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briefs

One killed in four-car accident

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

Route 632, in Pike County, was the scene for an accident on Saturday which left one man dead and three others injured. The incident began when Johnny Little, 30, of Elkhorn City, lost control of his vehicle on the westbound side of the highway and inadvertently traveled into the eastbound traffic. Little's 1994 Ford Van crossed the path of a 1995 Mack truck driven by James E. Polly, 28, of Whitesburg. The impact sent Little's van back into the westbound lane, where it struck a third vehicle, a 2002 tractor that was being driven by Lee Stewart, 39, of Pikeville. Polly's truck stayed in the westbound traffic but overturned and came to rest on top of a fourth vehicle, a 1997 Grand Prix which was operated by Angie Lester, 33, of Kimper. Several passengers were injured in the crashes and included Timothy McCoy, 20, of Elkhorn City; Herman Kiser Jr., age unavailable, also of Elkhorn City; and a 2-year-old who was with

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2 DAY FORECAST Today: Some showers High: 67 • Low: 56 Thursday: Evening wind, rain High: 61 • Low: 29 For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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Shooting suspect rejects plea deal

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A West Virginia man accused of trying to kill an Auxier resident refused to deal with the commonwealth during a pretrial conference last week.

Michael Lester, 45, of Caney Branch Road in Williamson, charged with attempted murder, waived a 10-year plea bargain offer Friday. As a previously convicted felon, he faces a 20-years-to-life sentence if he is convicted of the crime. "He's innocent and we're going to

prove he's innocent," his attorney, Stephen Owens, said. Lester was indicted last year after he allegedly attempted to murder his brother-in-law, Donald Ray Dotson, who was shot while staying at a friend's home in Auxier Heights on July 20. During a preliminary hearing last year,

Kentucky State Police Det. Mickey Watson testified that charges against Lester came mainly from statements given by Clifford Glover, who witnessed the shooting. Glover and Dotson were sitting on the (See NO DEAL, page three)



James Hunt, right, pleaded not guilty Monday to charges that he broke into his wife's residence at Buck's Branch and shot her to death last November.

photo by Tom Doty

Hunt pleads not guilty to killing estranged wife

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — James Hunt, 56, of Martin, was arraigned Monday in circuit court. He is charged with murder and first-degree burglary for a Nov. 30 incident in which he allegedly broke into his estranged wife's home by blasting through the lock with a .357 Magnum and shot her to death.

Bettina Chaffins, the victim, was on the phone with emergency staff at 911 when the incident occurred. The tape of that conversation will most likely be played for a jury should the matter come to trial. The case was passed to a grand jury in mid-December and Hunt was indicted on the charges. Hunt entered a not guilty plea and formal reading of the arraignment was waived by his attorney.

After the arraignment, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner sat down with members of the victim's family and explained the proceedings to them. Seven members of Chaffins' family, including her mother, who works for the Floyd County Detention Center, were present and listened attentively to Turner, who outlined (See ARRAIGNMENT, page three)

Bartley named special prosecutor

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Pike County Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley will stand as special prosecutor in a 2002 attempted

murder case. Bartley officially signed in as special prosecutor Friday, about a month before Paul Roberts, 50, of Big Mud Creek in Harold, and Neil Ratliff, 35, of Ratliff Branch Road in Pikeville, are scheduled to go to

trial for an alleged 2002 incident that threatened the life of Tram resident Jeffrey Young. Roberts, charged with attempted murder, first-degree unlawful (See BARTLEY, page three)

Martin mayor sues Housing Authority over failed land deal

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — With developments continuing in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers relocation project in Martin, Mayor Thomasine Robinson is feeling the pressure. Robinson's business, Jan's Florist and Gifts on Main Street, is scheduled for evacuation by the end of the month, but moving is never easy,

especially when the mayor wants to keep her business within the city limits of a city that's being reconstructed. "I'm ready to pull my hair out," Robinson said. "I'm trying to stay in the city limits and it's hard." Robinson says she is looking to rent some property in the city, but the move will require her to move her business yet again, without financial help, the second time, from the Corps of Engineers.

Robinson filed a small claims suit against the city's Housing Authority yesterday, seeking a refund of \$1,478, a payment she made for a \$1 million general liability insurance policy she purchased when she was trying to rent a piece of property owned by the organization. Robinson says she inquired about renting the property, a 28 foot by 50 foot (See LAWSUIT, page three)

Suicide leads cops to meth lab

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The death of a Magoffin County man this weekend led to the discovery of a meth lab in Floyd County. The Kentucky State Police and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department were called around 6:30 p.m. Saturday to investigate the death of Brian McKenzie, 28, of Salyersville, who apparently hung himself with nylon rope in a barn at Coal Branch, near the Magoffin County line on Route 114. Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, assisting lead investigator KSP Det. Bryton Hansford, said

authorities found McKenzie's body hanging near the meth lab, which was situated in a closed-off room in the barn. Officials suspect that McKenzie worked with others to run the meth lab, but it was not fully operational, KSP public affairs officer Scott Hopkins said. According to him, the lab, which was later cleaned up by certified KSP technicians, was supplied with all the equipment and the ingredients needed to make methamphetamine. Authorities could not determine if the lab had previously been used, Hopkins said. No foul play is suspected (See METH LAB, page three)

Dog owner charged after chickens killed

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

STANVILLE — A Floyd County resident is facing criminal charges after a Rottweiler rustled up some feathers in the chicken coop. Stanville resident Chris Hall filed a complaint last week against Milford Compton, 28, of Mare Creek Road, after Compton's Rottweiler

allegedly came onto Hall's property and killed 31 chickens. Hall claims the dog bit him and destroyed 21 chicken pens at his Carlisle Hollow Road residence. Officer G.D. Wolfe II charged Compton with harboring a vicious animal, a misdemeanor offense, on Jan. 6. Compton is scheduled for arraignment on Feb. 2.



Cub Scout Pack 340 visited The Floyd County Times Tuesday to learn about how newspapers are made. The Scouts, who are studying communications, were given a tour by managing editor Ralph B. Davis and got to watch as the presses rolled into action.

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Odds & Ends

■ **EAST BROOKFIELD, Mass.** — While jurors deliberated the fate of a man accused of selling a stolen gun to a pawn shop, the defendant went out for a cup of coffee.

A week later, Peter J. Leo, 32, of Worcester is still on the run.

According to court records, Leo was being tried on charges of larceny, carrying a firearm without a license and receiving stolen property. His lawyer, Christopher Loconto, said Leo was accused of selling a pistol that did not belong to him to a pawn shop in 2002.

After listening to closing

arguments, jurors left to begin their deliberations. Leo and his girlfriend also left the courtroom, saying they were going for coffee, a court officer told The Telegram & Gazette of Worcester.

The jurors returned to the courtroom a short time later to deliver their verdict, but Leo was not there to hear he had been found guilty.

Court officials told the newspaper that Leo had been free to come and go from the courtroom.

When it became apparent Leo was not going to return, the judge issued a warrant for his

arrest. He now is charged with failing to appear for a jury verdict.

"He's got some family issues he's dealing with," Loconto said. "I would encourage him to turn himself in."

Besides the mandatory one-year prison sentence on the theft charges, Leo could face two more years in jail because of the latest charge, court officials said.

■ **MARION, Ind.** — Grace Missionary Baptist Church wants the pastor to quit preaching to the choir — and everybody else. And the church's

trustees are going to court to stop him.

The Rev. Ed McDowell Jr., who served at the church for more than 13 years, was fired in December after a vote by both the trustees and members.

But McDowell, 63, continues to preach there because he says the vote was invalid. He has changed the locks remaining at the church and has tried to fire church officials himself, court records said.

Church leaders have asked for a restraining order that would force McDowell to return church property, remove his personal belongings and block him from using church funds for his legal defense.

"We feel he has been removed as pastor of the church," said David Payne, a church attorney. "This lawsuit is intended to ratify that and to make sure everyone understands that."

McDowell's lawyer, Kenneth T. Roberts Sr., is gathering evidence that shows the majority of members were not notified about the vote.

"It's very simple. If you intend to oust a pastor of a 180-member church, you cannot bring a few people to the business meeting to vote them out," he said.

Court records show that 32 church members met on Dec. 5, with 18 voting to remove McDowell. Nine voted to retain him; five did not return their ballots.

A hearing on the request for a restraining order was set for Feb. 1.

Marion is about 45 miles southwest of Fort Wayne.

■ **MADISON, Wis.** — A kangaroo that went on a walkabout of frigid Wisconsin just might settle down in the Midwest after all.

The red-haired marsupial, now known as "Roo," was cap-

tured in a snowstorm outside of Dodgeville last week. Sheriff's deputies cornered the 150-pound critter in a barn after receiving calls for days from shocked residents who had seen it.

Kangaroos can be purchased for about \$1,000 or more in the United States, but no one has reported him missing.

Roo remains under quarantine at the Henry Vilas Zoo, and if no one claims it, zoo officials plan to introduce it to their other kangaroos to see if they get along.

But if things don't work out, Margaret Suter said she has room at her home near Madison, where she already keeps six kangaroos and a wallaby.

"I worried for that kangaroo. It lost its caregiver," Suter said. "And if you own one of these animals, you shouldn't turn your back on it."

Suter's kangaroos have a variety of stories — she took in one that was wounded and had one of his arms amputated. Another, named Skippy, is a blind 1-year-old female with her very own special quarters.

She got Captain, her first, about eight years ago and learned the animal's habits and requirements as she went along. Her kangaroos eat oats and special pellets, as well as snacks of fresh fruit.

"They can seem just like big teddy bears," she said. "They're beautiful animals and I just love them."

■ **LEMOORE, Calif.** — Fed up with students' racy moves, a principal has taken the unusual step of canceling the rest of this year's school dances.

Principal Jim Bennett of Lemoore Union High School said he warned students at a winter formal dance last month to either quit dirty dancing or face the possibility of not dancing at all.

But he said the students continued "freak dancing," a form of sexually suggestive dancing that involves grinding the hips and pelvic area.

The ban on dances includes the school's Sadie Hawkins dance in February and the junior and senior proms in the spring, but Bennett said they could be rescheduled if students modify their behavior.

"It's really up to the kids at this point. They have to take some responsibility," Bennett said.

Organizers of the Sadie Hawkins dance, a fund-raiser for the school's FFA Organization branch, formerly Future Farmers of America, are working with Bennett to come up with a series of regulations, which could allow that dance to go on.

One idea is to let students sign a form stating that raunchy dancing will get them kicked out.

Students hope similar regulations could lead to the reinstatement of other dances, particularly the prom.

"Some students save up all year to buy a dress or rent a tuxedo and buy flowers for the prom," said student body president Zohra Lakhani, a 17-year-old senior. "To crush everyone's dreams, it's not fair."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2005. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 12, 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

On this date:

■ In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.

■ In 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C.

■ In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote.

■ In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

■ In 1942, President Roosevelt created the National War Labor Board.

■ In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school applicants because of race.

■ In 1964, leftist rebels in Zanzibar began their successful revolt against the government.

■ In 1966, President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the United States should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

■ In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

■ In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a

crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

Ten years ago: In Port-au-Prince, Haiti, an American soldier was killed, another wounded, in a shootout with a former Haitian army officer who was also killed. Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, was arrested in Minneapolis on charges she'd tried to hire a hit man to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan (the charges were later dropped in a settlement with the government).

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer. Forced to act by a European court ruling, Britain lifted its ban on gays in the military. Charlotte Hornets guard Bobby Phillips was killed in a crash during a drag race.

One year ago: President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox forged agreement on the contentious issues of immigration and Iraq, meeting in Monterrey before the opening of a 34-nation hemispheric summit. Singer-songwriter Randy VanWarmer died in Seattle at age 48.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Luise Rainer is 95. Former South African President P.W. Botha is 89. Country

singer Ray Price is 79. Singer Ruth Brown is 77. Singer Glenn Yarborough is 75. The Amazing Kreskin is 70. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 66. Former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Frazier is 61. Singer-musician George Duke is 59. Rock musician Cynthia Robinson (Sly and the Family Stone) is 59. Actor Anthony Andrews is 57. Movie director Wayne Wang is 56. Radio commentator Rush Limbaugh is 54. Actress Kirstie Alley is 54. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 53. Radio personality Howard Stern is 51. Rock musician Tom Ardolino (NRBQ) is 48. Rock musician Charlie Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 45. Actor Oliver Platt is 45. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 39. Rapper TBird (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 38. Model-actress Vendela is 38. Actress Farrah Foke is 37. Rock singer Zack de la Rocha is 35. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 35. Singer Dan Haseltine (Jars of Clay) is 32. Rock musician Matt Wong (Reel Big Fish) is 32. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 31. Actor Will Rothhaar is 18. Actor Andrew Lawrence is 17.

Thought for Today: "That is happiness; to be dissolved into something completely great." — Willa Cather, American author (1873-1947).

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Wife charged with lying to police

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman who allegedly lied to authorities about her husband's whereabouts is facing criminal charges this week in district court.

Penny Kay Pennington, 34, of Bull Creek, allegedly lied to Floyd County sheriff's deputies who came to her residence to arrest her husband, the citation says.

She now faces charges of second-degree hindering prosecution and unsworn falsification to authorities.

Deputy Will Holbrook, the arresting officer, claims that he visited the Pennington residence

on Dec. 30 serve an arrest warrant on her husband, Bobby Pennington. Penny Pennington allegedly lied to Holbrook, who was accompanied by Deputy Fred Mynhier, telling the officers that she hadn't seen her husband in four days.

Deputies found Bobby Pennington hiding behind a bed in the master bedroom, Holbrook alleges.

Pennington, now out of jail on a \$2,000 surety bond, is scheduled for arraignment on Jan. 18.

According to records filed yesterday in circuit court, her husband, Bobby Pennington, was served with an arrest warrant in a domestic violence case involving Anna Yates.

Lawsuit

plot of land at Pageant Hill in September and has discussed the proposal several times at regular Housing Authority meetings. Bruce Coleman, the Housing Authority director, asked her to obtain the insurance policy, she said, but the property deal did not go through, leaving her high and dry with a nonrefundable insurance policy on a piece of property she can't rent.

In October, HUD refused to sign a waiver for Robinson to rent the property, Coleman said, because the mayor's seat on the Housing Authority's board is a conflict of interest.

She claims that Coleman, who also serves as secretary for Housing Authority meetings, didn't request the waiver in time. Coleman claims she tried to go through the process too quickly.

The waiver was denied by HUD on Oct. 4, three days after the insurance policy took effect.

"It was his position, he was the one to ask for the waiver, not me. If he would have done it like he should have done, I wouldn't have a problem," Robinson said. "If I'm not mistaken, we have three public housing buildings here in this city, and we have a \$1 million insurance policy on all three combined. I bought a million dollar policy for a piece of dirt!"

Robinson requested a refund from the organization during meetings in November and December, but to no avail. When questioned yesterday, Coleman wasn't optimistic about an immediate refund.

"The problem is that the Housing Authority has a budget and that budget doesn't have a line item that permits this," Coleman said. "There is no provision for this type of expenditure ... It's just something that we'll try to work out. Unfortunately, it takes very little time to get things started, and it takes quite a bit of time to get it finished. It's like if you

Meth Lab

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break something. It takes no time to drop something on the floor and break something, but it takes a lot of time to fix it. Hopefully, we'll get this resolved and fixed."

Coleman says he is "still talking to people" for ideas toward a resolution.

The insurance policy, Robinson says, is effective on the property until Oct. 1, 2005.

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in McKenzie's death, which has been ruled a suicide, KSP reported.

No arrests have been made in connection with the meth lab.

Floyd County Sgt. Steve Little and Terry Chaffins assisted at the scene.

Det. Hansford is continuing the investigation.

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Wreck

Lester but was in a child restraining seat.

Only Little was killed in the wreck, which occurred at approximately 10 a.m. He was not wearing a seat belt.

The incident is under investigation by Trooper Christopher

Masters. He was assisted at the scene by Sgt. Darren Stapleton, Trooper Randy Surber, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, the Kimper Fire Department, John's Creek Fire Department and DHP Ambulance Service.

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Arraignment

the next scheduled events in the case.

Hunt was set for a pretrial conference on May 12 and has until then to decide if he would prefer to enter a plea in the case.

Public advocate Emma Jones stood in for Hunt's lawyer, Harolyn Howard, and entered two motions in the case. She requested that the commonwealth share its evidence and that no bond be set for her client until a hearing is held on the subject.

Hunt is also charged with driving under the influence on the evening of the killing. He was

found in a creek near Chaffins' home after officers responded to the shooting. His vehicle had gone off the road into the water at Buck's Branch Creek.

State Trooper Bryan Layne made that arrest while Sheriff John K. Blackburn and Sgt. Steve Little investigated Bettina's home.

The relationship between Bettina and James was strained with a history of emergency protection orders and Family Court appearances for the couple. Hunt had been arrested last July on charges of public intoxication.

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No Deal

front porch of the residence when Dotson left the porch to get a pack of cigarettes out of his truck, Watson said. Dotson was shot as he walked around the edge of the home. The bullet, which was never recovered, entered Dotson's upper back and exited his upper chest.

Glover told authorities that he saw a white truck parked on the shoulder of the road next to Route 3. He said he saw a man walk to the back of the truck with what appeared to be a rifle. The man, he said, laid the gun across the back of the truck, fired one shot, then left the scene.

Glover also told Watson that the man, later identified as Lester, was in court during a divorce proceeding for Dotson and his wife. Though Watson testified that Dotson didn't identify the shooter as Lester, he said that his sister, Kathy Maynard, told him during a subsequent interview that Dotson positively

identified him. Authorities connected Lester with Dotson at Highlands Regional Medical Center, according to testimony given during that hearing, when Glover identified the truck as one belonging to Dotson's brother-in-law.

Lester, who voluntarily turned himself in, said he "had nothing to do" with the shooting and named his mother and girlfriend as his alibis. His son, Shane Lester, and the boy's girlfriend, Megan Daniels, also claim that Michael Lester was at his West Virginia home on the morning of the shooting.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, who tried to negotiate the plea deal, would not comment on Lester's decision to pass up the commonwealth's offer.

"We're confident that we'll have a good outcome," Taylor said of the upcoming trial, slated for April 25.

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Bartley

imprisonment, terroristic threatening and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and Ratliff, charged with first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree unlawful imprisonment and terroristic threatening, are slated to be tried in court on Feb. 21.

They were indicted last March by a Floyd County grand jury.

Allegedly, the pair kidnapped, threatened and attempted to murder Young, who had befriended Roberts while incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center. Young says that Roberts posted \$5,000 bail for him in October 2002, and then drove him to his home in Tram. Roberts returned with Ratliff and a woman about an hour-and-a-half later, Young said, and accused him of planning to jump bail.

Young alleged that the group then drove to the jail, but they couldn't retrieve the bail money unless they returned the following day during business hours.

Young claims he was unlawfully imprisoned by the Roberts and Ratliff. He told the court

during a preliminary hearing in 2002 that he escaped when Roberts pulled into an Allen business owned by Judy and Larry Short. Judy Short claims to have witnessed Roberts fire a gun "three or four times" at Young as he ran toward the business.

Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, representing Roberts, filed a motion to sever the possession of a firearm charge against his client in November, arguing that it would be "unfairly prejudicial" for the jury to hear that Roberts is a convicted felon.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo appointed Bartley as special prosecutor after conflicts arose with the commonwealth, witnesses and victims in the case.

"The victims or witnesses are close peers or friends with Brent Turner and his father," Bartley said.

Bartley would not comment as to how he will proceed with the case.

Both men turned down plea offers from the commonwealth last year.

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Worth Repeating ...

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—Woodrow Wilson

Guest View

Clean up election mess

The House and the Senate met jointly Thursday to receive the votes of the Electoral College for president. Rep. John Conyers, the Detroit Democrat, hoped to spice up this perfunctory quadrennial event. Citing "numerous, serious election irregularities," he urged Congress to reject for the time being the tally from Ohio, a key battleground state, which gave the national election to President Bush.

Indeed, up close, the Ohio vote doesn't look pretty. Seven-hour lines chased away some voters. A touch-screen machine turned votes for Democrat John Kerry into votes for Republican Bush, and another machine gave Bush 4,000 bonus votes. Machines may have missed thousands of votes for president. And Conyers rattles off many other alleged problems, some suggesting fraud.

The margin of victory for Bush — 118,457 votes out of 5.7 million cast — likely remains too big for these glitches to have changed the outcome. Congress must accept the Electoral College results. But Conyers has a point. The Ohio vote highlights the need for further federal election reform.

New legislation should include these provisions:

- A requirement that a state's top election official be removed from partisan politics. Secretary of State Ken Blackwell ran Ohio's elections even though he headed the Bush campaign in that state. The 2000 election fiasco put Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, also a Bush partisan, in the limelight. The Wisconsin setup could serve as a national model for avoiding such an unseemly conflict of interest. The partisan secretary of state doesn't oversee elections. Rather, a bipartisan Elections Board does, and it appoints a nonpartisan executive director to run things.

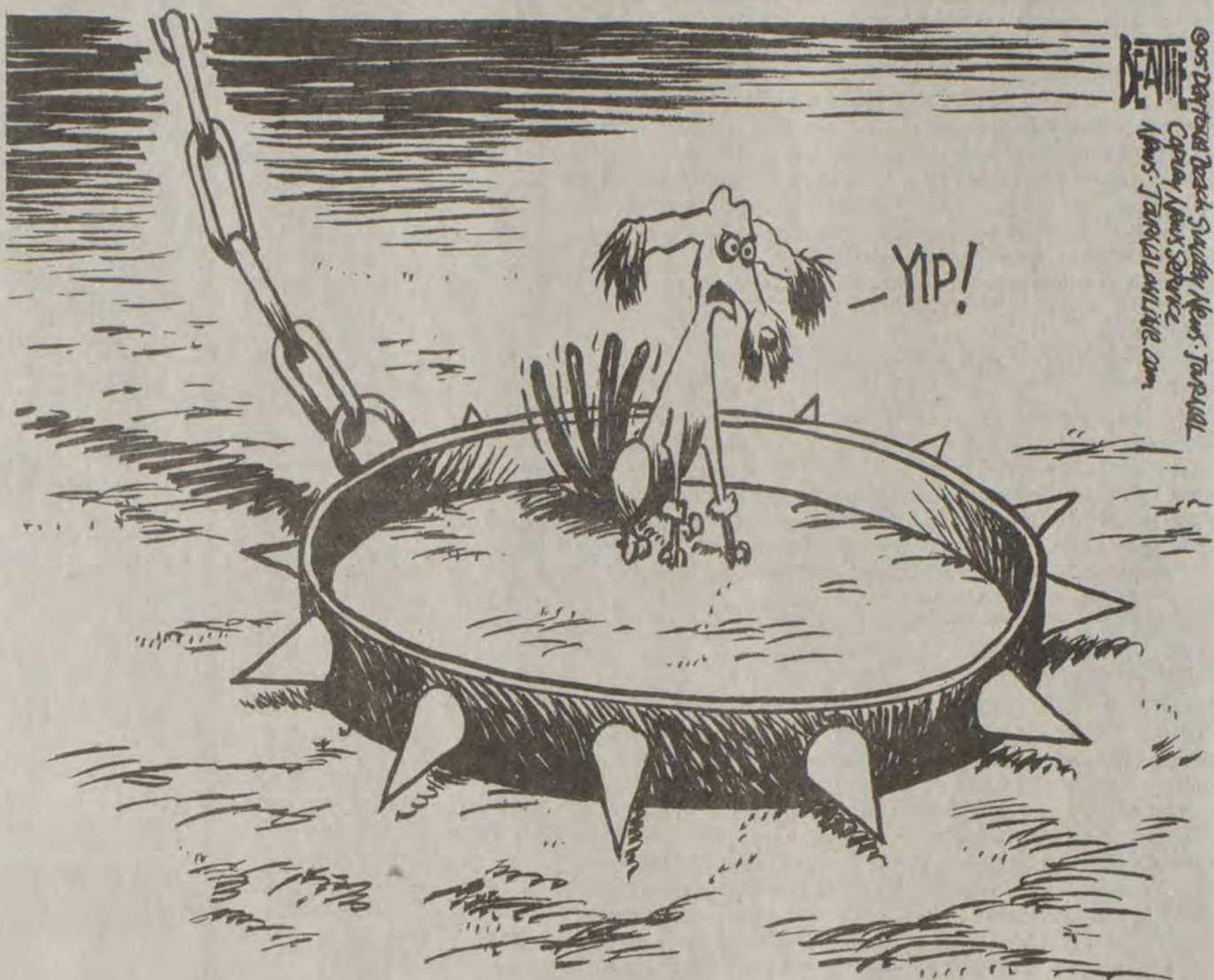
- An outright ban on punch-card machines. Incredibly, 70 percent of Ohio voters still used the notoriously unreliable punch cards in November — no doubt the reason Ohio was a leader in missing presidential votes.

- A rule that any voting system include a way to verify results. In other words, touch-screen machines should be used only if they leave a paper trail.

- Federal penalties for inordinately long lines.
- Standards for the use of provisional ballots, given to voters disputing their omission from election rolls. Some voters apparently got lost in the confusion over when to use the ballots.

In truth, close scrutiny would doubtless find problems in the election procedures of many states. The nation's patchwork electoral system is nowhere near refined enough to handle razor-thin outcomes. Congress must adopt that capability as its goal. It is high time every vote gets counted.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



Congress' New Ethics Enforcement Watchdog

Capitol Ideas

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by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — While the debate over tobacco as a health risk appears resolved, there is still a question about whether it remains political poison in Kentucky.

Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, believes it may now be safe to smoke, at least if it is tobacco on the fire.

Draud has joined other House members of both parties in endorsing one proposal that would make the tax on a pack of cigarettes \$1, compared with the current 3-cent tax.

Draud also plans to make a separate proposal to make the tax 75 cents per pack. He would soften the political hit by including the removal of the state portion of the property tax on motor vehicles.

"Now, politically, constituents are very much in favor of a cigarette tax," Draud said. "Most legislators recognize that it's not going to hurt them politically at this stage of the game."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher apparently reached the same decision a year ago when he included a proposed increase of 26 cents on cigarettes in his ill-fated tax and budget plan.

This year, Fletcher said he is aiming higher, perhaps 40 cents or more.

"I think it's time that we do that," Fletcher said last week. "I think there's good support across the state for increasing the cigarette tax some more."

Some in the administration are even more ambitious, and more contemptuous

of tobacco's clout.

"With the passage of the federal tobacco buyout and the spiraling cost of providing Medicaid services to an unhealthy population, it's time that we as Kentuckians recognize that it's time for us to make change in this arena," said Dr. James Holsinger, secretary of the Health and Family Services Cabinet.

Before the buyout, there were thousands of Kentuckians with a built-in tobacco interest in the form of allotments to raise and sell the leaf, often at huge profits. With the end of the quota system, tobacco becomes more like any other agricultural product.

And the political price to pay for being seen against tobacco may be falling. In Lexington, once the home of the largest burley tobacco auction in the world, there is now a ban on indoor smoking.

"From a public health point of view, not from a tax point of view, but from a public health point of view we ought to be moving to the national average (84 cents) simply because an increase of 80 cents in the excise tax will drive down teen smoking 8 percentage points," Holsinger said.

Even Rep. Rob Wilkey, a Democrat from the heart of farm country in Simpson County, appears willing to confront the issue. Wilkey has proposed legislation that would make roll-your-own tobacco subject to taxation.

The topic has been taboo in the past. There was a time when some legislators threatened the University of

Louisville with the loss of state funding if it went ahead with plans to restrict smoking in some buildings.

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson initially proposed an increase in the cigarette tax in the historic package he financed the 1991 Kentucky Education Reform Act. It disappeared from the final version.

Kentucky now has the lowest cigarette tax in the nation.

Last fiscal year, the tax raised \$17.1 million; \$16.3 million the previous year.

It has always been considered something of an inelastic product as the economists would say — something people will buy regardless of the price. But anti-smoking efforts have risen to the point where a dramatic increase might push more than a few smokers to kick the habit, thereby cutting the actual increase in tax receipts that might be expected from a tax increase.

According to statistics released late last week, sales of cigarettes to minors have declined dramatically, down 14 percent since 1999.

Draud said it would be fiscal folly to count on continuing receipts from a higher cigarette tax to help the precarious budget situation and he favors a serious approach to tax reform that does raise more money.

"This is not a good way to fund public policy," Draud said. "The ultimate goal isn't to raise revenue, it's to get people to stop smoking."

Mark R. Chellgren is the Frankfort correspondent for The Associated Press.

Guest Column

Prosecutors need more resources to handle caseloads

by GREG STUMBO
ATTORNEY GENERAL

As Attorney General, I have the honor of working with our state prosecutors, talented men and women who are dedicated to their profession and who work tirelessly to keep our communities safe. However, they are facing a crisis of resources that is threatening their ability to safeguard the public. Because of the

issues facing prosecutors, this fall, I formed a bipartisan Blue Ribbon Commission to study these problems. To fully assess prosecutorial needs, we sent out surveys to all of our elected County and Commonwealth's Attorneys. We are still compiling their responses, but one thing has become clear: a major problem facing our County and Commonwealth's Attorneys is that they lack the resources to handle the explosion of criminal cases

that has occurred in the last few years.

As a whole, prosecutors are handling over 10,000 more criminal cases in circuit court than they did in 1996. Much of this increase is due to an exponential increase in drug crimes, particularly methamphetamine cases. Methamphetamine labs in Kentucky have been found everywhere from the

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Health Extra

Going downhill may be a good thing for your body

by MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP MEDICAL WRITER

NEW ORLEANS — If exercise is too much of an uphill battle, you may want to try the downside.

A novel study of hikers in the Alps made the intriguing discovery that different types of exercise had different effects on fats and sugars in the blood.

Going uphill cleared fats from the blood faster, going downhill reduced blood sugar more, and hiking either way lowered bad cholesterol.

Both types of hiking are beneficial, but one may help diabetics more than the other, said Dr. Heinz Drexel of the Academic Teaching Hospital of Feldkirch, Austria, who reported the research at a recent American Heart Association conference in New Orleans.

This was a most unusual study, involving steep mountains and lifts at a ski resort.

"If you think about this in practical terms, it's pretty hard to imagine how any human being could just go one way and get back to where they started unless they happen to live near a cable car, which was used in this study," said Dr. Raymond Gibbons, a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in

Rochester, Minn., who had no role in the research.

Dr. Gerald Fletcher, a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., said the findings could be applied in the real world: People who work in office buildings, for example, could take the stairs one way and the elevator the other, depending on what their exercise goals were.

Hiking uphill is concentric exercise, where muscles are shortened, which happens when you bend your arm or step upward. Going downhill is eccentric muscle work, such as extending your arm or actively resisting stretching, which happens when you step down.

The Austrian researchers tested both forms of exercise on 45 healthy people who normally exercised very little. For the study, the participants took three to five hourlong hikes each week. For two months they hiked uphill and rode the ski lift down. The next two months they took the lift up and hiked down.

Their blood sugar and cholesterol levels were checked before the study

started and after each two-month exercise segment. They also were given tests to see how quickly and well their blood removed fats and sugar after each exercise phase.

The hikers made no changes in their diets, so that the effects of the exercise could be isolated.

The researchers were surprised to find that hiking downhill removed blood sugars and improved glucose tolerance, while uphill hiking mostly improved levels of fats called triglycerides.

This could be good news for diabetics, who often have trouble with concentric and many types of aerobic exercise, Drexel said. They may be better able to tolerate downhill hiking, and may get more out of it, too. It also might be a good way for people who do not exercise now to get started, Drexel suggested.

One problem with going downhill a lot is pressure on the knees. Fletcher said more gyms need exercise machines that work downhill muscles without stressing knees.

OLW and Arthritis Foundation conduct local programs

"Walk two laps and call me in the morning." That's the prescription that would benefit the many people with various forms of arthritis. With proven benefits, including greater flexibility, reduced pain, enhanced muscle and bone strength, along with reduced weight, more people with arthritis should be in a regular exercise program.

Today, doctors and therapists know that moderate physical activity is an essential part of successful treatment. But for many years, it was thought that people with arthritis and related condition should avoid exercise because it would further damage their joints.

Arthritis is America's number-one leading cause of disability, and 40 percent of Kentucky adults and 4,800 children are affected. Nationally, 300,000 children are facing the serious challenges of arthritis.

The Arthritis Foundation is

the source of help and hope for the nearly 70 million Americans who have arthritis, rheumatic diseases or related musculoskeletal conditions. The foundation supports research to find ways to cure and prevent arthritis and seeks to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.

The Arthritis Foundation is empowering people to take control of arthritis through land and warm-water exercises. PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) is a recreational exercise program designed specifically for people with arthritis using gentle activities to increase joint flexibility and range of motion, enhance muscle strength and help increase overall stamina.

Aquacise is a warm-water exercise program also designed for people with arthritis and related conditions. The soothing warmth and buoyancy of warm water

make it safe, ideal environment for relieving arthritis pain and stiffness. Immersion in warm water raises body temperature, causing blood vessels to dilate and increase circulation, and allows muscles to become relaxed to facilitate movement. In the water, joints are supported and stress is lessened on them to encourage free movement, providing mild resistance to help build muscle strength.

The Community Health Education Department of Our Lady of the Way Hospital has been assisting the Kentucky Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation through land and warm-water exercises since 1999 for area senior citizens groups.

For more information regarding arthritis programs in the local area, contact Carol Jo May, LPN, at the Community Health Education Department of Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin at (606) 285-5181, ext. 6002.

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The knee is formed by the ends of two bones—the thighbone or femur and the shinbone or tibia. These are both covered by a thin layer of cartilage that reduces friction while you are moving. The meniscus are pads of tissue that sit between the cartilage and act as cushions. Bursae are fluid sacs that provide additional cushioning. Ligaments and tendons surround the joints and connect one bone to another. If the knee is wrenched, often in a sports injury, the ligaments can tear or become sprained.

For a simple knee injury, a patient may respond to conservative treatment by a chiropractor, including an exercise program to strengthen surrounding muscles. A protective knee brace may also help during activity. Surgery is required only in the case of very severe accidents.

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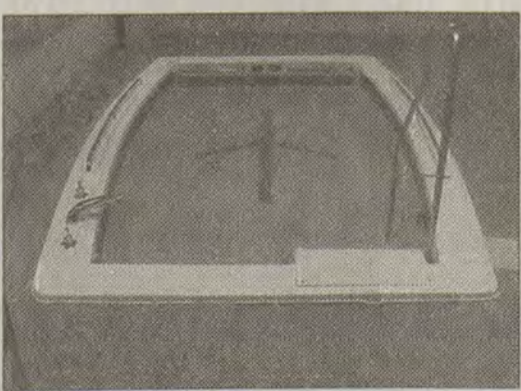

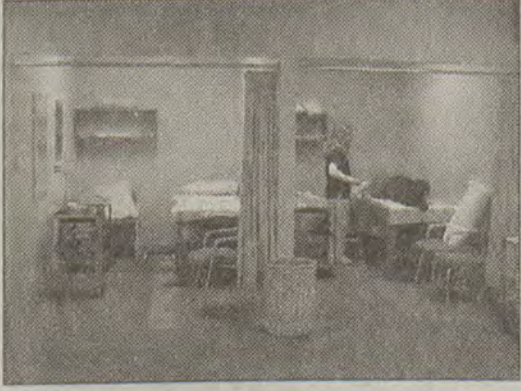

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Obituaries

Brian McKenzie Lykins

Brian McKenzie Lykins, 28, of West Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 8, 2005, in Prestonsburg.

Born July 4, 1976, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Bill Lykins of Salyersville, and Linda Collins McKenzie of Prestonsburg. He was self-employed.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his step-father, James Trusty of Prestonsburg; his grandmother, Rosa Rinker of Prestonsburg; a brother, Rodney McKenzie of Prestonsburg; and a sister, Pauline Howard of Prestonsburg.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Roy Collins and Floyd Rinker.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 12, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Richard Rife and Jimmy Puckett officiating.

Burial will be in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Brenda Kay Jarvis

Brenda Kay Jarvis, 43, of New Straitsville, Ohio, died Sunday, January 9, 2005, at Fairfield Medical Center, in Lancaster, Ohio.

Born January 11, 1961, in Morgan County, she was the daughter of the late Golden Edward Conley and Legotha Endicott Lewis. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Jeffery Scott Jarvis.

Other survivors include three sons: William Conley of Hazel Green, and Charles Lewis and Jonathan Lewis, both of Logan, Ohio; two daughters: Sara Ratliff and Legotha Miller, both of Logan, Ohio; two brothers: Anthony Conley of Banner, and Hershell Conley, of Logan, Ohio; two sisters: Nancy Boyd of Ivel, and Melissa Lewis of Logan, Ohio; her stepfather, Ernest Lewis of Prestonsburg; and eight grandchildren: Dalton, Cameron, Avery, Travis, Ashley, Aaliyah, Keith, and Greg.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Chester Conley and Danny Conley.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 12, at 2 p.m., at Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, in Banner, with Henry Lewis officiating.

Burial will be in the Jarvis Family Cemetery, at Daniels Creek, in Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Peachie Reffitt Pitts

Peachie Reffitt Pitts, age 85, of David, widow of Henry Pitts, passed away, Thursday, January 6, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born October 6, 1919, in Martin, the daughter of the late Joe Earlin Reffitt and Julia Justice Reffitt.

Survivors include one son, Henry Pitts Jr., of Wabash, Indiana; two daughters: Dottie Fay Ousley of Fairborn, Ohio, and Mary Lou Martin of David; one brother, Henry Hershel Reffitt of Dunkirk, Ohio; 10 grandchildren: Doug Reffett, Roberta Martin, William Martin Jr., Teresa Combs, LaDonna Stand, Billy Pitts, Hank Pitts, James Clark, Michael Clark, and Sheila Stanley; 16 great-grandchildren: Elizabeth Quinn, Sarah Reffett, David Reffett, Amanda Hall, Kaitlyn Combs, Nicholas Combs, Jamie Stand, Sarah Stand, Noah Clark, Amanda Clark, Madeline Clark, Zachary Clark, Paislee Clark, Jinae Taulbee, Brittany Stanley, and Ashley Stanley; and one great-great-grandchild, McKenzie Elizabeth Quinn.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Ostal Ray Pitts and Billy Jay Pitts; one daughter, Bertha Mae Reffett; three brothers: Clifford Reffett, Richard Reffett, and Tommy Jesse Reffett; and four sisters: Cindy Reffett, Arminda "Tootsie" Reffitt, Artie F. "Brownie" Conley, and Elizabeth Robinson.

Funeral services for Peachie Reffitt Pitts were conducted Sunday, January 9, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Veronica Bolden and Hershell Baldrige officiating.

Burial was in the Pitts Family Cemetery, in David, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Michael Clark, Douglas Reffett, William Martin Jr., Larry Combs, Arnold Wicker Jr., William Martin, Larry Nicholas Combs, and Greg Davis.

Honorary: Garnis Martin, Randy Davis, James Clark, Dr. Larry Leslie, Jackie Edford Owens, Cecil Greg Feltner, Jack Sheperd, and David Sturgill.

(Paid obituary)

Evelyn Fay Allen

Evelyn Fay Allen, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 9, 2005, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born July 3, 1928, in West Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Fair and Della Whitaker Allen. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons: Thomas E. Spriggs of Dana, and Ezra Allen and Darrell Allen, both of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Janice Murphy of Louisville, and Penny Branham and Sandra Branham, both of Prestonsburg; four brothers: Morris Allen and Henry E. Allen, both of Prestonsburg, Ballard Allen of Louisville, and Howard Allen of New York City, New York; 12 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Billy Spriggs; and a sister, Lillian Roper.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 11, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Paul Coleman officiating.

Burial was in the Arnett Family Cemetery, (Mountain Parkway), in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Sarah B. Vance

Sarah B. Vance, age 67, of Paintsville, formerly of McDowell, passed away Monday, January 10, 2005, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville.

She was born May 27, 1937, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Ironton Vance and Della Jones Vance.

Survivors include two sisters: Pauline Akers of Ecorse, Michigan, and Betty Hall of Rock Creek, Ohio.

Funeral services for Sarah B. Vance will be conducted Thursday, January 13, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of New Salem Association, in McDowell, with Clergymen Red Alley and Shane Akers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Evan Jones Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is after 5 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Ivy Adkins

Ivy Adkins, 86, died Sunday, January 9, 2005, at her daughter's home in Harlan, Indiana.

She was born June 14, 1918, in Coal Run, the daughter of the late Frank and Myrtle Lynch Allen.

She married Rev. Samie Adkins on August 14, 1933. He preceded her in death on June 1, 2000. She was a former employee of Memcor. She was a member of Bethesda Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include five sons: Rev. Samie Adkins Jr., of Somerset, Rev. Bobby Adkins of Huntington, Indiana, Frank Adkins of Waltz, Michigan, and Michael Adkins and Paul Adkins, both of Huntington, Indiana; three daughters: Delores Wilson of Melborne, Florida, Fredia Teusch of Harlan, Indiana, and Patty Billingsley of Palm Bay, Florida; 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Ann Adkins; and two brothers: Walt Allen and Ed Allen.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, at the Bethesda Free Will Church, 116 S. Main St., Andrews, Indiana, with Rev. Linsey Johns and Rev. Rollo Blair officiating.

Burial will be in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.

Visitation is at the church.

Preferred memorial to Parkview Hospital Home Health and Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, 46805, or the donor's choice.

McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, Indiana, is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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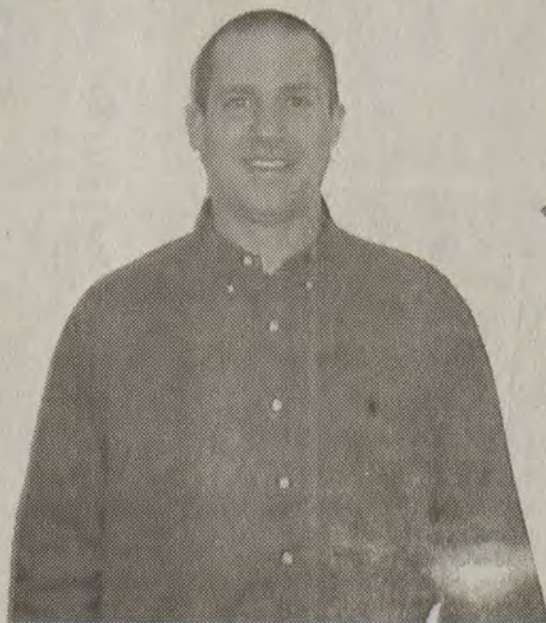
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Report: U.S. 23 most deadly highway in Kentucky

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PIKEVILLE — U.S. 23 through Pike County had more deaths than any other road in Kentucky from 1999 through November, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Thirty-eight people died in 31 accidents, ranging from cars pulling into oncoming traffic during the day to cars rear-ending slow-moving coal trucks in the dark of night.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reported that conclusion after conducting a county-by-county analysis looked at every traffic fatality, including pedestrian deaths and ATV accidents,

that happened on publicly maintained roads.

The paper said it did not examine injuries or traffic fatality rates, or the ratio of deaths to every 100 million miles driven. Private roads were not analyzed.

In 2004, for every 100 million miles driven on state roads two Kentuckians died; nationally the rate was 1.4, or 30 percent lower.

The Bluegrass state has the 11th highest fatality rate among the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Montana has the highest fatality rate. The lowest rates are in Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire

and Rhode Island.

Capt. Jim Booth, who oversees the state police post in Pikeville, with few exceptions, virtually all the victims were not belted.

U.S. 23 is a major artery for southeastern Kentucky, for both commuters and the coal and logging industries. It is known as the busiest coal-hauling road in the nation.

Some safety advocates have said coal trucking is partially responsible for the high number of deaths, but industry advocates have said that police rarely determine truckers to be at fault in those fatal accidents. Booth said determining the

reason that the relatively well-maintained road is so dangerous is difficult. He said many accidents involve people speeding down the curving road and losing control.

Pike Countians at a diner on U.S. 23 had their own theories.

"Most people don't keep their mind on driving," said Bobby Johnson, of Virgie.

Jimmy Dee Johnson, also of Virgie, said the intersections along the busy artery need stop lights and signs warning motorists as they approach the stop. He said poor lighting, early morning fog and large trucks slowly moving up hills also make the road dangerous.

Marine makes it home in time for birth of child

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Marine Cpl. Paul Ratliff was at Camp Fallujah in Iraq savoring the University of Kentucky's basketball victory over the University of Louisville last month when he got the message.

Ratliff's wife, Rachel, had gone into labor prematurely, was at Pikeville Medical Center and their child was at risk of being born with underdeveloped lungs and other problems.

"My heart hit my stomach when I got the message," said Ratliff, a 26-year-old reservist who had spoken by videophone to his wife earlier that day as she attended the game in Louisville. He immediately got in touch with his wife and, with Red Cross help, began navigating military channels for permission to return home on emergency leave. Then he went back to work for 12-hour shifts as a prison guard in the city of Ramadi.

"I stayed focused on what I was doing, but I just wanted to be with my wife," Ratliff said.

For the military, the question was whether the situation warranted leave.

"It's done on a case-by-case basis, but we do everything we possibly can to accommodate the Marine," said Staff Sgt. Christina Delai, a spokeswoman for the

Marine Corps. "We try to get them where they need to be."

The Red Cross sent about 200,000 emergency messages to military personnel between July 2003 and June 2004, said Susan Temmermand, who coordinates Armed Forces emergency services at the Red Cross chapter in Lexington.

Brian Quail, CEO of the Louisville area chapter of the Red Cross, said his chapter confirmed around 18,000 reports of emergencies in military families last year. The Red Cross call center in Louisville serves 121 chapters in parts of 28 states, Quail said.

Delai said a birth does not qualify Marines for emergency home leave unless complications arise. Leaves are most often granted when immediate family members die or are seriously ill or injured, she said.

Two days before Christmas and five days after Ratliff first heard about his wife's problems, the Marines granted his leave. He made the 46-hour journey to Pikeville via Ramadi, Kuwait, Germany, and Cincinnati. Before he arrived, her pre-term labor had been stopped with medication, but the situation remained precarious as her Jan. 10 due date approached.

On Dec. 30, Ratliff was at his wife's side when she went into labor again and gave birth to Paul Jeremiah Ratliff, who weighed 6

pounds, 14 ounces.

"I was so happy to be there and see it," Paul Ratliff said. "It's opened my eyes and will change my life."

Rachel Ratliff, 23, said her husband's presence had great meaning.

"God has blessed me for allowing him to get home," she said.

The process of applying for home leave differs slightly in each military branch, but the same general rules apply. Military personnel qualify for up to 30 days of home leave if a parent, spouse, child, or sibling dies or faces life-threatening injury or illness. Most requests start when a family member notifies a local American Red Cross chapter.

The Red Cross verifies the emergency with a doctor and sends notification to the appropriate military unit. The request then goes up the chain of command, Delai said.

In some cases, family members bypass the Red Cross and inform the military unit directly with details of the situation, an increasingly common and acceptable practice in the age of speedy electronic communication, Delai said.

In Ratliff's case, an electronic instant message was sent to his platoon commander, Staff Sgt. Jay Taylor, who approved an emergency leave for Ratliff and sent the request and information from the Red Cross up the chain of com-

mand in Iraq for final authorization.

By coincidence, Taylor's wife, Bridg Taylor, was volunteering to help Rachel Ratliff and other families cope with the absence of their Marine relatives.

"She was very worried about the baby, and each time she got upset her contractions would get worse," said Bridg Taylor, who was driving Rachel home from the basketball game when she went into pre-term labor.

Ratliff, who was called to active duty three days after his January 2003 wedding, has spent the past two weeks changing diapers and staring into his baby's eyes.

Ratliff began the trip back Saturday to his post at the Iraqi prison where he will once again spend much of his time carrying an M-16 and looking after petty criminals and political insurgents.

"When I was over there, I would have given anything to be here," said Ratliff, whose more than six years of active duty in the Marines ends in April. "Now it's even harder to leave."

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Tax receipts during half of year place state ahead of schedule

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FRANKFORT — Tax receipts during the first half of the fiscal year put the state General Fund well ahead of projections for the year, and perhaps easing some budget negotiations during the coming General Assembly.
Comparable receipts in December were 4.2 percent greater than the same month the

previous fiscal year, according to figures released Monday by the state budget office. Actual dollars were even higher, but included a one-time sale of assets that will go into a specific account and shouldn't be included in year-to-year comparisons.
Through Dec. 31, the halfway point of the fiscal year, receipts are up nearly 8 percent from the previous year. Tax collections have to grow by only

0.4 percent through June 30, 2005, the end of the current fiscal year, in order to meet the official estimates.
Lawmakers are scheduled to return Feb. 1 to take up budget negotiations after failing to pass a state spending plan in 2004. Gov. Ernie Fletcher has indicated he may seek a revision of the official revenue estimate, which lawmakers must not exceed in a spending plan.

Fletcher touts need for overhauling state tax code

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS
HIGHLAND HEIGHTS — Gov. Ernie Fletcher took his case for overhauling the state's tax code to the public Monday in the first of 13 forums scheduled around the state.

"We need a simpler tax system," Fletcher told a crowd that packed a ballroom at Northern Kentucky University. "We need a fairer tax system."
The forums, scheduled this week, are intended to collect input and explain why Kentucky's tax code should be changed, Fletcher said. A few hundred people, including state and local lawmakers, attended the first forum.

While not providing specific details, Fletcher said his tax plan would likely ask to increase the state's cigarette tax to about 40 cents a pack and make changes to telecommunications taxes and various tax incentives for businesses. It would also close some corporate tax loopholes and boost revenue for state government, Fletcher said.

His proposal, among other things, would lower income taxes for about 98 percent of Kentucky's taxpayers and encourage business growth that would in turn lead to more jobs, Fletcher said. About 300,000 low-income taxpayers would be removed from the state's tax rolls, he said.

Last year, Fletcher used a similar strategy to drum up sup-

port for his tax plan. However, his proposal eventually became the sticking point that caused lawmakers to adjourn the 2004 General Assembly without passing a state budget.

The House and Senate split down partisan lines over whether to include the tax proposal in budget negotiations. Legislators in the Democrat-controlled House wanted to negotiate the budget and tax plan separately, while the Republican-dominated Senate linked the two issues.

Still, last year's version would be the "core" of his new proposal, Fletcher said.

"I think it was a plan that had actually broad support," Fletcher said. "There was political situations that prevented it from being voted on."

Fletcher said he's hoping to have a full proposal by Feb. 2, when he gives his state of the commonwealth speech.

Fletcher's plan last year was touted as being "revenue neutral" at its outset by increasing some taxes while offsetting reductions in others.

That plan also would have raised taxes on alcoholic beverages and some telecommunications services, including satellite television. Kentucky's tax on

cigarettes would have increased by 26 cents a pack.

Fletcher says the state's political atmosphere may be ready for an even steeper cigarette tax hike. There are also likely to be some other changes to the old plan, he said. Among them could be new incentives for biotechnology companies, Fletcher said.

Owen County Judge-Executive William "Billy" O'Banion, who sat in the front row for Fletcher's speech, said he supported increasing the state's cigarette tax to about 75 cents a pack.

O'Banion, a Democrat, said he also wanted to see an increase in the state's gasoline tax and asked Fletcher to include local officials in developing a final proposal.

"All we want is a seat at the table," O'Banion said. "If we're going to do it, let's do it together. Let's do it now."

Turner files legislation for Shriners license plate

FRANKFORT — Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, is sponsoring legislation to establish a special license tag honoring Kentucky's Shriners.

"When most people hear the word 'Shriner' they think of men driving funny cars in parades or circuses. I remember my two girls wouldn't leave a parade till they saw the Shriners drive through," Turner said. "But if you know someone who has been in a Shriners Hospital, you realize the serious purpose behind those funny cars. This is a wonderful organization."

Shriners Hospitals provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and certain other special health care needs at no cost to the children or their families. Shriners hold fundraisers to support the work.

"Senate Bill 103 is a way for us to honor our Shriners for the wonderful work that they do for children in Kentucky and all over the world," Turner said. Turner's bill would allow the Shrine Temples of Kentucky the chance work with the Transportation Cabinet to design a special Shriners license plate.

The cabinet would begin work on the special plate after a minimum of 900 applications for it are collected. Each application must be accompanied by

a \$25 fee. If the association does not submit 900 applications to the cabinet within one year of the effective date of the legislation, it will expire.

"This is more than ceremonial. It provides an ongoing way for Shriners to raise money," Turner said. Once the plate is established, county clerks will offer purchasers of new plates the opportunity to donate \$10. Each time the plate

is renewed, citizens can choose to make a \$5 voluntary contribution. The money will be sent to the Lexington unit of the Shrine Hospitals of North America.

Turner urged his colleagues in the Senate to support the bill and then urged Shriners to quickly apply for the plates. "This is a great way to support the work of the Shriners," Turner said.

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Community Calendar

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Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion being planned for February. Please contact Patricia Garrison at 606-874-6004, Cory Reitz at 859-338-6956 or John Stout at 859-433-3610.

Caring for the Elderly Caregiver Conference

To be held Jan. 19, at Big Sandy Area Development District. Training will address the mental health needs of the aging health population in the Big Sandy region. Sponsored by the Big Sandy Mental Health and Aging Coalition. Free to public - please pre-register by Jan. 12. Lunch provided, respite services available, door prizes to be given away.

JWT Auditions

Jenny Wiley Theatre will hold auditions for its upcoming season on Fri., Jan. 28, from 5-9 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Auditees should

prepare a short monologue and brief musical selection, total time not to exceed 2 minutes. Pianist provided. Taped accompaniment and a cappella singing not acceptable. Bring comfortable alternate clothing for basic dance combination. Many non-singing opportunities also available. More info., call 886-9274.

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

GED classes - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.

Craft/Sewing Club - Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

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.

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Floyd County Extension Homemakers Club Meetings

Allan: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at PHA Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m.,

at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Extension Club Announcements

The Newbee's Quilt Group will meet on Jan. 27, from 6-8 p.m., at the Extension office. Lesson will include a slide show and hands-on demonstration of color coordination, presented by Nan Tournier. All interested quilters are invited to attend. Meeting may be canceled due to inclement weather.

Homemaker Leader Training "Growth Choice" will be held on Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. Learn skills for creating happiness and blessing others. Public invited.

More info., call 886-2668

"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.

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.

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. 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."

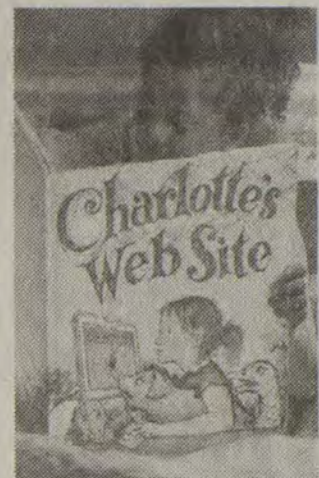
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A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg.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

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

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



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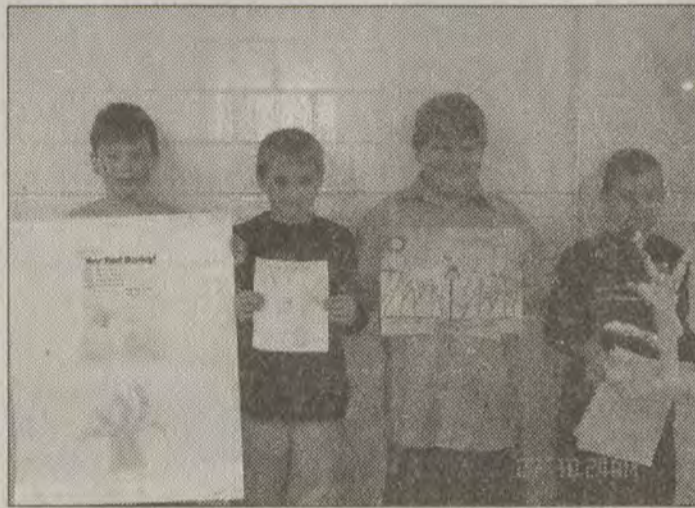
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Prestonsburg Elementary news

The following items were submitted for the December issue of Children First but were inadvertently omitted from that issue.



Mrs. Allison's Kindergarten class recently visited with residents at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. The students sang several Christmas carols. Everyone had a wonderful time. Students: Ashley Mullins, Shaleigh Walker, Nikki Burchett, Myrtle Newsome, Samantha Prater, Angela Hayden, Kirstin Blair, Shannon Patrick, Grace Tackett, Kaylene Burke, Kassidi Ellis, Kirklen Wireman, Lucas George, Dylan Slone, Dawson Hamilton, Clay Slone, Drake Nunnery, Brianna Hughes, Braydon Hall, Nicholas Caudill, Dalton Goble, Reece Ison Classroom Aides: Martha Craynon, Melissa Branham



These students in Mrs. Goble's 4th Grade Science class have been discussing adaptations of plants. In this activity, students "discovered" a new plant. Students created a new plant where they had to reveal adaptations that their plant had. They also had to create a new name for their plant. They ranged from Swamp Monster to The Shocking Meat-Eater. All of the students did a wonderful job on their plants. They worked hard and were very creative!

The kindergarten classes at Prestonsburg Elementary concluded a unit on Thanksgiving by having a Harvest Fest on Tuesday, November 23. The students dressed in character as Pilgrims and Native Americans. The parents joined in the fun by preparing and serving the food.

Mrs. Little's Third Grade Class Honor Roll

A Honor Roll: Hunter Bertrand, Kaegan Dove, Makala Jones, Jenna Little, Brown, Haley Howell, Jordan Allyson DeRossett, Taylor Macy Minix, Kaleb Milam, Marcum Hackworth, Kelsey Hall, Katelyn Rose, Chastity

B Honor Roll: Austin Brooke Hatfield, Alex Hunt, Sizemore



The fifth grade presented the Christmas program entitled, Santa Knows Best, at the PTA meeting on Dec. 14th and again to the school on Dec. 17th. It was enjoyed by all attending the performances.

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trunks of cars to underground caves. Indictments for methamphetamine manufacturing and trafficking have increased by a staggering 452 percent from 1998. In some criminal circuits, methamphetamine cases represent 15-30 percent of the entire criminal caseload. This caseload increase has added to the burden of our overtaxed County and Commonwealth's attorneys. Most of our prosecutors are handling cases in numbers that are well above recommended levels.

Even this vast increase in caseloads does not accurately reflect the entirety of a prosecutor's job duties. For example, every case that goes before a grand jury, whether there is an indictment or not, requires a prosecutor to present that case. This is a time-consuming and painstaking process. However, this effort may not be reflected in statistics that count only cases involving returned indictments. In addition to grand jury duties, both County and Commonwealth's Attorneys have additional responsibilities in the protection of our children. With respect to child sexual abuse prosecutions, they work with other professionals on child sex abuse multidisciplinary teams. These teams work together to structure prosecutions so that every effort is made to minimize the trauma experienced by child victims.

In addition to the changes in caseload numbers, prosecutors have adapted to the changing circumstances in our Commonwealth to effectively promote criminal justice. For example, as our population continues to age, prosecutors are devoting more and more time to protecting our elderly citizens. Many of our seniors have been victimized either by physical

abuse or by financial scams that strip them of their savings. Some Commonwealth's Attorneys, such as Dave Stengel in Jefferson County, have developed elder abuse units to combat this criminal behavior. Prosecutors must also address demographic changes in the communities that they serve. For example, Kentucky's Hispanic population is now estimated at about 70,000. To adapt to this demographic change, Fayette County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Larson has instituted a weekly radio show on a local Spanish language station which brings much needed criminal justice information to the Spanish speaking population of Central Kentucky.

Prosecution is also becoming a more dangerous profession. State prosecutors are threatened hundreds of times a year across the United States. In 2001, 81 percent of prosecutors serving communities of 250,000 or more reported a threat on a staff member or a work-related assault. In Kentucky, we are all too aware of how dangerous the prosecutions profession can be. Kentucky prosecutors have been the subject of "contracts" on their lives that law enforcement personnel were fortunately able to thwart prior to the contract being carried out. However, the most horrific incident involving a prosecutor is still fresh in everyone's memory. Sadly, Commonwealth's Attorney Fred Capps was gunned down in his home in June of 2000 by a man that he was to prosecute for child sexual abuse later that day. This fall, the National District Attorneys Association dedicated a memorial to prosecutors killed in the line of duty. Among the names on this memorial is that of Fred Capps.

Although the profession is becoming more and more dangerous, there are many public servants who are willing to face the risks of violence, but they are driven from the profession because of the low starting salaries and lack of pay advancement for career prosecutors. Low starting salaries make it more and more difficult to attract new prosecutors to public service when they can make significantly more money in the private sector. Additionally, even if we are able to attract young prosecutors, it is difficult to cultivate them into career prosecutors because resources do not permit a pay scale that rewards experience. A recent article in the ABA Journal highlighted this problem in a study of Florida prosecutors. It found that Florida prosecutors have a turnover rate of 20 percent, and just 54 percent of new prosecutors last for three years.[7] Our surveys have indicated that the same problems exist in Kentucky. Many of the surveys have reported not only a problem recruiting talent due to low starting salaries, but a problem retain-

ing prosecutors who would like to stay in the profession but cannot due so because of financial obligations such as mortgages and student loan payments.

As the General Assembly examines ways to solve our current fiscal crisis, including options such as expanded gaming or increasing the cigarette tax, the General Assembly should take a hard look at increasing the funding levels of our state prosecutors. Government's most important function is the protection of the public safety. Without safe communities, we cannot progress in other important areas. Our County and Commonwealth's Attorneys work tirelessly to maintain the safety of our communities and our Commonwealth. Their work is too difficult and too important to suffer from a lack of financial support.

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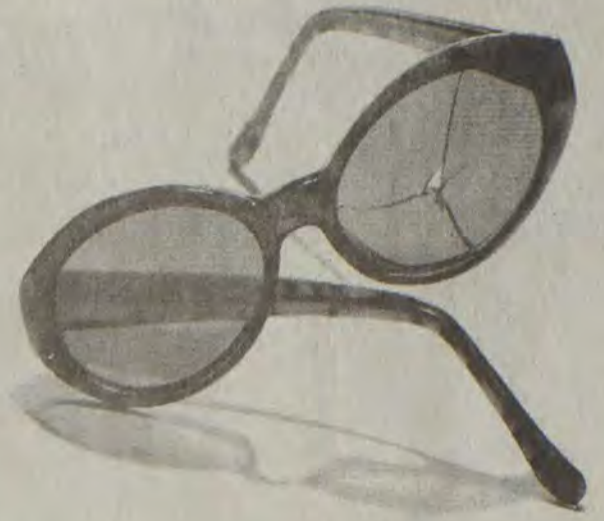


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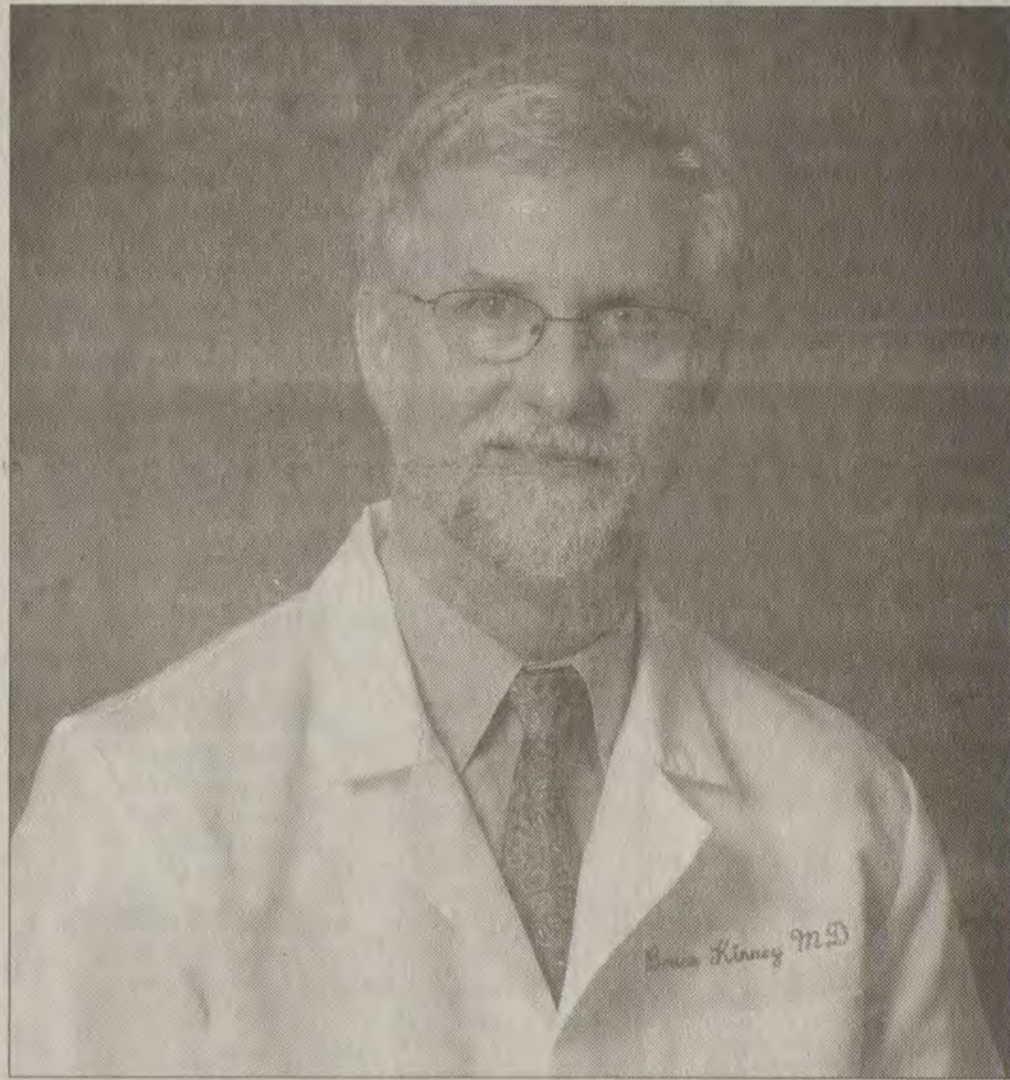
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List of finalists for Appalachian Center job whittled to four

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — One of Eastern Kentucky's best known champions for economic development is among the finalists selected by a search committee to head the University of Kentucky's Appalachian Center.

Roger Recktenwald, who helped develop industrial parks and recruit factories to the region, acknowledged Monday that he is being considered for the position.

A search committee recommended three other finalists, each of whom have at least some experience working in the mountain region.

They are Evelyn Knight, a researcher and associate professor in the university's College of Public Health; Eric Scorsone, an assistant professor in the university's Department of Agricultural Economics; and Tim Campbell, the university's extension agent in Pike County.

The goal of the Appalachian Center, which was created more than 25 years ago, is to enlist experts from every field of study at the university to help solve problems in the mountains.

"It's a way to help bring the campus together to deal with issues of interest to Appalachia," said Wendy Baldwin, the university's executive vice president for research.

Baldwin said she's not sure when the next director will be appointed. Interviews were set to begin this week.

Recktenwald, 60, of Lawrenceburg, is the only person still in the running who is not an employee of the university. He served from 2000 to 2004 as executive director of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, a state agency that helps identify and fund projects important to the state's economic development. Before that, he worked 27 years for the Big Sandy Area Development District in Prestonsburg.

"I think the Appalachian Center has done a tremendous amount already in focusing the

resources of the university," he said. "But there's a tremendous potential for additional involvement of faculty and there's also potential for a significant amount of research that can help the region."

Knight, a native of New Jersey, worked 14 years in Appalachia before joining the University of Kentucky. She was an associate professor at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn., and was a coordinator at Appalshop, an arts and cultural center in Whitesburg.

Scorsone, 34, a native of Michigan, teaches in the university's cooperative extension program. Part of his work at the university has involved community and economic development initiatives in Appalachia.

Campbell, 58, a native of Missouri, has been the Pike County extension agent since 2002. In that time, he has been involved in the community's efforts to promote the Hatfield-McCoy feud sites as tourist attractions.

Campbell also is the mastermind behind the Hatfield-McCoy International Institute for Agreement Training, a mediation initiative that is expected to hold its first conference in Pikeville later this year.

"What better place to teach people peacemaker skills than at the home of one of the most noteworthy feuds in the world," he said.

Baldwin said the person chosen to lead the Appalachian Center must be someone with a knowledge of, interest in and commitment to Appalachia. She said the person selected doesn't necessarily have to have lived in the region.

"I don't think you can make that a deal breaker," she said. "But the interest and enthusiasm and commitment is important."

Hazard Mayor Bill Gorman said someone from the region obviously would be more knowledgeable about the issues people face.

"I prefer to have someone who has knowledge of the mountains and the mountain people and their problems."

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Crawford will transfer from Kentucky

LEXINGTON – Freshman Joe Crawford has left the University of Kentucky men's team and will transfer, coach Tubby Smith said Tuesday. Smith did not say where Crawford might go. Crawford, a 6-4, 210-pound guard from Detroit, was one of three McDonald's All-America selections in the Wildcats' freshman class, joining Randolph Morris and Rajon Rondo, both of whom have started all season.

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Trophy taking tour around state

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Again as part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament, National City will be touring the Boys' Championship trophy. First stop was the Paintsville Tiger Classic back on Dec. 28. Next up is the Simon Kenton at Dixie Heights game on Thursday.

Students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop. The application form is also posted on the KHSAA website. National City has increased its commitment to the scholarship program. This year and again 16 boys and 16 girls (one each from each region) will receive a one-time scholarship courtesy of National City. This year's winners will each receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship, an increase of \$500 each from last year. A total of \$32,000 in scholarship money will be awarded this year.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest.

The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 25. For additional information, contact Butch Cope.

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Eagles split conference games

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team split back-to-back Appalachian Athletic Conference games last week, beating King College and falling to Virginia Intermont College.

In a win over King College, Thursday at the Student Center in Bristol, Tenn., Alice Lloyd trailed at the half and had to outscore King College in the second half to pull out a victory.

King led Alice Lloyd 35-32 at halftime. The Eagles outscored King by 13 points in the second half and went on to win, 75-65.

Leading the way for Alice Lloyd, Kenneth Waterman scored 18 points and Jeremy Daniels added 14.

King won the rebounding battle, 44-36. Shannon Akers added nine points in the win over King and Jimmy Stumbo flipped in eight. Jeremy Jackson scored seven points for the Eagles. Chris Hurt and Brent Prichard both had six points. Jordan Kidd, a freshman from Betsy Layne High School, tossed in two points, while Winston Lee and Brad Pack each had two.

Alice Lloyd hit on 33-of-62 field goal attempts. The Eagles connected on five-of-17 three-point field goal tries.

Defensively, Daniels had a game-high four blocks.

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Piarist no match for Lady Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN – After falling to the host Johnson Central Lady Eagles Thursday night, Allen Central returned to its winning ways Monday night, beating 58th District foe Piarist 74-20.

Allen Central (4-6) grabbed a lead in the first quarter and never looked back. The Lady Rebels outscored Piarist 25-5 in the first quarter, playing in com-

manding fashion while quickly taking the homestanding Lady Knights out of the basketball game.

Allen Central led 36-9 at halftime. At the end of three quarters, it was all Allen Central to the tune of a 61-12 lead.

Allen Central guard Yumekia Hunter tossed in a game-high 16 points, leading all scorers. Lady Rebel senior center Becky Thomas scored 10 points in the first period and ended the game with 14 points. Alanna Cline scored

12 points for Allen Central and Mara Biliter added 10.

Nine different Lady Rebels posted points. Allen Central scored 25 points in both the first and third quarters. Every Allen Central Lady Rebel who dressed for the game saw action.

Allen Central connected on 30 field goals and hit eight-of-15 free throw attempts. Thomas and Kim Biliter each hit a three-point field goal.

Kim Biliter added seven points for the Lady Rebels,

while Elizabeth Dingus flipped in six. Amanda Thacker netted four points and Lyndsay Frasure scored three. Sara Johnson added two points.

Hannah Fitzpatrick broke into double figures for the Lady Knights, scoring a team-high 10 points. Alyssa Reed added five points for Piarist. Marie Denison and Chasity Conn each had two points. Ronnee Reynolds rounded out the Piarist scoring with a made free throw on a one-of-

three shooting performance from the free toss line.

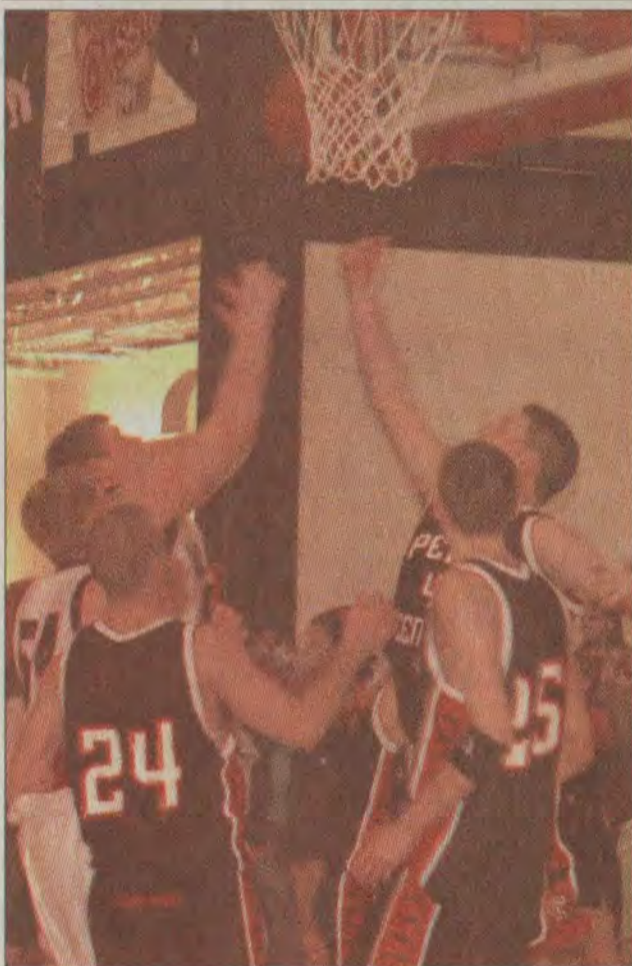
For Allen Central, Thursday's loss on the road at Johnson Central broke a three-game winning streak. Johnson Central beat the Lady Rebels 49-46.

Allen Central began the season with five losses and turned things around with the winning streak.

The win over Piarist is the first for Allen Central in the 2005

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Raiders fall to Perry Central, Cawood



photos by Jamie Howell

Above, left: SURROUNDED – South Floyd senior Steven Stanley and junior Ryan Little found themselves outnumbered as Perry Central had the numbers on a rebounding attempt. Above, right: Sophomore Ethan Johnson led South Floyd in scoring in each of its final two WYMT Classic games.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD – This year's WYMT Mountain Classic afforded the South Floyd Raiders a chance to play against some of Eastern Kentucky's top teams. South Floyd beat Clay County in the opening round of the WYMT tournament. After the opening round victory, the road got even tougher for the South Floyd boys. On Friday night, South Floyd took on the host Perry County Central Commodores. Playing at home, Perry Central proved to be a tough

challenge for the visiting Raiders. Perry Central had its share of double-digit leads in the first half. The Commodores led 45-37 at halftime and went on to beat South Floyd 89-68. South Floyd returned to action in the 2005 WYMT tournament for the third and final time Saturday, coming up short against Cawood, a strong contender out of the 13th Region.

Foul trouble plagued the Raiders for most of the game against Perry Central. An impressive Perry Central scoring onslaught didn't help much, either. Highly-touted Perry County

Central senior Daniel Combs hit five three-pointers and scored a game-high 30 points. Robert Paul Amis and Chris Chaney each had 15 points apiece and Derrick Bowling added 14 as Perry Central put the game away in the fourth quarter.

South Floyd hung tough, though. Homestanding Perry Central clung to a 61-54 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Ethan Johnson came in off the bench and led South Floyd in scoring with a team-high 18 points.

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Lady Raiders level Jackson City

Trammell registers first-ever triple-double

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON – South Floyd hit the road Saturday and traveled to Breathitt County

for a game against the host Jackson City Lady Tigers. The road game was a successful trip for the Lady Raiders, particularly senior Tabitha Trammell. In a 68-51 win over Jackson City, Trammell registered a rare triple-double. Trammell's

triple-double is believed to be the first in South Floyd High School history. Trammell scored 37 points, pulled down 20 rebounds and recorded 10 steals. She also blocked six shots.

Seven games into the 2004-05 season, South Floyd stands with a 3-4 record. The Lady Raiders have scored wins over Jackson City (2) and Riverside Christian, but, so far, have struggled against 15th Region opposition. The play of Trammell and some of her teammates has been a bright spot for head coach Tony Isaac and his staff.

In seven outings, Trammell has put up a double-double in every game. She is averaging 20 points and 11 rebounds per game. Trammell hit two of South Floyd's four three-pointers in the victory over Jackson City.

"(Tabitha) Trammell has been a leader for us," said Isaac. "She's been consistent all season long."

South Floyd set the pace early against Jackson City, leading 19-13 through the first quarter and 39-26 at halftime. The Lady Raiders led 47-38 at the end of the third quarter. South Floyd pushed its lead back out to double figures in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore Heather Dean had a double-double for the Lady Raiders. Dean finished with 10 points, 13 rebounds, two blocks and two steals.

Trammell and Dean were the only two South Floyd players to reach double figures in the scoring department. Miranda Gregory

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Tim Short Chrysler/Dodge joins Brandon Kinzer Motorsports as primary sponsor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – Brandon Kinzer Motorsports has added Tim Short Chrysler/Dodge as primary sponsor on the 2005 Kinzer Drilling, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Alert Oil & Gas, Commonwealth Chiropractic, Allstar Performance Dodge Intrepid SXT. Tim Short Chrysler/Dodge will adorn the door sides of the No. 18 Dodge Intrepid during the 2005 race season.

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Shelby Valley wins Coca-Cola Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Shelby Valley fought off a hard-charging host Pike Central team and edged the Hawks 62-60 Saturday night, claiming the Coca-Cola Classic title.

Floyd County native Kris Bentley, who played at Prestonsburg High School during his freshman and sophomore campaigns, led all scorers with 27 points and helped Shelby Valley to the win. Bentley was one of three Shelby Valley players to reach double figures.

Also for the Wildcats, Cade Riddle scored 13 points and Patrick Tackett added 10 points. Shelby Valley won

without senior Seth Kiser, who is sitting out following a six-game suspension.

In an effort that saw his team fall just short of the win, Brad Lowe led Pike Central in scoring with a game-high 32 points. In other double-digit individual scoring for Pike Central, Anthony Gibson flipped in 10 points.

Pike Central came out and shot hot in the first period, leading 20-17 at the end of the initial quarter. Shelby Valley led by two points at halftime. In a third quarter that proved to be the difference in the ballgame, Shelby Valley outscored Pike Central 11-6.

In the fifth-place game of the Pike Central tournament, in overtime, Pikeville edged Allen Central 72-70.

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■ The annual KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association) Delegate Assembly Meeting is scheduled for Thursday at the Hyatt Regency's Patterson Ballroom in Lexington. A total of 20 proposals will be voted upon by the membership. A propos-

al must have a two-thirds vote for approval. Once voted upon by the membership, proposals are presented to the KHSAA Board of Control and then forwarded onto the Kentucky Board of Education for review prior to implementation.

Delegates will participate in break out sessions during the morning. An open forum discussion session on the proposals is scheduled from 11:15 a.m. (ET) until 12:15 p.m. (ET). Voting on the proposals is sched-

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uled to begin at 1:30 p.m. (ET). Proposals are posted on the KHSAA website at the following link: <http://www.khsaa.org/annualmeeting/20042005/annualmeetingproposals2005.pdf>

■ The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will conduct its January meeting Friday at the Association office in Lexington. For a meeting agenda, contact the KHSAA.

Level

and Courtney Blocker each had eight points. Rounding out the South Floyd scoring, Candice Hall chipped in five points.

South Floyd was back in action last night, playing in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference game against rival Betsy Layne.

Results of the South Floyd-Betsy Layne game were unavailable at press time.

defense also came to play, forcing Alice Lloyd into 21 turnovers.

Jeremy Daniels led Alice Lloyd in both scoring and rebounding as he scored 17 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

Luka Hocevar led Virginia Intermont with 17 points. The Virginia Intermont

points for the Eagles. Shannon Akers and Kenneth Waterman finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Now a member of the Alice Lloyd men's varsity basketball team, South Floyd High product Byron Hall added points in the conference loss to Virginia Intermont.

Raiders

Burnett Little added 11 points. Mason Hall added nine points for the Raiders and Ryan Johnson flipped in seven. Steven Stanley and Ryan Little each had six points and Wes Hall added three.

With the game out of reach late, both head coaches emptied their respective benches.

T.J. Hall, Lyle Johnson and Wes Akers all had two points apiece for South Floyd. Seniors Joe Osborne and Kenny Parker rounded out the South Floyd scoring with one point apiece.

A breakdown of the South Floyd-Cawood game follows.

Cawood 86, South Floyd

72; Cawood maintained a lead at the end of every quarter and posted a 14-point win over South Floyd Saturday. The win over the Raiders gave the Trojans third-place in this year's WYMT Mountain Classic.

Cawood sharpshooter Blake Hubbs poured in a game-high 37 points. The Trojans led 24-13 at the end of the first quarter and 42-23 at halftime.

Ethan Johnson led South Floyd in scoring with 21 points. Johnson, who connected on five three-point field goals, also pulled down four rebounds.

Ryan Johnson scored 13

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points and Burnett Little flipped in 11 points. Steven Stanley scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds. Ryan Little had seven points and Justin Slone added six. Mason Hall had four points and five assists. Wes Hall finished with a line of two points, two rebounds and three assists.

Ethan Johnson was named to the all-tournament team. Burnett Little also collected hardware, claiming the tournament's sportsmanship award.

South Floyd was back in action last night against Betsy Layne in a pivotal 58th District game. Results from the game were unavailable at press time.

Rebels

portion of the 2004-05 season. Allen Central will now get set to remain in 58th District play and prepare for defending 58th District champ Betsy Layne. Earlier in the season, Betsy Layne beat Allen Central 63-40.

The Allen Central girls, last winter in Mark

Martin's first season at the helm of the Lady Rebel program, finished as the 58th District runner-up, second to Betsy Layne.

The Lady Rebels will travel to The Dome Friday night to take on the host Ladycats. Tipoff for the Allen Central-Betsy Layne girls' game is tentatively set for 8 p.m. The girls' game between the two Floyd County rivals

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is part of a boys-girls doubleheader. The Allen Central boys and Betsy Layne boys are scheduled to square off at 6 p.m. Friday evening in the opener.



Alanna Cline



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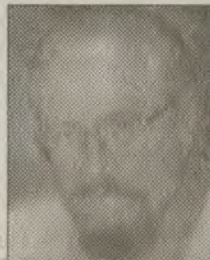
Kentucky tax accountant wins first major poker tournament

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LAS VEGAS - Poker has become so big now, that playing for six figures is standard practice. The turn of a single card at any key point in a tournament can be worth \$100,000, or more. Given that big time poker tournaments routinely award half-a-million dollar prize pools, there are bound to be countless thrilling moments at just about every final table - including screams, shouts, fist pumps, tears, and victory dances.

Event 4 of the Jack Binion World Poker Open had none of that. In fact, it might very well have been the most restrained final table in recent memory. There were no loud outbursts. There were no emotional victory speeches. There were no encouraging chants from the rail. There were just nine expressionless men crowded around a table, which very much looked like your average Monday night poker game - except the pots were little bit bigger. Okay - a lot bigger.

Still... Maybe it was the cold, foggy weather outside deep in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. Maybe it was



Tony Hellmann

the fact that this final table, held on a Monday, immediately followed one of the busiest weekends in poker history. More than 2,500 poker players had streamed through the Gold Strike and Horseshoe Casinos in the previous two days alone, a record. Or, perhaps it was quite simply that not every final table necessarily has memorable confrontations and great strategic showdowns.

None of this should take away from Tony Hellmann's achievement. After all, the semi-retired tax accountant from Louisville, who is a familiar face on the tournament trail did something extraordinary. He topped a massive field of 628 players and ultimately won \$201,365 in official figures (although a deal between the two finalists was reportedly struck). Hellmann overcame numerous obstacles, including a small stack size at the start of the final table, and ultimately took first prize in the tournament.

After playing for 14 hours during the previous day, the nine finalists took their seats at the final table on Day Two. Players were eliminated in the following order:

Ninth Place - Jack Ward (not

to be confused with another poker player with the same name from Alaska) came in second-lowest in chips, and only lasted a few hands. Ward, who has previously won poker tournaments in Los Angeles and Reno is a 55-year-old auto broker from Gulfport, Miss. This marked his highest finish yet at the JBWPO. He collected \$13,887 for ninth place.

8th Place - Alan Katzen finished second in the Limit Hold'em event here last year, but could do no better than 8th place this time around. He took a tough beat when he lost to a full house on the river. The retired restaurateur from Memphis received \$20,831 for two days of poker playing.

Seventh Place - Darrell Strook, a real estate agent from Dallas, was playing in his first poker tournament ever. He beat out 621 other players, but could not knock out anyone from the final six. Strook won \$27,775.

Sixth Place - Zeb Strawn had a tough task on Day Two, as he arrived with the lowest stack of the final nine. Outchipped by over 10 to 1 to the leader at all times, Strawn scratched and clawed his way into a sixth-place finish. The 35-year-old self-employed poker player from Charlotte, NC received \$34,718.

Fifth Place - If there was a tragic figure at this final table, it

was without a doubt, Jeremy Tinsley. He was certainly one of the two odds-on favorites to win the finale (along with tournament pro Freddy Deeb). But Tinsley suffered some horrendous bad beats that destroyed his chance to become a three-time JBWPO champion. Tinsley, who has won the Pot-Limit Omaha event twice in years past, took his worst beat with A-Q versus A-J in an 'all in' situation for his opponent. When a Jack flopped, Tinsley had lost over half of his stack. After a few more beats and a bad run of cards, Tinsley - a poker pro from Houston - exited a disappointing fifth, worth \$41,662.

Fourth Place - Davood Mehrmand was certainly the most animated and unusual player at the final table. The Iranian-born businessman-turned poker player hummed songs and talked to himself throughout the close of the tournament. But his psychological ploys failed to bring the decisive moment needed by Mehrmand to win the tournament. Mehrmand took an awful beat on the final hand with A-6 versus A-5 and was 'all in.' When a Five rained down on the river, Mehrmand was no longer singing. The colorful poker personality who now lives in Frankfurt, Germany and is also an accomplished backgammon

player, received fourth place prize money of \$48,606.

Third Place - Well-known Las Vegas poker player Freddy Deeb came to the final table up 2 to 1 over everyone else, and must have liked his situation - holding chips against his two final adversaries - Tony Hellmann and Pat Heneghan. But by this stage, the blinds were so high that the last thing any player could do was play passively. By this time, Hellmann had seized the chip lead and it took only a few pots to wipe out what was left of Deeb's stack. Deeb has now played every year at the JBWPO and added \$55,550 to his lifetime earnings in this tournament.

The last two players reportedly cut a deal and then played on. Hellmann enjoyed a 3 to 1 chip lead at the start and never relinquished. At one point, Pat Heneghan staged a brief comeback, spiking a Ten on the river to make a pair against Hellmann's two overcards. But Hellmann ended the night holding Q-2 versus Heneghan's 10-7. The final board showed A-K-Q-9-6 giving Hellmann a pair of Queens.

Pat Heneghan, a 52-year-old retired employee from the City of Chicago, had won major tournaments previously - including events at The Orleans and online tournaments. He was officially paid \$106,238 for his second-

place finish.

At the conclusion of the tournament, as several bystanders were leaving the tournament area, Hellmann did what was unquestionably the most interesting thing at the final table. He took out a small badge and clipped it on his shirt pocket. Written on the badge was the word "YES" with a large red streak stripped across the letters. In other words - "NO!"

When asked what the badge meant, Hellmann smiled and said: "I wear this because if people try to borrow money from me, I can just point to the word and keep quiet. I really have trouble saying 'no' to people, so this might be a warning to everyone that I don't lend money."

Who would have expected such shrewd financial prudence...from a tax accountant?

2005 Jack Binion World Poker Open

Horseshoe Casino Hotel and Gold Strike Casino-Resort, Tunica, Miss.
 Daily Report
 January 10, 2005
 Event No. 4
 Limit Texas Hold'em
 Buy-In: \$500
 Number of Entries: 628
 Number of Re-Buys: 869
 Prize Money: \$697,527

Kentuckian tops largest field in World Poker Open history

Shane Shields wins first poker tournament, \$174,663

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LAS VEGAS - The largest poker tournament in the history of the Jack Binion World Poker Open ended with a rare expression of sentimentality. Shane Shields, a 35-year-old realtor from Union, had just defeated a monstrous field of 1,449 players in the \$500 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em event and was asked an innocent question about what it meant to have his father at his side, watching his son win his first poker tournament. For a brief moment, Shields was unable to speak. His silence said everything. Indeed, poker may be a game of masked emotions, but in the end, we are all human - even poker champions.

To date, the largest tournament in JBWPO history had been 918 players in this same event last year. That number was absolutely shattered in 2005, as 50 percent more players turned out to play in the event jointly hosted by the Gold Strike and Horseshoe Casinos.



Shane Shields

The tournament was so large, in fact, 249 players started as alternates.

After playing for 12 hours on the previous day, the nine finalists took their seats at the final table, as every bleacher seat was filled, and spectators stood five deep around the rail. Players were eliminated in the following order:

Ninth Place - Tournament pro An Tran out-flopped Jarmon Peddy when his pocket Jacks cracked Peddy's pocket Queens. When a Jack appeared, Peddy hit the rail ten minutes into the finale. Peddy collected \$13,435 for 9th place.

Eighth Place - Michael Don Fess, who started this tournament as one of the last alternates on a long list, went 'all in' with A-4 and was saddened to see his opponent make two pair (Ks and 10s), ending Fess' hopes for victory. Fess, a sculptor from Little Rock, AR carved out a nice payoff for himself, receiving \$20,154 for 8th place.

Seventh Place - Bob Cochran arrived at the final

table third in chips, but never was able to generate enough momentum to make him a force. He ran into a horrible spot when he was 'all in' with A-K versus A-A and predictably lost. Cochran, a real estate broker from California closed the deal good for \$26,872 in prize money.

Sixth Place - Tim Vance, a 43-year-old contractor from Duplo, IL lost with 10-10 versus Q-Q and became the sixth-place finisher. Vance, playing for the first time at the JBWPO, collected \$33,589.

Fifth Place - Kevin Kelly, a 21-year-old college student from the Dallas-Ft. Worth area became short-stacked and lost with Q-J to An Tran's J-J. This was Kelly's first live poker tournament and it would be hard to imagine a more thrilling performance or payoff for someone so new to the poker scene. He added \$40,307 to his tuition fund.

Fourth Place - Richard Henderson made the most of his opportunity at the final table. He arrived lowest in chips and was outchipped by the leader by more than a 10 to 1 margin throughout. Yet, he still managed to survive over two hours and clawed his way up into

fourth place. Henderson, a 74-year-old retiree from Alexandria, LA, finally went out with A-7 against An Tran's 8-8. Tran spiked an 8 on the river to knock out Henderson. Interestingly, this was Henderson's first significant final table appearance in twenty years. He made the final table at the Super Bowl of Poker (in Reno, NV) way back in 1985.

3rd Place - Dale Hackney was a crowd favorite. Cheered on by a large contingent of supporters, the farmer from Michigan had a chance to seize control when play became three-handed, but lost in a heartbreaking coin-flip situation. He raised pre-flop and then reluctantly called an 'all in' re-raise by Shane Shields. Shields showed 6-6. Hackney showed A-10. In what was clearly the most critical hand of the tournament, Shields caught a third 6 making trips, which left Hackney with few chips. Had Hackney managed to win the close-to-even proposition, Hackney very well might have won the tournament. It wasn't to be. Hackney received \$53,743 for third place.

Heads-up play between relatively unknown Shane Shields

and longtime Las Vegas-based tournament poker veteran An Tran started with Shields holding a 3 to 1 chip advantage. That quickly vanished when Tran doubled up with a pair of 7s against Shields' pair of 6s. Then, fearing Tran might try to bowl over his less-experienced adversary, Shields became the aggressor and essentially took Tran's every last chip over the next 45-minutes. In a duel that produced few showdowns, Shields bet just about every flop - forcing Tran into some difficult decisions. Tran later explained his uncharacteristic passiveness by revealing he missed "just about every flop" during the final hour.

Ground down to a 5 to 1 disadvantage, Tran had to take drastic action and did just that - at the worst possible moment. Tran tried to bluff Shields with a pre-flop 'all in' re-raise holding a weak 10-7 and was horrified to see Shields call instantly with pocket kings. The flop gave Tran some hope, as 10-9-6 appeared. Tran had several 'outs' with a pair and a straight-draw. But two blanks fell on the turn and river, crushing Tran's comeback hopes. An "the Boss" Tran received \$92,707 as the

runner up.

"It's very intimidating to come in and play heads up against someone you have seen on TV (Tran)," Shields said afterward. "But now that I have done this, I think the toughest part was just getting here to the final table, especially with such a large (field)."

When asked what he'll do with the \$174,663 in prize money, Shields who is married and has four children jokingly remarked, "I'm sure my wife will find out something to do with the money."

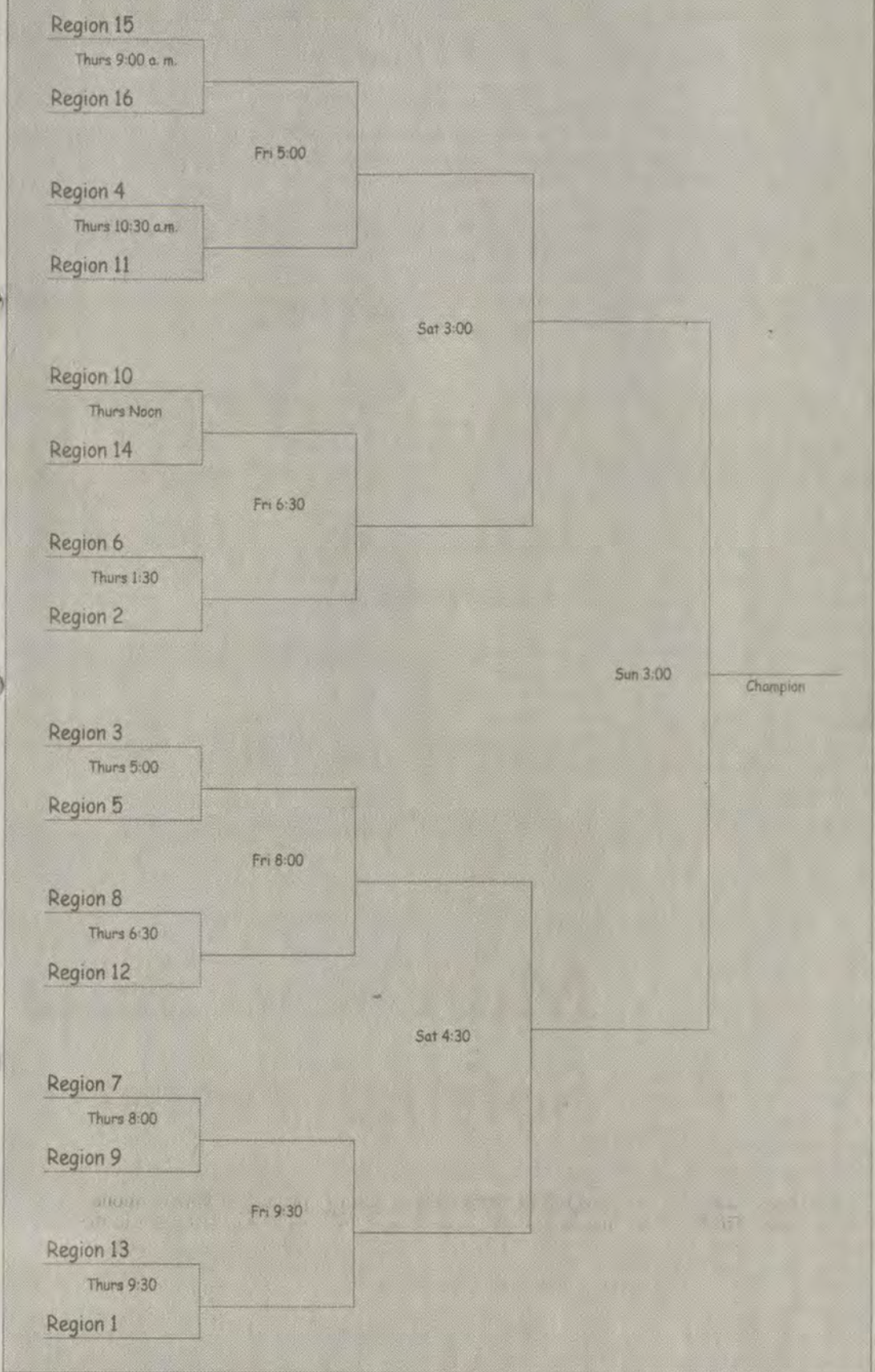
Here's a suggestion for Mrs. Shields: Let Shane play in a few more tournaments. He's a winner and a now - a poker champion.

2005 Jack Binion World Poker Open

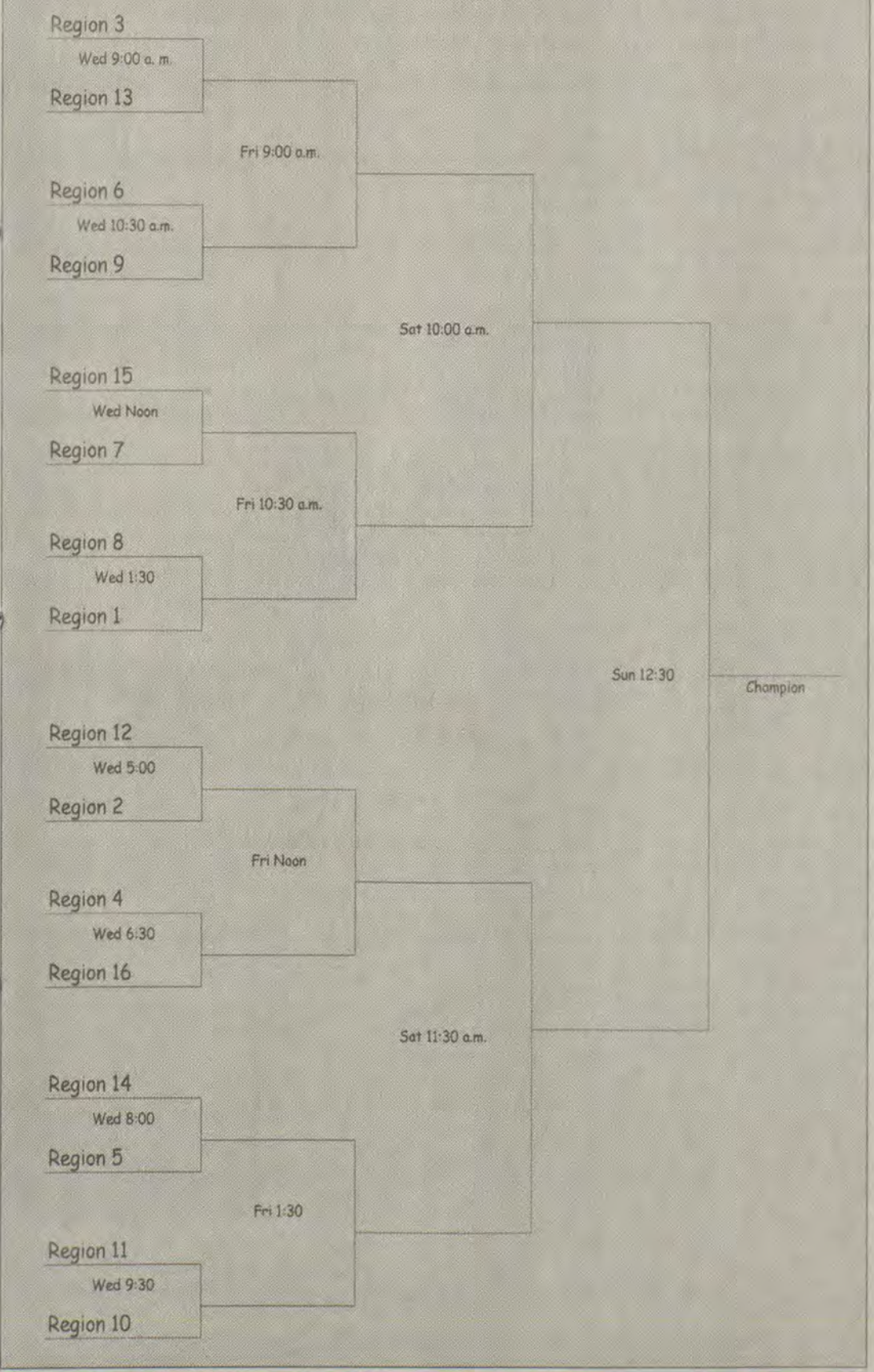
Horseshoe Casino Hotel and Gold Strike Casino-Resort, Tunica, MS
 Daily Report
 January 8, 2005
 Event No. 2
 No-Limit Texas Hold'em
 Buy-In: \$500
 Number of Entries: 1,449
 Prize Money: \$675,776

All 'A' Classic State Tournament

Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic
2005 Boys State Tournament
EKU McBrayer Arena, February 3-February 6



Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic
2005 Girls State Tournament
EKU McBrayer Arena, February 2-February 6



Breathitt suffers first loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Breathitt County suffered its first loss of the 2004-05 season Saturday, losing to Elizabethtown in the Kentucky Prep Classic. The Bobcats, coached by Floyd County native Brian Hall, trailed early as Elizabethtown jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the opening period. E'town went on to beat the 2004 Prestonsburg/Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament champ 73-58.

Elizabethtown led 18-10 at the end of the first quarter. E'town outscored Breathitt County in every quarter except the third period.

Warren Lively paced Elizabethtown with a game-high 25 points. Lively hit four three-pointers for 5th Region contender E'town.

Steffphon Pettigrew added

13 points for the Panthers.

E'town led by as many as 18 points before settling for the 15-point victory.

In the third quarter, E'town clung to a 49-41 lead before ultimately pushing the advantage back out of Breathitt's reach.

Jacob Hundley led Breathitt County in scoring with a team-high 18 points. Hundley scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and helped to fuel the Bobcats with the third quarter rally.

Breathitt County beat Letcher Friday night and in the process won its 12th straight game of the season. The Bobcats opened the 2004-05 campaign 12-0. With Hall at the helm, Breathitt County finished last season as the 14th Region runner-up, finishing second to Perry County Central.

Lady Blackcats fall to Wolfe County, East Ridge

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LICK CREEK — After falling Saturday night to 14th Region contender Wolfe County, Prestonsburg returned to action Monday night and went on the road, traveling to Pike County to take on the East Ridge Lady Warriors.

Host East Ridge met visiting Prestonsburg with some stiff resistance, turning away the Lady Blackcats. East Ridge outscored Prestonsburg 16-2 in the fourth quarter and went on to post a 53-32 win over the Lady Blackcats.

East Ridge junior forward Courtney Conley tossed in a game-high 16 points and senior guard Michelle Webb scored her 1,000th point to lead the Lady Warriors to the victory.

East Ridge (6-4) trailed at the end of the opening period, but quickly turned things around. Prestonsburg exited the first quarter with a 13-11 lead, but was held to nine points or less in each of the final three quarters. East Ridge outscored Prestonsburg 13-9 in the second quarter and 13-8 in the third period.

Molly Burchett, Meaghan Slone and Darcey Hicks each scored two points apiece for Prestonsburg (6-6). Chanel Music and Kelly Key flipped in two points apiece.

Wolfe Co. 74, Prestonsburg 51: Host Wolfe County jumped out to a 20-11 lead and went on to roll to a 74-51 win Saturday night over Prestonsburg, avenging a loss suffered to the Lady Blackcats earlier in the 2004-05 season.

Wolfe County, playing at home in Campton, took a 38-29 lead into half-time and came out on fire in the second half, outscoring Prestonsburg 15-9 in the third quarter and 21-13 in the final period.

Lori Fletcher fired in a game-high 20 points for the winning Wolfe County Lady Wolves.

Seven different players scored for Wolfe County.

Molly Burchett led Prestonsburg in scoring with 19 points. Meaghan Slone and Amber Whitaker added 14 points apiece. Darcey Hicks and Kelly Key rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with two points apiece.

In other games played Saturday night, Magoffin County beat Boyd County 56-50 in the Ashland Kitten Shootout at Ashland Paul Blazer. Also in the Ashland Kitten Shootout, Russell beat Pike County Central 72-50 and Perry County Central topped West Carter 69-63.

Knott County Central 80, Belfry 53: On Monday night, host Knott County Central proved to be too much for Belfry to handle. The Lady Patriots rushed out to a 27-6 lead and led 47-16 at halftime.

The Lady Patriots controlled the game throughout. Knott Central led 67-27 at the end of the third quarter.

Heather Martin led Knott Central in scoring with a game-high 26 points. University of Kentucky signee Kasi Mullins-Galloway netted 21 points.

For Belfry, Shae Deskins tossed in a team-high 20 points.



Molly Burchett

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15TH REGION BOYS

1. Shelby Valley
2. Johnson Central
3. East Ridge
4. Pike Central
5. Paintsville
6. Belfry
7. Prestonsburg
8. Betsy Layne
9. South Floyd
10. Phelps

15TH REGION GIRLS

1. Magoffin County
2. Betsy Layne
3. Johnson Central
4. Belfry
5. Pikeville
6. Paintsville
7. Prestonsburg
8. Pike Central
9. Shelby Valley
10. Phelps

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Boys' Basketball Rankings

1. Jeffersontown
2. Trinity
3. Ballard
4. Scott County
5. Pleasure Ridge Park
6. Henry Clay
7. Pendleton County
8. South Laurel
9. Bryan Station
10. DeSales
11. Bishop Brossart
12. Manual
13. Bullitt East
14. Male
15. Henderson County
16. John Hardin
17. Montgomery County
18. Lexington Catholic
19. University Heights
20. Mason County

Girls' Basketball Rankings

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Christian Academy
3. Scott County
4. Clinton County
5. Rockcastle County
6. Sacred Heart
7. Henderson County
8. Elizabethtown
9. Christian County
10. Covington Holy Cross
11. Ohio County
12. Woodford County
13. Mercy
14. Boone County
15. South Laurel
16. Tates Creek
17. Assumption
18. Mercer County
19. Paris
20. Ballard

Kentucky boys' prep basketball poll

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

BOYS

R.	School	FPV	Rcd	TP
1.	Lou. Trinity	(3)	15-1	92
2.	Jeffersontown	(5)	13-1	83
3.	Scott Co.	(2)	10-1	70
4.	Lou. Ballard	-	12-1	65
5.	Lex. Henry Clay	-	13-1	49
6.	South Laurel	-	12-2	34
7.	Pendleton Co.	-	9-3	22
8.	Lou. Manual	-	13-2	17
8.	Lou. PRP	-	10-4	17
10.	Montgomery Co.	-	11-1	16
10.	Lou. DeSales	-	9-3	16

Others receiving votes:

- Bullitt East 15, Ohio Co. 9, Lex. Bryan Station 8, Calloway Co. 7, Henry Co. 6, John Hardin 6, Bishop Brossart 5, Cov. Holmes 4, Morgan Co. 4, Oldham Co. 2.

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

GIRLS

(Monday's games)

- Boyle Co. 56, Casey Co. 52
Calvary Christ. 42, Villa Madonna 38
Conner 53, St. Henry 44
Cov. Holy Cross 50, Holmes 27
Danville 66, East Jessamine 63
East Ridge 53, Prestonsburg 32
Estill Co. 48, Fleming Co. 45
Garrard Co. 73, Burgin 36
George Rogers Clark 47, Mason Co. 33
Grayson Co. 64, Whitesville Trinity 48
Hart Co. 67, Central Hardin 61
Henderson Co. 53, Muhlenberg N. 49
Lawrence Co. 86, Elliott Co. 54
Lex. Lafayette 31, Western Hills 22
Lou. Atherton 53, Doss 52
Lou. Ky. C. Day 53, Lou. Brown 12
L. Sacred Heart 67, L. Presentation 21
Lou. Shawnee 53, Beth Haven 32
Lou. Valley 50, Evangel Christ. 17
Ludlow 66, Dayton 58
Madison Cent. 60, Madison S.W. 40
Oldham Co. 55, Gallatin Co. 29
Perry Co. Cent. 75, Magoffin Co. 72
Rose Hill Christ. 72, Pike Co. Cent. 60
Somerset 59, North Laurel 43
South Laurel 77, Pulaski Co. 52
Trimble Co. 65, Henry Co. 18
Whitesburg 71, Cawood 22
Wolfe Co. 62, Owsley Co. 59
Online: www.khsaa.org

June Buchanan outlasts Jenkins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JENKINS — Visiting June Buchanan was not to be denied Monday, playing on the road at 14th Region rival Jenkins. June Buchanan freshman point guard Clark Stepp tossed in 41 points, dished out 11 assists and recorded six steals to lead the Crusaders to an 83-71 win over Jenkins.

Stepp, averaging over 25 points per game and nearly 10 assists per contest, took control of the game early on. However, June Buchanan had to play from behind to notch the 14th Region victory.

The third quarter found the June Buchanan boys trailing by 15 points. In earning the victory,

June Buchanan outscored Jenkins 21-15 in the third quarter and 28-12 in the fourth stanza.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Pikeville 77, Waggener 55: Pikeville outscored Waggener 33-15 in the first half and ran away with a 22-point over the Louisville team Saturday in the Shooting for the Cure event at Ballarmine University.

The Lady Panthers, coached by former Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert, outscored Waggener 27-18 in the third quarter.

Megan Harris, who transferred from Allen Central to Pikeville, led the Lady Panthers in scoring with a game-high 16 points. Evan Shockey and Emily Colvin each had 15 points apiece. Shawna Howard added 13 points for the victorious Pikeville girls.

Jenkins 68, June Buchanan 56: In another girls' game played Saturday, Jenkins battled back from an early 19-16 deficit and upended June Buchanan.

iHigh.com Boys' State Basketball Poll

This poll is the opinion of iHigh.com and its voting panel and does not, in any way, reflect the opinion of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA).

1. Trinity (15-1)
 2. Jeffersonton (13-1)
 3. Scott County (10-1)
 4. Henry Clay (13-1)
 5. Ballard (12-1)
 6. Pendleton County (9-3)
 7. South Laurel (12-2)
 8. Ohio County (13-1)
 9. Manual (13-2)
 10. PRP (10-4)
- Honorable Mention: Bishop Brossart, Bullitt East, DeSales, Bryan Station, Holmes, Mason County, Elizabethtown, Montgomery County, Lexington Catholic, Dixie Heights.

iHigh.com Girls' State Basketball Poll

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1. Lexington Cat.(14-0)
 2. Scott County (13-1)
 3. Lou. Christian (10-1)
 4. Rockcastle Co. (11-2)
 5. Sacred Heart (11-2)
 6. Boone County (14-0)
 7. Christian Co. (11-0)
 8. Woodford Co. (14-1)
 9. Clinton County (11-2)
 10. Henderson Co.(11-4)
- Honorable Mention: Apollo, Covington Holy Cross, Shelby County, Lexington Christian, Elizabethtown, Central Hardin, South Laurel, Assumption, Mercer County, Ballard.

Kansas beats Kentucky in the Jayhawks' first road game of the season

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kansas coach Bill Self knew what he was doing when he put together his team's schedule. The second-ranked Jayhawks didn't play on an opponent's home court before Sunday, and many wondered how they would respond in a hostile environment, especially without injured preseason All-America Wayne Simien. The answer: just fine. In Simien's absence, less-touted inside players C.J. Giles, Christian Moody and Sasha Kaun combined to score 28 points as the Jayhawks beat No. 8 Kentucky 65-59.

Kansas (11-0) is 4-0 without Simien, including wins over Top Ten teams Georgia Tech and Kentucky (10-2). Simien is sidelined following surgery on his left thumb but could be back as early as next week.

The Jayhawks proved they can win on the road — even in front of 24,367 fans, the second-largest crowd in Rupp Arena history.

"We played a good schedule," Self said. "Our RPI and strength of schedule is No. 2 in America. We played good opponents, but we just haven't played away from home."

"You can't really get a gauge of where you are until you leave your own building. I think this was good. Sometimes when you play at home a lot, the pressure is on the home team when expectations are so high. I think getting away, it worked out fine. Our guys didn't act like it was our first road game of the season."

Giles, Moody and Kaun certainly didn't, outplaying Kentucky's more-touted frontline of Chuck Hayes, Kelenna Azubuike and Randolph Morris.

"We just knew we were as tough as they were," Giles said.

In the only other game involving a ranked team on Sunday, No. 15 Texas beat Baylor 79-60.

Giles, a freshman starting in place of Simien, went 5-of-5 from the field and finished with 10 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots. Moody, a junior walk-on, had 11 points and seven rebounds, while Kaun, a freshman who didn't play in Kansas' last game, added seven points.

Another inside player, freshman Alex Galindo, had four blocked shots. "Our freshmen came through," Self said. "Moody came through, and that's the big thing. We've said all along, before we can be good, we've got to have some other guys come through other than Keith (Langford) and Wayne and Aaron (Miles). Certainly, that was the case today."

Hayes, Azubuike and Morris combined to go 8-for-35 from the field, including an 0-for-8 outing from Morris. "We just didn't do a good job," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "We got shots up, but I thought it was poor selection not passing the ball back out and reposting. They took us out of our game. We weren't strong enough and disciplined enough to stay with the game plan."

Kansas' inside dominance proved to be fortuitous for the Jayhawks, because their perimeter trio of Langford, Miles and J.R. Giddens went a combined 7-of-28 from the field.

The win was only the Jayhawks' fourth in 23 meetings with Kentucky and their first in 11 road games with the Wildcats. The traditional powers hadn't played each other since the 1999 NCAA tournament.

Kansas held its biggest lead at 52-44 with 6:12 left, but a 9-0 Kentucky run, capped by a driving, off-balance layup by Patrick Sparks, put the Wildcats up 53-52 with 3:54 left.

Miles scored his only basket 20 seconds later to regain the lead for good for the Jayhawks, who won despite committing a season-high 21 turnovers.

Kansas led 58-56 and had the ball when Miles fell down while dribbling. The ball bounced to Michael Lee, who made a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left.

"In close games, it's often called traveling," Miles said. "We just got lucky on that play."

Miles and Giddens each made two free throws over the final 17 seconds.

Langford was hit in the head with 2:45 left and sustained a severe concussion, Self said. Moody left the game with 1:29 remaining after injuring his ankle. Self didn't know the status of either player for Kansas' next game, at Iowa State on Wednesday.

Neither team shot well. Kansas was 21-of-53 from the field (39.6 percent), including 4-of-16 from 3-point range. Kentucky fared worse, shooting 21-of-68 (30.9 percent), including 6-of-26 from beyond the arc.

Azubuike led the Wildcats with 12 points, but was 4-of-16 from the field. Sparks had 10 points on 4-of-13 shooting. Bobby Perry had 10 points and seven rebounds, both career highs.

Alabama 69, Kentucky 63 (OT)

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Marverly Nettles led Alabama with 20 points to defeat Kentucky 69-63 in overtime Sunday.

Monique Bivins added 13 points for Alabama (10-4, 1-0), including a crucial 3-pointer in overtime, followed by Dee Merriweather with 11.

Kentucky led 29-21 at halftime. Samantha Mahoney had 21 points and Danyelle Payne added 13 for Kentucky (11-5, 0-1).

The game went into overtime tied 57-57, but Alabama held onto the lead

program, school or travel team on her form.

The first clinic session will cover the basic fundamentals of both pitching and catching. The second session, which is for advanced campers, will focus on techniques for throwing the change-up, rise and drop balls. Catchers will work on developing proper throwing techniques, plus blocking and mental aspects of the game.

The hitting clinic will focus on techniques such as bunting and slap hitting, as well as hitting for power, base hits, and situational hitting.

It is requested that all campers bring a softball glove and bat, gym shoes and workout clothes. If possible, pitchers are asked to bring a person to catch for them. Catchers are asked to bring their own catching gear.

Registration forms can be obtained from the MSU website at www.msueagles.com or by contacting a member of the Eagle coaching staff. They can be reached either by phone (606/783-5283), fax (606-783-2550), email (j.karwoski@moreheadstate.edu) or mail at Morehead State University, Softball Office, AAC 227, Morehead, Ky. 40351.

Morehead State head softball coach Jill Karwoski assistant Gina Ramacci and members of the Eagle squad will host two one-day camps on Saturday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Feb. 5.

The pitching and catching clinic will cost \$35 per camper, while the hitting clinic is \$40 per camper. If someone registers for both days, the total cost is just \$65. Checks should be made out to MSU Foundation, Inc., EEF Softball.

No deposit is necessary, but payment is due at the registration period, which will take place 45 minutes before the start of each camp. Limited space is available. It is requested that at the time of registration that each camper include the name of her

program, school or travel team on her form.

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Paducah native Gaines honored at Kentucky game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Paducah native and longtime basketball coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines was honored Sunday during halftime of the Kansas-Kentucky game at Rupp Arena.

During the ceremony, a retrospective of Gaines' long career was shown on the arena's video screens, and Gov. Ernie Fletcher named Gaines as an honorary member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

"I'm deeply honored by this," Gaines said. "It's been a lot of fun. To be honored by the university's athletic department, with the quality of its program and all it's achieved, I'm glad to be part of it."

Gaines was born in Paducah and played at Lincoln High

School. He attended college at Morgan State in Baltimore and became the basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University in 1946, when he was 22 years old.

Gaines, 81, retired in 1993 after 47 seasons as the coach at NCAA Division II Winston-Salem State. His 828 wins rank him fifth on the NCAA career coaching wins list, behind former North Carolina coach Dean Smith, former Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp, Bob Knight and Jim Phelan.

Gaines had 18 20-win seasons and in 1967 led the Rams to a 31-1 record and an NCAA title. His star player on that team was future NBA standout Earl "The Pearl" Monroe.

Gaines was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982.

Morehead St. 81, Tenn.-Martin 73

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTIN, Tenn. — Josh Reed scored 21 points and four other players scored in double figures as Morehead State beat Tennessee-Martin 81-73 Saturday night.

Morehead led almost from the start, and held a 45-36 half-time advantage. UT-Martin briefly tied the game at 51-51 with 15:29 left in the second

half before Morehead State ground out the win.

Chad McKnight added 19 points for Morehead, Quenton Smith scored 13, Cory Burns added 13 points, and Ramon Kelly chipped in 12 points for the Eagles (7-6, 1-1 Ohio Valley Conference).

UT-Martin (3-10, 0-2 OVC) was led by Jason Thompson's 16 points, Cleve Woodfork's 18 points and Jared Newson's 14 points.

Morehead State Softball to host spring camps

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — Morehead State head softball coach Jill Karwoski assistant Gina Ramacci and members of the Eagle squad will host two one-day camps on Saturday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Feb. 5.

The first camp (Jan. 29) is for pitchers and catchers and open to girls in grades four through eight in the morning session (9 a.m. to noon), and girls in grades nine through 12 in the afternoon session (12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

The second camp (Feb. 5) is a hitting clinic and is for girls in grades four through 12. Both camps will be held at the Wetherby Gym on the MSU campus.

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Strong second half gives Bears win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior guard Daniel Price scored 16 of his game-high 27 points after the half as Pikeville College knocked off Cincinnati Christian 82-57 on Monday.

The Bears took a slim four-point (33-29) lead to the break, but the separation in shooting did in the Eagles: While the Bears were ripping the nets for 62.5 percent in the second half, CCU hit a mere 33.3 percent.

Pikeville's improvement was largely due to Price, who was 8-of-9 from the field after recess. He completed the stat line with 10 rebounds for his second double-double of the season, adding five assists and four steals. He led all players in all four categories.

Pikeville (14-2), whose seven-game winning streak ended Friday night at Martin Methodist, also picked up 12

points from Jarell Jones and 10 from Walter Harris.

For the game, the Bears hit 51.5 (34-of-66) percent, while the Eagles connected only 35.7 percent of the time (20-of-56).

The game Eagles, known as Cincinnati Bible College until last fall, also had three players in double figures: Senior forward Ryan Maxwell hit for 17, while sophomore Donnie Fishburn added 14 points and nine rebounds.

Freshman Gassaud Dahi, a native of the Ivory Coast, had a double-double of his own, scoring 10 and pulling down 10 rebounds as Cincinnati Christian edged Pikeville on the glass 38-36.

Monday night's game was the beginning of a busy week for the Bears, who travel to Alice Lloyd on Thursday night before entertaining Ohio State-Marion on Friday at 7:30 and Saturday at 2 p.m.



Daniel Price

No. 17 Louisville 86, TCU 61

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — With a little outside help, Louisville forgot about its injury plague for a day.

On Saturday, freshman Juan Palacios scored 23 points, and Francisco Garcia added 21 to help the No. 17 Cardinals beat mistake-plagued TCU 86-61.

But afterward, the first person Louisville coach Rick Pitino praised was Wayne Cook, a motivational speaker who has cerebral palsy.

Cook spoke to the Cardinals before practice on Friday and the players said his speech made a deep impact.

"Everybody kind of appreciated life a little more," said Garcia.

Nearly every player on the Cardinals' roster has been hurt this season. Otis George is still out with a stress fracture in his foot and Taquan Dean, who had offseason hernia surgery, coped with back spasms last week.

The Cardinals were coming off a 70-67 loss at Houston on Wednesday and Pitino sensed that with the injuries and the upset loss, his team's morale was sinking, so he called Cook.

"We really needed it," Pitino said. "It was a great lesson for our guys. We've been feeling sorry for ourselves and this really helped."

The Horned Frogs appeared to be the team with the shaken confidence Saturday.

The Cardinals jumped out to a 17-2 lead as the Horned Frogs had 11 turnovers in the first 9 minutes. Three minutes later, TCU had 14 turnovers and trailed 24-7.

"Where we had our problem was that they were way better defensively than we were offensively," TCU coach Neil Dougherty said. "They just took us out of a lot of things."

TCU's early sloppiness set aside Pitino's concerns about Dean, whom Pitino regretted playing against Houston.

Sophomore Brandon Jenkins made his second start of the season in Dean's place on Saturday. But Dean came off the bench and was often on the floor with Jenkins.

Dean had nine points and three assists in 26 minutes and Jenkins

had five points, two assists and eight rebounds in 30 minutes.

Pitino said Jenkins was the most valuable player of the game — more for his defense than his offense. Jenkins had three steals and limited Corey Santee, TCU's leading scorer, to 13 points on 5-of-15 shooting.

"I told him in the locker room, 'You were the key to the game,'" Pitino said. "His pressure was relentless."

The Horned Frogs committed only one turnover in the final eight minutes of the opening half, but Garcia and Palacios made sure the Cardinals kept their comfortable lead.

The duo scored 28 of Louisville's first 34 points, with the 6-foot-7 Garcia either creating shots off his dribble or passing out of double-teams to the 6-8 Palacios, who was routinely open behind the 3-point line.

Garcia, from the Dominican Republic, and Palacios, from Colombia, flustered the Horned Frogs even more by using Spanish to communicate.

"It's great to play with him," said Palacios, who finished 8-of-12 from the field. "One time, I'm like, 'Pass the ball, man. You're going to score more than me.' We've got a good connection."

Palacios sank three 3-pointers and had 15 points in the first half; Garcia went 6-for-6 from the free-throw line and had 13 points in the opening 20 minutes.

Aaron Curtis scored underneath with 14:28 left in the second half to cut Louisville's lead to 11 and prompt a timeout from Pitino. The Cardinals responded with a 10-0 run and Larry O'Bannon's third 3-pointer pushed the lead to 61-40 with 10:59 remaining.

Pitino started pulling his starters near the 5-minute mark and the bench was all smiles — even Dean, who stretched out on the floor when he left the game.

"We were ready to get after it and that was a good thing to see," Dean said. "after that loss (to Houston), we could've easily hung our heads."

Nile Murry had 15 points and eight rebounds for TCU (10-5, 0-1), which had a four-game winning streak snapped.

TCU dropped to 1-46 in road games against Top 25 opponents

Murray St. 80, E. Kentucky 78, OT

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURRAY — Trey Pearson scored 24 points as Murray State beat Eastern Kentucky 80-78 in overtime Saturday.

Keith Jenifer hit two free throws with 0.3 seconds left to force the overtime. Issian Redding added 17 points and Shawn Witherspoon had 16 for Murray State (7-5, 2-0 Ohio Valley Conference).

Eastern Kentucky (9-4, 1-1 OVC) had all five starters in double figures. Matt Witt led the Colonels with 18 points, Alonzo Hird and Zach Ingles each had 16, Jason McLeish added 11 and Michael Haney scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Hird hit back-to-back baskets to put the Colonels up

68-63 with 2:41 left in regulation. He scored again with 55.3 seconds left to give the Colonels a 72-69 lead. Redding pulled the Racers within one when he drove to the basket from the corner and scored with 31 seconds left. He was fouled on the play but failed to convert at the line as the Colonels held onto a 72-71 lead.

McLeish made 1-of-2 from the free throw line with 5.4 seconds left before Jenifer was fouled and sunk his two to send the game to overtime.

Witt's 3-pointer with 1:47 left in the extra period tied the game at 78. Justin Orr and Pearson each hit 1-of-2 free throws in the final 1:19 to put the Racers ahead.

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The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 9, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Illinois (58)	16-0	1,783	1
2. Kansas (13)	11-0	1,730	2
3. N. Carolina (1)	13-1	1,636	3
4. Wake Forest	13-1	1,553	4
5. Duke	11-0	1,496	5
6. Oklahoma St.	11-1	1,412	7
7. Syracuse	15-1	1,405	6
8. Georgia Tech	11-2	1,301	9
9. Kentucky	10-2	1,189	8
10. Texas	12-2	1,085	15
11. Mississippi St.	14-2	909	18
12. Connecticut	9-2	904	10
13. Boston College	13-0	823	25</

Lorenzen wants back in the game

by KEVIN KELLY
THE KENTUCKY ENQUIRER

FORT MITCHELL—His last pass fell incomplete.

With that, a 13-point loss against archrival Tennessee ended. A senior season concluded with twice as many losses as wins.

And Jared Lorenzen walked off the field at Commonwealth Stadium for the final time in Kentucky blue — sentimental but also eager to sample the unknown.

More than a year has passed since that day.

"I've got a good life right now," Lorenzen said.

What exactly has become of the amiable and ample quarterback Big Blue Nation claimed as its Hefty Lefty and Pillsbury Throw Boy?

The former Highlands High School and Kentucky Wildcats quarterback signed with the NFL's New York Giants as an undrafted free agent in May only to be a no-show when training camp opened in July.

He's now living in Edgewood with fiance Tamara and their 2-year-old daughter, Taylor, and he remains contractually bound to the Giants.

"At this point," Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi said Dec. 20, "(we) would welcome him back for the 2005 season."

Lorenzen, 23, wants to play football again.

He wants to satisfy the urges brought on by a cold-turkey ces-

sation from the game. He wants to feature the rifle left arm attached to a lineman-like chassis that opened record books as he passed for 10,354 yards and 78 touchdowns in 41 career games at Kentucky.



Jared Lorenzen

"Before I close the door, before I say, 'Here are my cleats, here are my shoulder pads,' I want to give it another shot," Lorenzen said. "It would just be good to be back in the locker room again."

When he failed to show for the start of Giants training camp July 29, the team placed Lorenzen, who had signed a one-year contract for the league minimum of \$230,000, on the reserve-did not report list. A player does not get paid if placed on that list, but the team retains his rights.

Giants officials wondered whether Lorenzen was having second thoughts. Others surmised that his weight — he was ordered to get it down to the 288 pounds by head coach Tom Coughlin — factored in the absence.

Lorenzen has held firm to his explanation: that he received bad information from people who told him the Giants had released him.

"It was probably one of the biggest mix-ups of my life," Lorenzen said. "It was, 'Am I released? Am I going? Am I staying?'"

Without football for the first time since childhood, Lorenzen went to work uncovering a new clarity in life.

"There's been very little down part," he said. "Obviously, (missing) football was the down part. But I've had so much fun, I can't complain."

Priceless are the opportunities to share in the simple joys of fatherhood, to become the father to Taylor he always wanted to be.

Lorenzen and Tamara were engaged in May and purchased the Edgewood house Lorenzen was raised in. His mother, Janet Hermes, sold them the house when she moved to nearby Rabbit Hash.

"This is the house I grew up in," he said. "It's good to feel at home again."

He dabbled in radio and cable television broadcasting for Clear Channel Communications Inc. in Lexington.

And he watched as Highlands won its 16th state championship earlier this month in Louisville. The school's achievement stirred thoughts within Lorenzen of someday coaching.

"I always wanted to do that," Lorenzen said. "If the NFL or football doesn't work out, it's something I'd love to do."

Lorenzen also found time to work out with and throw to friends.

As for his weight, which hovered around 300 pounds as a collegian?

"It's a constant struggle," he said, declining to share the exact figure. "It's always something I've got to work on."

Asked if he were close enough to his playing weight that he could be ready soon, Lorenzen replied: "I would hope so. I haven't done anything too extravagant or blown up."

Colts 49, Broncos 24

by BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — When Peyton Manning surveys a football field he sees unlimited possibilities.

Regardless of which target he chooses, the Indianapolis quarterback has an excellent chance of doing something productive, even special.

The NFL Offensive Player of the Year was unstoppable again Sunday, throwing for 457 yards, second most in postseason history, in leading the Colts past the Denver Broncos 49-24.

Manning displayed how he broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old NFL mark by throwing for 49 touchdowns this season. By hitting 27 of 33 passes and four touchdowns, his QB rating for the game, 145.7, dwarfed his record 121.1 rating for 2004.

"It was outstanding execution throughout the entire game," Manning said. "Tony talks about staying calm in pressure situations and it doesn't get more intense than the playoffs."

Coach Tony Dungy believes last year's playoff experience, when the Colts went to the AFC championship game in Foxboro — they play there next Sunday against the defending champion Patriots — helped against overmatched Denver (10-7).

"I don't know that we are better equipped, but we're a little more mature and confident," Dungy said.

They certainly should be confident with Manning.

"He was sharp," Dungy added. "He plays well in big games and I'm glad he's on our side."

With the Broncos taking away favorite option Marvin Harrison early, Manning turned to Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark in building an insurmountable first-half lead.

Wayne finished with 221 yards, third most in playoff history, on 10 catches, with two touchdowns. Clark, who sustained a concussion in last week's loss at Denver, had 112 yards and a score. By halftime, Manning had a record 360 yards passing.

"We wanted to start out fast. That's what we did," said Wayne, who admitted the Colts were upset by Broncos remarks last week questioning Indy's toughness. "We wanted to keep making plays and let the team know I'd be here all day."

"We jumped on them so fast they didn't have any time to say anything."

The Colts (13-4) routed the Broncos in the same game last January, when Manning was 22-for-26 for 377 yards and five touchdowns and Indianapolis led 31-3 at halftime. The Broncos were even worse in the first half Sunday, trailing 35-3.

"You have to give credit where it is due," Denver safety John Lynch said. "This is the best offense that I have ever played against. They have a quarterback who puts them in that situation. I have never been in a game where so much has felt, like, almost hopeless."

The Broncos seemed out of contention from the beginning.

With All-Pro cornerback Champ Bailey soloing on Harrison, the Colts went the other way, Manning picked on Kelly Herndon and rookie Roc Alexander en route to a 21-0 edge.

He found James Mungro with a 2-yard lob to make it 7-0. Then he used tight end Clark for gains of 24 and 31 yards on the next series, and Edgerrin James surged in from the 1.

Manning was 11-for-14 for 156 yards in the opening quar-

ter, and he found Wayne, who made a splendid catch, for another 49 yards with his first pass of the second period. But a deflected throw was intercepted by Herndon in the end zone.

No matter. Clark's 19-yard reception made it 21-0 on Indy's next possession. After Jason Elam's 33-yard field goal, the Broncos tried an onside kick that failed, and Wayne's 35-yard TD made it 28-3.

For good measure, Manning sneaked in from the 1 with 6 seconds left in the half, his first TD rushing in more than two years.

"The offensive linemen have been telling me we need to run more sneaks," Manning said with a laugh. "They were as fired up as anybody."

The Colts are fired up for the Patriots, although they're aware conditions won't be nearly as perfect. And the opponent won't be nearly as timid.

"Those guys are still playing like world champions and we're going to their place," tight end Marcus Pollard said. "New England is going to be a strong challenge for us."

Notes: Only Cleveland's Bernie Kosar in 1986 had more yards in a playoff game, and he needed double overtime to get 489. ... Dominic Rhodes' 2-yard run finished the scoring and set a Colts playoff record for points. ... Denver's Jake Plummer finished 24-for-34 for 284 yards and two TDs, was sacked three times and threw an interception. ... Manning has passed for three or more TDs six times this season. ... Colts DE Robert Mathis sprained his knee and LB Rob Morris had a stinger. ... Denver is 0-3 in the playoffs since John Elway retired after winning a second straight Super Bowl in January 1999.



Reds announce cities, dates for 2005 Winter Caravan

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds last week announced the dates, times and locations for their annual Winter Caravan. All stops are free and open to the public.

The Caravan will make its first public stop on Thursday, Jan. 27 at Fricker's in the southern Dayton suburb of West Carrollton, followed the next day by stops at the Lima Mall in Lima and Flannagan's Dublin on the outskirts of Columbus. On Saturday, January 29, the caravan will visit the Ashland Town Center in Ashland, Champion Sports Lexington in Nicholasville and the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville.

The very popular Winter Caravan provides fans with the opportunity to interact with Reds manager Dave Miley, players, broadcasters and other members of the front office staff.

Scheduled to appear at all six Winter Caravan stops are Miley, general manager Dan O'Brien, Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman and Reds Radio partner Steve Stewart, senior special assistant Gene Bennett and Reds players RHP Josh Hancock, RHP Luke Hudson and the organization's Minor League Player of the Year, which will be announced at the LaSalle High School Stag on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Right-handed pitcher Aaron Harang will join the stops in Dayton and Lima; LHP Kent Mercker will drop by Flannagan's Dublin in Columbus, OF Austin Kearns will visit the Champion Sports Lexington event, and IF/OF Ryan Freel is scheduled to attend the winter caravan finale at the Louisville Slugger Museum.

Representatives of the front office will be on hand to discuss season tickets and group sales,

and fans also will be able to cast their votes for the Reds Hall of Fame Class of 2005. The Winter Caravan schedule is below.

Date: Thursday, Jan. 27
Location: Dayton, Fricker's in W. Carrollton
Time: 5-7 p.m.

Date: Friday, Jan. 28
Location: Lima, Lima Mall
Time: Noon-2 p.m.

Date: -
Location: Columbus, Flannagan's Dublin
Time: 5-7 p.m.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 29
Location: Ashland Town Center
Time: 1 a.m.-1 p.m.

Date: -
Location: Nicholasville, Champion Sports Lex.
Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Date: -
Location: Lou., Lou. Slugger Museum
Time: 7-9 p.m.

Bengals raise season ticket prices

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Bengals raised the price of most season tickets by \$3 on Friday, five days after they completed their second straight 8-8 season under coach Marvin Lewis.

The Bengals sold out all eight regular season games at Paul Brown Stadium last season, setting a franchise record for attendance. They haven't had a winning record since 1990, a streak of futility that they hope to break next season. Ticket prices vary by area of

the stadium. Prices for most areas will increase by \$3 per game next season. Seats in one area will increase by \$5, while the cost of seats in another area remain unchanged.

With the increases, ticket prices will range from \$44 to \$63 for each game.

SFMS 56, Betsy Layne Elem. 42

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — South Floyd Middle School, coached by Dwayne Johnson, scored another Floyd County win Monday night, beating host Betsy Layne Elementary 56-42.

A balanced scoring attack led the way for South Floyd Middle. Jody Tackett led South Floyd in scoring with a team-high 11 points. Chad Patrick added 10 points for the Raiders.

Adam Slone tossed in nine points for the Raiders and Matt Tackett added seven.

South Floyd led 14-9 at the end of the first quarter and 28-13 at halftime. The Raiders exited the third period with a 38-22 lead.

In other scoring for South Floyd, Deven Adams and Morgan Mullins both flipped in six points. Kyle Howell, who made good on a third-quarter three-point field goal attempt, added three points.

Brandon Tackett and Jordan Moore each had two points.

Dylan Maldonado paced Betsy Layne in scoring with eight points. Tyler Kidd, Cody McKay and Adam Howell all had seven points apiece. Jimmy Meade added five points for the Bobcats and Dalton Meade netted three. Casey Adkins and Austin Collins both had two points. Nathan Martin edged the Betsy Layne scoring with a single free throw.



photos by Jamie Howell

During Friday night's WYMT Classic semifinals game, South Floyd junior Mason Hall dribbled against Perry Central's Jordan Shepherd.



Ryan Johnson lofted a shot over the Perry Central defense.

Garrett Christian improves to 12-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CARR CREEK — The first full week of January was a successful first week of the new year for the Garrett Christian basketball team. Garrett Christian posted two wins and in the process improved to a perfect 12-0.

The Slone brothers led Garrett Christian to a hard-fought 89-40 victory over the Lighthouse Knights in a game played on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Ryan Slone fired in a game-high 27 points and Tyler Slone tossed in 19 to lead the Warriors. Four different Garrett Christian players reached double figures in the triumph over Lighthouse. Shane Feltner scored 13 points. Matthew Potter and Brian Vanderpool each had 10 points.

Garrett Christian led Lighthouse 16-13 at the end of

the first quarter and 41-25 at halftime. In the third period, Garrett Christian blew the game open. The Warriors left the third quarter with a comfortable 67-31 lead.

Garrett Christian 87. Highlight Christian, Va. 37: In a game played on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Raven Assembly, Garrett Christian jumped out to a 24-8 lead over Highlight Christian. The Warriors led at the end of every quarter en route to the blowout win. The win over Highlight Christian was Garrett Christian's 12th victory of the 2004-05 season.

Shane Feltner led Garrett Christian in scoring with a game-high 21 points, David Franklin scored 20 points and Ryan Slone finished with 18. Tyler Slone added 13 points.

For Highlight Christian, Derek Joyce hit for a game-high 25 points.

Prestonsburg Little League announces signups

PRESTONSBURG — The time for Little Leaguers to take the field is quickly nearing. Prestonsburg Little League has scheduled signups for the month of January.

Prestonsburg Little League will hold signups at Music-Carter January 11, 13 and 27, 6-8 p.m. each signup date. Signups will also be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Adams Middle School on Saturday, Jan. 8 and Saturday, Jan. 29.



Vikings 31, Packers 17

by DAVE CAMPBELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Randy Moss and the Minnesota Vikings finally figured out how to finish.



They did it against their bitter border rival in an outdoor playoff game, no less, following an uproarious week that revolved around their moody star receiver's latest misdeed.

Moss caught two touchdown passes, staying on the field for every second, to help the sixth-seeded Vikings speed past the stunned Green Bay Packers on Sunday, 31-17.

"We never bought into the negativity," said Daunte Culpepper, who threw for 284 yards and four touchdowns and watched Minnesota's frequently dismal defense intercept Brett Favre four times.

The Vikings, joining this year's St. Louis Rams as the only 8-8 teams to win a post-season game, will travel to Philadelphia next weekend. The Rams play at Atlanta in the other NFC semifinal.

For the second straight season, Minnesota started strong and faded down the stretch — losing seven of the last 10 games. After missing the playoffs with a last-second loss at Arizona in 2003, the Vikings qualified this time only because the conference was so weak.

"They let us in," linebacker Chris Claiborne said, "and now they've got to kick us out."

Green Bay swept the season series with a pair of 34-31 victories on game-ending field goals from Ryan Longwell, including the NFC North-clinching win at the Metrodome on Dec. 24.

A Minnesota loss at Washington in the regular-season finale — remembered best for Moss' frustrated walk off

the field as his teammates prepared to try a desperation onside kick — set up this rematch between teams supposedly headed in different directions.

On top of their second-half slump, the worst record over the final 10 regular-season games by any team in the 72-year history of the NFL playoffs, the Vikings came in with just two victories in their previous 22 outdoor games.

The Packers, meanwhile, won nine of their last 11 and appeared poised to make a serious run in a diluted NFC.

"I sure wish we could've went on and seen what we could've done," said Favre, who didn't rule out retirement after completing 22 of 33 passes for 216 yards.

"It would be easy to walk off the field after that game, and say, 'I've had enough,'" Favre said. "But I'm going to try to be as fair to myself and my team as possible. I've had a lot of great games. This obviously was not one of them."

Minnesota scored on its first three possessions, jumping to a 17-0 lead. Green Bay, which played without Pro Bowl receiver Javon Walker in the second half because of a bruised left shin, cut the deficit to seven on Favre's 4-yard touchdown toss to Bubba Franks.

Morten Andersen slipped and had his 29-yard field goal attempt get blocked, giving the Packers momentum midway through the second quarter with a chance to tie the game.

Free safety Brian Russell stepped in front of Walker on first down, picking off Favre's pass and returning it 14 yards to the Green Bay 28. Two plays later, Nate Burleson burned

rookie Ahmad Carroll for a 19-yard touchdown catch that made it 24-10.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Packers pulled to 24-17 on Najeh Davenport's 1-yard plunge with 13:37 left. But penalty-prone Carroll committed two infractions, setting up Culpepper's 34-yard touchdown pass to Moss that gave the Vikings a 14-point cushion with 10:18 remaining.

Cornerback Al Harris jumped the slant-and-go route, and Moss — running on a sprained right ankle — hauled in the ball for an easy score.

"I expect a big game from Randy every single time we go out," Burleson said. "It's hard for him, because everybody gives him a lot of flak about certain things that he does, but really when it comes down to it that's a guy that I know I would rather have than any other receiver in this league."

Moss bought himself another week of scrutiny by pretending to pull down his pants and moon the crowd following a touchdown.

"Just having a little fun with the boys," he said. "I hope I don't get in trouble by it, but if I do I'll take the heat."

The Packers, who began 1-4, lost five of their nine games at Lambeau Field — where they've lost only twice in the playoffs.

"I was as disappointed as I've ever been after a loss," coach Mike Sherman said. "We are better than what we showed."

Notes: This was the teams' first playoff meeting. The Packers lead the series 44-43-1. ... Vikings RB Moe Williams sprained his right ankle and was on crutches. ... Green Bay surrendered 16 passing touchdowns, with no interceptions, to Culpepper the last two seasons — spanning five games. ... Packers RB Ahman Green carried 20 times for 80 yards.



O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Banquet set for Jan. 29

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The 2004 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts Awards Banquet has been set for Saturday, Jan. 29. The event will be held at the Kentucky Speedway Bluegrass Hall Media Center in Sparta. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner served, and followed by the awards presentation.

Mt. Sterling driver Aaron Hutton will be officially crowned the 2004 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts Points Champion, Tyrel Todd, of Eubank, finished second in points followed by Johnny Wheeler of Campbellsville.

Doug Smith of Somerset, and Stanford's Victor Lee. Smith will also be recognized as the series Rookie of the Year.

Completing the top-10 in points were Mike Jewell of Scottsburg, Ind., Dennis Selby of Russell Springs, Brad Neat of Dunville, and there was a tie for ninth-place between Sponsor Watson from Bethel, Ohio, and Michael England of Glasgow.

Kentucky Speedway is located on Hwy 35 in Sparta at Exit 72 on I-71.

Ramada Inn at the Kentucky Speedway is the host hotel for the 2004 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Banquet which is located directly across Hwy 35 from the Speedway outside turn 3. Ramada Inn at the Kentucky Speedway will open its Speedway Room after the 2004

Banquet for social time with racers, owners, sponsors, and others. A special rate of \$59 plus tax has been negotiated for this event with Ramada Inn at the Kentucky Speedway, reservations can be made at 859/567-RACE and ask for the NARA Rate for this evening. More information can be found on the Ramada Inn at the Kentucky Speedway at www.ramadapartata.com.

For more information regarding the 2004 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts Awards Banquet, call the Series Office at 859/271-4501 or www.naradirtcar.com.

Ticket orders must be received no later than Jan. 23, there will be no tickets sold at the door.

Churchill's top lobbyist steps down

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Churchill Downs Inc.'s chief lobbyist and the former president of the Louisville track, Alex Waldrop, has left the company to become a partner at Wyatt Tarrant & Combs.

Waldrop, 48, will head the law firm's gaming and entertainment practice with Churchill as a client.

"I looked at what I was doing and realized that I was acting in a consultant role — and I could just as easily do that in a law firm environment as I could at Churchill Downs," he said.

Waldrop will still represent Churchill in Florida, where it cleared one hurdle to getting slot machines at its Calder Race Course in Miami when

voters in November allowed local referendums. Residents of Broward and Miami-Dade counties may vote on whether to allow slots at tracks this year.

Although Churchill Downs track President Steve Sexton formally oversees its lobbying push in Kentucky, Churchill has hired lobbyist Tim Rutter on a contract basis. Rutter has worked as a lobbyist in New York and Washington, D.C., on health-care issues. Waldrop said the move to Wyatt lets him broaden his law practice.

Waldrop said he plans to pursue equine law and corporate law.

Waldrop left Wyatt in 1992 to become Churchill's general counsel. In 1999, he became track president and held the position until 2002, when he became senior vice president of public affairs.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 8
St. Louis 27, Seattle 20
N.Y. Jets 20, San Diego 17, OT

Sunday, Jan. 9
Indianapolis 49, Denver 24
Minnesota 31, Green Bay 17
Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 15
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
St. Louis at Atlanta, 8 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 16
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at New Eng. 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 23
NFC Championship Game, 3 p.m. (FOX)
AFC Championship Game, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)
Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 6
Jacksonville, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 13
At Honolulu

AFC vs. NFC, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Manning's hard work pays off with second straight MVP

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning spends countless hours inside his home theater, poring over game footage and scouting for advantages.

To Manning, it's all part of the job.

On Monday, he was rewarded for his diligence, his attention to detail and his record-breaking season by winning his second straight Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player Award.

"I take my job very seriously, and I give it the attention and respect it deserves," he said. "I've always said this: I've never left the field after a game saying, 'I think I could have done more to get ready.'"

A year ago, the Indianapolis Colts' star quarterback shared the award with Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair.

This time, Manning was in a class by himself.

Less than a week after being named the offensive player of the year, Manning's record-setting numbers produced a nearly unanimous decision from a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Manning received 47 of 48 votes; Atlanta's Michael Vick got one.

Manning joined San Francisco's Joe Montana and Green Bay's Brett Favre as the only back-to-back winners of the award. Cleveland running back Jim Brown, Colts quarterback John Unitas, San Francisco quarterback Steve Young and St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner are the only other two-time winners. Favre is the only three-time winner.

But Manning's numbers stood out. His 49 touchdown

passes broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old record, and he shattered Young's league record for passer rating. Manning finished at 121.1, Young had a 112.8 in 1994.

Most important, Manning wanted to do it the right way.

"To keep winning games, that's really what it's been about for us," Manning said. "When you win, it's fun to talk about some of the other things that have occurred."

He led the Colts to a 12-4 record and their second straight AFC South title, while avoiding the temptation to run up his totals in a couple blowouts. He even ignored the Indianapolis fans who urged him to tie Marino's mark in the final minute against Baltimore, then booed when he ran out the clock by kneeling down twice.

It was easily the best season of Manning's seven-year career.

He threw two TDs in 14 games and four TDs six times. He also became the first quarterback in NFL history to produce four five-touchdown games in a calendar year and set an NFL record by throwing for at least two TDs in the first 13 games of a season.

Tony Dungy called the award well-deserved and even credited Manning for changing his reputation as a defensive-minded coach.

"When I came here three years ago, I know that some people's biggest fear was my reputation would precede me and we were going to rope him in and try to win games 10-6," Dungy said. "I'd just like to thank him for making me an offensive genius."

Manning also succeeded in what might have been his

toughest job — keeping everyone happy.

Running back Edgerrin James was in contention for the NFL rushing title until the final week, finishing with 1,548 yards and nine touchdowns.

Manning also helped turn two previously unaccomplished receivers — Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley — into major contributors. Wayne, Stokley and perennial Pro Bowler Marvin Harrison teamed up as the first trio in league history to each produce 1,000 yards and 10 TDs.

To Manning, though, the key was what most people don't see.

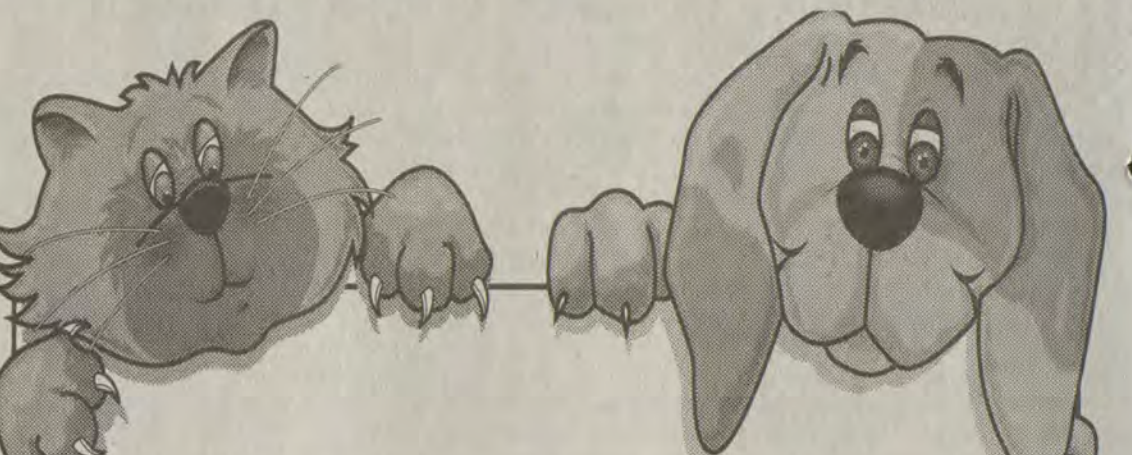
"I take a lot of pride in getting ready to play, understanding all the mental aspects of the game," he said. "I do work real hard at it. I study hard, I prepare hard and play hard. That's my motto."

On Saturday night, Manning even took Dungy's advice and watched the two NFL playoff games on TV. What Manning got was a lesson in how critical every play can be. On Sunday, he put that to work and delivered a 49-24 rout of Denver, a victory that has set up the Colts for a rematch of last year's AFC championship game in New England.

So this week, Manning will go back to work in hopes of completing some unfinished business.

"We have accomplished a lot of things individually this season," he said. "But what we want to do is accomplish something special team-wise. Coach Dungy has pointed out from the get-go what our goals are and what we want to accomplish. We're still trying to get those things done."


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POISON OAK

Losing the blackboard

Stretching all the way across the front of the room, the old school blackboard was undoubtedly the most-used educational tool ever invented.

As soon as the teacher entered the room, snatched up the eraser and hurriedly removed all the hearts pierced with Cupid's arrows and filled with the Bobby plus Susie Maes; wiped away

the crudely drawn stick figures under which somebody had written the word "Teacher," the blackboard was transformed into a virtual encyclopedia, providing the roomful of bright-eyed coal-camp kids with everything they needed to know.

Risking unimagined peril, the teacher would turn her back to the group and list the day's five spelling words in the upper left-hand corner, the arithmetic assignment square in the center of the vast space, and the nine names (written small enough to leave room in case others could be added if necessary) of the boys who had to stay in at recess.

All the time the teacher was writing, we sat in anticipation awaiting the instant her fingernail would accidentally rake across the smooth, slate surface and make that familiar screech that

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Clyde Pack

Floyd Countian helps revise Richmond city policies

A Floyd County resident and Eastern Kentucky University graduate student was recently the focus of a Richmond Register news article written by Register news writer, Ryan Garrett.

Amanda Laferty, of Mud Creek, along with fellow student, Jennifer Ruark, just completed a semester spent

revising the City of Richmond's policies and procedures manual.

The students, both in their second year of graduate school, were provided with copies of all of the city's existing policies and procedures. They then spent the next several months working with the city's human

resource department on revision of the articles.

"They were already in fine shape," Laferty said. "We just clarified things."

The city's policies and procedures were written in the 1970s and have been revised only once since then, according to a report prepared by Laferty and Ruark.

Among the student's contributions were insertions regarding the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 and Internet-use policies for city employees.

Once the revisions were made, the students presented them to Richmond City Man-

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Amanda Laferty



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Among those in attendance Sunday afternoon were, from left to right: Janet Rowe, Marshall Davidson, Patricia Johnson, Eva Collins, Don Johnson, Lillian Baldrige, Sam Hatcher, Alice Howard-Perry, James Spencer, Margaret Hyden, and Garnett Fairchild.

Old Christmas celebrated at Samuel May House

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Santa Claus may still be napping and resting up for a new year, but staunch historians keeping watch over the Samuel May House are just now putting the season to rest following their "Old Christmas" celebration held this past Sunday afternoon, January 9.

According to Marshall Davidson, member of the Samuel May House Board of Trustees, Old Christmas came to be following the "new style calendar act," or the British Calendar Act of 1751. By this act, it was decreed that September 2, 1752 would be followed by September 14, thereby eliminating 11 days in that year in order to compensate for changes made when the Gregorian calendar was adopted and the Julian calendar was left by the wayside.

"A lot of people didn't like this change," Davidson said. "They protested and refused to adopt the new calendar, this is why January 6 became to be known as Old Christmas, because there were those who simply refused to adopt the change and so celebrated Christmas on the day that they said was really Christmas, which was 11 days later."

Another interesting fact shared by Davidson is that Old Christmas came to coincide with the day of Epiphany, the climax of the Christmas season. "You've heard of the twelve days of Christmas," Davidson commented, "Well, the twelve days begin on December 25 and end on January 5, the day before Epiphany. So, this is how the legend of the Epiphany came to be associated with Old Christmas."

According to the legend, it is said that on the night of the Epiphany, stable animals will lie down and be given the gift of speech. "My daddy used to speak of this," said Janet Rowe, a visitor to the event. "Lots of the older generations used to believe in this legend," she said.

Discussions surrounding Old Christmas and the Epiphany were only one part of the day's festivities as Samuel Hatcher, also a member of the Board of Trustees, gave tours of the house and shared interesting historical information with visitors. Following, guests were treated to Christmas delights such as chocolate tarts, peppermint candies, brownies, dark chocolate cookies, hot spiced wassail and other holiday

(See OLD CHRISTMAS, page four)



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Visitors to the Samuel May House "Old Christmas" event, held this past Sunday afternoon, were invited to enjoy a table set with a variety of delectable delights.

KIM'S KORNER

"Angels Among Us"

by: Kim Little Frasure

A very wise person once wrote, "You may just be one person in the world, but you may just be the world to one person!"

Sometimes the smallest acts of kindness have such a magnitude of impact they truly can mean the world to us.

I was reminded of these little acts of kindness and their meanings during a conversation this past Saturday.

Running into one of the mother's from our oldest daughter's high school dance team mates, she and I began to share the well being of our children, Spouses and well, "catch up" on one another's life for we don't see one another very much any more now that our children have graduated.

Both of us have had many trials, and yes, tribulations to deal with since we'd last been in touch. Then she explained one experience she had to share before we were to part ways once again.

After returning from a long trip to a doctor's visit receiving very unsettling news of her husband's health, and news there were even more troubles laying ahead with one of her children, she and her husband stopped by a local convenient store for a cappuccino before going home.

She told of a gentlemen sitting on the curb just beside where she'd parked her car. Reluctant to even get out, for he had two dogs with him, one small, one very large, she mustered the courage to roll down the window and slightly open the car door.

The gentleman, sensing her reluctance



Kim Frasure

CRITTER CORNER

You've been doing rescue too long when...

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

As usual, I was casting around Saturday afternoon for an idea for this week's column. Having nothing in mind, I procrastinated by checking my e-mail (a marathon task, since I apparently have NO spam filter) and was rewarded by this composition forwarded from John and Bonnie Faulkner. Thanks, guys!

YOU KNOW YOU'VE BEEN DOING RESCUE TOO LONG WHEN...

...you have a mental list of people

- ...you'd like to spay, neuter or euthanize.
- ...you stopped at a house with a "Free Puppies" sign in the yard to have an "educational chat," and your kids had to post your bail.
- ...running out of paper towels is a household crisis.
- ...you not only KNOW all the characteristics of a "good stool," you discuss them at dinner.
- ...your checks have messages on them like "Subtract Two Testicles for Every Four Feet."

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This is "Buster." Buster is the "famous mascot" of Karen's Kare "Stairway to the Stars" Prestonsburg Family Learning Center. Buster is owned by Phil Cornett who informs us that Buster "can always be found perched upon the fence or wall silently watching all the fun, while keeping his vigil for any danger that might be approaching the children." Buster is the center's "brightest Star."

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School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Jan. 12 - "Magic Me" members will visit local nursing home, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

■ Jan. 19 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council will meet, 4 p.m., in library. All invited to attend.

■ Feb. 10 - "Connect with Kids" parent meeting will be held at Clark Elementary, at 8:30 a.m. AMS parents and guardians are invited to attend.

■ If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in Food City receipts and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!

■ 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,

call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ Feb. 10 - "Connect with Kids" parent meeting, 8:30 a.m.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students

who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

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

Duff Elementary

School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. 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 Head Start 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.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ 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

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

■ The Family Resource

Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

**School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ 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

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

■ 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.

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

January 11 and 13, 1995

A Prestonsburg woman was acquitted of murder, Tuesday, in connection with a 1993 drunk driving accident that killed a Magoffin County woman. A Floyd County jury deliberated for approximately an hour and a half before returning a not guilty verdict in favor of Tammy DeRossett...It will be another month before Floyd County School Board members decide whether to remove two parent members of separate school-based decision making councils. Prior to Monday's school board meeting, board members held a removal hearing for Clarence Risner, a parent representative for Prestonsburg High School's council; and Ira Joe Tussey, who sits on the council at Adams Middle School...Teen-ager Adam Lafferty was thrown from his bed around 5 a.m., Tuesday, when a coal truck crashed into his home at McDowell and set the house ablaze...County officials and others identified under a newly enacted ethics code have until Friday, January 13, to file financial disclosure statements required under the code...A case that has wound its way through Kentucky's legal system and into federal court may reach its ultimate conclusion soon in the state capitol, where Kentucky's General Assembly is expected to meet in special session. State Representative Greg Stumbo, of Prestonsburg, said Tuesday that Governor Breton Jones had been asked to include in his call for a special session of the legislature, an issue that has as many as 70 county officials facing expulsion from their offices...Prestonsburg will swap some undeveloped, city owned property at Cliff for a smaller share of usable land, and a stake in a private organization's effort to spur economic development in the city. City council members agreed Monday evening to the trade with the Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation, which will assume the costs of developing the property...The first round of winter hit the county, Friday, when a midday ice storm caused numerous accidents, including two involving school buses...After just one year in office, District Three Magistrate Tommy Nell Adams plans to resign his seat on the fiscal court today (Friday). Adams said late Thursday, that he is resigning from office due to health reasons...Floyd County School Board members voted, Monday, to toughen state nepotism laws by adding nephews, nieces, mothers-in-law and fathers-in-law of board members the superintendent, Principals, or supervisors, to the list of relatives which cannot be employed in the system...There will be plenty of meat to sluk your teeth into when the May 30 primary election rolls around, but there's no guarantee the menu will offer any local flavor...There will be no special primary elections this year in Floyd County, even if two prominent county officials are removed from office before the January 31 primary filing deadline...In an effort to

keep from raising garbage rates in Prestonsburg, the city recently began a recycling program, but residents and businesses aren't participating. "If (the citizen) don't reduce the volume of waste, the rates could increase. If the volume is reduced, the rates could stay the same." Tom Harris, foreman of the city's public works department, said Tuesday...No injuries were reported, Wednesday afternoon, in Prestonsburg when a car ran into a school bus hauling 19 grade school children...Construction workers have completed approximately 40 percent of the Floyd County jail project, it was said, Tuesday...There died: Goldia Collins Clark Wagner, 82, of Auxier, Friday, January 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ruth Hall, 71, of Galveston, Tuesday, January 10, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Phillip Edward Shepherd, 27, of Garrett, Thursday, January 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Barksdale Cook, 78, of Bevinville, Monday, January 9, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Billy R. Justice, 58, of Ivel, Monday, January 9, at his residence; Noah Conn, 78, of Martin, Thursday, January 5, in Huntington, West Virginia; Esther Bowling Akers, 78, of Ashland, formerly of Wheelwright, Sunday, January 8, at her home; Pearl Pace, 66, of Albion, Michigan, Thursday, January 5, at her residence; Era Ratliff Stone, 91, of Betsy Layne, Thursday, December 29, at her residence; Kelly Ann Vance Hamilton, 22, of McDowell, Monday, January 2, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Thelma Boyd Hale, 84, of Harold, Sunday, January 8, at her residence; Woodrow "Woody" Mullins, 51, of Pikeville, Saturday, January 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; George Hall Jr., 75, of Allen, Friday, January 6, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Charlene Burke, 63, of Virgie, Tuesday, January 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Goble Puckett, 89, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, January 11, at his residence; Darby Ray Burnett, 51, of Willisburg, formerly of Martin, Sunday, January 8, at his residence; Anna Douglas Music, 72, of Springboro, Pennsylvania, Monday, January 9, in Brown Memorial Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio; Gertie Dorton, 72, of Weeksburg, Wednesday, January 11, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Claude Repp Patton, 82, of Eastern, Wednesday, January 11, at Jenkins Community Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

January 9, 1985

The decision to continue to collect—or not collect—tolls on the Mountain Parkway and its extensions will rest with Gov. Martha Layne Collins and her Transportation Cabinet...Tommy Nelson, 35, of Town Branch, faces seven charges in connection with a series of alleged burglaries over the Christmas holidays...State Representative Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg

won the post of House majority leader at the caucus held Tuesday in the state capital...Unless an agreement with striking union miners is reached, National Mines Corporation will lay off half of its 160 employees...Trial continues in the shooting death of Larry Wilson, ex-husband of Linda June Turner Wilson, 45, who teaches at Garth Vocational School, who is also charged with complicity in the murder of her ex-husband, Alvis Randall Frasure of Martin, described as being Mrs. Wilson's "boyfriend," is accused of shooting Wilson once, point-blank in the back of the head with a 9mm automatic pistol...There died: Cecil Green, 68, of Prestonsburg, Friday, in a Lexington hospital; Hilbert Mullins, 71, of Bevinville, January 1, at Price; Lonnie Burchett, 77, of Auxier, January 1, at his home; James Wesley Jarrell, 41, of Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg, December 12; Columbus Goble, 82, of Emma, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Emmett Tackett, 82, of Martin, December 31, at his home; Verna Moore Sword, 75, of Dwale, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Paul Howard Hall, 39, of Hi Hat, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mollie Thompson Wells, 70, of Goble-Roberts, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Verlia Dutton, 87, of Weeksburg, Thursday, at her home.

Thirty Years Ago

January 8, 1975

In his instructions to the nine men and three women who comprise the grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court for the January term, Circuit Judge Hollie Conley, Monday, reminded the jurors of the new criminal penal codes now in effect...Two re-elected members of the Floyd County Board of Education, Dr. J.D. Adams and Ray Campbell, were inducted to their new terms of office at last Saturday's meeting of the board...Proposed dock and harbor improvements at the Jenny Wiley Boat Dock which have for months been slated at an estimated cost of \$750,000 have not been begun; a contract has not been awarded; and nobody knows when it will be...A case of unfortunate timing appears to have excluded Prestonsburg from among 21 Kentucky communities which have been awarded federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds...The annual observance of "Old Christmas" an early mountain tradition revived years ago in the Prestonsburg area by Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick James, was held, Sunday, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park...Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Gary Burton Combs, of Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., their first child, a daughter, Angelica Dawn, November 30. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hunter, of Betsy Layne, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, of Pikeville...There died: Grady Little, of Detroit, Mich., January 3, in Detroit; Willis (Bill) Hall, 78, of McDowell, Saturday, at the McDowell Hospital;

Mrs. Betty Carroll, 89, of Martin, Monday, at a nursing home, here; Iley Baker Browning, 81, Dec. 18, at Henderson; Jewel D. Fitzpatrick, 51, of Prestonsburg, January 1, at a hospital here; Mrs. Linda Sparkman, 77, of Hueysville, Friday, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Mrs. Ruth Collins, 46, of Detroit, Mich., formerly of this county, last Thursday, at a Detroit hospital; Margaret C. Westfall, 68, of Winter Haven, Fla., formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, at a Winter Haven hospital; Harry H. Hager, 75, of East Point, December 28, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Wanda L. Craig, 29, of South Whitley, Ind., December 17, at a Whitley County hospital; Maude Spears Clark, 83, of the Auxier Road, Saturday, at a nursing home, here.

Forty Years Ago

January 7, 1965

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this week, approved a \$3,456,000 stream channel improvement project at Martin as a flood prevention measure, and also gave the nod for construction of two more flood-control reservoirs in the Big Sandy Valley...Mrs. Ruby Auspaugh, 50, formerly of Lancer, was instantly killed Sunday, in a three-car accident at New Carlisle, Ohio, which killed three other persons...Kentucky Power Company proposes to reduce electric rates by an estimated \$27,000 per year...Unemployed fathers working on public projects in Floyd and eight other eastern Kentucky counties will draw bigger paychecks, beginning next week, it was announced Tuesday...Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary H. Osborne, of Louisville, a daughter, Debra Lynne, December 15, at a Louisville hospital...There died: Mrs. Laura Brown, 65, of Lancer, December 22, at Golden Years Rest Home, Lackey; Nelse "Pie" Gilliam, 55, formerly of Prestonsburg, December 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Mrs. Alga Martin, 66, of Wayland, last Wednesday, at a Huntington, W. Va. hospital; Mrs. Pearl Goodman, 55, Christmas Day, at her home at Garrett; McKinley (M.C.) Hyden, 66, formerly of Prestonsburg, December 21, at West Liberty; Robert Baldrige, 59, formerly of East Point, at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Joe Alley, 57, of Ligon, last week, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Ellen Huff Gearheart, 85, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, at Columbus, Ohio; Bart Mellon, 63, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at the Paintsville Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

January 6, 1955

Clarence Dale, 24, and the Rev. Fred Baldrige, 58, former residents of this county, were drowned, Saturday, when the auto in which they were driving from

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School

and Preschool age 2-4. Day-care hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

■ BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).

■ Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

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■ Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

■ Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

■ Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

■ McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

■ For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

Korner

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tance, assured her the dogs would not bite and she proceeded into the store.

She picked up two little cakes to go with their cappuccinos and headed for the counter to pay. A young man behind the counter noticed she was wearing the pain of the day's news vividly upon her face.

Smiling from ear to ear, the young man says, "I'll tell you what, you pay me for the cakes, but the cappuccinos are going to cost you only a smile."

"How sweet, how kind," she thought of this total young stranger's kindness. He could clearly see she was having a really bad day and his act of kindness brought that little bit of sunshine to its darkness.

She couldn't wait to get to the car and share what had just happened with her husband.

Only he, too, had a story to share. At the same time she had experienced kindness from a stranger so, too, had her husband - his coming from the gentleman with the dogs sitting just outside their car. The two began to talk and after hearing of the many hardships and health problems

the curbside gentleman had faced, the old man continued: "Still when I get up every morning and am able to put my shoes on and walk, I am thankful that I am alive."

That one little sentence made such an impact on my friend's husband. They were words he needed to hear at that very moment - and they were coming from a total stranger that God had used to shed light on a dark moment of his life.

She continued to share how she truly believes "Angels are most definitely among us," and as we were about to part ways, she patted my shoulder and said, "There you go, Kim. That's your column for next week. Share it, and let it be known that sometimes the smallest acts of kindness make a magnitude of difference."

Yes, you may only be one person in this big ol' world of ours, but you and your actions also can mean the world to just one person, too!

Thank You for letting me share your story, May God's Blessings be with each of you.

Til Next Week...

Critter

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...you have a bumper sticker that reads "My German Shepherd is Smarter Than Your Graduate Student."

...you pray they will someday manufacture Teflon furniture.

...you have phone calls forwarded to PetsMart.

...you absentmindedly pat people on the head or scratch them behind the ears.

...given the choice of having your teeth cleaned or their teeth cleaned, they get their teeth cleaned.

...you not only allow pets on the couch, guests have to sit on the floor because the dog has "territorial issues."

...your spouse missed the final game of the World Series because the cat wanted to watch his favorite video, "Birds of North America."

...anytime your animal appears lethargic, you go online and investigate vetmed websites, pose questions to your address book and on e-lists, and by the time you digest all the information and field the correspondence, the animal has torn out the window screens and left something disgusting in your favorite pair of shoes.

...your chatroom handle is "Queen of Spayeds."

...you and your vet are on a first name basis and he genuflects when you enter the waiting room. His daughter at Harvard refers to you as "Auntie."

...you needed a prescription to recover from "Old Yeller."

...you've forwarded more warnings about the dangers of chocolate, onions and mistletoe than the National Center

for Disease Control has issued about anthrax and smallpox.

...you wear white year 'round, not because you are flaunting a fashion law or belong to a religious sect, but because it is bleachable.

...the world would never guess from your "critterspeak" posts to e-lists that in reality you are chairman of the IBM Corporation.

...by the time you investigate different flea control products, their advantages and potential risks, natural versus chemical methods, and study the life cycle of the flea, any fleas have died of old age.

...you tell your children to "heel!" in the grocery store.

...for relaxation, you went mall hopping with your girlfriends. Your eyes glazed over when you saw a sign in front of a pet shop, "20% Off All Puppies & Kittens," and you slapped three security guards before they got you safely contained in the manager's office.

(Note to Bonnie and John: I'm sorry, I couldn't print that last one...it was hilarious, but I don't think it would have made it past the censors!)

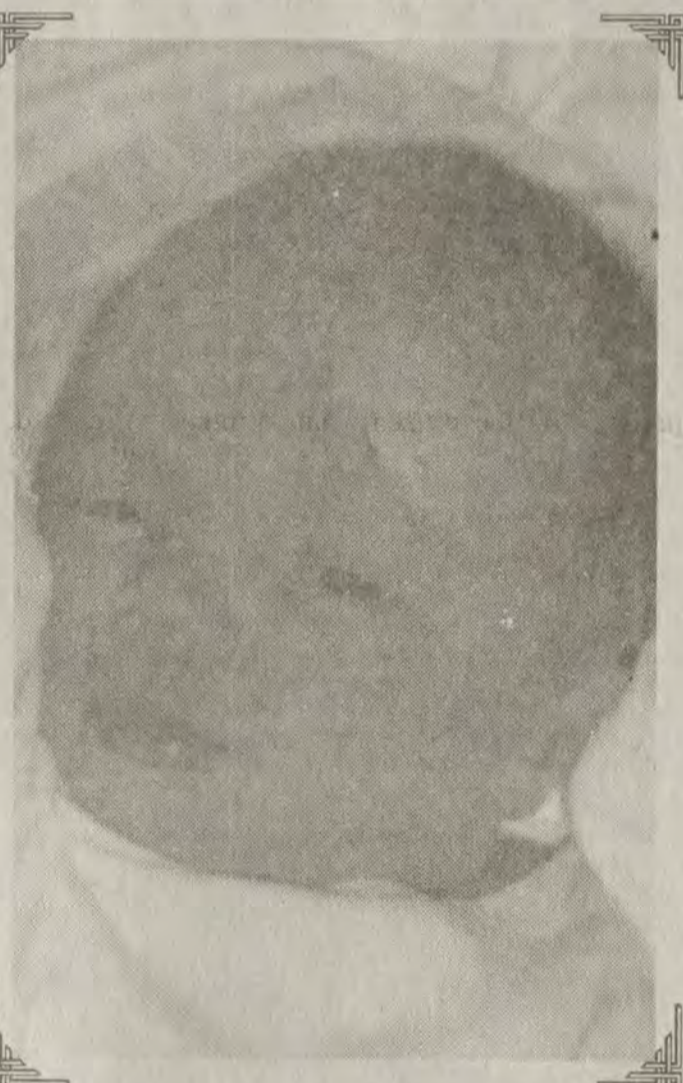
I actually recognize some of this material as originating from Kat Chaplin, aka "The Neutress of the Night." Her goal is to bring the spay/neuter message to the general public by tickling their collective funny bone. As a matter of fact, our own SNOOP organization slogan, "Prevent a Litter, Fix Your Critter," came from Kat's website. For more of her humor, check out NeuterNeuter Land and her "Humor us, Neuter us" campaign at www.ahimsatx.org.

Births/Birthdays



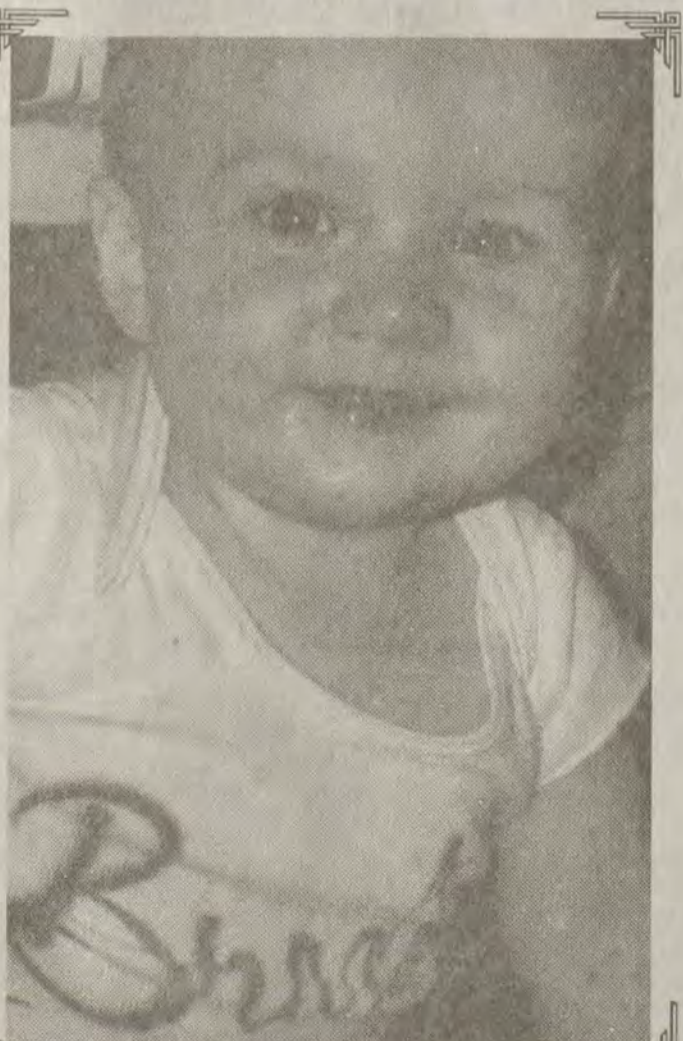
HRMC's New Year Baby

Highlands' official "First Baby of the New Year" arrived at 9:12 p.m., January 4, 2005. Natalie Nicole Whitney weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., was 20 inches long, and was delivered by Dr. Angela Maggard. Natalie Nicole is the daughter of Savannah Robinson and Billy Whitney of Prestonsburg. HRMC's Auxiliary presented Natalie with a variety of baby items and a blanket. HRMC presented Natalie with their traditional gift of a \$500 US Savings Bond.



It's a Girl!

Emily Roberta Johnson was born to proud parents, Susan Stephens and Dicky Johnson, on December 17, 2004, at 6:06 p.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz., and was 19 inches long. Welcome, little one!



Braxton is 1!

Braxton Chase Castle celebrated his first birthday on December 22, 2004, with a "Barney" theme party attended by family and friends, at the Prestonsburg McDonald's. Braxton is the son of Brian and Lisa Castle, of Langley.

Anniversary



50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis Setser will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their marital vows on Saturday, January 15, 2005, at half past six o'clock in the evening, at the Lancer Baptist Church. A reception in the couple's honor will be held immediately following at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Mr. and Mrs. Setser are the proud parents of six children and nine grandchildren.

Weddings



Tackett-Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Tackett, of Weeksbury, along with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson Jr., of Wheelwright, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Angela Tackett and Harold "Boo" Johnson III. Angela, a graduate of South Floyd High School, is currently employed as a respiratory therapist at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is the granddaughter of Elmer and Lexie Tackett, of Weeksbury, and Tennis and Mae Bates, of Wadsworth, Ohio. Harold, a graduate of Wheelwright High School, is employed as a mason. He is the grandson of Harold and Clotline Johnson, and Gilbert and Geraldine Osborne, all of Wheelwright. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place at half past one o'clock in the afternoon, Saturday, January 15, 2005, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Extension Homemaker Leaders to meet Jan. 25

The Homemaker Leader Training Lesson on skills for creating happiness and blessing others, "Making the Growth Choice," will be held at the Floyd County Extension Office, at 10 a.m., on January 25. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Theresa Scott, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, at 886-2668.

Old Photographs Restored

<p>BEFORE</p>	<p>Have those irreplaceable photos repaired now, before further deterioration. Creases, specs, tears, and stains removed. Also prints made from photos.</p>	<p>AFTER</p>
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Laferty

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ager David Evans for review. The city's legal advisors are currently reviewing the students report.

Laferty and Ruark received three credit hours for the work, in addition to gaining valuable hands-on experience that they will be able to apply later in their respective careers. The practicum was super-

vised by Jerry Palmer, EKU psychology department. Laferty and Ruark are both students in the university's industrial and organizational psychology program.

Amanda Laferty is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and Pikeville College. She is the daughter of Don and Ruth Laferty, of Mud Creek.

Yesterdays

Detroit to spend the holiday with relatives in this county wrecked south of Louisa and plunged into Barnett's Creek...Dr. Edward B. Leslie was named, Monday, to the City Council post here from which C. H. Corbin resigned several months ago...The first clinic to be held in Floyd County for the benefit of retarded children has been scheduled for January 18, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin...Elsie Gearheart, 28, formerly of McDowell, Demorris Frasure, 25, of McDowell, and Herman Woods, of Moscow, O., were instantly killed at Minnie, New Year's Day, when their automobile struck a pickup truck...Awarding of a contract by April on the health center proposed for Floyd County were envisioned this week, after the State Building and Properties Commission had approved the site for the structure...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Vaughan, a daughter, Christmas Day, at Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: O. P. Powers, 81, Friday, at his home, here; Dr. Oscar T. Stephens, 62, well-known Prestonsburg physician, Sunday, at his home, here; Mrs. Lena May Butler, of Wheelwright, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Asa Quarles, 69, of Wheelwright, last Friday; Mrs. Emma Poe, Tuesday, at her home at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Annie Blackburn Sescio, 78, last

Saturday, at her home at Gulnare; Charles Marvin Wilson, 50, December 29, at his home at Wheelwright; Mrs. Audrey Paige, 28, of Manton, Sunday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago
January 4, 1945

The casualty report lists as dead: Lt. Darwin Caudill, of Garrett, in Germany, December 3; Pvt. Alvin Nelson, 20, of Dwale, December 13, in Germany; S-Sgt. George Elliott Webb, of Wayland, previously reported missing); the missing—Sgt. Robert L. Runnels, of West Prestonsburg, in Europe; a prisoner—Pvt. Glenn H. Craft, of Hueysville, previously listed as missing; the wounded—Pvt. Hobart M. Montgomery, of Auxier, October 6, in Germany; Pfc. Earl Hopson, of Drift, December 9; Sgt. Billy Paris Conley, of Cliff, December 15, in France; S-Sgt. Roy Patrick, of Hunter, Pfc. Edgill Shepherd, of Hueysville, December 10, in Germany; Sgt. Marcus C. Hurd, of Prestonsburg, December 14, in Germany; Pfc. Henry O. Wilson, of Ivel, December 4, in Germany...The home of J.D. Collins burned here at 2:30 a.m., December 24,

and the following night Collins' service station was burglarized...Dr. Lt. Nick Wallen, who was missing after his plane was forced down in France, is visiting his parents at Banner...The Meade Bros. Hardware will open here about January 25, with L. B. Moore, of Prestonsburg, as manager...There died: Mrs. Eddie Hoover Lewis, of Hueysville, December 24, in Washington; Raleigh M. Oakley, of Hueysville, Sunday; Lula Clark Hall, 46, of Wheelwright, January 1, at a Martin hospital; Wilma Lewis, 17, December 21, at Drift; Mrs. Paul Hall Gibson, 44, December 24, at Tram; Lack Salisbury, 68, December 15, at Toler's Creek; Harry H. Kazee, 39, formerly of this county, December 28, at Outwood Veterans' Hospital; Pennie J. Gibson, formerly of this county, in Ohio; Mrs. Rebecca Vance, of Ligon, January 1, at a Martin hospital; Arthur Boban, 54, December 26, at Weeksbury.

Seventy Years Ago
January 4, 1935

The circuit court term, which will convene here, Monday, has 400 cases on its docket—seven slated for trial on murder

charges. Voters in the Garrett consolidated school district voted, 263 to 21, for an extra 25 cents-per-\$100 valuation, December 22, to provide a fund of not more than \$25,000 for school construction purposes...Wounded in a Christmas day fight, at Harold, were Charlie Hall and Kidd Clark, miners, and Henry Bowling, coal company bank boss. All will recover...Miss Opal May, of Langley, has been voted by the student body of Morris-Harvey College, Barbourville, West Virginia, the most popular girl student...Marrs Ramey was found dead today (Thursday) on the railway tracks across the river from here, and is believed to have been a train victim...Miss Laura Slusher suffered a skull fracture, Saturday night, at Martin when hit by a soft drink bottle...There died: Sam Risner, 11, killed by a train, December 24, at Garrett; Mrs. George Hart, 52, December 30, at Wayland; James A. Calvert, 47, December 28, at Betsy Layne; Mrs. Rebecca Estep Jones, 77, December 24, at Banner; Dolly Mae Hollifield, 8, January 1, at Garrett, a victim of burns; Everett Ray, 18, of Cliff, December 19, at a Martin hospital; Betty Jo, three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Harris, of Prestonsburg, at a Paintsville hospital, December 28.

Old Christmas

Girl Scout Troop 418 was on hand to greet guests as were as a few descendants of Samuel May and members of the Friends of the May House. Tours of the Samuel May House may be arranged for school groups and visitors by contacting the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission at 886-1341. Members of the Board of Trustees of the Samuel May House include: James Spencer, Don R. Johnson, Patricia A. Johnson, Garnett Fairchild, Lillian Baldrige, Alice Howard-Perry, Marshall Davidson, Samuel D. Hatcher, Sabra Jacobs and John Rosenberg.



Samuel Hatcher treated visitors to a tour of the house while providing interesting historical information.

Floyd students recognized as outstanding

Several Floyd Countians have earned a high level of academic distinction at Alice Lloyd College for the 2004 Fall Semester. Named to the President's List for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) were Amber Dawn Bilitier, of Grethel; Kristina Nicole Parsons Coleman, of Betsy Layne; William Joseph Hall, of Wheelwright; Katherine Hall, of Wayland; Nikki LaSha Patton, of Wayland; Devon Carol Reynolds, of Grethel; Amanda Gene Robinette, of Harold; and

Nicholas D. Samons, of Martin. Named to the Dean's Distinguished List for achieving a grade point average of 3.75-3.99 (based on a 4.0 scale) were Adam Ray Hicks, of Bevinsville; Whitney Dawn Lykens, of Betsy Layne; Sheena Beth Hall Schlick, of Wheelwright; Lisa Marie Wells, of Wayland; and Jennifer Le-Ann White, of Prestonsburg. Named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.25-3.74 (based on a 4.0 grading scale) were

Tabatha Lynn Caudill, of Martin; Alexis R. Collins, of Betsy Layne; Jessica Rae Hale, of Prestonsburg; Joshua Wayne Johnson, of Bevinsville; Daniel Albert Knausz, of Harold; Sarah Elizabeth Noble, of Garrett; Avenelle Mayo Shaffer, of Prestonsburg; Shannon Leslie Sizemore, of Martin; Stephanie Dawn Skeans, of McDowell; Morgan Brooke Slone, of Martin; Ronnie Michael Slone, of Hueysville; Tiffany O'megan Stephens, of Wayland; and Brandon Morris Stapleton, of Prestonsburg.



The BSCTC Community Choir will begin a new semester on Tues., Jan. 18, and community members are invited to join. Pictured are several of the choir members performing at their Christmas Concert on Dec. 7. (From Left) Brandon Maynard, Nellie Baldwin, Karla Ramey, Tamralee Frazier, Tereshia Keene, and Mandy Stepp lift their voices singing "He Never Failed Me Yet."

BSCTC Community Choir begins new semester

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College Community Choir will begin a new semester of rehearsals and performances on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Choir Director Laura Ford Hall welcomes everyone to join in. "We welcome our students, faculty, staff, and community members to join us. We have a wonderful choir, and I look forward to a new semester of good music and fun." The choir will be singing a variety of music this semester including LeAnn Womak's "I

Hope You Dance," "Phantom of the Opera Medley," "Pie Jesu," and "Psalm and Alleluia," among others. "Anyone can join the choir," Hall said. "We would love to have beginners and experienced singers, as well as everyone in-between." The choir serves the BSCTC campuses of Pikeville, Prestonsburg, and Paintsville, so all Eastern Kentucky citizens are welcome. However, those wishing to join should be fourteen or older. The choir is

accompanied by Candace Nall, piano and voice instructor at the Mountain Arts Center. The group's first rehearsal will be on Tues., Jan. 18 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM on the Prestonsburg Campus, in the Johnson Building, room 102. The group will meet every Tuesday at the same time until the final performance during the last week of April. Music will be provided for each member and there is no fee to join. Questions can be directed to Hall by calling 886-3863 ext. 67227.

Oak

would cause all the girls to shriek in pretended agony and complain of the cold chills that ran up their spines. I guess it was sort of the same feeling as when you pulled a popsicle stick through your teeth. The blackboard, or at least the soft, messy chalk the teacher used to write on it, was also used as a yardstick to measure just who was and who wasn't the teacher's pet. The two or three "pets" always got to leave the room a couple of times a week so they could go outside and "clean" the erasers. Actually, it was a job I wouldn't have particularly wanted anyway, since all they did was stand out in the schoolyard somewhere, hold them at arm's length and slap two erasers together until

those slapping them could breathe again without coughing. Quite naturally, since kids seldom thought beyond their most immediate wants and needs, we never gave much thought to what it might have been like at school before Mr. George Baron at the West Point Military Academy introduced blackboards and chalk back in 1801. We never considered the fact that the teacher would have had to write each spelling word 15 or 20 times, depending upon the number of pupils in the room, and the considerable amount of time all that would have taken; that it might have even cut into our recess and lunch period. Mercy! Research tells us that blackboards were made of slate until

along about the 1960s. Steel boards coated with porcelain enamel was used then, and to ease the starkness afforded by blackboards, green boards were introduced as an alternative. Even though they're green, most of the people I know still call them blackboards. Eventually, people started to refer to them as chalk boards, but now, teachers don't even use chalk anymore. In the late 1990s, someone came up with the dry erasable, white board where the teachers use colorful markers instead of chalk. Losing the blackboard is all in the name of progress, of course, but one has to wonder how, in this day and time, the rest of the class can tell who the teacher's pets are.

Poet's Corner

Your Love

You took away my suffering,
anxiety and despair.
You gave me love, peace, and wisdom,
for you numbered my every hair.
You took away my anger,
deceit and envy.
For grace, joy and happiness,
you gave me plenty.
You took away my bottom
and raised me far above.
I never had anything
until I had your love.
You took away my sins
and put them onto you.
Oh, Dear Jesus,
How I Love You!

by Jamie Renee

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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

FOR SALE: 2003 Mustang LX Saleen Body Kit. Power Everything. Super low miles. \$15,000. 874-2745, May trade for Jeep Wrangler.

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160-Motorcycles

1995 Honda CVR 900RR Cobra and Yoshi pipes-slip on with 2 matching helmets. Runs great call 606-226-1577 or 606-889-9283

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

180-Truck

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210-Job Listing

CLASS A CDL DRIVER/WORKER NEEDED. Holiday, insurance, vacation, etc. Some experience helpful but not necessary. Labor positions available, rate of pay to be discussed at interview. Call Mary at Star Construction. 606-874-1263.

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350-Miscellaneous

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Job Title: Physical Therapist
Application Date Open: December 22, 2004
Application Date Closed: January 22, 2005
Salary: Salary commensurate with education and experience in accordance with certified salary schedule.
Contact Person: Bill Rigney, Program Coordinator (606) 439-2311 x 31

Minimum Qualifications:

- * Current Kentucky Physical Therapist License
- * 3 years experience working in the field of Physical Therapy preferred
- * Basic Technology Skills
- * Ability to work with multiple individuals, groups and agencies
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* Independent travel and overnight lodging are required for this position. Applicants should be able to handle moderate to heavy lifting and be able to transport materials to service provision locations and for training purposes.

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570-Mobile Homes

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FOR SALE: 1994 14x70 Fleetwood, 3 BR, 1 BA, outbuildings, and 2 porches. Good condition. Prestonsburg area. Call 606-899-2033

FOR SALE: 98 14X70 Fleetwood mobile home. Simulated stone underpinning, 2 porches. Located at Bear Hollow. Asking \$12,000 Call 889-0414

For Sale 3 bed room 2 full bath,

Double wide, 3 years old for more information call 606-889-0937 or 606-889-9654

580-Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: 50 acres of coal in Laurel Fork of Quicksand in Knott County, KY. Call 260-347-0259.

RENTALS

610-Apartments

APT FOR RENT: 1 bedroom apartment for rent. Utilities paid. \$400 per month. Call 886-6061

FOR RENT: 2 BR apt. Fully furnished, \$100 per week includes utilities. 886-8366.

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment on

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FOR RENT: 1 BR, kitchen furnished.

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FOR RENT: 1 2 BR, 2 BA apartment, eat in kitchen, all major appliances included, utilities included. \$695 per mo., plus dep. Call 606-478-5173. *

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620-Storage/Office

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630-Houses

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FOR RENT: House for rent located beside waffle house on U.S. 23.

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FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom house with stove, refrigerator, & W/D hookup in Prestonsburg. \$550 rent plus \$250 deposit. No utilities included. Call 874-4167 or 226-2733.

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640-Land/Lots

For Sale: 2 Large Lots on Stone Crest Golf Course. Call 886-3313, 886-3314, 226-2468

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

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650-Mobile Homes

FOR RENT: Two bedroom trailer for rent. Call 874-1991.

2 BR All Electric Mobile Home For Rent.

Martin Area. Call 285-3980

670-Comm. Property

For Rent: Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

680-Comm. Property

FOR SALE: Beauty Shop Equipment for sale. Call 886-2567.

812-FREE

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

815-Lost & Found

LOST CAT: Lost Cat 1/1/05 from 6361 Spurlock Rd. Yellow tabby cat named Presley. No collar, poor vision, approximately 10 years old. \$200 reward. Call early morning or night 889-6437. Call daytime 434-2622.

850-Personal

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-1357

Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWABS 1999-02 Plaintiff

VS,

Audrey Stanley, Ricky Charles Stanley, unknown defendant, spouse of Audrey Stanley; unknown defendant, spouse of Ricky Charles Stanley on January 13, 1995; Central Financial Services, Inc.; Commonwealth of Kentucky Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 9th day of July, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$43,024.06, 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 27th day of January, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 350 Right Fork Rice Branch, Banner, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on an iron stake in John Burchett's line;

thence with said Burchett line 108 feet in a northern direction to an iron stake; thence in a westerly direction a straight line 94 feet to an iron

stake; thence in a southern direction 108 feet to a stake;

thence in an easterly direction 94 feet to the beginning, being a lot 94 feet by 108 feet.

Being the same property conveyed to Ricky Charles Stanley and Audrey Stanley by deed dated January 13, 1995, and recorded in Deed Book 397, Page 591.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will

be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Kerri L. Nunley Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-5480 513/241-3100 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-2812

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on January 28, 2005, at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin, Kentucky, at 11 a.m. 1996 Chevrolet Blazer 4 Door VIN 1GNCT18W0TK118102 All items are sold "as is where is". Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with

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Qualified candidates should submit resumé to: **Human Resources Department Carl D. Perkins Job Corps 478 Meadows Branch Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 Fax: 606-886-6073**

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The Pepsi Bottling Group of Pikeville, KY, has the following immediate employment opportunities available:

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Applications for both positions will be accepted **On-Line ONLY**. Log on to Pepsi's website at www.pbgcareers.com.

Requirements for each position will be explained on the website. Testing will also be given on-line.

Please do not call or come by the Pepsi facility, there will be no exceptions to the hiring process.

the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Tina Mills
First Guaranty Bank
36 Main Street
P.O. Box 888
Martin, KY 41649

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CASE NO. 04-CI-00742

US Bank, NA Plaintiff
Vs.
Barbara G. Hamilton and Todd Hamilton and Legal Recoverirs, Inc. Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of Default judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 8th day of November, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$114,330.47, 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 27th day of January, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 573 Mare Creek Road, Stanville, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot #2 and its appurtenances beginning with the line of Scalf Engineering Company and Center of Culvert in branch; thence down Maynards Branch to the center of Mare Creek; thence up Mare Creek with the line of Nora Maynard to a stake; thence across to a power pole near the road; thence 192 feet with the Highway Department right-of-way, back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Todd Hamilton and Barbara Hamilton, married, by deed dated November 20, 2000, of record in Deed Book 460, Page 54, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE

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

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(c) The purchaser shall be required to

assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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Plaintiff's Attorney:
Hon. Joseph F. Grimme
14 North Grand Avenue
Fort Thomas, KY 41075
William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5461, Amendment No. 2 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and an additional 1,609.3 acres of underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 2178.7 acres.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground method of mining. The amendment area will underlie lands owned by William E. & Peggy Stephens, John Paul & Lou Ellen Pitts, Eva & George Thornsburg, John Paul Pitts, Shade Pitts, Floyd & Edna Davis, Jeffrey & Zelma M. Watson, John T. & Anna Lea Thornsburg, Kenneth & Phyllis Reffitt, Betty Conn, Dolores Smith, Billy E. & Susan Reffitt, Ina Thornsburg, Polly Elizabeth Pitts, Sandra Sue Thacker, Floyd Allen, William P. Runnels, et al., Madge Allen Casey, Effie Lois Bond, Pamela Frasure, Phil Ray Frasure, Effie Lois Bond, Thomas Sherman Ratliff, Mary Margaret Baldrige, Rondel R. & Priscilla Prater, Danny Ousley,

Josephine Ousley, Effie Hughes, Mont Ousley - Heirs, Danny Lee Ousley, Virginia Hicks & David Reffitt, AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, Bobby Matthew & Reta Akers, Alice D. Isaac, Roger & Joyce Slone, Steven Reed, David & Billy Marie Smith, Allen Ratliff - Estate, Myrtle, Bertha & Sydney Ratliff, Jack & Mary Ratliff - Estate, Henry M. & Dora Allen, and Tamara K. & Mary Christina Hicks, Phyllis Ratliff Lenox, Edward Lee & Sadie Nolen Shepherd, Peachie Pitts, Jeffrey & Angie Campbell, Dexter Dale Reffit and Billy E & Susan Reffitt.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine 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.

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 836-0308 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 269.6 acres and will underlie an additional 186.9 acres, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and high-wall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Ollie Jack Howell, et al., G.M.O.

Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Patrick Brian Ousley, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Billy Tussey, Annie Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Ollie Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Wallace, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Glen Shepherd, Clinton Handshoe, Sylvia Warrix, Annie Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 7. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. KY Route 7 will be closed to traffic during blasting operations.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine 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.

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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.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Permit No. 836-5429
Increment No. 10
In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on permit number 836-5429, Increment No. 10, which was last issued on 10/09/91. The application covers an area of approximately 866.39 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Ky. Rte. 2029's junction with KY Rte. 7, and located in Sayers Branch. The latitude is 37°30'45". The longitude is 82°53'06".

The bond now in

effect for Increment No. 10 is a certificate of deposit and a bond pool type in the amount of \$34,500.00. Approximately sixty (60) percent of the original bond amount in the amount of \$34,500.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, and seeding to achieve the approved post mining land use, which was completed in October 2004. Results thus far achieved are: area is stable and the post mining land use has been established.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 18, 2005.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 21, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 18, 2005.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-978

U.S. Bank, N.A. as Trustee, Successor by merger by Firststar Bank, N.A., Successor in interest to Firststar Bank Milwaukee, N.A., as trustee for Salomon Brothers Mortgage Securities VII, Inc., Floating Rate Mortgage Pass-Through Certificate Series 1999-NC5 Plaintiff VS.

Anthony Swiger, Fran Swiger, United States of America, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Collections, Department of Revenue Cabinet, County of Floyd Defendants

Re-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Renewed Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of November, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$51,519,00.90, 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 13th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located on Walnut Street, Tram, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot Nos. 97, 99 and 17 1/2 feet of Lot No. 100, adjoining Lot No. 99, in the Riverside Addition to Tram, Floyd County, Kentucky, as shown by map of said addition filed in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description of said lots.

Being the same property conveyed to Anthony Swiger and Fran Swiger, by a deed dated August 26, 1999, of record in Deed Book 439, Page 209, in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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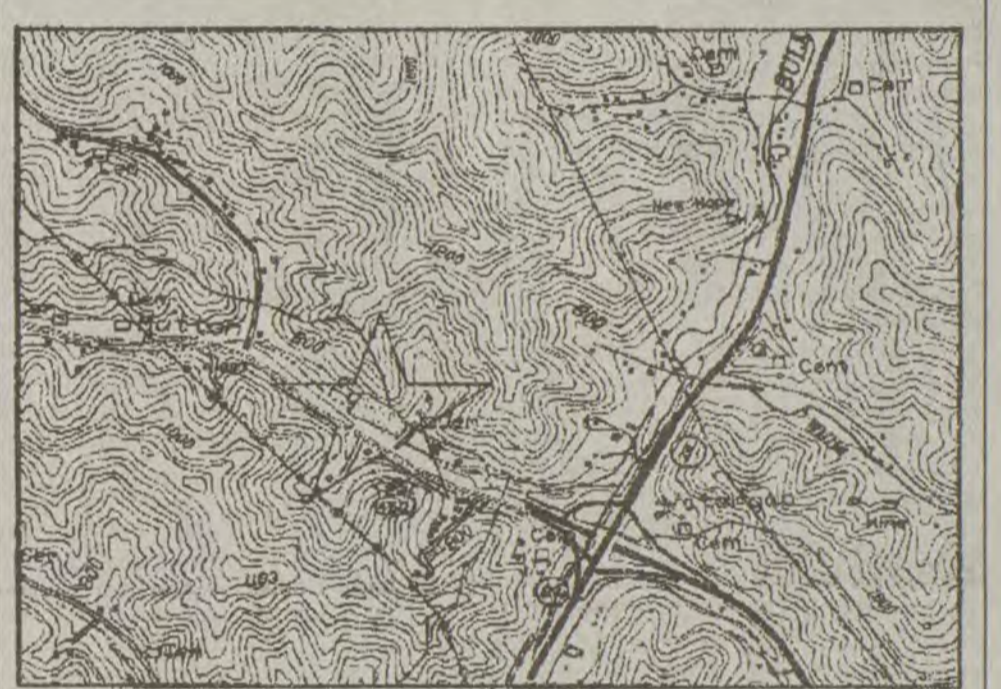
COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-00328

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Series Plaintiff Vs.

Orville Mitchell, Jr.; Shana Mitchell; the unknown spouses, if any, of Betty Shannon Tackett and Donald Ray Shannon; the unknown heirs or devisees, if any, of Earl D. Shannon and their unknown spouses, if any, of Floyd County, Kentucky; and the unknown spouse, if any, of Zada Shannon Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of November, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the



Prestonsburg 7.5' Quadrangle Vicinity Map Scale: 1" = 2000'

ORDNANCE NO. 8-2004

An ordinance of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, by which the City annexes into the City Corporate Limits certain real property located on U.S. 23 South.

WHEREAS, Floyd Skeans, owner of property contained within that certain tract and boundary of unincorporated territory as more specifically described herein below, and as reflected by the Annexation Map herein attached as Exhibit "A", have given prior consent in writing and performed the City for annexation and incorporation into the city limits of Prestonsburg said property; and,

WHEREAS, the area as hereinbelow more particularly described, and reflected in Exhibit "A" hereto (Proposed Annexation Map) lies adjacent to or is contiguous to the City of Prestonsburg's current boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Prestonsburg City Council having considered the matter and determined after due discussion and deliberation that it is in the best interest of the City and best interest of the property owners whose property is contained within the area proposed to be annexed; and,

through passage of this ordinance set forth hereinbelow, declares it desirable to annex into the corporate limits of the City of Prestonsburg that certain area more fully described below;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section I: The City of Prestonsburg does hereby annex into the municipal corporate limits the property described as follows:

A certain tract(s) or parcel(s) of property lying along U.S. Route 23 on Mutton Fork of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, near Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows: Beginning on a point and being a portion of the Floyd Skeans 22.62 acre tract, (Deed Book 363, Page 785), thence with a line in said property, S 56° 12' 51" E, 369.59' to a point, said point being a corner to the Allen First Baptist Church (Deed Book 485, Page 511) and the existing Prestonsburg Annexation line, thence with the line of Floyd Skeans property, the Allen First Baptist Church, and the existing Annexation line, S 23° 51' 35" E, 175.17' to a corner

of said lines, said corner being described as a roof bolt, thence S 42° 50' 12" W, 111.05' to an Iron Pin (Set) corner, said corner being on the U.S. 23 Right of Way Line (Deed Book 209, Pg. 211) and being 136.00' left U.S. 23 centerline station 157+03, thence, leaving the Allen First Baptist Church property and existing Annexation line and with the U.S. 23 right of way line, N 52° 40' 58" W, 123.60' to a point, said point being 147.65' left of U.S. 23 centerline station 155+76, thence N 61° 38' 06" W, 37.93' to a point, said point being 144.77' left of U.S. 23 centerline station 155+39, thence N 69° 03' 08", 46.91' to a point, said point being 134.09' left of U.S. 23 centerline station 154+90, thence N 64° 50' 08" W, 42.56' to a point, said point being 127.53' left of centerline station 154+47, thence staying on the U.S. 23 right of way line, N 57° 41' 41" W, 68.74' to a point, said point being 124.91' left of U.S. 23 centerline station 153+77, thence, N 77° 30' 06" W, 56.85' to a point, said point being 102.65' right of U.S. 23 centerline station 153+23, thence with the right of way line, N 63° 49' 21" W, 58.44, to a point, said point being 92.25' right of U.S. 23 centerline station 152.63, thence, N 52° 38'

16" W, 71.83' to a point, said point being 92.76' right of U.S. 23 centerline station 151+91, thence leaving U.S. 23 right of way line, N 33° 47' 09" E, 237.46' to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.37 Acres +/-.

Note: The above described parcel is for annexation purposes only and not intended for transfer or conveyance. The above description was based and not limited to actual field surveys, information from the Property Valuation office as well as areas previously annexed and surveys of others. This description meets all criteria of HB 619 and certifies no easements above or underground.

Section II. The Annexation map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" reflects the descriptions as hereinabove stated and is incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof.

Section III. Upon the enactment of this ordinance the territory shall become a part of the City of Prestonsburg in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statue 81A.412.

So, resolved, ordained, and adopted, this 27th day of Dec. 2004.

JERRY FANNIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:
Peggy Bailey
CITY CLERK
1st Reading: 12/13/2004
2nd Reading: 12/27/2004

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES CIRCULATION DEPT. ASSEMBLING NEWSPAPERS

Part-time: Day and night shifts

APPLY AT 263 S. CENTRAL AVE. No Phone Calls, Please! E.O.E.

principal sum of \$63,233.34, 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 27th day of January, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 204 Cow Hollow Road, Drift, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

The property located at Drift, Kentucky, up in Cow Hollow, starting with a steel stake on the right hand side of the county road and running in a north direction 88 feet to a fence post which is in line with a small bush at the foot of the hill. Thence running a west direction around the foot of the hill 126 feet. Thence running in a east direction following the edge of the county road to the beginning. This is forming a triangle shaped lot. This lot contains a five room dwelling with bath and carport.

Being the same property conveyed to Orville Mitchell, Jr., and Shana Mitchell, his wife, by deed dated December 13, 1995, and recorded in Deed Book 391, Page 696, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

matter contained herein.
 Plaintiff's Attorney:
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 CASE NO. 04-CI-00742

US Bank, NA
 Plaintiff
 Vs.
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 Defendants
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
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name. It is located on Sage Allen Branch, approximately one mile up Sage Allen Branch on the left hand side of the branch near the residence of Jerry Banks, and has been abandoned for many years.

2. This notice is to request assistance from anyone having knowledge of persons buried in this location or the names of their next of kin.

3. If you have any information about persons buried in this location, please contact George Adkins at Knott Floyd Land Company, P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, (606) 874-9003.

4. This notice will run each Wednesday in the Floyd County Times for a period of 60 days from January 12, 2005. At the expiration of 60 days notice, Jerry Banks will petition the Floyd Fiscal Court to grant authority to relocate the graves whose next of kin cannot be located.

5. The graves requiring Fiscal Court approval to be relocated will be relocated at a perpetual care cemetery in Floyd County, and will be marked by appropriate headstone and footstone. The relocation will be supervised by a licensed funeral director who will have obtained the appropriate permits from the Health Services Cabinet, Department of Vital Statistics. The relocation is planned to take place on or after March 21, 2005.

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been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RELOCATE GRAVES

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0306
 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.50 mile west of Hi Hat, in Floyd County. The proposed operation, will disturb 40 surface acres, and will underlie 2,736 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2,758.5 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 mile west of KY Route 979's junction with KY Route 122, and located 0.50 mile west of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elkhorn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elkhorn Coal Co., LLC, Progress Land Company, Eneropro, Inc., Day

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Jerry Banks is the owner of certain property located at Sage Allen Branch (formerly known as Motts Branch and General Allen Branch) of Salt Lick on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County (Deed Book 289, Page 434). He had discovered an abandoned cemetery on his property which contains two (2) identifiable graves and possibly four (4) unmarked graves. It is his intention to relocate these graves with the assistance of Knott Floyd Land Company due to mining operations on his property.

The identifiable graves are: Bobbie Shepherd and Wanda Hicks. Permission to relocate the grave of Bobbie Shepherd has been granted by her next of kin. The only other identifiable grave is that of Wanda Hicks, born 1926 and died 1927. All reasonable efforts have been made to contact Wanda Hicks' next of kin and to determine if there are other graves in this location.

1. The cemetery has no known official

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This Week: **Community Service**

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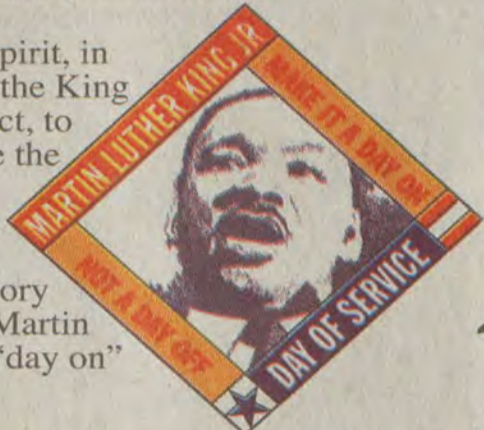
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

“Make a career of humanity... and you will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Service was at the heart of Martin Luther King's philosophy. “Everybody can be great because everybody can serve,” he once said, and he urged Americans to take action to improve the lives of others.

In recognition of that spirit, in 1994 Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, to support efforts to make the King holiday a day of service. Since then, millions of Americans have honored the memory of Dr. King by taking Martin Luther King Day as a “day on” instead of a “day off.”



People across the nation will spend Martin Luther King Day volunteering to make their communities better places. Some will plant community gardens; others will clean up parks and beaches. Still others will read to children or the elderly.

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Identify the purposes of, and the people and events honored in, commemorative holidays, including the human struggles that were the basis for the events; understand the significance of national holidays and the achievements of people associated with them.

Who You Gonna Call?

Many communities have an organization that helps volunteers find places to help others. Write the letter that comes after each letter of the alphabet on the spaces below to find a place you can call to see how you can be of service to your community.

V
U N K T M S D D Q B D M S D Q

Service Starts Friendship!

Kayla and Tyler might never have become friends. They go to different schools. They like different music. But, on the Martin Luther King Day of Service, they each volunteered to play with kittens at the local animal rescue center. They found out that they both love animals! Now they are good friends.

How many things can you find that Kayla and Tyler have in common?



IDEA: Read Kid Scoop to a child younger than you.

IDEA: With some friends, pick up litter in a local park.

IDEA: Help a neighbor wash their car.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students recognize positive ways they can contribute to their communities.

Extra! Extra!

Service Search

Look through the newspaper to find:

- 1 person helping others
- 2 verbs
- 3 proper nouns
- 4 common nouns
- 5 adjectives

Standards Link: Language Arts/Grammar: Recognize parts of speech including verbs, nouns and adjectives.

Service Starts at Home

Sometimes the best place to be of service is in your own home. Make a list of five things you could do on Martin Luther King Day to help your mom, dad, a grandparent, brother, sister or neighbor.

TASK	COMPLETED
Empty the dishwasher for mom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the individual responsibilities of citizenship.

Double Double Word Search

COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEER
SERVICE
SHOVEL
HELP
SPIRIT
CLEAN
IMPROVE
ACTION
MARTIN
LUTHER
DOOR
NEIGHBOR
LOVE
HOME

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

D M L E A D A Y E S
I A O U C C O M H T
M R V P T I O O F I
P T E I L H V S R R
R I O E R E E R V I
O N A E L C H R E P
V O L U N T E E R S
E Y T I N U M M O C
R O B H G I E N I C

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

I Make a Difference

I make a difference in my mom and dad's lives because my parents don't speak English. I can teach my mom and dad to speak in English at home.

Nestor,
3rd Grade

I made a difference with my mom. I helped her feel important and that we needed her. Also that she was a big part of our family's life. I also made a difference in school when a girl was being made fun of and I stood up for her and now no one is mean to her and she's one of my good friend's.

Daniella,
6th Grade

I make a difference to my granddad when I visit him because he is lonely but I make him happy! We usually go to national parks in Arizona because Arizona is where he lives. He loves me and I love visiting him too!

Maya,
6th Grade

I make a difference in my little sister's life because it's my duty and honor to protect her from my little brother and things that might hurt her. I also take care of her when my mom's busy.

Kian,
3rd Grade

I have made a difference in my life, actually. I have made mistakes and learned from them. I have lost things by making mistakes, and won things by learning. I teach myself, as well as my friends.

Karley,
6th Grade

I make a difference at my park because I sell lemonade for people who run and are thirsty and need something to drink. And I sell dog biscuits and water for the dogs. My dad made me the lemonade stand.

Max,
3rd Grade

I make a difference to many people. Here is one person: I make a difference to my Ama who is my great grandma. It's sad because she can't walk or breathe very well. But when she sees me it warms her heart.

Selena,
4th grade

Write On!

I Make A Difference

Deadline: Feb. 6, 2005
Published: Week of March 6, 2005

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BEYOND Kid Scoop

Problems in the News

Reading newspapers is a great way to learn how to help your community. Look through today's newspaper and find one or more problems in your community. Is there something you could do to help?

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the ways in which groups and communities interact with each other to try to resolve problems and the contributions individual citizens can make to their communities.



An apple a day keeps the doctor away. What does an onion do?

ANSWER: Keeps everyone away.

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School in Crisis



Written by Bob Rouse
ILLUSTRATED BY FRANK YATES

CHAPTER 1

Brain Freeze, a 10-chapter serial story, is part of a statewide literacy project led by the Kentucky Press Association and sponsored by LG&E/KU Foundation.

"So that's it? No more school?"

Myron Stepp looked puzzled and hurt at the same time. His teacher had just told her fourth-grade class that Goldenrod Elementary School would close next year.

"I know this is a shock," Ms. Roosevelt continued (under a flickering ceiling light), "but the building just isn't safe anymore."

The students showed a range of reactions. While Hannah Melcher cried, a few kids seemed happy.

"About time they closed this dump," Haley Higgins crowed.

"They can just knock this school down and start over," Nathan Page said as he sharpened his pencil.

"Will we even have to go to school anymore?" Jacob Shaw asked. The rest of the class laughed.

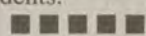
Ms. Roosevelt raised her hand for quiet. "All we know now is that you'll be in a different school next year," she said, bringing a small cheer from several students.

"But not together," she added, bringing a quick halt to the happiness. "You'll be divided into different schools in Limestone." The class sat silent and stunned.

"I thought we'd stay together in a new school," Nathan finally said as others nodded.

Ms. Roosevelt felt as sad as the students. She had taught for 26 years — all of them at Goldenrod, where she had hoped to finish her career. "There isn't enough money to repair this school or build a new one," she said. "They will make it safe so we can finish out the year, but after that..."

Unable to finish her sentence, Ms. Roosevelt loaded a computer presentation for social studies. As she did, the room's fan kicked on, its sickly groan matching the mood of the teacher and students.



The next morning the students asked for a class conference.

"We met at Pete's Sweets last night, Ms. R., and figured out how to save our school," Myron announced.

Ms. Roosevelt appeared doubtful. "Oh really?" she said. "I'd like to hear your solution, Myron."

Myron looked at his classmates. "Well, we think — we're sure — there's somebody out there who will help," he began. "We just need to find them."

The 9-year-old explained how the class could use the newspaper and TV and radio stations to ask for contribu-

tions. "There are 6,000 people in Limestone. If each of 'em gave \$1,000, we could raise ..." he checked his notes, "Six million bucks!"

Ms. Roosevelt sat on the corner of her desk. "I'm so pleased you children are searching for answers, and I hope you didn't overdose on sugar at Pete's Sweets," she said kindly. "But not everyone can afford to give \$1,000. Or they might not want to."

Myron's face fell.

"But your idea to use the media is interesting," Ms. Roosevelt continued. "Class, eyes up here, please. We're going to interrupt our discussion of famous Americans to learn how to write a news release."

Myron's face brightened.

All that day, the class built a persuasive argument for a new school. They even interviewed Mr. Sanchez, their principal, to gather facts about Goldenrod Elementary.

By the end of the next week, reporters from the Limestone Ledger, Channel 6, and ZZ-104 Radio had done a story on Ms. Roosevelt's class.

But no \$1,000 checks came in. In fact, there were no checks at all.

And then one Tuesday, a package addressed to Ms. Roosevelt's class — with icicle stickers — arrived by courier. The teacher unwrapped a DVD and loaded it.

"Cool — that's FreeZee!" Haley said as the image of the famous rap star appeared on the screen.

"Yo, listen up, kids. I've got a deal for you," the rapper said, looking straight at the camera. "I know how old your school is — believe me, I know. And you probably know about my house in Limestone."

"Yeah, we know," laughed Latisha Deel from her seat at Table 3. The other kids nodded and smiled; they all knew about FreeZee's mansion.

"That house is huge — it's wired, it's cool, but I don't need a mansion in my hometown," FreeZee paused. "So I want to give it to you."

Nobody said a word — not even Myron.

"You'll love it — lots of rooms, big pool, big gym. There's just one catch, though," FreeZee said with a trace of a smile. "You gotta earn it. I'm setting up a scavenger hunt for you. I've e-mailed the details to Ms. R., and I'll be on the phone with Mr. Sanchez while you're watching this."

The students' eyes were glued to the TV. "So are y'all up for this? Then get busy," FreeZee said with a chuckle. "This tape will not self-destruct — and don't y'all, either."

At that moment, an out-of-breath Mr. Sanchez dashed into the room. "I just got off the phone with Free Throw," he blurted. "This is the greatest thing that ever happened to Goldenrod!"

The kids were too excited to laugh about Mr. Sanchez's mistake.

"We've got to draw four names to form a scavenger hunt team," the principal puffed. "The first clue is in today's paper!"

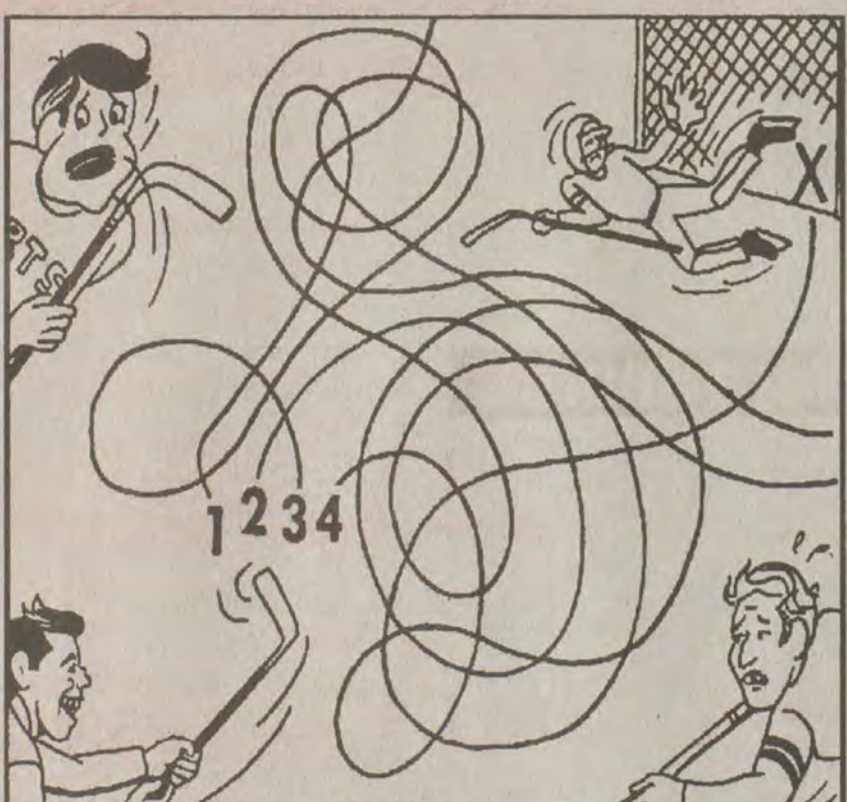


Each week, a rap clue for the story's scavenger hunt will appear in *The Floyd County Times*. Look for it in today's Classifieds section.

Bob Rouse and Frank Yates both work for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. Look for classroom activities related to this chapter at www.kypress.com.

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SLAM PLUNK! Which path does the hockey puck take to score a goal? Choose one, then trace to check it out.

MIXED FRUIT! Rearrange letters of each of the following words to form the name of a fruit: 1. Mile. 2. Lump. 3. Pare. 4. Cheap. 5. Pager. 6. Onager. Time limit: 2 min.

1. Lime. 2. Plum. 3. Pear. 4. Peach. 5. Grape. 6. Orange.

THREE OUT! One three-letter word leads to each of seven others in the word-finder challenges at right. Let's see how quickly you can supply the two missing three-letter words.

Finding missing words is a matter of trial and error. Should you need a hint, both words are contained in the following quote: "The man worthwhile is the man who can smile when everything goes dead wrong..."

What two words will meet the challenge?

Two words respectively are "the" and "man."

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



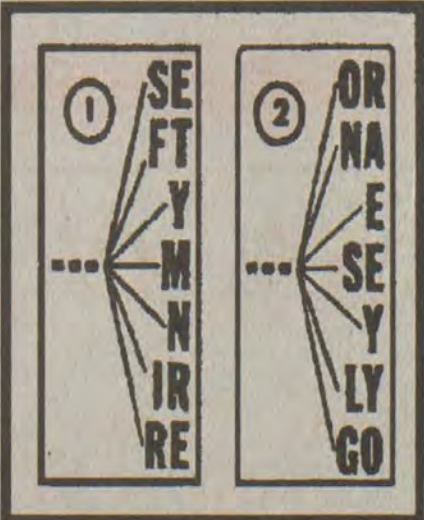
BETS YOU CAN'T LOSE — OR CAN YOU?

IT MAY not be sporting of you to make a bet you can't lose, but it can be fun. See if you can figure out why the following are safe wagers:

1. Bet you can put an opponent's hand where his or her other hand can't touch it.
2. Bet you can put your finger in a cup of cocoa without getting it wet.
3. Bet you can stand less than an inch from someone who won't be able to touch you.
4. Bet you can put a quarter through someone's class ring.
5. Stack a high pile of books. Bet you can take off your shoes and jump over them.

Why are these bets safe?

1. Put hand on opposite elbow. 2. Fill cup with dry cocoa. 3. Stand on other side of a door. 4. Write "a quarter" on paper and slip it through. 5. Jump over shoes.



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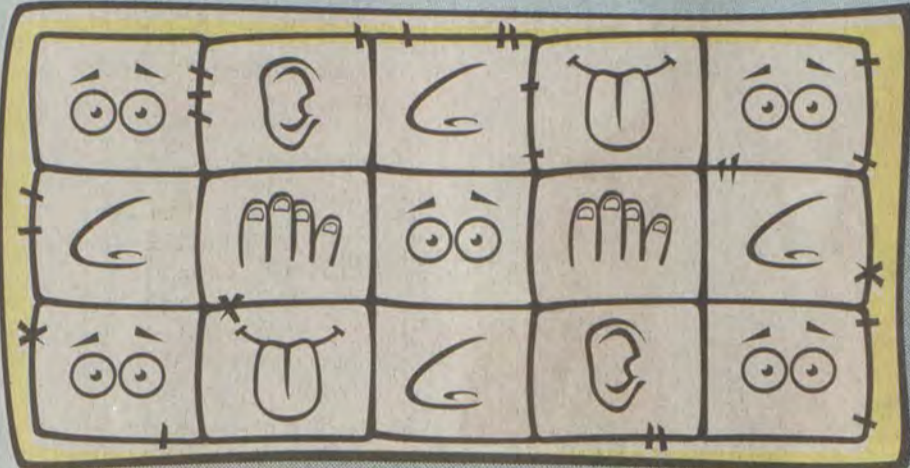
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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

My Five Senses Quilt

Color the squares **green** that have a picture of something you use to smell. Color the squares **red** that have a picture of something you use to see. Color the squares **yellow** that have a picture of something you use to touch.



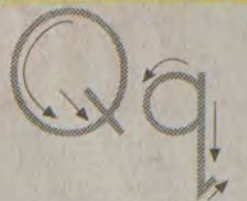
Color the squares **blue** that have a picture of something you use to taste. Color the squares **orange** that have a picture of something you use to hear.



My Rhyme Time
The Queen of Hearts
She made some tarts,
All on a winter's day.

My Letters

Q is for Quilt
q is for quilt

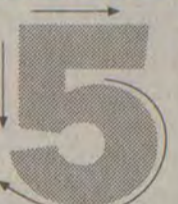



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter Q. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter Q makes in the word quilt?

My Numbers

How many **25¢** ?



How many  ?

Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



The queen is _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter Q in queen.	Math Play Point to the number 5 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Q is for Question Ask your child a question about a newspaper photo. Explain that a question asks for information. Show your child question marks in the paper and explain that when we write down questions, we put question marks at the end. How many can they find?	Talk Senses Look at a picture in the newspaper. Ask what your child sees in the picture. Have your child point to the part of the body used to see. Ask what they might hear in the picture. Point to the part of the body used to hear. Repeat with all five senses.	Square Talk Say the word square and see if your child can hear the q sound after the s sound. Then, look through the newspaper for things that are square in shape. Have your child trace square shapes with a finger while saying the word "square."	Five Senses Chart On a large sheet of paper, make five columns. Label the columns: Things I Can Touch, Things I Can See, Things I Can Hear, Things I Can Smell, Things I Can Taste. Look through the newspaper and cut out pictures for each column.	Spicy News Ask your child to find a picture in the newspaper that they like. Have your child put some glue on the picture and shake on a fragrant spice (cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, ginger) to decorate the picture. Now smell your creation!

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

	1		2		3
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7		8		9	
		10	11	4	
12	13		14	15	16
17		18		19	
		20			

- ACROSS**
- Three times 8-Down
 - Ten more than 13-Down
 - 20-Across plus 12-Down
 - Consecutive digits in ascending order
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - One-third of 11-Down
 - One less than 9-Across
 - Sixty more than 15-Down
 - Eight less than 5-Across
 - Three times 13-Down
 - Seventy more than 3-Down

- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Three more than 16-Down
- 9-Across plus 19-Across
- Six more than 18-Down
- Digits of 4-Down reversed
- Digits of 1-Across reversed
- 12-Across minus 10-Across
- One-third of 7-Across
- Six less than 4-Across
- Same digit repeated

Rational Numbers

answers

	2	0	5	0	1
8	5		5	7	8
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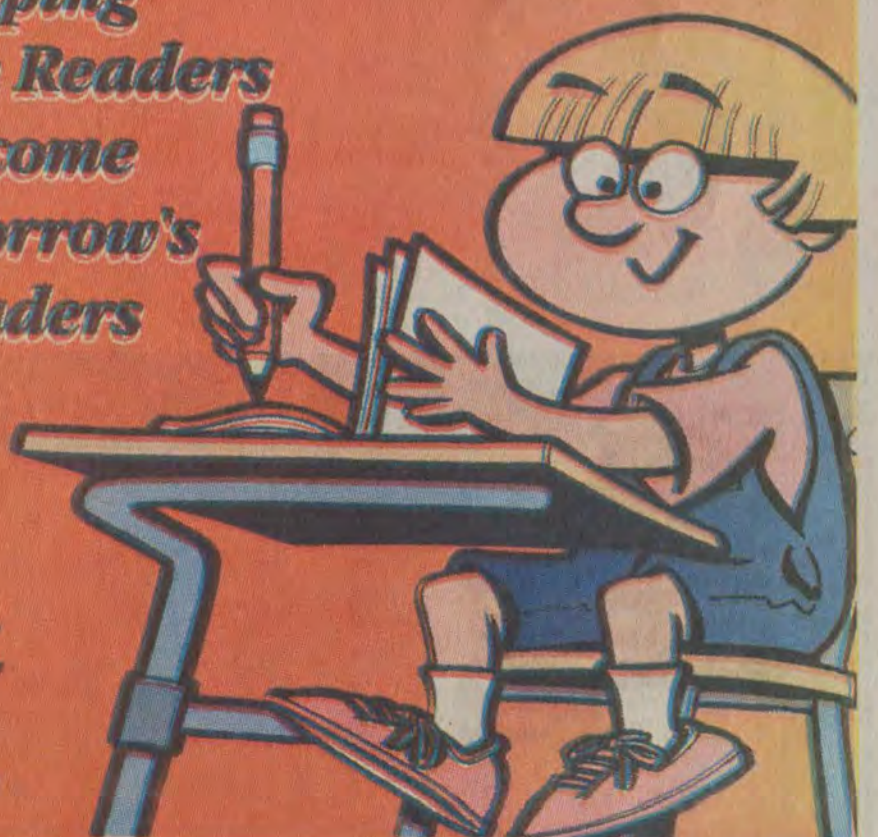
- DOWN**
- One-fifth of 17-Across
 - 10-Across plus 4-Down

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Chief Tecumseh

Tecumseh was a Shawnee warrior chief who led the Native American people against the advance of white settlement in the northwest. A strange mix of warrior, visionary, diplomat, orator and philosopher, Tecumseh earned the respect of his people and his enemies.



Tecumtha means "panther passing across" in the Shawnee language.

Illustration shows Tecumseh wearing a King George peace medal.

"So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people."

— Chief Tecumseh

Broken promises

Tecumseh was born in 1768, the same year that the Iroquois and Cherokee nations signed a new treaty that allowed white settlers to move west of the old (1763) Appalachian Mountains boundary into lands the tribes did not inhabit or own. This was not the first or the last time Indian boundary treaties would be broken. Tecumseh lost his father and at least two of his brothers in battles against settlers who were moving into Shawnee territory. So it is not surprising that Tecumseh was opposed to peace with the white man.

This means war!

In 1795, several tribes signed a peace treaty called the Treaty of Greenville. Tecumseh opposed the treaty and broke off with the chiefs who signed it. Tecumseh and his followers moved to western Ohio. In 1808, Tecumseh moved to Indiana and founded the village of Prophet's Town where he established a base for a great Indian confederacy.

Sell a country!

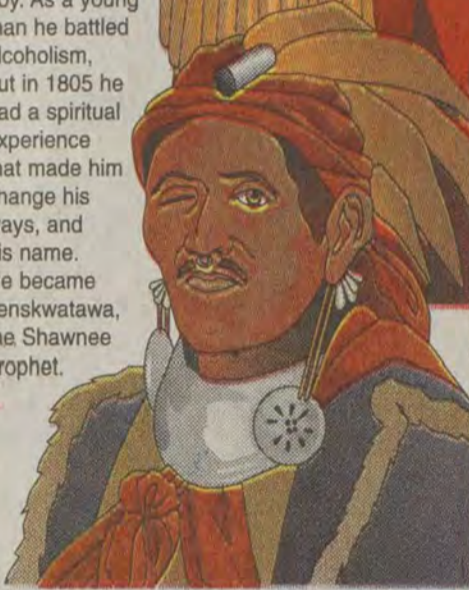
Why not sell the air?

For many years Tecumseh traveled the land fighting against the settlers and recruiting various tribes to come together to form a single union. Tecumseh believed that no one had the right to sell land that belonged to everyone. He also came to the conclusion that the white man would never have enough land. Tecumseh encouraged his followers to forget internal rivalries and remain true to their heritage.

Battle of Tippecanoe

In the fall of 1811, Gov. Harrison of the Indiana Territory sent an army to Prophet's Town. Tecumseh was away when the attack occurred. His brother, the Prophet, may have been a talented shaman, but he was not much of a general. In a foolish counterattack he told his warriors that they could not be hurt by the white man's bullets. Casualties at the Battle of Tippecanoe were high. Prophet's Town was burned to the ground and the Prophet lost all credibility.

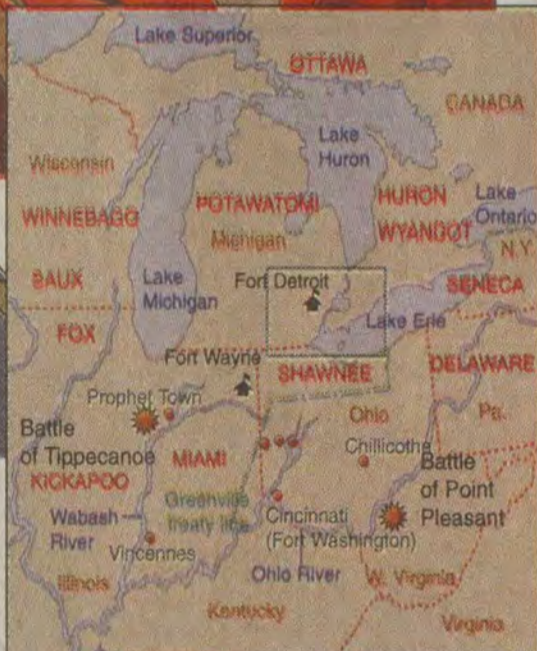
Tecumseh's younger brother Laulewasika lost his eye when he was a boy. As a young man he battled alcoholism, but in 1805 he had a spiritual experience that made him change his ways, and his name. He became Tenskwatawa, the Shawnee prophet.



Tenskwatawa (also known as the Prophet) had a large following among the tribes. His magical powers seemed to be proven when he correctly predicted a solar eclipse.

1812

With his dream of a confederacy shattered by the Battle of Tippecanoe, Tecumseh decided to ally himself with the British in Canada. He saw the War of 1812 as his last chance to force the American settlers off Indian lands. The British gave Tecumseh the title of brigadier general. He fought at Fort Detroit, Frenchtown, Raisin River, Fort Meigs and Fort Stephenson before he was killed in 1813 at the age of 45.



Secret messages

Hidden meaning	Public meaning
Place of the white man	Heaven
One movement	Gatekeepers of heaven
All tribes	Blue sky
Great sign	Sun
trembling Earth	All plants
Unification	The unknown
Storing of grain	Birds and animals
Hunting of game	Corn
Tending of corn	Four corners of the Earth
Four corners of the Earth	Trees
Weapons	Lightning
Speed of lightning	Water
Straight direction	Earth
Both sides of the river	Family
All Indians	

Tecumseh gave sacred wooden slabs to the tribes that he visited. The slabs contained a secret message and a prediction. The carved symbols told the native people on both sides of the Mississippi to quickly gather with their weapons when the Earth shook. (The prediction of an earthquake.)

In the end

Tecumseh was killed fighting with the British at the Battle of the Thames. His burial place remains a secret to this day. His death was a fatal blow to the Eastern Native Americans and their way of life.



William Hull was an American general who surrendered Detroit to Gen. Brock. He was accused of cowardice and court-martialed for his failure.



Gen. St. Clair was governor of the Northwest Territory. He led a failed attack against the Indians in 1791. It was a great victory for the Indians.



Sir Isaac Brock was a British general who helped save Upper Canada from being captured by the United States in the War of 1812. He and Tecumseh got along very well. Brock died in battle.



Henry Proctor commanded the British troops at the Battle of the Thames. Tecumseh and Proctor disliked each other. Proctor was an incompetent general who was later court-martialed.



William Henry Harrison was the governor of Indiana Territory and an enemy of Tecumseh. He later used his reputation from the Indian wars to become president of the United States.



Fort Malden Museum, Amherstburg, Ontario



Shawnee water drum used for ceremonial and social dances.

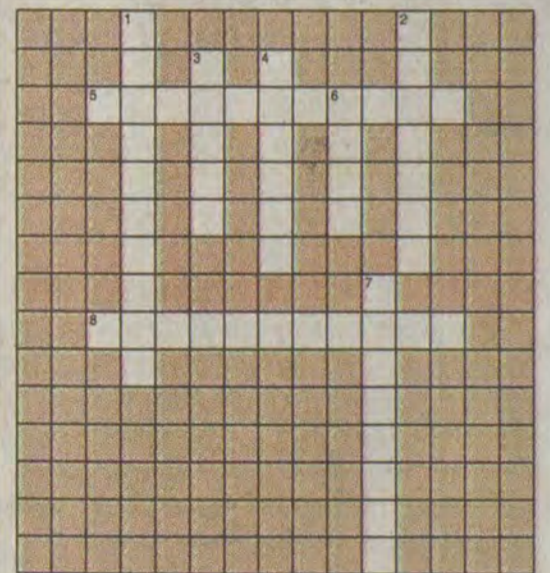
Crossword

ACROSS

- 5 These mountains marked a 1763 boundary.
- 8 Tecumseh wanted the Indian tribes to unite and form this.

DOWN

- 1 This battle resulted in the the burning of Prophet's Town and the end of the Indian confederacy.
- 2 Tecumseh's tribe
- 3 Treaty that officially ended the War of Independence
- 4 This was made from hand-drilled shells.
- 6 General who surrendered Fort Detroit
- 7 Governor of Indiana Territory in 1811



ANSWERS
ACROSS
5 APPALACHIAN
8 CONFEDERACY
DOWN
1 TIPPECANOE
2 SHAWNEE
3 PARIS
4 WAMPUM
6 HULL
7 HARRISON

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When it happened: Some historic events in the life and times of Tecumseh

<p>March 8, 1768: Tecumseh is born in the village of Piqua on the Mad River (not far from present day Springfield, Ohio). According to legend there was a meteor shower on the night of his birth, signalling the birth of a great leader. "Born under the sign of the Shooting Star" was part of Tecumseh's official Shawnee name.</p>	<p>1775: Tecumseh's brother, Laulewasika (later to be known as "the Prophet"), is born.</p>	<p>1789: Tecumseh travels among the Missouri and Illinois Shawnee, Miami, Kickapoo, Creek and Cherokee tribes.</p>	<p>1794: Tecumseh takes part in the Battle of Fallen Timbers. The Americans, led by Gen. Wayne, defeat the Indians.</p>	<p>1809: Tribes of the Indiana Territory sign the Treaty of Fort Wayne, giving millions of acres to the United States. Tecumseh is outraged.</p>	<p>1811: Tenskwatawa is defeated by Harrison at the Battle of Tippecanoe and Prophet's Town is destroyed.</p>
<p>July 4, 1776: The United States declares independence.</p>	<p>1807: Tecumseh speaks at council Chillicothe and meets with the Ohio governor and other U.S. officials.</p>	<p>1812: The War of 1812 begins. Tecumseh sides with the British and helps capture Fort Detroit.</p>			
<p>Oct. 10, 1774: Tecumseh's father, Pucksinwah, is killed in the Battle of Point Pleasant. This battle is also significant as the first armed conflict between American colonists and the English.</p>	<p>Sept. 3, 1783: The Americans and British sign the Treaty of Paris, officially ending the United States War for Independence.</p>	<p>Aug. 3, 1795: Chiefs representing 12 tribes sign the Greenville Treaty, which gives Americans large tracts of land.</p>	<p>1808: Tecumseh leaves Ohio and establishes Prophet's Town at Tippecanoe in the Wabash River Valley of Illinois. Prophet's Town becomes the capitol of the Indian confederacy.</p>	<p>Oct. 5, 1813: Tecumseh is killed at the Battle of the Thames.</p>	

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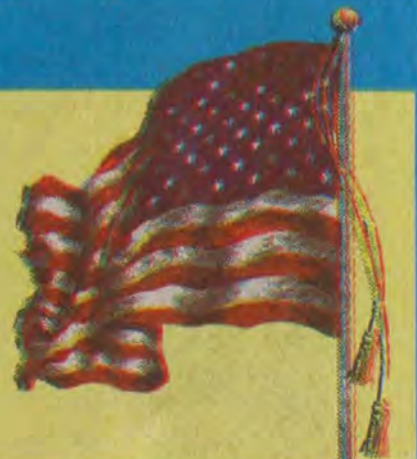
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A Special Supplement to The Floyd County Times

Learn the basics concerning adoption

Adoption requires a lesson in tough decision-making. Adopting a child or giving a child up for adoption is not a task to take lightly. There are many questions to answer, emotions to address, beliefs to explore and tasks to complete. Here is some information to start you on your journey.

PREGNANT AND THINKING ABOUT ADOPTION

Many pregnant women consider giving their child up for adoption. This decision can be a difficult one, requiring great courage and love. Remember, adoption is permanent, so you will need to consider some factors before you make your decision:

■ **Possibilities explored:** Is adoption your only option? What are your reasons behind giving your child up for adoption? Are they financial or because of your living situation? State agencies may be able to assist you or family members if your ultimate goal is to keep your child. If you've considered other options, but still want adoption, you may feel more content with your decision after you've explored all possibilities.

■ **Adoptive parents:** Prospective adoptive parents are carefully screened by social workers. They are taught about the special needs of adoptive children, like making them feel like they fit into the family, before an adoption takes place. Once they receive approval, it is

very likely that these parents will be loving ones who will care for your child.

■ **Types of adoption:** You can reveal as little or as much as you like to prospective adoptive parents. During a confidential adoption, the birth parents and the adoptive parents never know one another. Only background information from you, like medical information, is required. With an open adoption, the birth parents and the adoptive parents know something about each other, like their names or where they live. You can decide on the level of openness.

■ **Arranging an adoption:** In all states, you may work with a licensed agency. In most states, you can also work directly with an adopting couple or attorney. Contact the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (NAIC) for more information at <http://naic.acf.hhs.gov>.

■ **Future contact:** If your child wishes to contact you in the future but you had previously decided on a confidential adoption, you still have some options. Many states and some private national organizations have set up adoption registries to help people find one another. When registering, keep your information current so that you can be contacted should your child choose to do so.

Some adoption agencies who arrange private adoptions will hold a letter in your file

detailing your reason for adoption and how you can be contacted. This information can be released to your child if he or she wants to seek out or contact you.

CONSIDERING ADOPTING A CHILD

Children are adopted for a number of reasons. It's a viable option for couples who can't conceive their own child, or for those who want to assist a less fortunate child by welcoming him or her into their home.

Adopting a child can be a confusing and expensive process, so educate yourself to make the experience go more smoothly.

■ **Deciding on a child:** Once you've made the decision to adopt, usually your next consideration is the sex of the child. Then you may factor in the race and age of the child. Most people initially set out to adopt a newborn of their own race. However, as they begin to learn more about adoption, their search criteria tends to widen.

Keep in mind the resources available to you, your own background and your adoptive child's needs. This will help you choose a child that best fits into your home.

■ **Domestic or abroad:** Adoptions can occur both in your home country or through agencies around the world. Consider how much money you can spend, the amount of travel you wish

to incur and whether or not you prefer a newborn. Domestic adoptions, whether public or private, have a good chance of finding you an infant. If you adopt a baby from a foreign country, you will never get a newborn.

■ **Cost factor:** Apart from the cost involved with the adoption process, you must assess your financial status. Is your home big enough? Do you have enough money for all the expenses of raising a child, like clothing and medical care?

Domestic adoptions through an agency range from \$4,000 to \$30,000, which includes a number of costs like counseling, home preparation and the child's expenses. Independent adoptions, where you find your own birth parents, can range from \$8,000 to \$30,000. International adoptions can run from \$7,000 to \$25,000, which includes agency fees, immigration processing fees, and court costs. However, there may be additional fees for travel or to have another person escort the child into the country.

Before you set out on your adoption journey, contact organizations in your area or log onto your computer for more in-depth information on the topics that were mentioned above.

Information was gathered from About.com and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse.

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Car seat basics for new parents

There are many lessons you'll need to learn in order to care for your newborn. From diapering to feeding to sleep positions, there's much to know about taking care of a small human being. It's likely your research and education will begin long before your little wonder is born.

Most new parents understand that this early education should include lessons on car-seat safety. You will likely be driving home from the hospital with your newborn, making a car seat a necessity right from the initial days of his life. In fact, most hospitals have strict rules that a baby can only be released if an infant car seat is present to transport him.

Besides having a car seat, you also have to know how to use it. It's not as easy to use as you may think. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), a new survey found that nearly 73 percent of child restraints are misused. Because the car seat is a vital safety tool for your child, here is some information on the types available, what age they should be used, and how the seats should be positioned in the car.

TYPES OF CAR SEATS

Car seats come in three basic types, with which you'll become quite familiar with after browsing through the aisles of a baby-products store.

1. **Infant seat/carriers** — These seats are a combination of car seat and infant carrier. They typically hold infants who weigh up to 20 pounds. What makes them convenient is that they're used in conjunction with a car seat base that remains in the car. You simply snap the carrier into the base when traveling, and then unsnap it to take the baby in it outside. The carrier can also work in conjunction with a stroller. All those components make it a "travel system." Since you don't have to wake up your child to move him from place to place, these types of seats are quite popular.

2. **Convertible car seats** — These seats let you use the same product from when your baby is born through when he is a toddler, weighing in at 40 pounds. They may feature removable inserts that effectively make the seat smaller to fit an infant. So this car seat is installed once, and stays put. Although it doesn't offer the portable convenience of an infant carrier, you won't be required to purchase new seats as your child grows.

3. **Booster seats** — These seats transition with your youngster through early childhood. They can be used until a child is 8 years of age, and when traditional seat belts don't adequately secure your child.

REAR OR FRONT FACING?

Depending upon the age of your

child, you'll need to know where to position his car seat for maximum safety.

■ **Children up to 12 months:** Most experts agree that a child should be positioned in the center of the backseat in a rear-facing position through 12 months. At a young age, a baby's neck is fragile and unable to support the weight of his head. A rear-facing seat allows the seat to recline at a 45-degree angle, properly supporting your child's neck. Even as he grows and neck strength increases, it is still a good idea to keep the baby rear facing, because a car ride is full of bumps, swerves and jerks that could damage your child's sensitive neck. Consult with your pediatrician to determine when it's the best time for your child to move to a forward-facing seat.

There are many products that make using rear-facing seats easier. Most include handy mirrors that can be placed in the back of the car so you can see your baby's face and keep a watchful eye on him while you are driving.

■ **Children 1 to 4 years old:** As your child grows, he'll be able to move on to a forward-facing seat. The harness straps/slots should be placed at or above a child's shoulders. However, still keep it positioned in the center of the back-seat for safety.

■ **Children 4 and up:** Children of this age should still ride in the back of the car, but it is not essential for them to be centrally located. Booster seats should be used with both the lap and shoulder seat belts securely fastened to keep your child safely contained in them.

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

If they're properly installed and used, car seats can do wonders to keep your little one safe and secure.

■ Remember to follow all instructions when installing your car seats. Most are attached with seat belts or with a LATCH system (LATCH stands for Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children). It is a federally mandated system that aims to standardize and simplify the installation of child restraints without using the vehicle's seat belt system. Cars manufactured from September 2002 on are equipped with special anchor points where the car seat can attach.

■ Make sure that your child isn't overly bundled beneath car seat straps. If you can pinch the edges of a strap together between your fingers, the straps are too loose.

■ Never place a car seat in front of an active air bag.

Many emergency-service personnel such as firemen and police officers are trained in proper car-seat installation. If you have any questions on installation, consult with them or your pediatrician.



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PMC's First Baby of the New Year

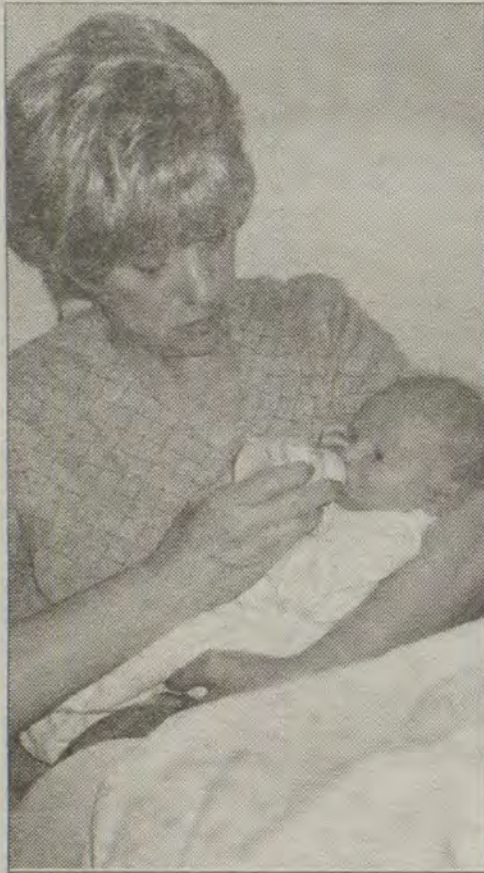
The first baby of the new year born at Pikeville Medical Center hails from Prestonsburg. Joshua Shawn Hamilton was born at 2:38 a.m. on Jan. 1, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. His parents are Rachel Hamilton, an at-home mom and student at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and Shawn Hamilton, who is manager of Little Caesar's of Prestonsburg. He has two brothers, Bradley, 10, and Tommy, 7. His grandparents are Barry and Gail Hamilton and Steve Jackson and Julie Mooney.



HRMC's New Year Baby

Highlands' official "First Baby of the New Year" arrived at 9:12 p.m., January 4, 2005. Natalie Nicole Whitney weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz., was 20 inches long, and was delivered by Dr. Angela Maggard. Natalie Nicole is the daughter of Savannah Robinson and Billy Whitney of Prestonsburg. HRMC's Auxiliary presented Natalie with a variety of baby items and a blanket. HRMC presented Natalie with their traditional gift of a \$500 US Savings Bond.

Food timeline for your baby's first year



Even with the introduction of solids, breast milk or formula should still be the main ingredient of baby's diet during her first year.

Whether you are breastfeeding or formula feeding your baby, it takes some time to develop a proper feeding schedule and establish a daily feeding routine that you and your baby are both comfortable with. It can be stressful at times, but once it's in place, you'll both feel relieved — but not for too long. Just when you thought you and your baby had a nice routine going, it will be disrupted a few months later by the need for solid foods.

Because a baby no longer feels satisfied on breast milk or formula alone, you'll need

to introduce solid foods into his or her diet. Once your baby starts eating solids, less breast milk or formula will be consumed, but that doesn't mean you should replace breast milk or formula with solids. Either one should still be the main ingredient in her diet for the first year. And do not give your baby cow's milk until after his or her first birthday.

So how do you know when your baby is ready for solid foods and what foods you should provide? The decision to introduce solid foods should be based not on a child's age, but on your child's developmental level. It's always best to consult with your pediatrician since all babies grow and develop at different rates.

According to The Enfamil Family of Formulas™, your baby might be ready for solid foods if he or she:

- can sit with support
- can control the head, and even turn away to show he or she has had enough when full
- seems interested in the foods the rest of the family is eating (baby may even smack his or her lips together just watching!)
- can move foods from the front of the mouth to the back with his or her tongue
- has doubled original birth weight

If you think your child is ready for solids, try introducing an iron-fortified infant rice cereal. It's most recommended by doctors because it's the cereal least likely to cause an allergic reaction. Observe your baby for several days. If he or she is doing well and no reaction occurs, you can move onto barley or oat cereal.

Once things are going well with cereal, it's time to add strained vegetables and fruits, then meats and breads. Try single foods first, such as applesauce, sweet potatoes or carrots. They should be smooth in consistency and easy to swallow. Then add strained meats like chicken, turkey or beef. It's a good idea to add just one new food at a time and wait a week or so before trying

another. That way, if your little one does have an allergic reaction or food sensitivity, you will be able to pinpoint exactly what food has caused it.

When your baby is between 6 to 9 months of age, you can start offering breast milk, formula or juice from a cup instead of a bottle (juice should not replace breast milk or formula). As your baby gets more teeth (between 9 to 12 months of age), you can give him or her finger foods like cooked vegetables or soft, ripe fruit without peels or seeds, and teething biscuits which may help ease the pain of teething.

Here are some general guidelines, courtesy of The Enfamil Family of Formulas, to help you determine what kinds of foods to introduce to your baby and at what age. This is only a general timeline, making it best to consult with your pediatrician before introducing solid foods to your baby.

4 to 6 months: rice cereals, then oatmeal or other single-grain baby cereals with iron.

■ 6 to 8 months: single-grain baby cere-

als with iron, cereal/fruit baby cereals, oven-dried toast or teething biscuits; infant 100 percent fruit juices; strained or mashed green, dark yellow or orange vegetables; strained or mashed fruits without the peels.

■ 8 to 10 months: baby cereals with iron, toast, plain bagel, crackers, teething biscuits, bread; 100 percent fruit juices by cup; cooked mashed vegetables; soft fruit or canned fruits packed in water — peeled, seeded and finely chopped; ground or finely chopped lean meats; egg yolk; small amounts of plain yogurt, cottage cheese, cheese.

■ 10 to 12 months: baby or toddler cereals with iron, unsweetened

cereals, mashed potatoes, rice, noodles, spaghetti; 100 percent fruit juice by cup; cooked vegetables chopped; soft fruit or canned fruits packed in water — peeled, seeded and chopped; smaller tender pieces of lean meats; cooked beans.

- Foods to avoid -

■ Honey: may be contaminated with spores that cause botulism, and babies are more easily affected by them than older children and adults.

■ Canned adult foods: have high sodium content and aren't specifically designed for babies.

■ Raw foods with peels such as apples or peaches: have tough fiber in the peel and may be hard for your baby to chew. You can still feed them to your baby, but make sure to peel them first and cut into small pieces.

Decorate for growing baby

Baby is on the way, and now you need to get the room ready for your new arrival. Remember that while you may have a design concept in mind, you also want the room to grow with your child through the years. Here are a few tips to get the most play out of your nursery:

■ It may be tempting to give the nursery a "baby" feel, but then you will have to re-decorate when your baby gets older. Instead, use acces-

sories to achieve that baby feeling.

■ A crib that turns into a bed and a changing table that doubles as a dresser will stretch your budget.

■ Plan for storage. Babies have a lot of "baggage," including clothing for growth spurts. Make sure you have enough room to house everything.

■ Place a cozy chair in the room for nights when you need to sit with baby.

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Baby safety begins with a security gate for your child

Babyproofing your home is necessary to keep your child safe from potential accidents, and installing safety gates is no exception. They confine your baby to a specific area and prevent him or her from wandering off into potentially dangerous locations. Install safety gates in areas that you want to keep off-limits to your baby, such as the top and bottom of stairs or between rooms. Install them when your baby is old enough to crawl — usually between 6 to 10 months of age.

TYPES OF SAFETY GATES

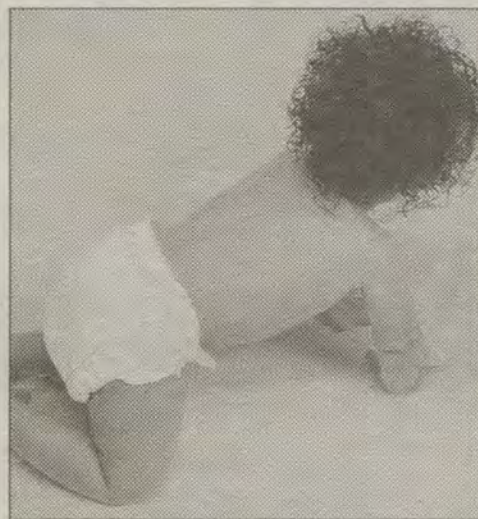
There are two types of safety gates available — pressure-mounted and wall-mounted (also known as hardware-mounted). Since both are available with a variety of features, shopping for one can be quite confusing. The type you choose should be determined by where and how the gate will be used and your personal preferences.

For instance, according to Child-safety-gates.com, only wall-mounted gates should be used on stairways because of their strength and durability, while pressure-mounted gates are better in hallways or between doorways, provided they are placed between solid wood constructions.

Since stairs are usually placed next to hollow walls in most homes, don't use pressure-mounted gates in stairways. The pressure from the gate will create a dent in the wall, which can dangerously loosen the pressure fit. In addition, most stair posts have irregular surfaces, making a poor mounting condition for a pressure gate.

To help you make an informed decision about what safety gates are best for you, here is a breakdown of each type.

■ **Pressure-mounted** — Installed in just a few minutes, these safety gates require no holes, hardware or special tools. They are best suited for less hazardous locations such as doorways, between rooms, and hallways.



Safety gates will keep your baby from wandering off into dangerous areas of your home.

Two sliding panels adjust to the dimensions of the doorway and a locking mechanism wedges the gate in place.

Some styles to choose from include soft travel models with mesh barriers and a no-walk-through feature on models such as Evenflo's Extra-Wide Soft Gate, or those that stay mounted in uneven openings and utilize a step-through, walk-through or swinging gate section that can be opened in either direction with one hand, like Kidco's Center Gateway Gate or Mother's Relief Self-Closing Gate. These are a little more expensive, but their convenience encourages proper use.

■ **Wall-mounted (or hardware-mounted)** — This type of safety gate is considered safer than pressure gate models because it is permanently mounted into the wall with screws, providing maximum strength and protection. Since it can withstand more wear and tear than pressure-mounted styles, it's a good choice for areas where safety is

paramount — like at the top of stairs.

Check out these gates for both the top and bottom of stairs — Kidco's Safeway Gate or Secure Solutions Swing(TM) Gate by Evenflo. Also be aware that some wall-mounted models come with a fixed horizontal bar on the bottom, which can be a tripping hazard.

SPECIAL FEATURES TO CONSIDER

■ **One-hand release:** allows you to open and lock a gate with one hand. Great when you are carrying your baby, which is sure to be quite often.

■ **Dual-direction swinging** (for non-stair applications only): allows you to open the gate in either direction.

■ **Expandable gates:** fit in doorways and openings of different sizes.

■ **See-through gates:** allow for full view of your baby.

■ **Installation kits:** help mount gates on various surfaces.

■ **Extension kits:** allow gates to expand to fit openings larger than standard-size doorways.

■ **Materials:** gates are available in wood, plastic-coated steel, and soft mesh to complement any decor.

MOUNTING GUIDE

A safety gate should be the right size for the opening, so make sure you have exact measurements in hand before shopping, and install it properly. Gates should never swing out over the stairs and should have a built-in directional device to prevent this from happening. Most wall-mounted gates must be mounted from point A to point B in a straight line. However, some newer hard-

ware mounted, multipurpose gates can form angles to cover irregular-shaped areas like staircases, hot tubs, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves. The screws usually included with these gates are for mounting directly into wood. Installation into other surfaces like dry wall, brick, wrought iron or glass blocks requires purchasing additional hardware at a hardware store or home-improvement center. Specially designed gate-installation kits are also offered by several companies to aid in the mounting of their gates.

SAFETY TIPS

Here are some safety-gate guidelines to follow, courtesy of Child-safety-gates.com.

■ **Do not purchase baby-safety gates** constructed with wide mesh screen patterns larger than one square inch.

■ **Do not purchase accordion-style gates,** as they pose finger pinching hazards and can be used as a climbing ladder in the closed position.

■ **Discontinue using safety gates** when your child is 36 inches tall or is two years old.

■ **A safety gate should never be less than three-quarters of your child's height.**

■ **Always install pressure gates** with the lock release on the opposite side of what you are protecting.

■ **Follow installation instructions** and anchor the safety gate firmly in the doorway or stairway.

■ **Always close the safety gate** behind you when leaving the room, and never leave your child unsupervised.

■ **Do not use older models of safety gates** that are not certified for safety.

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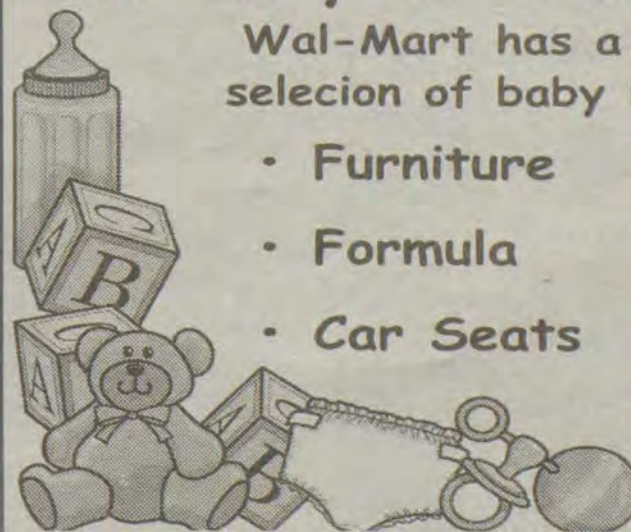
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Tidbits about teething

Taking care of our teeth is important, not only as we grow older, but even before our teeth emerge. Beginning a dental care routine as early as possible is an important step in taking care of our total health. In fact, pediatric dentists recommend that children begin routine dental visits by age one so that any problems may be detected, treated early or even avoided completely.

Our teeth begin to develop when we are in the womb. Primary or "baby" teeth begin to form under the gums during the fifth month of pregnancy and slowly emerge as an infant grows older - anywhere between six and eight months of age. Teeth usually emerge in pairs with the bottom front teeth (central incisors) typically appearing first, followed by the top ones. Next are the molars and then the canine teeth (the pointy ones) and, last but not least, are the back molars. By the time a baby is three years old, he should have a full set of 20 primary teeth. A baby's permanent teeth won't begin to replace the primary ones until he is between ages 4 and 6.

SYMPTOMS

When teeth begin to erupt, most infants' gums become quite sore and they'll have increased drooling and be more cranky than usual. In some instances however, other less common symptoms may occur such as: irritation of the area around the mouth as a result of excessive drooling; gum swelling or sensitivity to hot and cold foods; difficulty sleeping; low-

grade fever and diarrhea; and a bluish red blister - called a hematoma - on the gum line, which may bleed when the tooth emerges.

Teething symptoms are very similar to those of a virus, and teething is often blamed for symptoms that may be the actual result of a virus such as a fever or diarrhea. According to a study published in 2000 in the "Pediatrics" journal these symptoms are unrelated to teething most of the time so whatever symptoms you're attributing to teething should pass within a few hours. If they don't, your baby may be sick from something else, such as a virus, so take the baby to a doctor.

EASING THE PAIN

Fortunately, teething is temporary and can be treated easily. Ease the pain by giving your child a teething ring or chilled, wet washcloth. Rub teething gel on your baby's gums to temporarily numb them and soothe irritation. In addition, pain relievers may reduce pain and provide temporary relief. Make sure you use the dosage appropriate for child's age.

For more information on pediatric dental care, visit the Web site of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry at www.aapd.org. AAPD is a national association that represents pediatric dentists and is dedicated to improving the oral health of infants, children, adolescents and patients with special health care needs.

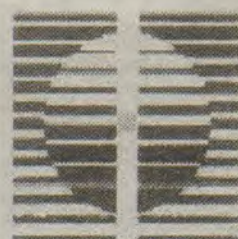


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When to wean: The choice every nursing mom has to make

Nursing is a special time of physical, emotional and spiritual closeness between a mother and child, and weaning — the transition of mother and child giving up breastfeeding — can be traumatic for both mother and child. But how do you know when it's the right time or if you should intervene at all?

"In the United States, women receive conflicting advice about when to wean their children completely from breastfeeding," says Katherine A. Dettwyler, Ph.D., an associate professor of Anthropology and Nutrition at Texas A&M University. She says the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends weaning after age one, the World Health Organization and UNICEF recommends at age two, and many physicians consider six months adequate.

In other parts of the world, breastfeeding is more readily "acceptable," and weaning may take longer. According to Dettwyler, anthropological research shows that children in many non-Western cultures are routinely nursed for three to four years.

It is important for mothers to remember that there are no set rules and no time-frame is set in stone for when to wean a child. It's a personal preference with one clear outcome — mixed emotions.

"Some mothers feel very sad about the idea of weaning," says Diane Bengson, author of "How Weaning Happens," (La Leche League International), "while others may feel very strongly about wanting to wean." According to Bengson, many mothers choose to wean naturally, allowing the child to outgrow the need gradually and in his own time. Other mothers encourage it and want to expedite it for reasons such as returning to work or wanting more time for themselves.

"A mother may desire to wean, yet still feel very uneasy about it," says Bengson. "Once a mother has begun to encourage weaning, she may feel relieved, sad, frustrated or exhausted. Acknowledging these mixed feelings can help a mother know how to handle them."

WEANING METHODS

According to Bengson, weaning methods fall into four basic categories:

1. Abrupt weaning: a sudden end to breastfeeding, with no warning or pre-

planning. Whenever possible, mothers should avoid this method. Breastfeeding is the baby's source of comfort and closeness as well as food. A sudden, forced weaning is emotionally traumatic for the baby. Meanwhile, mothers may experience the physical discomfort of engorged breasts and risk a possible breast infection. And, the sudden shift in hormones associated with the abrupt weaning can leave some women feeling sad and depressed, especially if they are uncomfortable with the idea of weaning.

2. Planned or gradual weaning: the mother encourages the child to wean by providing distractions and other nourishment in place of breastfeedings. She eliminates one feeding every few days, giving the baby or child plenty of attention while they both transition from nursing to other forms of nutrition and comfort. She may offer other food and beverages more often and read to or play with her child instead of nursing. When weaning happens over a period of a few weeks or months, the child is less likely to be distressed, and the mother is less likely to suffer from engorgement or sudden hormonal shifts. A mother may also choose a planned, gradual weaning when she wants to wean but her child does not seem ready to wean by himself. When it happens gradually and lovingly, this type of weaning can be good for mothers and babies.

3. Partial weaning: a compromise between nursing a toddler frequently and weaning entirely. With this method, a mother gradually eliminates most nursings but continues to nurse her child once or twice a day. Often she chooses to keep the nursing sessions that her child relies on most, such as the one after he wakes or the one before bedtime. She may also choose to eliminate the nursing sessions that are the most difficult for her, such as during the night.

4. Natural weaning: allowing the child to outgrow nursing on his own timetable. Many mothers choose this approach because they recognize how important breastfeeding is to their child, or because they find it easier to wait for the child to wean himself. However, that doesn't mean the mother has no influence in the process — she can lovingly "guide" her child as he learns the skills that replace nursing. This guidance may involve asking the child to

wait to nurse or providing food or stimulating activity in place of nursing. It involves respecting the mother's feelings and preferences about breastfeeding while also accounting for the needs of the child.

WEANING TIPS

If you decide to encourage weaning, here are some suggestions to try from La Leche League International (LLL).

1. If the child is sleeping in your room, consider moving him into his own space or a room with an older sibling. However, if the child resists the move, he might actually increase breastfeeding to preserve his feeling of closeness with you.

2. Breastfeed the child when he asks, and don't offer when he doesn't. This technique may help accelerate the weaning process when used with other methods.

3. Change daily routines. Instead of heading home after picking him up from day care, go to the grocery store or elsewhere instead. Try to avoid the "nursing chair" or other usual "nursing station" in your home as much as possible at the times when he usually would ask to nurse. Stand up as much as possible.

4. Get help from other family and household members. If your baby usually nurses when he wakes, get up before him and have his father or someone else do the morning routine.

5. Anticipate nursings and offer substitutions and distractions, like a snack or drink at that time. You can also try reading, bike rides, visiting friends, providing a new toy, walking or singing to the child.

6. Shorten the length of nursings or see

if he accepts a postponed nursing.

Generally, these strategies work best for daytime nursing, according to LLLI. The nap and bedtime nursings are often the last to go. Again, other family members could help by taking over sleep-time routines. Some mothers allow breastfeeding to continue at these times, even when daytime weaning is complete.

If weaning is going too quickly for your child, he'll usually let you know by behaviors like increased tantrums, regression, anxiety, increased night waking, new fear of separation and clinginess.

Your child may be old enough for you to explain to him that you feel it is time to wean. Some mothers let the child pick a date, or choose one themselves, and call that the "weaning day" after which he will no longer nurse.

Indeed, all of these techniques will not work if the child is extremely resistant to weaning, but many mothers have used them successfully.

Whatever you decide, remember that your breast milk still remains a nutritious food for your baby until he is ready for table foods. You can continue to nurse until your child is ready to wean on his own with the confidence that your milk is satisfying all his nutritional needs.

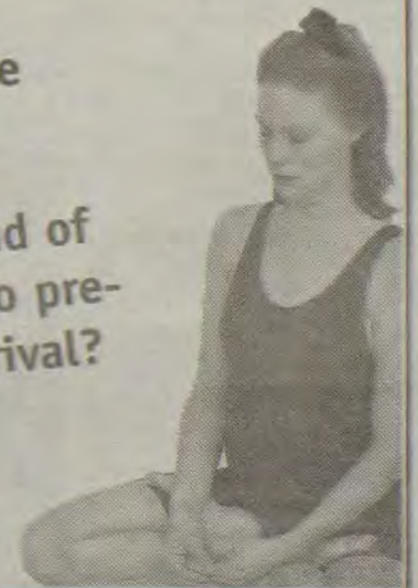
Dr. Sears sums it up best, saying, "There is no set number of years you should nurse your baby. If you and your child enjoy breastfeeding, there is no reason you need to stop. Both of you will continue to benefit from breastfeeding as long as you like."

The choice is yours.

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Find out about exercise during pregnancy.

How much and what kind of exercise should you do to prepare for your baby's arrival?



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Make any car pregnant friendly

Just as new parents child-proof their homes with outlet caps to prevent fingers from getting caught in electrical sockets or safety gates to prevent tumbles down stairs, they must play it safe with their cars, too. "New attention is being paid to styling, safety, interior space and performance in the automobile industry," says Brian Chee, an automotive expert from Autobyte Inc, an online car resource. That's good news for families who are expecting and parents - they can expect more from new cars.

For pregnant drivers, there are a few extras to look for when buying a new car or add to the car(s) you already own. They include:

Adjustable foot pedals: They allow you to sit back 3 inches from the wheel.

A tilting steering wheel: A pregnant belly can obstruct your turning capabilities or cause you to sit back further than is prudent, so a tilting wheel is important once you reach the third trimester. Tilting steering wheels are standard on newer models, but if you're driving an older car, inspect its steering gear.

Airbags: "The airbag has been toned down since it first came out," says Brendan Tobin, an independent consultant who trains workers in the automotive industry on how and why their products work. If you are concerned about an airbag's impact, look for a car with dual-stage airbags which have sensors that



Safety is crucial, especially when driving for two.

determine whether to send out a single- or dual-stage reaction, tempering the explosivity of the airbag.

Safety belt specs: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) notes that during an accident, safety belts redistribute impact to the stronger parts of your body and slow your body's movement. They recommend that pregnant drivers place the lap belt under the belly and across the hips, with the shoulder strap across the center of the chest.

If you're looking to modify a car that you already own, you can try the dealership where you bought your car or talk to your car's manufacturing company about specifics. But if you want to research on your own, here are a few places where you can get what you need to make your car pregnancy- and baby-friendly.

POST-PREGNANCY CARS

After pregnancy, there's a whole new set of road

rules. When kids arrive, safety and comfort are still top priorities. Here are a few things to look for:

Test the tailgate or trunk. Pay attention to whether you're comfortable toting a stroller, toys and baby gear.

Ask about childproof features. Back-door locks and window-lock options will keep child's hands from opening doors while the car is in motion or fingers from getting caught in automatic windows. These features are often standard on newer "family" cars like SUVs and station wagons.

Eye some entertainment. Systems like VisuaLogic's headrest monitors for movie-watching or Eclipse's multi-talented entertainer (with a touch control display that allows you to choose where the audio should play, as in "rear left only") can keep your passengers - and the driver - content on the road.



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It's never been more important for the children in your life to receive a college education. Studies show that over a lifetime, the earning gap between a person with a high school education and one who has a college degree may exceed \$1 million.*

According to The College Board (a not-for-profit educational association), for 2003-2004, average costs for one-year at a state university totaled \$4,656 (+14.1%) and \$27,410 (+6.0%) for a private university.** Should you also be thinking about graduate or professional school, the costs will really skyrocket.

A 529 Plan Can Help

Although funding a child's way through college will never be easy, some help is available through 529 College Savings Plans (also called qualified tuition programs). These plans were created under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code to help U.S. citizens and permanent residents meet higher education expenses and offer considerable financial benefits, such as:

- **Tax Advantages.** Your plan can grow federal income tax deferred. Withdrawals are also free of federal income taxes and in some cases state income taxes*** when used for qualified educational expenses. If withdrawals are used for non-qualified purposes, it may be subject to taxes and a 10% federal penalty.
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- **Flexibility.** You can use your plan's funds at any accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.
- **Additional Contributors.** Parents aren't the only ones who can contribute to a 529 plan. Grandparents, other relatives and even friends can make contributions.
- **Investment Choices.** You can choose from a variety of investment strategies best suited to your individual circumstances and risk tolerance. You'll also benefit from the professional investment management skills of major mutual fund companies.

Types of Plans

Prior to 1996, prepaid tuition plans allowed you to purchase tomorrow's in-state college education at today's prices. This was an attractive advantage, since you were assured that your bill was prepaid, but this type of plan required that your child attend a school in your state.

Under a 529 Savings Plan, you may create an account in your name and choose a beneficiary—your child, a grandchild, the child of a friend or even yourself. Your regular contributions to the plan can grow tax-deferred until withdrawn and, if spent on qualified higher education expenses, will be tax-free when withdrawn.**** In most cases, this can result in considerable savings. Best of all, the money can be spent at any eligible college or other post-secondary educational institution in the country.

Nearly 529 Reasons to Save

But the reasons to consider section 529 Plans don't stop there. They also feature high contribution limits, often in excess of \$200,000 per beneficiary—which can be used by another member of your family in case the original beneficiary doesn't attend college. Check the program guidelines for eligible family members.

To Learn More

Although Section 529 Plans make saving for college considerable easier, they may not be for everyone. If your child is very young and you're comfortable making your own investment decisions, you might prefer to invest these funds yourself. But whatever route you take, be sure to begin early. To learn more about how you can better invest for your child's education, please call Cheryl Robinette, CFP® at 800-927-9299.

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* Source: 2002 Trends in College Pricing 2000, The College Board.

** Figures shown include tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation and other expenses for residential students.

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Make healthy eating a pregnancy priority

Once you find out you are pregnant, there are many changes that you must make to your lifestyle. It is important to make the care of your growing baby a priority — this small person is relying on you as his lifeline. This includes stopping the consumption of harmful substances, such as alcohol, cigarettes and drugs (prescription, over-the-counter or illegal) during the duration of your pregnancy term. It also means nourishing your baby with healthy foods, full of the vitamins and nutrients he needs to develop properly.

Healthy eating may seem like a no-brainer to many moms-to-be, but sometimes it isn't as easy as it seems. When contending with raging hormones, a waning appetite or crazy cravings, making sure you are eating enough of the right foods may not be high on your list of priorities. But it should be.

DIET ROADBLOCKS

Sure, you know you're supposed eat your vegetables and adhere to a healthy diet, but you can barely get down dry crackers and water, right? Don't worry, even though your baby is growing quickly and requires a variety of nourishment during your pregnancy, sometimes its impossible to follow a strict pregnancy diet. Many factors affect what and how you eat in the weeks to come. Rest assured that with the help of prenatal vitamins and the fact that often these symptoms come and go quickly, it is possible to take in enough healthy foods to feed your growing wonder.

The following are some healthy diet obstacles you may face and how to overcome them:

■ Morning sickness: Many women experience morning sickness during their pregnancy. Better termed "all-day sickness," this feeling of queasiness or vomiting can occur any time of the day or night, and usually persists through the first trimester of your pregnancy. Morning sickness can definitely put a stop to your best-laid plans of a well-rounded diet. Even if you are able to eat and enjoy foods, they just may not stay down very long!

■ Food aversions: Maybe you loved a meal of chicken parmigiana before you were pregnant, but now the thought of the Italian delight has you running for the bathroom. Pregnancy hormones do strange things to a woman, including affecting her appetite and her choices in foods. The foods you once loved may no longer seem appealing and vice versa. If certain healthy foods repulse you, look for other tolerable options.

■ Food cravings: You've heard of women eating pickles and ice cream while pregnant, right? No matter how strange this food combination may seem, cravings are quite common during pregnancy, but may not always be this extreme. You may feel a certain affinity to a food and you need to eat it over and over. Some experts believe a woman craves the foods her body needs most, like citrus fruits, which are good sources of vitamins and antioxidants. Others believe that cravings lack explanation, except to be once again attributed to raging hormones. Many cravings are similar, including dairy products, carbohydrates and fruits. The key to conquering cravings is to try to substitute healthier versions. Indulge in a low-fat frozen yogurt instead of an ultra-premium ice cream. Or just eat the food you crave in moderation.

■ Anything goes attitude: Many moms-to-be adopt a philosophy that they can eat as much of whatever they want when pregnant; hey, they're going to gain weight anyway. However, this attitude can be dangerous to you and your fetus. Pregnancy does not give you the "free pass" to overeat. Gaining excessive weight can tax your heart, increase your chances of getting diabetes and put a strain on your fetus as well as make it much more difficult to give birth in a natural and healthy way. Plus, it will be that much more difficult to shed those extra pounds post-delivery. Although you're "eating for two," that extra person is small and only requires about an additional 300 calories per day. Do the math — that does not equal an entire cheesecake!

SO WHAT SHOULD I EAT?

Following the normal dietary guidelines you are accustomed to will help you keep on track. Grain products, vegetables, fruits, protein foods, and milk and milk products will give you the nutrients you and your baby need.

■ Grain products provide carbohydrates, your body's main source of energy. Choose 6 to 11 servings of whole-grain or fortified products such as whole-wheat bread, cereals, brown rice or pasta.

■ Fruits and vegetables provide important vitamins and minerals, as well as fiber to aid digestion. Choose at least three vegetables and two fruits every day, including a juice or fruit rich in vitamin C, such as an

orange.

■ Protein foods, such as meat, fish and dried beans, are crucial for your baby's growth. Choose 3 to 4 servings per day. One serving equals 2 to 3 ounces of lean meat, poultry or fish, or one egg. If you are a vegetarian and don't eat any animal products, be sure to eat tofu and other soy products, dried beans and nuts, as well as a variety of grains daily.

■ Milk and milk products help build your baby's bones and teeth. Choose 3 to 4 servings a day of low-fat milk, yogurt or cheese, or calcium-fortified soy milk and other soy-based products if you are a vegetarian or are lactose intolerant.

■ Sparingly eat sweets and fats as they can accentuate your growing waistline even further. Plus, limit your salt intake, which can cause water retention and swelling in the body.

Also, be sure to check with your doctor about the foods that should be avoided at all costs. Many will advise steering clear of processed meats, like cold cuts or hot dogs, which can contain bacteria and preservatives that can make you ill. Many seafood products are off limits because they may contain mercury or bacteria as well. Some natural foods and herbs are also on the no-can-do list. Your health-care provider can tell you more.

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