foul ball. He stayed in the game. ... The Phillies celebrated Jackie Robinson Day by paying tribute to the five living members of the Philadelphia Stars Negro League team. Honored were Harold Gould, Stanley Glenn, Wilmer Harris, Bill Cash and Mahlon Duckett, who shared their remembrances of Robinson.

Blue Jays 11, Tigers 0

DETROIT — Cy Young winner Roy Halladay pitched a shutout for his first win of the season, leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Detroit Tigers 11-0 Thursday.

Halladay (1-2) allowed eight hits, walked one and struck out five. He also started out 1-2 last season before finishing with a 22-7 record.

Last Sept. 6, Halladay pitched a 10-inning shutout against Detroit in a 1-0 victory. That was the first extra-inning shutout in the majors since Jack Morris did it in Game 7 of the 1991 World Series in Minnesota's 1-0 win over Atlanta.

Halladay posted his first April victory since April 4, 2002, against Minnesota.

Jason Johnson (1-2) took the loss, giving up three runs on four hits and a walk in four innings.

Despite the defeat, the Tigers are still three games over .500 after setting an AL record with 119 losses last season.

Toronto broke open a scoreless game with three runs in the third. Reed Johnson led off with a single and scored on Frank Catalanotto's double, which extended his hitting streak to nine games.

Vernon Wells followed with an RBI single, taking second on the throw home. He moved up on Josh Phelps' infield single and scored on Eric Hinske's sacrifice fly.

Detroit didn't get a runner into scoring position against Halladay until the fifth inning, when it loaded the bases with one out on two singles and a walk.

Even though Ivan Rodriguez is 10-for-18 against Halladay, he did not start and Tigers manager Alan Trammell chose to let Brandon Inge (0-for-11 vs. Halladay) hit. He grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Toronto put the game away with five runs in the seventh. Johnson led off the inning with a bunt single, and moved to third on Wells' one-out double. Gary Knotts intentionally walked Carlos Delgado to load the bases,

and Phelps followed with a two-run single.

Hinske walked to reload the bases and Kevin Cash made it 6-0 with an RBI single before Knotts forced in a seventh run when he walked Orlando Hudson. Estaban Yan replaced Knotts and allowed Chris Woodward's sacrifice fly.

Toronto added three runs in the ninth on a two-run homer by Cash and a RBI double by Woodward.

Notes: The Tigers commemorated Jackie Robinson Day with a pregame announcement and scoreboard videos before the game and during the seventh-inning stretch. ... Actor Tom Wopat (Dukes of Hazzard) threw out the first pitch. ... Woodward ended an 0-for-18 slump with a fourth-inning double. ... Halladay's first 16 outs came on strikeouts or groundballs. The streak ended when Fernando Vina hit a foul pop in the sixth. ... Detroit's Chris Shelton made his major league debut in the seventh inning, grounding out as a pinch-hitter. — The Associated Press

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Earnhardt Jr. runs well at Martinsville track

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. has a series-best four consecutive top-five finishes at Martinsville and has started in the top 10 in each of the last six races there. In his last four races at Martinsville, Dale Jr.'s average starting position is 4.5 and average finishing position is fourth. In this race last year, Dale Jr. and the brew crew started second and finished third, leading 195 laps.

"I've never won at Martinsville, but it seems we're getting closer and closer (to a win) every time we go there. Last year was pretty awesome. We led a bunch of laps and finished in the top-five in both races. It's fun to drive at that ol'

place. It's a tough track, and you really have to be 'on' for 500 laps to avoid getting the car beat up. You can come in with all the confidence in the world, but it takes almost no time to be taken out of the race.

"One of my best memories of Martinsville is when we got our first top-five there (in April, 2002). That was a huge accomplishment for the team, because it was a place we had struggled. The first three or four times we raced there wasn't pretty. But we worked hard and found a set-up we could race with at smaller tracks. When we got that first top-five, it was a turning point for this team. I've even got the body of that car sitting out in my front yard. It's one of my yard ornaments."

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THROUGH MY EYES

It's an important message

As a mother of children who are just entering that all-important "I Can Drive!" chapter of their lives, I have to say that I am now validated as not being completely crazy (in terms of being fearful about my children being on the road) in light of some of the things I learned earlier this



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

week while visiting Betsy Layne High School.

I know that each and every caring mother in the nation has to worry themselves almost to death when first their child grabs a set of car keys and shouts out, "Be back later!". Sure, we have to worry about whether or not our child will practice safe driving habits, but we also have to worry about the other souls on the road

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POSTSCRIPT

A life, Part One

My cousin Randal and I grew up under the watchful and often-threatening eye of his sister, whom we all called Peewee. She was several years older than we



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

were, but the closest to us of his siblings. (I was one of those siblings in almost every way but biologically.)

Peewee had four older siblings to whom she could feel inferior, and, as is tradition among most families, she could feel superior to us.

We lived in terror that she would tell on us for smoking rabbit weed in the lower end of the orchard or jumping in mud holes on purpose or some such other

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Board of Education members meet professional development standards

Farmers study new crop planting techniques. Business owners examine new marketing opportunities. Teachers research new instructional tools to reach young minds. Members of the Floyd County Schools Board of Education have done their homework, too, by completing the courses necessary to gain special recognition from

the Kentucky School Boards Association.

Board members Carol Stumbo and Jeff Stumbo have both achieved Level Five Certification in the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) Academy of Studies for completing 120 hours of specialized training plus special leadership courses in the

KSBA Academy of Studies. Board member Glenna Slone has achieved Level III Certification in the KSBA Academy of Studies for completion of 90 hours of specialized training. Board member Chandra Varia has achieved Level II Certification in the KSBA Academy of Studies for completing 60 hours of specialized

training. The board's newest member, Mickey McGuire, has completed more than the requisite hours required for his first year of service and moves toward the certification process.

Kentucky law requires school board

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2004 SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK - APRIL 25-MAY 2



photo by Kathy J. Prater

The Floyd County Conservation District held a luncheon in honor of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 25-May 2, at the May Lodge Wednesday afternoon. Shown above, Michelle Goble, FCCD environmental educator, welcomes attendees. Also pictured are Tony Grubb, FCCD conservation technician, and FCCD Board members, Daniel Branson and James J. Carter II.

'The Living Soil'

by Kathy J. Prater
 FEATURES EDITOR

The Floyd County Conservation District (FCCD) held a luncheon Wednesday afternoon at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge. Those in attendance were treated to a buffet lunch and presented with informational materials highlighting the 2004 Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme, "The Living Soil."

Michelle Goble, FCCD Environmental Educator, welcomed attendees to the luncheon, flanked by Tony Grubb, FCCD Conservation Technician, James J. Carter II, Chairman, FCCD Board of Supervisors, and Daniel Branson, board member. Branson delivered a prayer prior to the luncheon meal.

As mentioned, the 2004 Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme is "The Living Soil." The focus of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, to be observed April 25-May 2, is to remind citizens of their individual responsibility to care for soil and water resources on private land. Now in its 49th year, this special observance is built around a theme that ties ethical and spiritual values to practical land conservation practices. This year, the National Association of Conservation

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Nebraska artist Jan Lang gathered soil samples from across the nation which she used to paint this picture in honor of Stewardship Week, which graced the placemats and informational brochures at Wednesday afternoon's luncheon. Lang mixed finely ground, dry soil with clear acrylic to create a palette of warm colors that she used to paint this harvest scene.



PHS grad to appear in ALC production

Patrick Davis, the son of Floyd and Nancy Davis, of David, will play the role of Theseus, in a production of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to be presented at Alice Lloyd College on April 15, 16, and 17. Each production will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Campbell Art Center, located on the ALC campus. Admission is free and

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Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH

Things to ponder: Bigs boys need to cry

The middle-age mother said, "My husband is not connected with our 16-year-old son, Erv. He cares about Erv, but he will just not take time to do things with him. Even though he works long hours some days, there's no reason why he can't manage to do what our son enjoys, at least one night a week. My husband's brother spends more time with our son, than his own father does. My husband does not even know how his son feels or thinks. However, I also realize that my husband has a hard time expressing his

feelings, and most of all understanding how I feel. He's finally getting the picture that others have feelings, and that they just might not be the same as his." How are the males in your life at being aware of males and expressing their feelings? Is the man of the house a good role model for the young male offspring?

Although a general opinion is that many men will agree with the judgement that "men can't express their feelings," men also feel helpless to change it. The basis seems to be that they feel caught in

a double bind imposed by society, the other gender, and men in general. The double bind refers to the idea that men should be more in tune with their emotions and, at the same time, being tough macho, Mr. Fix-It, and the Family Provider. A guess is that many men have difficulties keeping in touch with their "feminine" side, while maintaining their "male" strength.

A major problem for most men seems to be that they never had adequate male role models in their lives, or if they did,

they were not emotionally available ones. A common outcome from this is a fairly confused man, or son, in regard to the emotional nature of manhood. One author (William Pollack, Ph.D.) felt that the consequence of this confusion of males includes higher rates of depression, anxiety, aggressiveness, and substance abuse. Is it not strange that a male's confusion about expressing emotion leads to emotional problems? In order to overcome



Mable Rowe Lineberger,
 Ph.D.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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 stu-

dents. 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

Parent Organization members will be accepting nominations for parent members to the school's Site Based Decision Making Council until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29. All nominations must be turned in to the front office. The election for parent representative will be held on Monday, May 3, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ Apr. 20 - Kindergarten Registration, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:00-2:00 p.m. Parents will need to bring the following with them when they register their child: Official copy of child's birth certificate; Kentucky immunization certificate; medical examination on KDE initial entry approved form (dated Dec. 1999) - exam must have been performed within 12 months prior to school entry; and Kentucky Eye Examination form (dated Aug. 2000), completed by optometrist or ophthalmologist.

■ 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

■ Thru April 16 - FRC Fundraiser (Buy one-Get one FREE food cards).

■ Apr. 29 - Health Dept. nurse in center.

■ Apr. 21 - Blue Ribbon activity (K-3).

■ Apr. 17 - Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents - Mt. Arts Center.

■ Apr. 19 -23 - Volunteer Appreciation Week and Blue Ribbon Month Observance (wear your blue ribbons all week).

■ Apr. 22 - Kindergarten transition meeting for parents.

■ Apr. 23 - Wear Blue Day.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" for parents - Mt. Arts Center.

■ Apr. 30 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents must bring the following with them:

Official copy of child's birth certificate; Kentucky immunization certificate; medical exam on KDE approved form; Kentucky Eye Examination

form; and social security card.

**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 FCHD nurse is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment.

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this month, each class will collect pennies to be donated to CASA.

■ Apr. 16 - Balloon Launch for K-2nd grades, 9:00 a.m. Sponsored by FRC and Community Based Services.

■ Apr. 17 - Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents,

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Mt. Arts Center.

■ Apr. 19-23 - Volunteer Appreciation Week.

■ Apr. 23 - Hurt Day, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Archer Park. Sponsored by Community Based Services.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Mt. Arts Center.

■ Apr. 29 - "Safe Families, Safe Communities," 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Mt. Arts Center. This is a training program concerning family violence.

■ June 14- July 22 - UK Dental School will offer services at the Floyd County Health Dept., in Prestonsburg. Call 886-2788, ext. 221 for an appointment.

■ 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.

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Birthdays



Will turns 5!

Will Hedrick celebrated his fifth birthday on March 30, 2004. He is the son of Billy and Tracey Hedrick and the grandson of Bunnie Caudill, of Auxier, and the late James "Dee" Caudill and Bill and Debbie Hedrick, of Prestonsburg. He is the great-grandson of Lucille Ginther, of Flat Gap, and Mary Hedrick, of Prestonsburg. Will enjoyed his special day at Pin-Zone Bowling Alley, in Prestonsburg, with family and friends who entertained him with a "Ninja Turtles" theme birthday party. Will has one younger sister, Alyssa.

Ponder

this confusion, the boys learn "the code" that to be a man, you must pretend to "feel nothing." Since it's not possible to "feel nothing," the male tends to become competitive and aggressive, more likely to be diagnosed with conduct disorders, learning disorders, and attention deficit, commit more violent crimes, and fight among themselves. Everyone ends up translating the males' emotions of sadness, fear, anxiety, and frustration into one big emotion—ANGER.

Another writer, (Daniel Goleman, Ph.D.), described how our emotions are designed to "motivate" or move us forward in life. Although he thought that males and females have the same emotional capacity, he felt they are taught very different lessons about how to handle their emotions. In regard to daughters, parents tend to discuss emotions more with them and tell them stories with more emotional words and situations than with sons. Moms are likely

to show a wider range of emotions while playing with girls than with boys. Parents also tend to use more emotional descriptions with girls than boys. An additional point was that girls develop language skills much sooner than boys, and therefore are more articulate about expressing themselves emotionally. As a result of this natural advantage and the de-emphasis on emotional training for boys, males tend to "communicate" their emotions behaviorally.

In an effort to correct the males' inability to express their emotions or increasing their Emotional IQ, a Harvard researcher, (Howard Gardner), suggested that there are many different types of intelligence, such as academic ones, and talents to make people successful and satisfied in life. Another psychologist (Peter Salovey) reshaped these talents into five main domains of emotional intelligence: knowing one's emotions, managing emotions, motivating oneself, recog-

nizing emotions in others, and handling relationships.

The bottom line was that, in order for males to be more expressive emotionally, they needed to be taught the "right tools to do the job." Needless to say, the most natural place is the home, with the most natural person to do the job being Dad. The most powerful and natural resources need to be used. Also, parents need to be more conscious about what and how they are teaching their sons "emotional literacy," and do so in a more active approach. A suggestion by Dr. Jerrold Lee Shapiro was that sons be given undivided attention every day. This means "full attention," and not while parents are doing chores that might distract from the purpose of the interaction. Dads do not necessarily have to do a lot of talking while giving attention, such as playing a game, or working on a project, side-by-side. Although men and women experience emotions similarly, they might share them differently. Because of past Emotional IQ training, Dads are likely to indirectly communicate with others, "side-by-side" or "shoulder-to-shoulder." In contrast, Moms are apt to prefer the more "face-to-face," direct approach.

Dr. Shapiro provided several suggestions about teaching boys how to express their feelings. He stressed the importance of adult males expressing their feelings to their children in male ways—being open while working on a joint project together. He also stressed that parents encourage boys to express the full range of their emotions. Remember that all emotions, negative and positive, are valid. Ask toddlers and school-age boys if they are feeling sad or tired, and empathize with those feelings. Talk with other boys about how it is normal and OK to feel awkward and anx-

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and where their minds might be as they make their way down the highway toward our precious teens. And this is not even mentioning the skill it requires to safely navigate the winding and narrow roads of our region.

Much to worry about, that's for sure.

That's why it felt so good to see that the staff and teachers at Betsy Layne High were working on a program geared toward student driving safety awareness. The program, called "Ghost Out," was more than a little eerie, what with dimmed lights, the Grim Reaper, readings of melancholy "give-me-one-more-chance" poems, and even a coffin, to boot.

The program's message rang out, loud and clear - drink and drive and you may not be around for long. Kind of harsh, but it's a stark reality that our teenagers need to be aware of.

According to statistics presented by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the leading killer of teenagers is automo-

bile crashes. I'll never forget the morning a few years back that I was informed by my then mother-in-law that a teenage family member had been killed in an automobile accident the night before. For a while, I simply didn't believe what she was trying to tell me. Matt was a young, intelligent high school student with a great personality and a bright future awaiting. His entire life lay before him when one miscue took it all away, leaving in its wake, a devastated family. Or more accurately, two devastated families, as not only was Matt killed in this tragic accident, but so was one of his best friends.

Chris Bailey, a former Floyd County athlete who works now as a funeral director for Hall Funeral Home, related a sorrowful story of his own during the BLHS program on Monday. Chris told of how his best friend, too, was killed in an automobile crash while they were both still in high school. "I went on to graduate college, get married, and even win a gold medal for athletic performance," Chris said. "But my friend didn't get to do any of these things. It's something no one should have to experience, losing someone like that."

Though alcohol or drugs were not contributing factors in either of these cases, the fact remains that teenage drivers are at great risk when manning the wheel. As a matter of fact, teenagers are 40 times more likely to be killed in an automobile crash than an adult. And although teenagers comprise less than 10 percent of licensed drivers, they account for 20 percent of all fatal crashes. We simply can't impress upon our teenagers too much the impor-

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tance of safe driving habits. Before I close, I'll take a moment to share a memory of how my own brother's life was altered by a driving accident. I don't recall the exact year, but I'll never forget the pandemonium that swept through my parents home the day my older brother was hit by a car. Doug was heading home from a long day of play at Archer Park, via bicycle, when he attempted to cross the highway and was hit by an oncoming vehicle. My brother was projected over the car's hood and his head crashed straight into the vehicle's windshield, from the outside in. Almost, but not quite, severing his jugular vein.

My father and mother almost died from grief and worry, and my siblings and I spent a long night at home wondering about what awful thing had befallen our family and about what in the world had happened to our brother, but, by the grace of a merciful God, my brother lived. It was a long and painful recuperation and he carries the scars of that terrible accident, both mentally and physically, still today, but he lived, unlike many others, to graduate college, marry, have children, a career, and a life.

Oh, just in case you may be wondering just how my brother's accident ties in with the theme of this week's Betsy Layne program, staged just prior to the school's weekend prom event — it was a teenage driver, rushing to pick up his date, who was speeding along that highway as he came upon my brother and his bicycle. As did my brother, this teen driver lived — but he didn't make it to the Prom that night.



Members of the Alice Lloyd College Alumni Board of Directors met earlier this month on the Alice Lloyd campus.

Alice Lloyd College Alumni Board of Directors' Meet

The spring meeting of the Alice Lloyd College Alumni Board of Directors was held on the ALC campus on April 3. Board members were welcomed to the campus by Alumni Association President, Chuck Stamper, of Prestonsburg. The group of alumni met throughout the day, and during the afternoon, received an update from Jerry Wayne Slone, Assistant Professor of Business, regarding the restoration status of the school's

1928 historical building, Cushing Hall. (Mr. Slone is Chair of the Cushing Hall Restoration Project.) The meeting concluded with alumni interviews conducted by students who are currently serving as members of ALC's STAR Team (Student Team for Assessment and Research). Teresa Grender, Director of Alumni Relations, commended the members of the Alumni Board for their dedication to and support of their alma mater.

Standards

members to receive professional development training annually with the number of hours depending on the official's length of service. In a normal year, just one in 10 local school board members exceed the minimum requirements and reach a new level of certification.

KSBA President William Lovell, of the McLean County School Board, praised the Floyd County board for their commitment to leadership for their community's children.

"From the state's school funding problems to the new requirements of the federal "No Child Left Behind" law, school

board members have to stay on top of the new rules as well as the new opportunities," Lovell said. "When a board member goes the extra mile and achieves such a training distinction, that's a measure of personal devotion to the community and its children."

KSBA Academy of Studies training covers areas such as use of student achievement data to set district goals and plan budgets, education law, superintendent selection and evaluation, school construction, strategic planning, policy development, effective board meetings and community involvement.



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Psoriasis usually mild and treatable, but never curable

Q I have had an itchy rash on my scalp since I was about 30. My doctor says I have psoriasis. Can you tell me about it? Will I always have it? What are some treatments?

A Psoriasis is a chronic skin rash that commonly causes a white, scaly buildup on a red, raised base. These "plaques" or "lesions" typically become inflamed and covered by silvery white scale. Sometimes a sufferer has just a few lesions, but moderate to large areas of skin can be involved. Fortunately, for most people, psoriasis tends to be mild.

Psoriasis appears to be a genetic disease that runs in families and affects the skin and/or the joints. More than 4.5 million people in the United States suffer from one of the four types. The most common is called plaque psoriasis. Other types go by names such as guttate, featuring small dot-like lesions; pustular, characterized by weeping lesions and intense scaling; inverse, producing intense inflammation; and erythrodermic, creating intense shedding and redness of the skin.

The scalp, as in your case, is the single most common site for psoriasis. Other common sites are the knees, elbows and torso. But psoriasis can develop anywhere, including the nails, palms, soles, genitals and — very rarely

— the face. Often the lesions are symmetrical and appear in "mirror image" on both the right and left sides of the body.

Psoriasis — an immune-mediated problem — is believed to be the result of too rapid skin cell growth. Normally, a skin cell takes about a month to go from the initial developmental stages to being shed from the surface. This cell turnover process is accelerated in psoriasis so the cells turn over every three to six days. This causes the skin cells to build up, causing the plaques and scaling. Part of this process may be the immune system stimulating T-cell activity by mistake, which in turn causes inflammation and increased cell turnover. Genetic links have been found for psoriasis, but not everyone with the psoriasis gene gets the disease.

Psoriasis is also known to flare up and improve on its own. Things that can bring on a psoriasis episode include emotional stress, injury to the skin, dry

skin due to seasonal climate changes and certain medications. Some blood pressure medication — beta-blockers in particular — can make psoriasis flare up.

Psoriasis is not contagious, but many people are very self-conscious about their rash, so they shy away from contact with others. While psoriasis is treatable, it is not curable. Also, about a quarter of the people with the psoriasis rash also develop a specific form of arthritis.

There are many treatments for psoriasis, depending on the severity of the rash as well as the location. The treatments fall into one of three categories: topical, which refers to creams and lotions to use externally; phototherapy, which ranges from artificial light sources to carefully controlled sun exposure to the use of lasers; and systemic, which includes medications taken by pill or injection. The severity of the rash, its location and its response

to previous therapies are all considered when the physician determines your treatment.

Current research is aimed at developing better drugs to treat the underlying immune-related cause and to understanding the genetics basis for this disease.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via email to readerquestions@familymedicineneeds.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnosis and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicineneeds.org.

School

■ 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:

■ 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.

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

■ Apr. 23 - 10th Annual "Spring Fling" Gospel Sing, 7 p.m., in MCA gym. Call 285-

5141 for more information.

■ Apr. 27, 28, 29 - CTBS testing.

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

■ Apr. 19 - OPEN HOUSE, 6-8 p.m., FREE soup bean dinner. Sponsored by SFYSC.

■ Apr. 21 - Child Abuse Awareness Informational Booth in school foyer. Students, employees and community welcome to stop by.

■ Apr. 26 & 27 - Self-Esteem presentation.

■ Apr. 28 - CPR training.

■ May 4 - Drug Awareness presentation.

■ 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.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

John M. Stumbo Elementary PTO will accept nominations for parent members of the school's SBDM Council until 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 23. All nominations must be turned in to Tristan Parsons or Anita Tackett in the Family Resource Youth Services Center. Election for parent members will be held Friday, April 30, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in school cafeteria. Contact Donna Hamilton at 587-2212 or Brenda Osborne at 587-1297 for more information.

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

■ Apr. 20 - Head Start/Preschool transition parent meeting, 10 a.m., in resource

center office.

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

■ Apr. 30 - SBDM Council - Parent Elections, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in cafeteria.

■ 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

Parent Organization members will be accepting nominations for parent members of the School Based Decision Making Council, until 3 p.m., Thursday, April 22. All nominations must be returned to Kim Hall, in the front office. The election for parent representative will be held on Thursday, April 29, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., in the Family Resource Center, and then again at 6 p.m., also in the FRC.

■ "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.
 ■ Wednesday: McDowell

Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

■ Thursday: 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 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

*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.

ALC

each production will be open to the public. School performances will be presented daily. KATS study guides will be available. For more information, call 368-6050. Patrick Davis is a 2003 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He is the grandson of Floyd and Edna Davis, and the late Curtis and Minnie Warrix.



Several members of the Floyd County Ministerial Association attended the FCCD's luncheon.

Postscript

mischief. She threatened and we believed.

When she was a teen-ager, her mother designated Randal and me as chaperones, of sorts, to Peewee. My aunt was tight with her children and reluctant to loosen their leashes. If these two kids were along, my aunt theorized, her youngest daughter would not be hooking up with young men with questionable intentions.

We were not successful chaperones. Peewee often left us for hours at the movie or at a local restaurant, where we drank pop, talked and watched people. We were afraid to tell on her because, as kids will do, we felt complicit. Plus, it was more exciting to be out in town than to be at home.

Randal and I were not negatively affected. We both went on to fairly good lives. We're both decent people who grew to overcome our fears of siblings and other people.

Peewee's life has not been as good. She married one of the beaus she had abandoned us for. But despite his cheerful, loving exterior, he turned out to be an alcoholic and an abuser. Plus, he

was not, as our grandmother would say, work-brickie. Her life with him was one of constant want and hurt.

After way too many years, way too many broken bones and the nagging encouragement of her family, she found the courage to leave him.

Her second husband was good to her, but he was much older. It wasn't long before she found herself his caregiver as much as his wife. Disease began to ravage him and Peewee spent several years tending to his growing helplessness.

Her life looked as if it were taking a turn for the better when she met her third husband, a hard-working tradesman who made a decent living. She helped him raise his two boys, whom she came to consider her own.

But her husband developed emphysema and then what's known as white lung, the dry-waller's equivalent of black lung. She watched him slowly deteriorate and lose his ability to breathe.

In her 50s, she learned to drive so she could take him for doctor appointments and to visit

him during his periodic hospitalizations at the VA hospital in Dayton.

Toward the end, she fed him, bathed him, lifted him onto the portable potty, and gave him his medication.

When he died some years back, she mourned him deeply, but she also began to realize a life she'd never known. She went to work at a job she loved. With the job and her late husband's pension, she had the financial independence that had evaded her for all her life.

She shopped and shopped some more. She bought clothes for herself. She splurged on books. She lavished her stepsons and a new step-grandson.

She made new friends who appreciated her sense of humor, her outgoing nature, her generosity of spirit, her intense loyalty.

She was beginning to live and to feel free to be an individual in her own right, not defined by a man or a sibling or a parent or any other thing.

What is it they say? Nothing good lasts?

Next week: A life, Part Two

Soil

Districts (NACD) Stewardship Advisory Committee, made up of members from the religious, educational, and conservation communities, has asked citizens to give careful consideration to the care of the soil under their feet.

As quoted from a NACD educational handout, "The living soil sustains all life on earth. Without the soil, nothing lives. Healthy soils support healthy environments, and healthy environments support healthy life."

The NACD suggests that the following few things can be done by landowners in their own backyards as a means by which they may become better stewards of our soils:

•Protect the soil from damage by wind or water erosion by keeping healthy plants growing on the surface.

•Restore and maintain organic matter in soil, such as grass clippings or tree leaves.

•Protect and enhance soil life by using the least amounts and the least toxic materials to control pest problems on growing plants.

"If each steward could reach 100 people," Carter addressed

the luncheon attendees, "and those 100 reach 100 others...just think how much influence that could have with being good stewards of our environment."

The Floyd County Conservation District directs and maintains a variety of educational and beneficial community programs. Among these programs are: An annual Conservation Art and Writing Contest, of which winners are honored each spring with an awards banquet; Conservation Scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each to be awarded to Floyd County High School graduates and undergraduate college students; ENVI-

ROTHON, a new hands-on conservation competition for high school students; Free Technical Assistance for agricultural, silvicultural, and wildlife activities that Floyd County residents may find themselves in need of assistance with; Outdoor Classrooms, construction of and technical advice for outdoor classrooms such as those found at Allen Elementary, Adams Middle, Clark Elementary, South Floyd High School

Aquaponics Greenhouse, and the BSCTCS (PCC) Walking Trail; Rental Equipment such as a no-till renovator, an ATV-seeder, and tree bars, at low rental fees; and other programs such as the County Cost Share program, the State Cost Share program, free soil testing, free tree give-away, free seed give-away and a variety of still others.

For more information about these, or other, programs and services offered to Floyd County residents by the Floyd County Conservation District, call the district office at 889-9800, or email to: conserve@mikrotec.com.

The Floyd County Conservation District is a subdivision of state and local government receiving certification of organization from the Secretary of the State on August 18, 1950; Current members of the FCCD Board of Supervisors are: James J. Carter II, Chairman; Ruby Akers, Vice-Chair; Floyd B. Allen, Treasurer; Jack Crider, Secretary; and members, Lloyd Wells, Jim Reynolds, and Daniel Branson.

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For Sale 2000 Toyota Avolon in excellent condition, low miles one owner, call 791-1716

For sale 1993 Dodge Dynasty (new tires, battery, ect-112,000 mi.+) \$1,000.00 call 886-2370

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210-Job Listings

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MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

Want to buy, Very young female teacup Chihuahua, Prefer all white in color but will consider solid tan, also Call Kathy at 886-8506 or email to features@floyd county times. com may also call 789-8380

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5435, Renewal

In accordance with 405 KAR 8.010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 2.6 miles southeast of McDowell, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a surface disturbance of 4.0 acres, and will

underlie an additional 846.49 acres, for a total permit acreage of 850.49 acres.

The operation is located 1.5 mile southeast from KY 680's junction with KY 1929, and located 0.11 mile south of Hall Fork. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°26'58" and longitude 82°42'00". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation and Klein and Doris Stumbo. The operation will underlie land owned by Sam Eversole, Klein and Doris Stumbo, Loretta Sue Newman, David Akers, Dorothy Bentley, Brenda Moore, Earl Evans, John B. Newsome, and Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation.

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 41653-1410. 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 thirty (30) days of today's date.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

located along the waters of Paint Creek. The latitude is 37°43'57". The longitude is 82°47'13".

The proposed operation is located on the Prestonsburg U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by James Guess. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Ky. Rt. 1428. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. This application contains a request for a variance for experimental practice from the requirement to return to approximate original contour as required under regulation Nzo. 405 KAR 16.190.

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

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-7008 NW

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located at Beaver in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 2.01 surface acres within the permit boundary.

The proposed operation begins at the intersection of KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road of Mud Creek in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is located on the

McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the haul road only method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Carl Mitchell et al., Sam Hamilton, and Carmel and Marie Clark.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.0093, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on Permit No. 836-5368, which was last issued on 04/22/2003. The application covers an area of approximately 122.24 acres, located 1.5 mile north of Drift, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1.5 miles North from KY's 122 junction with Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell Quadrangle Map, at latitude 37°29'30". The longitude is 82°44'46".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Permit 836-5368, is a surety bond in the amount of \$13,400.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$13,400.00 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading and seeding. Completed October 13, 2003.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Div. of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 24, 2004.

(6) A public hearing on the application has

been scheduled for May 25, 2004, at 9 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. The hearing will be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 24, 2004.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 858-5064, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Ky. 41214, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Odds, in Martin, Floyd, and Johnson counties. The proposed amendment will add 3.50 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 5873.16 acres.

The proposed amendment is approximately 2.5 miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road, and located at the mouth of Bear Water Branch on Daniels Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5220, Renewal

and Enforcement's

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that, FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.75 miles North of Dana in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.84 surface acres and will underlie 1175.33 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1182.17 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 3.2 miles South from U.S. 23's junction with County Road 1426 and located 0.00 miles West of Prater Creek. The latitude is 37°33'51". The longitude is 82°41'40".

(3) The proposed 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 Turner Elkhorn Mining Company.

The operation will underlie land owned by Sophie and Fiongo Crum, Garner Adkins, Donald P. and George Ann Adkins, Norman and Mae Martin, Herman Conn, James Johnson, Bailey Crum, Mexico Spears, Jim and Gertrude Sammons, Mousie Dingus, Allan Conn, Fred Presley, Brice Conn Estate, Kenneth Spears, Emmin and Cynthia Akers, Jr., John D. and Emodel A. Boyd, James and Bertha Williams, George Newsome, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Jimmy Akers, Harry and Ruth Crum, Richard Sammons, Edward and Doris Robinson, Bennie Boyd, Edward Newsome, David Akers, John Hall, Joyce Hall, and Beverly and Joy Mullins, Herbert and Lettie Mae Cordial, Ella Jarrell, Jackie and Geraldine Jarrell, Ralph and Ruth Stone, Daniel Artis Akers, Allen W. Akers, Eula Ray Akers, Francis Akers, James and Bertha Williams, Prater Creek Community Park, Lee Akers, George Newsome, Columbia Gas Co., Jay and Erma Crum, Bill and Peggy Solomon and Thurman Akers.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and

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 BLASTING SCHEDULE PERMIT NO. 836-0304

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 18:120, Section 3, Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606-886-0611), provides notice of the following blasting schedule.

The permitted area on which the blasting will occur, consists of approximately 116.18 acres, located 0.6 mile east of St. Rt. 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road. The latitude is 37 39 35, and the longitude is 82 42 00. Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur Monday through Sunday, sunrise to sunset. The blasting will begin on April 29, 2004, and continue through April 29, 2005.

Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten (10) minutes prior to each detonation. The warning signal shall consist of three (3) long blasts on a siren, five (5) minutes prior to detonation, and three (3) short blasts on a siren one (1) minute prior to detonation. The all-clear signal shall consist of one (1) long blast on a siren, following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed, until the all-clear signal is given. The warning and all-clear signals will be audible to at least one-half mile from the blast point. Events which could necessitate blasting at unscheduled times include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives, which involve personnel, operational, or public safety.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application #836-5334 Renewal #3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO., INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground/refuse storage coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.16 surface acres and will underlie 1,124 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,127.16 acres.

The Proposed operation is approximately 1.0 miles east from KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located 0.1 miles north Sugarloaf Branch. The latitude is 37°39'40" and the longitude is 82°41'58".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Burchett. The operation will underlie land owned by Joe Burchett, Landon & Nellie Charles, Ed & Bertha Cline, Freddie Collins, Maxine Crider, James Crisp, Esta Crum, Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Bradis Goble, Charles Harris, Floyd & Ona Harris, Irvin & Jenny Harris, Johnny Huffman, Lester Hunt, Ransom Hunt, Lewis Irvin Hunt, Gardie Jervis, Greg Johnson, Timmy Plummer, Albert Ratliff, Ronald Reid, Mary Reynolds, Randall Robinson, Grace Weedman, and James & Mary Wells.

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 836-5203 RENEWAL

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 1 1/2 miles Southeast of Martin in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 7.37 surface acres and will underlie 507.45 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 514.82 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 miles southeast from KY 1428's junction with Arkansas creek road and is located 1.1 miles East of Arkansas Creek. The latitude is 37°34'03". The longitude is

82°43'02". (3) The proposed operation is located on the Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, James Sammons and Thurman Akers. The operation will underlie land owned by Norman and Mae Martin, James Johnson, Mexico & Lizzie Spears, Thurman Akers, Ermit and Clara Conn, J.W. and Emily Allen, Opal M. Buyd, Bradley Akers, Omery Bentley, Fair Bentley Estate, Claude and Mae Ryan, Leonard and Susan Akers, Hezzie Sammons, T.F. Hamilton, Jr., John Delong, Lum Click, Tina Meade, Harry and Nadine Stephens, Leonard Conn and Turner Elkhorn Mining Company.

(4) 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, KY 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 836-5377, Renewal #4

(1) In accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1 miles Northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 2.59 surface acres and underlies 895.10 acres. The total permitted acreage is 897.69.

(2) The operation is approximately 1 miles East from KY 122's junction with Stonecoal Br. Rd. and located 0.05 miles North of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37°30'41" and longitude 82°44'15". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Co. The operation will underlie land owned by Phillip Meade, Tommy and Sherry Shelton, Denzil and Josephine Yates, Cas and Verlie Spurlock, Clayburn Bailey Heirs, Alex Stephens, Ellen Halbert, James Ervin Halbert, Bernard P. and Fron McKinney, John A. Salisbury, David May, Bee and Ola Halbert, James W. and Janie McKinney, Willard McKinney, Paul and Anna Mae Perkins, Harold Bowling, Bernard and Frona McKinney, Oscar and Opal McKinney, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Barbara and Oscar Hancock, Jr., Lois and Henry Meade, Cecil McKinney and Tandy L. Spurlock, James and Melissa Collins, Johnny Kidd and Kermit and Doreen Martin, Martin G. Halbert, Jr., and Alma

Land Company. (3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 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.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-1396

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.

DBA AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER PLAINTIFF

VS.

JOHN D. ROSE JUDY F. ROSE AKA JUDY ROSE

AKA JUDY BLACKBURN ROSE

DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 10th day of March, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$57,279.41, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 29th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 99 Clark Branch Road, Endicott, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: Being certain real property located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and beginning at the mouth of Clark Branch, Buffalo creek, a distance of 77 (seven seven) feet to a culvert; thence with road 140 (one hundred forty) feet to a Cement Stone; thence turning left 280 (two hundred eighty) feet with fence to a Cement Stone; thence turning right 55 (fifty five) feet to another Cement Stone at road; thence back down the right side to the bar 160 (one hundred sixty) feet running with Ronnie Joe Burchett's road to Ronnie Joe Burchett's line; thence down the embankment to Buffalo Creek; thence up Buffalo Creek to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Judy Blackburn Rose and John D. Rose, her husband, dated May 28, 1997, recorded in Deed Book 406, Page 238, and further conveyed by Quit-Claim Deed from Inez Collins, et al., to Judy Blackburn Rose and John D. Rose, her husband, dated June 5, 1998,

recorded in Deed Book 419, Page 499, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE

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

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 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 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.

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

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Hon. John R. Cummins Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application 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 Alpha Hamilton, Augustine Bryant, Eyvind Hamilton, William & 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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-4138, Renewal No. 4

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.0 miles west of Robinson Creek, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 29.24 surface acres, and will underlie 2,027.50 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2,056.74 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.0 miles west from Bear Fork Road's junction with KY 610, and located 0.4 mile north of Sam Hall Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Thomas Ratliff. The operation will underlie land owned by Thomas Ratliff, Andy Hamilton, Clifford and Sadie Hamilton, Homer and Wanda Hamilton, Ellis Little, Harvey and Jewellene Tackett, Rose Belcher, Emery and Tilda Ray, Walter and Oma Keathley, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Stephen Hamilton, Dora Keathley, Ray and Kelly Slone, Edgar and Myreda Howell, John D. and Millie Hamilton, Rhonda Hall and Grant Newsome, Alma Land Company, Louise Spears, Melda Martin, Verniece H. Akers, Edward Hall, Ansel

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Pursuant to Application Number 836-5306 Renewal #4

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.5 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.05 surface acres and will underlie 1837.14 acres for the total area within the permit boundary will be 1845.19 acres.

The operation is located 0.5 miles northeast of Emma in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.25 miles north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194 and located 0.3 miles northeast of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37° 38' 30" and the longitude is 82°41'45". The proposed operation is located on the U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Peachie Merritt. The operation will underlie land owned by Sandra Barkan, Roland Blackburn, Clyde Burchett, Forest Burchett, Gale Burchett, Joe Burchett, Landon and Nellie Charles, Ed and Bertha Cline, Leonard Goble, Floyd and Ona Harris, Irvin Harris, Lewis Irvin Hunt, William Jarrell, Columbus Jervis, Gardie Jervis, Ed Leslie Estate, Peachie Merritt, James and Mary Wells, Troy Whitt and Rosie Woods Estate. 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 of the 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.

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PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 898-4138 OPERATOR CHANGE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, intends to revise Permit No. 898-4138 to change operators. The operators presently approved in the permit are C & C Mining, Inc., 3856 Highway 7 South, Dema, Kentucky 41859, and Misty Mountain Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 165, Jonancy, Kentucky

41538. This operator revision will end out C & C Mining, Inc., and Misty Mountain Mining, Inc., and add D and D Contracting, Inc., of West Virginia, P.O. Box 843, Belfry, Kentucky 41514, as a new operator.

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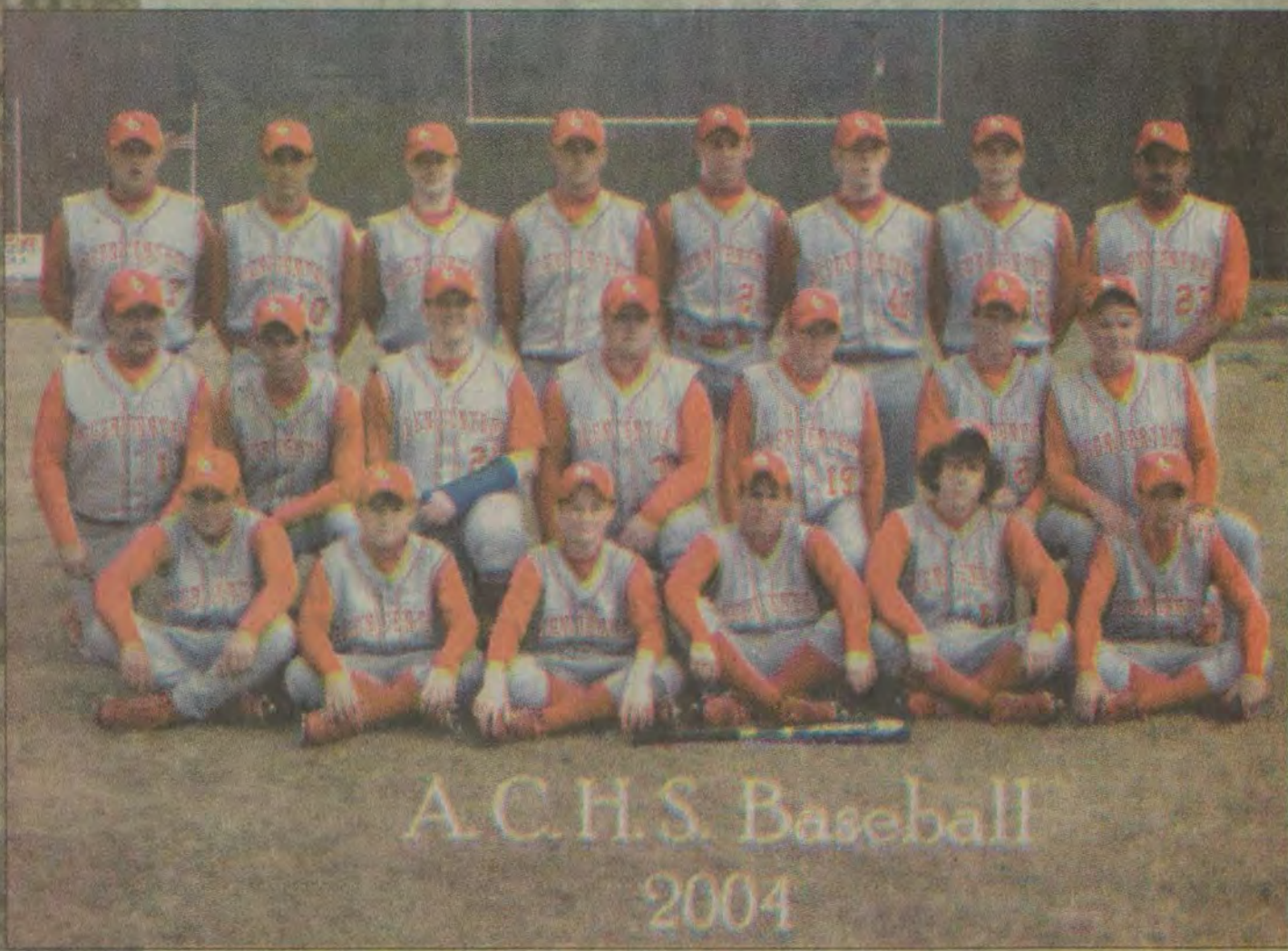
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 Apr. 22 Betsy Layne
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 Apr. 26 Johnson Central
 Apr. 28 Sheldon Clark
 May 1 Phelps
 (At Betsy Layne, 15th Region All "A")
 May 3 Betsy Layne
 May 4 June Buchanan
 May 10 South Floyd
 May 11 Shelby Valley
 May 18 Prestonsburg
 May 21 Pike County Central

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Apr. 20 Prestonsburg
 Apr. 22 Jenkins
 Apr. 24 Lawrence County
 (At Perry County Central/Knott County Central, Eastern Kentucky Clash)
 Apr. 27 Betsy Layne
 Apr. 28 June Buchanan
 Apr. 30 Pike County Central
 Apr. 30 Belkry
 May 1 Leslie County
 May 1 Knott County Central
 May 4 South Floyd
 May 6 East Ridge
 May 7 June Buchanan
 May 8 Powell County
 May 11 Prestonsburg
 May 13 Magoffin County
 May 14 Betsy Layne
 May 15 Belkry
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 May 18 Pikeville
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