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Woman charged in Letcher murder

Times Staff Report

MILLSTONE — A domestic dispute apparently led to the death of a Tennessee man Thursday in Letcher County.

Archie Edward Young, 40, of Knoxville, died from a single gunshot wound, authorities said, the apparent result of a dispute with Millstone resident Debra Quillen.

Kentucky State Police were assisting Quillen, 40, in obtaining an emergency protective order when she gave them information concerning a possible dead body, officials said.

Police found Young's body at Quillen's home. It was later taken to the state medical examiner's office in Frankfort to determine the time of death.

Quillen, charged with murder, is incarcerated at the Letcher County Jail.

KSP Det. John Pratt is continuing the investigation.

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Cook pleads guilty to armed robberies

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Ten years. That's the sentence that April Leigh Cook will carry for her part in a one-day robbery spree last year.

Cook pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of first-degree robbery, charges that she shares with Scott Bradley, 23, of Martin.

The couple led police on a hefty chase last July after they allegedly robbed the Allen Double Kwik and the Martin Prescription Center.

Authorities say that Bradley, wearing a hooded sweatshirt, entered the convenience store with a handgun and left in a 1994 Ford Taurus, taking with him approximately \$480 in cash and a carton of cigarettes.

That same vehicle, along with a few stolen cigarette butts, found its way to the scene of a robbery at the Martin Prescription Center approximately three hours later.

T. Turner, a clerk at the pharmacy, said Cook entered the store and began browsing. Bradley, armed, then "busted" through the door and

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April Cook pleaded guilty Friday to armed robbery charges in circuit court and accepted a plea bargain that will net her 10 years in prison.

photo by Tom Doty



Ricky Williams was one of 12 drug traffickers who entered guilty pleas in circuit court Friday, for a total of 61 years in sentences awarded.

photo by Tom Doty

11 plead guilty to drug charges

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Eleven defendants from a July drug roundup entered guilty pleas Friday, turning motion hour in circuit court into a four-hour affair.

The lengthy time frame was necessary so that each defendant could be advised by Judge John D.

Caudill of what rights they would be giving up by entering pleas and avoiding a trial.

Several common denominators showed up in the sentencing which served to solidify the effectiveness of methods employed by the Floyd County Drug Task Force and Operation UNITE. The taping of all drug buys appeared to be the most effective means employed in the

drug roundups, as several defendants mentioned viewing the evidence before entering their guilty pleas.

One defendant, Ricky Williams, noted, "I saw the tape. I did it. If you do the crime, then you got to do the time."

Williams seemed more con-

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Sex abuse leads indictments

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County grand jury met Thursday and returned indictments in four cases.

The indictments included new charges for a couple accused of sexually abusing three youths. Mark Freet, 38, of Prestonsburg, saw three new charges added to his

case, which already saw him receive multiple charges for sexually abusing children. The new charges included counts of sodomy, sexual abuse and one count of being a persistent felony offender. These charges involve a fourth alleged victim who Freet is accused of abusing from August 2000 through Sept. 2001.

Freet's wife, Laura, was also charged on Thursday and now

stands accused of three counts of sexual abuse. The Freet's are scheduled to go to trial in the case in March.

Two other people were indicted on Thursday. Rodney Cobern, 31, of Claypool, Ind., was charged with a Dec. 28 assault on his girlfriend in which he allegedly smashed an electric guitar over her head. The

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Bishop trial set to begin

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It's been nearly five years since Dwayne Earl Bishop was charged with his wife's murder. Five years of objections, motions, accusations. Five years of waiting, Bishop complained, for the trial to take place.

And now, barring another last-minute hitch, it's here. The saga begins Monday in the courtroom.

The witness list calls for testimony from a host of people, the last of which were subpoenaed this week. Witnesses will include Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson; Sheriff John K. Blackburn, who assisted in the investigation; and Kentucky State Police Det. Terry Thompson, who found the body of Carolyn Ann Bishop, 32, thrown over a hillside among some weeds.

In a rare twist of fate, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner and his assistant, Wayne Taylor, have also been added to that long list, an action which took place last year after a witness, testifying against Bishop, recanted his testimony.

David Smith, an attorney specializing in death penalty cases from the attorney general's office, is prosecuting the case. Harolyn Howard, a Pikeville public advocate who says she believes in Bishop's innocence even as he makes accusations about her, heads the defense.

They will take their place at the front of the courtroom



Dwayne Bishop

Monday. Behind them, family, friends and inquisitive onlookers will watch the drama unfold: A husband. A wife. Three children. A murder. The search for the body. A black leather jacket lying near the roadway. Blood stained clothing. A pool of blood. A bag with needles, syringes, white powder. Two unopened beers. Scratches. Stab wounds. A three-and-a-half-inch blade.

Carolyn Bishop was last seen alive riding on the back of Dwayne Bishop's motorcycle at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Aug. 31, 2000, Kentucky State Police have said. About an hour later, the accused was seen riding the motorcycle alone. He was arrested at 2:22 a.m. on Sept. 1, charged with driving under the influence.

The motorcycle was later found at the home of Jason Newsome, smeared with what investigators believed to be blood.

Those are the initial images of the case. What the jury won't necessarily hear

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Trial date set for man accused of assaults

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Clyde Bentley, 33, of Martin, had a trial date of March 14 set for a case that finds him accused of savagely beating a neighbor, Homer Music, while he was on probation for assaulting a man in a pre-

vious case. Bentley appeared agitated in court and glared at Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

Bentley's history of assaults is not admissible in court, which may serve him well. The last time he was brought over to the courthouse it turned out that his

appearance was unnecessary, but Bentley got into trouble in the holding cell at the Justice Center when he allegedly bloodied another man's nose.

Bentley will have to wait until after his trial to find out about his four-year probation period for the first assault case. If convicted of assault-

ing Music, he will see that probation revoked and have those four years tacked on to his sentence.

At a later date he will have to deal with the Justice Center assault case, which could add another 12 months to his sentence.

Bentley's attorney, public advocate Jim Adkins, plead-

ed for a lower bond for Bentley, citing health problems and close family ties as well as pointing out that Bentley's son is ill.

Judge John Caudill noted, however, that Bentley was in the same hospital as his son in

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Bentley

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# Odds and Ends

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — Sen. Ben Nelson finally has succeeded in getting President Bush to stop calling him by the detested nickname "Nellie."

Bush had been referring to the Nebraska Democrat as "Nellie" since 2001. Nelson disliked the nickname and had asked the president to stop using it.

The president likes to give people nicknames. He has called Vladimir Putin, the president of Russia, "Pootie-Poot," while aide Karen Hughes gets "High Prophet."

But Bush heeded Nelson's request to scrap his moniker, and at the recent White House Christmas party, the president referred to Nelson as "Benny."

"The president had a twinkle in his eye when he called me that," Nelson said. "He knew what he had done. I said, 'Thank you, Mr. President.'"

■ **PHOENIX** — Some Phoenix-area inmates are in the pink — pink handcuffs.

Maricopa County sheriff's deputies began using fluorescent pink handcuffs Thursday to transport inmates.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio said he introduced the pink handcuffs because he was tired of losing them to his own deputies and other law enforcement agencies. He ordered 1,000 of the pink handcuffs, which are made in England, at \$19.44 each. The regular ones cost \$18.84 a pop.

"We presume nobody else has pink handcuffs, so we can spot them and know they're ours," he said.

Patrol deputies will still carry the silver cuffs, which they pay for themselves.

The new cuffs will go well with the county's color scheme. Maricopa County inmates wear pink boxers and sleep on pink sheets.

■ **MILTON, Vt.** — It's hard to imagine that a 3-pointer in the second quarter of a high school boy's basketball game would turn out to be the winning basket — unless it's one of only three made in the entire game.

That basket, along with an earlier field goal, was all Bellows Free Academy-Fairfax needed to beat Milton on Wednesday night. The final score: 5-2.

"I've never had a player hit a game-winner in the second quarter before," BFA-Fairfax coach Glen Button Jr. said.

It could not immediately be determined if the score was a state or national record low, but the contest certainly attracted attention.

"It had to have been one of the most boring games in the world," said Bob Johnson, the director of student activities for the Vermont Principals' Association, which governs high school sports.

Neither team scored in the second half.

"It was the ultimate deliberate stalemate," Milton coach Jim Smith said. "They didn't come out after us and we didn't go in against them."

Smith said the slowdown was implemented because BFA (7-4) has a strong scoring presence, while Milton (2-8) does not. The Milton players believed their best chance to be competitive was to just hold onto the ball.

"We had a shot go off the rim that would have tied it," Smith said.

■ **BOSTON** — If you're on the A-list at Suffolk Superior Court this month, then most likely you're also in the jury pool.

A computer glitch at the state Office of Jury Commissioner alphabetized names of potential jurors, rather than shuffling them, before summonses were sent out. That created a jury pool of people whose last names mostly begin with the letter A.

So far, prosecutors, defense lawyers and judges agree that the error has not affected defendants' constitutional right to a fair trial in front of a jury of their peers, jury Commissioner Pamela J. Wood said.

There are five trials under way in Suffolk Superior Court and no lawyers have raised objections, said David Procopio, a spokesman for District Attorney Daniel Conley.

"We do not believe that what was basically a procedural defect compromised the integrity of the jury pool," Procopio said. "Much more important is randomness based on race, gender, and other more substantive issues, and this pool does have that."

The A-list of jurors will continue to show up at the courthouse until Jan. 24.

■ **UNION, Mo.** — Ann McDonald knew the baby was coming and there wasn't a hospi-

tal in sight, so she pulled over and delivered the child outside — appropriately enough — a McDonald's restaurant.

Chayse Westin McDonald was due Wednesday. But on Sunday, Ann McDonald knew her time was getting near — and fast.

Problem was, there is no hospital in this eastern Missouri town, and the closest one was 15 minutes away.

McDonald, whose husband is fighting in Iraq, and the child's grandmother, Linda Cuneio, got in the car, but it soon became evident they wouldn't make it to a hospital. So they pulled over at a McDonald's in Union.

The baby was born beneath the golden arches.

"Of course everyone is like, 'Are you going to name him Ronald?'" Ann McDonald said.

■ **ROGERS, Ark.** — There's another reason Mom is right when she says you should always have a fresh pair of underwear. A city attorney learned last week that they can attract rescue helicopters.

Ben Lipscomb found himself lost in the flooded backwoods this week while duck hunting with his Labrador retriever.

He only managed to make it out by tying his white briefs to the end of his gun barrel and waving them at an Arkansas State Police helicopter.

Decked out in full camouflage hunting gear, Lipscomb was practically invisible as the helicopter made several passes at dusk.

"They had passed over me a couple of times," he said after he was safe and sound back at his City Hall desk. "I knew I had to do something to get their attention."

Lipscomb had been in the flooded timberland near Hollowell Reservoir for about 12 hours when he was rescued. To survive, he drank dirty bayou water and ate a raw duck breast.

■ **GENEVA** — Switzerland

is renowned as one of the richest, cleanest and most efficient countries in the world.

Now, authorities in Geneva are bringing the city's public conveniences up to scratch — at a cost of \$13 million for just 35 new toilets, Swiss daily Le Matin reported Tuesday.

Each sparkling new facility is designed by a different architect at a cost of \$313,000 — about the same as a one-bedroom, city center apartment.

Three of the toilets have already been installed.

"Inside they are functional and equipped to a high sanitary standard," the city council said on its Web site. "On the outside, each public toilet is different and adapted to its surroundings."

Patrons will be charged 42 cents for each visit to the self-cleaning toilets, which are accompanied by music inside.

Councilor Alain Dupraz said the construction costs were justified, telling Le Matin that some older toilets "are vile and revolting."

■ **DURANT, Okla.** — Meals at the Bryan County Jail aren't what they used to be after authorities discovered an inmate chef with a gourmet palate spent more than twice as much on groceries as was budgeted.

Jail officials are cutting costs in the kitchen after authorities were billed \$13,000 for a month's worth of inmate food. The monthly grocery bill at the jail is usually about \$5,000.

"They were just going a little wild with the ordering of the food," said Jerry Ridgway, interim jail administrator.

The menu is back to normal — chicken patties instead of chicken breasts — and food costs are under control, Ridgway said. Staff members are ordering the food and taking inventory.

The inmate who ordered the food has since been released. Ridgway said he expects no repercussions. "It's just something we'll have to pay because the food was ordered," he said.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2005. There are 349 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Jan. 16, 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

On this date:

■ In 1547, Ivan the Terrible was crowned Czar of Russia.

■ In 1883, the U.S. Civil Service Commission was established.

■ In 1919, Nebraska, Wyoming and Missouri became the 36th, 37th and 38th states to ratify Prohibition, which went into effect a year later.

■ In 1944, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower took command of the Allied Invasion Force in London.

■ In 1964, the musical "Hello, Dolly!" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,844 performances.

■ In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first secretary of transportation.

■ In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S.

Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

■ In 1979, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi departed Iran for Egypt; he never returned.

■ In 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. (Because of the time difference, it was early Jan. 17 in the Persian Gulf when the attack began.)

■ In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off with Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon, on board. (The mission ended in tragedy Feb. 1, when the shuttle broke up during its return, killing all seven crew members.)

**Ten years ago:** In Union, S.C., a prosecutor announced he would seek the death penalty for Susan Smith, the woman accused of drowning her two young sons, 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex. (Smith was later convicted of murder, but was sentenced to life in prison.)

**Five years ago:** Ricardo Lagos was elected Chile's first socialist president since Salvador Allende.

**One year ago:** Pop star Michael Jackson pleaded innocent to child molestation

charges during a court appearance in Santa Maria, Calif. (The judge scolded Jackson for being 21 minutes late.) NASA announced that the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope would be allowed to degrade and eventually become useless. Freddy Adu, the 14-year-old phenom, was selected by D.C. United as the first pick in Major League Soccer draft.

### Today's Birthdays:

Author William Kennedy is 77. Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 75. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 71. Auto racer A.J. Foyt is 70. Singer Barbara Lynn is 63. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 62. Country singer Jim Stafford is 61. Movie director John Carpenter is 57. Actress-dancer-choreographer Debbie Allen is 55. Singer Sade is 46. Rock musician Paul Webb (Talk Talk) is 43. R&B singer Maxine Jones (En Vogue) is 39. Actor David Chokachi is 37. Actor Richard T. Jones is 33. Actress Josie Davis is 32. Model Kate Moss is 31. Rock musician Nick Valensi (The Strokes) is 24. Actress Yvonne Zima is 16.

### Thought for Today:

"There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way." - Christopher Morley, American journalist (1890-1957).

## Judge rules Stephenson may not take part as a senator

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Republican Dana Seum Stephenson may not take any official action as a state senator or be paid because she was not a qualified resident of Kentucky before the election, a judge ruled Friday.

Franklin County Circuit Judge William Graham stopped short of removing Stephenson, but the effect may be the same.

Graham prohibited Stephenson from "sitting as a state senator, from performing any official duties of the office as state senator, from receiving or accepting any pay for the office of state senator and from participating in the affairs of the General Assembly..." The order bars Stephenson from participating in committee meetings, hearings or votes.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he expects to appeal the ruling and seek an immediate review by the Supreme Court.

Stephenson received more votes than Democrat Virginia Woodward, according to unofficial returns from the 37th District in Jefferson County. Woodward, however, went to

court just before the election and won a judicial ruling that Stephenson did not meet the six-year residency requirement in the Kentucky Constitution.

Graham's order said that decision, which was not appealed by Stephenson, became the controlling issue and left the case within the jurisdiction of the courts.

Woodward was certified by the State Board of Elections as the only candidate receiving votes and took an oath of office on Jan. 1 as a senator. Once the Senate convened, a special committee appointed to review the case also determined Stephenson was not a legal resident. Nevertheless, the Republican-controlled Senate voted to seat Stephenson, who took the oath of office immediately.

"I think there was one thing that they could do that would create a constitutional problem. And that is the course of action that they chose," Graham said of the Senate during the hearing.

Jennifer Moore, Woodward's attorney, has consistently argued that only Woodward is deserving of the Senate seat. But on Friday, she argued for the first time the court had the option of declaring the seat vacant, which

would require a special election.

Graham appeared troubled by how he would carry out a ruling, if he were to order the Senate to do something.

"What if the legislators in this case said, well, foo on you," Graham wondered.

Among residents of the 37th District, there was strong opinion about the case, according to a story in The Courier-Journal newspaper in Louisville.

Wanda Knutson, who owns Mr. G's Liquors in the district with her husband, said that even though she's a registered Republican and voted for Stephenson, she wants a new election. "You're either a resident or you're not," Knutson told the newspaper.

If Stephenson cannot act as a senator, it could pose another constitutional quandary.

While the Senate voted by a simple majority to seat Stephenson, it takes a two-thirds vote to remove a senator.

Counting Stephenson, Republicans hold a 22-15 advantage over Democrats with one independent. Ironically, the independent is Bob Leeper of Paducah, who left the Republican Party in a disagreement with its decision in the Stephenson matter.

## U.S. files discrimination complaints in miner firings

### The Associated Press

JENKINS — The U.S. Department of Labor has filed discrimination complaints against a Letcher County coal company in the case of four miners who complained about safety conditions at an underground mine.

The Labor Department is seeking fines of \$40,000 — \$5,000 against Misty Mountain Mining Inc. and \$2,500 each against Stanley Osborne, the company's owner, and Simon Ratliff, the mine's superintendent, for each of the cases.

The men allege they were fired from the mine near Jenkins in August after raising concerns about unsafe roof conditions and faulty brakes on mining vehicles.

Osborne and Ratliff did not return calls seeking comment.

The complaints were filed in December on behalf of the miners, who are seeking unspecified monetary damages and reinstatement to their jobs.

Hearing dates in the cases have not been set, but the department will have an attorney represent the miners before an administrative law judge.

The federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 prohibits companies from firing or harassing miners who refuse to work in unsafe conditions or file safety com-

plaints.

One of the miners, Wendell McClain, 36, of Red Fox, said he was bolting the roof in a 3-foot coal seam in August when he saw a vehicle used for scooping coal coming toward him without brakes. The driver swerved into the wall to avoid hitting any co-workers, McClain said.

McClain, a father of five sons who had been employed at Misty Mountain for only four days, took his concern about the incident to Ratliff.

"I told him somebody was going to get killed if they didn't fix the brakes," McClain said. "He told me to grab my lunch bucket and get out."

McClain said he had complained previously to Ratliff about roof bolts not reaching high enough to provide adequate support.

McClain's brother, Coy, who had worked at the mine as a roof bolter for three months, also was sent home, as were two other men on the shift. They also filed complaints.

"I thought if I complained about it, they would just fix it," Wendell McClain said.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, an agency under the Labor Department, issued a violation order to Misty Mountain in November for inadequately protecting miners against roof and wall collapses.

After brief reinstatements,

the miners said they were fired again in October for further pursuing the discrimination complaints with MSHA.

Coy McClain, 30, said he told Osborne he would lie to MSHA about conditions at the mine in return for getting back his \$900-a-week job.

"I was making payments on a house, and I really needed the money," he said. "But they made things hard on me when I came back."

Coy McClain said he rescinded his offer to Osborne after a mine employee assaulted and threatened him for getting federal authorities involved.

A complaint filed by the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing alleges that Claudius Leon Dotson, a mine electrician, wrapped a steel cable around McClain's neck and threatened to pull him through a piece of machinery. The complaint further alleges that Dotson told another miner, one of the others who filed complaints, that he would "beat him to death" if they crossed paths outside the mine.

Dotson denied the allegations in a phone interview.

"There's nothing to any of it," he said.

The Office of Mine Safety is seeking a 90-day suspension and two-year probation of Dotson's electrical and mining certificates.



**Bishop**

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jury won't necessarily hear during the onset of the trial, which is expected to last two weeks, encompasses a host of legal issues that have surrounded the case during the past several years.

There have been questions of competency for Dwayne Bishop. Those questions ended with his ability to stand trial. Bishop argued loudly against the court, the lawyers and even the police officers involved in the case. One of his accusations is detailed in a federal lawsuit that he filed against the Pikeville Public Advocacy office, the Commonwealth Attorney's office, and presiding Judge John David Caudill. Bishop claimed that these individuals worked in a "corrupted circle" to hinder the investigation.

Five years. It's been a long one for Susan Reed, Carolyn Bishop's sister and custodian of two of Bishop's children.

"After this long, we keep trying to go on, but all this keeps bringing it back," she said. "I can't forget any details about it because I need to remember them. Subconsciously fight to forget it, your mind does."

She says there isn't a day that goes by that she doesn't think of her sister. She's "anxiously waiting to get through this door and go on" with her life.

"I don't blame anyone for it taking this long for trial," she said. "It's all due cause. We want it done right and fair and to know whenever it ends that justice is served."

**Pleas**

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cerned with where he did his time rather than the fact that he would be sentenced. He asked the judge, "Can you write a little note telling them to send me to La Grange?"

For the most part, the defendants seemed resigned to their fate. Only one showed emotion and began crying so hard that he couldn't focus on the judge's questions. He was given an hour to compose himself and was able to enter his plea.

The afternoon didn't go well for the only holdover from the April roundup. Arthur Huff, who entered a blind plea, saw two months added to the sentence recommendation that he originally turned down, receiving an eight-month sentence for contributing to a drug sale.

Huff, who uses a wheelchair, had brought letters from health care professionals attesting to his disability and fragile health. Judge Caudill read through the material and passed the eight-month sentence onto Huff.

"Though I sympathize with your condition, it makes you no less guilty of the charge," Caudill said.

**Assault**

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Lexington last year, but left the facility and came back to Floyd County while his son remained in the hospital.

Bentley will be held without bond until the trial is resolved.

**Appalachian residents dig deep to help tsunami survivors**

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**HARLAN** — Devastating flooding is hardly a world-away concept for folks living along the steep hillsides and hollows of Appalachia, and that's why so many are digging deep into their pocket for the victims of the South Asia tsunamis.

In contributions of \$1, \$5 and, in the case of schoolchildren, coins from piggy banks, mountain residents who have precious little money themselves are remembering, and repaying the kindness they received in their own flooding disasters.

"You're going to find that Appalachian people will send money to help others even if they have to do without food themselves," said Bill Barker, head of Appalachian Regional Ministry in Scott Depot, W.Va.

Barker says some of the tsunami gifts are coming from the very people his organization is trying to help rebuild from a series of flash floods that killed six people in the mountain region last year.

"They were the recipients of help from others, they want to return the blessing that was given to them," he said.

At a Harlan County school where 80 percent of the children come from homes with so little income that they qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, students have raised \$600 and

counting.

Zach Parrott, 12, and Lyndsey Cornett, 13, sat at a table sliding coins from one pile to another, counting silently, and reflecting on the TV reports they've seen of the earthquake and tsunami that has killed at least 157,000 people in 11 countries.

"It's so sad," Parrott said, unable to fathom a disaster of that magnitude, even though the area where he lives is frequently hit with floods.

"It's horrible," Cornett chimed. "It's unbelievable."

Churches across the region are taking up special collections during worship services. Banks are sponsoring basketball charity tournaments. And the central gathering place in many towns through the mountains, Wal-Mart, is acting as a donations clearinghouse.

"It's amazing how people are giving," said the Rev. Tom Curry, whose eastern Kentucky Presbyterian congregation of coal miners and merchants is among those taking up a collection.

Shawna Hopkins, a teacher from Elkhorn City, said she was so moved by the devastation that she felt like she had to do some-

thing. Turned out, nearly everyone else living around her felt the same way.

She enlisted the help of her students to raise \$2,000 for relief efforts. That was surpassed long ago. Now, children from every school in Pike County have gotten involved and have set a goal of raising \$50,000.

"It's remarkable how much they're giving," Hopkins said. "Some of these are children who get free lunches, their parents on welfare, and they're giving every penny they can find."

Robbie Pentecost, head of Catholic Committee of Appalachia, said it is impossible to know the total amount people in the mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia have donated for tsunami relief. She said it's fair to say most of it is coming in through donations of \$1 to \$25.

"Everywhere I go in Eastern Kentucky, people are talking about the tsunami," she said. "People here have had to struggle. So they can more readily understand the devastation."

**Robbery**

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then "busted" through the door and demanded cash from the register, she said. Bradley then reportedly instructed Turner to go to the prescription counter, where he obtained a bag full of prescription pills, including Oxycontin, Lorcet, Lortab, Percocet, and Concerta, a pill used for attention-deficit disorder.

Employees at the pharmacy retrieved the license plate number on the vehicle and the search began. It ended later that night, at Arkansas Creek, where Sheriff John K. Blackburn spotted the couple at an abandoned home, where they had been reportedly staying.

Cook was arrested almost immediately. Bradley allegedly fled on foot into the hills and eluded authorities for several hours before he was picked up by the Kentucky State Police. Cook, 24, of Prestonsburg,

will be formerly sentenced on Feb. 11.

Bradley, who was in court Friday, will appear for a pretrial conference in the case in two weeks. He has a pending case in Pike County.

Bradley had to be removed from the holding cell at the courthouse during proceedings Friday. Apparently, he had been shouting through a vent in the cell in an attempt to talk to Cook, authorities said.

Both Cook and Bradley were arrested in 2002 for unrelated robberies of local businesses. Bradley was also previously arrested for several counts of criminal trespassing, assault, escape and several misdemeanor charges which include possession of marijuana, harassment and other offenses.

A persistent felony charge, which would have increased Cook's sentence, was dismissed.

**Logo**

History."

Some others were less sure about what the state has gotten for its money.

"That's a hell of a lot of money to create some bumper stickers and a new logo," said Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville. "I wouldn't have thought it cost anywhere near that."

New West LLC, a conglomeration of Kentucky and Georgia public relations firms, won the state contract. According to invoices submitted by the company, the total included \$107,313 for expenses and the remainder for the hourly fees charged for the work of employees. The state is billed \$95 for each hour of work.

The company billed the state a total of \$1.27 million for all of its work from July 2004 to November 2004.

Host said the state got more than a good deal because New West did not charge for work done in May and June, before the contract took effect. He estimated that meant \$100,000 in free work.

The logo and the slogan is supposed to replace a raft of state agency promotion efforts, from "It's that friendly," to "Where education pays."

Host said the effort to "brand" Kentucky is unusual.

"When you put all state government agencies under one umbrella, with a unified marketing strategy, it involves far more planning, research, and imple-

mentation than is required for a simple change of logo and motto," Host said in his written statement.

Another legislator said she was surprised at the amount spent.

"I'll be looking forward to hearing from Secretary Host about why we have to spend that amount of money," said Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington.

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## Guest view Public has part in safer roads

Once again, Kentucky motorists have outdone themselves. But it's not something to boast about. Instead, each of us should examine our driving habits to see what changes we can make to reduce the soaring death toll on the state's highways.

According to Kentucky State Police, a total of 955 people lost their lives as the result of traffic accidents in Kentucky in 2004. The toll could climb still more as delayed reports are received and others succumb of their injuries days or weeks after an accident.

The death of nearly 1,000 people in traffic accidents in Kentucky in a single year unquestionably is a tragedy. The even greater tragedy is that most of the deaths could have been prevented if motorists had simply exercised a little more caution in their driving and had taken the time to buckle up.

Last year's upturn in deaths marks the continuation of a trend of recent years. In 2003, a total of 931 people died in Kentucky traffic accidents, up from 905 in 2002, 840 in 2001 and 821 in 2000. In 1994, a total of 791 people were killed on Kentucky's highways, and as tragic as that was, it still was almost 165 fewer deaths than last year.

Traffic fatalities in Kentucky are approaching their highest levels since the 1970s when some years saw more than 1,000 lives lost. The irony is that tremendous improvements have been made in vehicle safety in the intervening years. But such improvements are for naught if motorists don't drive responsibly.

There are a variety of reasons traffic deaths are on the rise in Kentucky. Topping the list is Kentuckians' refusal to use safety belts. While 80 percent of Americans buckled up in 2004, only 66 percent of Kentuckians did, although seat belts can significantly reduce injuries and fatalities in traffic mishaps. Many who refuse to buckle up pay a heavy price. According to Kentucky State Police, 67 percent of those killed in highway crashes in Kentucky in 2003 were unrestrained. That's more than 600 people who might be alive today if they'd taken the time to buckle up.

State police say other factors also contribute to the rising death toll on Kentucky highways. Included among them, road rage, drunken driving, speeding and driving while talking on cell phones or otherwise distracted. Indeed, one does not have to travel far ... to see motorists not only refusing to buckle up, but also speeding, running stop lights, taking a wide range of foolish chances and attempting to talk on cell phones while driving with one hand.

Less than a week into the new year, 14 people had died on Kentucky roads, compared with five in the same period last year. Motorists need to learn that no matter how safe Detroit makes its vehicles and no matter how much law enforcement officers patrol our roadways, in the final analysis, only the motoring public can truly make Kentucky's roads safer and reduce rising death toll on our roads.

— The Winchester Sun



## —Rich Lowry Column

### From fetus to baby

In a spectacular murder case in Missouri, Lisa Montgomery strangled to death Bobbie Jo Stinnett, who was eight months pregnant, cut open her womb and kidnapped her child. This is a horrific crime that, like the Scott Peterson case, opens an uncomfortable window into our culture's tortured reasoning on anything related to unborn life.

During the coverage of the crime, the status of Bobbie Jo Stinnett's unborn girl steadily changed. On AOL News, headlines tracked events in the case: "Woman Slain, Fetus Stolen"; "Woman Arrested, Baby Returned in Bizarre Murder"; "Infant in Good Health." Note how a "fetus" — something for which American law and culture has very little respect — was some-

how instantly transformed into a "baby" and "infant" — for which we have the highest respect. By what strange alchemy does that happen?

At one point, when Montgomery was still at large, an Amber Alert went out about the Stinnett girl, putting news organizations in the odd position of reporting such an alert for what many of them were still calling a "fetus."

Given that fetuses are routinely destroyed in America (and legally can be destroyed up to the point of delivery), it was odd to see such an uproar about the welfare of one. Indeed, it is tempting to say that from a pure legal point of view, Lisa Montgomery simply killed the wrong victim, taking the life of the mom instead of the fetus.

But that's not entirely true. Earlier this year, Congress passed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act partly in reaction to the Peterson case, making it a crime to harm an unborn baby while

assaulting the mother. Kate Michelman, president of NARAL, complained that President Bush is doing "everything in his power to restrict a woman's right to choose." Right to choose what? To have her baby harmed by an assailant?

Pro-choicers realize that recognizing the legal status of a fetus in any way undermines a crucial philosophical support of the pro-choice position — that a baby in the womb has no rights that we are bound to respect. The Missouri "Unborn Child" law, which is in play in the Stinnett case, says "unborn children have protectable interests in life, health, and well-being." The attitude behind that law is impossible to square with the animating principle of *Roe v. Wade*, which protects any abortion, any time.

Pro-choicers have a hard time explaining why, if Bill Clinton was right that abortion should be "legal, safe and rare," the practice should be rare. One reason is that there is a continuity between the "fetus" and "baby."

Otherwise, why do we rejoice over ultrasound images of the unborn? Why do we give them names? Why do we pray for their health and happiness? Why are we so quick to go from calling them fetuses to calling them babies?

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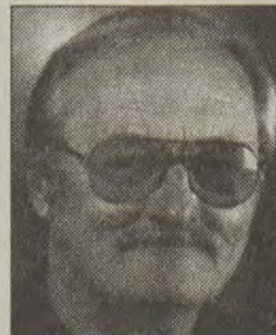
## —beyond the beltway

### Congress makes all conduct ethical

by DONALD KAUL

One of the most inspiring stories of recent weeks went virtually unnoticed by the mainstream media. (How like them.) It was not only an indication that there is a God, but one that suggested that She is a Democrat.

It concerned an incident involving the national championship football



game between red state Oklahoma and blue state Southern California. In the days leading up to the game there was concern among Southern Cal supporters that their star running back, LenDale White, would not be able to play because of a "high ankle sprain."

Then, two days before the game, White told reporters that his coach, Pete Carroll, had come to him and prayed over the ankle and that it already was beginning to feel better. The improvement must have continued; White played brilliantly in the game which was won handily by his team. Two things:

1. It is really amazing that with all He's got to worry about — the devasta-

tion caused by last month's tsunami in the Indian Ocean, the war in Iraq, in Afghanistan, drought in Africa, civil war everywhere, the weakness of the dollar — He still has time to worry about a high ankle sprain of a football player. That probably ranks up there with the fall of a sparrow as an example of God's attention to detail.

2. You would think that if God were going to intervene in that particular football game, He would have done so on behalf of God-fearing, Bible-thumping, Republican Oklahoma rather than southern California where people believe in evolution, tolerate gay marriage and vote Democrat. But no, He went the other way. Kind of makes you think, doesn't it?

For another view of God we now turn to the conservative Muslim clerics in Indonesia, particularly in the Aceh area. Imams there say that the Indian Ocean tsunami, which devastated great areas in their region, was a punishment from God visited upon a sinful population.

It seems that many Indonesians are lapsing into sin — not praying five times a day, sitting close to members of the opposite sex, drinking alcoholic beverages, thinking about making money instead of their spiritual life — and God sent the tsunami as a warning to survivors to mend their ways.

And when you think about it, it makes as much sense as His worrying about the football player's ankle.

Here is my take on the whole thing: I believe that if there is a God, He is away on business a lot and in His absence a great deal happens that He is not aware of and has little interest in. High ankle sprains, earthquakes, tidal waves, bad calls by the referees, they're all pretty much the same to

Him.

Still, just to be safe, I wouldn't play golf for money with that California coach. He may have God helping him with his putting.

Meanwhile, the nobles in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives have taken steps to ensure that there will be less unethical conduct in the House. They've made fewer things unethical, and rendered it nearly impossible to bring charges of unethical behavior against a member. (This is known as "defining deviancy down.")

Under the new rules, it will take a majority of the House Ethics Committee to bring such charges to the floor. Since the committee is equally divided between Democrats and Republicans, the chances of that happening are slim and none. (Expecting a panel of politicians to send one of their own over the side on an ethics rap is like hoping for a drunk-driving conviction from a jury of practicing alcoholics.)

It's just as well. The difference between accepting a bribe, for example, and doing what a Congressman does routinely to attain and hold office is so small as to be insignificant. As Richard J. Daley the storied mayor of Chicago used to say whenever he sent an acolyte to the state legislature to begin a career in government:

"Never take money. Show 'em your business card."

Donald Kaul, recently retired as Washington columnist for the *Des Moines Register*. He has covered the foolishness in our Nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.



# Faith Extra

## 'Migrants' religious faith plays role in trips to the United States

by ANABELLE GARAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALTAR, Mexico — Along a northbound dirt road, a young couple clad in jeans and T-shirts jumps out of an idling van and walks toward the path's edge, making for a white concrete box with an ornate, wrought-iron cross perched on top.

Dozens of candles — some lit, some melted, some broken — are crammed inside the 5-foot-high makeshift altar, along with statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Jude, patron saint of lost causes.

As the couple kneels before the display with bowed heads, a little boy runs out of the van and kisses the ground.

The humble spot some 60 miles south of the Mexico-Arizona border serves as one of the last places where migrants worship before being shuttled to spots where they will attempt to slip illegally into the United States on foot.

On their trek for economic survival, migrants traveling through the treacherous Arizona desert also find themselves embarking on a religious journey. Many rely on faith to sus-

tain them through the trip's perils, stopping to pray at icons or lighting votive candles to remember those who died along the way.

Before jumping aboard moving cargo trains during the trip north, 29-year-old Carlos Enrique Cano Vanega and other Central Americans he was traveling with would pray by the side of the tracks.

"We began to entrust ourselves to God and asked that he would keep us safe," said Cano, a Honduran man who had journeyed to this Mexican community recently in preparation for an attempted trip to the United States.

People everywhere will often seek spiritual comfort during troubled times. And culturally, Latin Americans identify themselves as religious, even if they don't attend services regularly, said Jacqueline Hagan, co-director for the Center for Immigration Research at the University of Houston.

In the case of poor immigrants, reliance on faith is even heavier because they have virtually no other resources, Hagan said. "The only recourse they have is to turn to religion, and that's all they really have on the

road as well," she said.

Before embarking on the trek into the United States, indigenous residents of the Guatemalan highlands seek counsel about whether to make the trip and when to go from evangelical pastors or the Black Christ, a dark-skinned depiction of Jesus common in parts of Latin America, Hagan said.

"Religion is their spiritual passport in the absence of authorization," she said. "They get sanctioned by God to do this."

While on the road, some turn to biblical passages that mirror their travels, such as those citing how the Israelites wandered through the desert under God's guidance.

For Cano and others on the train, reading the New Testament to each other brought comfort.

"You feel something ... you feel safer than being out there" without anything to sustain you, he said at a migrant shelter in Altar, a city that serves as a popular staging area for migrants planning to cross the border at Arizona.

Fifty-six-year-old Ernesto Garcia Mondragon frequented the Catholic church in town to

pray for his nephew, who left Mexico bound for the United States. Three months after 19-year-old Olaf Avila Gonzales departed, the family had yet to hear from him.

"I went to ask for the miracle that God and the Virgin can grant me," said Garcia, a shop owner from San Ildefonso. "More than anything, I hope that wherever he is, he is alive."

The family still clung to the hope that Avila hadn't become one of the hundreds of migrants who die each year making the same journey. The names of some of those people are written on crosses nailed or tied to the tops of telephone poles along a route from Altar to the border community of Sasabe, serving as a reminder of the danger.

Migrants setting out on foot for the Arizona desert are often ill-equipped for the tough terrain and the lack of water, shade or roads. They don't know much about the desert, the frigid cold in the winter and searing heat during the summer; the snakes and spiders; and the bandas de bajadores, or rip-off crews hiding in wait for victims.

Faced with such threatening

reality, spirituality helps explain how they get through such a journey, Hagan said. "It's divine protection on an otherwise life-threatening and dangerous journey," she said. "It allows them to endure this hardship."

In the desert, volunteers who maintain water stations on the U.S. side of the border for illegal crossers have found hymnals, bibles and rosary beads scattered among the plastic water jugs, food wrappers, backpacks and clothes migrants leave behind.

At times, they've also discovered antlers atop their water stations, a symbol used by one indigenous group.

"To the Yaquis that is 'God bless you and your whole lineage,'" said the Rev. Robin Hoover, founder of Humane Borders, a group that operates some of the water stations. "It's a profound blessing."

Some of the items hold sentimental value, such as the scapulars sometimes seen hanging on tree branches. The cloth necklaces have a prayer and a saint stamped on them and are often given as a gift to young people for confirmation.

"Why was it there? Was it

for the next group of people who came through? Was it a person in despair?" asked the Rev. Bob Carney, a Tucson Catholic priest who works with migrants.

Migrants who make it deeper into Arizona have left religious graffiti on interstate supports. Those waiting to be picked up by coyotes, or smugglers, leave the messages and drawings, Hagan said.

Once they reach their destinations, many will again frequent a church or shrine to offer thanks for their arrival.

And even if they don't make their destination before being caught and sent back, migrants often attribute how far they made it to religious intervention, Hagan said.

Many of the men who stay at the migrant shelter in Altar have been caught trying to enter the United States. With nowhere to rest or eat and hardly any money left, they wait there in the hopes that they can attempt another crossing, said coordinator Francisco Garcia.

Many tell Garcia, "Si Diosito quiere, lo voy a volver a hacer." ("If the Good Lord is willing, I'm going to do it again.")

## Kentucky Baptist Evangelism Conference set for February

LOUISVILLE - Leaders hope to help connect Kentucky Baptists with a passion for outreach at the 2005 Evangelism Conference, scheduled for Feb. 28 to March 1 at Valley View Church in Louisville.

The theme of the conference is "Get Connected". The conference will feature eight diverse speakers from across the country, as well as two times for workshops covering specific topics.

"The purpose of the conference is to help [Kentucky Baptists] connect all people to Jesus Christ, who alone has the power to change lives and our world," says Dan Garland, church development and evangelism team leader for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "I hope Kentucky Baptists will be challenged, encouraged, and inspired by the music and the messages."

Garland says the event will feature dynamic preaching, uplifting testimonies, and inspiring music.

The featured speakers include Thomas Hammond, North American Mission Board Director of Direct Evangelism, Alpharetta, Ga.;

Herb Reavis, senior pastor, North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Donald Morgan, author of Share the Vision, Build the Team, church consultant and former pastor, Rocky Hill, Conn.; and Robert Smith, professor of Christian Preaching, Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, Ala.

Also speaking will be Brian McLaren, author of The Church on the Other Side and pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church, Washington D.C.; Ken Hemphill, Empowering Kingdom Growth coordinator, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; Alyn Waller, senior pastor, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Joe Brown, senior pastor, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Hickory Grove, N.C.

The conference begins on Monday, Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m. The last session on Tuesday, March 1 is scheduled to conclude at 8:30 p.m.

This is a free conference and no registration is necessary. More information can be found on the web at [www.kybaptist.org/evanconf](http://www.kybaptist.org/evanconf) or by calling (502) 254-4737.

## Obits

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of Hall & Jones Funeral Home. Jimmy Johnson, of Virgie, died Tuesday, January 11, at his home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Harrison Keene, 75, of Pikeville, died Friday, January 7, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Dolly Tibbs Keene. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Edna Mae Maynard, 68, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, January 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Opal Bartley Miller, 85, formerly of Lookout, died Wednesday, January 12, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 15, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Nathaniel Dylan Taylor,

infant son of Patrick Neal and Chastity Ramey Taylor of Elkhorn City, was stillborn, Friday, January 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Sunday, January 9, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Mary E. Wright Simmons, 80, of Chicago, a native of Stone, died Thursday, January 6. A private service was held, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

James Stapleton, 81, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, January 10, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Emilie Wright Stapleton. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

### KNOTT COUNTY

Jean Dobson Shipley, 63, of Vine Grove, a Knott County native, died Friday, January 7, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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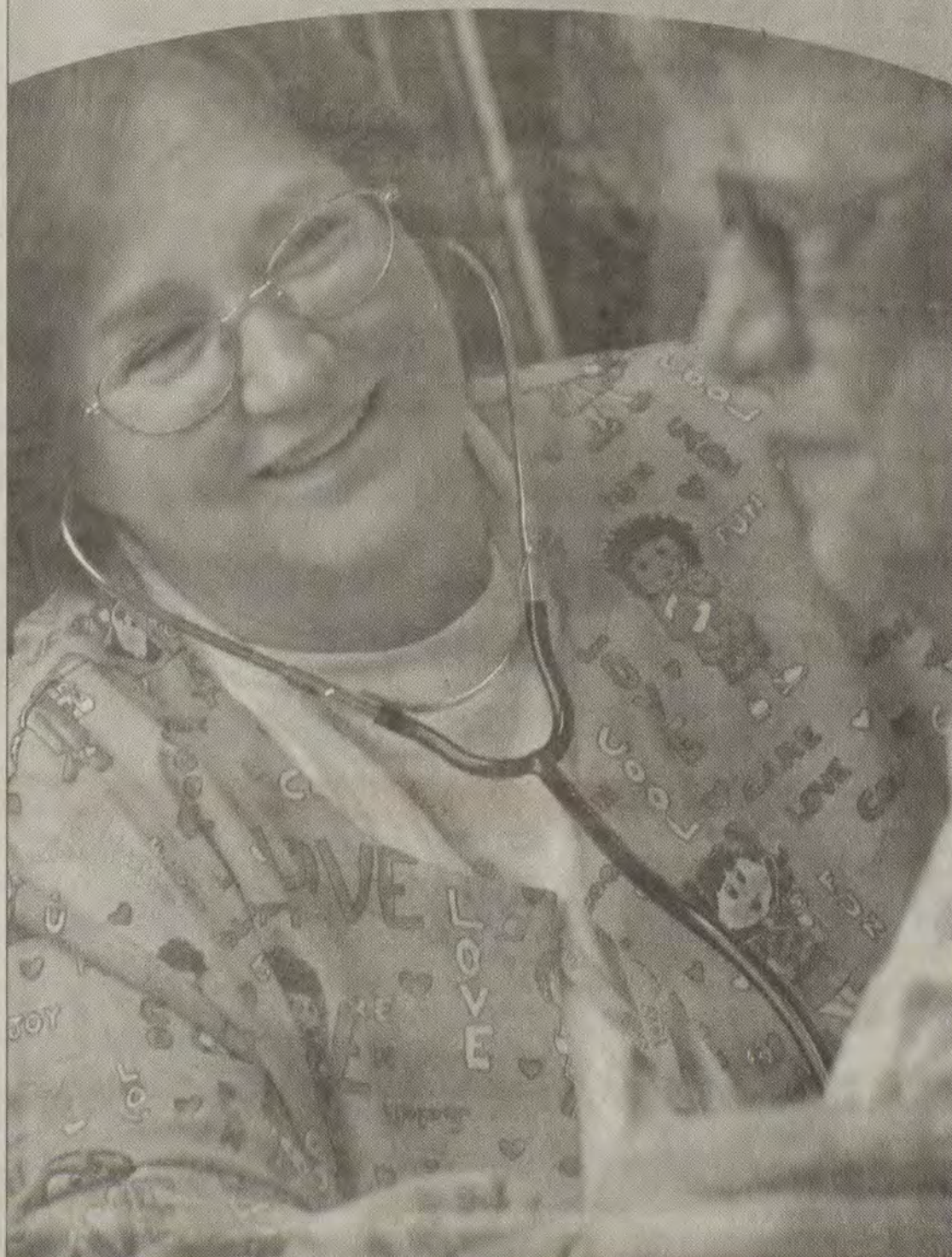
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Resurrection was the joy of Minnie's song.  
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The bonds of place and habit.  
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Scribbles on pages, remembrances.  
Death steals her silently with a kiss,  
Departure was the joy of Minnie's song.  
A melody eighty seasons long;  
An authoress gentle, strong, and wise.  
She dances on Heaven's shore,  
To the strains of Minnie's song.



We're coming up on an anniversary that none of us want to face. We had to celebrate holidays without you. We had trouble getting through your birthday and Mother's Day. When Thanksgiving came, we had less to be thankful for than in 2003. When I think back to that year and how sick you were, and how sad you were at not being able to do the things you used to do. You couldn't prepare holiday meals or shop for Christmas, especially the Holiday Barbies you loved to give your granddaughter. I wish there had been something else that could have been done to make your last days more comfortable. You will be happy to know, we all spent Christmas together in 2004, but wished you could have still been with us. Maybe facing 2005 will be easier. You are still loved and never forgotten.

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Your children, grandchildren,  
daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law



# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

Evelyn Fay Allen, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 9, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alice Goble Baldrige, 90, of Warco, died Thursday, January 6, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Patricia Jean Saylor Duncan, 44, of Hueysville, died Tuesday, January 11, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Roy Ray Duncan. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ottis Frasure, 66, of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 5, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jimmy Dean Hall, 43, of McDowell, died Saturday, January 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Hall. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Brian McKenzie Lykins, 28, of West Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 8, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Cecil Ousley, 75, of Martin, died Tuesday, January 11, at St. Joseph Hospital, Hospice Unit, Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Peachie Reffitt Pitts, 85, of David, died Thursday, January 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

Dorothy Ruckman Boggs, 51, of Blaine, died Thursday, January 6, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Harold Boggs. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 9, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Jesse Harris Dean, 58, of Louisa, died Friday, January 7, at his residence. He was cremated under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Ruth Hutchinson Prince, 84, of Louisa, died Saturday, January 8, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Graveside funeral services were conducted Monday, January 10, under the direction of Kilgore and Collier Funeral Home.

Gene M. Salyer, 72, of Crossville, Tennessee, formerly of Blaine, died Tuesday, January 4. He is survived by his wife, ImoLee Lyon Salyer. Graveside funeral services were conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

Bertha Mills Booth, 92, a Martin County native, died Wednesday, January 12. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 15, at the Inez First Baptist Church. Arrangements were under the direction of the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Max D. Slone, 72, of Arcanum, Ohio, a native of Inez, died Monday, January 3, at Wayne Hospital, in Greenville, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of Zechar Bailey Funeral Home.

Ella Mae Stepp, 73, of Inez, died Monday, January 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13,

under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Lee Anthony Whitt, 22, of Inez, died Sunday, January 9, at Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Diane Marshall Elkins, 45, of Salyersville, died Saturday, January 8, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Elkins Jr. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Alka Griffith, 81, of St. Paris, Ohio, a Salyersville native, died Thursday, December 2, in Urbana, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Wade Griffith. Services were conducted Sunday, December 5, under the direction of Littleton & Rue Funeral Home.

Florie Howard, 85, of Salyersville, died Friday, January 7, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 9, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

Mervin Blanton, 73, of Flat Gap, died Friday, December 31, at the VA Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Constance Dryden Blanton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Vivian Marie McCloud Castle, 91, of Paintsville, died Saturday, January 8, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 11, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ruby Evans, 80, of Flat Gap, died Monday, January 10, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Fairle Evans. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Josie Patrick, 90, of Beaver Creek, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Thursday, January 6, at the Dayspring Healthcare Center. Funeral services were Wednesday, January 12, under the direction of the Tobias Funeral Home, Dayton, Ohio.

Harold Thomas Perry, 76, of West Van Lear, died Friday, January 7, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Private family services were held Sunday, January 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Shirley Scott Preston, 81, of Paintsville, died Friday, January 7, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 10, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Eleanor Robertson, 69, died Monday, January 10, at Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. Graveside services were held Friday, January 14, at Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Ellis B. Setser, 81, a Van Lear native, died Wednesday, December 22, in Canada. He was cremated, Monday, December 27, in Canada.

Hazel Walters Short, 95, of Meally, died Tuesday, January 4, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, January 7, under the direction of Childers Funeral Home.

Sarah B. Vance, 67, of Paintsville, a native of McDowell, died Monday, January 10, at Paul B. Hall Regional Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

Margie Louise Adkins, 51, of Douglas Parkway, died Saturday, January 8, at Parkview Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. She is survived by her husband, Ballard Wayne Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Ivy Adkins, 86, a native of Coal Run, died Sunday, January 9, at her daughter's home in Harlan, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 12, under the direction of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, Indiana.

Della Mae Baker, 76, of Shelby Gap, died Friday, January 7, at her home. She is survived by her husband,

Andrew "Bud" Baker Jr. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

John Langley Burgess, 71, of Varney, died Tuesday, January 11, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Goldie Clevinger Burgess. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 15, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Ivan Coleman, 76, of Mouthcard, died Tuesday, January 11, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Maudie Pugh Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13, under the

direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lisa Ann Kinder Bryant Coleman, 38, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, January 5, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Mike Coleman. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 8, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Mae Coleman, 85, of Rockhouse Road, died Tuesday, January 11, at the Kindred Hospital, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 14, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Geneva "Sis" Hall, 79, of Jonancy, died Friday, January 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted

Monday, January 10, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Glendora Mitchell Howard, 79, of Lexington, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, January 6, at North Pointe Nursing Home, Lexington. A memorial graveside service was held Monday, January 10, in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, under the direction of Arnett & Steele Funeral Home.

Jean H. Johnson, 71, of Virgie, died Saturday, January 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Hobart C. Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 10, under the direction

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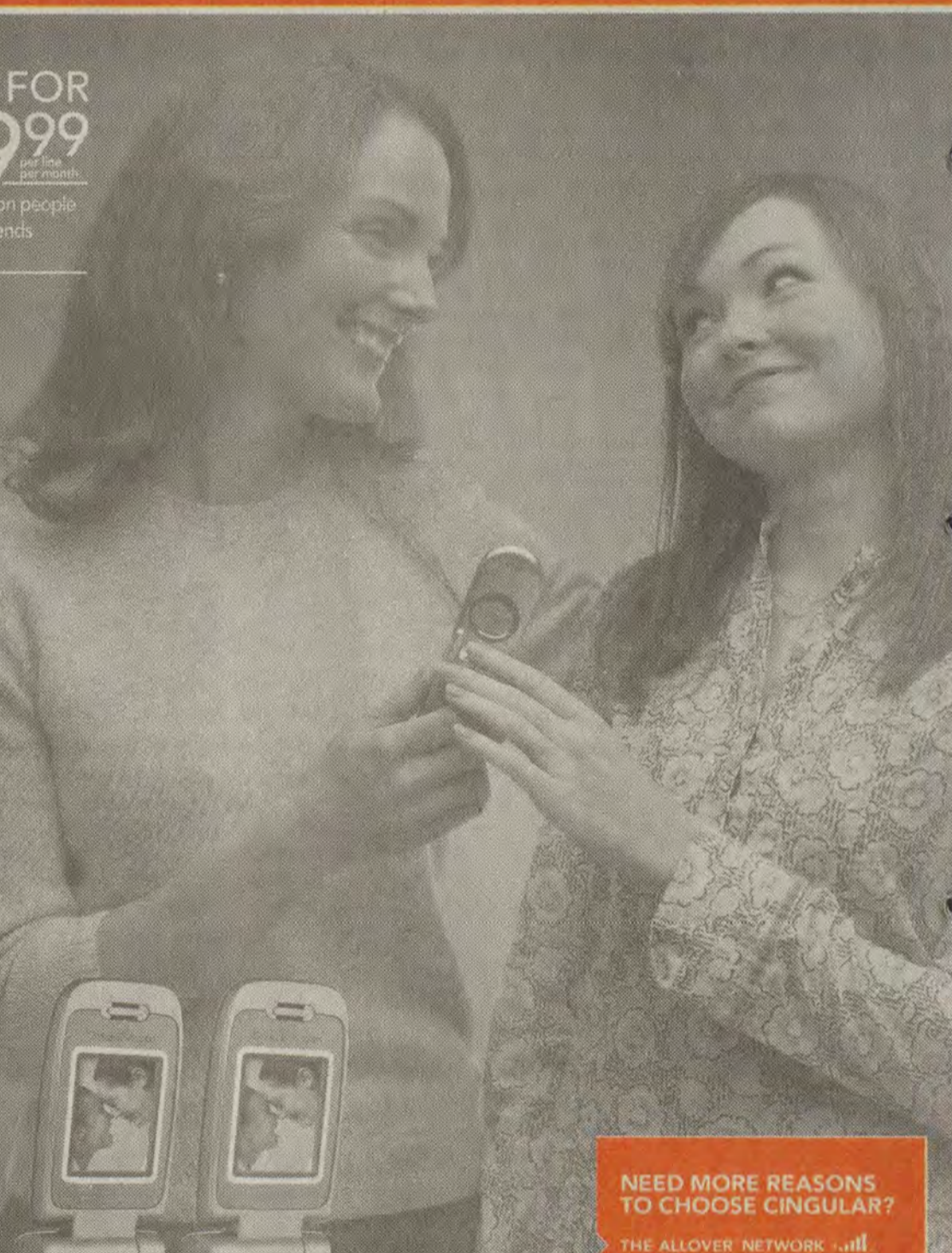
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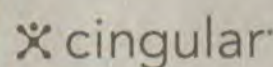
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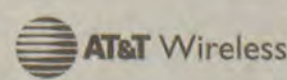
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## Lady Bears head into league play 13-6

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE – A 10 percent disparity from the field helped Pikeville College build a 14-point halftime lead and cruise to a 75-59 win over Virginia Intermont College this past Thursday night.

While the Lady Bears were hitting

16-of-24 (47.1 percent), the Lady Cobras were hitting only 37.5 (9-of-24) percent. The end result was a 36-22 lead at the break, and Pikeville cruised from there.



Selena Williams

The win was the eighth in a row for Bill Watson's club, improving their record to 13-6 on the season. The Lady Bears have a

week off before beginning play in the Mid-South Conference this Thursday night against No. 24 Lindsey Wilson College.

Pikeville's balanced scoring attack saw three players scoring in double figures and four more picking up at least seven. Senior Selena Williams and sophomore Tonya Amburgey scored 13 points each in the win.

Williams had a solid stat line, pulling down eight rebounds, handing out five

assists and blocking two shots. Amburgey had four steals, three assists and two blocks, and hit 3-of-6 from the arc.

Freshman Kellie Jo Moore chipped in 10 points and six rebounds while blocking a pair of shots in only 15 minutes of play.

Williams and Moore led a

rebounding effort that saw Pikeville win that battle 43-33.



Tonya Amburgey

Senior Amelia Cody saw her first action in nearly a month, scoring eight points, pulling down five rebounds, dishing out three assists and picking up two steals.

Freshman Sheena Chesney was a solid player for VIC (9-6),

scoring 12 points. She added five rebounds, five assists and three steals.

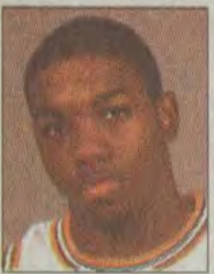
Sophomore Mikelle Testerman had 10 points and five boards for the Lady Cobras. Freshman Ana Medic scored six points, led her team with six rebounds, had three steals, two assists and a pair of blocks.

VIC had a solid night from the line, hitting 15-of-16 (93.8 percent). They made all 12 of their shots after the break.

### Bears come alive, beat Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Host Alice Lloyd led rival Pikeville by three points at halftime when the two teams met up Thursday night. However, the Bears, ranked 22nd in the latest N A I A Div. I men's basketball poll, wouldn't be denied another win.



Walter Harris

After trailing by three points at the break, Pikeville outscored Alice Lloyd 41-31 in the second half and left the Eagle campus with a hard-fought 67-60 win. For Pikeville, the win over Alice Lloyd was the second of the 2004-05 season.

Daniel Price led Pikeville in scoring with a game-high 20 points. Laneare Anderson scored 12 points and Walter Harris netted 11, giving Pikeville three players in double figures. Nine different Bears scored, including South Floyd High grad Mike Hall. In nine-plus minutes of action, Hall scored five points. He also dished out an assist and recorded a steal.

Pikeville won, despite being outrebounded 34-30. The ultimate downfall of Alice Lloyd was its ability, or in this case, inability, to take care of the basketball. The Eagles committed 17 turnovers.

The Bears had seven assists compared to just nine turnovers.

Pikeville got 30 points from its bench, led by Anderson's 12. Alice Lloyd led 29-26 at halftime.

For the game, Alice Lloyd hit 21-of-53 from the floor and four-of-eight from beyond the arc. The Eagles made good on 14-of-18 free throw tries.

Pikeville hit 24-of-60 from the field and five-of-16 from behind the three-point line. The Bears connected on 14-of-19 free throw attempts.

On defense, Pikeville (15-2)

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## Adams Eighth Grade Night



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Adams Middle School hosted Eighth-Grade Night Thursday during a home event against visiting Allen. Adams eighth-grader basketball players and cheerleaders were honored. More on Thursday's games appear inside today's edition.

## ACHS set to host Girls' 15th Region All 'A'

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Allen Central High School is set to host this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic girls' basketball tournament. Play in the regional tourney is scheduled to get underway this week. The girls' regional All "A" tournament will stay in Floyd County for a second straight year. South Floyd High School hosted the tournament last year. Betsy Layne is the three-time defending 15th Region All "A" champion and will begin play this week in search of a fourth straight 15th Region small school title.

Along with Betsy Layne, other teams vying for this year's 15th Region All "A" title include tournament host Allen Central, South Floyd, Piarist, Pikeville, Phelps, Paintsville, Shelby Valley and Sheldon Clark. A newcomer to the All

"A" tournament field, Sheldon Clark is set to take part in its first All "A" event.

Betsy Layne had its best-ever appearance in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic last season. The Ladycats, playing in the All "A" state tourney for a third straight year, began state play with a 59-49 overtime win over Owen County. After the opening round victory, Betsy Layne fought hard, but came up short against eventual state champ Clinton County.

The team that wins this week's 15th Region All "A" Classic will earn a trip to this year's state tournament.

Coach Cassandra Akers and her Betsy Layne Ladycats have made the most their last three appearances.

"It has meant a great deal to our program," Akers said when talking about the All "A" Classic. "Our first trip three years ago, we feel, lead directly to our success in the regular regional tourney.

The hospitality of the people in Richmond and the tournament personnel are unmatched anywhere. Nowhere can you go and watch both the boys' and girls' state tournaments on the same dates at the same facility. It is truly a unique and special tournament."

STATEWIDE: Pairings were set last week for this year's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic at McBrayer Arena Feb. 2-6 in Richmond. The girls' first-round matchups for Feb. 2 are as follows: 3rd Region vs. 13th, 9 a.m.; 6th vs. 9th, 10:30; 15th vs. 7th, noon; 8th vs. 1st, 1:30 p.m.; 12th vs. 2nd, 5; 4th vs. 16th, 6:30; 14th vs. 5th, 8; 11th vs. 10th, 9:30.

The boys' first-round matchups for Feb. 3; 15th Region vs. 16th, 9 a.m.; 4th vs. 11th, 10:30; 10th vs. 14th, noon; 6th vs. 2nd, 1:30 p.m.; 3rd vs. 5th, 5; 8th vs. 12th, 6:30; 7th vs. 9th, 8; 13th vs. 1st, 9:30.

### JV: P'burg 43, Sheldon Clark 36

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PRESTONSBURG – Prior to varsity action Tuesday night, the junior varsity boys' basketball teams from Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark high schools squared off. Host Prestonsburg trailed at the end of the first two quarters, but quickly made up ground Tuesday night, beating the Sheldon Clark JV team 43-36.



Brooks Herrick

Brooks Herrick led Prestonsburg in scoring with a game-high 15 points. Herrick was three-of-four on three-point field goals and scored eight of his points in the second half.

Sheldon Clark led 13-7 at the end of the first quarter and 22-21 at halftime. Prestonsburg took a 30-26 lead out of the third quarter and again outscored the visiting Cardinals in the final period.

Prestonsburg hit the majority of its free throws, hitting 11-of-13 charity shots.

Freshman Nathaniel Stephens added 10 points for the JV Blackcats. Taylor Clark, another freshman, netted eight. Nick McGuire and Trevor Patton finished with four

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### P'burg freshmen beat Magoffin

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PRESTONSBURG – In a freshman game, host Prestonsburg outscored visiting Magoffin County 30-17 in the second half Thursday night and in the process beat the Hornets 49-41.

Magoffin County packed a 24-19 lead into halftime, but host Prestonsburg made an admirable rally in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Hornets 15-2.

The host Blackcats also trailed at the end of the third quarter. Prestonsburg led 9-8 at the end of the opening quarter.

The Prestonsburg scoring was balanced as all five starters and one reserve scored points. Taylor Clark led Prestonsburg in scoring with 17 points. Bobby Hughes scored 10 points and James Michael Lafferty just missed double figures, scoring nine.

Jordan Hall had seven points, Raymond Woods netted four, and Nathaniel Stephens tossed in two.

Similarly, the Magoffin County scoring was balanced.

Tyler Hensley led Magoffin County with 17 points. Hensley hit on two-of-five three point field goal attempts. Dustin Minix and Jason Marshall each had eight points apiece. Phillip Francis and Chad Howard scored three each and Dustin Howard added two.

The Prestonsburg freshmen, coached by James DeRossett, hit 15-of-23 free throw attempts.



photo by David Allio  
Prestonsburg native and defending NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region Champion Steve Blackburn is the 2004 Valvoline Cup Asphalt Stock Division Points Standings Champion. Blackburn, who is gearing up for another exciting season of stock car racing in 2005, also reins as the defending Lonesome Pine Raceway Late Model division champion.

## Blanton headed to Cumberland

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Adam Blanton, a standout pitcher for Johnson Central High School and one of the state's top baseball players, has made his college intentions known. Blanton has chosen Cumberland College, home to one of the NAIA's top baseball programs. Blanton will soon go from being an Golden Eagle to being a Patriot. In 2004, Blanton hit 4.14 while

banging out 53 hits and scoring 25 runs. Blanton also had eight doubles, a triple, a homerun and 31 runs batted in. But he done his most significant damage from the mound, where he went 7-4 with an ERA of .287. Last season, he helped Johnson Central make it into the State Baseball Tournament. Blanton and his Golden Eagle teammates got the opportunity to play at Applebee's Park last spring and made the most of it, beating

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**P'burg**

and three points, respectively. Lincoln Stone rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with two points. The Blackcats connected on

three-of-four fourth-quarter free throw attempts. For Sheldon Clark, Justin Porter and Jarrett Robinson scored nine points apiece. Matt

Hager added eight points for the Cardinals and Steven Goble flipped in six. Two other Cardinals scored two points apiece.

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**Blanton**

Ashland in the opening round of the State Tournament. "Adam is a good early sign for us," said Cumberland Coach Brad Shelton. "He is one of the top pitching prospects in Kentucky. He has had a tremen-

dous high school career so far. I expect him to have a great senior year. With six seniors on our team who will pitch, we needed to get out and identify quality recruits. Adam is one of those players. He will have a

great career as a Patriot." The Cumberland College baseball team topped the Mid-South Conference pre-season poll. The Patriots accounted for 22 points along with two first-place votes.

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**Bears**

finished the game with 10 steals. Martin Gerlero added eight points for the Bears. Jarrod Jones scored four points and B.J. Townsend added three. Ivan Stefanac added two

points. Jeremy Daniels led Alice Lloyd (15-2) with 17 points. Daniels also hauled in seven rebounds and blocked two shots. K.J. Waterman added 16

points and nine rebounds. Jimmy Stumbo netted 10 points and Jeremy Jackson flipped in seven. Chris Hurt and Brent Prichard each had five points apiece.

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**Kentucky 71, No. 18 Georgia 63**

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
LEXINGTON — Freshman center Sarah Elliott scored 15 points to lead Kentucky to a 71-63 victory over No. 18 Georgia on Thursday night, the Wildcats' first win over a ranked opponent in five seasons. Kentucky, which snapped an eight-game losing streak to the Bulldogs, last defeated a ranked opponent

during the 1999-2000 season, beating Auburn 71-69. Elliott scored nine points in the second half, including six of Kentucky's final eight points after the Bulldogs used a 12-2 run to close to 63-61 with 3:03 remaining. Samantha Mahoney added 14 points, Sarah Potts scored 11 and Keiko Tate had 10 for Kentucky (12-5, 1-1 Southeastern Conference). Tasha Humphrey was 8-for-8 from the free-throw line and

finished with 23 points for the Bulldogs (13-5, 2-2). Alexis Kendrick added 18. Kentucky used a 24-4 run to erase a two-point deficit and take a 35-17 lead with six minutes remaining in the first half. Georgia battled back behind Humphrey, who scored eight of her 11 first-half points in a 14-2 run that got the Bulldogs within 37-31 with two minutes left in the first half. Kentucky scored the last six points of the half for a 43-31 advantage at the break. Georgia was 18-of-19 from the line but shot 30 percent from the field.



Sarah Elliott

**WOMENS BASKETBALL: LSU nails Florida**

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Seimone Augustus scored 18 points as third-ranked LSU snapped Florida's five-game winning streak with a 64-47 victory Thursday night, beating the Gators for the fifth time in a row. Quianna Chaney added 12 points for the Tigers (15-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference). Tamia Williams led Florida (11-5, 2-1) with 15 points, and Bernice Mosby had 15 rebounds. Florida, which opened the game with a 5-0 run, had a chance to build on that in the first half. But the Gators went 5:36 and 5:55 without a basket and wound up with 16 turnovers by the break. No. 4 Rutgers 69, Georgetown 33: Michelle Campbell scored 20 points and Freshman Matee Ajavon added 18 as Rutgers won its seventh straight game. The Scarlet Knights (12-2, 3-0 Big East) forced 25 turnovers and held the Hoyas without a basket for 12 minutes in the first half. Bethany LeSueur had 10 points for Georgetown (5-9, 0-3), which sustained its fourth straight loss. No. 5 Ohio St. 80, No. 21 Iowa 57: Marschella Packer and

Michelle Munoz scored all of the points in Ohio State's key 11-0 first-half run. Jessica Davenport led the Buckeyes (16-2, 4-1 Big Ten) to their fifth consecutive victory with 19 points. Munoz scored 12 and Packer 9. Jamie Cavey had 17 points for the Hawkeyes (13-3, 2-3), who began the season 13-0. No. 6 Stanford 88, California 53: Brooke Smith scored 14 of her 21 points in the first half, and Stanford beat rival California for the ninth straight time. Candice Wiggins added 18 points as Stanford (14-2, 6-1 Pac-10) won its 31st straight league home game. Renee Wright scored 16 points for Cal (8-8, 2-5), a winner only once in the past 25 meetings. No. 8 Tennessee 72, Arkansas 54: Shanna Zolman scored 16 points for Tennessee, which held Arkansas to 17 in the first half. The Lady Vols (11-3, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) won their 55th straight home game in league play. Brittany Vaughn had a career-high 13 points for the Lady Razorbacks (10-5, 0-4). No. 9 Michigan St. 74, Wisconsin 66: Liz Shimek had 22 points to punctuate the best start in Michigan State history. Lindsay Bowen and Kelli Roehrig added 14 points apiece for

the Spartans (14-2, 3-1 Big Ten). Wisconsin (6-8, 1-4) was led by Jolene Anderson with 16 points. No. 11 Minnesota 58, No. 20 Purdue 38: Shannon Schonrock scored a career-high 25 points, and Minnesota won for the first time in the last 18 visits to Mackey Arena. Schonrock made a career-high 7-of-11 3-pointers, and the Gophers (14-2, 4-0 Big Ten) held Purdue to 32-percent shooting to win their sixth game in a row. Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Purdue (10-5, 3-2). No. 15 Maryland 72, Georgia Tech 65: Maryland's Shay Doron scored 28 points, and Crystal Langhorne added 14 and a career-high 15 rebounds. The Terrapins (12-2, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) used a 10-0 run early in the second half to open a 40-23 lead. Georgia Tech (10-4, 1-2) got 20 points from Stephanie Higgs. No. 17 Vanderbilt 73, Auburn 67: Carla Thomas had 32 points and nine rebounds to lead Vanderbilt over Auburn in the Southeastern Conference opener for both. Ashley Earley added 22 points for the Commodores (12-2). Natasha Brackett led the Tigers (9-5) with 18 points.

**Union posts 78-54 conference victory**

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**  
BARBOURVILLE — Union College netted a 78-54 Appalachian Athletic Conference victory Tuesday over visiting Montreat College in spite of itself. The Lady Bulldogs did their version of Jekyll and Hyde as they lit up the scoreboard in the first half but couldn't buy a bucket in the second half. Union (13-5 overall, 6-4 AAC) nailed 48.8 percent (21 of 43 shots) during the first 20 minutes en route to a commanding

55-24 halftime lead. But as the second half got under way, the Lady Bulldogs struggled to add to its lead. Union hit just nine-of-50 shots (18 percent) during the second half as Montreat outscored the Lady Bulldogs 30-23. However, it was not enough to overcome the 31-point halftime deficit as Union came away with the 78-54 victory. Union finished the game having made only 30-of-93 shots for a 32.3 shooting percentage. Montreat hit 42 percent (21 of 50 shots) from the game.

Turnovers hampered the Lady Cavaliers' (2-13 overall, 1-9 AAC) chances as they coughed it up 34 times, resulting in 30 points for Union. Three Lady Bulldogs scored in double figures with sophomore Dawn Davidson (Somerset) leading the way with 15. Senior Kristie Miller (Hazard) followed with 13, while junior Andrea Whitehead (Annville) helped out with 12 points and six assists. Danny Bowers led Montreat with 14 points as Callia Johnson knocked in 10.

**No. 5 Duke 86, N.C. State 74**

by AARON BEARD ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Shelden Williams and the short-handed Duke Blue Devils came up big in the second half against struggling North Carolina State. Dominating inside, the 6-foot-9, 250-pound Williams scored 18 of his 22 points in the final 20 minutes in No. 5 Duke's 86-74 victory Thursday night. "None of us really worry about depth," said J.J. Redick, who had eight points and seven rebounds for the Blue Devils (12-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference). "Certainly we're a little short-handed right now," he said. "But we've got a lot of tough guys on this team, a lot of guys who make tough plays and want to take tough shots." Daniel Ewing added 17 points for Duke, which scored on nine straight possessions midway through the second half to take the lead. Playing without Shavlik Randolph (mononucleosis) and Reggie Love (broken foot), Duke got strong performances from Lee Melchionni and freshman DeMarcus Nelson. Melchionni had a career-high 16 points, and the 6-3 Nelson scored 15 points despite being matched up against bigger players. "I really love my team," coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "They're not (Christian) Laettner or (Elton) Brand, but they make plays. I enjoy watching the evolution of this team and I'm just so proud of what they're accomplishing." In other games involving Top 25 teams Thursday night, it was: No. 14 Washington 77, Oregon

56; No. 16 Gonzaga 76, Loyola Marymount 65; No. 17 Arizona 77, Southern California 68; and Memphis 78, No. 22 Marquette 68. Duke appeared to be on its way to a third straight road loss to the Wolfpack (10-5, 0-2), but Williams took charge when the Blue Devils needed him most. After taking just two shots in the first half, he went 7-for-10 from the floor in the second. "It was one of those things where (teammates) kept going to me until they found an answer for me," Williams said. "And fortunately, they didn't." Williams tied it at 48 with an inside basket over Ilian Evtimov, and added a field goal off a feed from Ewing to make it 50-49 with 13:28 to play. The Blue Devils went on to score on their next seven possessions, getting two more baskets from Williams. The Wolfpack got no closer than four points the rest of the way. Cameron Bennerman led the Wolfpack with 20 points, and Julius Hodge, the reigning ACC player of the year, added 13 on 3-for-10 shooting. N.C. State, ranked No. 12 last month, has lost four straight for the first time since the 1999-00 season. "I think our team is going through a tough stretch and I think we're all frustrated," Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek said. "We understand the answer is not to panic or flinch. We've got to come closer together and work harder." No. 14 Washington 77, Oregon 56: At Seattle, Tre Simmons and Bobby Jones each scored 15 points, and Nate Robinson and Jamaal Williams added 14 apiece for

Washington. Simmons also had a career-high 12 rebounds to help the Huskies (14-2, 4-1 Pac-10) win their 16th straight home game. Bryce Taylor had 16 points for Oregon (10-3, 2-2). No. 16 Gonzaga 76, Loyola Marymount 65: At Spokane, Wash., J.P. Batista scored 17 points in his first start, and Ronny Turiaf added 16 on his 22nd birthday to lead Gonzaga. Gonzaga (12-3, 2-1 West Coast Conference) was coming off a loss to Saint Mary's on Saturday that ended its conference winning streak at 17. Matthew Knight had 20 points for Loyola Marymount (9-7, 1-2). No. 17 Arizona 77, Southern California 68: At Tucson, Ariz., Chris Rodgers scored a career-high 22 points, seven during Arizona's decisive second-half surge. Salim Stoudamire added 21 points on 5-of-9 shooting from 3-point range for the Wildcats (13-3, 3-1 Pac-10). Nick Young led USC (0-5, 7-9) with 18 points. The Trojans found out earlier in the day that Tim Floyd will be introduced as their new coach Friday. Henry Bibby was fired Dec. 6, four games into the season, and replaced by assistant Jim Saia on an interim basis. Rick Majerus took the job for five days, then changed his mind and resigned for health reasons. Memphis 78, No. 22 Marquette 68: At Memphis, Tenn., Rodney Carney scored 29 points, and freshman guard Darius Washington had 20 points and five assists for Memphis (9-7, 2-0 Conference USA). Dameron Mason led Marquette (13-2, 1-1) with 20 points.

**SFMS beats Allen, improves to 12-0 in conference**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**  
HI HAT — The South Floyd Middle School A-team boys' basketball squad beat Allen 83-53 Wednesday, and in the process, improved to 12-0 in conference play. South Floyd will have the number one seed heading into this year's Floyd County Tournament. South Floyd Middle went undefeated in conference play for the first time in school history. The Raiders are coached by Dwayne Johnson. Deven Adams led South Floyd in scoring with a career-high 18 points. Thirteen different Raiders scored. Four different South Floyd players reached double figures in the scoring department. Adam Slone tossed in 15

points for the Raiders and Chad Patrick flipped in 12. Jody Tackett netted 10 points. Kyle Howell scored seven points and Matt Tackett added five. Brandon Tackett and Jonathan Cochran each had four points. Chris Gibson, Raymond Jones and Josh Blevins all had two points each. Morgan Mullins and Jordan Moore each had one point. Kenny Mullins led Allen in scoring with 18 points. SOUTH FLOYD (83) — Adams 18, Slone 15, Patrick 12, Tackett 10, Howell 7, M. Tackett 5, B. Tackett 4, Cochran 4, Gibson 2, Jones 2, Blevins 2, Mullins 1, Moore 1. ALLEN (52) — Mullins 18, Tibbs 11, Akers 9, Woods 6, Ward 4, Dawson 4.

**H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD**

Thursday's Games

BOYS	
Bishop Brossart 56, Lloyd Mem. 42	Clay Co. 82, Jackson Co. 53
Conner 68, Grant Co. 48	Dixie Heights 72, Simon Kenton 44
East Jessamine 79, Western Hills 71	Eminence 50, Lou. Brown 47 OT
Frederick Fraize 65, Cannelton, Ind., 56	Gallatin Co. 67, Cov. Latin 17
Harlan 56, Pineville 44	Heritage Academy 57, Villa Madonna 52
Jackson City 71, Riverside Christ. 45	Jenkins 62, Whitesburg 51
Lou. Butler 76, Lou. Eastern 75 3OT	Lou. Holy Cross 46, Lou. Doss 39
Lou. Moore 79, Lou. Western 70	Lou. Valley 71, Lou. Atherton 64
Owensboro Cath. 57, Daviess Co. 50	Providence 75, Dawson Springs 74 OT
Ryle 77, Scott 51	Trigg Co. 63, Lyon Co. 46
Trimble Co. 82, Owen Co. 77 OT	
GIRLS	
Bellevue 59, Dayton 44	Breckinridge Co. 52, Butler Co. 41
Calvary Christian 56, Beechwood 16	Campbell Co. 58, Bracken Co. 43
Carroll Co. 71, Henry Co. 23	Central Hardin 54, Elizabethtown 47
Clay Co. 64, Jackson Co. 24	Crittenden Co. 46, Dawson Springs 36
Fairview 54, Elliott Co. 42	Garrard Co. 66, Monticello 50
Henderson Co. 72, Webster Co. 33	John Hardin 60, Taylor Co. 56
Lex. Tates Creek 70, Lex. Henry Clay 60	Lloyd Memorial 57, Ludlow 52
Lou. Christ. Ac. 58, Lou. Waggener 44	Lou. Eastern 65, Floyd Cent. Ind., 50
Lou. Mercy 61, Lou. Male 55	Lou. Moore 51, North Oldham 31
Lou. Southern 44, Lou. Jeffersonton 22	Madison Southern 52, Model 49
Oneida Baptist 43, Cordia 39	Owsley Co. 56, Powell Co. 45
Riverside Christ. 63, Jackson City 55	Rockcastle Co. 71, Whitley Co. 45
Russell 73, Lewis Co. 30	Scott Co. 85, Lou. Central 57
St. Patrick 46, Deming 34	Union Co. 59, Hardin Co., Ill., 23
Villa Madonna 61, Heritage Academy 32	Walton-Verona 53, Williamstown 30
Wayne Co. 55, Russell Co. 48	Williamsburg 68, Jellico, Tenn., 46

**Tuberville named Coach of the Year**

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
HOUSTON — Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville won the Paul "Bear" Bryant coach of the year award for guiding the Tigers to their first 13-0 season. The Bryant award is given

by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. The other finalists were Southern California's Pete Carroll, Boise State's Dan Hawkins, Utah's Urban Meyer, Louisville's Bobby Petrino and UTEP's Mike Price.

**ALC splits with Brevard**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**  
PIPPA PASSES — Host Alice Lloyd split in games played Tuesday night against visiting Brevard. Alice Lloyd got 15 points apiece from Jeremy Jackson and Jimmy Stumbo and beat the Brevard men's basketball team 66-63.

In the women's basketball game, Brevard beat Alice Lloyd, soundly, 90-60. Five different Brevard players scored in double figures in the winning effort, Nikki Hensley led Brevard with a game-high 19 points. Rhonda Adams, who scored 18 points, paced Alice Lloyd.

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# Adams sweeps Allen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — On Eighth Grade Night at Adams Middle School Thursday, the Blackcats swept Allen in A, B and C-team games.

In the A-team game, the Blackcats defeated the Eagles by a score of 43-28, led by Michael Burchett's 12 points and Seth Setser's 11 points. Setser put away Allen in the third quarter as he hit three three-point field goals and scored on a layup in the quarter for all of his 11 points. Kyle Hall and Alex Stumbo pitched in five points each for Adams. Austin McKinney scored four points, Christopher Schoolcraft added three points and Allen Craynon added two points to round out the scoring for Adams. Austin Gearheart and

Josh Craynon played significant minutes and contributed greatly on the defensive end. Allen was led by Bryant Tibbs, Josh Head and Greg Dawson each of whom scored six points. Ward netted four points for Allen while Wright and Kenny Mullins each scored two to round out the scoring for the Eagles. Both teams will be in action next week in the Floyd County Tournament.

B-TEAM: Michael Burchett led all scorers with 15 points and Brad Stanley pumped in 8 points, including two three-point field goals, as the Adams Middle School B-team won over the Allen Eagles by a score of 39-16. Josh Craynon had an excellent floor game and contributed six points. Brad Hicks pumped in four points while Austin McKinney,

Anthony Hallon and Alex Griffith each scored two points for Adams.

C-TEAM: The Adams Middle School C-Team defeated Allen 30-14 as Wil Allen scored 11 points and Alex Griffith added nine points to pace Adams. Seth Carter pumped in five points, Caleb Petry added three points and Joseph Jamerson netted two points to round out the scoring for Adams. Griffith, Carter and Jamerson controlled the boards during the game and the Blackcats defensive effort was solid.

Cody Bentley led Allen with six points, Shane LeMaster added four points and Jaden Spurlock contributed three points for Allen. Both C-teams will be in action next week at the Floyd County Tournament.



photos by Jamie Howell

Host Adams took three games from rival Allen when the two teams met up Thursday night.



# Earnhardt Jr. prepares to defend Daytona title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The car in which Dale Earnhardt Jr. won last year's Daytona 500 is in a museum, to be reclaimed only after the Nextel Cup season opener next month.

But Earnhardt, who also has a new crew chief this year, is filled with confidence.

Pete Rondeau is just the second crew chief of Earnhardt Jr.'s five-year career at NASCAR's top level.

"We've got a brand new car," he said Wednesday during a break in NASCAR's pre-season testing session at Daytona International Speedway. "The new car was pretty decent, and I was really happy with it."

"I think the cars draft well. If we have to start near the back we'll just cut up through the pack."

He has reason to be optimistic about such a move. He and Dale Earnhardt Inc. teammate Michael Waltrip have won five of the last eight races on the 2.5-mile oval.

The two days of on-track

testing also are the first trial of the relationship between Earnhardt and crew chief Pete Rondeau, who switched to the No. 8 Chevrolet from Waltrip's No. 15 team.

It's the first time since Earnhardt began racing full-time in NASCAR in 1998 that he has not worked with long-time crew chief Tony Eury and car chief Tony Eury Jr. The elder Eury is now DEI's director of competition and Eury Jr. has taken over as Waltrip's crew chief.

"One of the things I like about Pete is that he gives me a lot of respect," Earnhardt said. "When we talk, we listen. He has a similar demeanor as I do in and around the car and at the shop and away from the track. It's been a really nice offseason."

The relationship with the Eury's, Earnhardt's uncle and cousin, was not always smooth, particularly between the two younger men.

"With the change we made, it took a lot of stress away from me," Earnhardt said. "Tony Jr.

is really enjoying himself now, too. ... He's working with Michael and they're really clicking now. He's able to do things that maybe we couldn't do together before."

Earnhardt finished fifth in points in 2004 by winning six times and being in contention throughout the 10-race, 10-man Chase for the Nextel Cup that ended the season. Still, he has modest goals for this season — two or three wins.

"I never expected in a million years to win six races in one season," he explained. "I thought that was really incredible. Just to win races is fun. I want to contend for wins and be in the top 10. I want to be a competitor and consistently up front all day."

The Daytona 500, the first of 36 Nextel Cup races, is scheduled for Feb. 20. The winner of the race will be without that car for the remainder of the season under terms of a contract with Daytona USA, which will display it until after the 2006 Daytona 500.

# Second Texas event will finish under the lights

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — NASCAR chairman Brian France still won't say if Texas Motor Speedway was ever promised a second race.

"Well, look, it doesn't do any good to rehash," France said Thursday. "I have a point of view on all of that. They have points of view."

"But you know what, there is a second date here that we're going to be very enthusiastic about to make it work well."

Prompted in part by a lawsuit filed by one of the track's shareholders, Texas will host two Nextel Cup races this year: on April 17 and Nov. 6. The new fall race is part of the season-ending championship run.

The schedule realignment announced last summer helped settle the 2002 lawsuit.

"We're beyond that, those things happen," said France, a featured guest during the track's media day for his first visit there since the settlement. "We all have to move forward and do things together ... This place was worthy of a second date."

Texas Motor Speedway president Eddie Gossage and Bruton Smith, chairman of track owner Speedway Motorsports Inc., had contended since the \$250 mil-

lion track opened in 1997 that they were not given a second date promised by NASCAR.

The spring race came when Smith bought a now-defunct track in North Wilkesboro, N.C., and moved one of its events to Texas.

"His (France) position is probably well known, as is ours," Gossage said. "You can agree to disagree as gentlemen. I can tell you, the relationship, it's real-

ly good." NASCAR and Texas Motor Speedway are certainly good for each other. There have been sellout crowds of at least 200,000 for each of the previous eight NASCAR races at the 1.5-mile track, and television ratings for races there have been among the circuit's highest.

Even when fighting for a second race, Speedway Motorsports turned down a request by shareholder Francis Ferko, of Plano, nearly three years ago to sue NASCAR.

Ferko sued on his own, claiming NASCAR breached "implied" and "express" contracts by not awarding a second Cup race.

Smith said he met Ferko for the first time in Atlanta last year, while signing papers that settled the lawsuit.

"I know there are those of you who thought I knew him. I didn't know him until then," Smith said. "He's a very first-class individual."

Gossage said he still hasn't met Ferko, who lives about an hour from the track.

Track officials said Thursday that the November race will begin at 2:20 p.m. CT, ensuring that it will finish under the lights. There will be just two races left in the NASCAR season after that.

Texas also will continue extended race weekends, with qualifying the Friday before each Sunday race and practice sessions the day before.

Some tracks this season will have qualifying the day before the race with cars impounded immediately afterward.

"If (NASCAR) shoved it down our throat, we'd be changing the format instead of not changing the format," Gossage said.

"NASCAR called, we talked about, I gave them the reasons why it was not the thing for us to do. They said OK. There was no contentiousness to that discussion at all."



Brian France



Eddie Gossage

# Racing authority receives draft proposal for jockey ads

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority on Thursday received a draft proposal that would regulate what logos and ads jockeys could wear on their clothes during races in the state.

Under the proposal — which likely will be debated and revised during the coming months — jockeys and owners would have to negotiate and sign a contract before a race that would indicate who would receive what percentage of any profit gained from the advertising worn by the jockeys. Owners would have to approve any ad in writing.

The proposal also includes size restrictions for ads and dictates that only ads "not deleterious to the tradition and image of the Association and its races" be permitted. Types of ads that would be specifically prohibited include those for "high risk lending services and adult entertainment businesses and products."

Jim Gallagher, the executive director of the racing authority, said officials from the state Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and four state racetracks — Keeneland, Churchill

Downs, Ellis Park and Turfway Park — worked to come up with the basis for the proposal.

The Jockeys' Guild, a 1,200-member union representing riders, was not consulted, Gallagher said, but will be able to offer counterproposals.

"It's only a proposal," Gallagher said. "It's something for the authority to consider. They have asked me to look into getting it into a form where they would be better able to put their (stamp) on it, so that we can begin the rule-making process."

Darrell Haire, member representative for The Jockeys' Guild, wondered why the union wasn't included in the creation of the proposal, but he welcomed the opportunity to work with Gallagher and the authority on helping craft the rule.

"That would be nice to work with them," Haire said, noting it somewhat compromised the guild's position by not being involved in the process from the beginning.

The issue of jockey ads came to a head last April, when jockeys sued in federal court for the right to wear ads or guild patches, citing First Amendment rights. Two days before the Kentucky Derby, U.S. District Judge John Heyburn II agreed with them and blocked a state rule barring such corporate

sponsorship.

At that time, racing authority chairman Bill Street said the authority would abide by the court's order but also noted that "the horse's owner, who pays all bills, should be an active participant in the decision-making process on advertising worn by jockeys."

Haire said Thursday that while he hadn't had a chance to review the new proposal, that he thought jockeys wouldn't, in principle, be against sharing the proceeds of advertising with owners.

"None of these riders want to have a conflict with the owners," Haire said. "If an owner doesn't want them to wear something on their pants, then we're working with these owners. But the pants are the jockey's pants. It's the owner's horse, but it's still the jockey's pants."

"These jocks are fair. But if we're talking about money, there hasn't been (much) money that's been really earned by advertising, yet."

Gallagher didn't know if any jockey ad regulation would be in place before this year's Kentucky Derby, scheduled for May 7.

"Trying to figure out how a regulation might work its way through the chain, it's very, very difficult to have a crystal ball," he said.

## 2005 WYMT MOUNTAIN CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Aaron Branham.....East Ridge
- Rodney Mitchell.....Clay Co.
- Ethan Johnson.....S. Floyd
- Derrick Watkins.....Cawood
- Blake Hubbs.....Cawood
- Chris Chaney.....Perry Cent.
- Daniel Combs.....Perry Cent.
- Chase Patrick.....Hazard
- Justin Hicks.....Hazard
- D.J. Hoskins.....Hazard
- Most Valuable Player** — Cleve Washington, Hazard
- 100 Percent Award** — Derrick Bowling, Perry Central
- Sportsmanship Award** — Burnett Little, South Floyd

## NFL POSTSEASON

- Today's games**
- Minnesota at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. (FOX)
- Indianapolis at New England, 4:45 p.m. (CBS)
- Conference Championships**
- Sunday, Jan. 23
- NFC Championship Game, 3 p.m. (FOX)
- AFC Championship Game, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)
- Super Bowl
- Sunday, Feb. 6
- Jacksonville, Fla.
- AFC vs. NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)
- Pro Bowl
- Sunday, Feb. 13
- At Honolulu
- AFC vs. NFC, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)



## Moss fined \$10,000 by NFL for fake mooning celebration

by DAVE CAMPBELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. - Randy Moss showed no remorse for his latest misdeed, only a carefree smile.

Fined \$10,000 Thursday by the NFL for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd during Minnesota's playoff win last weekend, Moss wasn't fazed.

"Ain't nothing but 10 grand. What's 10 grand to me?" said Moss, whose salary this season is \$5.75 million. He then jokingly suggested he might perform a more vulgar celebration next time.

Peter Hadhazy, the league's director of game operations, penalized Moss for unsportsmanlike conduct in a letter released by the NFL.

"Your actions were based on poor judgment, did not reflect well on you or the Vikings, and were insulting to many," Hadhazy wrote. "They have resulted in widespread criticism and needlessly detracted from Minnesota's dramatic playoff victory. Fans should look to you and your teammates to see how to compete and win in football. But when you lose your focus on playing and engage in sideshows as you did on Sunday, you forfeit much of this."

Moss also briefly bumped the goalpost with his backside before hugging teammates in

the end zone following a fourth-quarter touchdown catch that clinched the Vikings' 31-17 victory over the Packers.

League rules mandate discipline for "obscene gestures or other actions construed as being in poor taste." A fine for the first offense under those guidelines is \$5,000.

The NFL said Moss was fined more than the minimum because this isn't the first time he has been disciplined for unsportsmanlike conduct. He paid a \$25,000 penalty in 1999 for squirting an official with a water bottle.

Moss wasn't the only player fined Thursday. New York Jets linebacker Eric Barton was penalized \$7,500 for hitting San Diego quarterback Drew Brees in the head during last weekend's playoff game.

Moss, whose 9,142 career yards receiving are the most by any player over his first seven seasons, has drawn more than his share of punishments and negative publicity.

The league fined him \$5,000 for his role in a scuffle with the Chicago Bears during a September game, and he was charged the same amount in November 2003 for spiking a ball at the foot of Detroit Lions cornerback Dre' Bly.

In December 2002, he was fined \$1,200 by a judge after being charged with bumping a

traffic control officer with his car in downtown Minneapolis.

For verbally abusing corporate sponsors on the team bus following a loss in November 2001, Moss was fined \$15,000 by the Vikings and required to receive anger management counseling.

And just last week, he was rebuked by teammates for leaving the field before the end of a loss to the Washington Redskins.

Moss' agent, Dante DiTrapano, said the fine was unnecessary and that he plans to appeal.

"If you can't have freedom of expression on the football field, come on," DiTrapano said.

DiTrapano argued that there was a story behind the dance Moss did in the end zone. The pantomimed pants-pulling was a response to Green Bay fans' tradition of mooning the visiting team's bus in the parking lot. And the rump bump against the goalpost, DiTrapano said, was a tribute to an old friend of Moss' who was at Lambeau Field for the game. Donnie Jones, who played at Dupont High School in West Virginia a few years before Moss did, used to celebrate like that after touchdowns.

"Like everything else, I think it's blown out of proportion," DiTrapano said. "It's not fair, but we're used to it. It just rolls right off of us."

## Prosecutor drops opposition to Bengals lawsuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - The Hamilton County prosecutor's office has ended its opposition to a lawsuit filed against the Cincinnati Bengals over their stadium lease.

Prosecutor Joe Deters decided on Wednesday to reverse his predecessor's decision. Former prosecutor Mike Allen had gone to court to try to block county commissioners from suing the NFL team.

Deters changed his office's approach because he considered it "poor public policy."

"I just feel the past position of this office was an incredible waste of time and money," said

Deters, who was elected in November.

A countywide increase in the sales tax funded Paul Brown Stadium, which cost \$458 million and opened for the 2000 season. Former county commissioner Bob Bedinghaus led the campaign to raise taxes for the stadium, and was later voted out of office when it far exceeded cost estimates.

The reconstituted board of commissioners sued the Bengals and the NFL, accusing them of using their monopoly power and threats to get a new stadium. Commissioners want the Bengals to renegotiate their lease, which gives the team

control of the stadium and numerous perks not found in other NFL teams' leases.

Troy Blackburn, the team's director of business development, sent the county a letter this week urging it to drop the lawsuit.

"Litigation is not the answer, and the lawsuit is not good for the county, the Bengals or the community," the letter said.

Commissioner Todd Portune, who led the push to file the lawsuit, said the team should make a settlement proposal.

"If they're serious about settling this case - and we are - then let's sit down with substantive proposals," Portune said.

## Casey, Wilson receive honors

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Sean Casey was honored Tuesday as the Cincinnati Reds' Most Valuable Player for the 2004 season, when the first baseman

hit .324 and drove in 99 runs.

The local chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America also voted Casey their annual Joe Nuxhall Good Guy Award for outstanding cooperation with the media.

Paul Wilson was chosen as the Reds' outstanding pitcher for last season, when he led the staff with 11 wins and 29 starts. The right-hander was 11-6 overall with a 4.36 earned run average.

## Spring training tickets on sale Saturday

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI - Tickets for Cincinnati Reds 2005 exhibition games in Sarasota, FL will go on sale at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at the club's spring training complex, on-line at [www.cincinnatireds.com](http://www.cincinnatireds.com) and via telephone through Tickets.com at 877/647-7337.

Reds pitchers and catchers will report to the City of Sarasota Sports Complex on February 15.

The Reds will play home games in Ed Smith Stadium during their eighth season in Sarasota. Beginning Saturday, single-game tickets will be sold at the third base ticket window on the east side of the ballpark, located at 12th Street and Tuttle Avenue in Sarasota.

Mail orders, including a \$7 service charge per order, should be sent to 1090 N. Euclid Ave., Sarasota, FL, 34237. For information regarding spring training tickets or

Ed Smith Stadium, call (941) 954-4464.

Ticket prices for Reds spring training games are \$14 for box seats, \$12 for reserved seats and \$7 for general admission. The Reds' 34-game Major League exhibition schedule opens March 3 and includes 16 games at Sarasota's Ed Smith Stadium, plus exhibitions against the Toronto Blue Jays on April 1 at Memphis' AutoZone Park and April 2 at Louisville Slugger Field.

## Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program signups due by Feb. 18

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Kentucky landowners who want to participate in the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program have until February 18, 2005 to sign-up at their local U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service office to be considered for the 2005 program year.

Applications received after Feb. 18 will be held until the next evaluation period.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program provides landowners an opportunity to conduct wildlife habitat improvement projects on their property. The program provides

up to 75 percent cost-share for eligible practices on their land.

The primary focus for the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program in Kentucky for 2005 is to create and restore early successional habitats. Early successional habitats are open areas such as former pastures, old fields or agricultural lands that are beginning to return to their natural state. Planting native grasses, shrubs and wildlife friendly grasses are eligible practices for 2005 Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program cost-share assistance.

Other eligible practices for the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program include installing filter

strips to control erosion in planted fields, improving forest stands, planting field borders and trees, constructing wildlife watering holes, planting trees and other plants along the edges of streams and fencing to exclude livestock from sensitive areas.

Applications for the program are evaluated and ranked to determine which applications benefit wildlife habitat the most. For more information on the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program, please contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office or call the KDFWR at 1-800-858-1549 to contact your local private lands biologist.



South Floyd played host to and beat visiting Piarist School Thursday night in a 58th District girls' basketball matchup. Below, right: Sophomore Heather Dean prepared to launch a free throw. Left: Tab Trammell went up for a shot. Below, left: Guard Miranda Gregory brought the ball up the court for the host Lady Raiders.



## Now comes the real test for baseball

by RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Now comes the real test for baseball: Will any player get suspended this year for using steroids?

With some of its biggest stars under suspicion and lawmakers demanding action, Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that will suspend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players year-round.

The agreement was hailed by baseball management and its union Thursday as a huge step forward. But it was criticized by some as not going far enough because the penalties are less harsh than those in Olympic sports and amphetamines were not banned.

"I've been saying for some time that my goal for this industry is zero tolerance regarding steroids," commissioner Bud Selig said.

A first positive test would result in a penalty of 10 days, a second positive test in a 30-day ban, a third positive in a 60-day penalty, and a fourth positive test in a one-year ban - all without pay. A player who tests positive a fifth time would be subject to discipline determined by the commissioner.

"It's more for our protection than anything else," Boston pitcher Tim Wakefield said.

Under the previous agreement, a first positive test resulted only in treatment, and a second positive test was subject to a 15-day suspension. Only with a fifth positive test would a player subject to a one-year ban.

"It appears to be a significant breakthrough," Sen. John McCain said in Washington.

No player was suspended for steroid use in 2004, the first season of testing with penalties.

"We're acting today to help restore the confidence of our fans," Selig said.

Since the old agreement was reached in 2002, baseball has come under increased scrutiny

about steroids.

Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield testified before a federal grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative known as BALCO. President Bush mentioned the steroid problem in last year's State of the Union address.

"I will be surprised if over time this doesn't take care of the problem virtually completely," union head Donald Fehr said, speaking by telephone from Los Angeles.

The old deal wasn't due to expire until December 2006, but the union took the rare step of renegotiating a major section of its labor contract. The new rules run until December 2008.

"I think it's pretty historic that we went into a bargaining agreement and changed something," Minnesota pitcher Kyle Lohse said. "Hopefully, that shows everybody how serious we are about getting steroids out of the game."

McCain, who had threatened baseball with legislation, said that is no longer necessary, though he would have preferred a 10- to 15-game suspension for a first offense and a permanent ban for multiple positive tests.

"I would have liked to see amphetamines added to this list," McCain said.

World Anti-Doping Agency chairman Dick Pound, a member of the International Olympic Committee since 1978, said the new rules didn't go far enough.

"Basically, instead of having to hold up the liquor store five times before you get a one-year suspension, you only have to hold it up four times," he said. "But at least there's some penalty incurred the first time that you're tested, and that's a step forward."

In addition to one mandatory test each season, players will be randomly selected for additional tests, with no limit on the number, and for the first time will be subject to random tests during the offseason. In addi-

tion, diuretics and many steroid precursors were added to the banned list.

WADA's Dr. Gary Wadler criticized the failure to address amphetamines, which many in baseball consider to be a far greater problem than steroids.

"Amphetamines, better known as 'greenies,' have a long tradition in baseball," Wadler said. "For them not to ban it raises questions."

The issue of amphetamines came up during the talks between owners and players, said Rob Manfred, management's chief labor negotiator.

"Stimulants are a complicated area," Manfred said. "Are they performance enhancing? How should they be regulated? That's something that we've put to the health policy advisory committee to look at because we weren't prepared to deal with it."

Human growth hormone was added to a longer list of banned substances, but it will be found only when science determines a way to detect it in urine samples. Currently, it can be found only in blood tests, which will not be conducted in baseball.

"We had a problem and we dealt with the problem," Selig said. "I regarded this as not only a health issue, but certainly you could say it was an integrity issue in this sport."

The agreement was approved by owners Thursday but still must be voted on by players.

First-time offenders are suspended for at least four games in the NFL and for five games in the NBA. WADA's code, which has been adopted by most Olympic sports, says the "norm" is two-year bans for a first positive test and a lifetime ban for a second, unless there are mitigating circumstances.

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## This Town, That World

*Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.*

### THE VAIN SEARCH

The man stared out the window. There was the distant skyline, trees lifting gaunt, imploring arms against the weather, cars threaded the narrow, traffic-jammed street. One car, he noted, had a radiator that



Norman Allen

looked like a mouth drawn churlishly down at the corners. He stared at the muddy street and wondered how many diseases children would contract if they made mud-pies of that mess as they used to play in good, old country mud. Washington and Lincoln were born in February, he mused. He tugged at his ear. The sun came out. But nothing helped...The poor sap was digging for an idea for a column.

### WE ALL LOSE

Dr. H. Halbert Leet, Lexington psychiatrist, was killed Monday night with three others in the crash of his plane into a Woodford County field. This is the same Dr. Leet who, on several occasions, flew to this county and gave of his services without charge, in the early days of the Floyd work for retarded children. When such hearts stop beating the world loses some of the mercy and compassion it so sorely needs.

### REASON ENOUGH

We are reminded that both Washington and Lincoln were tall, strapping men. Another reason for such as I to look up to them.

### POOR CONSOLATION

Some of us short men may console ourselves with the idea that there have been great half-pints, too. But I never fail to think of Napoleon and Hitler, and that gets me right back where I started.

### WONDER...

The United Mine Workers of America have invested in banks, the publishing business, and possibly some other altogether legal and honorable enterprises. One wonders why they never tried the coal mining business.

### STREET EXPANSION

City Fathers in many towns and cities are fair game for every

(See THIS TOWN, page six)



Our hero, the young Ralph, writes this week of berry picking adventures in the eastern Kentucky hills. Read on to see what happened to one of the Bryant boys who ventured to climb to the top of a mulberry tree.

## Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy

by RALPH HALL

### ~ Chapter 7 ~ Learning to Fly

When I was a boy, many days of summer were spent in the hot summer sun picking wild blackberries. I was a great picker of wild berries because I had fast hands. I also had fast teeth because it seemed like I always ate more berries than I ever got home with. In those days, the hills were covered with large patches of wild berries. Some of those berries were as large as a big man's thumb.

It was easy to pick 15 or 20 quarts of berries in a few hours time, all by one's self. My mother and my grandmother, whom I called "Big Mommy," always made jellies and jams with the nice berries that I brought home. But what I really liked best were those



Blackberries, a favorite of many, were once abundant in rural Floyd County.

good old blackberry cobbles that would just melt in my mouth. I always gobbled them up so fast that they seemed to just disappear in thin air!

The big fear that everyone had when they went picking berries was that of running into a copperhead. Copperheads aren't very big snakes, but they're mean as the devil. When I still had Old Ringeeye, my dog, he would chase the snakes all out of the berry patches for me. Often, we would see an old blacksnake, but they didn't bother people very much. What they liked to do was lay under the berries and then catch little birds when they landed in the vines to eat, or maybe a little baby rabbit that might happen along.

In the early fall, we would go to the very top of the hills and pick huckleberries. In the cities, folks call huckleberries, "blueberries." But back in the sticks, where I was raised, we just called them plain old huckleberries. The big worry we had when we were out picking huckleberries was that of running into the rattlesnakes that liked to hang out around the berry bushes. Yes, we had to keep an eye out for old "Mr. Rattlesnake."

I also loved mulberries. I have a story I can tell of picking mulberries which I will never forget. A bunch of us boys from Melvin went off into the woods to look for a mulberry tree. Well, we found one and it was hanging full of big, juicy mulberries. There was this one family, the Bryants, who had a whole pack of boys. These boys went off with us to the mulberry tree. When we had made it to the tree, this one Bryant boy wanted to show how well he could climb, so up the tree he went - climbing like a monkey. He climbed high up into the top of the tree and hollered back down, "Watch me shake the tree and watch the berries all fall!" He began shaking the tree and

soon, berries covered the ground below. He was so happy! Yelling down at us, "Look at me, look at me!" when, all of a sudden, we heard the limb he was sitting on snap and down through the branches he came - screaming all the way! Well, when he hit the ground, it broke his arm. I never saw that boy ever climb another tree in all the rest of the days of my childhood.

We picked mulberries in the spring-time, blackberries in the hot summer sun, and huckleberries at summer's end. When the days of summer ended and the fall ones began, it was time for new adventures and we readied ourselves to get started up that trail that we knew would lead to more fun.

Fall would arrive and then it would be time to head on down to the old Pa Paw Patch. In school, we would sing a song that went, "Picking up pa paws, putting in my pockets," and so on. I liked to gather the ones that had fallen to the ground and had ripened in the warm autumn sun. We always gathered pa paws in a place called Tackett's Hollow. Tackett's Hollow is a hollow located between Melvin and Weeksbury. When I was a boy, it was "Pa Paw Heaven" because there were so many pa paw trees there. One trip to the pa paw patch I will never forget.

Some of us boys took off to the pa paw patch - to name just a few of us, there were: Virgil Lee, Eddy, Bob Henry, Uncle James, Mutt and, of course, me. We all got us a brown paper sack and took off for the patch. About the time I had my sack filled up, I felt something crawling up and down my back. The "something" made its way underneath my shirt and I was nearly scared within an inch of my life. I threw my bag full of pa paws up into the air and went off into a fit, heading down the hill screaming all the way,

(See BETSY, page six)

### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## 'Blue Monkey'

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

A giant insect wreaks havoc at a Canadian hospital in this monsterfest that plays like a salute to those 1950s sci-fi flicks where bigger was always better.

It all begins when a landscaper pricks his hand on a bizarre plant. He is rushed off to the emergency room where he promptly regurgitates a huge insect larva. As if things couldn't get worse everyone at the hospital is locked in when one surgeon decides that the landscaper's condition might be contagious. This strategy winds up turning the whole hospital into an enormous roach motel for humans.



Tom Doty  
Staff Writer

Luckily, there is an undercover cop on hand who is feeling trigger happy after his partner is admitted for getting shot. Even more lucky for the cast is the presence of a bug expert. This guy stands around and talks a lot in an homage to those science guy characters that every 1950s movie employed. Basically the guy is a walking textbook who feels the need to define every term that he uses. This is particularly funny when he feels the need to explain the term "hermaphrodite" to a roomful of doctors.

Things take a turn for the worse when it is discovered that the bug has grown to gargantuan size in hours and has found the time to convert the hospital's basement into an egg chamber. The cop character decides it would be a good idea to blow up the basement but first has to butt heads with the hospital's cost-conscious manager, who is more afraid of facing the hospital's bean counters than a giant bug. The manager quickly changes his mind however when the insect converts the building's lobby into a cafeteria and manages to ingest half of the cast in one sitting.

This is a fun one that successfully merges horror and humor along with everyone's fear of visiting a hospital. One selling point is that the film employs several actors who know comedy. John Vernon (Dean Wormer from "Animal House") is fine as the hospital's overtaxed manager, while SCTV alumni Joe Flaherty and Robin Duke score as a couple expecting their first baby. Sarah Polley ("Dawn of the Dead 2004") is also on hand as a children's ward patient who won't stay in her room and Steve Railsback (who played Charles Manson in the 1976 TV film "Helter Skelter") is all bug eyes as the violence-prone cop.

The special effects are adequate

(See LAGOON, page six)

# My love is like a red, red marker

by CARRIE ST. MICHEL

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BRIDE'S SOUL"

I am, admittedly, a hopeless romantic. Not surprisingly, then, when my husband and I celebrated our anniversary recently, I bought him one dozen red permanent markers. These are, after all, the traditional gift for the man who spends many of his waking hours drawing shapes on the toes of his white tube socks.

Why does he do this? Because, he explains, for every white tube sock there is only one perfect partner. To preserve these sacred unions, my spouse assigns each pair its own symbol - a triangle, a square, a stick-figure wife throwing up

her arms in despair.

For a man who on more than one occasion has mended his clothing with a staple gun, such conscientious sock matching seems strange. Just the same, I admit I find my husband's little eccentricities endearing and often make note of them in a growing file labeled "Mounting Evidence."

One recent entry reads: "Today husband is very happy. Seems the supermarket is having a buy-one/get-one-free rump-roast extravaganza. Spouse believes a freezer should always contain enough meat to host an intimate barbecue for all branches of the U.S. military."

I could understand hoarding power tools. Or fishing equipment. But discounted cuts of meat?

My husband wasn't deprived of food as a child. He doesn't overbuy generally. And, to my knowledge, frozen hunks of beef do not increase in value over time.

His other fixations are no more easily understood. Take this recent notation:

"Today husband is mad at me. In what can only be described as a wild crime spree, I removed 66 cents from his change dish, in order to purchase two postage stamps."

To my husband, loose change is not actual, usable money, but some sort of

endangered species he is determined to preserve. Every night he lovingly removes all coins from his pockets, and then gently places them in the dish. When the dish is full, he separates the change and stores it in large containers at some point.

The Mounting Evidence file continues to grow with each tender entry. But yesterday, it closed with this startling observation: "Today husband claimed I'm sexy. Hmmm. Make sure to carefully match his socks, overstock the freezer and self-fund all future stamp purchases."





Jim Davidson

The 'perception' factor in success

There are many factors that contribute to a person's success, but one that is not readily understood is something we call "perception." This word comes from the root word "perceive" which is really a great mental power and means, "to become aware of something through the senses; see, hear, taste, touch or smell." For this reason, when we perceive something we actually see it in our mind and then we can choose words to express what we perceive in a variety of different ways.

The ability to see our opportunities and our challenges accurately and come to the proper conclusion, will make a tremendous difference in our success.



We can't succeed if we have wrong perceptions or make false assumptions a good percent of the time.

A friend sent me something the other day titled "Assumptions" that will validate what I am saying.

"It seems that a distinguished looking colonel with his handsome young aid traveling in France on a train, occupied a compartment with a pretty young woman and her old maid aunt. There was pleasant conversation for a while then the train passed through a tunnel and the compartment became dark.

"After a few seconds there was a sound like someone kissing

someone on the cheek and then a loud whack, as if someone had been slapped. When the train emerged from the tunnel, there sat the colonel with a large red welt on his face, looking as if he had been slapped. Now here are the assumptions or what was perceived.

"No.1. The aunt assumed that the colonel had taken advantage of the darkness, kissed the girl and that the girl had rightly given him what he deserved. No 2. The colonel assumed that the sergeant recognized the opportunity, kissed the girl and that she had defended herself and slapped me by mistake. No. 3. The girl assumed that the colonel, who was very good looking, had tried to kiss her in the dark, had gotten the aunt by mistake and that the aunt had slapped him soundly. No. 4. The sergeant, who was not happy with his lowly job of taking care of the colonel, had in fact

kissed the back of the colonel's hand and then gave him a good whack."

In reality, these assumptions were really "perceptions" of the total scenario that each person saw in their mind. To be able to figure out who slapped or who kissed whom in advance would have been almost as difficult as trying to solve one of Jessica Fletcher's murder mysteries.

This great power of "perception" is a trait or quality that can be developed over time, and it will enable us to use all five of our senses, plus two others that we call horse sense and common sense. For example, we use a dual sensory input when we listen to a taped message and read along with the words at the same time. It has been scientifically proven that this process will enable us to retain more information than if we only used one of our senses. Without being aware that we possess this great power, we will limit our ability to make wise choices and decisions.

If you will think about it, mak-

ing wise choices and decisions is what success is all about. When you "perceive" opportunities or problems, and you take time to think them through, are you proven right most of the time?

In view of this, please consider this wonderful story from the Bible about the woman from Samaria who had come to Jacob's well to draw water. When Jesus was traveling through this country he became thirsty and so he asked this Samaritan woman for a cool drink of water. He said, "Give Me a drink." And she replied, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'give me a drink' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." After a lengthy discussion, He says to her, "Go call your husband and come here." She responds by saying, "I have no husband." Then Jesus said to her, "You have said well, I have no husband, for you have had five

husbands; and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

Here is the main reason that I decided to share this story with you. The Samaritan woman then said, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." The word "perceive" in this last statement is what I wanted you to see and I took note that this is only one of a few verses where it can be found in the entire Bible. For me, and perhaps for you as well, here is the real issue that is formed as a question. What qualities did this woman possess that told her that this Man was a prophet? Well, I believe the conclusion reached was the result of her mental process that started from the very first moment He spoke to her.

We also have this great power. Are you able to perceive accurately most of the time?

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From a child's view

A little girl attending Sunday services became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he just let us go?"

A Sunday School teacher asked a little boy in class one morning, "Bobby, do you believe in the devil?" "No," Bobby replied. "He's just like Santa Claus. I think it's my daddy."

A young boy was watching

his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?," the boy asked his father.

"Why, God tells me, of course," was his father's reply.

"Oh," the boy replied, "then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A six year old boy was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a recent church service: "And forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

Betsy

"Get it off of me! Get it off of me! Oh, my god, get it off of me!"

Mutt and James were at my heels yelling, "Ralph! You crazy fool! Stop so we can see what it is!" Well, I never paid them no mind, I just kept on screaming and running like a wild fire! After a long run, I finally stopped. Mutt and James caught up with me, both of them trying hard to catch their breath, tongues hanging out like dogs who had been chasing a fox all night long. James said, "You crazy fool! Why didn't you just stop?" Then, he reached out his hand and took the "something" off of my shoulder. It was just a tiny little lizard. Anytime one goes out into the woods, he is subject to getting chiggers, ticks, or for that matter, even a little lizard on him.

Now, as I look back on those days, I am glad that those things happened to me. Had they not happened, I would not be able to tell these stories today.

I have one more short story to share with you before I go: Once, when I was still young, there was a story going around in the village that there was a flying cat that had come to live among us. The story went that this flying cat lived over in the rocks among a nearby cliff. Well, some of us younger boys were over near there, on the hillside, playing poker. We didn't have any money to play with, we just played for matches - you know, the kind you build a fire with. Well, we heard an old cat crying around the hill from us and one of the boys said, "It's that flying cat!" So, we threw our cards down and around the hill we chased to catch that flying cat.

Old me, I was up in front of everyone! If anybody was going to catch that cat, it was going to be me! Well, I was running down the hill as fast as my legs would carry me, going

as fast as I could go after that flying cat. All of a sudden, I saw the cat jump, then I never saw it again. It was too late for me to "put on my brakes," and before I knew what was happening, I went sailing over the cliff! I said, "Oh, god! I can't fly and neither can that old cat!" So, over the cliff I went, hitting here and there on my back. There was just something about me and old cliffs back then - we just needed to come to a better understanding.

So, there went James and Mutt, again, carrying me back up the railroad toward home. I cried all the way, "My back, my back, oh, my back!" It took me a few days to mend that time. Then, a few days later, I was over in the cow pasture thinking about how I could come to avoid falling over cliffs. As I let my mind drift off to that place called "Neverland," I made a great discovery - I could fly! I couldn't fly very high, but I could lift my feet and away I would go - flying all over the cow pasture. For the next few days, I would go every day to the cow pasture and lift my feet and fly. I talked to some younger kids and they told me they could fly over top of our village and see everything that went on upon the ground. Well, I was just happy that I could get my feet off the ground.

One day, I woke up and was never able to fly again. I had my feet on the ground, so I made up my mind that day that no one would ever be able to stop me, if I did that which is right in the sight of God. I may not be able to fly, but I can dream, and there is no valley I can't walk, no mountain I can't reach the top of. So, who can say? I may be able to fly, after all. Neverland is still there and we must look for it as long as we live. I don't know about you, but me, I want to learn to fly again.

Little Red Wagon

by Margaret Katter

Some days we skip along, pulling our wagons with great confidence - so full of energy that the load seems light.

Some days the load seems heavy and we need someone to help us pull our wagons over the bumps in the road.

Some days we are just tired.

We sit in our wagons and let someone else pull us along for a while.

And some days it's

kind of nice to share our little red wagons with a friend.

As you think about yesterday, and make plans for tomorrow, keep in mind that there will be times when you can help pull someone else's little red wagon for a while.

After all, helping to pull each other's little red wagon is what makes it possible to face the challenges the day brings.

(Editor's Note: Thank you, Nadine!)

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Lagoon

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and benefit from the dim lighting, though there are a few characters who are so annoying that you'll be rooting for the bug. Most of the annoying characters have all of the charm of "Love Boat" extras. The worst have to be a blind patient, who spends most of the movie drunk in an obvious attempt to mimic the success of "Arthur," and the smug scientist character who actually says, "Insects aren't like humans."

There is also one of those scenes that makes you scratch your head and here that scene involves assigning two dope smokers to guard the bug, which may still be alive.

All in all, though, this is a pleasant throwback/update of those giant bug movies which played American drive-ins all through the 1950s.

Best line: "So this is the little sucker, huh?"

1987, rated R.

This Town

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taxpayer with a gripe about torn-up streets. The prize-winning slogan explaining that situation in Corpus Christi, Texas, might serve them well. It read: "When you gotta grow, you gotta grow."

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This might have been more appropri-

ate, a week or so ago, but we are constrained to quote that one from the Stillwater (Okla.) Press which reminds us that an optimist is a man who will take up ice-skating again, with a bottle in his hip pocket.

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Click and Clack Talk Cars

How to hide bumper stickers from nosy relatives

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

There are times when I would like to cover up my bumper sticker(s) so as not to offend people I am visiting - my politics being more moderate than those of certain Neanderthalic family members I will be visiting next month. Are you aware of any product that will mask bumper stickers? Then if my wrong-headed relatives take a peek, the offense will be self-inflicted. - Simon

RAY: Gee, that's a tough one, Simon. My brother's still trying to scrape the Adlai Stevenson stickers off of his '52 MGTD.

TOM: The easiest way to hide a bumper sticker is ... with another bumper sticker. But you need one that crosses the entire political spectrum. We might have some leftover "Save the Skeets" stickers. That was part of our campaign to keep people from shooting the poor little guys. Who could possibly oppose that?



RAY: If you want a more temporary solution and you don't care what it looks like, Simon, you can simply cover them up with slightly larger pieces of blank vinyl, which you can buy from an art-supply store. Or get a "make your own bumper sticker" kit. Then just tape the temporary sticker on with electrical tape, and it should be fine for a long weekend, or however long you visit.

TOM: If the stickers are on a metallic part of the car, like the lift-gate of a wagon or sport utility vehicle, you can buy some magnetic signs and use those to temporarily cover up your stickers.

RAY: And best of all, with the magnetic signs you order or the do-it-yourself stickers, you can customize the message. So you can cover up your "Eat Free-Range Tofu" stickers with a sign that says "Ask Me About My Neanderthal Uncle Frank!"

Dynamic stability control is worth the money

Dear Tom and Ray:

My husband and I recently moved from Connecticut to Colorado, and are considering buying a new car. We have a 2000 BMW 528i, which I have loved, but because we are now in a place with a lot more snow and in a county with a lot of dirt and gravel roads, it doesn't really fit our needs anymore. Neither of us wants a sport utility vehicle, but we have been considering the Subaru Outback Wagon. My question: The vehicle dynamics control is only available on the most expensive model. Is that system worth the extra cost? My husband is suspicious of any system that claims to take over for the driver - probably because when he was younger, he raced cars, and he likes to feel as if he always has control - but I will be the main driver of the car, and I'm a normal driver. Is it worth it? Thanks so much. - Dee

TOM: The short answer is yes. It IS worth it. More and more studies are showing that dynamic stability control (often referred to by a confusing array of acronyms like VDC, DSC, ESP, MSPCA, etc.) does a lot to help people avoid accidents.

RAY: Dynamic stability control is one of the newest electronic forms of skid control. These systems work by using sensors to detect signs of a skid, and then limiting acceleration and applying the brakes on individual wheels to regain control of the car.

TOM: Why do you want to prevent a skid? Well, once you're skidding - once the tires are no longer in full contact with the road - it's very hard to control the car. You're much more likely to plow into something, be it another car, a tree or a mango-smoothie stand by the side of the road.

RAY: These days, the three major anti-skid systems are: ABS, or antilock-brake systems, which help you avoid skidding when you're making an emergency stop; TCS, or traction control, which helps you avoid skids while you accelerate; and DSC (or whatever each manufacturer happens to call its version of dynamic stability control), which helps you avoid skids while you're moving and turning. DSC helps prevent you from losing control of

the car when you take a corner too fast or swerve to avoid something. And it works.

TOM: So, if it's available - and sadly, Subaru only makes it available on the top-of-the-line Outback - we'd recommend it.

RAY: Your husband - like most guys who take his position - is wrong. Sure, we all want to be "in control." But the fact is that microcomputers can handle certain tasks better than even the most skilled driver ever could. The computer that controls these systems can pulse an individual wheel's brake 10 or 15 times per second. A human driver could never do that.

TOM: Of course, most cars with stability control have a switch that allows you to turn it off. So, if your husband is determined to have control, he can turn off the system, make some high-speed swerves and crash your new car into a chicken coop to prove our point.

RAY: But dynamic stability control is something we DO recommend, when it's available. And we hope it will be available on more cars and SUVs as time goes by (Ford just announced that it's putting it on all its SUVs in 2005, and Chevy is putting it on its full-size SUVs and vans).

TOM: By the way, Dee, the Subaru Outback is a very nice car. But since you love your BMW, you might also consider the BMW 325xi. It's smaller than your current 528i, but it comes with all-wheel-drive and dynamic stability control.

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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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**140-4x4's**

**FOR SALE:** Honda '93 Fourwheeler. Honda '97 300 Fourwheel drive. Looks good and runs good. Call 886-0875.

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**1995 Honda CVR 900RR Cobra** and Yoshi pipes-slip on with 2 matching helmets. Runs great call 606-226-1577 or 606-889-9283

**FOR SALE:** 2002 Dodge Dakota 6 Cyl., 2 WD, Auto, Air, 33K Miles. Plus New Snow Blade for Honda 4-wheeler Call 285-5033 After 5p

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**205 Business Opp.**  
**GET PAID TO SHOP!** Mystery Shoppers needed to pose as customers in local establishments. valid email required. PT/FT Available  
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**210-Job Listing**

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Come to work for Sears in the Home Improvement Business. There are nine (9) immediate sales openings. \$48k avg. income with potential to \$100k. Benefits include health/dental, bonuses, 401k, paid training, and advancement opportunities. Call Steve Ward at 800-282-6370 or fax 606-788-7334

resume to 407-551-0448, M/F/D/V. EOE We utilize drug testing and criminal background checks as a condition of employment

Our facility is currently recruiting **Registered Nurses** in the following areas: Medical/Pediatric Critical Care Unit, Obstetric Department, Surgical Floor. We are also recruiting Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Nurses Aides for the Medical / Pediatric Department. We offer an excellent benefit package. We are an EOE and We Drug Test. If interested in an exciting new career, call or forward resume to: **Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center Human Resources Department** 625 James S. Trimble Blvd. Paintsville, KY 41240 (606) 789-3511 Ext 1229

Prestonsburg Health Care Center has an opening for **LPN's & CNA's**. Full Time and Part Time Positions Available. We offer competitive wages and excellent benefits. We now offer a new and better insurance plan for employees. If interested please stop by or send a resume to **147 N. Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Beside Prestonsburg Elem.) or Call 886-2378**

**PARALEGAL WANTED:** Prestonsburg Law Firm Seeks Property Paralegal. Degree or 5 Years Title Abstracting Experience Required. Send Resumes to: Attn: Classifieds P.O. Box 390 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**HELP WANTED:** Local 91 Year Old Company Expanding, 11 People Needed to Start Immediately in Permanent Full Time Positions. Must 18 Years Old and Neat in Appearance. \$375 per Week to Start as per Written Agreement. Call Monday, Jan. 17th Only 9am-5pm. 606-788-7334

**Magic Media Shop** Position. Great Pay & Benefits. Computer Knowledge and Must Not Be Afraid of Heights. 5am-2pm Contact Jason Jarvis 1-800-489-8008

**Licensed Stylist Needed** for Salon. Apply at Pro-Hair in Prestonsburg.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** Mountain Christian Academy in Martin, KY, has the following opening for employment. 1 Middle School Language Arts Teacher (4-8), and 1 Lunchroom Director. Contact: **Dr. Parker Tiller, Dean Mountain Christian Academy, P.O. Box 1120, Martin, KY 41649 (606)285-5141** Applications May Be Picked Up At The School.

**220-Help Wanted**

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**FINANCIAL**

**350-Miscellaneous**

**ELLA'S THRIFTY STORE:** In gray building across Goble Roberts Bridge in Prestonsburg, New and used name brands. Lei and Limited Too.

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**480-Miscellaneous**

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**For Sale:** 8 ft' refrigerated deli case, \$1000, small pizza oven, \$400, small juice cooler, \$150, washer & dryer, \$150 pair. Call 606-886-2367.

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**REAL ESTATE**

**530-Homes**

**HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER:** 3 BR 2 BATH AT EAGLE TRACE SUBDIVISION IN HERALD, KY. CALL (859) 227-568

**550-Land/Lots**

**LAND FOR SALE LOCATED AT WAYLAND, KY KNOWN AS GLOW HILL. ESTATE OF THE LATE JACK AND MAY RATLIFF.**

**SOME FLAT AND SOME HILLSIDE PROPERTY. APPROX. 14 ACRES PLUS 606-422-9034 ASK FOR BECKY. SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY**

**For Sale 9 acres** more or less on Samson fork at Dana, Ky. call 440-967-4088

**80 ACRES FOR SALE:** \$50,000. Call 606-285-0902.

**570-Mobile Homes**

**94 MOBILE HOME FOR SALE** 12X60, with large deck. \$7000. Call for info 874-0753.

**Clayton House** Trailer 14x80 with 2 1/2 car garage with approximately 1/4 acre land RT 680 McDowell call 502-905-4095 for more information

**FOR SALE:** 1994 14x70 Fleetwood, 3 BR, 1 BA, outbuildings, and 2 porches. Good condition. Prestonsburg area. Call 606-899-2033

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**REHAB MANAGER OPPORTUNITY!**

Salyersville Health Care Center is seeking a Rehab Manager to oversee our large in-house therapy team. Qualified candidates MUST have a Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy or Speech Language Pathology license. Our 157-bed facility offers inpatient & outpatient services and has recently been remodeled. We treat a wide variety of age groups (teens to geriatric) and deal with an array of diagnoses. We offer an excellent benefits package, competitive salary & opportunity for advancement with a nation-wide company. For additional information, contact Jennifer Weimer, 800-395-5000 x8254, Fax: 414-908-8143, or Email: [Jweimer@extendicare.com](mailto:Jweimer@extendicare.com)  
**EEOC**

**PREMIER ELKHORN COAL COMPANY,** Myra, KY, is now accepting applications for the following position(s).

**Dozer operator** with 2 years surface coal mining experience. Looking for 1st class operator who can also operate two of the following pieces of equipment: backdump, drill, excavator, grader, or loader. Requires KY Surface Mine Certification.

**Lab Technician** needed to perform coal lab analysis. Must perform calibration & maintenance on lab equipment, input coal analysis in computer & perform coal prep duties if required. Coal lab experience required.

Applications will be accepted at: Kentucky Department for Employment Services 138 College Street Pikeville, KY 41501  
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extras. Set up for viewing. For details call 606-353-6444 or toll free 577-353-6444 the home show

**FOR SALE:** 1978 Holly Park 14X70 Mobile Home. 2 Bedroom 1 Bath, 2 Porches. New Central Heat Pump. Call 889-9853

**580-Miscellaneous**

**FOR SALE:** 50 acres of coal in Laurel Fork of Quicksand in Knott County, KY. Call 260-347-0259.

**RENTALS**

**610-Apartments**

**FOR RENT** 2 bedroom apartment on 321 between Highland Hospital & Porter School. Conveniently Located on US 23 at Stanville. Call for Pricing (606)478-8100, After 5pm Call 478-5377

**FOR RENT** 1 bedroom apartment. Hud Accepted. Furnished. \$275 plus utilities per month. Security deposit required. 3 bedroom partially furnished mobile home. \$300 plus utilities. \$200 security deposit. Call 606-377-6881.

**2 BR DUPLEX** 624 A N. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg. LR dining room, kitchen, full bath, washroom w/ washer/dryer hookups. Large front porch. Kitchen appliances furnished including w/d. Central heat & air. \$500 rent & utilities. Deposit & lease required. Call 606-886-6460.

**FOR RENT:** Apartments in Downtown Martin. Newly Renovated & Furnished. Call Between 9am-5pm 285-3025

**1 BEDROOM FURNISHED APARTMENT,** LR, Kitchen, Large Bathroom. Clean. Must be Quiet. Suitable for Working Man. Ready to Move Into. Near Prestonsburg. Call 886-3941

**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 included with rent. Please contact Kathy at 452-4777. Equal Housing Opportunity. Handicap Accessible.

**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:** 2 BR apt. Fully furnished, \$100 per week includes utilities. 886-8366.

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**620-Storage/Office**

**For Lease Finished Office Space** for lease in prime location near BSCTC, (PCC) and the new Food City -- 2100 -- sq. ft. Ground floor location with up to five private offices, conference room, kitchen, bath, parking lot call Today 606-424-2690 or 226-2266

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**630-Houses**

**For rent:** 3 BR 1-Bath house with large yard no pets 3 miles from Prestonsburg 889-9747 or 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. References Required. Call 285-9003 Leave Name & Number.

**FOR RENT** 3 BR house. Newly remodeled, references required. 886-8366.

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

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

**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

**640-Land & Lots**

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

**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 Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

**TRAILERS FOR RENT:** Mobile Homes (1) 14x70, 2 BR 2 Bath, (1) 14x60, 2 BR 1 Bath. All Appliances Furnished Plus W/D. 5 Miles From Prestonsburg on Rt. 114. HUD Approved No Pets Real Nice! Call 886-6665

**670-Com. Property**

**For Rent:** Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

**NOTICES**

**812 - Free**

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

**815-Lost & Found**

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

**900 - Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5396 Amendment #3 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539-9703, has filed for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.00 mile north of Broad Bottom, and approximately 1.00 mile east of Betsy Layne, in Floyd and Pike Counties. This amendment will add an additional 4.86 acres of surface disturbance, but will not add any acres of underground mine area, making a total area of 3,750.25 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is located approximately 3,700 feet due east of Pike/Floyd Hollow County Road's junction with U.S. Route 23 and/or U.S. Route 460, and located in Pike/Floyd Hollow.

The proposed amendment is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation. The currently approved operation

will use the underground method of mining. This Amendment Application proposes to add Ventilation Access Roads "7" and "8" and the associated ventilation areas. This Amendment Application also proposes to bring under permit an area that was shown as a no mining zone that has been mined, and also to address underground pillared areas through a subsidence protection zone.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. 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, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321.

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