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briefs

Police investigate shooting

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — Kentucky State Police Detective Mike Goble is currently investigating a shooting which took place on Tuesday night in the Magoffin County residence of Jesse Jackson.

Police responded to the scene with the warning that the suspect, Earl Perkins, 54, of Grape Creek, might still be on site. They found Jackson upon arrival who had indeed been shot but no sign of Perkins who had fled the scene on foot.

Authorities, led by Magoffin County Sheriff Bob Jordan, alerted EMS, which used a Life Net medical helicopter to transport Jackson to Cabell Huntington Hospital for treatment.

Perkins was later apprehended without incident and is currently being held in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, where he has been charged with first-degree assault.

Bishop threatened my wife, trooper says

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG—The fourth day of testimony in the murder trial of Dwayne Earl Bishop, charged with killing his wife, Caroline, in August of 2000, included accounts from several Kentucky State Police troopers who discovered the body and testimony which shored up the prosecution's case by indicating a pattern of violence between the couple.

The day also included some surprisingly

vivid testimony about a threat that Bishop allegedly made to a state trooper. Most surprising about that testimony was that it was elicited from a state trooper after cross examination by the defense counsel.

The surprising revelation that Bishop threatened to rape the wife of a state trooper came out when Special Prosecutor David Smith reexamined trooper Ron Peppi after defense attorney Harolyn Howard alluded to a rumor that Peppi

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Prosecutor David Smith holds up a bloody shirt recovered from Dwayne Bishop's room on the morning authorities discovered his estranged wife's body off Ligon Camp Road. Trooper Ron Peppi, seated, identified the shirt in court during his testimony.

photo by Tom Doty



photo by Steve LeMaster

Route 321 was closed Wednesday following a massive rock fall. Work crews were expected to finish clearing away the debris yesterday. Because of the size of the boulders involved, crews had to use heavy machinery to break up the pile into small pieces before they could be moved.

Tampering case waived to Grand Jury

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG—While the prosecution presents its case in the Dwayne Bishop murder trial, another matter, affiliated with it, is going to the grand jury.

The man accused of tampering with a juror in the Bishop trial will face a grand jury, District Judge James R. Allen ruled.

Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Tony Tackett testified against Jamie Scott Owsley during a preliminary hearing Wednesday. Tackett claims to have witnessed Owsley, 24, of Deadmans Branch in Littcarr, talking to a juror in the case.

Lt. Greg Clark, with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, testified that the juror approached Judge

John David Caudill, who is presiding over the Bishop case, after Owsley allegedly influenced him to find Bishop not guilty of the crime.

Judge Caudill signed an arrest warrant for Owsley after the juror made the accusation.

"He said something to the effect of 'How would you like to be sitting over there?'" Jimmy Marcum, Assistant Floyd County Attorney, said.

Owsley was arrested for the crime last Thursday and pleaded not guilty in district court Friday morning.

He remains incarcerated under a \$10,000 cash bond.

Judge Allen ruled that Owsley stay away from the courthouse and jurors associated with the case until the trial is completed.

Accused sex abuser denied lower bond

Case set for grand jury

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG—A man accused of sexually abusing his niece will face a grand jury, following a preliminary hearing in the case

Wednesday.

District Judge James R. Allen ruled that there was enough evidence to send the case against Larry W. Owens to the grand jury for consideration.

Judge Allen sealed the courtroom during the hearing due to the nature of the charges against Owens, 49,

who is accused of sexually abusing the seven year old female by forcible compulsion in the Spring, 2004.

Owens, who pleaded not guilty to one count of first degree sexual abuse, was arrested at his residence

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Floyd tops state in Trust For Life

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG—The Floyd County Court Clerks Trust for Life campaign was a success again last year, with donations coming in and topping off at approximately 50 percent more than those gathered across the state.

Floyd County Circuit Clerks collected \$1 donations from 82.8 percent of those obtaining or renewing their drivers license last year, officials with the organization said.

Across the state, the

average number of donating drivers was 42 percent.

"Floyd County is number one in the state with more than 80 percent, which is phenomenal," said Trust Executive Director Berkeley Scott. "Douglas Hall and his staff should be congratulated for their support."

Circuit Clerk Douglas Hall attributed the rise in donations last year to the good heartedness of county residents and his "hard working" deputies Amy Moore and Johnnie

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Alleged burglar cited again

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG—Officials have brought out additional charges against a Floyd County man accused in a string of recent burglaries.

Walker Ray Ratliff, 24, of Auxier Heights, now faces another third degree burglary charge and a felony theft charge.

He was served with the citation Wednesday by Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Fred Mynier, who is working in conjunction with the

Prestonsburg Police Department on the case.

Walker, a suspect in a rash of burglaries throughout the Prestonsburg area, was charged Tuesday by Prestonsburg Police officer Brian Kidd and Sgt. Ralph

(See BURGLAR, page two)

Road woes: Residents want answers

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

LONG BRANCH—Eight months ago, nearly to the day, the lives of residents in Floyd and surrounding counties were tossed in ravaging flood waters that caused millions of dollars in damages.

On that rainy day in May, residents at Long Branch, on Rt. 302 near the spillway entrance to Dewey Dam, parked at the bottom of their hill and walked home. Half a mile. Mile and a half. More than a mile, for some.

They parked and walked because runoff

waters from that flood cut through a creek and left behind an approximate 30 foot by 60 foot hole at the bottom of a curvy hill, making their roadway impassable.

Eight months down the road, residents want to know why that hole is still there.

"Are they gonna wait on somebody to get killed before they try to do something or laugh it off like they have been doing?" Longbranch resident Bill Hyden, 53, said. "If somebody gets killed or hurt, then there's going to be one heck of a problem."

Hyden, a disabled man recovering from

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photo by Mary Music
Residents are wondering why this gaping hole on Rt. 302 has not been fixed. It washed out during the Memorial Day flooding last year and is still on a waiting list for repairs.

2 DAY FORECAST
Today: Partly cloudy
High: 39 • Low: 24
Tomorrow: Rain, snow
High: 42 • Low: 31
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Odds & Ends

■ **AMSTERDAM, Netherlands** — A Dutch magazine was including an unusual freebie with its latest issue — two marijuana seeds in a small plastic bag.

Nieuwe Revu editor in chief Mark Koster said the move was a publicity stunt accompanying the Jan. 26 issue, which advocates legalizing marijuana and other banned substances.

Although Holland is famous for tolerating the sale of small amounts of marijuana and hashish in coffee shops, both are technically illegal and the government prosecutes possession of more than several grams.

"We're saying, stop the war on drugs, which costs a fortune and there are no

results," Koster said.

Koster said prosecutors had not contacted the magazine about the stunt. But several major supermarket chains either removed the seeds or kept the issue off the shelves.

Koster said the seeds were "OK" in quality.

"We had an expert test them, and he said they were a 4 out of 5," Koster said.

■ **ST. LOUIS** — The folks who brought you Budweiser have a new brew that's anything but simple.

Anheuser-Busch Cos. is hoping to lure drinkers away from classic mixed drinks by offering a beer spiked with caffeine, fruit flavoring, herbal guarana and ginseng.

Slightly sweet but tart and

coming in the aromas of blackberry, raspberry and cherry, the beer — called B-to-the-E — is to be marketed toward "active 21- to 27-year-old experimenters looking for new tastes and options."

Before taxes, B-to-the-E generally will fetch \$1.29 for a single can, \$4.99 for a four-pack of 10-ounce cans, said Dawn Roepke, the brewer's brand manager of new-product development. A bottled version is to arrive by the end of February.

Rival Miller Brewing Co. has no immediate plans for a similar product, but "certainly we'll follow the results of the product and be keeping a close eye on it," spokesman Pete Marino said.

■ **GILBERT, Minn.** —

Promoting this town's proud history is one thing. Naming the town's festival Gilbert Whorehouse Days is another thing entirely.

A group of angry citizens showed up at a City Council meeting Tuesday to protest the event. The festival's name refers to a time when Gilbert was known for its bars, gambling and "working girls" during Prohibition.

"The damage has been done," resident Fran Marolt said. "This is not a family-oriented activity."

The event doesn't include any of the activities that gave the festival its name, but City Council members still don't approve.

"It would give us a black eye," City Council member Dan

Berry said.

Organizers say the festival — and its name — are meant to bring back a part of history. The festival is planned for two days in July and includes a car show, antique fair and bank robbery reenactment.

"We feel it's got some power to it," said organizer Lynn Sausman, who's lived in Gilbert for 35 years. "Gilbert has been widely documented to be the biggest red light district on the Iron Range."

■ **OLYMPIA, Wash.** — The secretary of state's message is being lost in translation.

Washington residents say the office's Web-based translation software is creating some odd turns of phrase when it takes the English version of information

and puts it into Chinese or Korean.

For example, a statement about Secretary of State Sam Reed proposing "statewide mandates to restore public trust" became "Swampy weed suggests whole state order recover open trust" in Chinese and "A plant reed proposes national mandate to recover public property trust" in Korean.

A Chinese translation option was removed from the Web site on Jan. 12 and Korean got the heave-ho Tuesday without word on whether or when they would be restored.

"It's not a perfect system. It does the best it can," said Matthew Edwards, the agency's webmaster. "We pulled it because of the complaints. If

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2005. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 28, 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

On this date:

■ In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.

■ In 1878, the first commercial telephone switchboard went into operation, in New Haven, Conn.

■ In 1878, the first daily college newspaper, the Yale News, began publication in New Haven, Conn.

■ In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

■ In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Wilson to the

Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

■ In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

■ In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

■ In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

■ In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

■ In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, Fla., killing all seven crew members.

Ten years ago: President Clinton was host to a 5 1/2-hour "work session" of gover-

ners, legislators and local officials, both Democrats and Republicans, to discuss welfare reform.

Five years ago: Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, the Florida nun selected by Attorney General Janet Reno as a neutral party in the custody battle over Elian Gonzalez, sought unsuccessfully to persuade Reno to change her mind about returning the 6-year-old to Cuba.

One year ago: British Prime Minister Tony Blair won vindication when a judge said the BBC was wrong to report the government had "sexed up" intelligence to justify war in Iraq. Former U.S. Navy commander Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, who helped his USS Pueblo crew survive brutal captivity in North Korea, then faced criticism back home, died in Poway, Calif., at 76.

Today's Birthdays:

Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 76. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 70. Actor Alan Alda is 69. Actress Susan Howard is 63. Actress Marthe Keller is 60. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 55. Actress Harley Jane Kozak is 48. Rock musician Dave Sharp is 46. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 43. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 40. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 37. Rapper Rakim is 37. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 37. Actress Kathryn Morris ("Cold Case") is 36. Singer Joey Fatone Jr. ('N Sync) is 28. Singer Nick Carter (Backstreet Boys) is 25. Actor Elijah Wood is 24.

Thought for Today: "Success and failure are not true opposites and they're not even in the same class; they're not even a couch and a chair." — Lillian Hellman, American author and playwright (1905-

Burglar

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Frasure with third degree burglary, felony theft, and third degree criminal mischief.

Officers began the investigation after the burglary of an apartment at the Briarwood Addition in Auxier Heights was reported last week. Suspicion rose against Ratliff after another burglary took place at his former place of employment, Giovanni's Pizza on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg.

Kidd and Frasure recovered several items taken from the Briarwood residence when they searched Ratliff's homestead at Auxier Heights.

They also confiscated a large number of car keys and keyless entry remotes that are believed to be connected to a rash of thefts of items from vehicles in the area.

Items reportedly stolen from the Bull Creek Trade Center gift shop were also recovered, heading the way for the additional

charges against Ratliff.

Deputy Mynier continues his investigation of the Bull Creek Trade Center burglary.

He alleges that Ratliff stole knives, watches, car stereos, speakers, display swords and other items from the gift shop at the Bull Creek Trade Center.

The Prestonsburg Police Department is also continuing their investigation. They said, earlier this week, that other suspects may also be charged.

Walker pleaded not guilty to all charges against him and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Monday, Jan. 31, for the charges brought by the Prestonsburg Police Department.

Charges made by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department will be considered during a preliminary hearing on Feb. 7.

He is being held under a total of \$30,000 in cash bonds for both cases.

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Bishop

and Bishop had an exchange regarding Peppi's wife.

Howard phrased the question to sound as if there may have been an affair between the two which was denied by Peppi. Smith chose to probe further into the incident after the defense brought it out into the open and got Peppi to talk about it in detail.

Peppi noted that he did have a talk with Bishop about his wife but that it had to do with processing Bishop after Peppi arrested him in 1996 for knocking his brother in law, Mark Tackett, unconscious by striking him twice in the head with a hand gun.

After the incident, Peppi said Bishop confronted him at the Floyd County Jail, where he allegedly threatened to go to the officer's home and rape his wife. Peppi stated that this exchange did lead to a talk and said, "We reached an understanding that he would stay away from my home."

The incident managed to do even more harm to the defense by bringing up Bishop's prior arrest,

one the jury hadn't heard about, involving wanton endangerment charges that followed a pursuit by authorities.

Another witness called on Wednesday, Dr. Percival Pajel, compounded accounts of violence in the Bishop's marriage by testifying that he treated Caroline Bishop for a gunshot wound at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in August, 1992.

The couple both went to the hospital and their account of the incident was that Bishop was cleaning his .22 caliber pistol when it discharged and shot his wife in the groin. The bullet traveled six inches into her body chipping her femur and lodging in her right buttock, Pajel said.

Several Troopers who worked the murder scene were called to the stand on Wednesday as well. Each testified to aiding in the search for evidence and were grilled on cross examination by Howard who inquired of each about the training they had to write reports, gather evidence and conduct an investigation.

The passage of time, nearly five years in this case, clouded the recollections of some troopers as to nitty gritty details of that night but each testified that they acted under the direction of Detective Terry Thompson and could not recall anything out of the ordinary happening while they assisted the detective.

Thursday's testimony began with a steady flow of troopers who worked the scene and aided Detective Thompson in gathering evidence. Upon cross examination the defense was able to show that the crime scene was left alone for a period of time after it got light out. They may try to utilize that time frame later as an opportunity for someone else to plant Bishop's spur, that he wore on his boot, at the scene of the crime. The spur wasn't found until Thompson returned to the scene later in the morning to look for more evidence in daylight.

The morning's testimony ended with yet another trooper testifying, but he turned out to not have been involved at the scene of the murder. Anthony Taulbee stated that he was arresting Bishop at 2:30 a.m. on September 1, one day before Caroline's corpse was discovered, approximately 5 and one half hours after Caroline was last seen alive.

The arrest took place in the park-

ing lot of the Happy Mart in Harold, Taulbee said. Taulbee found Bishop there when he emerged from behind a dumpster at the back of the lot. He was with a female and they told the officer that they had been having sex behind the garbage bin. Both were arrested for public intoxication and Bishop was also charged with drunk driving, no insurance and no vehicle registration.

Thursday's testimony ended with Detective Terry Thompson who described the first seven hours of his investigation. Thompson is scheduled to retake the witness chair on Monday when the trial resumes.

Judge John D. Caudill has his regular motion hour set for today which gives the jury a three day breather before restarting on Monday.

Thompson was able to shed some light, in his brief appearance, on why the spur was not spotted at the scene until the morning after authorities discovered the body. He related that the emergency service vehicle which set up lights to examine Caroline's body was parked over the area where the spur, and a pool of blood, was found the next day.

Thompson also recounted visiting Bishop in the Floyd County Detention Center that morning. He said that Bishop refused to give a statement. He did not ask any questions about what happened to his wife or the welfare of his children, Thompson testified. Thompson also talked about taking pictures of Bishop in the jail's interview room which showed that he had several scratches to his face and hands. He noted that there were no scratches on Bishop's torso or abdomen. David Smith used that testimony as an opportunity to ask Thompson if scratches would have shown up other parts of one's body if they had been fully clothed. Thompson replied, "No."

This proved consistent with all witness accounts of Bishop's appearance when he was seen with Caroline earlier that evening. Those accounts described him as being dressed from head to toe in black, sporting a leather jacket even though it was a very hot that evening of August 10, 2000. Several witnesses had stated that Bishop stood out because his garb was entirely too heavy for the seasonal warmth.

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Life

Calhoun, who solicit dollar donations from residents obtaining or renewing their drivers licenses.

"Since I got involved I have seen more people on the list who need some kind of transplant," Douglas said. "It's a good organization and I'm proud of what Floyd County accomplished."

The Trust for Life, created in 1992 by the state legislature and the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Association, funds a year-round educational and promotional effort for organ donation.

Scott says the organization has obtained more than \$4 million

since its inception in 1992. The money is specifically utilized to promote organ and tissue donation through education and advertising.

Hall, who was appointed last year to the Trust for Life's Board of Directors, is working with other members to sponsor several fund raising events for the upcoming year.

He became an organ donor after he stepped in office as Floyd County Clerk, a decision he says he made because his daughter has juvenile diabetes and his cousin has had two organ transplant surgeries.

More than 600 Kentuckians are

currently on waiting list for organ transplants. Others are seeking life-changing procedures that require donated tissues like corneas, heart valves, and veins.

Many of the patients will die waiting, Scott said.

Drivers can become an organ or tissue donor by signing the back of their drivers license and telling family members of their decision to do so.

More information about the Trust and its organ donor awareness program can be found online at www.trustforlife.org or by calling (866) 945-5433.

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Abuser

on Main Street in Martin by Kentucky State Police Det. Joey Howard, who gave testimony in court Wednesday.

Denying a request by Ned

Pillersdorf, Owens' attorney, Judge Allen kept the accused under the same \$25,000 cash bond.

He remains incarcerated at

the Floyd County Jail and has been strictly ordered to stay 1,000 feet away from the alleged victim.

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Hole

colon cancer, must drive down the steep bank several times a week for cancer center visits in Ashland.

Six other families in Longbranch drive the road every day to work.

"It should have been fixed by now," Hyden says.

He spoke about the day his wife, Stella, 54, nearly slid into the gaping hole at the foot of the hill while driving home during a recent snowfall.

"It was cold and dark," Hyden said. She had just gotten off of work and tried to make it home but slid into the ditch when her car couldn't pull through the slick mud on the hill.

"She had to walk from her car to the trailer about a half a mile," Hyden said. "She come in, her crying her eyes out, cold and miserable. The woman next door got up and drove above her, and slid almost into the hole. The wrecker told her that she was lucky because she could have easily gone into it. I don't understand it. I pay taxes and I always pay my taxes on time, you know. Why can't they fix the hole?"

Mike Jarrell, the county road supervisor, says the road will be fixed in March when the weath-

er warms up enough for additional improvements.

"You build up on these mountaintops and you're gonna have some problems. That's natural," he said.

Jarrell argues that the hole has always been at the bottom of the hill, at least to some extent, and that he'll leave it there when the county completes the job. He plans to place concrete walls against the sides the encavement to prevent further erosion.

"What I might do with the concrete walls is raise the wall on that end and give it a two foot headwall. That'll keep 'em from going over the bank," he said.

Jarrell says the county replaced the previous culvert, or "tanker" with two others that expand the width of the roadway at least twenty feet. That addition, however, doesn't ease the minds of residents who must drive by it on a daily basis.

Residents say that there have been several accidents on the hillside, and they expect it to get worse in inclement weather.

If an injurious accident were to occur at the site the county would not be liable according to Jarrell.

"No, the county is not liable. Absolutely not," he said.

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The federal government prohibits the filling of the hole, he said, because a creek runs through it.

The county has spent \$40,000 so far on the project. Jarrell expects to spend at least \$30,000 more. Those funds will be reimbursed by FEMA when, and only when, the project is completed.

"That's what a lot of people don't understand," he said. "We don't have no money like that in our budget for emergencies like that."

Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson was unavailable for comment this week. He's currently attending a conference in Frankfort with the Transportation Cabinet. His assistant, Brett Davis, said that Thompson was trying to obtain funds for road projects in the county.

The county currently has one bulldozer, Jarrell said, but it is broken down.

"What would we need a bulldozer for?" he said, pointing out that it wouldn't even be needed to fix the problem in Longbranch.

Rock and rubble are being removed from a residential area lying approximately 1.8 miles away on the same road.

Obituaries

Randall (Dale) Conn

Randall (Dale) Conn, 58, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at his residence.

Born May 2, 1946, in Martin, he was the son of the late John B. and Dakota Crum Conn. He was a contract laborer.

He is survived by his companion, Ruth Jacobs.

Other survivors include two step-sons: Timothy Lee Jacobs and Ralph Jacobs, both of Prestonsburg; a step-daughter, Holly Kay Powers of Prestonsburg; a brother, Dennis Conn of Martin; three sisters: Maxine Lafferty and Rethel Conn, both of Martin, and Talma Beasley of Taylorsville; and three step-grandchildren: Tenisha Powers, Kisha Powers, and Timra Jacobs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Vennis Conn, Denver Conn, Lenvil Conn and Zeb Conn; and four sisters: Minnie Conn, Kathleen Crum, Ivelen Conn, and Nana Conn.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 28, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Dean (Bud) Crum officiating.

Burial will be in the John B. Conn Family Cemetery, at Arkansas, in Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Aster Hunter would like to thank everyone who participated in helping the family get through this time of need. We would like to especially thank Larry Blair, John Kenneth Burchett and Nathan Lafferty for officiating. Also the staff of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kindness and professionalism. Again, thanks to everyone for their prayers and comfort. We could not have made it through this without you!

May God bless you all!

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Samuel Butler

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Sentinel (Carlisle, Pa.), on Johnny Carson:

Carnac the Magnificent. Art Fern, host of the "Tea Time Movie." Floyd R. Turbo, concerned citizen. And dear, sweet, lovable Aunt Blabby.

All of these were characters played by Johnny Carson, the record-setting host of "The Tonight Show" who died last weekend at the age of 79. But Carson won't be remembered for the roles so much as he will be remembered for being himself. ...

As a fan and a student of comedy, he championed the people who could make him laugh. The simple device of inviting a young standup comic over to the desk instead of cutting to a commercial was Carson's stamp of approval — and one that seldom escaped his audience's notice.

Competing TV networks coveted Carson's audience, and it's a tribute to him that they could never carve out much of a slice of it for long. From Joey Bishop to Merv Griffin, from Dick Cavett to Chevy Chase, from Pat Sajak and Joan Rivers to Arsenio Hall, there are enough of them to create a museum of failed late-night talk show hosts.

Carson was never too hip for the heartland, never too uncool for the coasts. Despite his occasional fights with the network to raise his pay, shorten the program and bring in guest hosts more often, he never seemed tired of the show and he always made it look easy. ...

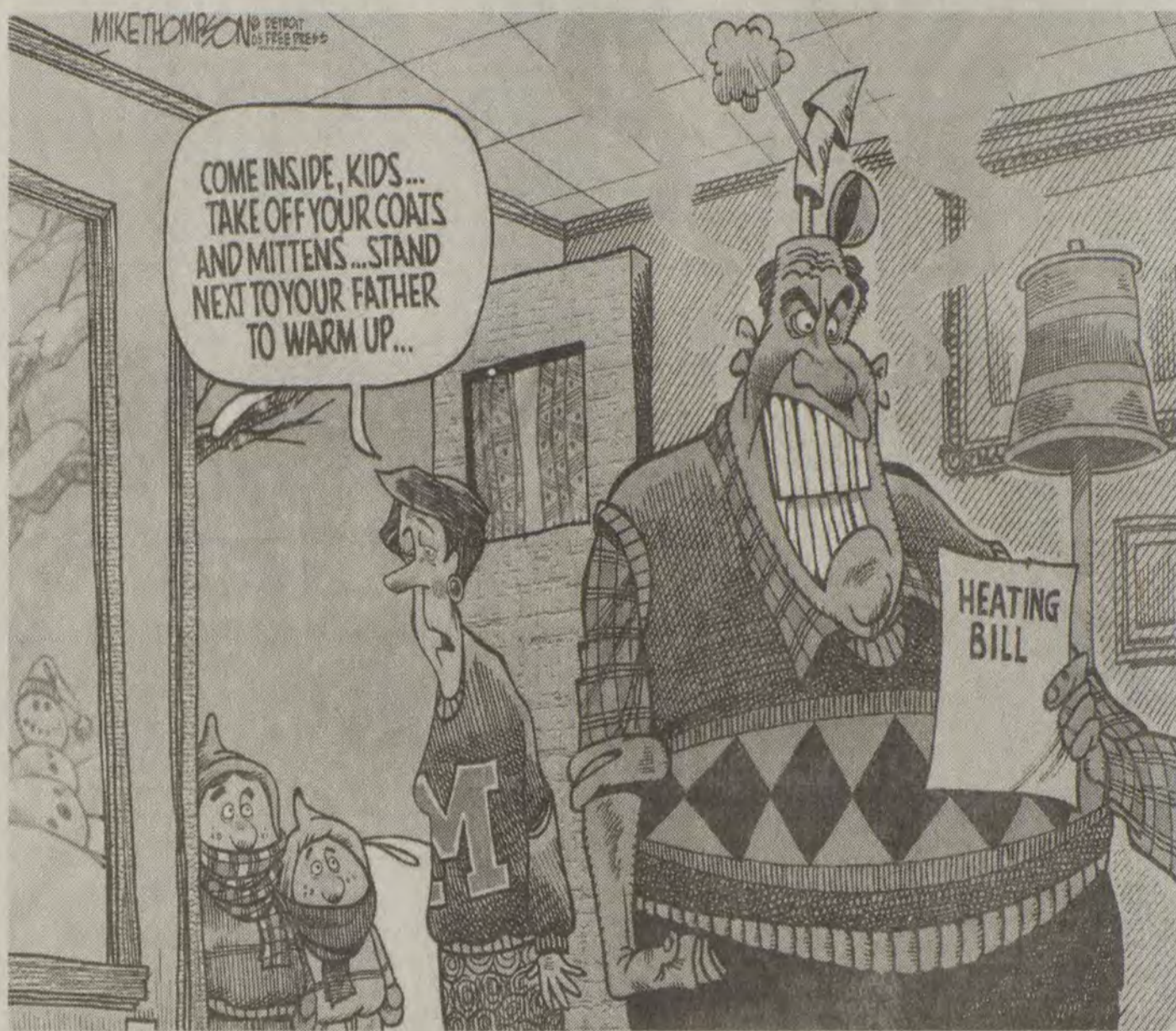
The Philadelphia Inquirer, on Michael Powell's departure from the FCC:

With radio shock-jock Howard Stern cheering Friday's announcement that Michael K. Powell is resigning, the Federal Communications Commission chairman's 15 minutes in the public spotlight appears to be nearing its end. But it won't be Powell's tussle with Stern over potty-mouthed, on-air performances — nor his agency's crackdown after Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" — that forms his legacy.

Rather, it is Powell's policymaking across a range of mind-numbingly complex communications issues that are noteworthy.

When he was right — as on promoting an unfettered Internet, and online phone and wireless services — he was a trailblazer. When wrong — as when Powell championed misguided media mergers and a backward step on local phone competition — he was far off-base. ...

Powell leaves in March. His successor doesn't have to achieve the same high profile, much less prompt a Stern rant. An ear for consumers' concerns on all telecom issues — at least as attentive as the FCC under Powell has been to industry — will be welcome change enough.



Guest Column

It's corporations that abuse the right to sue

by JIM HIGHTOWER

Look for a big push by President Bush this year to restrict your right to sue corporations that harm or cheat you.

George claims that you unruly citizens are treating big corporations unfairly, constantly filing "frivolous lawsuits" against them. So, to protect the poor corporations, Bush says he must limit your access to America's courts.

But here's a dirty little secret that Bush doesn't mention: By far the biggest filers of frivolous lawsuits are not We the People — but corporations! The consumer group, Public Citizen, has done a survey of cases in Arkansas, Mississippi, Chicago and Philadelphia — four places alleged to be hotbeds of what Bush and his corporate backers

like to call "lawsuit abuse" by us little folks.

The cases reveal that, contrary to the propaganda, American businesses file about four times as many lawsuits as do individuals — even though there are 40 times more individuals in America than businesses. Also, the survey finds that corporations and their legal beagles file frivolous lawsuits 69 percent more often than individuals do.

Big companies keep a bevy of attorneys on staff or on retainer, and they routinely unleash them on their customers, competitors, suppliers, workers, and anyone else standing between them and another dollar bill.

Regular folks, however, count on a system of trial lawyers to help us when we've been wronged. These lawyers pay for all of the up front costs of us going

to trial, and they only get paid if we win. This democratic, entrepreneurial system gives poor and middle-class families access to the judicial system — not just the rich.

It's this access that Bush & Company want to take away. Yet, the corporations pushing Bush's hokey "reform" — the very corporations that are so quick to run to the courthouse with frivolous suits — are demanding that they be exempted from the law to shut off access to the system.

To get Public Citizen's report and fight for your rights, call 202-454-5104.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press.

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Letters

Pikeville-born soldier sends salute

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Kenneth H. Coomer III sends greetings from the front lines in Iraq.

He sends a special thank you



Prestonsburg Fire Chief Gary Dotson, Mayor Jerry Fannin, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers for the special honor presented to his parents at the Opry Christmas Show. This was an unexpected surprise to his family and a thoughtful demonstration of support for one soldier on the front lines. The fine people at the Opry who made this possible are to be commended for their love of country and support of our troops on the front lines.

Coomer sends his appreciation to the Prestonsburg Boy Scouts, who sent boxes to him and the five fellow soldiers you have been encouraging with

your letters and cards. Thank you to Pam and Ashlee Hall who supported this group of soldiers by sending boxes full of Christmas joy from the wonderful people at both the Prestonsburg and Hazard "Curves."

Most of all Coomer sends his love to the David May family, the Fred James family, and the Patrick Keebough family and Maycel Davis who show their love and support continually through writing letters, emails, and calls from home, but most of all for their prayers. You are a wonderful family any soldier would be proud to have.

Kenneth H. Coomer III
Iraq

Leave Social Security alone

This president of the USA is playing with something that is going to affect every American in this United States that draws and depends on Social Security.

I, myself, draw and depends on Social Security every month with my wife as a dependent. Without it, we would be in deep trouble, with no way to pay for our food and pay our bills.

What he is proposing will destroy and kill the Social Security System. I don't know why he is doing this to the American people.

Mr. President, if you were to retire now, you probably got enough money that you don't need Social Security to live and depend on. Us poor and the disabled Americans do. I hope I'm not getting too personal, but let's tell it like it is.

Mr. President, I'm going to tell you like our President Reagan said to the president about the Berlin Wall — TEAR DOWN THIS WALL.

Mr. President, keep your hands off the American people's Social Security. I saw where the Social Security System was fixed until the year 2012. So, Mr. President, fix it the same way the other presidents have done. Please don't destroy what our forefathers have fixed for the American people.

I think you said in your campaign for president that you would not touch the Social Security. Well, I hope you get to read this, Mr. President.

Eugene Bowen
Blaine

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Scorsese's 'Aviator' squares off against Eastwood's 'Baby' at Oscars

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Martin Scorsese may finally be positioned for Academy Awards glory, but his Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" will have to duke it out with Clint Eastwood's boxing drama.

The best-picture and director honors are shaping up as a two-film race between Scorsese's and Eastwood's flicks, with "The Aviator" having the inside track as front-runner by leading the pack with 11 nominations Tuesday.

The other best-picture contenders were "Finding Neverland," a whimsical portrait of the creation of J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan"; "Ray," a fiery film biography of Ray Charles; and "Sideways," a quirky romance about the misadventures of two buddies on a wine-tasting road trip.

Scorsese could be the story come Oscar night Feb. 27. The filmmaker behind such modern classics as "Raging Bull," "Taxi Driver" and "GoodFellas" has never delivered a best-picture winner, and Scorsese has never won a directing Oscar despite four previous nominations.

"We don't want to jinx anything, but ultimately there is no one more deserving, absolutely," said Leonardo DiCaprio, a best-actor nominee as Hughes in "The Aviator" and the star of Scorsese's 2002 film "Gangs of New York," which had 10 Oscar nominations but lost in every category.

"I have the ultimate respect for him as a director and as a person. What he has contributed to the world of cinema is phenomenal and unprecedented. All I can say is, I'm voting for him."

Along with his directing slot, Eastwood was nominated for best actor as a cantankerous boxing trainer in "Million Dollar Baby." Eastwood previously had acting and directing nominations, with 1992's "Unforgiven," which won the best-picture and directing Oscars.

His acting nomination this

time was a slight surprise given that most previous Hollywood honors had singled out Eastwood for his direction on "Million Dollar Baby," not his performance.

"I heard his name and I screamed. I'm so happy," said Hilary Swank, a best-actress nominee for "Million Dollar Baby," in which she plays a fearless boxer struck by tragedy. "In my humble opinion, it's his best work to date."

Jamie Foxx landed dual nominations. Foxx is considered the favorite in the best-actor race for his dazzling emulation of Charles in "Ray," and he also was picked in the supporting category for "Collateral," in which he plays a cabdriver forced to drive a hitman on a killing spree.

"It's mind-blowing. It's a celebration right now. It is happiness right now," Foxx said. "If we win, it's going to be more happiness, but right now, it's simply time to be happy and reflect on what a fantastic year it's been for me."

Joining DiCaprio, Eastwood and Foxx in the best-actor race were Johnny Depp as playwright Barrie in "Finding Neverland" and Don Cheadle in "Hotel Rwanda," starring as hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, who sheltered refugees from the Rwandan genocide.

The best-actress category presents a rematch of the 1999 showdown, when underdog Swank won the Oscar for "Boys Don't Cry" over Annette Bening, who had been the front-runner for "American Beauty."

Along with Swank in "Million Dollar Baby," Bening was nominated for "Being Julia," in which she plays an aging 1930s stage diva exacting wickedly comic revenge on the men in her life and a young rival.

Both actresses won Golden Globes, Swank for best dramatic actress, Bening for actress in a musical or comedy.

Also nominated for the best-

actress Oscar: Catalina Sandino Moreno as a Colombian woman imperiled when she signs on to smuggle heroin in "Maria Full of Grace"; Imelda Staunton as a saintly housekeeper in 1950s Britain who performs illegal abortions on the side in "Vera Drake"; and Kate Winslet as a woman who has had memories of her ex-boyfriend erased in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

Staunton, a veteran British actress not widely known to American audiences, said she hoped the Oscar attention would draw more viewers to "Vera Drake," which so far has been in only narrow U.S. release.

"I am completely over the moon that I have got this far, because I am the unknown. This is a very difficult subject matter, this film, and that it's got this far is a miracle," Staunton said.

Besides Eastwood and Scorsese, directing nominees were Taylor Hackford for "Ray," Mike Leigh for "Vera Drake" and Alexander Payne for "Sideways."

Along with Foxx in "Collateral," supporting-actor nominees were Alan Alda was nominated for supporting actor as a senator tussling with Hughes in "The Aviator"; Morgan Freeman as a worldly-wise ex-boxer in "Million Dollar Baby"; Thomas Haden Church as a bridegroom out for a final fling in "Sideways"; and Clive Owen as a coarse lover in the sex drama "Closer."

An old hand at the Oscar race with three previous nominations, Freeman said he would rather have slept another hour than be awakened by his publicist with word that he was in the running.

"I wouldn't use the term excited," Freeman said. "I think probably the best term would be disappointed if I didn't get one."

For supporting actress, academy voters picked Cate Blanchett, who plays Katharine Hepburn in "The Aviator"; Laura Linney as sex researcher Alfred Kinsey's carnally adven-

turous wife in "Kinsey"; Virginia Madsen as a deceived lover in "Sideways"; Sophie Okonedo as innkeeper Rusesabagina's wife in "Hotel Rwanda"; and Natalie Portman as a gutsy stripper in "Closer."

"This is one of the shocks of my life. It's an incredible, astounding, heart-stopping moment," Madsen said. "This always seemed really unattainable, because it's the Academy Awards. It's the gold man, the gold statue."

It was the best year ever for black performers, who had five of the 20 acting nominations. The most previously was three, including the 2001 Oscars when Halle Berry and Denzel Washington won the lead-acting prizes.

Mel Gibson's blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ" was shut out in major categories but received Oscar nominations for original score, cinematography and makeup.

Michael Moore, a 2002 documentary winner for "Bowling for Columbine," missed out on nominations this time with his hit "Fahrenheit 9/11." Moore decided against entering "Fahrenheit 9/11" in the documentary category to boost its prospects for best-picture and other categories, but the film failed to earn any nominations.

"Sideways" star Paul Giamatti was the most notable absentee from the Oscar mix. The film was a darling among critics and brought Giamatti heaps of praise in earlier film honors.

Co-star and nominee Church, who plays Giamatti's traveling pal, said he and Madsen would not have been in the running were it not for Giamatti.

"I wanted to believe that three performances (from "Sideways") could get nominated, but I dreaded that somebody was going to get clipped," Church said. "My performance and I'm sure Virginia's do not exist without Paul's. One performance does not exist without the other."

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Sci-Fi fans will be pleased with this week's releases, which include two big budget fantasy flicks.

"Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" — CGI finally came into its own with this film which includes a computer generated set in every digitized frame. Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow star as a flying ace and a reporter who team up to thwart an evil scientist who happens to have a giant robot army at his disposal.

"Alien vs. Predator" — Everyone desperately wanted to like this sequel which unites monsters from two popular franchises that were born in the 1980s. Unfortunately audiences were treated to a pedestrian plot which waits 40 minutes before introducing the monsters. Director Paul Anderson ("Event Horizon") said that he wanted to build suspense by holding off on showing the monsters, but that doesn't work when they are the main attraction and everyone knows what they look like anyway. The cast is game but the script doesn't give them a ball to play with. A great idea gets less than ideal treatment here, though the scenes where the creatures fight are the best 20 minutes you'll spend in front of your television this week.

The Warner Brothers Gangster Collection is a must-have DVD set that includes the best gangster films of the 1930s and '40s. James Cagney is fea-

tured in his four best roles here, as well as Edward G. Robinson in "Little Caesar" and Humphrey Bogart in "The Petrified Forest." The Cagney films are "Angels with Dirty Faces," "The Roaring Twenties," "Public Enemy" and "White Heat." Each is a must have and all six still influence crime movies today. Check out "White Heat" for the best ending of a movie, ever.

"The Guinea Pig Box Set" — This collection houses an entire series (eight films) of Japanese films devoted to kidnapping and torture. Admittedly there is (hopefully) a very small market for these films, but their curiosity value grew after an incident last year when actor Charlie Sheen saw one and freaked out. He called the Hollywood Police and reported that he had a snuff film (an urban legend wherein a person is killed on screen). The police investigation quickly revealed that the film merely made excellent use of special effects and Sheen was allowed to keep his VCR and, so far, hasn't made anymore frantic calls to the police, though he was spotted in New York recently searching the yellow pages for "The Daily Bugle" after renting "Spiderman 2."

"Pauly Shore Is Dead" — This is probably the only funny film from straight-to-video star Shore. Here he pokes fun at his rise and fall from video stardom in a plot that finds him trying to resurrect his popularity by faking, then exploiting, his own

death.

"The Killer Must Kill Again" — DVD debut of this rarely seen 1970s Italian thriller. Suspense Hitchcock-style as an assassin takes a job from a smug lawyer to kill his wife. Things go according to plan until a young couple steals the car in which the killer has hidden the body. The killer begins following the young people who are out for a joyride, while the lawyer applies a ton of pressure until you get one of those situations where anyone can get knocked off at any time. Gripping suspense and one of the creepiest looking bad guys in the history of thrillers add up here for some primo chills.

"The Wire: Season 2" — HBO's take on crime dramas was even better in its second season, which found the characters involved in an investigation into corruption at the Baltimore docks. The fallout from the first season's drug bust was also followed as several characters found out that crime does pay while one potential informant found out that blood isn't always thicker than water.

"MacGyver" — The first season of ABC's super spy show from the 1980s debuted on DVD. Richard Dean Anderson (SG-1) stars as a spy who refuses to carry a gun but can fashion all manner of gadgets out of paperclips and toenails.

Next week look for a host of new releases which include the Oscar hopeful "Ray," starring Jamie Foxx, and "The Grudge."

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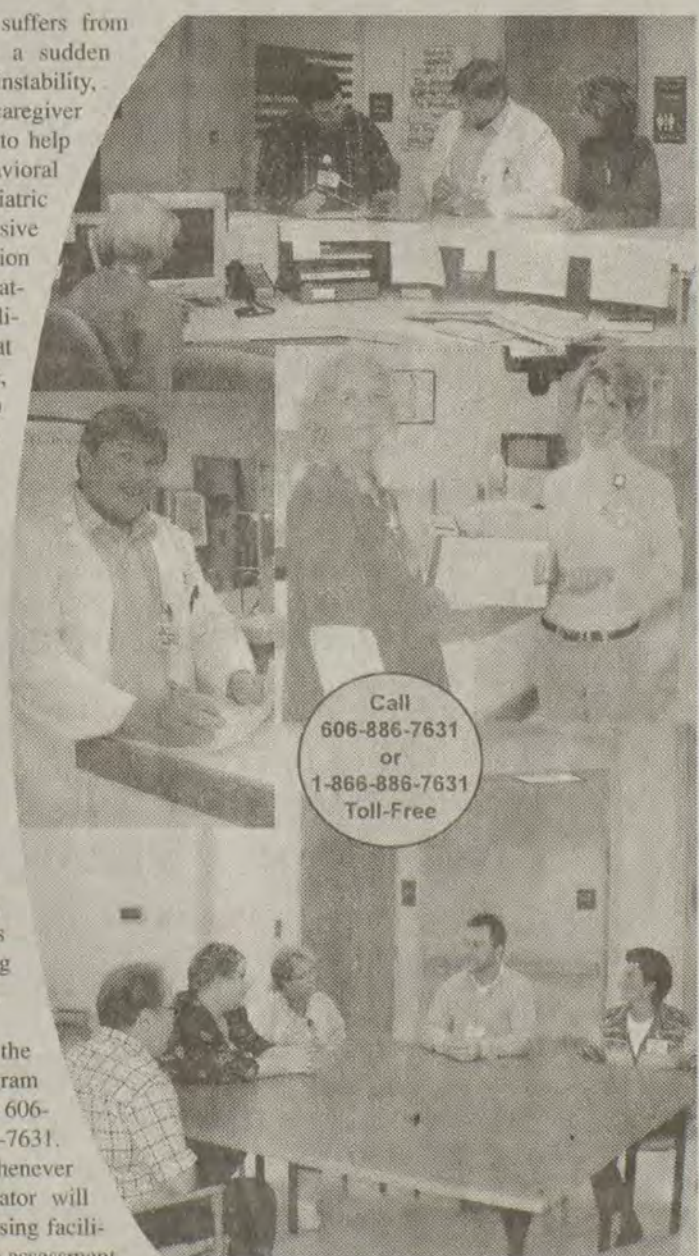
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Eastern Kentucky politician released from prison

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HINDMAN — An Eastern Kentucky politician, fresh out of prison, arrived back in his home county Tuesday in a parade of honking cars filled with smiling supporters.

Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome, who served 16 months behind bars after being convicted of election fraud charges, was released Tuesday morning from the federal prison in Manchester.

"He's still really popular," said Ballard Combs, 70, a retired coal miner who watched from a downtown sidewalk as about 25 vehicles decorated with balloons made their way through Hindman toward Newsome's rural Knott County home. "I'd say if he could run again, he'd get elected."

Not everyone shared that sentiment.

Michael Endicott, an attorney representing the candidate Newsome defeated to become judge-executive, said Newsome should resign, considering he admitted on the witness stand that he accepted illegal cash contributions to bolster his campaign.

"I don't think it's right for the taxpayers for him to remain in office," Endicott said. "Based on the testimony he gave in federal court, he should quit."

People here are wondering if

Newsome will resign the \$65,000-a-year job or try to hang on until his appeals are exhausted. In Kentucky, state law dictates that even convicted felons can remain in office as long as appeals are continuing.

Steven Reed, a former U.S. attorney who is representing Newsome in the appeals process, said his client still is considering whether he will resign the position. Newsome didn't publicly address his supporters on Tuesday and has given no indication what he intends to do.

Deputy Judge-Executive Mac Combs, who ran the office while Newsome was in prison, said last week his boss planned to spend a few days with his family before returning to his office in the Knott County Courthouse. He said Tuesday he hasn't been informed differently.

Newsome was originally sentenced to two years and two months in prison on two counts of buying votes and one count of conspiracy to buy votes, but he had time shaved off for testifying against two other men charged with election fraud. One of those men, wealthy Pikeville businessman Ross Harris, was described by prosecutors as the kingpin in a vote-buying conspiracy.

Newsome testified that Harris and one of his associates, Loren Glenn Turner, made illegal cash contributions to his

campaign in 2002. Both men were convicted and are scheduled to be sentenced on March 14.

Endicott has filed suit on behalf of Mike Hall, whom Newsome defeated in the 2002 election, to have the election set aside because of election fraud. That suit is pending.

Federal prosecutors have handled numerous vote-buying cases from Knott County in recent years. Fourteen people from the rural Eastern Kentucky county have been convicted of vote buying since 1998.

Ballard Combs said people in Knott County find it suspicious that Newsome was the only office holder prosecuted for buying votes if the practice is as widespread as federal prosecutors said.

"If they're going to take him for buying votes, they should have taken everybody else too," Ballard-Combs said.

Knott County Clerk Ken Gayheart said Tuesday that Newsome's decision to stay on the job while in prison, leaving his deputy to handle day-to-day affairs, seems to have worked.

"I really have seen no disruption of county government," Gayheart said.

Gayheart said he wasn't surprised by the show of support Newsome received when he arrived back in Knott County.

"He has a lot of friends in this county," he said. "People missed him."

Citizens have convenient ways to stay in touch with legislative action

FRANKFORT — As always, members of the public will be welcome at the State Capitol to attend legislative committee meetings and floor sessions when the General Assembly's 2005 session resumes on Feb. 1. But there are ways for citizens to keep in touch with the legislative process even if they can't make the trip to Frankfort.

The Kentucky General Assembly maintains a Web page and toll-free phone lines so that citizens across the state can follow legislative action and offer their input.

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A taped message containing information on the daily schedule for legislative committee meetings is available by calling the Legislative Calendar Line at (800) 633-9650.

Information on the status of each bill lawmakers are considering will be available on the Bill Status Line, (866) 887-9016. This line will turn on when lawmakers return to the Capitol in February.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

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Steve Barnette, Master

Floyd County Historical and Genealogy Society

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Samuel May House at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion

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

JWT Auditions

Jenny Wiley Theatre will hold auditions for its upcoming season on Fri., Jan. 28, from 5-9 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Auditees should prepare a short monologue and brief musical selection, total time not to exceed 2 minutes. Pianist provided. Taped accompaniment and a cappella singing not acceptable. Bring comfortable alternate clothing for basic dance combination. Many non-singing opportunities also available. More info., call 886-9274.

Beauty Pageant

The "Stars of Tomorrow" Beauty Pageant will be held on Saturday, January 29, at 2 p.m., at the Pikeville Independent Elementary School, in Pikeville. Registration will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Payment deadline is Jan. 18. Call 432-5718 for info.

Girl Scout Cookies!

Donate a box of cookies to "Operation Cookie Drop" through the Floyd County Girl Scouts to our local National Guard Unit. Call 1-800-475-2621 to support your local Girl Scouts and soldiers.

Big Sandy 4-H Club

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Basic Computer Training

To be taught by Ray Tackett at the Martin Community Center, located on Route 80, at Martin, on Feb. 4, 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18; and April 1, from 1-3 p.m. Cost - \$7. This is an 8-week training series designed for those who have little or no experience using computers. Space is limited - call 886-2668 today to register!

D.A.V. Chap. 18

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

their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

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

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

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

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

•Creative Sewing - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

PARENTS!

Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

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

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Extension Club Announcements

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

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

invited. More info., call 886-2668

"Looking For a Support Group?"

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

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

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

MS patients and their caregivers.

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

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

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing

extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

•Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship

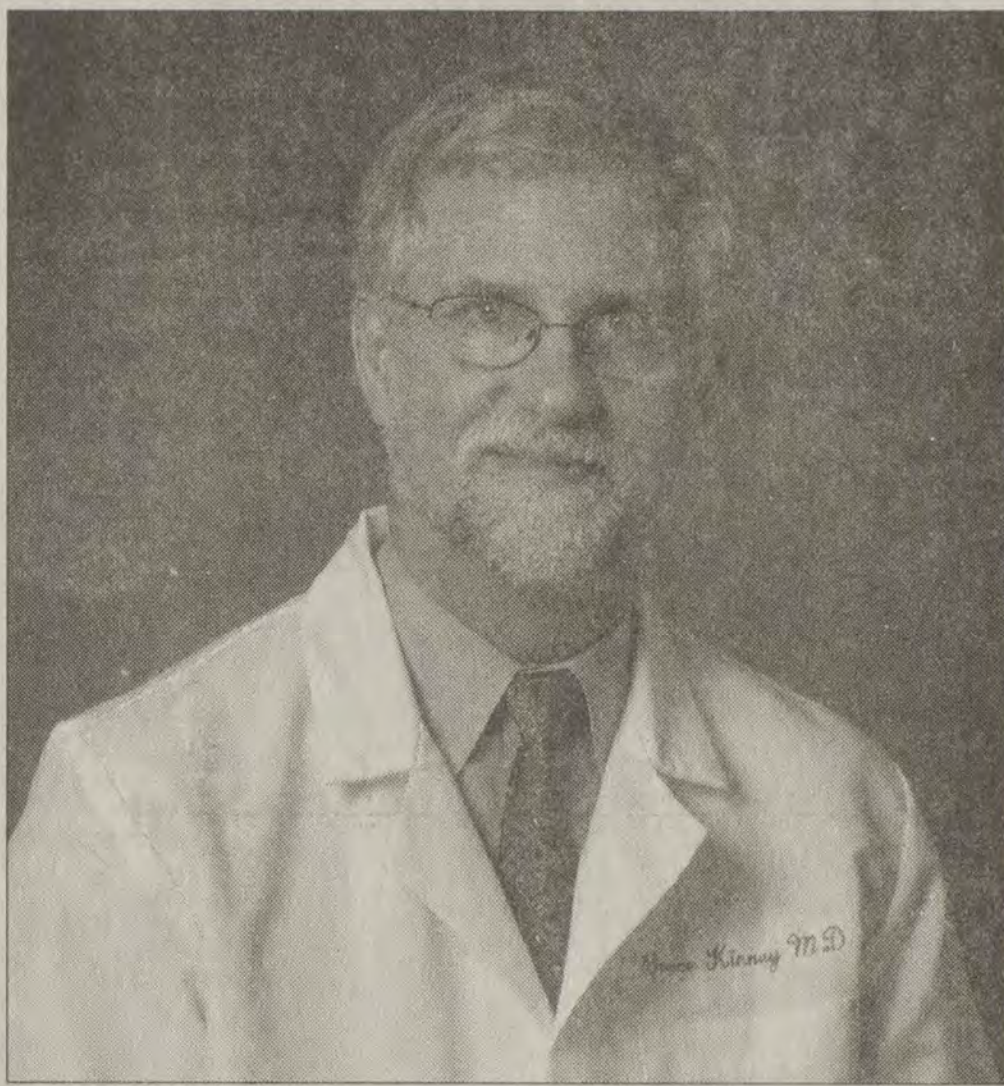
care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet

the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

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

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

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Deloris A. Timm, 54, to Roy Hall, 60, both of Teaberry.
Amanda Lee Tackett, 18, of Lexington, to Corey James Hall, 18, of Prestonsburg.
Freda Sue Gayheart, 59, of Donky, to James Jones, 66, of Harlan.
Marsha Moore, 35, of Willard, Ohio, to Anthony Salisbury, 36, of Paintsville.
Donna King, 68, of Blue River, to William Henry Jarvis, 81, of Endicott.
Janet Marie Keisha Caudill, 18, of Somerset, to Kelvin Douglas Bailey, 25, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Billy and Mary Mullins vs. Ruby Miller Adams, her husband; Elizabeth and Don Sparkman; Daisey and Beverly Tackett; Sheila Johnson, John Melvin and Jeanie Mullins; complaint.
Charles E. Justice vs. Jamie Lynn Kidd Justice; divorce.
Shirley Blair vs. Crystal Shepherd; petition for health care insurance.
Susan Music vs. William Burchett; petition for health care insurance.
Susan Music vs. Jeanie Burchett; petition for health

Charges Filed

Johnny McKinney, 43, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.
Tonya D. Hall, 45, Printer; fourth-degree assault.
Ronald Maynard, no age listed, Pikeville; illegal hunting.
Howard Smith III, 34, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
George Tackett, 39, Paintsville; shoplifting.
Stacey Horsley, 27, Auxier; second-degree criminal trespass.
Tracy Conley Howard, 32, Mousie; shoplifting.
Jeremy W. Oppy, 28, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
Tracy Brewer, 20, Hi Hat; public intoxication, alcohol possession by a minor, no insurance, no/expired registration receipt.
Jimmy Tackett, Jr., 35, Teaberry; public intoxication.
Robert Mitchell, no age listed, Hi Hat; use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
Kenny Akers, 41, Harold; terroristic threatening.
H.B. Campbell, 49, Hindman; possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in its original container.
Eugene Eric Gibson, 19, Prestonsburg; second-degree forgery, theft — cold checks over \$300.
Beverly K. Fannin, 24, Prestonsburg; two counts forgery, two counts theft — cold

Small Claims Filings

Prestonsburg Housing Association vs. Megan Fraley; unpaid rent.

checks over \$300.
Joseph Ryan Caines, 24, Varney; theft of a firearm, public intoxication, forgery, theft of identity.
Walker Ray Ratliff, 22, Prestonsburg; third-degree burglary, third-degree criminal mischief, felony theft.

Inspections

Peking Chinese Buffet, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Frozen pork thawing at room temperature, proper hair restraints not in use, floor tile in food prep area in disrepair, several food items stored without proper covering, three compartment sink has no drain boards. Score: 88. Follow-up required.
Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Upright refrigerator containing potentially hazardous foods was down for two hours, ice scoop handle stored in contact with ice, non food contact area of ice machine in disrepair, no soap at men's washroom sink. Score: 87. Follow-up required.
Catering, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: None. Score: 100.
Dollar General, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Employee's restroom has no soap or towels readily available, floor tile in disrepair. Score: 97.
Papa John's Pizza, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted:

All critical and non-critical items corrected. Score: 100.

Dairy Cheer, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to see thermometers not present in all refrigerator and freezer units, ice cream cups observed stored on the floor, proper hair restraints not in use, single service items stored on floor. Score: 95.
Hillbilly Market, Prestonsburg, follow up inspection. Critical items corrected; one non-critical item. Score: 99.
Lakeview Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Spray bottle in food prep area lacking proper label, pet food stored on floor, restroom door not self-closing, proper hair restraints not in use, floor in retail section in disrepair. Score: Food 96, Retail 95.
Around the Clock, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, no chemical test strips readily available for three compartment sink, wiping cloth use unrestricted, faucet at three-compartment sink won't shut off, garbage container in food prep area lacks sufficient lid, floor in disrepair at food prep area, walls in back utility area in disrepair, wet mop observed stored on floor. Score: 92.

Property Transfers

M. Newman to Henton

Dwayne Newman, property located at Clear Creek.
Thomas Shepherd to Donnie Shepherd, property located at Prestonsburg.
Lonnie Coots to Brenda Coots, property located at River Plains Estates.
Marie Gilliam to Johnnie Gilliam, property located in Wheelwright.
Darrell Clark and Kathy A. Clark to Lynn Clark Justice, Gregory Clark, and Teresa Clark Frazier, property located at Little Mud.
OSB Llc. to Eddie Vinson, property located at Prestonsburg.
Clyde Lester to Daniel and Aileen Campbell, property located at Ivel.
Barbara Clark Burchett and Joe A. Burchett to Heather N. Branham Trust, property location undisclosed.
Lambert-Spurlock Partnership to Floyd County Farm Bureau Federation, property located in Prestonsburg.
Aileen Crum to Jimmy and Karen Crum, property located in Beaver.
Lynn and Carolyn Bentley, Roger and Rita Bentley, Brenda and Rick Newsome, Letisha and Arron Kamlay, and Karissa Bentley to Estille Bentley Jr., property located at Frasures Creek.
John Bays and Betty Bays to Glenn Powers Jr. and Susie Powers, property located at Levisa Fork.
William McKinley Elliot and Jeanette Elliot to Steven G. Dawson and Alicia A. Dawson, property located in Left Beaver.

Money

The funds being released by Fletcher to Floyd County and the city of Prestonsburg, which represent 35 percent of their total allotment, were originally scheduled to become available to eligible city and county governments in March.
"Through the leadership and vision of Gov. Fletcher to provide a safe and reliable transportation system for all our citizens, today's announcement is further proof of our commitment to improving the highway infrastructure in Floyd County and Prestonsburg," said Maxwell Clay Bailey, secretary

of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. "Gov. Fletcher is to be commended for his decision to release these funds early to help Prestonsburg and Floyd County deal with storm-related damage now instead of waiting until March."
All counties and cities in Kentucky are eligible to participate in the County Road Aid co-op and Municipal Aid co-op. Those county and city governments that participate sign an agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that stipulates the money will be used for manpower and materials to

repair and improve roads and bridges maintained by county and city governments. The participating counties and cities receive 60 percent of their allotted funds in August, 30 percent in March and 10 percent at the end of each fiscal year. Non-participating county and city governments receive their funds monthly from the Governor's Office for Local Development.
The money for the County Road Aid co-op and Municipal Road Aid co-op funds comes from the collection of the motor fuels tax in Kentucky. Approximately half of the motor

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2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser
A/C, pwr win/locks, CD, alum wheels, red
Was \$13,220

Now \$9,933

1999 GMC Sonoma SLS X-C 4X4
A/C, alum wheels, red
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2004 Nissan Sentra
4 spd. auto, A/C, CD
Was \$13,495

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2001 Chevrolet Sonoma SLS XC 4X4
A/C, pwr win/locks, cruise, tilt, bedliner, alum wheels, white
Was \$17,220

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2003 Buick LeSable Custom
A/C, pwr win/locks/steering, CD, cruise, tilt, leather, alum wheels
Was \$16,200

Now \$13,950

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2001 Chevrolet Silverado LS 4X4 X-C
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Was \$19,850

Now \$16,980

2004 Chevrolet Impala LS
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Was \$19,995

Now \$17,640

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Floyd Special Olympics to meet

Floyd County Special Olympics will host a meeting at the Mountain Arts Center Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 5-7 p.m. The meeting will concern this year's Area 3 Games and include signups for the track and field events. The Area 3 Games have been scheduled for Saturday, April 16.

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BRANDON KINZER MOTORSPORTS 2005 RACE SCHEDULE

(More dates will soon be added)

DATE	RACE VENUE	CITY	DATE	RACE VENUE	CITY
Feb. 14	Volusia Speedway Park	Deleon Springs, Fla.	Feb. 19	Volusia Speedway Park	Deleon Springs, Fla.
Feb. 15	Volusia Speedway Park	Deleon Springs, Fla.	June 10-11	Eldora Speedway	Rossburg, Ohio
Feb. 16	Volusia Speedway Park	Deleon Springs, Fla.	Sept. 9-10	Eldora Speedway	Rossburg, Ohio
Feb. 17	Volusia Speedway Park	Deleon Springs, Fla.			



photo courtesy of Brandon Kinzer Motorsports

Brandon Kinzer and his race team will hit the road next month and travel to Florida for a series of races.

All 'A' still makes the grade

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

OK, maybe it's no longer the "must-see" event it once was.

Perhaps it has aged, maybe we've soured on it, or more likely, we've just gotten comfortable with it.

It used to be the All "A" Classic was so big in the 15th that the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium could scarcely hold it.

There were nights when folks coming in for the second game stood in various places, such as the common's area and maybe along the baseline, waiting on those fans of the first game to clear out just so they could have a seat.

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(See BENTLEY, page two)

Jilek to coach international team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CARTERVILLE, Ill. - A softball coach with local ties is set to coach in international competition. Angie Jilek, assistant softball coach at John A. Logan College, has been selected by USA Athletes International (USAIA) to coach the U.S. team that will compete in the 12th Annual Holland Invitational Softball Tournament in Oldenzaal, Holland, from August 5-14. This tournament regularly draws teams from Russia, Germany, Belgium, and Canada, as well as the United States.

Jilek will team with Equality, Illinois, native April Cremeens, the assistant softball coach at Garden City Community College, Kansas, who was also chosen to coach the U.S. team.

"I've known April for a long time," Jilek said. "Last year we competed against each other when she was coaching at Southeastern Illinois College. I really respected how she ran her program, and I'm glad to be working with her."

(See JILEK, page two)

PRESTONSBURG 41, JOHNSON CENTRAL 36



photo by Jamie Howell

Lady Blackcat Amber Whitaker passed her way through the Johnson Central defense.

P'burg pulls off regular season sweep of Johnson Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Any win in any season over 15th Region girls' basketball power Johnson Central is a quality win. But a regular-season sweep of the Lady Eagles is even better. Much, much better.

Here in the 2004-05 season, Johnson Central, along with 15th Region All "A" Classic champ Pikeville, Magoffin County and Betsy Layne, make for a large group of 15th Region girls' basketball contenders. The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats pulled off a regular-season sweep of Johnson Central Tuesday night. In a low-scoring contest, senior guard Molly Burchett tossed in a game-high 11 points and led a balanced Prestonsburg scoring effort. Four

other Prestonsburg players scored six or more points in the win over Johnson Central.

Prestonsburg (9-9), which lost to Johnson Central during this year's Country Music Highway Tournament, beat the Lady Eagles 47-41 back on Dec. 17 in a game played at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack was pleased with his team's effort in its latest win.

"I think we've improved our defense and it's showing," said Pack. "We had 10 days since our last game. We got a lot of good work in during that time. Right now, we're trying to play better defense."

Prestonsburg held Johnson Central under 10 points in each of the first two quarters Tuesday

night, outscoring the Lady Eagles 14-8 in the first quarter and 9-3 in the second. Johnson Central did manage to outscore Prestonsburg 15-8 in the third quarter.

Prestonsburg, which has won two of its last three games, finished strong Tuesday night.

Amber Whitaker added eight points for the Lady Blackcats. Meaghan Slone and Kelly Key each had seven points apiece. Chanel Music scored six points and Darcy Hicks added two.

Alice Daniel and Chelsey Salyers each had nine points apiece for host Johnson Central (13-5).

The Lady Blackcats will take to the road tonight, traveling to Pike County Central to take on the defending 15th Region champion.

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Pikeville eliminates Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Less than two seasons removed from a 15th Region All "A" Classic runner-up finish, Betsy Layne returned to the same gym in which it pushed eventual small school region champ Paintsville less than two years ago. Betsy Layne finished 15th Region All "A" Classic runner-up in 2003 on the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium floor and returned to the storied Pikeville hardwood Wednesday night in a first round matchup of the 2005 15th Region All "A" Classic against the host Panthers. Betsy Layne rushed out to an early lead over the host Panthers. Not to be outdone, Pikeville battled right back and after getting out to a 10-point deficit in the opening quarter, outscored Betsy Layne in the three quarters that followed and won, 75-65, eliminating the Bobcats.

Wednesday night's meeting was the first of the season between the Betsy Layne and Pikeville boys.

Freshman Tim Honaker, a first-year varsity player who played his junior high basketball at Betsy Layne Elementary, took over for host Pikeville. Honaker scored 20 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead the Panthers. As a team, Pikeville shot the ball well - both from the floor and behind the arc. The Panthers connected on 11-of-21 three-point field goal attempts.

Jacob Sword added 17 points for Pikeville and Jesse Parrish tossed in 14.

Betsy Layne (8-7) led in each of the

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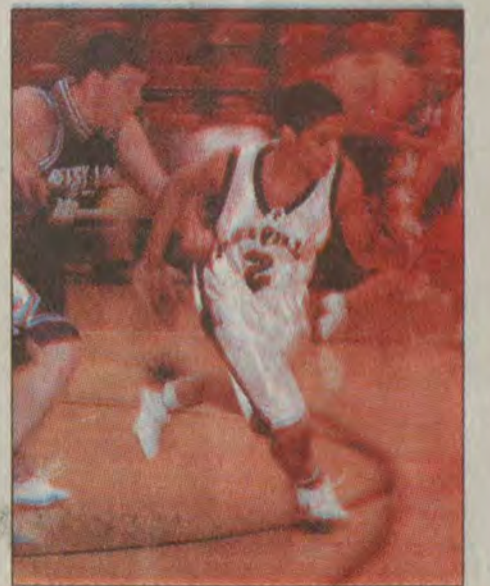


photo by Jamie Howell

Pikeville freshman Tim Honaker played his way to a double-double Wednesday night against Betsy Layne.

Slone, Tigers slay Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Landon Slone left Mountain Christian Academy as one of the most prolific scorers in Floyd County basketball history - on any level. Slone left Floyd County and is now a Paintsville Tiger. On Wednesday night, Slone, a freshman for the Tigers, scorched the Pikeville High nets for a game-high 33 points and paced Paintsville in a 64-56 win over Allen Central. No strangers to one another and no strangers to All "A" Classic success, Paintsville and Allen Central met up Wednesday night as each had

an opening round victory in mind. Paintsville, playing without freshmen Blake Bundy and J.D. VanHoose, two starters and along with Slone, each of the team's leading scorers, dug deep down to get the victory. As eighth-graders last season for Paintsville, Bundy and VanHoose both started.

Paintsville freshman guard Shane Grimm, now in his first season as a varsity player for the Tigers, added 18 points. Senior Chris Hess flipped in six points for Paintsville (10-9) and Jeremy Pack, who like Slone, attended Mountain Christian Academy and then moved on to Paintsville,

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photo by Jamie Howell

KEEPING CLOSE TABS - Paintsville junior Kevin Williams defended Allen Central senior center Tim Griffith.

Host Johnson Central pushes back Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Exactly one week after beating 58th District rival Betsy Layne soundly, Prestonsburg returned to the hardwood this past Tuesday night, traveling to Johnson Central for a 15th Region matchup against the host Golden Eagles. Johnson Central entered the game fresh off a 57th District win over rival Sheldon Clark. Both the Johnson Central and Prestonsburg coaching staffs viewed the game as a battle - and it lived up to its billing. Both teams enjoyed leads in Tuesday night's game, but in the end, the host Golden Eagles, led by 18 points apiece from sophomore Jamie McCarty and senior Tony Hatfield, pulled off a 59-54 win. McCarty got 15 of his 18 points on five three-pointers. The sophomore scorer hit three of his game-high five three-point-

(See CENTRAL, page two)

Bentley

But there's no need. There's no reason for us to turn our back on this event. It's still a great tournament, a perfect look into the future to see what March has in store for us.

There's always a reason to go to the All "A". OK, so maybe we don't have any contenders for the state title like Paintsville of old. Maybe there are no Todd Conleys, Jeremy Halls or Jody Thompsons.

And then this happens. You stay home, watch the Cats or go to church, turn on Brian Milam at 11:20 and hear it.

Pikeville 75, Betsy Layne 65. And then you realize this may not be the first event you circle on your calendar in the new year, but it's definitely worth checking out.

I mean, it's one of those scores that leaves you scratching your head. If you remember last week I freely admitted to having seen nary a high school game this year, and last weekend's titanic ride to and from Jackson, Tenn., certainly didn't get me caught up on the prep events in our mountains.

But I know a guy. I know a few people, in fact.

I know enough to know Pikeville was supposedly dead in the water ... or as dead as a 7-10 can be in the most upside down region we've seen in at least a generation.

They're calling for Dave Thomas' head, forgetting that as recently as 1999 he knew plenty to walk away from three straight regional baseball titles and not only get them to the Sweet 16 - the big one, as we say - but also to win a game when he got there.

But today's society focuses on what-have-you-done-for-me-lately, and as a result, people have already written off the Dave Thomas era. But that's a column for another time, perhaps two weeks ago, so we'll move on.

On Wednesday, Pikeville proved this is still an event worth watching, is still worthy of your time and attention, and qualified for tonight's semifinals.

Let's make something else

clear here - it's not that you should go because Pikeville won. The Panthers just happened to be this year's upset-minded team, or perhaps Thomas was the coach who convinced his team anybody can win this and play next week in Richmond, and they bought into it, at least for one night.

Tonight we're down to four teams, and all have a legitimate chance to win it. Shelby Valley is probably still the favorite, but they were playing a feisty Sheldon Clark team that is 4-4 in its last eight games and made quite a run last March.

A favorite, but not so much of one that the Cardinals didn't have a chance.

And then tomorrow night at 7, they'll play for the nets and the right to visit McBrayer Arena next Thursday.

The All "A" Classic may have lost a step, and there are many theories as to why. Many point to consolidation, some to the fact that the powers that be have kept their enrollment limit fixed and therefore have allowed many Double-A schools to compete in the event.

But it's still worth your while. Tomorrow night, someone will win a regional championship, and their high school days will take on a brighter glow.

Anytime that happens, it's a worthy event.

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Slone

added five.

Allen Central held a 19-17 advantage at the end of the first quarter and led 29-26 at half-time. For the most part, the second half belonged to the young Tigers. Allen Central outscored Paintsville in by 10 points each of the last two quarters - 18-8 in the third quarter and 29-19 in the fourth.

After being held to just nine points in the second quarter, Paintsville never struggled offensively, again.

Ryan Hammonds had 19 points for Allen Central (2-15). Tim Griffith finished the game with 13 points and Josh Martin added 11. Ryan Collins had six points, while Josh Prater and Nick Music rounded out the

Allen Central scoring with four and three points, respectively.

Paintsville, which has now won five of its last six games,

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advances on in the 15th Region small school tournament. Tonight, the Tigers will take on tournament host Pikeville.

PAINTSVILLE 64, ALLEN CENTRAL 56

15th Region All "A" Classic, First Round at Pikeville
 ALLEN CENTRAL (2-15) - Hammonds 19, Collins 6, Martin 11, Music 3, Griffith 13, Prater 4.
 PAINTSVILLE (10-9) - Slone 33, Grimm 18, Hess 6, Meek 2, Pack 5.
 Allen Central.....19 10 8 19-56
 Paintsville.....17 9 18 29-64

15TH REGION ALL "A" CLASSIC SEMIFINALS AT PIKEVILLE

Paintsville vs. Pikeville, 6:30 p.m.
 Phelps-South Floyd winner vs. Sheldon Clark-Shelby Valley winner, 8:15 p.m.
 Championship Game - Saturday, 7 p.m.

P'burg

Prestonsburg began its season with a brutal December schedule that with tournament play ended up featuring a dozen games. The Lady Blackcats came out of the first month of the season with a 6-6 record.

Prior to Tuesday night, the Lady Blackcats hadn't played a home game since a home contest on Jan. 15 against Pikeville. In Tuesday night's win over Johnson Central, Pack acknowledged that he saw his team play with much

more confidence.

"We played a lot of games in December - probably too many," said Pack. "I think the girls' confidence level has went up. I think we've fixed some problem areas."

In a 15th Region that features parity from one end to the other, Pack still likes his team's chances.

"We're anxious about getting back into conference play," Pack added. "We've got four conference games left. I still think the region is wide-open."

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Tip-off for tonight's Prestonsburg-Pike Central girls' basketball game is 7:30.

PRESTONSBURG 41, JOHNSON CENTRAL 36

Prestonsburg (9-9) - Burchett 11, Slone 7, Whitaker 8, Music 6, Key 7, Hicks 2.
 Johnson Central (13-5) - Dials 2, Daniel 9, Griffith 4, Salyers 9, Ritz 6, Meek 1, Wireman 5.
 Prestonsburg.....14 9 8 10-41
 Johnson Central.....8 3 15 10-36

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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Amber Whitaker, Prestonsburg High School Girls' Basketball

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Betsy Layne

first two quarters. The Bobcats led 24-14 at the end of the first quarter. Pikeville battled back and carried a 38-34 lead into halftime.

Pikeville (6-10) outscored Betsy Layne 16-11 in the third quarter.

Robert Shurtleff added eight points for Pikeville. Chad Walls and Ted Honaker, Tim's twin brother, added six apiece.

For Betsy Layne, Brandon Kidd tossed in a game-high 24 points. Preston Simon scored 16 points and Derek Case added 12, Brandon Thacker

and Nathan Lafferty finished with six and five points, respectively. Trai Witt came in off of the Bobcat bench and added three.

The Panthers, coached by Dave Thomas, are looking to make it back to the regional All "A" title game.

Pikeville will move on to the semifinals tonight in a game against rival Paintsville, a first-round winner over Allen Central. Tip-off for the Paintsville-Allen Central game is 6:30 p.m.

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PIKEVILLE 75, BETSY LAYNE 65

15th Region All "A" Classic, First round at Pikeville
 BETSY LAYNE (8-7) - Simon 16, Thacker 6, Lafferty 5, Kidd 24, Case 12, Witt 3.
 PIKEVILLE (10-9) - Shurtleff 8, Parrish 14, Walls 6, Sword 17, Holloway 4, Te. Honaker 6, T. Honaker 20.
 Betsy Layne.....24 10 11 18-65
 Pikeville.....14 24 16 21-75

Jilek

Jilek is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer, formerly of Floyd County, and the granddaughter of Willard and the late Kathlene Ousley, also of Floyd County.

Together Jilek and Cremeens are assembling their roster for the 19-and-under tournament. They have been scouting for players at tournaments, exposure camps, coach's clinics, and Internet videos. The team members will be selected from all over the country by invitation only.

Jilek hopes to have some local players on the squad.

"We're trying to put together the most talented group we can," Jilek explained. "Most of the players will be from the college ranks, but we're looking at a few highly skilled high school athletes too. There are some girls from this area that I'd like to have on the team."

Jilek is enjoying her experience with USAAI, a nonprofit organization that provides amateur athletes and coaches the opportunity to participate in

international Olympic style sporting events.

"It is a pleasure to be a part of coaching young ladies with such a high level of talent and to represent my country," Jilek said. "The USAAI offers players and coaches the unique opportunity to play against quality athletes from other countries and to see different parts of the world. USAAI softball teams will also compete in tournaments in Australia, Sweden, Belgium, Aruba, and many others."

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Central

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ers in the first half.

Johnson Central Coach Les Trimble had mixed feeling following the victory, but was nevertheless happy to get the win.

"I thought we played well at times defensively," said Trimble. "Any time we hold teams under 60 points we are happy, but unfortunately we had no rhythm offensively. We hit some free throws down the stretch and made some big stops. Both teams can play better."

In the fourth quarter for Johnson Central, Tyler Whitaker and Josh Stapleton each went two-for-two from the free-throw line. For the game, the Golden Eagles connected on 19-of-27 charity shots.

Johnson Central (12-5) led 15-12 at the end of the first quarter. The two teams went into halftime tied at 26. Johnson Central got back out to a lead in the third quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg 18-10.

In the final period, host Central hit its free throws and played well enough to pull out the win.

Hatfield hit five-of-seven on free throw attempts and Nick Music connected on six-of-

eight offerings.

As a team, Prestonsburg (7-8) was three-of-six from the charity stripe.

Music added 10 points for the Golden Eagles. Music scored seven of his 10 points in the second half. Josh Stapleton finished with nine points and Tyler Whitaker flipped in four. Whitaker, a junior, shot a perfect two-of-two from the free-throw line.

Senior John Mark Stephens led Prestonsburg with 16 points. Joe Blackburn added 11 points and Jesse Chaffin netted 10. Sean Leslie scored eight points and Trevor Compton tossed in six. Lewis Barnett

came in off the Blackcat bench and shot one-of-three from the field, finishing with two points. Junior guard Michael Stephens scored on a made free throw.

Johnson Central has now won four of its last five games.

Prestonsburg will return to play tonight, going on the road for a game against Pike County Central. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Pike County Central game is set for 6 p.m. Johnson will also be on the road tonight in a game against host Perry Central Central, the defending 14th Region Champion. The Johnson Central-Perry Central game is scheduled to get underway at 7:30.

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Blackcat senior Jesse Chaffin and Johnson Central senior Josh Stapleton were paired up against one another during Tuesday's game between two 15th Region contenders.

Belfry sweeps Pike Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

POND CREEK - On Tuesday night, the boys' and girls' basketball teams from Belfry High School pulled off a sweep over Pike County Central squads. In the boys' game, Belfry, one of the most athletic and most

improved 15th Region teams, outlasted the visiting Hawks, beating Pike Central 70-55. In the girls' game, in overtime, Belfry edged Pike Central 78-76.

In the boys' game, Doug Howard paved the way for Belfry (9-5) with 20 points. Eight different Pirates scored in

the winning effort.

Anthony Gibson led Pike Central (10-7) with a game-high 24 points. The Hawks played without Brad Lowe, an emerging star who is now out of action following an injury.

Gibson was the only Pike Central Hawk to reach double

figures in the scoring department.

Belfry outscored Pike Central in each quarter and held the Hawks to just nine points in the second period. Belfry took a 30-16 lead into halftime. The Pirates outscored the visiting team 23-22 in the final period.

In the girls' game, Belfry's

Lady Pirates held on to defeat the defending 15th Region champs. The Lady Hawks (7-11) got 21 points from Kayla Lowe, 19 from Haley Ratliff and 15 from Mishay Weddington, but it wasn't enough to beat Belfry.

Belfry trailed at the end of each of the first three quarters.

However, the Lady Pirates (11-6) outscored Pike Central 24-17 in the fourth quarter, tying things up and forcing an extra session.

Four different Lady Pirates scored 10 or more points. Belfry finished runner-up in the 15th Region last season, second to region champ Pike Central.

Knott County Central pounds Perry Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN - On Tuesday night, the host Knott County Central Lady Patriots rolled to a 76-49 win over defending 14th Region Champion Perry County Central.

Freshman guard Megan Mosley made seven of Knott Central's 13 three-pointers and led all scorers with a game-high 25 points. Senior forward Keisha Johnson connected on six threes and scored 20 points.

Britta Maggard led Perry County Central (14-4) with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Breathitt County 62, Wolfe County 47: Collete Cole had 27 points, 12 rebounds, nine steals and five blocks to lead

Breathitt County (7-7) to a 62-47 win over Wolfe County (12-5).

Eighth-grader Lori Fletcher led Wolfe County in scoring with 18 points. Fletcher had to play through some early foul trouble. She picked up her third foul in the second quarter.

Breathitt County, after taking a 16-12 lead out of the first quarter, outscored Wolfe County 11-3 in the second quarter.

Phelps 48, Shelby Valley 42: Phelps carried a respectable showing in this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic back over into the regular-season, beating Pike County rival Shelby Valley 48-

42. Adrienne Slone led Phelps (10-6) with a game-high 22 points. Esther Fleming paced Shelby Valley (5-7) with 15 points.

Lawrence County 48, Ashland Blazer 32: The Lady Bulldogs broke open a game that was deadlocked at 18 at the half and rolled to a 16-point win over rival Ashland Blazer (2-13).

Lawrence County (8-7) outscored Ashland 14-4 in the final quarter.

Three different players reached double figures scoring for the Bulldogs.

BOYS' BASKETBALL - Owsley County 86, Whitesburg 67: As play in the

Boys' 14th Region All "A" Classic continued Wednesday night, so did Owsley County's winning ways. Jerry Terry scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Owls to a victory over the host Yellowjackets.

Owsley County shot 12-for-19 from behind the arc and grabbed an early lead over the homestanding Yellowjackets.

Wolfe County 69, Jenkins 36: It was the Cody Gilbert Show Wednesday night at Wolfe County. Gilbert scored 23 of his game-high 25 points in the first half Wednesday night and paced the Wolves in a 14th Region All "A" Classic victory over Jenkins.

Wolfe County's win came in the second round of the 14th

Region All "A" Classic.

Buckhorn 85, June Buchanan 73: In the second round of the 14th Region All "A" Classic at Buckhorn, visiting June Buchanan came up short.

The host Wildcats outscored visiting June Buchanan 28-19 in the fourth quarter and pulled out the 12-point win.

JUNE BUCHANAN (11-5): Stepp 20, Hall 23, Conley 14, Huff 5, Martin 3, Howard 3, Collins 4.

BUCKHORN (7-13): Miller 23, Rice 23, Davidson 10, Johnson 9, Gay 9, Abner 9, Eversole 2.

June Buchanan 17 18 19 19-73
Buckhorn 17 17 23 28-85

Top 10 teams in Kentucky high school basketball

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

BOYS				
R. School	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Lou. Trinity (12)	21-1	120	1	
2. Lou. Jeffersontown	18-2	95	2	
3. Lex. Henry Clay	16-1	84	3	
4. Scott Co.	13-2	68	4	
5. South Laurel	15-3	61	6	
6. Lou. Ballard	15-2	58	5	
7. Pendleton Co.	13-3	46	7	
8. Lou. PRP	14-5	41	8	
9. Lex. Bryan Sta.	13-3	24	9	
10. Calloway Co.	16-1	18		

Others receiving votes: Henry Co. 8, John Hardin 7, Elizabethtown 5, Lou. DeSales 4, Lou. Manual 4, Owensboro Cath. 4, Muhlenberg North 3, Bishop Brossart 2, Cov. Catholic 2, Univ. Heights 2.

GIRLS				
R. School	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Lex. Catholic (12)	17-0	120	1	
2. Scott Co.	17-1	106	2	
3. Lou. Christ. A.	15-2	84	3	
4. Rockcastle Co.	15-2	77	4	
5. Lou. Sacred H.	14-2	72	5	
6. Clinton Co.	14-3	44	6	
7. Woodford Co.	18-1	36		
8. Christian Co.	14-1	32	6	
9. Henderson Co.	15-5	27	8	
10. Cov. Holy Cross	15-1	13		

Others receiving votes: Boone Co. 11, Shelby Co. 11, Mercer Co. 7, Lou. Ballard 5, Harrison Co. 5, Ohio Co. 4, Owensboro Apollo 2, Lex. Bates Creek 2.

15TH REGION ALL 'A' CLASSIC Valley thumps Piarist

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - As expected, Shelby Valley had little trouble against Piarist Tuesday night in the opening round of 15th Region All "A" Classic. Fifteen different Wildcats scored as Shelby Valley rolled to a 103-34 win over the Knights.

Three different Shelby Valley players scored in double figures. Three other Valley players tossed in eight points apiece. Shelby Valley, now playing without the services of senior guard Seth Kiser, who was dismissed from the team by head coach Jason Booher, begins play in the tournament as the defending champion.

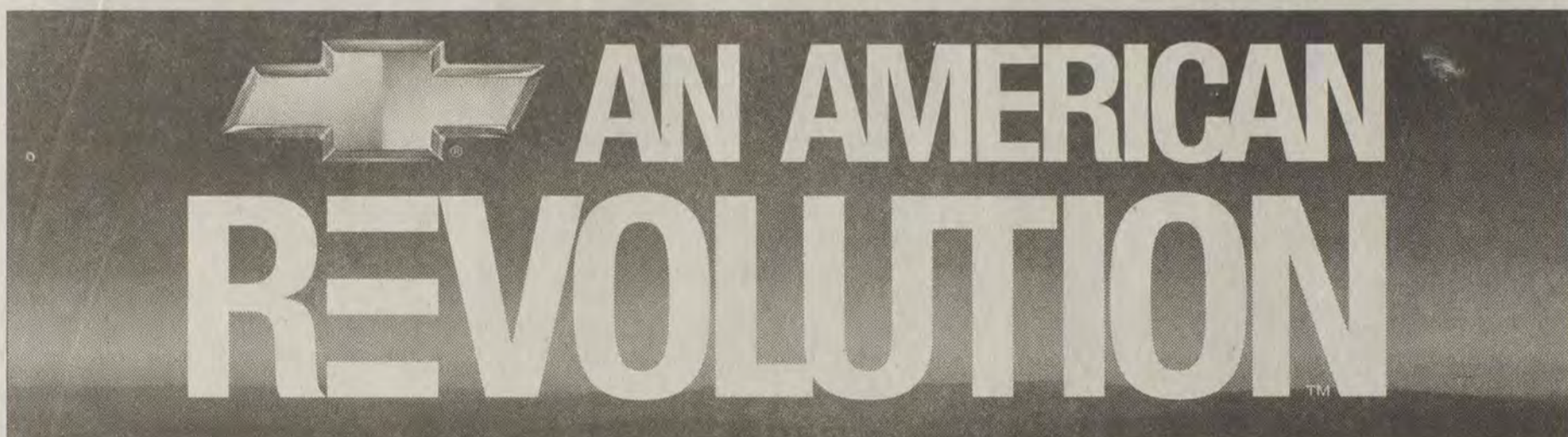
On Tuesday night, the Wildcats led Piarist 22-10 through the first quarter. Shelby Valley never allowed Piarist to score more than 11 points in a single quarter.

Shelby Valley was back in action in the regional small school tournament last night against Sheldon Clark. Another matchup last night pitted South Floyd against Phelps.

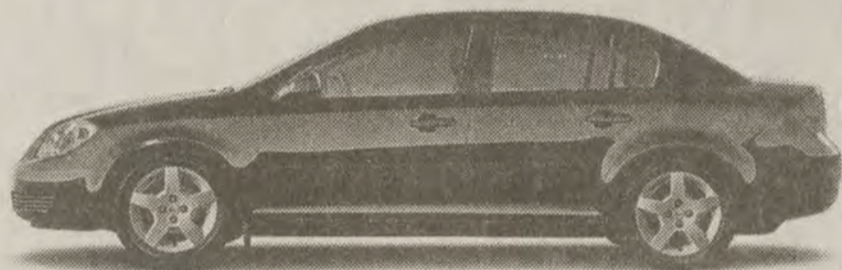
SHELBY VALLEY (15-3): Bentley 13, Friend 5, Tackett 2, M. Riddle 6, C. Riddle 8, Johnson 4, Potter 8, Bryant 8, Newsome 6, Jackson 12, Wright 2, Thomas 2, Price 17, Justice 4, Kinney 6.

PIARIST (1-10): Doyle 6, Ousley 11, Moak 5, McKinney 3, Hoskins 2, Baker 7.

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Garrett Christian wins, improves to 18-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CUMBERLAND — The Garrett Christian boys' basketball team took to the road Tuesday night and scored a convincing 83-42 win over Victory Road. With the win, Garrett improved to 18-0, keeping its perfect record intact.

The Warriors got out to an early lead and led at the end of every quarter. Garrett led 23-6 at the end of the opening quarter and 39-17 at half-time. Cruising to the win, Garrett led 59-31 when the fourth quarter got underway.

Ryan Slone hit three three-pointers and led Garrett in scoring with a game-high 24 points. Tyler

Slone followed with 18 points on nine field goals. Matthew Potter and Adam Milam each had 10 points. Brian Vanderpool had eight points and Simeon Brace flipped in seven. In other scoring for the Warriors, Robbie Vanderpool and Peter Youmans finished with four and two points, respectively.

Scott Berman paced Victory Road with 20 points. Justin Bennett tossed in 12 points for the host team.

Garrett also outscored Victory Road in each quarter.

Garrett was on the road last night, playing at Corbin. Results were unavailable at press time. This weekend, Garrett will return to Corbin for a tournament.

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

BOYS — Tuesday's games:
 Barbourville 84, Williamsburg 50
 Breathitt Co. 47, Magoffin Co. 19
 Cawood 88, Knox Central 72
 Clay Co. 58, North Laurel 56
 Garrard Co. 63, Whitley Co. 56
 Harlan 74, Everts 42
 Johnson Cent. 59, Prestonsburg 54
 Mason Co. 54, Montgomery Co. 51
 Middlesboro 87, Lynn Camp 77
 Perry Co. Cent. 82, Knott Co. Cent. 67
 Pulaski Southwestern 83, Russell Co. 77
 Raceland 57, Bath Co. 53
 Red Bird 62, Cumberland 59
 Rowan Co. 73, Greenup Co. 65
 Russell 66, Lewis Co. 38
 Shelby Valley 103, Piarist 34
 (15th Region All "A" Classic)
 West Carter 66, Fairview 63

Wednesday's games:
 Paintsville 64, Allen Central 56
 Pikeville 75, Betsy Layne 65
 (15th Region All "A" Classic)

GIRLS — Tuesday's games:
 Breathitt Co. 62, Wolfe Co. 47
 Knott Co. Cent. 76, Perry Co. Cent. 49
 Leslie Co. 55, Lee Co. 54
 Middlesboro 73, Everts 48
 Prestonsburg 41, Johnson Cent. 36
 Raceland 52, Rose Hill Christian 49
 Russell 43, Greenup Co. 37
 South Floyd 59, June Buchanan 49

Wednesday games:
 Lawrence Co. 48, Ashland Blazer 32
 Phelps 48, Shelby Valley 42

Magoffin struggles to find offense, falls to Breathitt

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON — Trouble finding offense and the right winning combination continued Tuesday night for the Magoffin County High School boys' basketball team. Magoffin County, under the guidance of first-year head coach Neil "Nehi" West, came out sluggish Tuesday night against host Breathitt County and never could quite get things together. Breathitt County held Magoffin County to two points in each of the first two quarters and four points in

the last period en route to a 47-19 win.

At halftime, Breathitt County led 21-4. Magoffin County outscored the host Bobcats 11-8 in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, Breathitt County finished off the visiting team, outscoring the Hornets 18-4.

In the winning effort, Breathitt County's Jacob Hundley and Andrew Sewell each had eight points.

Courtney Conley scored a game-high nine points for Magoffin County.

MAGOFFIN CO. (2-13) —
 Shepherd 3, Conley 9, Marshall 2, Fletcher 2, Helton 2, Ison 1.

BREATHITT CO. (15-3) —
 Sewell 8, Minix 7, Lamb 1, Warren 7, Hundley 8, Tillett 1, Smith 6, Allen 2, Roberts 3, Moore 2, Hollan 2.

Magoffin Co. 22 11 4-19
 Breathitt Co. 6 15 8 18-47



Prestonsburg sophomore Meaghan Slone (4) dribbled against the Johnson Central defense.



Above, left: Former Mountain Christian Academy standout Landon Slone, now a freshman starter at Paintsville, went up against Allen Central's Ryan Collins (14). Right: Jeremy Pack (5), another MCA grad, defended against Allen Central senior Ryan Hammonds.



South Floyd beat the visiting June Buchanan School 59-49 Tuesday night in a game played at Raider Arena. Above, right: Courtney Blocker worked her way toward the basketball. Below, right: Players listened to head coach Tony Isaac. Above, left: Guard Miranda Gregory defended as June Buchanan moved the basketball. Below, left: Heather Dean went up with a short shot.

Little League signups

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

Prestonsburg Little League will hold its next set of signups at from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Adams

Middle School on Saturday.

HAROLD-ALLEN-PRATER — Harold-Allen-Prater Little League is set to hold signups for the 2005 season. Signups will be held again on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again on Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

All HAP Little League signups will be held at the Dome in Betsy Layne.

PAINTSVILLE — Paintsville Little League will hold signups during the month of February. More on Paintsville Little League signups will appear in a future edition.

No. 12 Louisville 99, Marquette 52

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Larry O'Bannon fought off a grin as he left the floor late in Louisville's 99-52 victory over Marquette on Wednesday night.

The senior guard hit six 3-pointers and scored 30 points, both career highs, and punctuated the best game of his career with a steal and breakaway dunk.

Coach Rick Pitino took him out seconds later, prompting chants of "Lar-ree! Lar-ree!" from the capacity crowd.

"You can't beat that 20,000 people yelling for you. You can't even dream of that," O'Bannon said. "I didn't want to crack a smile, but I was sunshine on the inside."

The soft-spoken O'Bannon also had five rebounds and seven assists for the Cardinals (17-3, 5-1 Conference USA), who handed Marquette its most lopsided loss ever.

"Larry had a special night," Pitino said. "I'm really pleased for him. It's wonderful to see a person like him have a game like this. He exemplifies everything we're trying to build with our program."

Francisco Garcia added 14 points for the Cardinals, who snapped a three-game home losing streak to Marquette and won for the 11th time in 12 games. Since a 60-58 loss to Kentucky on Dec. 18, the Cardinals have won 11 home games by an average of 28 points.

Pitino, who coached Kentucky from 1989-97, joking-

ly asked reporters to not give the Cardinals too much publicity.

"We'd rather you write about Kentucky and leave us alone," Pitino said. "Let us stay second fiddle because we're not good when we think we're good."

Todd Townsend had 17 points, and Marcus Jackson grabbed 12 rebounds for the Golden Eagles (14-5, 2-4), whose previous worst defeat was a 57-12 loss to Creighton in 1940.

Marquette played without senior point guard Travis Diener, who aggravated a left

ankle sprain in the Eagles' 76-66 loss to Charlotte on Saturday. The 6-foot-1 Diener, Conference USA's assist leader and second-leading scorer, had played in 114 consecutive games.

The Eagles missed the sure-handed Diener from the start, committing seven turnovers in the first 11 minutes.

"He means a lot to our club and we learned how much tonight," said Marquette coach Tom Crean.

Juan Palacios' 3-pointer with 9:18 left in the half gave Louisville a 21-13 lead and launched a 14-5 spurt.

O'Bannon dismantled Marquette's defense during the run, hitting two 3-pointers, driving for a dunk and feeding Palacios for a layup that made it 35-18.

Townsend hit two 3-pointers to help Marquette cut it to 43-30 by halftime.

O'Bannon scored 17 points in the first half and set a career high by hitting all five of his 3-

point attempts.

"My teammates were looking for me and I was looking to shoot it," said O'Bannon, who went 9-of-13 from the field. "I just had the hot hand and my teammates knew it."

He had a layup, hit a free throw and assisted on Garcia's 3-pointer in the first 4 minutes of the second half as Louisville's lead bulged to 51-32.

Two years ago in Freedom Hall, the Golden Eagles recovered from a 19-point first-half deficit to beat the Cardinals.

Not this time. O'Bannon hit his sixth 3-pointer, and Garcia scored eight straight points during a 17-0 Louisville run.

"They came out with a major onslaught in the second half and we couldn't recover," Crean said.

The overwhelmed Eagles were 5-of-24 from the field in the second half.

The Cardinals had lost six of the previous seven meetings in a series that has evolved into a bitter rivalry.

Last year, after Marquette's 81-80 win in Milwaukee, Crean found a Louisville scouting report that contained phony quotes attributed to him.

Two years ago in Louisville, Cardinals' forward Ellis Myles sustained a season-ending knee injury late in the Eagles' 78-73 win. Myles said later he heard Crean accuse him of faking the injury.

During pregame warmups Wednesday, Crean shook hands with Myles and the two had a brief, cordial conversation.

"We just wanted to take care of business," Myles said. "It was just another game I wanted to win."

UK's Hayes listed as day-to-day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky senior forward Chuck Hayes, who broke his nose during the first half of the Wildcats' 84-62 win at Tennessee Tuesday night, is listed as day-to-day following an evaluation by team doctors Wednesday.

Doctors have cleared the big as

Modesto, Calif.-native to return to action, but his status for Saturday's game at Arkansas won't be determined until later in the week.

"Chuck is the heart and soul of our basketball team and as tough a player as I've ever been around," Head Coach Tubby Smith said. "He's in a lot of pain right now, so we'll have to wait and see how he feels after a couple days. As Chuck's heart is, you

know he'll be on the court unless he's in a tremendous amount of pain."

The sixth-ranked Wildcats did not practice Wednesday. Hayes, the SEC's second-leading rebounder with a 9.1 average, will be fitted with a protective mask when he does return to the court. He has started 93 consecutive games for Kentucky, 17 shy of the school record.

Hayes has had a hand in several UK wins. He is a favorite of Wildcat fans and is respected for his hard work and leadership.



Chuck Hayes

No. 7 Kentucky 84, Tennessee 62

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Kentucky's Chuck Hayes was in close games in his previous three trips to Tennessee. This time, the senior forward wasn't around for the end of the game, and it ended up being a rout.

Without Hayes, the seventh-ranked Wildcats resorted to various lineups full of sophomores and freshmen and used aggressive rebounding to beat the Volunteers 84-62 on Tuesday night, the first victory by more than 10 points in Knoxville since 1998.

"Probably because they don't know any better," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said about his young team. "They really don't. Sometimes that's good."

Hayes, one of only two returning starters for the Wildcats this season, has played in every game since he's been at Kentucky, starting 92 in a row since he was a sophomore.

Kentucky's top rebounder and second-leading scorer broke his nose in the first half while the Wildcats (15-2, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) were on a run that put them ahead for good and kept them the only undefeated team in league play.

"We said you guys need to

make up for the loss of Chuck. They've never seen Chuck hurt before. I'll be honest, I don't think I've ever seen Chuck hurt," Smith said. "It showed me what our kids are all about. They really care about one another. They certainly care about Chuck."

Patrick Sparks scored 19 points and Kelenna Azubuike added 17 for the Wildcats, who outbounded Tennessee 41-29 and had 21 offensive rebounds.

Sophomores Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas each had seven rebounds.

The Volunteers (10-9, 3-3) went ahead twice in the first half, but Hayes' departure didn't prevent Kentucky from taking control with a 19-5 run.

After Chris Lofton hit a 3 to put the Vols up 21-20 with 9:21 remaining before halftime, Kentucky hit three straight 3-pointers to start the run. When Azubuike dunked seven minutes later, the Wildcats went ahead 39-26.

Tennessee missed starting center Brandon Crump, who sprained his left ankle Saturday in an 85-62 loss at Louisville. All he could do was cheer on his teammates from the bench.

But most of the cheering came from the large and loud contingent of Kentucky faithful in the arena.

"Tennessee without Brandon Crump is a very different team. He's a real threat inside," Smith said. "We felt like coming in our chances were better inside. ... We capitalized with him out of the game."

The Wildcats have won six straight over Tennessee, but their most recent wins in Thompson-Boling Arena had been close ones. The Vols tried to set up another frantic finish to match last year's overtime game.

Kentucky pushed its lead to 13 early in the second half, and Tennessee had a short 7-0 run on two layups by C.J. Watson and a 3 by Scooter McFadgon that cut it to 49-43 with 13:50 to go. But the Wildcats reeled off a 15-3 run to put them up 64-46 with 8:44 left, sealing the victory.

"We could never get anything going. We did not do a good job overall, but especially allowing them so many offensive rebounds," Tennessee coach Buzz Peterson said.

Lofton, Mr. Basketball in Kentucky last year, led the Vols with 17 points, while Major Wingate added 14 and Watson had 12. Andre Patterson had 10 rebounds.

Sparks scored 14 points in the first half and was 4-of-10 from beyond the arc.

No. 1 Illinois 75, No. 18 Wisconsin 65

by ARNIE STAPLETON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Wis. — Top-ranked and unbeaten Illinois was finally cracking under the pressure.

No. 18 Wisconsin, which had won 38 straight home games, led the Illini by eight points midway through the second half Tuesday night. Illinois' Bruce Weber then called a timeout and had to serve as both coach and referee in a heated huddle.

"I thought we lost our poise," Weber said after the Illini came back and won 75-65 on Tuesday night.

"They argued a little bit," he said. "And I just looked at them, 'What's up with you guys? We've come all this way, now you're going to start fighting?' I said, 'If we're going to do this, we've got to do it together.'"

They put aside their differences and closed the game on a 27-9 run for a victory that snapped the nation's longest homecourt winning streak and extended their own winning streak to 20 games, also best in the nation.

"It was pretty heated over there," said guard Deron Williams, one of four Illinois players who scored in double figures. "A lot of guys yelling and trying to get focused. We needed to get our heads together because it easily could have gone the other way."

After all, the Badgers' average margin of victory during their winning streak was 20.4 points and this deficit was about to reach double digits, too.

Weber said he told his team to calm down.

"Then, Jack Ingram just made those big plays that got us back in the ballgame," he said.

The reserve forward, who had eight points and six rebounds, hit consecutive 3s to cap Illinois' 13-2 run and give it a 61-58 lead. His two free

throws with 3:39 left gave the Illini the lead for good at 65-64.

"If we don't hit that one stretch and Ingram doesn't nail the two 3s, it's so typical of a lot of games we've had in here," said Badgers coach Bo Ryan, who lost for just the third time in 56 home games. It was the first time he lost a Big Ten home game in his four seasons.

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday, it was: No. 6 Kansas 86, Baylor 66; No. 7 Kentucky 84, Tennessee 62; No. 16 Texas 80, Texas Tech 73; and No. 19 Connecticut 68, West Virginia 58.

Illinois, the first team to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center since Wake Forest on Dec. 4, 2002, was 17-of-20 from the free throw line. The Illini got 18 points from Luther Head, 14 from James Augustine, 13 from Williams and 11 from Roger Powell Jr.

Weber, who had peddled his team as the underdog despite eight straight weeks atop the AP poll, said the biggest thing about the Illini's first win in Madison since 1998 was what it meant in the Big Ten race, where the Illini are 6-0.

"I told the kids if we win this one, we're going to be one up on everyone because I don't know if anyone's capable of coming in here and winning besides us after the Michigan State loss, so it gives us one up for the Big Ten championship," Weber said.

And that's what bothered the Badgers more than the end of their winning streak.

"The guys weren't worried about losing any streak. It was a Big Ten conference game. That's all we were playing for," said Ryan, whose teams are 26-1 at home in the league since he took over in 2001.

The Badgers (13-4, 4-2) got 14 points from Sharif Chambliss and 13 from Mike Wilkinson, who played in all 38 straight homecourt victories.

"We've got to move on," Wilkinson said. "We can't sit here and look back on the past, what has been here. We have to look forward to what's next for us."

The previous home game saw the Badgers score the final 11 points of the game in a 62-59 victory over Michigan State.

Wisconsin's only win over a top-ranked team was against Ohio State in 1962.

No. 6 Kansas 86, Baylor 66; Wayne Simien scored 18 points and the Jayhawks (15-1, 5-0 Big 12) made a school-record 16 3-pointers in bouncing back from their first loss of the season.

Keith Langford had 17 points and Jeff Hawkins was 5-for-5 on 3s for 15 points for visiting Kansas, which lost 83-62 at Villanova on Saturday.

Freshman Aaron Bruce had 23 points for the Bears (9-7, 1-4), who have lost 14 straight to ranked opponents and are 1-10 against Kansas.

No. 16 Texas 80, Texas Tech 73: Freshman Daniel Gibson was 6-for-6 from 3-point range and scored 20 points for the Longhorns (15-4, 4-2 Big 12). They went 14-of-21 from 3-point range and made at least 10 3s for the eighth time this season.

Ronald Ross scored 29 points for visiting Texas Tech (11-5, 3-2), which came in as the Big 12's top-scoring team but shot just 37 percent against Texas' new zone defense.

No. 19 Connecticut 68, West Virginia 58: Rashad Anderson, not starting for the first time this season, scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half to lead the Huskies (12-4, 4-2 Big East), who had a 47-27 rebound advantage. Connecticut played in Morgantown for the first time since 1999.

Tyrone Sally scored 16 points for the Mountaineers (11-6, 1-5), who lost their fifth straight.

Bohanan leads Lady Bulldogs to 95-75 AAC win over UVA-Wise

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARBOURVILLE — Union College picked up its second win in a row Tuesday as senior Ashley Bohanan (Lafayette, Tenn.) poured in a team-high 23 points as the Lady Bulldogs posted a 95-75 decision over visiting UVA-Wise in Appalachian Athletic Conference women's basketball play.

The win improved Union's overall mark to 15-7 while upping its league record to 8-6.

Union led from wire to wire as it scored the game's first 10 points. UVA-Wise cut the margin to 10-6 after back-to-back 3-pointers; however, the Lady Bulldogs raced to a 45-13 lead en route to a 55-27 halftime advantage.

UVA-Wise came out hot in the second half, cutting the margin to 13 points before Union regrouped and held off the Lady Cavaliers for the 95-75 victory.

In addition to her 23 points, Bohanan grabbed seven rebounds. Jennifer Cornett (Richmond) drained four-of-six from 3-point range in netting 14 points, while Sarah Beaty (Monticello) added 11.

Hazard native Kristie Miller,

a product of Perry County Central High School, added seven points.

Sarah Helton paced UVA-

Wise (6-16 overall, 6-8 AAC) with 29 points, while Chelsea Lee and Rachel Helton chipped in 18 and 14 points, respectively



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The Union College men's basketball team helped to complete the sweep over visiting Virginia-Wise.



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Bulldogs post fourth straight win with 92-60 romp

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARBOURVILLE — Union College received 52 points from its bench as the Bulldogs routed visiting UVA-Wise 92-60 on Tuesday in Appalachian Athletic Conference men's basketball play.

The victory was Union's fourth in a row as it improved to 10-14 overall and 8-6 in the AAC. UVA-Wise dropped to 3-19 and 3-11.

The Bulldogs came out of the gates on fire, hitting 10 of their first 13 shots in seizing a 28-9 advantage with 10:07 left in the

first half. Union eventually built its lead to 25 points (47-22) en route to a 51-28 halftime cushion.

UVA-Wise used a 6-0 spurt to start the second half to pull within 51-34; however, Union rebounded with a 10-3 run to reclaim a 24-point edge. The Cavaliers rallied once more, cutting the lead to 63-44 with 12:48 to play. Yet, the Bulldogs caught fire again as the margin swelled to 30-plus points as Union recorded the 92-60 win.

Six Bulldogs hit double figures with freshman Jerrod Gibbons' (Monticello) 15 points leading the way. Senior Aaron Troutman (Mt.

Washington) and junior Joe Bramlage (Lakeside Park) each chipped in 12 with sophomore Chris Mullins (Mt. Sterling) helping out with 11 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore Max Hunter (Ashland) added 10 points and seven rebounds, while freshman Brian Griffin (Oneida) scored 10 as well.

For UVA-Wise, Blake Mellinger set the pace with 14 points, while Marjan Jankov added 12.

Union was in the area last night, visiting Alice Lloyd College for a men's-women's doubleheader.

Maryland 75, No. 2 Duke 66

by KEITH PARSONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski knows what it takes to win, and he just didn't see that effort from Duke against Maryland.

"That's not to say we didn't want it, but this team has had to work extremely hard to get where we are at this moment," the Blue Devils coach said. "When you haven't lost, you kind of take a deep breath and when you're taking a deep breath, someone else is going after you."

Well, he won't have to worry about that anymore.

Nik Caner-Medley had 25 points before leaving with an ankle injury, and his Maryland teammates finished off the second-ranked Blue Devils at the free-throw line in a 75-66 victory Wednesday night.

The Terrapins (12-5, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) lost three of their previous five games, all by at least 15 points. But they hung with Duke (15-1, 5-1) throughout and allowed only two points in the final 3 1/2 minutes.

"I just thought they played a little bit harder than we did," Krzyzewski said. "We didn't have the attitude that we've had the entire year. This team has to have an edge all the time."

Top-ranked Illinois and No. 8 Boston College are the only teams left without a loss. Boston College rallied to beat Providence 78-65 on Wednesday night.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 12 Louisville routed Marquette 99-52, No. 14 Alabama beat Auburn 60-55, and Northwestern edged No. 23 Iowa 75-74 in overtime.

Ekene Ibekwe gave Maryland the lead for good with a tough layup in traffic off an inbounds play, set up during a timeout by Maryland coach Gary Williams. That made it 66-64 with 1:23 left, and the Blue Devils had no answer.

Daniel Ewing missed badly on a 3-pointer, and Garrison

started a parade at the line for the Terps. Garrison was 5-for-6 in the final minute and Ibekwe was 4-for-4 to close it out.

"It was all about the players," Williams said. "We struggled a little bit this year with our identity, for whatever reason, and I'll take responsibility for it, but we do have pride in our program."

Ibekwe came off the bench for the first time this season and scored 15 points. John Gilchrist had 10 for Maryland.

"To be on a big stage like this and get the win is huge," Caner-Medley said. "My teammates had so much heart. I really was impressed with them."

J.J. Redick led the Blue Devils with 20 points but also had eight turnovers, including two within seconds in the final minutes. Shelden Williams added 18 points and 14 rebounds.

"You have to take your hats off to Maryland," said Duke guard Daniel Ewing, who was held to nine points. "We didn't match their hunger. They wanted it a little bit more, and that's why they walked out of here with a win."

Top-ranked Illinois (20-0) and No. 8 Boston College (17-0) are the only teams left without a loss.

Duke seemingly was in control early in the second half, taking a pair of eight-point leads, the final one on a layup by Lee Melchionni. Ewing set it up with a nifty touch pass off a rebound, and it was 42-34.

Caner-Medley quickly led the rally. He made two free throws, then followed with a 3-pointer and a jumper to cut the margin to four. Later, he added a putback to make it 47-46, and Chris McCray gave the Terps their first lead of the second half with a layup.

That was the first of five lead changes in the final 13 1/2 minutes.

Ewing swished a 3 to put the Blue Devils ahead 58-54, but Caner-Medley responded with one of his own from several feet beyond the arc, with Redick right in his face. Caner-Medley

had his final points from in close with 3:45 left to give Maryland a 64-60 lead, then left for good about two minutes later when he injured his ankle.

He went to the bench, and after Shavlik Randolph tied it one final time by following up a missed free throw by Shelden Williams, Ibekwe helped the Terps win.

"I think that you have to win a game against a quality team during the year to have credibility and believing that you're a good team," Gary Williams said. "I'm not saying that because we won, I just think that those guys have maxed out incredibly well."

"I'm sure they're very proud of what they've done."

No. 8 Boston College 78, Providence 75: At Providence, R.I., Jared Dudley hit a 3-pointer with 1:20 left to give Boston College (17-0, 6-0 Big East) the lead.

Dudley finished with 21 points, 12 rebounds and six assists, and Craig Smith also scored 21 points. Donnie McGrath led Providence (9-9, 0-5) with 17 points.

No. 14 Alabama 60, Auburn 55: At Auburn, Ala., Earnest Shelton scored 22 points and made five late 3-pointers to lead Alabama to its fourth straight victory over Auburn.

The Crimson Tide (16-3, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) held off Auburn (9-9, 0-5) after the Tigers cut a 15-point deficit to one.

Northwestern 75, No. 23 Iowa 74, OT: At Evanston, Ill., Michael Jenkins' 3-pointer at the overtime buzzer hit the rim, bounced high and fell through to give Northwestern (9-9, 2-4 Big Ten) a stunning victory. The Wildcats rallied from 12 down with 3:27 to go in regulation.

Northwestern's Vedran Vukusic sent it to overtime when he hit three free throws after being fouled on a 3-pointer with 13.8 seconds left. He finished with a career-high 32 points, 13 in the final 2 minutes of regulation.

Greg Brunner had a career-high 28 points for Iowa (14-5, 2-4).

Eagles fall prey to Bluefield

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Host Alice Lloyd had its hands full Tuesday night when Appalachian Athletic Conference rival Bluefield paid a visit. Bluefield led 36-23 at halftime and continued to outdo the homestanding Eagles in the second half en route to a 70-52 win.

Cedric Brown led Bluefield with 20 points and 13 rebounds. David Johnson scored 11 points and Jamaine Burke added 10. From the floor, the Rams hit 29-of-58.

Bluefield outrebounded Alice Lloyd 41-33. Visiting Bluefield (14-8) pulled down 31 defensive rebounds.

Alice Lloyd hit just 18-of-59 attempts from the field and five-of-26 from beyond the arc.

For Alice Lloyd, Jeremy Daniels had 21 points and eight rebounds. K.J. Waterman netted 12 points and Jimmy Stumbo tossed in seven. Shannon Akers added six points for the Eagles (11-13).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Bluefield 68, Alice Lloyd 43; Visiting Bluefield had two players combine for 31

points and posted a convincing win over Alice Lloyd Tuesday night. Bluefield won the rebounding battle 35-25 and forced the Lady Eagles into 30 turnovers. Bluefield won, despite committing 29 turnovers.

For Alice Lloyd, Whitney Lykens had 12 points and six rebounds. Rhonda Adams added 10 points and 10 rebounds. The Lady Eagles hit just three of 26 three-point field goal attempts.

Bluefield, which led 25-14 at halftime, hit on six-of-15 three-point field goal attempts.

Bulldog cycling team inks Knott native

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE — Union College cycling coach Chuck Coffey announced recently the addition of Autumn Hicks for the 2005 squad. Hicks hails from Knott County.

"Autumn excels in each category or mountain biking - cross country, short track and slalom," the Bulldog coach said. "We are thrilled to have someone of her caliber on our team."

The Pine Top native, who

was named Kentucky's 1998 Women's Mountain Biking State Champion, placed second in the World Cup held in Atlanta, Ga., and placed fifth in the sport's national competition. Hicks, who is a junior, recently brought home first place from a race in Fontana, N.C.

"Last year, when we went to

the national championships, we didn't have a woman rider, and that prevented us from making a serious challenge for the national title," Coffey said. "With Autumn, that void will now be filled."

Union placed sixth at the NCCA Division II National Championships, which was held in Seven Springs, Penn., on Oct. 29-31.



Autumn Hicks

Former coach says he took payoffs in Alabama recruiting scandal

by WOODY BAIRD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A former high school coach testified that three Southeastern Conference schools paid him money for his top football player, including a \$150,000 payoff from the University of Alabama.

Lynn Lang said he received the money on Alabama's behalf from Logan Young, a Memphis millionaire who is on trial on federal bribery and money laundering charges.

Lang, the former head coach at Trezevant High School, is awaiting sentencing on a guilty plea to racketeering conspiracy. He said he took the money to convince defensive lineman Albert Means to sign with the Crimson Tide in 2000.

Young's lawyers contend Lang is lying to save himself from a long prison sentence.

In testimony Tuesday in U.S. District Court, Lang said Alabama paid him money to steer Means to the school along with Kentucky and Georgia. He also testified that Tennessee, Mississippi, Michigan State and Arkansas offered money for Means but never paid.

Means, who has not been accused of wrongdoing, testified earlier in the day that he let Lang choose his college.

Others who testified Tuesday were Alabama athletic director Mal Moore and Young's ex-girlfriend, Lisa Mallory.

Lang said he began shopping Means around to various colleges when he realized in 1999 how many schools wanted him. He said he was referred to Young, a longtime Alabama booster, by former Crimson Tide assistant coach Ivy Williams.

Lang said he began the bidding for Means at \$50,000, and Young "took to it like water."

Lang testified that former Kentucky recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett gave \$7,000

for work at a camp and a Means visit to campus, and that former Georgia head coach Jim Donnan gave \$700 "out of his pocket" for work at a camp. He added that Bill Harper, a Georgia booster from Memphis, sent him a \$100 bill in an envelope.

Lang, who made less than \$30,000 at Trezevant High, said he kept upping the price until it topped out at \$150,000, which he received in a series of payments each smaller than \$10,000, the threshold at which bank transactions must be reported.

Young told him that since the payments were in cash, "if anything happened, it was his word against mine," Lang testified.

Beginning his cross examination, defensive lawyer James Neal questioned Lang about denials of taking a payoff he made to federal investigators, the NCAA and officials with the Memphis school system.

Neal was to continue his questioning Wednesday.

In his testimony, Means said he depended on Lang to deal with college recruiters.

"He took care of everything else," Means said. "That's why I trusted him."

Means also said someone else, who was not identified in court, took his college entrance exam for him, and he acknowledged lying about that to a grand jury.

"I was afraid," he said.

While entering his guilty plea in 2002, Lang said he arranged for a stand-in to take Means' entrance exam.

Means, who said he had never met Young, stayed at Alabama for one football season. He transferred to the University of Memphis after reports of a payoff to Lang became public.

Alabama's recruitment of Means became part of an NCAA investigation that led to sanctions against the Crimson Tide in 2002 that deprived the team of scholarships and bowl eligibility.

Means finished his college football eligibility last season and expects to graduate in May. He said he hopes to have a professional football career.

Mallory told the jury Young is a heavy drinker who likes to brag about Alabama football.

She said Young talked about Means, saying, "He's mine."

Under defense questioning, she said Young also made similar comments about other high school players who did not sign with Alabama but went to other colleges.

Mallory said Young often carried large amounts of cash, spent heavily at bars and restaurants and gambled with sports bookies and at casinos.

One of the charges against Young accuses him of setting up bank withdrawals to hide a crime. The defense contends he often makes bank withdrawals under \$10,000.

"He spends a lot of money doesn't he?" defense lawyer Robert Hutton asked Mallory.

"A lot," she replied.

With the jury out of the courtroom, prosecutors sought permission to call a witness who would say Young boasted about sending other athletes to Alabama.

Judge Daniel Breen said the prosecution failed to lay a legal foundation to directly link such testimony to the charges against Young. Breen denied the request but said he might reconsider it.

Lang testified that during one visit to Young's home, he overheard several phone calls from former Melrose High School coach Tim Thompson. Lang said he asked Young how much he paid Thompson to send defensive lineman Kindal Moorehead to Alabama.

"He told me he paid Mr. Thompson \$10,000 for Mr. Moorehead," Lang told the jury.

Information from: The Commercial Appeal, www.thecommercialappeal.com, was used in this report.

France: No major changes planned for '05

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR will not make any changes to its current points system this season, sticking with the 10-race shootout format that created the closest championship race in series history.

"We don't anticipate (changes) for '05," NASCAR chairman Brian France said Monday. "We did look hard at making any potential adjustments ... we feel like we have a pretty good system and we're set for '05."

During a stop on the NASCAR Nextel Media Tour on Monday, NASCAR chairman of the board Brian France denied rumors that say he's leaving the sport.

France kicked off his first year as head of NASCAR by overhauling the decades-old points system and creating a playoff structure for 10 drivers over the final 10 events of the season.

Five drivers went into the season's final race, Nov. 21 at Homestead, Fla., with a chance to win the title. At the end, only eight points separated champion Kurt Busch from runner-up Jimmie Johnson.

That, France said, was proof that the system worked. The last time NASCAR had a close chase heading into the final event was 1992 when six drivers went to the finale with a shot to win it.

"You know, 2004 is undoubt-

edly going to go down as either the greatest season we've ever had, or one of the greatest seasons we've ever had," France said. "Did we make racing better? Was the racing on the track more exciting? Did we showcase the opportunities for the best drivers in the world to do their thing? And the answer is absolutely, and the Chase was a big part of that."

The first 26 of the season's 36 races are used to determine the participants for the 10-race championship battle. The top 10 in the standings following the 26th race at Richmond in September, plus anyone within 400 points of first place, will have their points totals reset for the final 10 races.

"We will go through another cycle in 2005 and take a look at it, but on balance we're happy with where we are," France said.

In resisting the urge to tinker with the system, NASCAR will begin the season without any major changes for the first time in four years.

NASCAR went into 2002 with an emphasis on safety following the 2001 death of Dale Earnhardt. Realignment, and moving races out of the South and into larger markets, was the 2003 theme.

And last season saw a slew of changes, from France beginning his reign, to a new series sponsor in Nextel and the revamped points system.

France said he plans to spend 2005 working on cost contain-

ment, safety issues and a push toward diversity. He said NASCAR will continue to market itself internationally, pointing to a March Busch Series race in Mexico City as the first step.

However, France said there are no plans to stage a Nextel Cup race in Mexico or Canada anytime soon.

France said NASCAR is still trying to find a New York City venue, but deferred questions to his sister, Lesa France Kennedy, head of the family-owned International Speedway Corp.

France Kennedy said ISC officials are working on traffic plans to sell a proposed track to New York officials and that the company hopes to bring NASCAR racing to the nation's largest media market by "the latter part of the decade."

ISC has already paid \$100 million for more than 450 acres of dormant industrial land on Staten Island, and plans to buy an additional 236 acres next year for \$10 million. In all, it wants to acquire 660 acres, which it said would be the largest undeveloped block of land within New York City.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg previously has voiced doubts about traffic jams that might be generated by the track.

"Traffic is always a concern," France Kennedy said. "But we are only talking about several days a year, and on a weekend. So we would not be competing with commuter traffic."

Bristol Motor Speedway sells out — again

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — It's official. Bristol Motor Speedway's NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races are sold out again in 2005. More than 160,000 permanent seats will be filled to capacity for the Food City 500 in April and the Sharpie 500 in August.

That's a story repeated every year since Bruton Smith's Speedway Motorsports, Inc., purchased the track in 1996, and even years before that. Only the capacity changed in the past nine years. About 55,000 seats overlooked the World's Fastest Half-Mile when SMI completed its purchase. Since then, capacity increased 170 percent to 160,000, placing Bristol's capacity among the top-five arenas of any kind in the United States.

After current ticket holders

renewed their tickets for 2005, the Speedway's ticket office made available the remaining Food City 500 tickets and season packages to new ticket buyers who entered drawings for the opportunity to become Bristol ticket holders. Season packages include both NEXTEL Cup and both Busch Series races.

Bristol's final ticket renewal deadline passed this week when August Sharpie 500 ticket holders completed their purchases, making the expected 2005 sell-outs "official." Because virtually 100 percent of the Sharpie 500 ticket holders renew their tickets, NASCAR's most popular event is sold out again, a situation that continues to bewilder "wannabe" night race ticket buyers as it has for more than 10 years.

Meanwhile, Bristol's corporate clients also keep coming

back. Customers fill all 150 luxury suites with multi-year contracts, and other companies await an opportunity to purchase behind suite customers that renew contracts at a 98 percent rate.

Bristol's two primary NASCAR event sponsors — Food City and Sharpie, companies that sponsor both NEXTEL Cup and Busch Series races — are committed to NEXTEL Cup event programs through 2007. Food City's sponsorship with Bristol enters its 14th year in 2005, a sponsorship term exceeded only by Coca-Cola's sponsorship of the 600-mile race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte.

Corporate clients hosted more than 20,000 people in Bristol's hospitality village in August, and more are expected in 2005.

Truex Jr. prepared to defend Busch Series title

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Beginning with the Hershey's Take 5 300 NASCAR Busch Series season opener, Martin Truex Jr. will shoot for back-to-back Busch Series championships, a feat that hasn't been accomplished in five years.

The last driver to successfully defend the Busch Series championship is Dale Earnhardt Jr., who captured back-to-back titles in 1998 and '99. Since then, Jeff Green, Kevin Harvick, Greg Biffle and Brian Vickers have all passed on a title defense the following year and moved to the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series.

While Truex Jr. will run a limited Nextel Cup Series including the season-opening 47th annual Daytona 500, he'll be back in his No. 8 Chance 2 Motorsports Chevrolet for another NBS campaign.

Truex has a simple way of approaching the 2005 season.

"I think that's our goal. That's what we want to do," Truex said of winning back-to-back title. "We have a really good chance at doing it. I feel really confident in everything we're going to do this year. I'll try not to think about it and just do it."

"I think we took pretty good risks last year," Truex Jr. said. "I remember halfway through the year, we were just racing as hard as we could every week, even until the end of the year, we never quit doing that. We always try to make our cars as fast as we can. I always had them on the edge as hard as I could drive them all the time. I plan on doing the same thing again."

Truex Jr. will know what to expect this year in terms of the pressure of a championship chase. He feels comfortable in knowing what to expect.

"I think I'll be a lot more prepared for a lot of the stuff, mostly the questions that I get asked by (reporters)," Truex Jr. said. "The race tracks we're going to, the kind of setup we're going to need to run, the way I'm going to need to run races at certain tracks ... a year of experience is a lot."

"We're only going to two new tracks I think. It's going to be a lot like last year. It's kind of cool knowing what's going on or at least thinking you know what's going to happen."

Renovation reaction — Truex Jr. took time in November after celebrating his 2004 Busch Series championship to visit Daytona International Speedway and check out the multi-million dollar infield renovation. During the first day of testing, reflected on how much the infield has changed since his visit.

"It's really cool with the way they've got it set up," Truex Jr. said. "Obviously, it's great for the fans. They're loaded in here for Busch testing. That's not really too normal for tracks. They're doing a good job and that's what drives the sport. They're going to bring more in so that's cool."

Nextel Cup participation — The Busch Series test session in preparation for the Feb. 19 Hershey's Take 5 300 season opener features several Cup regulars such as 2004 Daytona 500 champion Dale Earnhardt Jr., two-time Daytona 500 champion Michael Waltrip, 2003 Pepsi 400 winner Greg Biffle, Kevin Harvick, Jeremy Mayfield, Joe Nemechek, Carl Edwards and Mike Wallace.

Busch Series regular Stacy Compton doesn't mind the extra competition from the moonlighting Cup drivers.

"I ran Cup for so many years. When we get in those race cars, it doesn't make a difference who it is," Compton said. "It can be somebody who has never sat in a race car or it can be somebody who is a 30-year veteran. Your ultimate goal is to outrun them."

"I think it's good for the sport. You see a lot of fans come out and pull for those guys but you see a lot of people come out and root for the regular Busch guys to outrun them too. I enjoy competitive racing so the more that comes, the better."

Pikeville native tied for Hope lead after first round

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Ted Purdy was aware of the extremely low scores the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic produced.

It didn't take him long to get into the swing of things.

Purdy shot an 8-under 64 on Wednesday, and that was only good for a share of the lead — a fifth of it, to be precise.

Pikeville native Robert Damron Duffy Waldorf, Fred

Funk and Joe Ogilvie also came in with 64s to open the five-day tournament.

Purdy enjoyed his first round in the desert event.

"This is the first time I've been eligible to play here," he said. "I've tried to get exemptions in the past, but have not been successful at that. I earned my way in this year."

The 31-year-old Purdy, who seems to be improving with age, said he took birdies as they came during his Hope debut.

After rotating among the four courses during the pro-am, the low 70 pros and ties play the final round Sunday at PGA West.



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THROUGH MY EYES

Early mornings and late nights

Just in from dropping my kids off at school for the first time in almost a week. School began this morning at 10:15 a.m., rather than the usual 8:15. My family and I arrived in town a full 35 minutes early - had time to make a quick drive 'round the Hardee's drive-thru, eat our biscuits and after stopping by PHS, still made it to Adams Middle with a full 15 minutes to spare!



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Now, that's what a call the right way to start the day. Wish school began every morning at 10 a.m. - sure would relieve a lot of stress from my day. I happen to be one of those souls that just creak and cringe and moan at the very prospect of arising from bed before even the sun has had time to take even the slightest peek over the mountain-tops. I mean, it's dark outside, am I not supposed to be sleeping?

Unfortunately, my children are the very same kind of souls. We all hate getting up in the morning while it's still very dark and very cold outside. Guess we wouldn't

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POSTSCRIPT

Doggerel

A friend in Hazard sent me an email recently that cries to be shared, especially from one dog lover to others. I hope you recognize some truths here and give your furry critter an extra helping of love today.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

— The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. — Anonymous

— Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. — Ann Landers

— If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. — Will Rogers

— There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. — Ben Williams

— A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. — Josh Billings

— The average dog is a nicer

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Students say "Don't raise our tuition!"

More than 200 Hazard Community & Technical College students showed their concern about the rising tuition costs by participating at a hearing on Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Technical Campus of HCTC. A total of 19 students publicly voiced their opposition to the rising costs, many of whom said if the costs keep increasing, they would have to quit

school. The student comments were limited to three minutes each but the sheer volume of speakers demonstrated the point on the effects of the rising tuition costs.

"Tuition goes up but the Pell grants don't increase," noted Kevin Holbrook of Leatherwood. "Please don't raise the tuition any more. I can't even get my books (for

my classes) right now," Winston B. Neace of Knott County told the crowd. Beverly Campbell is a mother of two who is in nursing classes from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. each day, and then works a full time job. "I want to have a future for my kids," she said. Another mother of two, Martha Thornsberry,

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Students voice their concerns over the rising cost of tuition at Hazard Community and Technical College.



The shadow boxes on display at Riverview contain biographies of each individual, in addition to personal mementos.

Riverview residents honored in 'Hall of Fame Café'

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Ask any nursing home employee - from administrator on down to housekeeping - and they will readily agree that their residents, no matter their age, health condition or background, are among the country's "cream of the crop."

Their stories are varied - from military servicemen and women, to entrepreneurs, homemakers, musicians, educators and more - and each has one of their own to tell. All, unquestionably, are deserving of recognition, but others, nonetheless, seem to stand apart. It is these that the new initiative, "Hall of Fame

Café," seeks to pay homage to.

The Hall of Fame Café, according to Missy Allen, Administrator, Riverview Health Care Center, was developed to recognize those residents "who have made significant contributions to our communities and/or country." "We had the distinct honor of recognizing six such individuals from our facility this past December," she said.

Those six individuals are: Mr. Eddie Crisp, Mr. Link Fyffe Jr., Mr. Marvin Kendrick, Mrs. Maureen Martin, Mrs. Lucille Bentley, and Mr. Elijah B. "E.B." May Jr.

In a formal ceremony held December 16, these individuals, their family members and friends were treated to a grand evening replete

with the finest foods and beverages and speeches from some of the areas most respected and honored community members.

Among those on hand to award the six honorees with beautiful plaques, medals and other commendations were Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, and baseball legend Johnny LeMaster, nephew of Mr. Fyffe, one of the evening's honorees.

"The facility was decorated as beautifully as any big city mall, our tree was gorgeous, our town was beautiful, everyone was dressed in their best and why, we even had a champagne fountain. It was a wonderful, wonderful

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THINGS TO PONDER

Stress Depression

"Stress, stress, stress! I feel so overwhelmed. I am overachieving on my job, since I want to excel. I work all day on a tight schedule and then have reports to do at night. In the meanwhile, I really resent being the major breadwinner, while my husband goes back to school. After all, he made some poor judgments last year and was fired from a good job. Sure hope he will follow through with our three-years' investment of time and his not having a 40 hour workweek, so he can return to college to totally change careers. We also want to have another child, but it's hard now with the 3 year old and no family around to help. Besides financial problems, there's a

lot of stress on our relationship, ending in marital difficulties. I feel so angry, irritable, and moody. Don't know if I can take much more!" What to do?

Even though the various media sources often give reports about the negative impact of stress on people, physically and emotionally, research continues to be done to better understand stress and develop better treatment for depression. A major topic has been hormones needed for reproduction - estrogen for women and testosterone for men.

One project done at Yale (2004) was thought to reflect how estrogen makes the brain more vulnerable to stress. The thinking was, if a high level of estrogen increased the brain's reaction to stress, then women might be more likely to have mental illness, such as depression and

post-traumatic stress disorder. A Yale graduate student also thought that this finding might explain why stress-related mental illnesses occur at least twice as often in women as in men. In addition, these findings might reveal why the differences between men and women begin to happen in women at puberty, when estrogen production occurs, continuing through the childbearing years, and then decreasing in the years after menopause.

Another researcher at the University of British Columbia (Victor Viau, 2002) was interested in the role of sex hormones and how they influence our response to stress. Where in the brain did the interaction between sex hormones, stress, and depression occur? It was anticipated that his work might help to diagnose and treat

depression and other sex dependent disorders, including cardiovascular and metabolic diseases.

Viau did research looking at the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis. This is an important hormonal system that controls the secretion of the steroid cortisol from the adrenal gland (located at the kidneys). Cortisol is there to protect us from the effects of acute stress by regulating processes, such as blood pressure and immune function. However, the steroid is thought to cause disease, such as depression, after the body has been exposed to chronic stress.

The next part of the story, pertaining to the interactions of sex hormones and

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Eyes

make a very good farm family, would we?
 Anyway, having a two-hour delay meant granting us ample time to see some sunlight peeking into our windows before having to throw the covers back, which meant we all got up feeling a lot less cranky about beginning our day.
 Yep, anytime the board wants to make a motion changing the school day to 10:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., I'll be all for it...

 I know it happened last Sunday morning, and it's almost a week later by now, but I can't help but mention the death of Johnny Carson. Sad to see him go, but actually, I think I felt more sad the night he retired from "The Tonight Show."
 I have lots of fond memories of The Tonight Show. One of the greatest pleasures of the holiday season during my late elementary and high school years was the fact that I got to stay up

late during Christmas break to watch Johnny Carson. The same went for Friday nights and summer vacation.
 He was, indeed, a classic.
 I tried really hard to warm up to Jay Leno when he was named Johnny's successor, but, somehow, I just never could. Letterman's okay, but he never really got under my skin, either. So, once Carson retired, late-night television, for me, was just never the same.
 I'm going to miss him, but then, really, I already was.

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Hall of Fame

evening," she said.
 Allen went on to explain the significance of each individual's shadow box plaques, now hung in a place of honor within the facility. "Mr. May, for instance, managed the Francis Shoe Store for 30 years, he served in the military and was very involved in Boy Scouting. So, we chose items for his plaque that are representative of these things. And Mrs. Martin, she was a nurse, who at one time, had even worked right here at Riverview. Her daughter was kind enough

to let us have her medical scissors to place in her shadowbox. Can you imagine? She used those scissors for 43 years! Why, I've worked with nurses who can't keep up with a pair of scissors for two weeks, let alone 43 years," she said.
 "We're very proud of these residents and their life accomplishments," Allen said. "We're proud to showcase them in our Hall of Fame Café. We plan to have this become an annual event and each year we will induct new members. To nomi-

nate a resident, all anyone has to do is to contact our office for a list of criteria."
 Allen wishes to thank all the community members, families, friends and staff who helped her make the 2004 grand opening of the facility's Hall of Fame Café a success.
 Riverview Health Care Center is owned by Home Quality Management, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Home Quality Management President Joe Steier attended Riverview's Hall of Fame Café event.

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HCTC

said she would have to drop out of school if the tuition increased any more.
 The tuition has increased because state budget allotments have decreased by \$18 million in the last four years. In 2003-04 alone, \$5.9 million was cut. The Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTCS) schools are still the cheapest for tuition at \$92 per credit hour, but students say the gap is too narrow with other colleges. Morehead State University, for instance, charges \$160 per credit hour.
 "What do we prosper as a student if you raise tuition?" asked Martinsville resident Kathy Messer, noting that students haven't seen an increase in any services even though tuition is increased each year. Misty Baker of Perry County echoed that comment when she came to the podium. "We're paying

more; we should be gaining more!" Rosanna Garland of Knott County also asked what students were getting out of such increases, and she questioned how the KCTCS budget was being spent. Carolyn Short of Hindman made note of the new Knott Opportunity Center where HCTC classes are held. "You might as well tear down that beautiful building in Hindman if you aren't going to have any students who can afford to go there."
 "How are you going to take a more proactive approach to this?" asked Donny Combs of Red Fox. Another student told the crowd she didn't have a rich Mom or Dad and was working at a grocery store making \$5.50 an hour and can't afford to get the car repaired. "If tuition goes up, fewer people come, you still get less money—so what's the point?" she asked.

"I don't know how I can keep going if you raise tuition," Jason Couch of Leslie County told the crowd.
 Cynthia Osborne, the student representative to the KCTCS Board of Regents, noted that an additional 113 students wanted to be at the hearing but were unable to attend because of classes scheduled during the hearing, or work or family responsibilities.
 Dr. Jay K. Box, president/CEO, served as the moderator for the hearing. He told the crowd the comments were recorded and would be presented to the KCTCS Board of Regents. After the meeting, Dr. Box stressed that the college is not receiving a much larger budget because of the increase in tuition. "The students are paying with tuition what the state once paid from tax dollars," he said.

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Ponder

depression, is that testosterone impacts on the HPA axis by not allowing the release of the stress steroid cortisol. A possible conclusion was that this might be an explanation for why males react differently to stress than females. Viau also reported that many men with depression exhibit reduced testosterone levels. This suggested the likelihood that naturally occurring differences in testosterone levels might have a bearing on the cause of depression. This relationship between testosterone levels and depression leads to the suggestion that male patients not responding to anti-depressant medication might be helped by addressing a low testosterone level. It was also thought that the rate of suicide in males in puberty might be connected to both cortisol and testosterone levels.
 There is the possibility that the connection to sex hor-

mones might assist in explaining why some disorders associated with stress are more commonly seen in one sex than the other. Depression is more frequently found in women, with schizophrenia and cardiovascular disease in men.
 Since we all like to know that there is something we can do, whenever we are in pain, it was interesting to find a Daily Dose of Stress Relief that was recommended to take every morning. It was suggested that we remember, "stress is caused by a lot of things, but when you look closely, as often as not, it's the small things that drive you batty on any given day."
 (1) Make room for happiness—be willing to let go of not only physical stuff that is making you claustrophobic, but also roles, attitudes, and even some people. Try hard not to hang on to things that take up space, don't contribute to your life, and just squeeze out room for

good stuff that you really need and want. Let the new replace the old! (2) Finish what you start—Do complete work. Start a new habit of finishing whatever you start. (3) Don't continue a mistake—Another cause of stress is keeping something you know was a mistake in judgment. Do you have marriage conflicts that need therapy? Have you overloaded yourself with duties and responsibilities? Be willing to admit mistakes. Be honest to yourself and others. Be authentic. (4) Always have more than you need. This means such things as money, time, energy, space, opportunities, love, and support. Clutter and confusion of space and time on a daily basis contributes to stress. Get rid of things that are no longer useful.
 Be good to yourself and be reasonable in your choices. Life does not need to be stressful.

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BSCTC Community Theater Announcement

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) will be presenting its first community theater production at the end of April. The selection is a nonmusical, mystery, comedy called "The Butler Did It." The play has 11 adult roles: five female roles and six male roles. In the production, the characters come to life as they meet at a mysterious mansion on an island for a weekend retreat—only to find that someone gets murdered! Who will solve the crime? One of the

characters will!
 Auditions for the play will be held on Thursday, Feb. 3 on the BSCTC Prestonsburg Campus, in the Johnson Building, room 102 between 4:30 and 7:30 PM. BSCTC students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the Eastern Kentucky community are welcome to audition. Those wishing to audition should prepare a monologue 1 - 3 minutes in length and come during the three-hour time frame to audition. The auditions will be on a

first-come, first-serve basis. Judges will be looking for expressiveness in voice and characterization.
 The production will be directed by Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC Extracurricular Arts Program Coordinator. Those wishing to audition should be aware that rehearsals will be held each Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00 PM from Thurs. Feb. 10 - Thurs. April 28. Questions can be directed to Hall at (606) 886-3863 ext. 67227 or laura.hall@kctcs.edu.

ACT Preparation Classes

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College will be holding ACT Preparation Classes, in Mathematics and Reading,

on Saturday, February 5, on the Prestonsburg Campus from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Each session will last three hours, at \$25.00 per session,

which includes ACT Prep materials. For more information, please contact your nearest BSCTC campus, extension 82834.

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ Feb. 10 - "Connect with Kids" parent meeting will be held at Clark Elementary, at 8:30 a.m. AMS parents and guardians are invited to attend.
 ■ If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.
 ■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.
Allen Central Middle School
 Turn in Food City receipts and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!
 ■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.
Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center
 ■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.
Betsy Layne Elementary
 ■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.
 ■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers,

Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.
Clark Elementary
 ■ Jan. 28 - In-school Scout program.
 ■ Feb. 10 - "Connect with Kids" parent meeting, 8:30 a.m.
 ■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.
 ■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.
Duff Elementary
 School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.
 ■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.
 ■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.
May Valley Elementary
 ■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
 ■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kinder-

garten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.
McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center
 ■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
Mountain Christian Academy
 ■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.
Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center
 ■ Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.
 ■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
 ■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
 ■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.
South Floyd Youth Services Center
 **School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!
 ■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.
 ■ Walking track open to public.
 ■ The center has a one-stop career

satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
 ■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.
 ■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.
 ■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.
Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center
 ■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.
 ■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.
 ■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.
W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center
 Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness.
 ■ Feb. 3 - "Heart Health" presentation by Kim Sanders of Our Lady of the Way Hospital. For 6th grade students, 1:45 p.m., in gymnasium.
 ■ Feb. 7 - "Connect with Parents," 11 a.m., in Family Resource Center. Topic: Digital Revolution. For all parents, guardians and family members.
 ■ Feb. 11 - "Heart Health" presentation by Kim Sanders, OLWH, for 4th and 5th grade students, 1:45 p.m., in gymnasium.
 ■ Feb. 21 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day Holiday.
 ■ Feb. 24 - "The Magic Guy" (Skip Kane). School-wide assembly, 1:45 p.m., in gymnasium.
 ■ Feb. 25 - "Dollars & Sense" program for Floyd County 5th grade students. To be held at the Martin Community Center (tentative).

■ "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks, become the property of the FRC.
 ■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W.D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.
Wesley Christian School
 ■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
 ■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule
 ■ BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).
 ■ Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.
 ■ Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.
 ■ Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.
 ■ Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.
 ■ McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 ■ For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.



Family Medicine



A stitch in time can usually improve wound healing

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

Question: Recently I cut myself while out hunting. The following day, the cut was looking bad so I went to the ER for stitches. They said I should have come in sooner, and it was too late to sew it up. Is this right or was the doctor just being lazy? What are the guidelines for getting stitches?

Answer: Most wounds will heal without stitches, which doctors also sometimes call "sutures." However, except for small cuts that aren't very deep, wounds usually heal better when they are closed up with sutures. This is because sutures help to stop the bleeding and promote healing by bringing the ends of the torn tissue together. In most cases, this makes

for less scarring and a nicer looking skin surface once healing is complete.

There are some types of wounds we don't usually sew up. Sometimes this is because a wound has been left open for too long a period of time, giving bacteria a chance to multiply. Even more problematic are wounds that have already become infected or inflamed. Crush injuries where the skin and tissues have been shredded are also often best left "open."

Additionally, human and animal bites are usually not sutured since these are considered "dirty" wounds. Of course there are exceptions to this rule and the others I've mentioned. The number of wounds sustained and their severity can make suturing of otherwise problematic wounds advisable. Also, if

animal or human bites are on the face, your doctor may decide to suture your wound to minimize disfigurement.

As for a timetable for getting a wound sutured, this does vary a good deal depending on the physician and the circumstances. And, in the vast majority of cases, laziness has nothing to do with it. Many physicians believe it's generally not a good idea to suture any wound over six hours old, because the bacterial count can double within three hours of a cut. On the other hand, some physicians believe that wounds on the body can usually be sutured if under 18 hours old, and they give facial lacerations up to a 24-hour window.

Prompt treatment for any cut should include washing it out, preferably with saline, but water alone is better than not cleaning at all. Placing a clean, dry bandage over the wound will prevent further contamination to the wound. If it is small, and the bleeding stops easily, it may not need sutures.

Even these smaller wounds, however,

still need to be watched closely for infections. Cuts and injuries that you get outdoors may be more prone to infection than a cut in a clean house with a clean household item. For instance, a piece of broken glass in the woods can be much more hazardous than a piece of broken glass in your kitchen.

Another reason to have your wound checked early is to evaluate the need for a tetanus shot. The general guideline is to update this shot every 10 years in adults. However, an obviously contaminated wound, a puncture wound, or a severe burn, requires another shot after just five years.

At this juncture, I'd suggest that you go to a family physician to have your wound evaluated. He or she can assess if additional intervention such as antibiotics, a tetanus shot, or a re-opening and late suture of your wound would be appropriate in your case.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to

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Postscript

person than the average person. — Andrew A. Rooney

— We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made. — M. Facklam

— Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike

people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate. — Sigmund Freud

— If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons. — James Thurber

— I wonder what goes through his mind when he sees

us peeing in his water bowl. — Penny Ward Moser

— A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. — Robert Benchley

— I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult. — Rita Rudner

— Dogs need to sniff the

ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard. — Dave Barry

— Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed

a dog. — Franklin P. Jones

— My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3 a can. That's almost \$21 in dog money. — Weinstein

— Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. — Groucho Marx

— Ever consider what they

must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul — chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! — Anne Tyler

— Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. — R. A. Heinlein

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Maureen Martin:

Nominated for academic, professional accomplishments, and theater/arts.

Mrs. Martin worked as a licensed practical nurse for 43 years. She studied for her license by attending school at night, while working full-time during the day and rearing four children on her own. She overcame many obstacles and became successful during a time when it was practically unheard of for a woman to attempt to achieve such goals on her own. At one time, Mrs. Martin even worked for the very health care facility that she is now a resident of, earning both Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year awards. In addition to her professional accomplishments, she

was also known for her beautiful singing voice and was entered in many competitions

during her high school years. She was often asked to sing in church and at special events.



Mrs. Maureen Martin, accompanied by her daughter, accepted her plaque from Sen. Johnny Ray Turner.

Link Fyffe Jr.:

Nominated for distinguished military service, entrepreneurship, leadership, public service and volunteerism.

Mr. Fyffe served in the United States Army from 1942-1945, as a Sergeant, in the South Pacific. He worked as a surgical technician in the Medical Corp. Later, Mr. Fyffe served as Johnson County Tax Commissioner, from 1950-1954. He was an active member of the Masons, Shriners and Army Reserves. His family loves to tell of his generous and helpful spirit, shown often in his service to others.



Mr. Link Fyffe Jr. accepts his plaque from his nephew, Mr. Johnny LeMaster.

Marvin Kendrick:

Nominated for distinguished military service, leadership, volunteerism, and professional accomplishments.

Mr. Kendrick served in the United States Army during the Korean War, from 1950-1953. He was stationed in Japan and was a First Artillery Gunman. Wounded while serving his country, he was awarded the distinguished Purple Heart. Returning to Fort Knox, in his home state, he served the remainder of his military career as a policeman. Returning to civilian life, he

worked both as a carpenter and as a barber. He served as pastor of the Louisville Freewill Baptist Church and much enjoyed singing gospel songs with his wife and visiting various churches. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Kendrick passed away on October 15, 2004. Family members were present at the ceremony to accept his awards.



Mr. Marvin Kendrick, shown here in his military uniform.

Elijah B. "E.B." May Jr.:

Nominated for distinguished military service, leadership, public service, volunteerism, professional accomplishments, and sports accomplishments.

Mr. May, a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. An Eagle Scout, he later served as Scoutmaster for Troop 27 of the Boy Scouts of America, Prestonsburg, for 17 years. He holds both the Scoutmaster's Key and the Scouter's Key. Mr. May has helped 35 Scouts to rise to the rank of Eagle Scout. Aside from the Boy Scouts of America, Mr. May was also active in other organizations, among them, Masonic Lodge 273 F. and A. M., Prestonsburg City Council, the Kentucky High School Athletic

Association, serving as regional director, the Prestonsburg City Park Commission, official for both football and basketball programs, and was the first recipient of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club Award, in recognition of those who had served distinctively with youth, in 1966. He was manager of Francis Shoe Store for 30 years. He participated in the effort to preserve the legendary Jenny Wiley Trail. Mr. May also donated his boyhood home to the City of Prestonsburg - now known as "The Samuel May House," a popular tourist attraction.



Mr. Elijah B. May is proud of his U.S. Marine service.

Eddie Crisp:

Nominated for academic accomplishments, leadership, public service, volunteerism, professional accomplishments, and founder of Prater Creek Baptist Church

Mr. Crisp graduated from Southland Bible Institute and served as a minister for 50 years, founding the Prater Creek Baptist Church during those years. He also worked other jobs during the time he served in the ministry, among them serving as director of a local Senior Citizens Center. Mr. Crisp also hosted a gospel show on WMDJ-radio, in Martin, for 18 years. WMDJ has proclaimed Sunday, October 20, 1991 as

"Randolph Crisp Day" in honor of his exemplary service. Mr. Crisp was also a writer and the author of several poems and short stories, which have been published in "The Wind" magazine. He was heavily involved in many community organizations, most notably, the Floyd County Conservation District. He received the "Environmentalist of the Year" award for Floyd County, for the year 2002.



Mr. Randolph "Eddie" Crisp.

He was also a founding member of the Goat Association. Mr. Crisp passed away on October 27, 2004. His awards were accepted by family members present at the ceremony.

Lucille Bentley:

Nominated for volunteerism, public service, leadership, and academic accomplishments.

Mrs. Bentley attended Pikeville College, Morehead State University, and Eastern Kentucky University, earning degrees certifying her to work as a school teacher in the public school system. Mrs. Bentley loved to travel and has visited many exotic locales including the Caribbean Islands, Africa, Europe, Canada and the Eastern U.S., many times embarking on her travels alone. Mrs. Bentley was an active church member and served as president of the Women's Missionary Union. She was also an active member of the Eastern Star Organization. However, Mrs. Bentley says today that among all of her accomplishments, she is most proud of being a Christian, a wife and a mother.



Mrs. Lucille Bentley proudly shows off her Senate commendation.

Named to EKV President's List

Ashley Arnett Harris, granddaughter of Bonnie Davis and the late Rody Davis, of David, has been named to the President's List

at Eastern Kentucky University, for the Fall 2004 Semester. Students are named to the President's List for attaining a perfect 4.0 Grade

Point Average in their studies. Ashley will be doing her student teaching at Providence Elementary School, Winchester, during the spring

semester and will graduate from EKV in May 2005. Ashley is the daughter of Stephen F. and Darlene Davis Harris, of Winchester.

ACHS student awarded All-A Classic Scholarship from Touchstone Energy

Jared Michael McKinney, a senior at Allen Central High School, has been awarded the "All-A Classic Scholarship" from KY Touchstone Energy. Jared is one of only 55 students chosen statewide to receive this scholastic scholarship. Academic standing, community service, and extracurricular activities gave Jared the opportunity to advance in his applica-

tion process to a personal interview, held at Eastern Kentucky University. Jared, along with the other 55 students, will be honored with certification of their scholarships at an awards banquet that will be held on the EKV campus, on February 5, 2005. Jared is also a Kentucky Governor's Scholar, an honor that places him in the top 1,000 students in the state of

Kentucky. Jared is the son of Tommy and Mona Dingsus, of Martin. He is the grandson of Shirley and J.O. Dingsus, also of Martin, Dale and Hilda McKinney, of Spurlock Creek, and Phyllis and Deloy Allen, of Salyersville. Jared is currently working on completing his Eagle Scout requirements. He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.



Jared McKinney

ACHS student recipient of numerous awards

Tiffany Victoria Owens, a sophomore at Allen Central High School, has been honored nationally with numerous awards.



Tiffany V. Owens

USAA National Leadership & Service Award and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Only the highest achieving students are considered for the Who's Who award honor.

Tiffany is a member of a select group of students that excel in all academic areas. As a result, she will qualify to apply for college scholarships.

Tiffany is the daughter of Joe and Teresa Owens, of Garrett. She is the granddaughter of Molly Owens, of Langley, and the late Ralph Owens and Margaret Conley, of Garrett, and the late Virgil Conley.

Terry Thies to direct upcoming Little Theatre production

The Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series will be presenting Little Theatre of Hazard performing Tim Kelly's "My Son is Crazy, but Promising" the last weekend of February at the First Federal Center on the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College.

Terry Thies, a member of Little Theatre since 1985, will direct the comedy that promises to continue the tradition of quality family entertainment by the community theatre group that began 50 years ago. She has previously directed two shows, Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple", the female version, and "The Prince Who Wouldn't Talk." Ms. Thies has also performed in numerous productions, including last year's production of "Ten Little Indians," a show she really enjoyed because her son, Daniel Thies, also had a role in it. By day, she works for the Hazard Perry County Housing Development Alliance, a local non-profit organization that develops housing for low and very low income persons.



Terry Thies

ing at 8 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and show will be \$25. (Season subscribers to the Performing Arts Series may purchase tickets for \$17.) Reservations for Friday night should be made by Friday, Feb. 18 by calling Jackie Goodin at 439-4547, Rayma West at 436-4662, Terry Thies at 436-2848, or Martha Quigley at 439-4325.

The show begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. A matinee will be presented on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2:30 p.m. All shows will be in the First Federal Center on the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College. Tickets for all shows except the dinner show, will be \$8 adults, \$5 students and seniors. Season subscriber's to the Performing Arts Series will not be charged for admittance.

Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series grand benefactors are: Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Jackson, Hazard Clinic/Jackson Clinic, Kiwanis Club of Hazard and Perry Distributors Inc.

Event sponsors are: Hyden Citizens Bank, Perry Oil Company Inc., and the Hazard-Perry County Chamber of Commerce.

HCTC's Kudzu wants your stories

Kudzu, an annual literary publication of Hazard Community and Technical College, is now soliciting submissions from the general public as well as students and HCTC employees for its 2005 issue.

A February 1, 2005 deadline has been set for submissions of poems, pen and ink art work, short stories, and personal essays. The short stories and personal essays should not exceed 4,000 words.

With the submissions, please include a few biographical facts, town or county of residence, occupation and/or interests. Please provide a return address, telephone number, and email address (if available).

Those wanting their work returned should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Donna S. Sparkman, Hazard Community and Technical College, Knott County Branch, One Community College Drive, Hazard, KY 41701.

The work and biographical information should be submitted to Donna S. Sparkman at the above address anytime before February 1, 2005. For more information, call Donna S. Sparkman at (800) 246-7521, ext. 73411 or email her at DonnaS.Sparkman@kctcs.edu. Submission guidelines and the 2004 issue may be viewed by visiting http://www.hazard.kctcs.edu/New_site/Students/Kudzu/fsIndex.htm.

Paintsville Dam saves millions in flood damages

submitted

Paintsville - According to the Huntington District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Paintsville Dam prevented \$1,581,000 in flood damages in 2004. According to Bob Beverley, Resource Manager at the Corps facility, this brings the total of estimated flood damages prevented to \$17,082,000 since the project became operational in 1983.

Paintsville Lake is a multi-

purpose project authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1965. Although its primary purpose was flood damage reduction, it was also authorized by Congress for recreation; forest, fish and wildlife conservation, and water quality. Construction of a new municipal water plant at the lake is scheduled to begin in 2005, adding clean drinking water to the benefits the lake provides the region.

Dean's List achievement



Jodi Lynn Shepherd

Jodi Lynn Shepherd, of Van Lear, has been recognized by placement on the Dean's List of Kentucky State University, in Frankfort, for the 2004 fall semester. Jodi is a 2004 graduate of Johnson Central High School who is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in nursing from KSU. She is the daughter of John and Linda Shepherd, of Van Lear.

FROM APPALACHIA TO ACADEMIA

Turning Obstacles into Opportunities: An Appalachian Upbringing

In celebration of Black History Month, Big Sandy Community & Technical College and the Kentucky Humanities Council Speakers Bureau are proud to present Dr. Aaron Thompson.

history and customs, race relations, family influences, and education, this is an uplifting story, spiced with humor and with lessons in life for any Kentuckian of any age.



Dr. Aaron Thompson

How does a child born in a two-room cabin in a Clay County hollow grow up to be a university professor with a Ph.D.?

In this talk, Thompson will tell how he did it, with emphasis on the richness as well as the difficulties of his mountain upbringing. Touching on topics that include Appalachian

For questions, you may call Judy Bowen 886-3863 Ext. 67210. The presentation is a part of the Library Seminar Series and is free and open to the public.

Date: February 16, 2005
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Johnson Building Room 102 on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College

New Arrivals

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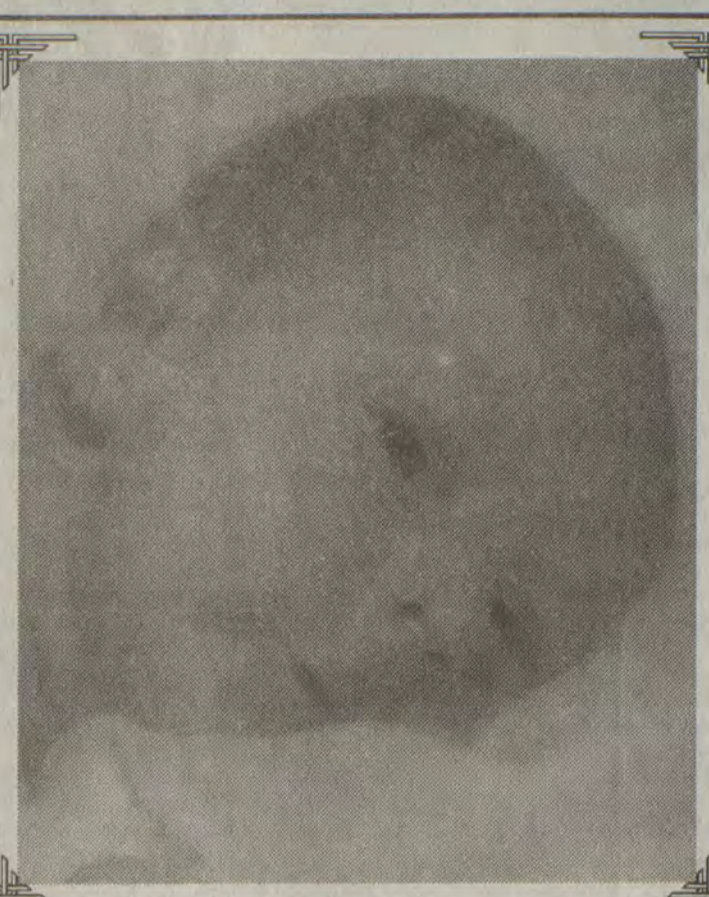
January 19, 2005
A daughter, Hayley Dawn Jackson, to Clesta Dawn Castle
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January 20, 2005
A daughter, Kennedie Michele Sterk, to Melissa Mullins

January 21, 2005
A son, Wesley Tanner Skeens, to Melissa Steel

January 22, 2005
A daughter, Mary Lynn Akers, to Connie and Christopher Akers
A daughter, Emily Alexis Clark, to Melinda Ann and John Howard Clark

Births/Birthdays



New Arrival

Brian and Brandy Kidd, of Auxier, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Brian Kidd. Nicholas was born at 5:38 p.m., on September 16, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19 inches long. He is the maternal grandson of Vicky and Sheriffe Wells, of Auxier. His paternal grandparents are Willard and Cindy Kidd, of Hi Hat, and Teresa Kidd, of Loraine, Ohio. His maternal great-grandparents are Bonnie and the late Bob Pelphrey, and JR and the late Rina Mae Wells. His paternal great-grandmother is Garnetta Pack. He is the nephew of Adrianna Kidd. His entire family welcomes his arrival.



Alexis is 6!

Alexis Makenzi Hall celebrated her sixth birthday on January 10, 2005. She was joined by many family members and friends at her "Bratz" theme birthday party, held at the Pin Zone, in Prestonsburg. Alexis, the daughter of Kevin and Krystal Hall, of Wayland, is the maternal granddaughter of Bruce and Kathy Scott, of Garrett. She is the paternal granddaughter of Palmer Hall, of Cleveland, Tennessee and Ann Tignor, of Wayland. She is the great-granddaughter of Sybol Bentley, of Wayland, and Marie Slone, of Estill.

Anniversaries



Observe 47th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer and Eileen Martin, of Grethel, observed their 47th wedding anniversary on December 27, 2004, with a dinner held at Shoney's, in Pikeville. Those helping them celebrate their special day included their daughter, Ruth, from El Cajon, California, and the Rev. and Mrs. Don Crisp, of Martin. Mr. Martin retired from the Floyd County School System in 1982, where he had worked as a high school guidance counselor. Mrs. Martin, an RN, retired from the Pikeville Methodist Hospital in December, 1984.

Floyd County Devotional Page

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Jolner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Branley Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathaniel Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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JAMES 1: 19, 20



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

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CHURCH OF GOD

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

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NOTICES

610-Apartments

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 2 BR 2 Bath All Appliances & Utilities Included. Between Prestonsburg & Pikeville. \$695 per Month. Also, 1 BR Fully Furnished, All Appliances & Utilities Furnished. \$650 per Month. Call 478-5173

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NOTICES

812 - Free

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

900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5466, Transfer In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to transfer permit number 836-5381 to DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 367, Allen, Kentucky 41601. The new permit number will be 836-5466. The operation disturbs 10.13 surface acres, and underlies 504.00 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 1.1 mile south of Langley, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.9 mile south of Ky. Rt. 80's junction with Ky. 777, and located 0.1 mile east of Turkey Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°30'59" and longitude 82°47'13".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE Momnana's LLC, 181 East Court St., Prestonsburg, KY 41653, hereby declares intentions to

apply for a location, should be reported immediately to the gas company. (c) To all persons, firms and contractors: before you commence any excavation, digging or related activities in the area of Cow Creek, Home Branch, and Slick Rock Road, call for the location of our gas mains and service lines. We will send a person to locate and mark our lines, before you commence any work. Telephone: (606) 432-0526 or (606) 437-7053. Cow Creek Gas Company, Inc. 134 Mims Branch Pikeville, KY 41501

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303, Amendment No. 1 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia, 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 120.59 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 274.06 acres, of which 184.58 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 584.46 acres within the amended permit boundary.

PUBLIC NOTICE To all natural gas customers of Cow Creek Gas Company, Inc. To recognize a gas pipeline emergency:

(a) Natural Gas has a distinct odor; if you smell or detect any gas odor inside your home, immediately turn off all gas appliances, leave your home, and call the gas company. Do not reenter your home until the gas company has made its inspection of all gas piping inside and outside your home. (b) Any smell of natural gas or detection of leaks in any gas line, regardless of its location, should be reported immediately to the gas company.

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

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

The amendment will underlie land owned by Jennifer and Jesse Akers, Dinah and Jack Tackett, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Carmel and Marie Clark, Arnold Turner, Jr., et al., Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Ray and Mary Hall, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil and Betty Hall, Darin Carroll, Wallace and Melinda Hamilton,

refuse disposal facility, located 0.5 mile northeast of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 21.10 surface acres and will underlie 0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 21.10 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 mile north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194, and located 0.08 mile east of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°40'02" and the longitude is 82°43'14". The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Eddie B. Merritt. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE The Jenny Willey Drama Association, Inc., monthly Board meeting is held the second Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 p.m., at the May Lodge. The meetings are open to the public.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-9017 Renewal #2 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a

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The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for Prestonsburg High School Energy Management System. Bids will be received by Greg Adams, Director of Facilities, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, until 2:00 p.m. local time, February 10, 2005. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Greg Adams, Director of Facilities, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, so as to arrive prior to the time established for their opening. All risks involved with the proper and timely delivery of any Proposal shall be assumed by the Bidder. Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be rejected. Facsimile transmissions ("Faxes") will not be accepted.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Richardson Associates Architects, 107 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY. 41858 (606-633-2263), for a non-refundable fee of \$50. Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Architect and office of the Owner.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a BID BOND, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, a Contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured. The Contractor awarded a Contract for this project will be required to provide a 100% Performance and Payment Bond on the terms provided in the attached Project Manual.

Proposal Forms must be properly filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

In the events the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory contract and bond, he/she shall be eliminated and shall forfeit their certified check, cash or Bid Bond, and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such failures.

Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any, or to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality therein, all

as it deems to be in its best interests. FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5416, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, KY 41502, has applied for an Amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.9 mile west of Woods in Floyd County, Kentucky. The amendment proposes to add 75.00 acres of underground acreage, making the total area 930.41 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.25 mile east from KY 194's junction with Ky. 1428, and located adjacent to Cow Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by Roy & Patsy Conn, Delmer & Irene Jervis, Burnis & Markiutta Jervis, Zenis & Janet Jervis, Maryland Jervis, George & Bridget Vanover, Glen & Mary Burchett, Greg & Pam Conn, Thurston & Delcie Endicott, Lester Jervis Bill & Pat Jarrell, Brad & Sally Goble, Ornes & Earl Spears and Reed Heirs.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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

Request for Bids from Licensed Master Plumbers for City Sewer Hook-up Installations

The Big Sandy Area Development District in conjunction with PRIDE (Personal Responsibility. In a Desirable Environment) is soliciting bids from licensed Master Plumbers desiring to perform hook-ups for city sewer systems for southern and eastern Kentucky. The successful bidder will be required to complete the connection of households within sixty (60) days of the date of the award letter.

The Scope of Work, Request for Bid Form and General Conditions is available upon request. Individual bids will be accepted, and contracts awarded for projects in Floyd County.

Contract #'s #12-1063 #12-1064 #12-1068

Interested Master Plumbers should send statements and proposals to Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, until Friday, February 11, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted. Proof of \$300,000 in liability insurance, workers compensation or a workers compensation exemption form, and the Master Plumber's Certification is required with each bid.

A selection committee will review, evaluate, and rate each bid based on their submitted Bid. The Big Sandy Area Development District will contact

the Master Plumber with the winning bid and enter into negotiations. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked Master Plumber will be contacted. Once a Master Plumber has been selected, all unsuccessful bidders will be promptly notified. The Selection Committee will adhere to the provision of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1984, Section 3. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The formal solicitation of seeking qualified master plumbers is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency.

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