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briefs

Car speeds through roadblock

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

A DUI checkpoint yielded fruit for local law enforcement officers on Sunday when a driver plowed through the check point and ignored orders from officers to slow down and pull over.

The resulting chase ended at the Melbrook apartments, where a passenger fled from the vehicle. The alleged driver, Jamie L. Martin, 22, of Teaberry, did not take kindly to the officers and allegedly proceeded to curse at them.

An search of the vehicle Martin was operating produced three open containers and an underage passenger.

Martin failed a sobriety test and was slurring her speech, officers reported.

Martin has been charged with DUI, fleeing police, disorderly conduct and reckless driving. She was arraigned in district court on Tuesday, where a surety bond of \$500 was posted for her. She was ordered to not get behind the wheel as a condition of her bond and may face additional punishment due

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Tourism weighing Stonecrest facility

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A feasibility study to determine the possibility of placing an Equestrian Motocross facility at Stonecrest is well underway, the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau reported.

The study, funded by a \$10,000 grant, aims to determine whether or not a multimillion dollar plan to construct a 4,000-seat facility at Stonecrest will be viable to the community.

During a meeting Wednesday, Fred James said that a Lexington-based company, John Carnas and Associates, is com-

pleting the final analysis of a survey to determine what types of events could be held at the facility and how many participants or attendants could take part in the activities.

James says the facility could host horse shows, derby races and other events that would fuel the city's tourism dollars.

The analysis should be completed in a couple of weeks, James said. A meeting to discuss the project will take place within a couple of months.

During the meeting, James also gave a rundown on the bureau's 2005 incentives, what

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Scott Ringham, newly appointed member of Prestonsburg's Convention and Visitors Bureau, looked on while chairman David Tackett reviewed financial reports during a meeting Wednesday.

Flooding losses still linger for amphitheater

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Last year's flooding left Jenny Wiley Theatre with a hefty gap in its expenditures.

Director Marty Childers, seeking help from the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, reported Wednesday that the orga-

nization, a long-running tourist attraction in the county, ended the year \$75,000 in the red.

"We were \$75,000 in the hole by the end of the year," Childers said. "We worked whatever magic we could to take care of that, but we're still struggling."

The Memorial Day

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Dealer seeking early release

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Family and friends of a convicted drug trafficker put together a petition this week to ask Judge Danny P. Caudill to grant shock probation for Gary Newcomb, who was picked up in the April Fool's Day drug roundup that was conducted by the Floyd County Drug Task Force in 2004.

Newcomb entered a guilty plea in November and was given a six-year sentence. His status as a persistent felony offender could have seen him serve as much as 20 years for the two counts of first-degree trafficking that he was charged with. The cases involved selling Oxycontin to an undercover informant and a second charge of trafficking in cocaine.

The petition was put together by his wife and signed by various friends and relatives who all live in Pike County.

Contacting people who signed the petition yielded a similar logic amongst Newcomb supporters who all agreed that he should be released from his sentence because he has children. Many also said that he deserved a second chance and one person polled insisted that he should be freed because "at least he was not a sex offender." One relative noted that as long as Newcomb is in prison his family will not receive his Social Security check.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner offered the flip side to those arguments saying, "If we let every offender off the hook because they left a family behind, that they had disrupted with their activities, then we wouldn't be putting anyone away."

Turner went on to note that he often has contact with families of the dealers his office has sent to jail and said, "I talk to families every day and have sympathy for what they go through." As far as

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Joseph Goble and his family are picking up the pieces after this 10-wheeler crashed into a rental home on their property.

Charges filed after truck drops on house

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

COW CREEK — Joseph Goble says he was nearly finished with the construction of a rental home on his property.

Now, the place is in shambles. It was targeted Saturday by a 10-wheeler that tumbled approximately 200 feet over an embankment on Cow Mountain and crashed into its side.

"We used to be a happy family till this happened," Goble said. "Now we're a terrified family."

Goble, whose Cow Creek home is located approximately 100 yards away from the rental property, and his fiancé, Erma Newsome, were asleep when the truck crashed into the neighboring house early Saturday morning. They didn't hear a thing.

The massive weight of the vehicle

shifted the house at least a foot off it's foundation, Goble said. The impact ripped a whole through the bathroom wall, pulling the stilts to the ground.

Floyd County Rescue Squad workers spent two hours freeing Otis Blackburn, an occupant of the truck belonging to the Caudill Seed Company in Allen.

Blackburn, who was later transported to a Huntington hospital, and Willard Goble, who was driving at the time of the accident, were both injured.

According to investigating officer Thomas Gearheart, of the Department of Transportation, there was evidence at the scene that Blackburn had been driving that morning, but he pulled over on Cow Mountain to let Goble maneuver the truck down the curvy hill.

Both men were "highly intoxicated," Gearheart said. Blackburn submitted to

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Elk trial delayed until March

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The last defendant accused of illegally poaching a bull elk at Ivy Creek last September had his trial date moved to March in district court on Thursday.

Billy Joe DeRossett, 20, will now have to wait until spring for a final determination in the case that finds him accused of several charges which carry hefty fines that have already been levied against his three codefendants, who all agreed to testify against him after entering guilty pleas in the case.

DeRossett stands accused of illegally killing the animal as well as not having permission to hunt on Ivy Creek. He is also charged with using artificial light to blind the animal, which in this case meant using the headlights of a Jeep to dazzle the elk while his friends peppered it with .22's.

The trial was delayed so that both sides in the matter could share statements they have taken from DeRossett and the three other men involved. The statements appear to hint at a fourth charge being leveled at DeRossett.

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DeRossett

Man charged with unemployment fraud

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — A Floyd County man is facing felony charges after he allegedly lied to obtain unemployment insurance.

Barry K. Tacit, 34, of Wheelwright, was arrested at the Floyd County courthouse Friday on allegations that failed to report wages he was earning income from Central Appalachia Mining LLC while drawing unemployment insurance benefits from New Ridge Mining.

Roy E. Sturgill Sr., representing the Kentucky Division of Unemployment Insurance, filed a criminal complaint against Tackett last Wednesday, claiming that the man failed to disclose material facts in order to obtain approximately \$811 in unemployment benefits.

Tackett was released the day of his arrest after posting a \$5,000 surety bond.

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Odds & Ends

■ **FLORENCE, Ala.** — Gary Gallien is a house painter. But earlier this week he became a dog catcher — literally.

Working with a crew at an apartment complex in Florence, Gallien caught a small dog as it fell from a fifth-floor balcony.

Gallien said he had stepped outside the building Tuesday when he heard a woman scream and saw a white, furry object falling toward him.

"Somebody hollered and I looked up and just stuck out my arms and caught it," he said. "I caught it like a football. I was fixing to run for a touchdown with it."

Gallien said he did not know where the dog came

from, but he took it back to the fifth floor and turned it loose in the hall.

"That's like the 'Funniest Home Videos' on TV," Gallien said. "I wish we had been filming it, so I could have sent it in. It would have won first place."

■ **MONTPELIER, Vt.** — A company that sells cuddly Teddy bears through the mail has angered mental health advocates with a special item for Valentine's Day.

The Vermont Teddy Bear Co. is featuring a 15-inch bear in a straitjacket. The \$69.95 stuffed animal is called the "Crazy for You Bear" and comes with its own commitment papers.

"This bear was created in

the spirit of Valentine's Day and as with all of our bears it was designed to be a light-hearted depiction of the sentiment of love," the company said in a statement.

Mental health advocates believe the bear is "a tasteless use of marketing that stigmatizes persons with mental illness," said Jerry Goessel, executive director of the Vermont chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

The company said it would discontinue the bear, but not before Feb. 14.

"We recognize that this is a sensitive, human issue and sincerely apologize if we have offended anyone," the firm said. "This bear was developed

just for Valentine's Day and is not a permanent addition to our product line."

■ **RUSSELLVILLE, Ark.** — What the owners of The West Main Cafe were apparently cooking up at night has landed them in jail.

Police said they believe the operators of the restaurant were making methamphetamine in the kitchen on the same equipment they were using to cook food for customers.

Agents found meth in a room next to the kitchen, coffee filters with drug residue and other ingredients associated with the manufacturing of the drug, said Larry Johnson, director of the Fifth Judicial District Drug Task Force.

People eating at the restaurant at the time of a police raid on Wednesday were asked to leave, and their food sat on the tables as agents inventoried items seized from the cafe.

Johnson said the two restaurant operators were apparently cooking the drugs at night when the restaurant was closed. According to a police report, flammable chemicals also were found in the kitchen and could have ignited.

The restaurant was closed indefinitely.

■ **WEST MEMPHIS, Ark.** — Arkansas' naked jogger has been zapped.

For months, officers have been getting reports about a man making late-night runs in

the buff. On Monday, police said they think they got their mystery jogger.

Fate Patterson, 39, of West Memphis, was arrested after he ran past a police car and failed to stop when he was ordered to do so by officers. Police chased him and were able to rein him in by using a Taser.

Patterson was charged with indecent exposure, fleeing and resisting arrest.

Mike Allen, assistant chief of the West Memphis police department, said that it did not initially appear that the man was mentally ill. He did not disclose his reasons for running without his clothes.

"You know, this one has just got me kind of speechless," said Allen.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 10, the 345th day of 2004. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Forty years ago, on Dec. 10, 1964, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize during ceremonies in Oslo, Norway.

On this date:

■ In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.

■ In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

■ In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

■ In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

■ In 1931, Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.

■ In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

■ In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

■ In 1958, the first domestic passenger jet flight took place in the U.S. as a National Airlines Boeing 707 flew 111 passengers from New York to Miami in about 2 1/2 hours.

■ In 1967, singer Otis Redding died in the crash of his private plane in Wisconsin.

■ In 1984, South African

Bishop Desmond Tutu received the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ten years ago: Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin received the Nobel Peace Prize, pledging to pursue their mission of healing the anguished Middle East. Advertising executive Thomas Mosser of North Caldwell, N.J., was killed by a mail bomb blamed on the Unabomber.

Five years ago: After three years under suspicion as a spy for China, computer scientist Wen Ho Lee was arrested and charged with removing secrets from secure computers at the Los Alamos weapons lab. (Lee was later freed after pleading guilty to one count of downloading restricted data to tape; 58 other counts were dropped.) More than 2 million people marched in Cuba to demand the return of Elian Gonzalez.

One year ago: A divided Supreme Court upheld the broadest restrictions on campaign donations in nearly 30 years. An appeals court ordered a new trial for Lionel Tate, a Florida teen sentenced to life for causing the death of a 6-year-old playmate, Tiffany Eunick. (Originally convicted of first-degree murder, Tate pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and went free last January.) Iranian democracy activist Shirin Ebadi, the first Muslim woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, accepted the award in Oslo, Norway.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harold Gould is 81. Actress Jean Byron is 79. Former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter is 74. Actor Mako is 71. Actor Tommy

Kirk is 63. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 63. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 61. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 58. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 58. R&B singer Ralph Tavares is 56. R&B singer Jessica Cleaves (Friends of Distinction) is 56. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 53. Actress Susan Dey is 52. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 47. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh is 44. Actress Nia Peeples is 43. Actor Michael Clarke Duncan is 41. Rock singer-musician J Mascis is 39. Country singer Kevin Sharp is 34. Rock musician Scot Alexander (Dishwalla) is 33. Rapper Kuniva (D12) is 26. Violinist Sarah Chang is 24. Actress Raven is 19.

Thought for Today: "It is only in romances that people undergo a sudden metamorphosis. In real life, even after the most terrible experiences, the main character remains exactly the same." — Isadora Duncan, American modern dance pioneer (1878-1927).

Budget ruling appealed by Fletcher, others

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher and some legislators said Thursday that they will appeal a court ruling that lets the government continue to operate without a budget until June 30.

Franklin County Circuit Judge Roger Crittenden ruled last month that both the executive and legislative branches were outside the Kentucky Constitution in the impasse that grew from the failure of the 2004 General Assembly to enact a budget.

Fletcher can continue to keep state government operating with

informal spending plans issued every three months, but Crittenden said the governor has no constitutional authority to spend money without a budget.

Likewise, the judge ruled the legislature failed to live up to its constitutional obligation to pass a budget.

In effect, he gave both sides until the end of the current fiscal year on June 30 to get the matter resolved with a budget. After that, he said, only spending on "essential" state services would be allowed, though he did not define such things.

John Roach, Fletcher's general counsel, said the Crittenden

ruling left a lot of questions unresolved, including separation of powers issues among the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

Also seeking an appeal are Reps. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow, and former lawmaker Charles Geveden. They have argued that the state constitution prohibits the spending of state money without an appropriation.

An attorney for the lawmakers said they will seek an immediate review by the Kentucky Supreme Court and try to bypass the intermediate Court of Appeals.

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Tourism

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he called his "think tank" for the upcoming year.

Recreational activities top the list, with the proposed organization of competitive team sports in Prestonsburg and an outdoor recreation club. James hopes to solicit community members to participate in outdoor events like 5K runs, fishing, kayaking, hiking, rock climbing, go-cart races and horse trail riding. The community is invited to attend a meeting concerning plans for this club on Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. in the Bureau office.

The bureau will also plan events this year at the Middle Creek Battlefield and gain volunteers to operate the Samuel May House so that the historical

home can be open regularly for tourists.

In others news, the commission:

- Discussed a \$2,000 video equipment grant that will be used in creating videos of area attractions.

- Discussed the upcoming State Amateur Golf Tournament at Stonecrest.

- Discussed the possibility of agri-tourism in Floyd County.

Scott Ringum, manager of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and former board member for the tourism board in Bowling Green, took his seat with the bureau this week. His appointment fills a vacant seat on the board that expires in March.



photo by Mary Music

The Martin Housing Authority is planning to demolish this public assistance housing complex at Grigsby Heights. Director Bruce Coleman says the organization has spent years repairing damages to the building. Here, settling caused these windows to separate from their frame.

Apartment building to be emptied, demolished

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Three Floyd County families are preparing to relocate from their public assistance housing at Grigsby Heights in Martin.

They join three other families who have already vacated the premises of the apartment complex, which will likely be torn down because of structural problems in the building's foundation.

Bruce Coleman, director of the Housing Authority, said structural problems began on the site approximately 16 years ago. The authority's former director discussed it in a 1989 letter, he said.

The Housing Authority began planning the demolition of the building, numbered 1000, last spring. Coleman says he's waiting for the okay from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"The building has had its problems," he said. "We've kept it functional until this present time. We've made the request and we're trying to empty it out because we expect that they (HUD) will grant our request."

Grigsby Heights, consisting of 11 apartment buildings that were built in the late 1980s, was constructed on top of a landfill that was probably not compacted correctly, Coleman said. The foundation of Housing Authority office building had to be repaired before the other buildings were completed on the site. Another apartment building on the property has also had

foundation problems previously repaired.

Residents at the facility complain of cracks in the walls that return after being fixed and doors that are hard to open, but repairs have been steadily corrected in the apartments, they say.

Coleman, who said fixing the foundation of the building was too expensive at the time remodeling occurred on the other damaged structures in the 1990s, couldn't estimate how much money has been spent in necessary repairs over the years.

"We spent a couple of hundred here, a hundred there, maybe 50 there," he said, pointing out that the Housing Authority adhered to "basic" state guidelines to keep the building functional.

"It has not been determined to be unsafe," he said. "It's in a condition that's not going to get any better."

The Housing Authority has a five-year plan to repair other problems on the rental properties at Grigsby Heights.

Coleman said the Housing Authority could not determine if the contractors, who built the apartments with "floating" concrete pad foundations, could be held liable to pay for the damages.

Another Housing Authority site, Town Center, was constructed on a landfill in the 1970s with pillars to support the foundation. The building is still "very stable," Coleman said.

The families will either move or transfer to another public housing facility.

First felonies of year heard in district court

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Four of the first five felony arrests of the year were passed on to a grand jury Wednesday to determine if the cases will be adjudicated in circuit court. Things did not go as smoothly, however, in getting to that determination.

The first problem was the lack of defense counsel which delayed the proceedings for an hour. Every client had requested a public advocate, citing that they could not afford counsel though it was later determined that several of the defendants could indeed hire a private attorney.

One defendant, Brenda Benton, who is charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, was also not present because she had slipped out of the court to use the restroom. Answering the call of nature almost saw her get into deep trouble. She was free on a \$10,000 cash bond which Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum asked to have forfeited. The court also issued an arrest warrant for Benton but she was let off the hook after returning from the restroom.

Judge James Allen allowed the public advocate to represent Benton for the hearing but admonished her noting that if she could post a \$10,000 cash bond, then she could should be able to afford to hire an attorney.

The next cases were linked and involved two gentlemen who were arrested for receiving stolen property. Tommy Owens and Mark Stanley are accused of stealing a chainsaw and hand drill from the shed of a Blue River residence.

Trooper Brian Layne testified to arresting the defendants after witnesses offered statements that the two men had tried to sell them the items. Layne also noted that Owens was arrested for possessing a shotgun that was stolen from another Blue River residence.

He stated that his witness in that case was offered the shotgun and recognized it as belonging to man he used to live next door to. The witness declined to buy the gun but remembered to alert authorities after the aborted sale.

The stolen property cases also saw some drama when Judge Allen opted to tell Stanley that he would need a private attorney for any circuit court appearance. This came about when Marcum raised an objection to Stanley getting the services of the public advocate, saying, "Judge, he makes as much as I do."

The final case saw no need to appoint private counsel but did involve a complex investigation involving stolen copper. The case against James Goines came to light when Sgt. Terry Chaffins, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, pulled over another subject who had outstanding warrants.

According to testimony from Chaffins Goines, who was a passenger in the back seat, allegedly accosted the Chaffins, saying he was out to arrest him.

"He started accusing me of harassment but I told him it was in my job description to make arrests," Chaffins said.

The arrest, for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, proved unfortunate for Goines, who was also wanted in the copper investigation. Witnesses from a Salyersville scrap yard had already given a description of Goines to the department. The scrap yard also had a receipt that Goines is alleged to have received for selling the stolen copper.

The advocate pressed Chaffins on his story and asked for any proof that he had to which Chaffins replied, "He admitted it in a written statement he made at the jail." Chaffins went on to say, "He also said he knew the three guys who stole it."

All of the cases will be sent on to the grand jury, which will decide if there is sufficient evidence to prosecute.

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flood carried with it more than \$100,000 worth of damages to the theater, which lost sound equipment, costumes and revenue from a lag in sales last season.

The theater opened, as usual, after the state repaired the condemned building, but the patrons didn't come, Childers said.

"We got a lot of attention, but in a way it kind of backfired. People thought 'They can't be open with all the mess.'"

Calling the theater a "crown jewel" in the community, board member Mark Miller tossed a motion to give the theater

\$5,000. The motion passed, with emphasis that the money fund the theater's advertising and marketing department.

The theater typically spends \$50,000 every year in marketing and advertising, Childers said.

"I was hoping to hear that we'd get more, but I'm grateful for what we can get," Childers said yesterday. "It will free up our other money so that we can do the things that we have to do to ensure that we stay open."

The theater is now conducting its annual fundraising.

This year's schedule can be found online at jwtheatre.com.

Charges

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to being out on probation for a previous charge in Pikeville.

The conditions of her guilty plea in that case, for shoplifting, included a requirement that she have no violations for one year, but this arrest violated that agreement which carries through until February.

Martin has had two previous DUI arrests. The first was also in Floyd County in 2002, to which she pleaded guilty, and the second occurred one month later, also in Floyd County, but was amended on the condition that she have no more violations for a year.

House

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a blood test, with results still pending, but Goble refused, he said.

Blackburn was cited for driving under the influence, failure to comply with federal safety regulations and for having no insurance. Goble, charged also with driving under the influence and no insurance, was additionally cited for driving on a suspended license. He also faces one count of failure to comply with federal safety regulations.

Joseph Goble, who has no home insurance, is now awaiting

word from the Caudill Seed Company. Owner Dan Caudill refused to talk to The Times yesterday.

Gearheart was thankful that no one was killed in the accident.

"You can tell when you look at it that if it fell a few hundred feet in either direction, it would have either hit the occupied house or the trailer park," he said.

Transtar Ambulance also assisted at the scene.

Trial

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Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum may be seeking a charge of tampering with evidence against DeRossett. This has to do with using a shotgun to blow off the Buck's antlers and later tossing them into Dewey Lake when it was learned that Fish and Wildlife Officer Marc Wallace was investigating the incident.

DeRossett's attorney brought up that he would move to keep the same bond for his client, \$5,000, but was informed by Judge Eric Hall that no ruling on that issue could be made until the new charge was filed.

The tampering charges would constitute a class D felony and mean future court appearances at the circuit level for DeRossett.

Correction

An article in Wednesday's edition of The Times incorrectly said that Stanville resident Chris Hall was bitten by a Rottweiler belonging to Milford Compton. The article should have stated that the dog, which killed 31

chickens belonging to Hall, "bit at" him.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting is being held on Thursday, January 27, 2005, at noon at Big Sandy Area Development District. Floyd County Fiscal Court is sponsoring the meeting. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss plans for proposed improvements at the Minnie Park. Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to:

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For more information about the meeting, contact Denise Thomas at Big Sandy Area Development District at 886-2374.

ATTENTION:

Anyone with information on the driver of a red pickup truck that left the scene of an accident last Thursday, Jan. 6, at 8:30 p.m., on University Drive, please call Tom at 886-8506.

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Motion

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getting a second chance Turner noted, "He had two previous felonies before these past two and had an idea of what to expect."

The most frequent concern expressed by people in the petition was that Newcomb has a family, but Turner countered that with, "He should have been concerned about them before he sold Oxycontin and cocaine."

The fact that a convict has children who depend on them is the most frequently cited reason for seeking shock probation followed closely by the statement that the convict has learned his or her lesson.

Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"All animals except man know that the ultimate in life is to enjoy it."

— Samuel Butler

Amendment 1

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on House Republicans and ethics:

At first House Republicans seemed so magnanimous, retreating from an earlier ethics rules change that would have allowed one of their congressmen to keep his leadership post while under indictment on criminal charges. Even GOP leader Tom DeLay, whom that rules change was designed to protect, championed the turnaround. There were congratulations all around for their sense of fair play. And what did House Republicans do then? Why, they ramrodded through another rules change that effectively neutered the ethics committee that rebuked Mr. DeLay three times last year, making it all but impossible for ethics complaints to move forward. Now a majority vote of that committee will be needed to start an ethics investigation. Thing is, the committee's membership is evenly split between the two parties. Tie votes, which seem more likely than not in this partisan era, mean the ethics complaints die.

Even the Republican chairman of the ethics panel, Rep. Joel Hefley of Colorado, had his misgivings. ...

"The 109th Congress will be a reform Congress," House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois promised this week. If so, it's off to a poor start.

The Hawk Eye, Burlington, Iowa, on the FCC:

The Federal Communication Commission's recent record fine in the Janet Jackson case suggests that a bare breast shown on network TV has a more negative effect on the national psyche than the screaming matches that pass for political discourse on alleged news programs.

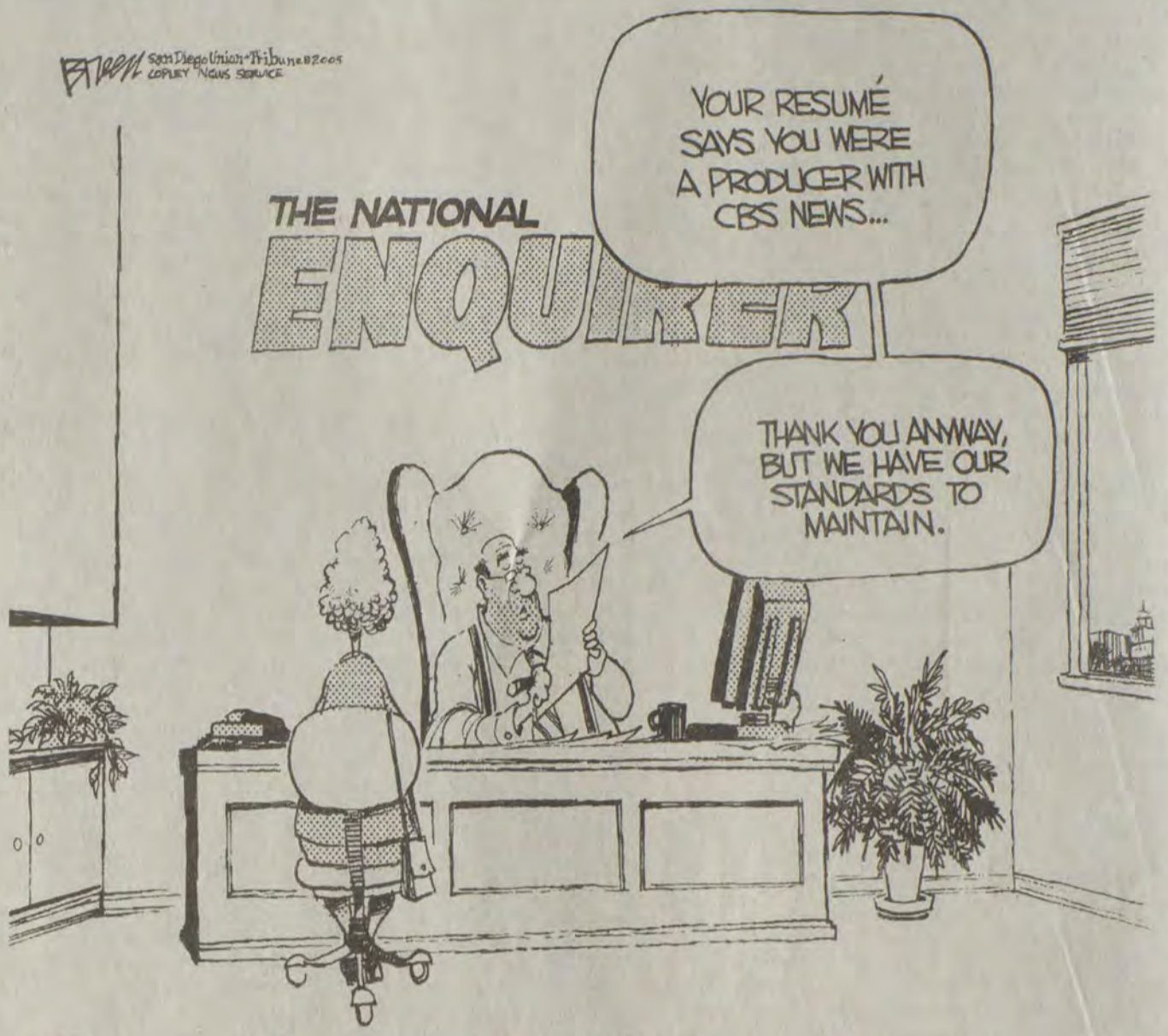
And yet it's not the breast incident so much as the political pundits' constant shouting and screaming that has helped fuel a growing incivility in politics and society at large.

Last year's election brought a stridency that bordered on lunacy to the so called news talk shows.

The networks, especially Fox, profit from the audience appeal of screaming head hosts like Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity, who happen to be wildly conservative and do their best to berate and silence their guests.

But there was an encouraging sign last week that the formulaic bickering format may be on notice. At least at CNN, where new boss Jonathan Klein fired conservative pundit Tucker Carlson and put his "Crossfire" program on hiatus. ...

Hopefully CNN, as it reinvents its political programming, will lead the way to a new (old) kind of civil debate that informs viewers instead of assaulting their ears and insulting their intelligence.



Guest Column

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: A GREAT TEACHER

by JOHN G. SHIBER, PhD

Each year, most American colleges and universities select a "Great Teacher" amongst their faculty. Some winners go on to be named "Great Teacher" of their respective states, and many even receive national recognition for their educative expertise.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose Jan. 15 birthday our nation celebrates, won the respect of the entire world during his brief 41 years, without ever (to my knowledge) being honored as a "Great Teacher". Yet, it is precisely this talent that carried him on to become a phenomenally effective leader and one of the finest orators of our time.

For what is a teacher but one who can energize people into learning and thinking "beyond the box" as the saying goes? A good teacher is able to impart information and ideas in such a way that students become capable of expanding and acting upon the lessons learned. Indeed, as King said in "The Purpose of

Education", an article he penned for his college newspaper at the tender age of 18, the function of education is "... to teach one to think intensively and to think critically." This he eventually succeeded in doing himself for all Americans who would listen.

Dr. King's ability to educate and move people of color to stand up for their inalienable rights in an intelligent, peaceful manner...often at their own physical expense... and to awaken those who would be bigots to realize their criminal folly, was remarkable. With all the power of the greatest educators, he forced America to realize that racism was an immense problem that had to be eradicated if we were to continue to proclaim that ours was a democratic society.

Even former FBI Director, the late J. Edgar Hoover, who had called King a "notorious liar" and said that his Southern Christian Leadership Conference was "spearheaded by Communists and degenerates", could not diminish Dr. King's popularity and

influence on our country's moral progress. No matter what undermining techniques Hoover employed, like wire-tapping King's office & home phones, having him followed, prying into his personal affairs, and spreading false and libelous rumors, King's instructional prowess prevailed and, perhaps, became even stronger.

Clearly, after all is said and done, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a teacher in the purest sense, whether through the strength of his spoken and written words that are still echoed today, through the strength of his actions that guided us towards improved human understanding and racial equality, or through his martyr's death from an assassin's bullet. No one has ever been more deserving of a "Great Teacher" award than he. Our country was his classroom.

Dr. John Shiber is a Professor of Biology at the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community & Technical College.

Letters

Drug meetings scheduled

There will be two meetings for anyone who wants to help combat the illegal drug abuse

that is taking place in Floyd County. We need to take a stand and let others know that we will no longer tolerate illegal drugs in our county.

If you want to be a part of this coalition and its efforts in the war on drugs, please come

to one of the following meetings. One will be on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. and the other will be on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held at Allen Baptist Church, located next to the Bull Creek Trade Center.

Illegal drug use affects all of us in one way or another and I don't think we can afford not to attend. Please join us in taking back our county.

Alisha Baldrige
Prestonsburg

Seeking information

My name is Ola Miller Hall. I'm looking for anyone who might know anything about the burial place of Essie Hall Miller.

Essie was married to Charlie Miller,

the son of Abey and Delaney Howard Miller. Essie and Charlie had three sons, Jesse James (died in infancy), Jack and Simon. Essie's father is buried on Abbott Creek (James Hall). He had a sister, Marie, and two brothers, Ernest Hall and Estill Hall.

Jack and Simon visited cemetery in October. James headstone is fairly new,

so I assume there are still some family members living. There was no stone with the name "Essie."

The sons would appreciate any and all information they can get.

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At the Movies: 'Coach Carter'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

You pretty much know what you're getting when you walk into a sports movie that bills itself as "an inspirational account ... inspired by a true story."

And with "Coach Carter," you pretty much get that: The story of Ken Carter, the basketball coach at Richmond High School in a tough section of the San Francisco Bay Area, features rousing, crowd-pleasing moments and breathless buzzer-beating action. It's also full of the obligatory speeches about turning athletes into students and turning boys into men.

The difference here is that the person making those speeches is Samuel L. Jackson. He's not threatening to strike down upon anyone with great vengeance and furious anger, as he did so famously in "Pulp Fiction." He has dialed down his wrath, but despite his character's overly polite practice of calling everyone ma'am and sir, he's still a formidable presence.

Jackson avoids melodrama — it just isn't part of his repertoire — and director Thomas Carter, who previously directed another MTV movie, "Save the Last Dance," for the most part does the same, though he could



"Coach Carter,"
a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for violence, sexual content, language, teen partying and some drug material. Running time: 137 minutes.
Two and a half stars out of four.

has trimmed the film by about a half-hour.

The result, like the recent "Friday Night Lights" and "Miracle," is a movie that manages to transcend its predictable, by-the-numbers structure, even though its tough-love themes inevitably will remind you of "Stand and Deliver" and "Dangerous Minds."

As told by screenwriters Mark Schwahn (creator of the WB series "One Tree Hill") and John Gatins ("Summer Catch"), the rigid Carter is hired to coach the dismal Richmond High basketball team, for which he was a star player in the early 1970s.

These kids are failing both on the court and in the classroom, and he immediately sets out to fix both problems. He works them harder than they've ever worked before, with endless drills, sprints and push-ups, and he forces them to sign contracts requiring them to main-

tain at least a 2.3 grade point average.

Everything seems to be going great in the film's first hour, which includes the de rigueur montage of practices and victories as the team cobles together a surprise undefeated season. Carter's innovative tactics include naming strategies after his ex-girlfriends and sisters. He also kills his players with kindness and tricks them through reverse psychology, tactics familiar to his son, Damien (Robert Richardson), a freshman who has pulled himself out of private school and enrolled at Richmond, just to play for his dad.

Then "Coach Carter" becomes a totally different movie when Coach Carter realizes that several of his players haven't been upholding their end of the contract academically, with the complicity of their teachers and parents. He pad-

locks the gym, forces the entire team to meet at the library to study and cancels games, drawing the ire of parents and the community, who just want to see a winning team.

If all this hadn't actually happened, it would sound too impossibly feel-good to be true. While Jackson plays a huge role in making the film believable, the casting is exceptional all the way down the line.

Rob Brown, who made his acting debut starring with Sean Connery in "Finding Forrester," is quietly confident as one of the team's stars. R&B singer Ashanti, who plays his pregnant teenage girlfriend, proves she can act beyond the meager skills she's displayed in videos opposite Ja Rule. And Rick Gonzalez (who played Spanish in "Old School") provides a palpable nervous energy as a student torn between the easy camaraderie he enjoys on the basketball team and the easy money he makes helping his cousin deal drugs on the streets.

Take a guess which one he chooses.

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Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

Several new releases hit the shelves this week with more than a few art house flicks making up the bulk of the new titles on DVD.

"The Village" — M. Night Shyamalan's follow up to "Signs" was a disappointment to most of his fans. The film focuses on the denizens of an 18th century community which lives in fear of strange noises emanating from the woods. This one features the director's trademark style which includes a twist which most audiences saw coming a mile away. The cast is game but the revelations are lame. Adrien Brody and Joaquin Phoenix star with an impressive screen debut from Bryce Dallas Howard.

"Le Divorce" — Merchant Ivory turns from period pieces ("Howard's End") to modern fare with this drama that fol-

lows a woman to France where she visits her sister who has just learned that she is pregnant and that her husband is leaving her. Good photography and earnest performances help this one through the slow spots.

"The Commonwealth" — This one came out in Spain four years ago and finally has landed a stateside release. Carmen Maura stars as a real estate agent who stumbles upon a small fortune while showing off an apartment. Turns out all of the strange people who live in the building want a piece of the action and things quickly turn sinister.

"Silver City" — Writer/Director John Sayles ("Matewan") turns his attention to election time campaigning in this drama which is actually pretty funny too. Chris Cooper stars as a candidate for governor who comes off a lot like our humble president. The supporting cast boasts a plethora of tal-

ent which imbues the multiple stories with star presence.

"Without a Paddle" — Three 20-something friends embark on a canoe trip in this comedy which has more hits than misses. Seth Green and Matthew Lillard star and there is a funny performance by Burt Reynolds as a hairy mountain man that pokes fun at his 1972 hit "Deliverance."

"I, Monster" — Horror icons Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee star in this British remake of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. This was originally filmed in 3-D and gives the pair a chance to emote the heck out of Robert Louis Stephenson's classic horror tale.

TROMA Studios has two DVD three-packs out this week which offer viewers three films for under \$11. Great sounding titles are included, which for the low price make these sets worth a gamble. Set # 5

includes "Nightmare Weekend," "Nightfall" and "Dark Side of Midnight" while set #6 includes "Dead Dudes in the House," "The Newlydeads" and, my favorite, "Space Zombie Bingo."

Next week promises some laughs with the release of the third season of "Curb Your Enthusiasm." Also look for "The Peacekeeper Wars" which finally wraps up the story of "Farscape," which the Sci-Fi Channel canceled despite overwhelming critical success.

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Leeper not resigning but will switch parties, again

by **MARK R. CHELLGREN**
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FRANKFORT — Sen. Bob Leeper of Paducah, who famously switched parties in 1999 to help give Republicans their first legislative majority in a century, will switch again because of unhappiness with GOP partisanship.

Leeper said Wednesday he would become an independent rather than resign from the General Assembly altogether, as he threatened last week.

Leeper was prompted to action after Republicans voted Friday to seat the GOP candidate in a disputed Jefferson County senatorial election, even though the courts found Dana Seum Stephenson did not meet the constitutional residency requirement.

In an emotional statement, Leeper said he would resign, but later said he would delay his action after meeting with Gov. Ernie Fletcher and others.

Leeper said his objection is not with the Republican Party or its philosophy.

Leeper acknowledged the possibility there could be political retribution from the majority Republicans, perhaps in terms of lost committee assignments. But such an attitude of revenge and power politics was part of his objection to the way the GOP majority is run in the Senate.

"That's what is part of the problem," Leeper said in a telephone interview. "People have to stand down, they feel like any-

way, to keep those committee assignments."

Among other assignments, Leeper is a member of the tax-and budget-writing Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Leeper said he did not want to leave his district of Marshall, McCracken and Ballard counties without representation. A resignation would have prompted a special election, which likely could not be held for at least a month.

The 2005 legislative session resumes on Feb. 1 and is scheduled to end on March 22.

If Leeper follows through, he would be the lone independent in the General Assembly and the first since 1984.

Leeper noted that his decision will keep Republicans from reaching the important number of 23 members in the Senate. It takes 23 votes in the current session to pass budget or tax measures or a constitutional amendment.

With Leeper's decision, the current makeup in the Senate would be 22 Republicans, 15 Democrats and an independent.

But Stephenson's own fate is also unclear. A Franklin County Circuit Court judge has scheduled a hearing Friday on whether Stephenson should be allowed to continue as a senator because of the residency question.

Stephenson received more votes than Democrat Virginia Woodward, according to unofficial returns. But Woodward went

to court and said Stephenson had lived in Indiana for at least part of the six years before the election, as required by the Kentucky Constitution. A judge agreed and ordered that only Woodward's votes should be counted. A committee in the Senate appointed to consider the election challenge also found Stephenson did not meet the residency requirement, but the Republican majority voted to seat Stephenson.

Senate Democratic Leader Ed Worley of Richmond said he admired Leeper's decision to become an independent. However, the Senate Democrats were not planning to solicit Leeper to rejoin their party, Worley said.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Leeper told him of his decision before going public.


"But I was surprised. But you know Sen. Leeper is following what he feels like is best," Fletcher said. "The thing that I still am very pleased with is the fact that he still holds the principles — the conservative principles — that we share, and he will continue to support those things."

Leeper said he would continue to support Fletcher's initiatives if he agree with him. "I'm not going to change that support just because I'm an independent."

Leeper said he is unconcerned about his own political future and noted he was re-elected after changing parties before. His current term runs through 2006.

Rodney Handshoe, M.D. F.A.C.C. is Moving (but not very far).

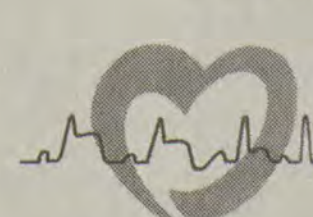
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 Roy Prater, 34, David; public intoxication.
 Eric Shepherd, 32, Blue River; possession of marijuana.
 Tony White, 21, Prestonsburg; three counts of hunting without a license, entering land to hunt without consent.
 Michael Shepherd, 25, Allen; harassment (physical contact).
 Heather Music, 25, Wheelwright; second-degree criminal mischief.
 Larry D. Vanover, 52, Printer; assault.
 Helen Wright, 57, Drift; harassing communications.
 Carter King, 57, Teaberry; fourth-degree assault.
 Tim Stanley, 44, Allen; driving on a suspended license, improper registration plates, no insurance.
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 Marty Hamilton, 57, Betsy Layne; auto theft.
 Rocky D. Hall, 32, Grethel; theft.
 Barry K. Tackett, 34, Wheelwright; giving false statements to increase benefits.
 Sam Clifford Bradley, 23, Hueysville; driving under the influence; driving on a DUI suspended license, no insurance, expired registration plates, first-degree criminal mischief, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.
 Tommy Owens, 25, Blue River; two counts of receiving stolen property.
 James Gregory Goines; 22, McDowell; receiving stolen property.
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 Brenda Benton, 42, Stanville; drug trafficking.
 Rocky D. Hall, 32, Grethel; theft.

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 Little Hillbilly Cafe, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, garbage container in food prep area not covered. Score: 97.
 Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Upright coolers lack conspicuous thermometers, proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface (countertop) in disrepair, garbage container in food prep area lacks cover. Score: Food 95, Retail 99.
 Allen Express Mart, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hot holding temperatures too low, unable to locate all thermometers in units, hair restraints not in use, reach-in unit covered in duck tape, no hand soap in restroom, open waste container in need of lid. Score: Food 81, Retail 93. Follow-up required.
 McDowell Elementary School, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All critical violations have been corrected.
 Rite Aid, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Shelves in reach-in unit in need of cleaning, chemical products used for grooming pets stored above, rather than below, food products. Score: 93.
 Family Dollar, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Found pet food product within six inches of floor, cans of food product with dust buildup, floor found with tape residue (not easily cleanable). Score: 95.
 Pizza Palace Fun Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Small under counter refrigerator not set at proper temperature, proper hair restraints not in use, no readily available chemical test strips, can opener blade has buildup of encrusted material, wall and ceilings in disrepair. Score: 83. Follow-up required.
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Retail 97.
 El Azul Grande, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Potentially hazardous foods being held at below required settings, not all employees have proper hair restraints, no chemical test strips on site, men's restroom door not self-closing, over head light in food prep area not shielded. Score: 85. Follow-up required.
 Vito's, Auxier, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all coolers have conspicuous thermometers, proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface in disrepair and needs cleaning, nonfood contact surfaces in disrepair and need cleaning, no chemical test strips, no sanitizing agent at sinks, pizza boxes stored on floor, walls and ceilings in disrepair. Score: 80. Follow-up required.
 Subway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, chemical test strips not on site, wiping cloth use unrestricted, woman's restroom door not self-closing, garbage containers not covered, faucet at three-compartment sink leaking. Score: 91.
 Hillbilly Market, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Potentially hazardous food items stored at too high a temperature, conspicuous thermometers not present in all cooler units, spray bottle without label. Score: 96.
 Jan and Ben's, Bevinville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in all coolers, proper hair restraints not in use, countertops in disrepair, towels missing from hand sink, floor tile in bad repair, light missing proper shield. Score: 90.
 Papa John's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, no soap or towels at hand wash sink in food prep area. Score: 92.
 Hardee's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloths not properly stored, single service items stored on floor, garbage container in food prep area without proper lid. Score: 95.

Property Transfers

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Janet and John Dyke to Boyd Rogers and Caroline E. Rogers, property located at Toler's Creek.
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 Roxie Moore to Edward Ray and Thelma Moore, property location undisclosed.
 McDonald Realty LLC to Map Properties LLC, property located at Mayo Subdivision.
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 Butch Patton and Ellen J. Patton to Bernard Martin, property location undisclosed.
 Henry Pitts Jr. and Shirleen Pitts to Harrison D. Reffett, property located at Pitts Fork.
 Lillian Shepherd to Lana Shepherd, property location undisclosed.
 Bobby Gene Day and Imogene Day to Kenneth Joe Day and Renee Day Smith, property located at Middle Creek.
 Gary Preece and Barbara Preece to Mary Elkins, property location undisclosed.
 Billy J. Elkins to Gary Preece, property location undisclosed.
 Margie Pearsons to Donna Sue Hall and Denzil Ray Hall, property located at Left Beaver.
 Thoroughbred Development Inc. to Butler and Rebecca Hamilton, property located at Big Mud.
 Edwynna Gaye and Jared Miller, Gwendolynna and Gary Frazier to Anita and Randy Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 John DeRossett and Linda DeRossett to Charles and Annabelle Reid, property located at Abbott Creek.

Hospital seeks dismissal of lawsuit

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Attorneys for Highlands Regional Medical Center are seeking the dismissal of a wrongful death suit filed against the hospital last year.
 Jimmie Lee and Jerrald Edward Bevins, of Louisa, filed a civil suit against the hospital last February alleging that its employees negligently caused the death of their heir in law, Bobbie Bevins.
 According to the suit, Bobbie Bevins was admitted as a patient at Highlands within days of his release from St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, where he had surgery in March 2003. The Bevinses claim that the hospital "negligently permitted" Bobbie Bevins to contract an infection, or failed to properly diagnose and treat the infection which ultimately killed him.
 He remained at Highlands

for several weeks and was pronounced dead on Feb. 20, 2003, the suit says.
 Attorney Thomas M. Smith, representing Highlands, filed a motion Friday to dismiss the suit because it has been pending for more than a year.
 Smith argues that the Bevinses filed the suit approximately one year after the death of Bobbie Bevins, and have offered no expert witnesses in the case. The Bevinses were given 60 days last October to find new counsel after their attorney, Mitchell D. Kinner, withdrew from the case, citing a conflict of interest with a possible witness, Dr. John Furcolow.
 No new attorneys have been appointed in the suit.
 The hospital voluntarily dismissed its third party complaint against Furcolow, the doctor who cared for Bobbie Bevins, on Nov. 9.
 Circuit Judge John David Caudill is scheduled to consider the motion this morning.

Restaurant accuses former employee of theft

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE - A Floyd County man is facing theft charges after he allegedly stole from his employer.
 Donnie Keene, 46, of McDowell, was arrested Saturday in Pike County by Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Glenn Wolfe II after allegations were made by Loretta Tackett, the owner of Roadie's Restaurant at Harold.
 Keene, a six-year employee of the establishment, allegedly stole a money bag with cash totaling \$183 and approximately \$50 from Tackett's daughter.
 "He's been stealing off us, a little here and there, nothing major," said Sgt. Gary Tackett, husband to Loretta Tackett.

"There's a bunch of other stuff that we're investigating. There was \$100 in change that was missing, and since he's left, I've had complaints from customers that he's been overcharging on food. That's not good for business."
 The accusations against Keene came about after the restaurant noticed money missing from his bag.
 Keene was arrested Saturday at his mother's residence in the Bowman's trailer court by Wolfe and Pike County Sheriff Deputy Les Varney.
 Released on his own recognizance in district court, he is scheduled to be arraigned at the end of the month.
 Keene's wife, Christy, may also be charged, Tackett said.

Inspections

Martha's Pizza and More, Ivey Creek, regular inspection.

Obituaries

Cecil Ousley

Cecil Ousley, age 75, of Martin, widower of Avinell Ousley, died Tuesday, January 11, 2005, in St. Joseph Hospital, Hospice Unit, Lexington.
 He was born January 14, 1929, in Martin, a son of the late John and Ellie Conley Ousley. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Cold Springs Old Regular Baptist Church, in Martin.
 Survivors include two sons: Cecil David Ousley of Martin, and Danny Ousley of Lexington; one daughter, Shirley Ousley Francis of Morehead; two brothers: Taylor Ousley and Willis Ousley, both of Martin; two grandchildren: Whitney Louise Ousley, Aaron David Ousley, and one great-grandchild, Jerica Brienne Ousley.
 In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son, James W. Laferty Jr.; three brothers: Homer Neeley, Johnnie Neeley, and Daye Neeley; and five sisters: Mahala Fitzpatrick, Josephine Williams, Missouri Holbrook, Anna Snipes, and Pearl Neeley.
 Funeral services for Cecil Ousley were held Thursday, January 13, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.
 Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.
 Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Ruby N. Laferty

Ruby N. Laferty, age 84, of Prestonsburg, widow of James W. Laferty Sr., passed away Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg.
 She was born May 11, 1920, in Myrtle, the daughter of the late Marion Neeley and Virginia Catherine May Neeley. She was a former manager and seamstress for Floyd Cleaners, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.
 Survivors include one son, Donald Eugene Laferty of Teaberry; one daughter, Anne Howard of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Alice Adams of Hebron, Ohio, and Ruth Frasure of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
 In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, James W. Laferty Jr.; three brothers: Homer Neeley, Johnnie Neeley, and Daye Neeley; and five sisters: Mahala Fitzpatrick, Josephine Williams, Missouri Holbrook, Anna Snipes, and Pearl Neeley.
 Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 15, at 2 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, with the Rev. George Love officiating.
 Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.
 Visitation is after 5 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Patricia Jean Saylor Duncan

Patricia Jean Saylor Duncan, age 44, of Hueysville, wife of Roy Ray Duncan, passed away, Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.
 She was born October 7, 1960, in Denver, Colorado, the daughter of the late Allen C. Saylor and Lillian Mary Albright. She was a homemaker, and an assistance postmaster at Eastern, Kentucky.
 In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Eva Marie Duncan of Hueysville; six brothers: Tom Gile, Carl Gile, Donald Gile and Frank Saylor, all of Denver, Colorado, Terry Gile of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Richard Saylor, of Aurora, Colorado; five sisters: DeAnn Grady, Denise Roth, Penny Saylor, and Pat Saylor, all of Denver, Colorado, and Carol LaBonta of Casper, Wyoming.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, John Allen Gile.
 Funeral services for Mrs. Duncan will be conducted Friday, January 14, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Clinton "Buddy" Jones officiating.
 Burial will follow in the Duncan Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.
 Visitation is after 5 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

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New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ept. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.

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Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

Return to your Bible

The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers: let Him not leave us, nor forsake us: that He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers.



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Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat; Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Saturday night, 7:00 p.m. Singing; Wednesday night, 7 p.m. Prayer Service. Ralph Hall, Pastor.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Phillip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

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Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Slone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

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Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 pm.; Lavinne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Conley Fork of Spurlock, Prestonsburg; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month.; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m., Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

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Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

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 Tammy Renea Hall, 34, of McDowell, to Christopher Lawrence Clark, 26, of Baltimore, Md.
 Stephanie Kaye Steele, 16, of Pikeville, to Alan Adkins, 19, of Prestonsburg.
 Angela Renee Tackett, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Harold Johnson III, 31, of McDowell.
 Toni Renee Collins, 43, of Paintsville, to Keith Edward Coleman, 46, of Pikeville.

Civil Suits Filed

Anita Mullins vs. Glenn Mullins; petition for health care insurance.
 Sherri Mullins vs. Eddie Mullins; petition for health care insurance.
 Danielle Byers vs. Eric Doebel; petition for health care insurance.
 Hall Funeral Home vs. Kelly Layne; complaint with notice under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
 CitiBank, South Dakota vs. Stella McCown; complaint.
 Troy Welbourn vs. Theresa Welbourn; divorce.
 Billy Joe Elkins vs. Erma E. Chapman; divorce.
 Larry Moore vs. Tammara Moore; divorce.
 Deborah Rowe vs. Angela Osborne; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Tammy Slone vs. David Hurst; petition for health care insurance.
 Reo Hamilton vs. Anita Hamilton; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Gwendolyn Layne vs. Tonya Hall; petition for child support and health care insurance.
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 John P. Tackett, 22, Harold; public intoxication; prescription in an improper container.
 Stanley P. Ward, 45, Martin; public intoxication.
 James Matthew Woods, 21, Allen; use/possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription in an improper container.
 Richard Elliott, 29, Harold; public intoxication.
 Amanda M. Rose, 20, David; public intoxication of a controlled substance.
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 Daryl Philip Jewell, 24, Lovely; public intoxication of a controlled substance.
 David Hackworth, 47, David; illegal hunting.
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Ladycats bottle up South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - It didn't take the Betsy Layne Ladycats long to get out in front Tuesday night when 58th District rival South Floyd came calling. Betsy Layne, the defending 58th District champ, didn't allow South Floyd much in the way of offense. The Lady Raiders were held to 10 points in

the opening period, went scoreless in the second period, and were held to 14 points combined in the final two periods as Betsy Layne rolled to a 77-24 district win.

It was the first meeting of the season between the Betsy Layne and South Floyd girls' basketball teams.

The starting backcourt made for Betsy Layne's top two individual scorers.

Kim Clark led the way for Betsy Layne

with 19 points, eight steals and five assists. Kristen Smith followed with 13 points, nine steals and six assists. Starting center Kristal Daniels added 12 points.

Clark scored 13 of her game-high 19 points in the opening period, connecting on three three-pointers and a pair of field goals.

As a team, Betsy Layne had 23 assists to

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photo by Jamie Howell

Candice Meade (10), pictured working for position against the South Floyd defense, scored two points in the victory over the Raiders.

Spears' departure makes for a sad situation

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The inmates have taken over another prison.

Bobby Spears, the winningest girls' basketball coach in 15th Region history, tendered his immediate resignation this week, retiring as head basketball coach at Shelby Valley High School.

There is no good thing that comes from this. Spears is the winner of countless 59th District championships, and culminated his career on March 14, 2000, when he guided the Lady Kats to the 15th Region championship at Elkhorn City.

None of that mattered on Wednesday, when the worst week of his professional career ended with a letter informing the powers that be that he was finished.

See, in 2005 it doesn't matter that Bobby Spears won the last six or eight district tournaments he took tiny Dorton High School to. It doesn't matter that only five seasons ago he won that elusive 15th Region crown.

It doesn't matter that during the first half of his career he coached the girls' varsity and JV teams, the boys' junior high teams and was band director all at the same time

It doesn't matter that last March he took a team with only eight wins heading into the postseason and got them to the regional tournament.

None of it matters, not even the - gulp - 399 career wins.

Some of his players, the very reason he stayed in coaching after retiring as a full-time employee, decided they didn't want him, and now he's gone.

It's shameful, that's what it is.

In his letter, Spears said some of his players told him "through a letter" that they felt he wasn't doing a good enough job. "Maybe my techniques are a little old fashioned because I still believe in responsibility for self, hard work, attention to detail and a willingness to put self aside for the betterment of the team," Spears said in his resignation.

That's a mouthful there, a tersely worded one at that.

Perhaps some of his players, and

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Rick Bentley

Simon says let's light it up



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne senior Preston Simon worked his way to two of his career-high 46 points in Tuesday night's win over South Floyd.

Senior forward scores 46, Bobcats beat Raiders in OT

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - In basketball terms, Betsy Layne High senior Preston Simon simply "went off" Tuesday night at home against visiting South Floyd. Simon, who missed most of the second half of last season due to an injury, did the bulk of his scoring in the fourth quarter and added 10 of Betsy Layne's 14 points in an overtime period, lifting the Bobcats to a 79-74 win over the rival Raiders. Oh yeah, Simon lit up the Betsy Layne scoreboard and scored a career-high 46 points as the Bobcats beat the Raiders for the second time this season. In late-December, Betsy Layne beat South Floyd 71-56 in the Prestonsburg/Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament. That game didn't carry with it an all-important 58th District win. Tuesday's did.

Simon scored 13 points in the

last period of regulation Tuesday night and hit a key three-pointer to help the Bobcats before the game into an overtime period.

With the game knotted at 65 at the end of regulation, Simon and his Betsy Layne teammates took over in the extra session.

Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose saw his team battle back from a five-point halftime. South Floyd had leads in both the first and second halves. The Raiders looked to be on their way to a win in the final period. At times with host Betsy Layne needing scores on two, and even three possessions, the home crowd got just what they wanted as the host team fought back and eventually pulled out the win.

The Bobcats trailed by six points with just over one minute left to play.

"It was a great game," acknowledged Rose. "I thought both teams played extremely hard and both teams made big plays down the

stretch. It was good team effort for us. Preston was unbelievable - especially in the second half. I thought Brandon Kidd played well in the second half despite being in foul trouble and Derek (Case) did an excellent job on the boards. Nathan (Lafferty), Brandon (Thacker) and Pat (Stapleton) played a great floor game. I am so proud of our kids. We were down six with just over a minute to go and their will to win really showed last night especially playing without Brandon Kidd in the overtime period."

South Floyd (5-11), which lost its third straight game, led 20-19 at the end of the first period. Betsy Layne outscored South Floyd 17-12 in the third quarter to tie the game at 48 heading into the final regulation quarter.

Betsy Layne made the most of its free throw opportuni-

(See SIMON, page two)

May dismantles Blackcats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INEZ - Junior Brandon May played a key role in Prestonsburg's latest loss. May hit on a shot Tuesday night at the end of the game between the two teams and with the drained basket, sent Sheldon Clark to 58-56 win over the visiting Blackcats.

Prestonsburg (5-6) entered the game looking to get back on the winning track following back-to-back losses in the WYMT Mountain Classic Tournament. But May and Sheldon Clark had other ideas.

May led the Sheldon Clark effort with a game-high 22 points. Jeremy Preece finished with 17 points, giving Sheldon Clark two players in double figures.

Sheldon Clark came into Tuesday night's game still smarting, somewhat, from a loss suffered Friday night at home against 57th District rival Paintsville. The win allowed Sheldon Clark to improve to 4-8 on the 2004-05 season. A regional semifinalist last season, Sheldon Clark entered the 2004-05 season as a pick by many to capture the 15th Region title. However, a slow start in December held the Cardinals back for much of the early portion of the schedule. Sheldon Clark is the defending 57th District champion.

At the end of the first quarter, the two teams were tied at 15. Sheldon Clark led by two points at halftime.

Prestonsburg made its biggest run in the game in the third quarter, outscoring the host Cardinals 15-9. May's heroics at the end of the game capped off a 19-13 fourth quarter put forth by the host team.

Senior Jesse Chaffin led Prestonsburg with 20 points. Trevor Compton had 11 points and fellow seniors Michael Morrison and John Mark Stephens scored eight apiece. Michael Stephens ended the game with five points. Brooks Herrick and Lewis Barnette each had two points.

Shelby Valley 62, Haysi (Va.) 56: Still playing without senior and team leader Seth Kiser, host Shelby Valley found a way to win Tuesday night, turning back visiting Haysi. Valley made 13 three-pointers en route to the six-point win.

The Wildcats came out shooting hot and stayed that way for most of the contest.

Seniors Kris Bentley and Patrick Tackett each had four three-pointers apiece for the Wildcats.

Tackett led Shelby Valley in scoring with a game-high 20 points. Bentley finished with 12 points. Three different Wildcats had eight points apiece.

Hatfield's double-double leads Johnson Central over Rebels

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Visiting Allen Central entered Tuesday night's road game at Johnson Central looking to break a four-game losing streak. But it didn't happen. Allen Central, after losing to state power University Heights in its final game in the Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic, dropped three games last week in Pike Central's Coca-Cola Classic. The road for the Rebels remained rough Tuesday night. Allen Central hung with Johnson Central through the first two periods but was taken out of the game in the third quarter.

The host Golden Eagles led Allen Central 42-33 at halftime and owned the second half en route to a 71-53 win.

Tony Hatfield led Johnson Central with a game-high 25 points and 12 rebounds. Jamie McCarty pushed in 19 points for Johnson Central and Josh Stapleton added 15 points and eight rebounds.

Johnson Central led 22-17 at the end of the opening period. In the second half, it didn't take the Golden Eagles long to start hitting on offense. The host team led 62-42 at the end of the third quarter.

Johnson Central senior point

guard Nick Music added eight points, five rebounds and 10 assists to help his team to the victory. Tyler Whitaker and Kyle Rice, a player back from injury, each had two points for the winning team.

In the third quarter, Johnson Central (10-4) held Allen Central to just three made field goals.

Senior center Tim Griffith led Allen Central in scoring with 14 points. Wilfredo Dominguez and Nick Music added 10 apiece for the Rebels. Ryan Collins and Ryan Hammonds both had seven points apiece for the Rebels, while Jason Paige came in off the bench and flipped in five points.



file photo P'burg sophomore Meaghan Stone defended during a game earlier this season against Piarist. Stone had 19 points for the Ladycats in a set-back Saturday on the road at Wolfe County.

Tonight's high school slate features district battles

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

play host to Prestonsburg in a boys-girls doubleheader.

The high school basketball schedule for tonight in Floyd and surrounding counties will include several key district matchups. In Floyd County, boys' and girls' basketball teams from Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg and South Floyd will all be involved in key 58th District games. Allen Central's boys' and girls' basketball teams will travel to Betsy Layne. In the Left Beaver portion of Floyd County, South Floyd will

Last Friday night featured a couple of 57th District meetings, as Paintsville swept Sheldon Clark and Johnson Central split games with Magoffin County. Tonight, Johnson Central will host rival Paintsville and Sheldon Clark will travel to Magoffin County.

Some area girls' basketball team continue to make preparations for next week's 15th Region All "A" Classic.

A complete rundown of tonight and Saturday's games appears inside today's edition.

Bentley

maybe their parents, may want to spend a quiet moment or two reflecting on that sentence. Take a couple of minutes when you're alone, read that, then reread it, then spend some time in thought.

The message is clear: The basketball world, from Kobe Bryant and Allen Iverson on down, has become me-centered, and there's no room for Bobby Spears in that environment.

For Forest Dale Johnson, principal at Shelby Valley and a longtime contemporary of Spears, it has been a difficult week. "Bobby Spears was good for our school, good for our community," he told me Wednesday. "We will miss him."

For me, it's sad for another reason.

In the early 1980s, when things were simpler and KERA wasn't even a thought on someone's mind, a time or two a year the girls' basketball teams would play varsity games in the middle of the school day. At Millard, it happened a few times. And it always seemed the opponent was Bobby Spears and the Dorton Lady Wildcats.

A few years later, when I began my career in journalism, there were some colorful characters in the basketball industry. Elkhorn City had B.J. Elswick. Ron Preece was at Phelps.

I bet those two guys aren't happy about this.

And Bobby Spears was at Dorton.

Talk about good times. But today, Bobby joins B.J.,

Ron and the rest, paying their way into games. Because today, players at the highest level are all about showcasing and chest-thumping. *SportsCenter* shows only the most flamboyant, and our middle- and high-school athletes see this and think it must be how the game is played.

And then a throwback, one of the good guys, is forced to use phrases like "I feel this is best for the team and everyone concerned" when he steps down.

In his letter, Spears thanked the board of education "for the opportunity that they have given me to serve the children of Pike County," adding, "I have made many great friends along the way."

It's a bittersweet time to be a sports fan in Pike County right now. It's a sad day. That's what it is.

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Simon

ties, hitting 23-of-28 charity shot attempts. Senior Nathan Lafferty joined Simon in scoring for Betsy Layne in the over-

time period. Lafferty stepped to the line on two occasions and knocked down all four of his free throw attempts.

Only four players scored for Betsy Layne. Lafferty added 14 points and Brandon Kidd, while dealing with foul trouble for much of the second half, added 13 points. Derek Case netted six points.

Ryan Little came in off the bench and sparked South Floyd with a team-high 18 points. In the short effort, five different Raiders reached double figures. Burnett Little scored 16 points and Ryan Johnson netted 12. Steven Stanley and Wes Hall finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Mason Hall had three points for the Raiders. Ethan Johnson and Justin Slone, two players who came in off the South Floyd bench, added two each.

South Floyd hit seven-of-15 free throw attempts.

Betsy Layne wasted little time scoring in the overtime stanza and put South Floyd behind early.

Both Betsy Layne and South Floyd will be back in 58th District action tonight. The Bobcats will host Allen Central and the Raiders will welcome Prestonsburg into Raider Arena. Betsy Layne's boys will take to the floor against Allen Central's boys prior to the girls' basketball teams from both schools taking to the hardwood. Tip-off for the Allen Central-Betsy Layne boys game is set for 7:30 p.m. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-South Floyd game is set for 7:30 p.m.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Preston Simon, Betsy Layne High School Boys' Basketball



Tab Trammell, South Floyd High School Girls' Basketball

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Ladycats

only nine turnovers. The Ladycats also recorded 26 steals, giving South Floyd fits, both offensively and defensively.

"I was pleased with how the game went," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers. "I thought we played good defense and passed the ball to each other well. I'm pleased to get another district win."

Betsy Layne (9-4) jumped on top of South Floyd (3-5) right away in the first quarter. The Ladycats held a 34-10 advantage at the end of the first quarter and never looked back.

Several different playing combinations took the floor for Betsy Layne in the first half and all kept up their defensive intensity. Betsy Layne blanked

South Floyd 16-0 in the second period, alone.

The Ladycats hit 27 field goals, five three-point field goals and shot 67 percent (eight-of-12) from the free throw line.

Breann Akers scored nine points for Betsy Layne and Whitney Tackett tossed in seven. Kaitlin Lawson and Nicole Spurlock, both coming in off of the Betsy Layne bench, scored seven and six points, respectively. Becky Tackett scored four points and Candice Meade flipped in two.

Candice Hall and Tab Trammell each had eight points apiece for South Floyd. Stephanie Hall ended the game with three points. Miranda Gregory and

Courtney Blocker each had two points apiece and Kayla Hall scored on a free throw.

The win over South Floyd was Betsy Layne's fourth straight. The Ladycats are gearing up for a run at a fourth consecutive 15th Region All "A" title. The three-time defending champion is scheduled to open play in this year's All "A" Classic Wednesday at Allen Central against Sheldon Clark. Betsy Layne won its opening game in last year's All "A" Classic State Tournament.

Both Betsy Layne and South Floyd will return to district play tonight. Betsy Layne is scheduled to host Allen Central and South Floyd is tabbed to host Prestonsburg.

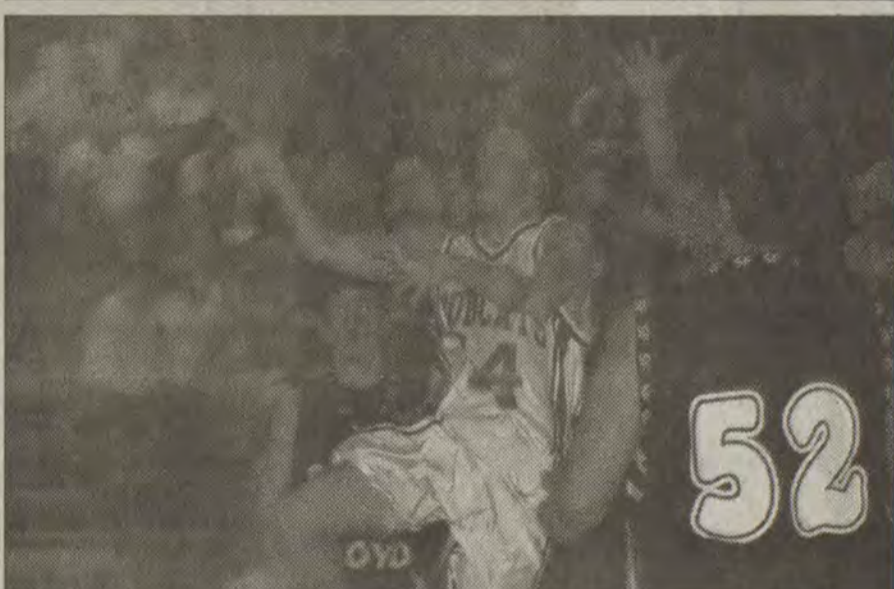
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photos by Jamie Howell
Betsy Layne Ladycat Kaitlin Lawson (15) tried to work her way around the South Floyd defense



Whitney Tackett, who had seven points in Betsy Layne's win, eyed a free throw shot.



Nathan Lafferty cut through the South Floyd defense to the basket. Lafferty, a Betsy Layne senior, finished with 14 points as the Bobcats beat the Raiders.



Earlier in the week, McDowell scored a 35-25 win over Allen. Below, left: McDowell Daredevil Blake Dean blocked out. Below, right: Cameron Hamilton looked at the basket prior to a free throw attempt. Above: McDowell collected itself during a timeout.



photos submitted

Coaches discuss changes in poll

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — College football coaches delayed a vote Wednesday on whether to release the ballots for their weekly poll, though some made it clear they strongly oppose the idea.

"I don't see how that could be anything but a negative," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said.

Wyoming coach Joe Glenn said, "I've got no hidden agenda, but you've got nothing good in it."

Just over half of the nation's Division I-A coaches — 59 of 117 — attended the final day of the American Football Coaches Association's annual convention in Louisville.

AFCAC executive director Grant Teaff led a forum on the ESPN/USA Today poll, which came under fire after Texas overtook California for the last at-large bid in the Bowl Championship Series.

Six coaches dropped Cal below No. 6 in the final poll, prompting Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen and Cal coach Jeff Tedford to ask the 61 coaches who voted to disclose their ballots. The AFCAC voted down the request.

On Wednesday, Teaff handed out a three-question survey to the coaches in attendance. The survey asked if the coaches would:

- Release their ballots every week.
- Release their ballots at the end of the season only.
- Continue to vote if their

ballots were ever publicly released.

Teaff said the rest of the coaches would receive surveys by mail. An official vote would not take place until all the surveys had been received, Teaff said.

"We're trying to make a decision based on what we think is best for our game and our teams and our players," Teaff said.

The AFCAC twice rejected proposals in the past year to publicly disclose the coaches' ballots. Teaff said the more likely change this time was for the coaches to release their ballots at the end of the season.

"I don't think they're interested with dealing with it on a weekly basis," Teaff said. "I don't know why they would be."

Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said publicly disclosing ballots would put coaches in awkward situations.

"If we release the polls, we're bound to our players," Tuberville said. "They're going to see how we voted, other coaches are going to see. There are a lot of things you don't think about."

Fulmer said revealing how coaches voted could create bad blood before games.

"If we're getting ready to play somebody or if you rank somebody ahead of your team, that's a bad message to your kids," Fulmer said. "It's different than the writers (poll), because we're dealing with our peers. We're playing against them rather than just reporting about them. That's a big difference."

Teaff said a suggestion to

delay the coaches poll until October was dismissed. BCS officials have suggested they'd prefer to see preseason polls eliminated.

"The other issues are more important to us," he said.

Earlier Wednesday, NCAA president Myles Brand participated in what Teaff termed a "sobering" discussion about the academic reforms approved at the NCAA convention earlier this week.

About 30 percent of the Division I programs will receive one-time warnings from the NCAA, stating that if their graduation rates don't rise, they'll lose scholarships.

"There were some questions and clarifications, and I hope the coaches now understand what took place at the convention," Brand said.

Also, the coaches agreed to lobby for a fifth year of eligibility for players. Brand said the issue was not discussed at the convention and will not come up for a vote when the NCAA Division I Management Council meets in April.

However, Brand said the council will vote in April on a proposal to allow teams to play a 12th game every season, beginning in 2006.

Teaff said if the extra game is approved, the fifth year of eligibility becomes vital.

"We have guys (coaches) who will redshirt 20 guys," he said. "When you take 20 guys off of 85 and you go to 12 games, it doesn't mesh. Something has to happen."

No. 19 Louisville 107, Southern Miss 62

by JOEDY McCREARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Rick Pitino hasn't seen Louisville play better in three-plus seasons as its coach. For Southern Mississippi, things rarely have been worse.

Francisco Garcia had 25 points to lead five Cardinals in double figures in No. 19 Louisville's 107-62 rout of the Golden Eagles on Tuesday night, the worst home loss in school history.

Pitino called the opening 20 minutes — in which the Cardinals shot 69 percent and took a 60-27 lead — "the best half since I've been at Louisville."

"You don't have many no-hitters or perfect games in basketball, but that's as good as we could play," Pitino said.

Ellis Myles had 20 points for the Cardinals (13-3, 2-1 Conference USA), who patiently ran their offense to generate easy baskets, then tormented the outmanned Golden Eagles on defense.

"We got the third, fourth, fifth and sixth options (and) if you keep looking to pass, you feed off of that," Pitino said. "And we played great defense, which got us on the break."

Louisville led by as many as 48 points, shot 57 percent from

the field and was 31-of-33 from the free throw line.

Larry O'Bannon had 16 points, Taquan Dean scored 13 and Brandon Jenkins added 12 for Louisville, which showed no signs of recent injury struggles in its second straight league victory since being upset at Houston.

Garcia is averaging 23.3 points over his last six games, and the Cardinals won five of those by an average of nearly 37 points. He finished four shy of his season high set against Morehead State and tied against Eastern Kentucky.

"We stayed focused. We've got to stay focused, whether we've got a big lead at home or on the road," Garcia said. "When you get a big lead, you can't get laid back or forget about playing defense. We weren't going to let that happen today."

Rashaad Carruth, who once played at the University of Kentucky, had a career-high 25 points for Southern Miss (9-6, 0-3), which has lost four straight.

But never before have the Golden Eagles had a loss this lopsided at home. The 45-point margin surpassed a 41-point home defeat to Louisiana Tech in January 1973.

It was the third-worst defeat in school history, the worst a

52-point loss at Cincinnati in February 2002.

"Our program was extremely exposed tonight, and we will have to get to the bottom of it," coach Larry Eustachy said. "There is a cloud over this program ... an attitude that what happened tonight was OK."

It was the first meeting between the coaches who have a combined 698 college victories.

"We could have hung in there a little better," Carruth said.

Michael Ford had 13 points and LSU transfer Mildon Ambres added 10 for Southern Miss, which lost for the first time at home under Eustachy. The Golden Eagles finished with more turnovers (23) than field goals (19).

Southern Miss led 5-0 before the Cardinals used a 22-3 run to take a 14-point lead just over 6 minutes into the game.

Louisville was 9-of-12 from the field during that stretch, held Southern Miss without a basket for nearly 5 1/2 minutes and gradually built a 35-point lead late in the half. The Cardinals shot 69 percent from the field in the half and cruised from there.

"We took maybe two challenged shots the whole game," Pitino said.

Marshall men complete sweep of rival WVU

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Victory is sweet, but Tuesday night's, 59-55 win for the Marshall Thundering Herd over the West Virginia Mountaineers in men's basketball action was twice as nice.

The Thundering Herd downed its in-state rival in the Toyota Capital Classic in the Charleston Civic Center and anytime state bragging rights are on the line, victory is a sweet thing, but Marshall's win meant even more after dropping nine of its last 10 games.

Marshall rode the hot shooting of senior Ronny Dawn down the stretch to carry the Herd to the victory and up its record to 3-10 on the season. The loss dropped the Mountaineers to 11-2 on the year.

Dawn put the Herd up 55-52 with 40 seconds to play in the second half, his third three point field goal in the final 4:07

in the contest.

It wasn't only Dawn's hot shooting that propelled the Herd, senior A.W. Hamilton tossed in 12 of his team-high 17 points in the second half to help keep the Herd in the contest.

WVU held a 26-24 advantage at the half in a closely contested matchup and the game was back and forth for most of the second half with Marshall battling from behind. Marshall tied the contest on a three by freshman Joe Miles with 11:59 remaining and from then on the two rivals matched each other blow for blow in a fun final ten minutes.

Dawn's three to tie it at 48-48 with 4:07 remaining started a shift in momentum for the Herd and then his next trifecta to put the Herd up 51-48 put the Herd faithful into a frenzy as it could sense the potential upset brewing. Another Dawn three, and some clutch foul shooting for the Herd by Hamilton, David Anderson and

Enoch Bunch then sealed the deal and sent the Marshall cheering section to meet up with the Herd in the middle of the floor in celebration.

The win, coupled with the Marshall women's team's victory over the Mountaineers in the first game of the double-header marks the first time the Herd has swept the season meeting with West Virginia since the game moved to the Charleston Civic Center. It also marks the first time that Marshall has swept the Mountaineers since 1990.

For Marshall in the win, Hamilton and Dawn led the way with 17 and 15 points, respectively. David Anderson was next in line with eight. Mark Patton collected a game-high 10 rebounds.

D'or Fisher for the Mountaineers led all scorers with 20 pointers and Tyrone Sally chipped in 13 for WVU in the loss.

No. 9 Kentucky 69, Vanderbilt 54

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Freshman guard Rajon Rondo scored a career-high 18 points and fueled a late run as No. 9 Kentucky pulled away for a 69-54 victory over Vanderbilt on Wednesday night.

The Wildcats (11-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) remained perfect in 28 games against Vanderbilt at Rupp Arena, dating to the 1976-77 season. Kentucky's 57.8 percent shooting was by far its best outing of the season.

Vanderbilt (11-5, 2-1) had a seven-game winning streak snapped. The Commodores, who had made 30 of 57 3-pointers in their last two games — wins over Alabama and Tennessee — went 9-of-30 from behind the arc against Kentucky.

During the final six minutes,

Vanderbilt only attempted one 2-point field goal. Corey Smith led the Commodores with 16 points.

In Kentucky's first game since losing to No. 2 Kansas on Sunday, the Wildcats began sluggishly. Kentucky managed only one basket during an eight-minute stretch of the first half, allowing Vanderbilt to lead by as many as seven points.

An 11-1 run, capped by a coast-to-coast layup by Rondo, gave the Wildcats a 24-21 lead, and they led 33-30 at halftime.

Kentucky led 49-43 with eight minutes left when Rondo started a 17-3 run by driving the baseline for a layup. He added two more baskets and had two assists during the run.

Rondo, a member of Kentucky's highly touted freshman class, went 8-of-11 from the field and had four rebounds, four assists and three steals. The 6-foot-1 Rondo even blocked two shots, after having blocked only one in the first 12 games.

His performance came two days after another Kentucky freshman guard, Joe Crawford, quit the team.

Kelenna Azubuike scored 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting for Kentucky, and fellow forward Chuck Hayes added 14 points and seven rebounds.

About the only negative for Kentucky was its free-throw shooting. The Wildcats finished 11-of-21 from the line (52.4 percent).



Rajon Rondo

No. 3 North Carolina 91, No. 8 Georgia Tech 69

by KEITH PARSONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — For the first time in four games, North Carolina failed to reach 100 points. That tiny moral victory was all Georgia Tech salvaged from its trip to Chapel Hill.

Jawad Williams led a balanced attack with 18 points and the third-ranked Tar Heels rolled to another impressive victory, 91-69 over No. 8 Georgia Tech on Wednesday night.

Marvin Williams had 14 points and Rashad McCants and Sean May each added 12 for North Carolina (14-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which has won 14 straight since an opening loss to Santa Clara. Point guard Raymond Felton was suspended for that game because he played in a non-sanctioned summer league game, and with him on the court, the Tar Heels have had few challenges.

The Yellow Jackets (11-3, 2-1) certainly didn't provide one. Playing without guard B.J. Elder for the third straight game, Georgia Tech led only at 1-0, quickly fell behind and never recovered. Jarrett Jack had 24 points and Luke Schenscher finished with 13.

With one matchup against a Top Ten opponent out of the way, North Carolina can turn its attention to Saturday's game at No. 4 Wake Forest.

Felton and the other starters had plenty of help from the bench in this one, led by Marvin Williams. In the first half, the Tar Heels' reserves outscored their counterparts 21-0, and it was much the same after the break until both coaches cleared the benches.

A 10-0 run that was capped by Felton's 3-pointer put North Carolina ahead 17-5, its first double-digit lead of the game. It grew slowly after that, even while the Tar Heels continued to enjoy

some highlight-reel moments.

The biggest ones probably came from McCants, who surprisingly played some stingy defense. Known mostly as a scorer, he finished with a career-high four blocks, three in the first half.

He showed his intensity early, leaping high to block Will Bynum's first shot of the game. Later, with the game all but decided, the 6-foot-4 McCants stuffed a dunk by 6-9 Theodis Tarver, then celebrated by hopping across midcourt.

McCants' effort symbolized the unselfishness the Tar Heels showed, a fact further illustrated by their passing. They had 24 assists on their 28 baskets, including 16 out of 17 in the first half.

Felton finished off the opening 20 minutes with the final one, drawing the defense to him before dishing to Melvin Scott on the wing. Scott swished a 3-pointer just before the buzzer to make it 46-28.

Bears drop three spots in poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — After slipping one spot in last week's poll despite not losing, it came as no surprise that the Bears fell this week after it did.

In a week that saw only two teams hold their spots in the ratings, the Bears fell three places to 22nd in this week's NAIA Div. I men's basketball poll.

The Bears lost Friday night for only the second time this season, falling in overtime to Martin Methodist 73-71. It ended a seven-game winning streak,

exceeding the season-opening string of six straight wins.

The Bears are now 14-2 after Monday night's 82-57 win over Cincinnati Christian University. On Thursday, they'll play the first of three games in as many days with a trip to Pippa Passes to play Alice Lloyd College.

They'll host OSU-Marion on Friday at 7:30 and again on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Lindsey Wilson (15-1), who Pikeville will open league play against a week from Thursday, moved up two places to second

this week and garnered one of the dozen first-place votes. They trail only Mountain State University, who returned to the top slot and picked up 10 first-place votes.

Southern Poly (Ga.) took the other top nod and is third, with Oklahoma Christian University dropping one place to fourth and Georgetown moving into fifth.

The other Mid-South Conference team in the poll this week is Cumberland (Ky.) College, up six spots to 17th with an 8-3 worksheet.

Lady Bears 12-6 after Tuesday's win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College forced 27 turnovers Tuesday night in a 63-43 win over Southern Virginia.

The win was the seventh straight for the Lady Bears, who improved to 12-6 on the season.

Southern Virginia (5-10) shot 36 percent during both halves of the game, and that, combined with the turnovers, was the difference in the game.

Pikeville got 16 points from sophomore forward Heather Dillon, who had a dozen in the second half. She added six rebounds for the Lady Bears.

Senior Selena Williams had 13 points and pulled down a game-high eight boards, as the Lady Bears won the rebounding war 36-33. Williams added four steals and a pair of assists.

Sophomore Jessica Lovell had six points, five assists and five steals.

Pikeville suffered a major blow in the first half when junior Julie Yates went down with a knee injury. The Elkhorn City product, who will also play softball, was averaging 7.6 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. The extent of her injury is unknown.

Southern Virginia had one player in double figures.

Sophomore Kim Anderson came off the bench to hit five three-point shots and finish with 19 markers. Jeannie Harmon, a senior from Springville, Utah, had eight off the bench. She had five rebounds, tying Shalece Hibbert for team honors.

Hibbert, a sophomore from LaGrande, Ore., missed all 12 of her shots from the field but handed out 12 assists and picked up four steals.

Pikeville was back at home Thursday night, playing host to Virginia Intermont College. Results were unavailable at press time.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 78, Missouri 68

by JEFF LATZKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STILLWATER, Okla. — Even after a milestone victory, Eddie Sutton was preaching defense.

Henry Iba taught him well. Sutton tied his mentor for seventh in career coaching victories when No. 6 Oklahoma State beat Missouri 78-68 on Tuesday night.

"The basis of the way he taught the game was defense is a stabilizer," Sutton said of Iba. "It's a thing that on a night when you're not shooting the ball well, if your defense will hold up, maybe there will come a time when you get some momentum."

"If you don't play defense, all of a sudden you get blown away early and you're out of the game."

Joey Graham scored a season-high 27 points and John Lucas added 18 for the Cowboys (12-1, 2-0 Big 12), who held Missouri to 38 percent shooting from the field.

Sutton improved to 767-293 in his career, which included stints at Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky before he returned to his alma mater in 1990.

"Mr. Iba would be thrilled because he was a teacher, and I think the greatest credit that can be given is when somebody that you coached or taught does well," Sutton said.

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday night, it was: No. 4 Wake Forest 81, Maryland 66; No. 19 Louisville 107, Southern Mississippi 62; and No. 23 Alabama 64, Arkansas 61.

In all 12 of its wins this season, Oklahoma State has held its opponent under 50 percent shooting. It's a staple of Sutton's teams that can be traced back to the 1950s when he played and later coached under Iba.

The Cowboys held Missouri without a field goal for 5 minutes and broke open a close game with a late 14-4 run.

Terrence Crawford started it with two free throws and added a runout, two-handed jam.

Stephen Graham followed with a reverse layup to put Oklahoma State ahead 69-61, and the orange-clad crowd could sense Sutton's landmark win.

Stephen Graham added four free throws, Lucas and Joey Graham each made jumpers and the Cowboys were suddenly ahead 77-65 and easily in control. Missouri was 0-for-8 during the stretch and scored its only four points on free throws by Linas Kleiza.

Kleiza scored 24 points to lead the Tigers, who were 8-for-21 from 3-point range. Kleiza was 13-for-13 from the foul line and fought off endless boos following an early technical foul. His tough inside play helped cause two Oklahoma State defenders to foul out.

"He loves to compete," Missouri coach Quin Snyder said. "I feel like he is putting the ball on the floor too soon, but he is working on his reading the defense. The comfort level he showed tonight showed that he was playing at a better pace for himself and he was making better decisions."

Missouri, which trailed by as much as 10 in the first half, rallied back and held a 52-51 lead after a basket by Kleiza inside during a frenetic 2-minute span in which the lead changed hands five times.

Stephen Graham, who finished with 13 points, hit two free throws with 9:43 to play that put the Cowboys in the lead to stay.

"I thought overall our defense was good," Sutton said. "The only thing is we didn't get to the 3-point shooters as quickly as we should, and they got some really good looks."

Sutton, 68, walked onto the court without pomp or circumstance, taking his seat three spots from the end of the Cowboys' bench before looking around a sold-out Gallagher-Iba Arena.

He sat on the bench with his arms folded and his trademark scowl on his face when things weren't going the Cowboys'

way. He pointed and gestured to his assistant coaches and was always at the right hand of his son, Sean Sutton, who will take over the Cowboys when Eddie decides to retire.

After the game, he shook Snyder's hand as the public address announcer proclaimed that he had tied Iba. And as he walked off the court, he pointed up.

"Mr. Iba, I kind of acknowledged," Sutton said of the gesture. "I said 'Thanks.'"

Sutton will try to pass Iba on Saturday when the Cowboys play Iowa State. Iba was 767-338 in 41 seasons. He spent 36 years in Stillwater and won the school's only two NCAA championships in 1945 and 1946 when it was still known as Oklahoma A&M. He died in 1993.

Sutton who played for Iba from 1955 to 1958 and was a graduate assistant after that.

"He was a marvelous basketball coach, but I think even a finer person," Sutton said, "I think that's why all of us who played for him call him Mr. Iba."

No. 4 Wake Forest 81, Maryland 66; Justin Gray scored 25 points, including a season-high six 3-pointers, and the Demon Deacons (14-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) cruised to the home win. Gray was coming off a 31-point performance against Clemson over the weekend.

Nik Caner-Medley had 18 points for the Terrapins (9-4, 1-2), who were coming off a 36-point loss at No. 3 North Carolina.

No. 23 Alabama 64, Arkansas 61; Earnest Shelton scored 18 points and Kennedy Winston had nine of his 13 in the second half to lead the Crimson Tide (13-3, 2-1 Southern Conference) to the road win. Winston made one of two free throws with 9.8 seconds left to give Alabama a three-point lead and Eric Ferguson missed an open 3-pointer with 2 seconds left that could have tied the game.

Ronnie Brewer had 15 points for the Razorbacks (13-3, 1-2).

Kentucky deer hunting season best on record

FRANKFORT — With just a few days left in the Kentucky archery deer season, Bluegrass State deer hunters have already reported harvesting more whitetails this season than any other season on record.

Higher deer availability and increased opportunity to hunt this season are the two primary reasons Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department officials credit for the record-breaking year. Kentucky's pre-season deer population was estimated around 900,000 animals, and some additional gun hunting days were offered for youth last fall.

Hunters who want to add a few more deer to the running statewide harvest total of 123,372 animals, still have until Monday to take a whitetail with a bow. After Martin Luther King Day, the archery deer (and wild turkey) season will close for 2004-05.

"Hunters came through and

gave us the target harvest we indicated that would help us manage the deer herd as responsibly as possible," said Jonathan Day, state big game program coordinator for the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

"We're pleased with this harvest, and happy that hunters had improved success this year despite having to dodge a whole lot of raining day hunting conditions," Day added.

Last season, about 116,500 deer were reported taken in Kentucky, so the 123,000 plus harvest this year was a significant jump over the previous season.

A few other Kentucky hunting seasons, in addition to those for deer and turkey will be winding down toward the middle and latter part of January. Hunters interested in getting in one more trip for will have to make plans to do that soon.

The statewide duck, coot and

merganser season is open through January 30, and as of Jan. 1, hunters may include one pintail and one canvasback in the daily bag of six ducks for the remainder of the season.

Those looking for a less utilized game species may want to consider trying snipe hunting through Jan. 23. Most likely the "call and bag" approach won't yield many birds, but hunters in damp, upland forest and edge habitat who use a bird dog may be able to locate some of these lesser known game birds. Snipe are similar to woodcock, and are considered a migratory species in Kentucky.

For complete information on Kentucky hunting seasons, obtain a copy of the

2004-05 Fall and Spring Hunting Guide. Hunting regulation booklets are available from hunting and fishing license outlets, or by calling toll-free 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern.

BK Motorsports hits bad luck skid in Ice Bowl race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Brandon Kinzer Motorsports' first race of the 2005 season was held Sunday at the Talladega Short Track. The annual "Ice Bowl" is the "unofficial" kickoff to the Dirtcar season every year. The 50-lap event was worth \$6,000 to win.

The maiden voyage for the No. 18 Tim Short Automotive, Kinzer Drilling, Barry Wright Racecars, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Alert Oil & Gas, Commonwealth Chiropractic, Allstar Performance Dodge Intrepid SXT wasn't as successful as the team had hoped. The weekend started off great as the team practiced well and had third fast time at the end of Friday's practice.

Kinzer impressively nailed down eighth place in qualifying out of 96 cars on hand for the event.

In heat race action the black and white Barry Wright House car started third in the 10-lap heat event. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond his control, another driver drove down into Kinzer and his ride, causing a flat tire. Going pit-side for repairs, Kinzer emerged, ready to take the green flag. Putting on a great show for the fans, Kinzer

advanced 11 spots in the 10-lap heat race, just missing the final transfer position.

Unfortunately, on Sunday for the B-Mains, the track took a turn for the worse and rubbered down, forcing one groove racing with very minimal passing. Kinzer started fourth in his B-Main and finished fourth, unable to pass due to a locked down racetrack.

"We had a really good car, it's unfortunate that someone had to try and be the same place we were in the heat race. That ruined any chance we had right there," stated Kinzer. "I'm just really enthusiastic about Tim Short Chrysler/Dodge and Dyer's Top Rods joining our team for

the 2005 season. After getting with Barry (Wright) last year, that helped pick up our program tremendously. It's going to be a tremendous 2005 season for Brandon Kinzer Motorsports."

Next up for the No. 18 Tim Short Automotive, Kinzer Drilling, Barry Wright Racecars, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Alert Oil & Gas, Commonwealth Chiropractic, Allstar Performance Dodge Intrepid SXT is Florida Speedweeks at Volusia County Speedway, Feb. 14-19.

For more information on Brandon Kinzer Motorsports, go online to www.brandonkinzer.com

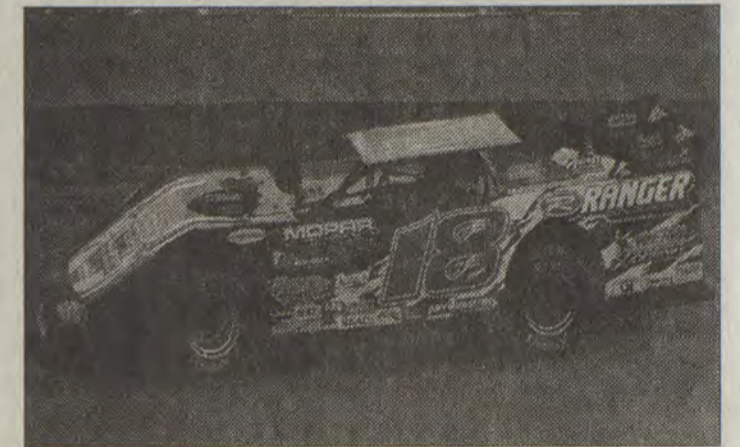


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Brandon Kinzer, pictured behind the wheel during the 2004 season, got off to a rocky start in the 2005 season over the weekend in a race at Talladega.

New streams initiative to focus on smallmouth bass

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — A new project within the fisheries division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) will identify the best smallmouth bass streams in Kentucky for anglers to enjoy.

"A few years ago we put together our available data on streams concerning smallmouth bass, rock bass and largemouth bass populations," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for the KDFWR, "and came up with a benchmark so we can rate the sport fish populations in streams across Kentucky."

Using the assessments and knowledge of streams in their districts, biologists listed the best smallmouth bass streams in each fishery district in Kentucky. A brochure listing these streams will be produced this coming spring.

Most Kentuckians are within a 30-minute drive of a stream with a fishable population of smallmouth bass. The stream assessment initiative gives biologists a tool to manage each individual stream to produce the best fishing. The information learned about the health of smallmouth bass in a particular stream may lead to future regulations like the successful slot limit on smallmouth and largemouth bass in Elkhorn Creek in Franklin County enacted in 1993. The

slot limit is responsible for bigger smallmouth bass swimming in Elkhorn Creek.

"In the beginning, we didn't have a lot of data except for the Elkhorn and a few other streams to put the assessment together," Buynak explained. "Now and in the future, we will have more data to develop better assessments and rankings on these streams."

Some stream fisheries may benefit from a catch and release only regulation, a lowered daily creel limit with a higher minimum size limit or just a higher minimum size limit. Each stream differs in water quality, the genetics of the smallmouth bass in the stream or the fertility of the water. Biologists are beginning to have the necessary information they need to make the best management decisions on stream fisheries instead of placing them under a blanket, statewide daily creel and minimum size limit. All of this should lead to better stream smallmouth fishing in Kentucky in the future.

There are streams all across Kentucky that were polluted in decades past from mining activities, sewage discharges, chemicals leaching into the stream, stream channelization and siltation from agriculture or construction. Many of these streams are in much better shape now, but the smallmouth bass populations have not fully recovered.

"One of the possibilities of this program is to go into streams that were formerly degraded or polluted and are now recovering and stock smallmouth bass to jump start and restore the fisheries in those streams," Buynak explained.

The sampling work done to evaluate recovering streams also gave biologists a greater understanding of the genetics of smallmouth bass from different parts of Kentucky. Biologists don't want to mix the genetics of one strain of smallmouth bass with another.

"The smallmouth bass populations in each of the drainages we looked at are distinct from one another," Buynak said. "What we've learned is we don't want take Elkhorn Creek smallmouth bass and put them in the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy."

A 16-inch brown striped smallmouth bass tail walking across the surface of a Kentucky stream trying to shake a lure is one of the outdoors experiences that hooks a person into a lifelong fishing obsession. This new initiative will provide the same experience for generations to come.

The stream bank and often the stream bottom may be privately owned. Anglers must receive permission from the landowner before accessing a stream. For more information on stream fishing opportunities in Kentucky, call 1-800-858-1549

Bristol Motor Speedway to auction 'tickets for life'

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway announced today that it will auction a pair of Speedway and Bristol Dragway "tickets for life," with a potential estimated value exceeding \$65,000, with proceeds going to tsunami victims' relief.

Bristol Motor Speedway, NASCAR's most popular track, sells all of its 160,000 seats twice annually at its NASCAR Nextel Cup events. Despite a seating capacity that ranks in the top-five of all U.S. sports venues, race fans consider Bristol's tickets the sport's toughest to acquire.

A national trade publication for the ticketing industry recently placed Bristol's Sharpie 500 August night race on its top 10 of most desired tickets.

The unprecedented offer

of tickets to every race at Bristol Motor Speedway, every NHRA national event at Bristol Dragway, and events like the American Outdoor Experience, will award one person with a pair of tickets to all of these events for the rest of his or her life, as well as an expense-paid trip to this year's Food City 500 on April 3 for a pre-race presentation.

Considering the number of events and a presumption of 42 years worth of tickets, the Speedway estimates the value of the tickets package to exceed \$65,000.

The auction will begin next week at www.bristolmotorspeedway.com and continue through the January 28, 2005.

"In a time of rebuilding after this global disaster, we

believe we can raise a significant amount of money with the most valuable asset we have: tickets to Bristol," said Jeff Byrd, Bristol Motor Speedway President and General Manager.

"Whether or not you participate in this auction, we encourage everyone to donate to the American Red Cross International Response Fund."

The Speedway and Dragway will donate proceeds from the auction to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which helps those affected by the Southeast Asia tsunamis and the humanitarian crisis it created. Details and complete rules will be posted on the Bristol Motor Speedway website when the auction goes live next week.



Toccet dam brings top price at Keeneland sale

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Cozzene's Angel, dam of multiple Grade I stakes winner Toccet, brought \$1.35 million, Tuesday's top price at Keeneland's January Horses of All Ages Sale.

Eaton Sales, as agent, bought the 11-year-old broodmare by Cozzene out of Charming Pan, by Trepan. She is in foal to Pulpit, winner of Keeneland's 1997 Toyota Blue Grass Stakes.

Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, as agent, sold Cozzene's Angel, who produced Toccet from a mating with Awesome Again. Toccet won the Grade I Champagne Stakes and Hollywood Futurity and earned more than \$900,000 during his racing career.

Keeneland sold 258 horses for \$22,314,500 during Tuesday's session. The average was \$86,490 and the median was \$40,000. During the corre-

sponding session last year, 265 horses brought \$20,513,100, an average of \$77,408 and a median of \$40,000.

Through the first two days of the sale, 509 horses have been sold for \$38,145,600, an average of \$74,942 and a median of \$40,000. At this point in the sale a year ago, 491 horses had been sold for \$35,374,200, an average of \$72,045 and a median of \$37,000.

The six-day auction continues through Saturday.

Broodmare prospect Misty Sixes tops Keeneland session

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Misty Sixes, a 7-year-old broodmare prospect, brought \$500,000 Wednesday to top sales during the third day of Keeneland's January Horses of All Ages Sale.

Gulf Coast Farm bought Misty Sixes from Taylor Made Sales Agency. Misty Sixes, who won nine races and earned

\$449,994 during her racing career, is by 1990 Preakness Stakes winner Summer Squall out of graded stakes winner Double Sixes, by Gone West.

Keeneland sold 241 horses during Wednesday's session for \$6,699,300, an average of \$27,798 and a median of \$12,000. During the corresponding session last year, 249 horses brought \$7,171,400. The

average was \$28,801 and the median was \$11,000.

At the halfway point of the six-day auction, 750 horses have been sold for \$44,844,900, an average of \$59,793 and a median of \$25,000. After three days a year ago, 740 horses had been sold for \$42,545,600, an average of \$57,494 and a median of \$25,000.

The sale continues through Saturday.

Young Tigers beat defending region champ East Ridge

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The young Paintsville Tigers may have come of age Tuesday night. Paintsville (7-8), playing at home, hosted and defeated defending 15th Region champ East Ridge. The Tigers beat the Warriors (7-5), despite a game-high 39 points from senior point guard and Wendy's High School Heisman state winner Aaron Branham.

Paintsville shot well through-

out the game. Freshman J.D. VanHoose led the Tigers with 17 points. Landon Slone, a product of Martin's Mountain Christian Academy, tossed in 16 points. In a balanced scoring, the balanced of the season for veteran head coach Bill Mike Runyon's team, five different Paintsville players scored in double figures. Blake Bundy tossed in 15 points and Shane Grimm added 14. Kevin Williams added 12 points in the Tiger triumph.

Branham, who averages over 20 points per game, scored the majority of his points in the second half of Tuesday night's loss to Paintsville. Eric Slone added 11 points for East Ridge, which had to play in the tough confines of the storied Paintsville High gymnasium.

Paintsville will return to action tonight in its most important game to date, taking on archrival Johnson Central on the road in a key 57th District matchup.

Lady Rebs fall to Johnson Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Allen Central traveled to Johnson Central on Thursday, Jan. 6 and came up short against the Lady Eagles. Johnson Central, which at one time led by 19 points, hung on to beat the Lady Rebels 49-46.

Johnson Central enjoyed a

44-31 lead heading into the four quarter.

Senior guard Alice Daniel paced Johnson Central with 12 points. Courtney McKenzie pushed in 11 points and hauled in three rebounds for the Lady Eagles. Jayme Dials, Celena Conley and Chelsey Salyers had seven points apiece.

Senior center Becky Thomas paced Allen Central with a game-high 17 points and seven rebounds.

Dials pulled down five rebounds for Johnson Central.

Johnson Central was able to win, despite committing 20 turnovers. From the floor, the Lady Eagles shot 50 percent.

Prestonsburg Little League announces signups

PRESTONSBURG — The time for Little Leaguers to take the field is quickly nearing. Prestonsburg Little League has sched-

uled signups for the month of January.

Prestonsburg Little League will hold signups at Music-Carter January

27, 6-8 p.m. Signups will also be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Adams Middle School on Saturday, Jan. 29.

Allen Central frosh beat David School

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Allen Central High freshman team put together a win Wednesday night, beating the David School 43-31. David led 8-5 at the end of the first quarter, before Allen Central's frosh shook the slow start and played to the win.

Allen Central, coached by Rick Hancock, led 18-17 at half-time. The David School, coached

by Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, wouldn't go away without a strong effort. The game was deadlocked at 24 at the end of the third quarter. Allen Central took control in the fourth period and put the game away, outscoring the visiting team 19-7.

Corey Webb led Allen Central in scoring with a game-high 14 points. Alex Hammonds dented the scoring column for 11 points for the Rebels. Two

Allen Central players — Robbie Cole and Clinton Turner — each had eight points and Jan Michael Hicks added two.

For the David School, three different players scored seven points apiece.

ALLEN CENTRAL (43) — Hammonds 11, Cole 8, Hicks 2, Webb 14, Turner 8.

DAVID (31) — Nelson 6, Henderson 7, Shepherd 2, Stevens 7, Caudill 2, Robinson 7

Garrett improves to 14-0

Garrett Christian won two games earlier in the week and in the process improved to 14-0.

The Warriors beat Wise Co. (Va.) 89-58 on Monday and then turned around and topped Gate City (Va.) Christian Tuesday night by a final of 79-54.

In the win over Wise County, Garrett raced out to a 20-9 lead and led at the end of every quarter, winning in commanding

fashion.

Tyler Slone led the Warriors in scoring with a team-high 16 points. Ryan Slone scored 15 points and Robbie Vanderpool added 14. Matthew Potter flipped in 12 points and Shane Feltner added 10.

Garrett again had balanced scoring in the win over Gate City. Ryan Slone led the Warriors in the Gate City game,

scoring a team-high 15 points. Tyler Slone and Feltner each had 14 points. David Franklin added 12 points and Potter flipped in 12.

After leading Gate City 25-14 at the end of the first quarter, Garrett led by just eight points at halftime. In the second half, the Eastern Kentucky Christian school took over and rolled to the 25-point win.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

BOYS	Boyd County at Rose Hill Christian
Matewan, W.Va. at Belfry	
Allen Central at Betsy Layne	
Rockcastle Co. at Cawood	
Evarts at Corbin	
Boyd County at East Carter	
Lewis County at Elliott County	
Lawrence County at Fairview	
Jackson City at Hazard	
Paintsville at Johnson Central	
Buckhorn at June Buchanan	
Powell County at Lee County	
Breathitt County at Leslie County	
Sheldon Clark at Magoffin County	
Shelby Valley at Middlesboro	
Rowan County at Morgan County	
Letcher at Perry County Central	
East Ridge at Pikeville	
Ironton St. Joe, Ohio at Raceland	
Ashland Blazer at Russell	
Mason County at Scott County	
Prestonsburg at South Floyd	
Cumberland at Whitesburg	
Bell County at Whitley County	
Owsley County at Wolfe County	
Saturday's games	
Rowan County at Bath County	
Lawrence County at Belfry	
Pulaski County at Bell County	
Hazard at Breathitt County	
West Carter at Fleming County	
Wheelerburg, Ohio at Greenup Co.	
Clay County at Huntington, W.Va.	
Buckhorn at Oneida Baptist Inst.	
Kentucky-West Virginia Shootout at Williamson, W.Va.	
Harlan at Paul Dunbar	
Riverside Christian at Phelps	
Jenkins at Piarist School	
Pikeville at Prestonsburg	
Pineville at Red Bird	

GIRLS	Jackson County at Bell County
Allen Central at Betsy Layne	
Ripley, W.Va. at Boyd County	
Hazard at Buckhorn	
Evarts at Corbin	
Barbourville at Cumberland	
Summit Sporting Goods Challenge at Boyd County	
Letcher at Fleming-Neon	
Paintsville at Johnson Central	
Breathitt County at Leslie County	
North Laurel at Madison Central	
Sheldon Clark at Magoffin County	
Elliott County at Menifee County	
Rowan County at Morgan County	
East Ridge at Pikeville	
Harlan at Pineville	
Riverside Christian at Red Bird	
Pike County Cent. at Shelby Valley	
Prestonsburg at South Floyd	
Saturday's games	
Summit Sporting Goods Challenge at Boyd County	
Magoffin County at Belfry	
South Laurel at Bell County	
Jackson City at Buckhorn	
Martin Luther King Classic at Lafayette	
Rose Hill Christian at Ironton, Ohio	
Fairview at Lawrence County	
Powell County at Lee County	
Greenup County at Lewis County	
East Ridge at Perry County Central	
Riverside Christian at Phelps	
Pikeville at Prestonsburg	
Letcher at Whitesburg	

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

(Tuesday's scores)

BOYS
Barbourville 83, Pineville 39
Bell Co. 57, Corbin 51
Betsy Layne 79, South Floyd 74
Bourbon Co. 63, Wolfe Co. 56
Cawood 89, Evarts 57
Fairview 48, Boyd Co. 45
George Rogers Clark 58, Rowan Co. 55
Harlan 61, Fleming-Neon 36
Hazard 73, Knott Co. Central 52
Ironton, Ohio 69, Paul Blazer 37
Johnson Central 71, Allen Central 53
Lewis Co. 83, Rose Hill Christian 71
Lex. Catholic 91, East Jessamine 82
Lex. Paul Dunbar 49, Scott Co. 48
Lex. Sayre 81, Nicholas Co. 47
Lex. Tates Creek 74, Lex. Lafayette 66
Mason Co. 58, Paris 55
Middlesboro 78, Cumberland 71
Montgomery Co. 76, Elliott Co. 54
Monticello 69, Lynn Camp 67
Morgan Co. 60, Greenup Co. 48
Oneida Baptist 66, Red Bird 64
Paintsville 77, East Ridge 71
Pike Co. Central 66, Phelps 58
Pikeville 61, Magoffin Co. 43
Powell Co. 65, Model 57
Pulaski Co. 71, Garrard Co. 50
Rockcastle Co. 84, Pulaski Southwestern 61
Russell 58, East Carter 48
Russell Co. 67, McCreary Central 59
Shelby Valley 62, Haysi, Va. 56
West Jessamine 69, Franklin Co. 62
Woodford Co. 63, Lex. Christian 36

GIRLS
Betsy Layne 77, South Floyd 24
Harlan 57, Evarts 45
Leslie Co. 77, Buckhorn 14
Menifee Co. 52, Bath Co. 50
Pineville 49, Barbourville 38
Rockcastle Co. 75, Pulaski Southwestern 45
Whitley Co. 65, Knox Central 35
Williamsburg 52, Lynn Camp 37

Adams Middle splits games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — In a game played on Thursday, Jan. 6, the Adams Middle School Blackcats nearly rallied to beat visiting Allen Central Middle as the Rebels won by a score of 51-44. Josh Prater's 17 first-half points led Allen Central to a 26-13 halftime lead and the Blackcats still trailed 34-22 after three quarters. The Blackcats then erupted for 22 fourth quarter points as Allen Craynon scored on three straight steals and Michael Burchett's pumped in 10 points in the quarter. Craynon, Burchett, Seth Setser, and Austin Gearhart led Adams in the fourth quarter rally that fell just short of pulling off a

comeback win. Prater led Allen Central in scoring with 22 points and Jonathon Shepherd added 14 points. Logan Crowder scored six points, Chris Stumbo added four points, Justin Jackson netted three points and Hunter Crowder scored two points to round out the scoring for Allen Central. Allen Craynon led Adams with 17 points, Michael Burchett pumped in 12 points, Kyle Hall added seven points, Seth Setser scored five points and Matt Sword netted three.

Adams 53, MCA 25: Alex Stumbo led a balanced attack with 12 points as the home-standing Adams Middle School won over Mountain Christian Academy on Tuesday night by a score of 53-25.

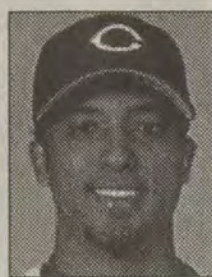
Christopher Schoolcraft scored 11 points, including a three-point basket, and Matt Sword pumped in nine points for the victorious Blackcats.

Seth Setser, Michael Burchett and Dustin Campbell each scored four points for Adams. Travis Osborne scored three points while Austin McKinney, Anthony Hallum, and Josh Craynon each scored two points for the Blackcats. Allen Craynon also saw action for Adams. Hot shooting Tyler Hall led MCA with 14 points on the strength of four three-point field goals. Shane Poynter added five points for MCA, while Tyler Newman scored three points, Zach LeMaster added two points and Alex Davis scored one on a free throw.

Injured Machado still stuck in Venezuela

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Less than five weeks before they open training camp, the Cincinnati Reds have no idea whether shortstop Anderson Machado has a serious knee injury that could sideline him for the start of the season.



Machado

Machado hurt his knee while playing winter baseball in Venezuela late last month and hasn't been able to get approval to leave the country for a medical exam.

"The circumstances being what they are, this is a little less than an ideal scenario,"

general manager Dan O'Brien said Wednesday. "But it is completely beyond our control. There's really not much you can do."

Visa problems initially prevented Machado from returning to the United States for a medical exam. The Reds don't know whether he merely strained his knee or suffered a more serious injury while turning a double play.

Machado later learned that because of new regulations in Venezuela, he had to get a new passport before he could leave, O'Brien said. He's trying to get one expedited, but there is no telling how long it will take, O'Brien said.

"The odyssey continues," he said. "Everything at the moment is status quo."

The Reds got Machado from Philadelphia last July as part of the trade for reliever Todd Jones. He hit .268 in 17 games for the Reds, committing four errors, and was expected to compete with Felipe Lopez for the starting shortstop job in spring training.

The job opened up when the Reds decided not to offer Barry Larkin another contract, ending his 19-year career with his hometown team. Machado came out of the dugout and replaced Larkin at shortstop after the third inning of the Reds' final home game.

Lopez hit .242 in 79 games last season with 15 errors, making him the leading candidate to take over for Larkin.

2005 Reds Hall of Fame fan vote candidates announced

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — The first fan ballot for the Reds Hall of Fame in 16 years will include 14 former Cincinnati Reds players, including several stars from the 1990 World Series club.

Candidates Tom Browning, Eric Davis, Rob Dibble, Hal Morris, Ron Oester, Paul O'Neill, Jose Rijo, and Chris Sabo, all major contributors to the World Championship team, are included on the 2005 ballot.

Other players include National Baseball Hall of Famer Tom Seaver, Jeff Brantley, Dan Driessen, Tom Hume, Ray Knight, and Dave Parker.

The top two vote-getters will be inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame in ceremonies at

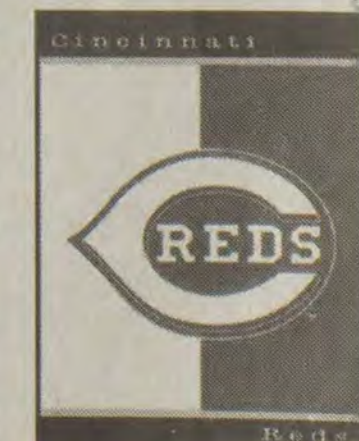
Great American Ball Park, at a date to be announced later.

Voting commences January 15. Fans may vote for up to three candidates. Ballots are available on-line at www.cincinnati Reds.com, at the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum, as well as at all Cincinnati and Dayton area Skyline Chili Restaurants and Provident Bank branch offices. The election will close on February 13, 2005. Specific rules are printed on the ballots.

Players eligible for the fan ballot must have played for the Reds for at least three years between the years of 1985 and 2002. The Reds Hall of Fame ballot rules set a cutoff of 1985 for the fan ballot, and require that players be retired for three

years before being eligible for the ballot.

The Cincinnati chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America prepared the fan ballot from a candidate pool of 80 eligible players.



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THROUGH MY EYES Life lessons

"A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others" - The Wizard of Oz to the Tin Man.

And who could ever forget that scene? The Tin Man wipes his eyes and the Cowardly Lion reminds him, once again, about the dangers of rust.



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

I've been thinking a lot about just this sort of thing of late. In my case, it has been coming in the form of wondering just how much my own children really do love me. In

particularly bad moments, I have even wondered if they love me at all.

Of course they do. Being so young and inexperienced, they just don't know how much. Therefore, they have no idea as to how to express it. Don't get the wrong idea here, it's not "expressions of love" that I'm looking for, per se. Meaning, they don't need to visit the Hallmark store or tell me every half-hour that they worship the ground I walk on.

No, just some simple things are all I'm after. Pick up the wet towel off the bathroom floor; change the kitty litter; walk the dog; take out the trash; "ask me" about your attendance to an

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POSTSCRIPT

'Calling'

Obviously, I'm passionate about animals, and I look forward to what she has to say about them, her experiences, her advice, her humor.

I've even read some of Carol's columns on my radio show, particularly the funny ones.

The poem she ran before Christmas about shelter dogs was not humorous. Reading it on air, I was afraid my voice would crack and I'd begin crying. I got calls from several people saying it touched them deeply.

Last week Carol wrote about her "calling" to help animals. From the tone of the piece, I suspect she whipped the column out in a frenzy, driven by frustration, spurred perhaps by one more instance of man's inhumanity.

I know how I feel when I see dog and cat carcasses in the road or when I see an animal walking

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Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

When's a common cold not a cold?

(NUE) - If your child has recurring illnesses, don't simply brush off these ailments as normal childhood health problems. He or she may have a serious underlying disease.

Primary immunodeficiency, or PI, is a genetic defect that can compromise a child's immune system, leading to an

increased susceptibility to certain infectious illnesses. There are more than 100 types of PI; each has somewhat different symptoms, depending on which parts of the immune system are affected. Some deficiencies are deadly, while others are mild.

In children with PI, usual

childhood illnesses occur frequently and can drag on and become chronic despite the use of antibiotics. If a child suffers from eight or more ear infections or two or more serious sinus infections within a year, he or she could have a serious form of PI. Other warning signs are failure to gain weight

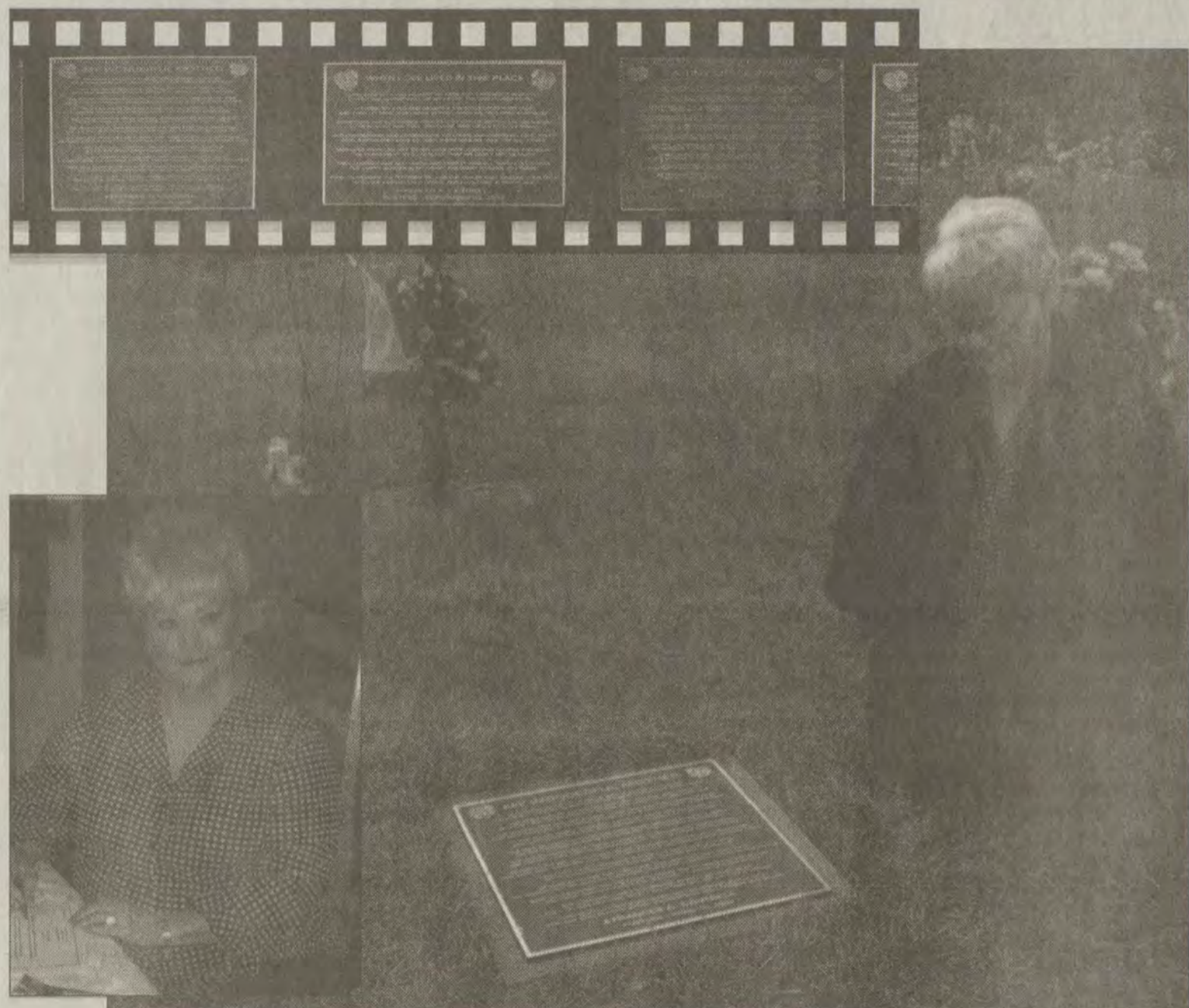
or grow normally and a proven family history of PI.

While there are more than 1 million children and young adults in the United States affected by PI, experts estimate that 70 percent to 90 percent of those with the disease go undiagnosed. Without diagnosis and treatment, constant infec-

tions can significantly weaken your child's immune system.

Parents should know that a simple and inexpensive blood test could identify the disorder in more than 95 percent of cases. Once diagnosed, there are several treatment options

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photos by
 Kathy J. Prater
 Frances visits her mother's grave at Staffordsville to view the newly placed footstone bearing a poem she wrote in remembrance of her mother. "My mother would be so proud," she said.

Frances now spends a considerable amount of her time autographing printed copies of her poems.

Poetess shares love and memories with all

by Kathy J. Prater
 FEATURES EDITOR

She remembers the day, years ago, when a fortune-teller laid her cards on the table before her and told her of her future. She remembers the loving touch of her mother and the day, prior to her death, that she thanked her daughter for all that she had done for her. She remembers the husband, the man of whom she still says, "I love him as much today as I did the first day that I met him." She remembers happy days filled with love, laughter and children, as well as those that brought grief, disappointment and tears. She remembers commu-

nity leaders, neighbors, and even those who are now remembered by most as "not being worth very much."

The woman - nay, the poetess - is Frances Cantrell, of Van Lear. Mrs. Cantrell, a widow, lives each day of her life thankful for all that she has had and for all whom she has been blessed to love. Hence, many hours are now spent in composing what she refers to as her "Lovenotes," or heartfelt messages and thoughts of those she has loved.

"My mother loved roses, and my husband loved yellow roses," she said. "So many times in life, you notice little things about a per-

son...like one having a particular fondness for coins, or a particular flower. I take these little things and I write my poems. I have had many people tell me that a poem I have written reminds them of someone they love."

Because of this, Frances has set up a website whereby her poems, which are all copyrighted, may be purchased. Some may be downloaded for free, and still others are also available to be fashioned into gravesite footstones.

Visiting the graves of her mother and husband, both located at Staffordsville, in Johnson

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THINGS TO PONDER

Biggest Loser

By this time, many folks have probably seen some portion of the new TV reality show, "America's Biggest Loser." As a result of this program, groups wanting to lose weight have been formed in Frankfort that takes off on the show's concept, as a type of fund-raiser. There is also the possibility that these realistic viewings of weight loss have stimulated individuals' choice of a New Year's resolution. Besides over-eating, a guess is that various addictions are included in the "not going to do anymore" list for turning a new page for a new year, such as smoking cigarettes, over-spending, and drinking excessive caf-

feine in coffee and colas. Was removing addictive behaviors from your life part of your plans for the New Year?

In this month's Monitor on Psychology, the recent work of an addiction researcher (Bonnie Spring, Ph.D. at the University of Illinois at Chicago) was summarized in regards to stopping smoking and the weight gain that typically accompanies it. First of all, she pointed out how smoking, like other addictions, is used as a self-medicating behavior. In other words, the habit becomes connected to a desired feeling or behavior to regulate a mood, concentration and weight, to name a few. How many times have you heard yourself and/or others say, "I've just got to have a cigarette. Just have to relax." Dr. Spring gave the example of how she began smoking

because she thought it helped her to concentrate better, while writing extensive papers in graduate school. However, she became concerned that smoking also increased the chance of lung cancer and heart disease. When examining her attempts to stop smoking, the researcher considered that it might be easier for smokers if they could replace cigarettes with something else - controlling weight with exercise and an improved diet - to fill those needs. It all seems to boil down, when feeling upset, doing "something" immediately, that is associated with feeling better works best.

"Smoking, poor diet, not exercising enough - these are the behaviors that are responsible for the most American deaths... Can we change more than one of

these behaviors at a time," was questioned by Dr. Spring. These concerns were created due to most clinical practice guidelines and some past research suggesting that when people take on more than one problem behavior at a time they often fail. Thus, the psychological professionals have attempted different methods over the years for assisting addicted individuals, looking at one behavior after another.

Having questioned if two behaviors might be changed at the same time, the researcher developed a study with three groups of women, since women are the most likely to be concerned about weight gain while quitting smoking. Group 1 participated in weekly psychologist-led group



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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Eyes

upcoming social affair - don't "tell me" you're going - that sort of thing. Which, actually, now that I look at it in black and white, really spells R-E-S-P-E-C-T more than it spells L-O-V-E. The two do, after all, go hand in hand, don't they? I'm always, forevermore, telling my children to "count their blessings and be thankful for what we have," so perhaps,

this day, I should take a little of my own advice. Let's see...Elizabeth prepared a wonderful Mexican dinner for us just last evening. True, she crashed out in front of the living room tv immediately afterwards and I did the clean-up, but turn-about is fair play and I do have to admit that there have been many times that my darling daughter did the cleaning up while I snuggled up with the remote.

Elliott did at least two loads of laundry one evening this week, without complaint, even, as well as somehow managing to not bring home all those muddy football clothes he was wearing Sunday afternoon (sorry, Debbie, I fear that these may have landed in your laundry room, instead?). And Emily, let's see, what

good deed has Emily done this week? My second darling daughter who is WAY too much like her mother back in her own teenage years (hence, darling, all the well-intended advice that I know you don't like to hear). Well, let me ponder for a second - aha! I can say, with distinct satisfaction, that when I opened the door to her room this morning, I did notice that the floor

was actually bare, for once, save a backpack and a pair of tennis shoes. Did I forget to say thank you? I believe I did. Mental note to myself: Remember to praise daughter. Out loud note to God: Heavenly Father, you really have blessed me with a great set of kids and I am more than thankful for the opportunity to be their mother. Help me, please, to

cope with these teenage years. (And, a final note to all the other moms out there - Is it really fair for us to have to go through all this teenage anxiety and non-sense all over again?) Hope you weren't listening, God, for of course, the learning process never ends, correct? Signed, Hand me the oil can, I'm getting rusty

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Frances

County, Frances is proud to show off her "Footnotes" footstones at each site. For her mother, her poem "My Wonderful Mother" tells the world of her mothers love for flowers. At her husband's gravesite is her poem "When Love Lived in This Place," dedicated to her husband's memory. "I just think these little

"Footnotes," as I call them, are a beautiful way to show your love for one who has passed. My mother would be so proud to see my poem here. I think it's wonderful that my poems are available for others to use. If they need for me to insert a name, or a nickname, or any other little thing like that, in order to make it special for them, I can do that.

I'd be happy to do that," she said. "All they have to do is ask me." Frances' website may be accessed at www.lovenotes-byfran.com, where you can find a complete listing and contact information. Following are just a few of the poems available in Mrs. Cantrell's extensive collection:

Postscript

along the road, far from anyplace it could call home. I know how I feel when I see dogs walking around Auxier that are obviously looking for someone - anyone - to feed them, to pat them on the head, to give them a home. To people who take the coward's way out and dump their animals, this little village is attractive. It's off the main road and full of dog lovers. I suppose they think it's the humane way to dispose of a dog or cat that just doesn't suit their plans anymore. I know the frustration of having severely limited means

to help those animals or to stop the idiots who abuse them or throw them away. Even to take one to the shelter costs you money. (It must be true that no good deed goes unpunished.) But I cannot imagine the frustration and sense of hopelessness that Carol must feel every day. Her whole life revolves around rescuing animals - or trying to rescue them - and around educating people about the value of these creatures we've been given responsibility for. I want to assure Carol that I - and many, many others - are so very grateful that she was

called to care so deeply for animals, that she accepted the calling, and that she fulfills the calling. We are extremely lucky to have her and other caring veterinarians in our community. We are lucky to have an organization like SNOOP. And we are lucky to have people throughout the area who do the best they can to address the problem of animal abuse and neglect. Carol, please don't be discouraged. We need your passion and your skills. You are our example. We are thankful for you.

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My Wonderful Mother

My Mother had a little house with flowers all around,
The blooms were oh, so beautiful, they were known all over town.
She had roses of all colors, pink, red, orange and white,
With each and every bloom in spring they were a magnificent sight.
She planted and watered each of them with the very greatest care,
And with each one, a colorful bloom found a special place somewhere.
The tulips, roses, daffodils, each one had a special place,
And the magnificence of the garden put a smile on every face.
She was so happy in those gardens, I remember her beautiful smile,
As she pattered in those flowers and then rested for a while.
The vining roses were every color and hung over the garden wall,
And she still had time to feed each plant till the frost fell in the fall.
In spring she selected each flower, they were chosen with great care,
And each was nurtured, fed and loved till they bloomed in her garden there.
Mom got a call from God one day, He said, "I need you now,
My flowers need attention and you can help somehow."
So Mom accepted the challenge, the curiosity was too much,
She discovered the heavenly gardens desperately needed her finishing touch.
Now Mom gardens for the Master where her flowers always bloom,
And every mansion in Heaven has fresh flowers in every room.
She's so happy with the Master, perfecting every rose,
She can take her time, select each one, and watch it as it grows.
Now Mom's a precious flower that grows within our mind,
Her love still blooms within the hearts of her children left behind.

A Tiny Little Penny

One morning after you left us, I picked your laundry up,
A penny fell out of your pocket and I dropped it in a cup.
I quickly retrieved the penny and held it close to me,
And memories of your childhood returned so vividly.
I remember all the cuts and scrapes when you were a tiny boy,
The way you dressed and combed your hair, and even your favorite toy.
That crooked little smile you had with mischief in the back of your mind,
Your fingerprints all over the wall were just the sweetest kind.
Dad would sometimes scold you and he tried to act so tough,
Then you would smile and for a while, you couldn't be good enough.
Before we knew it, years were gone, you had grown into a man,
With thoughts and ways unknown to us, we did not understand.
But the memories made together, with you and me and dad,
Are memories stored within our hearts, the best we ever had.
When I awake in the morning and miss you, oh, so much,
I place my hand on that penny and I can feel your gentle touch.
Our memories are forever and they are oh, so many,
They ended with two broken hearts, and that tiny little penny.
So I framed that tiny penny as a gentle reminder to me,
That you are ours forever for all the world to see.

Colds

that can provide a better quality of life or, in some cases, a cure. The Jeffrey Modell Foundation, a nonprofit research foundation devoted to the study of PI, is making a profound difference in many lives by raising awareness of the disease.

Since beginning a national public awareness and physician education campaign last year, 32 Jeffrey Modell Diagnostic and Referral Centers throughout the United States have reported promising figures. They calculated increases of 85 percent in the number of patients diagnosed;

31 percent in the number of patient referrals; and 67 percent in the number of patients receiving treatment. To learn about the warning signs of PI, as well as treatment options, visit the Jeffrey Modell Foundation Web site at www.info4pi.org or call (866) INFO-4-PI.

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30 Years of Service at HCTC



Hazard Community & Technical College President Dr. Jay K. Box, center, honors two employees for 30 years of service. Eileen Haddix of Vicco, Hazard Campus, and Silas Young Jr. of Busy, Maintenance and Operations department, were recognized.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 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 and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare 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.
 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.



Family Medicine
OHIO UNIVERSITY
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
Associate Professor of Family Medicine

Tinea versicolor common fungal rash in youth

Question: I had this rash a while back that was called tinea versicolor. I treated it and now it is back. Please tell me more about this rash and how to prevent it. Is it contagious? Is it common? Will the white spots that are left behind when the rash is gone ever go away?

Answer: Tinea versicolor is a common fungal skin disorder that affects up to 8 percent of the population of the United States. Caused by a yeast-type fungus named *Pityrosporon orbiculare*, it is more common in people between ages 15 and 24. Race and skin color do not seem to be fac-

tors in who gets this infection. The *Pityrosporon orbiculare* fungus normally lives on the skin and does not cause infections in most people. Except in the cases of people who are known to have conditions that compromise the immune system, we generally don't understand why some people are more prone to these infections than others. However, if you have oily, moist and warm skin, it is the perfect environment for the development of small fungal "colonies" on the surface of the skin. These colonies can then begin to grow rapidly, as this happens they leach out an acidic bleach, which produces a rash. The spots, or

patches, of this rash are a light reddish brown on very pale skin. Since these areas don't tan, they look like white spots on darker or tanned skin. The rash is usually on the upper back and chest, as well as the upper arms and upper thighs. The rash looks like oval, flat patches, that may have a fine scale on them. The patches vary in size. Most people seek medical advice about this condition, in part because the spots can linger for months. Tinea versicolor is usually easy for an experienced practitioner to recognize, and extensive testing is not generally needed. The treatment is also fairly straightforward, but the rash frequently recurs — probably because of reinfection rather than treatment failure. Remember that this fungus normally lives on the skin and causes no problems. This natural "fungus reservoir" is felt to be at the root of many cases of reinfection. Reinfection may also occur because

these fungi can live for extended periods of time on dry surfaces and in clothing. This may be more of an issue now that many people do all their wash using only cold water, which may not be adequate to kill the fungi. Initial treatment for tinea versicolor is usually with a topical antifungal agent. Selenium sulfide lotion — the base compound for many dandruff shampoos — can be used. This shampoo is spread over the infected skin, left in place for 10 minutes, then rinsed off. This can be done daily for about a week, and is usually quite effective. The light spots usually slowly return to normal color over a period of several months. The rash tends to recur in the summer when it is hot and humid. There are also topical antifungal medications that are available by prescription. Your physician might prescribe these. Some physicians treat initially with oral antifungal agents.

These work well, but there are side effects and risks with these medications that should be weighed and discussed by you and your physician. Recurrence can sometimes be prevented by avoiding overly hot and sweaty environments as well as by using the topical dandruff shampoo weekly. Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicine-news.org.

Girl Scout Troop 408 helps with annual city event



Girl Scout Troop 409 helped the Prestonsburg Woman's Club organize activities at the club's annual "Christmas in the Park" event, held last December 16. Here, troop members are shown pausing for a photo with club member Judy Bowling, coordinator of the event. The Girl Scouts, who usually celebrate Christmas with a party and gift exchange, decided to put their efforts this past Christmas into helping others and "giving back" to their community. Good going, girls!



Members of Girl Scout Troop 409 helped organize games and activities for the children attending the 2004 annual "Christmas in the Park" event, held Dec. 16, at Archer Park.

Correction...



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Visitors to the Samuel May House "Old Christmas" event, held Sunday afternoon, January 9, were invited to enjoy an elegant table of delicious offerings provided by members of the "Friends of the May House" organization. (Editor's Note: Photo was to have appeared in the January 12 edition of the Times as an accompaniment to a Lifestyles feature story, but due to error, it did not appear.)

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counseling for cigarette addiction. They examined their smoking patterns, such as time of day and events occurring before smoking. Then, this group worked to avoid situations that contributed to the likelihood of their smoking and to find alternative activities. For example, those wanting to smoke after eating was to wash the dishes instead, so the urge to smoke typically passed. The other two groups had the same group meetings as the first group, plus being taught basics of health and nutrition, such as avoiding high-fat, high-calorie items. Individuals tend to gain weight after stopping smoking for several reasons. In part, the weight gain relates to the smoking they once did; the smoking increased their metabolism about 100 calories per day. Also, weight gain is likely to occur because the new non-smokers begin eating high-calorie treats, such as candy and cookies, which increases the brain serotonin levels that plunged as the folks quit smoking. Since healthier foods like pasta and whole-grain breads also increase serotonin in the

brain, the subjects were provided low-fat meals with lots of mood-boosting carbohydrate-rich foods, for the entire 16 weeks of treatment. In addition, the participants were encouraged to include a moderate exercise program into their daily routines in an effort to maintain their weight after the end of the program. Although all groups met to discuss their quitting smoking, the two groups stopping smoking and controlling their weight differed when they started the weight control portion of the study. One group started both activities at week one. The other group started to quit smoking at week one, but waited until the ninth week to start dieting. After analyzing her data, Dr. Spring found that the three groups quit smoking at about the same rate of 20 to 40 percent. A general impression was that the results tended to support group members being able to successfully pay attention and follow through with activities for stopping/controlling two behaviors at the same time. The only difference between groups was found nine months after the study was fin-

ished; the smokers beginning their diets on the later schedule controlled their weight more effectively than those in other groups, gaining five pounds as compared to the other two groups' 7 pounds. The members of this study being able to work on smoking and control their weight at the same time, was thought to show that other unhealthy behaviors, such as overeating and overspending, might also be addressed at the same time. Another thought was that individuals could be successful at decreasing several "bad" habits and/or behaviors at the same time, if they are motivated to consistently work on what is thought to be helpful. After all, it is up to each of us to determine if we will be the "big loser" and the "big winner" at the same time. Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice, New Perspective Psychological Services, in Prestonsburg. She provides psychotherapy for all ages in individual, family, and couples' sessions and does psychological testing.

Discover your kitchen personality.

by Art Smith
FOR NEWSUSA

(NUE) - What kind of cook are you? Do you prefer to get up early to prep the evening meal? Are you simply too crazed to even think about dinner until after work? Or are you one of those who are able to find a balance in between? These are some of the questions I ask in "Kitchen Life," my new book in which I quiz readers to help them determine what kind of cooks they are. I've developed recipes and techniques that go along with an individual's cooking and kitchen management style. The quiz results show

me that lack of time is the biggest barrier in the kitchen. The right tools, though, can help with that. Among my top five time-saving kitchen essentials is a vacuum-packaging appliance. My favorite is made by FoodSaver. Whether you're trying to preserve meals you've prepared in advance or maintain the fresh-cooked flavors and textures of leftovers, this appliance is an easy way to get more out of your time in the kitchen. As you plan your meals, you can save a lot of time if you look for recipes that allow you to use your leftovers. I call these recipes "kitchen workhorses" because one batch can

yield several different meals. When preparing a recipe to eat now and use later, the key is vacuum-sealing the leftovers to maintain freshness and prevent freezer burn. Take my Chili Shepherd's Pie with Buttermilk Potato Topping, for example. I start with my Kitchen Workhorse Chunky Beef Chili. The chili is great as a stand-alone, but it's also a key ingredient in several spin-off recipes. Then, I vacuum-package the extra chili with my FoodSaver appliance and freeze the remainder in controlled sizes to use later for other recipes, like my tasty Soft Beef Tacos or Chili and Macaroni Casserole. Voila! From one meal, many.

CHILI SHEPHERD'S PIE WITH BUTTERMILK POTATO TOPPING (Makes four servings)

- 2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup buttermilk, preferably at room temperature
- 1 quart Kitchen Workhorse Chunky Beef Chili (found on page 150 of "Kitchen Life"), heated
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or thawed frozen corn kernels
- 1/3 cup (about 2 1/2 ounces) shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Lightly oil an 8-inch square baking dish. Place potatoes in a medium saucepan and add enough cold, lightly salted water to cover them by 1 inch. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and cook pota-

toes until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain potatoes and transfer to a bowl. Add the butter. Mash potatoes with a masher or an electric mixer on low, gradually adding the buttermilk. Season with salt and pepper. Mix the chili and corn in the baking dish. Spread the

potatoes on top of the chili and sprinkle with the cheddar. Bake until the cheddar melts and the topping is tinged with brown, 15 minutes to 20 minutes. Serve hot. For more information on vacuum-packaging or to order a copy of my book, visit www.foodsaver.com.

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For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

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For more info. Call: 886-3831

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 24, 2005, at the Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for the consideration of grant applications for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006, for rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy Valley area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submission. The grant applications will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2005.

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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-
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and Highlands on Old
23. Call 886-9291.

FOR LEASE: Retail
or office space.
Starting @ \$325 per
month Call 886-8366.

**BRANHAM
HEIGHTS APTS.** of
Wheelwright, Ky. has
a 1 BR apartment for
rent. Rent is based
on income.
Apartments come
equipped with central
air and heat, carpet,
refrigerator, stove
and blinds. Garbage,
maintenance, water
and sewer are includ-
ed with rent. Please
contact Kathy at 452-
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Opportunity.
Handicap Accessible.

630-Houses
For rent: 3 BR 1
Bath house with large
yard no pets 3 miles
from Prestonsburg
889-9747 or 886-
9007

2 Bed room Apt. with
central heat and air
on U.S 23 1 mile
west of
Prestonsburg. No
pets call 606-886-
9747 or 606-886-
9007

FOR RENT: 3BR 2
Bath Appliances
Furnished. \$500
per month \$500
Deposit. 1
Efficiency, \$350,
Furnished. All
Utilities Included.,
2 BR 2 Bath Mobile
Home, Part.
Furnished, Large
Yard, Front & Back
Porch, \$350 &
\$350 Deposit Plus
Utilities. Refer-
ences Required. Call
285-9003 Leave
Name & Number.

FOR RENT: 2 BR
apt. Fully furnished,
\$100 per week
includes utilities.
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FOR RENT 3 BR
house. Newly
remodeled, refer-
ences required.
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Ronald Frasure)

1 bed room Apt.
utilities paid, w/d
furnished, No Pets
available Oct.1
\$425.00 per month
\$150.00 Deposit,
phone 606-874-5577
or 606-226-0999

FOR RENT: House
available for rent.
Could be used for
professional or resi-
dential use. Great
business location for
expansion. Call 606-
886-6195 or 606-
434-6516.

**For rent or lease
Town House** 2 bed
room 2 1/2 bath
Kitchen appliances
furnished, washer/
dryer furnished nice
deck \$500.00 per
month plus utilities
located at Timberline
Estates call 606-886-
1997

**HOUSE FOR
RENT:** 3 bedroom,
2 bath, fireplace. Close
to PCC & Hospital.
\$550 per month plus
deposit & utilities.
Call 886-0296 or
889-0355.

**APARTMENT FOR
RENT:** 1 BR Fully
Furnished with
Washer & Dryer.
Between Twin
Bridges in Martin, KY.
\$375 per Month,
includes gas, electric
& water. Call: 285-
3140

**HOUSE FOR
RENT:** 3 BR 2 Bath
House on KY Rt. 114.
\$600 per month plus
Deposit and Utilities.
No Indoor Pets! Call
478-2836

**NEW APART-
MENTS** 2 Bedrooms
with Walk-in Closets,
2 Full Bathrooms,
Custom Cabinets,
Large Living Room &
Dining Room.
Conveniently
Located on US 23 at
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8100, After 5pm Call
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640-Lands/Lots
For Sale: 2 Large
Lots on Stone Crest
Golf Course. Call
886-3313, 886-3314,
226-2468

**2 bed room 1 1/2
bath Townhouse**
also 1 bed room fur-
nished or unfur-
nished located in
Prestonsburg, NO
PETS call 606-886
8991

For Rent : newly
constructed Mobile
Home Lots in new
Allen, reference
required call 606-
874-2212

**Greetings from
Lighthouse Manor,**
Terry & Sharon
Smith. We have
apartments for rent
that are efficiency
apartments, all utili-
ties paid. For more
info call 606-886-
2797.

650-Mobile Homes
FOR RENT Mobile
home 2 BR, partially
furnished, at Martin.
Call 874-2000.

**2 BR All Electric
Mobile Home For
Rent.** Martin Area.
Call 285-3980

**Trailer lot for rent
on old U.S. 23**
between Preston-
sburg and Paintsville
call 606-886-9007 or
889 9747

670-Comm. Property
**For Rent: Beauty
shop** equipped with
3 stations, and tan-
ning 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.

812-FREE

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

NOTICES

815-Lost & Found

LOST CAT: Lost Cat
1/1/05 from 6361
Spurlock Rd. Yellow
tabby cat named
Presley. No collar,
poor vision, approxi-
mately 10 years old.
\$200 reward. Call
early morning or
night 889-6437. Call
daytime 434-2622.

LEGALS

**NOTICE
TO: LOCAL
CONTRACTORS
AND THE
GENERAL
PUBLIC
SUBJECT:
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DAMAGE
PREVENTION
PROGRAM**

Please help us pre-
vent service interrup-
tions and possible
hazardous situations
by notifying the B & H
Gas System at least
"48 hours" before any
extensive digging or
construction on your
property or public
lands. Our field oper-
ators will mark the
location with easily
identifiable yellow
flags to alert you to
our lines.
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pect a gas leak or
potential gas emer-
gency call: B & H
Gas Company, (606)
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thru Friday, 9:00
a.m.-5:00 p.m. After
hours and weekends,
call: (606) 478-5264.
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of underground gas
lines in your area,
please call: (606)
478-5264.

**COMMON-
WEALTH
OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD
CIRCUIT
COURT
DIVISION NO. 1
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
\$51,519.90, together
with interest, costs
and fees, I shall pro-
ceed 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 9:30
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 addi-
tion filed in the Floyd
County Clerk's
Office, to which refer-
ence 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 pur-
chase price, with the
balance on credit for
thirty (30) days, and
required to execute a
bond with good sure-
ty thereon for the
unpaid purchase
price of said property,
if any, bearing inter-
est 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 there-
of.

(c) The purchaser
shall be required to
assume and pay all
Floyd County,
Kentucky, real prop-
erty taxes for the year
2004, and all subse-
quent 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 pur-
chaser 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 obligat-
ed to pay court costs,
the fees and costs of
the Master
Commissioner, and
any real estate taxes
assessed against the
real estate.

Any announce-
ments made on date
of sale take prece-
dence over printed
matter contained
herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Hon. Kristen J.
Mudd
Lerner, Sampson
& Rothfuss
P.O. Box 5480
Cincinnati, Ohio
45201-5480
513/241-3100

William S. Kendrick
Master
Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY
41653
(606) 886-2812

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE**

Pursuant to
Application Number
836-0303
Amendment No. 1
In accordance with
KRS 350.070, notice
is hereby given that
Frasure Creek
Mining, LLC, 1051
Main Street, Suite
100, Milton, West
Virginia 25541, has
applied for an
amendment to an
existing surface and
auger coal mining

and reclamation
operation, located
near Craynor of
Floyd County. The
amendment will add
119.64 acres of sur-
face disturbance, and
will underlie an addi-
tional 274.06 acres,
of which 184.58
acres underlie sur-
face and/or auger in
another seam, mak-
ing a total area of
583.51 acres within
the amended permit
boundary.

The proposed oper-
ation is approxi-
mately 0.5 mile south
from KY Route 979's
junction with Dry Branch
Road, and is located
within Dry Branch of
Mud Creek, Mink
Branch of Mud
Creek, and at the
head of Gap Fork of
Neds Fork of Frasure
Creek.

The proposed oper-
ation is located on
the McDowell
USGS 7 1/2 minute
quadrangle maps.
The surface area to
be disturbed by this
amendment is owned
by Jennifer and
Jesse Akers, Dinah
and Jack Tackett,
Loretta Rogers and
Ellery Owens,
Carmel and Marie
Clark, Arnold Turner,
Purvis and Ruby
Hamilton, Ray and
Mary Hall, Elzie Hall,
Flora K. Preston, Phil
and Betty Hall, Darin
Carroll, Wallace and
Melinda Hamilton,
Walker and Jeromia
Tackett, Roger and
Shirley Paige, F. W.
Newsom Heirs, Olivia
Hamilton, Darvina
and Anna L. Hamilton,
and Carmel Lee and
Ollie Tackett.

The amendment
will underlie land
owned by Jennifer
and Jesse Akers,
Dinah and Jack
Tackett, Loretta
Rogers and Ellery
Owens, Carmel and
Marie Clark, Arnold
Turner, Purvis and
Ruby Hamilton, Ray
and Mary Hall, Elzie
Hall, Flora K. Preston,
Phil and Betty Hall,
Darin Carroll, Wallace
and Melinda Hamilton,
Walker and Jeromia
Tackett, Roger and
Shirley Paige, F. W.
Newsom Heirs, Olivia
Hamilton, Darvina
and Anna L. Hamilton,
and Carmel Lee and
Ollie Tackett.

The operation will
use the area, con-
tour, and extended
depth auger method
of surface mining.
The amendment
application has been
filed for public
inspection at the
Department for
Natural Resource's
Prestonsburg
Regional Office, 3140
South Lake Drive,
Suite 6,

Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653.
Written comments,
objections, or
requests for a permit
conference must be
filed with the Director
of the Division of
Mine Permits, No. 2
Hudson Hollow
Complex, U.S. 127
South, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601.

This is the final
advertisement of the
application. All com-
ments, objections or
requests for a permit
conference must be
received within thirty
(30) days of today's
date.

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE**

Pursuant to
Application
Number 836-9017
Renewal #2

In accordance with
KRS 350.055, notice
is hereby given that
Matt/Co., Inc., 439
Meadows Branch,
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653, has
applied for a renewal
of a permit for a
refuse disposal facil-
ity, located 0.5 mile
northeast of Emma,
in Floyd County. The
proposed operation
will disturb 21.10 sur-
face acres and will
underlie 0 acres, and
the total area within
the permit boundary
will be 21.10 acres.

The proposed oper-
ation is approxi-
mately 0.24 mile north
from KY Route
1428's junction with
KY Route 194, and
located 0.08 mile
east of the Levisa
Fork. The latitude is
37°40'02" and the
longitude is
82°43'14".
The proposed oper-
ation is located on
the Lancer U.S.G.S.
7 1/2 minute quad-
rangle map. The sur-
face area to be dis-
turbed is owned by
Eddie B. Merritt.

The application has
been filed for public
inspection at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Prestonsburg, 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.

**COMMON-
WEALTH
OF KENTUCKY
TRANSPORTA-
TION
CABINET**

**DEPARTMENT
OF HIGHWAYS
NOTICE TO
CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids will be
received by the
Department of
Highways, in the
Division of Contract
Procurement on the
3rd floor, and/or the
Auditorium, located
on the 1st floor of the
Transportation
Cabinet Office
Building, Frankfort,
Kentucky, until 10:00
a.m., EASTERN
STANDARD TIME,
on the 21st DAY OF
JANUARY, 2005, at
which time bids will
be publicly opened
and read for the
improvement of:

J O H N S O N,
LAWRENCE, MAR-
TIN, FLOYD COUN-
TIES:

FE01 121 DW05
0000027: US 23, US
460, KY 3 and vari-
ous routes in District
12. A distance of
110.84 miles. Right of
way mowing-litter
removal.

Bid proposals for all
projects will be avail-
able at the Division of
Contract Procurement
until 3:00 p.m., Eastern
Standard Time, pre-
ceding the day of the
letting of Friday,
January 21, 2005.
Bid proposals for all
projects will be avail-
able at a cost of \$10
each, and remit-
tance, payable to the
State Treasurer of
Kentucky, must
accompany request
for proposals (NON-
REFUNDABLE). BID
PROPOSALS ARE
ISSUED TO PRE-
QUALIFIED CON-
TRACTORS.

Specimen propos-
als for all projects will
be available to all
interested parties at a
cost of \$10 each
(NON-REFUND-
ABLE).

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE**

Pursuant to
Application
Number 836-8058
Transfer

In accordance with
405 KAR 8:010,
notice is hereby
given that Central
Appalachia Mining,
LLC, P.O. Box 1169,
116 Main Street,
Pikeville, Kentucky
41502, intends to
transfer permit num-
ber 836-8054 to
Prater Creek Coal
Corporation, 750
Town Mountain
Road, Pikeville,
Kentucky, 41501.
The new permit num-
ber will be 836-8058.
The operation disturbs
11.95 surface
acres. No new
acreage is affected
by this transfer.

The operation is
located approxi-
mately 0.25 mile south
of level, in Floyd County.
The operation is
approximately 0.25
mile south of the
intersection of US 23
and level Creek Road,
and is 0.25 mile
south of the Levisa
Fork of the Big Sandy
River. The operation
is located on the
Harold U.S.G.S. 7-
1/2 minute quadran-
gle map.

The application has
been filed for public
inspection at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's
Prestonsburg
Regional Office, 3140
South Lake Drive,
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653-
1410. Written com-
ments or objections
must be filed with the
Director, Division of
Permits, #2 Hudson
Hollow, U.S. 127
South, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601. This
is the final advertise-
ment of the applica-
tion. All comments or
objections must be
received within fif-
teen (15) days of
today's date.

**NOTICE OF
INTENTION
TO MINE**

Pursuant to
Application
Number 836-8057
Transfer

In accordance with
405 KAR 8:010,
notice is hereby
given that Central
Appalachia Mining,
LLC, P.O. Box 1169,
116 Main Street,
Pikeville, Kentucky
41502, intends to
transfer permit num-
ber 836-8053 to
Prater Creek Coal
Corporation, 750
Town Mountain
Road, Pikeville,
Kentucky 41501. The
new permit number
will be 836-8057. The
operation disturbs
25.33 surface acres.
No new acreage is
affected by this trans-
fer.

The operation is
located approxi-
mately 0.25 mile south
of level, in Floyd County.
The operation is
approximately 0.25
mile south of the
intersection of US 23
and level Creek Road
and is 0.25 south of
the Levisa Fork of the
Big Sandy River. The
operation is located
on the Harold
U.S.G.S. 7-1/2
minute quadrangle
map.

The application has
been filed for public
inspection at the
Department for
Surface Mining
Reclamation and
Enforcement's

Prestonsburg
Regional Office, 3140
South Lake Drive,
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653-
1410. Written com-
ments or objections,
must be filed with the
Director, Division of
Permits, #2 Hudson
Hollow, U.S. 127
South, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601. This
is the final advertise-
ment of the applica-
tion. All comments or
objections must be
received within fif-
teen (15) days of
today's date.

**ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS**

The Floyd County
Fiscal Court will
accept sealed bids
until Friday, January
21, 2005 at the hour
of 9:30 o'clock a.m.

for the following:
Forty-five (45) fire
hydrants & all neces-
sary fittings,
for use on 4" water
lines in Floyd County,
Kentucky. Specifi-
cations for these
hydrants and neces-
sary fittings may be
obtained at the Office
of the Floyd County
Judge/Executive,
located on the sec-
ond floor of the old
Floyd County
Courthouse, 149
South Central
Avenue, Suite 9,
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653
[Telephone: (606)
886-9193] during
regular business
hours, Monday
through Friday, from
8:00 a.m. to 4:30
p.m. Prospective
bidders may submit
sealed bids for these
hydrants and neces-
sary fittings, either
in person or by post-
age delivery, at the
Office of the Floyd
County Judge/Executive
until Friday, January
21, 2005, at the hour
of 9:30 o'clock a.m.,
and no further bids
will be accepted after
that time and date.

The bid will be
awarded to the low-
est and/or best bid-
der at the Regular
Meeting of the Floyd
County Fiscal Court
to be held on Friday,
January 21, 2005, at
the hour of 10:00
o'clock a.m., in the
Floyd County Fiscal
Courtroom, located
on the second floor of
the old Floyd County
Courthouse, 149
South Central
Avenue, Prestonsburg,
Kentucky.

The Floyd County
Fiscal Court has the
right to accept or
reject any or all bids.
Paul Hunt
Thompson,
Floyd County
Judge/Executive



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