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briefs

Three charged after waving guns

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Three area residents are facing criminal charges after they allegedly threatened others with guns.

Criminal complaints were filed by the alleged victims, who are bringing charges against Claudia Hall, of Martin, Frank Andrew Hamilton Jr., of Teaberry, and Donnie Combs, of Sycamore.

Hall, 43, was charged with two felony counts of first-degree wanton endangerment and two counts of fourth-degree assault after she allegedly pointed a shotgun at Gary L. Hale and his wife, of Cane Fork Road in Martin, and hit the couple with a metal rod. The couple allege that the altercation took place on Feb. 5, one day after Hall was cited in a separate case which brought her an additional fourth-degree assault charge.

Samantha Thompson, of Auxier, alleges that Hall hit her with an ax handle on Feb. 4. The altercation left Thompson unconscious, the citation says.

Hall is scheduled for arraignment on March 16 for both cases against her. Hamilton, 35, of Dry Branch Road in Teaberry,

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Morning rain
High: 49 • Low: 24

Thursday
Partly cloudy
High: 39 • Low: 18

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

Fanning asks city to reverse stance on school site

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MIDDLE CREEK — The Floyd County Board of Education is asking the city to change zoning regulations tacked onto property at Clark Elementary School on Route 114.

Supt. Paul W. Fanning drafted a letter last week requesting that the city council review the work of the school board and its district committee to approve the request for a zoning change at the school site, which was chosen by the school board last year as the future site of a new consolidat-

ed elementary school for the Prestonsburg area.

The location of the proposal has caused much debate since the possibility of consolidation became a topic of discussion last year. The district committee selected two possible sites for the consolidation — the site same

sites that currently hold Clark Elementary and Prestonsburg Elementary — and the board later chose the Clark site.

Various meetings were held concerning the project, with several com-

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photo by Mary Music

Herman Porter, seated, celebrated his 100th birthday Sunday, surrounded by family and friends.

Herman Porter celebrates a century

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — He still lives alone, still plants his garden every year, cooks, uses power tools, and drives his 1987 Buick to the supermarket and the hardware store every week. Last fall, he even replaced part of the roof on his house.

He's Herman Porter, an Allen resident who turned 100 years old Tuesday.

Family and friends convened at the Allen Fire Department Sunday to celebrate Porter's birthday and in doing so relived a 100-year history of the region.

"It's a celebration of love and honor for just a phenomenal man. He's just been an inspiration to so many people with his wisdom. He's like a living history book," Patty Elliot, 34, said.

The family entertained the celebrating crowd with a slideshow outlining Porter's life and the happenings of the world that accompanied his life over the past century.

Born Feb. 15, 1905, Porter saw the invention of electricity, cars, refrigeration, airplanes, ball-point pens and even sliced bread. He watched logs roll down the river to Catlettsburg, helped his father with tenants at the family-

owned hotel, worked with the Works Progress Administration to pave the streets in Allen, and even bartered muskrat skins to the Sears Roebuck Company.

Porter, a homegrown entrepreneur, is accredited with bringing the first television service to Allen and its first water supply system. He was also involved in selling Delco lighting systems in Allen before electricity was available.

His involvement has been an asset to the community, many people say.

Jerome Kinzer, 64, who grew

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Who needs snow days?

Flu closes schools for rest of week

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County students are getting an extended vacation after a rash of illnesses across the region prompted the closing of the district for the rest of the week.

Supt. Paul W. Fanning made the announcement Tuesday morning, after attendance dropped across the district to 84.42 percent.

Fanning said attendance rose slightly over a half percent Monday, leaving officials optimistic that last week's cancellation of classes did the trick in shooing away the flu bug that's been haunting classrooms.

Students and employees of the schools, however, are still off sick, he said.

"I was hoping we were on an upswing yesterday, with a

rise in attendance, then, bingo, it dropped down again this morning," Fanning said.

Last week, the board canceled classes for Thursday and Friday because attendance dropped to 87 percent on Wednesday. Twenty other school districts across the state made the same decision.

Dr. Mazen Jaafer, a pediatrician, said that his patients are suffering with the flu, RSV, vomiting, diarrhea and strep throat.

With Monday, Feb. 21, being President's Day, students now have six full days to recover from their ailments.

Classes were canceled effective at the close of school Tuesday and are expected to resume next Tuesday.

Social worker's trial delayed

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The social worker accused last year of falsely reporting an incident did not go to trial as scheduled yesterday, after a conflict necessitated a continuation of the case.

Christopher Newsome, a Floyd County social worker who headed a case last year

for Richard and Kimberly Hardy, will head for trial next month, District Judge James R. Allen ruled.

The continuation came after a motion was filed by attorney Phillip Hyden, following a request submitted by the special prosecutor in the case, who cited a scheduling conflict with another

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Missing girls found

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MAYTOWN — Two teenagers who decided to go hiking Sunday afternoon spent most of the night on the hillside.

Della Cooley, of Hippo, said she took her daughter, 13, to visit a 13-year-old classmate in Maytown Sunday afternoon to work on a school project.

The girls later decided to go hik-

ing on a hillside in Maytown and lost their way when it got dark.

"Everything was going through my head," Cooley said. "We heard them screaming, we knew they were up there, but they were so far back, we couldn't find them."

Workers with the fire departments in Maytown and Left Beaver, the Kentucky State Police, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and

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An organizational meeting for the 2005 PRIDE program area coordinators was held Tuesday at the Mountain Arts Center. Spring cleanup campaigns, the preservation of wetlands, government initiatives and community grant applications were among the topics discussed. Carol Cox, of the PRIDE program, is at the podium. Another coordinator's workshop will be held Thursday, in Hazard.

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Odds & Ends

HANNIBAL, Mo. — It was a two-day encounter at the height of World War II, but Richard Turner never forgot that Iowa girl. Now, 60 years later, he's about to marry her.

Years passed before he decided to try to find Annette Jessen, but after renewing their courtship the pair plan to wed Friday in Florida.

The two first met in 1945. Turner, a student at the University of Missouri who

traveled to Iowa to visit a girlfriend who had transferred to college there.

But upon his arrival, Turner met Jessen. They quickly became so close she invited him home to meet her parents. He reported for military duty a short time later.

Jessen said Turner "wrote a beautiful poem I kept all these years." Beyond that, the two lost contact.

In 1946, Turner returned to Decorah, Iowa, while

heading to visit a son on the West Coast. He stopped at the high school and asked for help in finding Jessen.

He learned that she had since married, became active in local politics and had nine children. He passed along his name and address for the

class reunion and sent a Christmas card.

Annette got the message, but didn't respond. "I knew if I answered, it would start something," she said.

Turner eventually got a surprise call on July 13, 2003. Annette's husband had died a few months earlier.

"My phone rang, and this voice said, 'this is Ann Jessen,'" Turner recalled. "I said, 'Who?' She said 'Annette.'"

■ LANSING, Mich. — Inmates in Michigan's prisons will have to pay for their own coffee by next month.

In an effort to save \$250,000 this year, state officials are cutting off the supply of free coffee to inmates at state prisons and people in boot camps and correctional centers.

Corrections Department spokesman Russ Marlan said inmates can still buy instant coffee at prison stores, but he didn't know how much they charge. The cost-saving effort begins after March 1.

"We're looking at everything that can reduce costs without jeopardizing public safety," Marlan said Monday. "There is no nutritional value to coffee."

The state pays \$2.50 to feed an inmate three meals a day, or a little more than \$120,000 for the state's 48,600 inmates, Marlan said.

Barbara Levine, executive director of Citizens Alliance on Prisons and Public Safety, had some reservations. She said eliminating free coffee in state prisons shows that Michigan officials are looking at the wrong places to reduce spending.

"When you start saving money on prisoner meals, you're really setting a precedent of looking at the small

things," she said. "It is a little thing, but it's also the wrong sort of thing."

■ CANBERRA, Australia — An environmentally friendly paper manufacturer has stumbled upon an unlikely way to put an unwanted natural resource to good use.

The company has created its first batch of paper from marsupial manure.

Land owners around the Tasmania state town of Burnie helped scrape together 55 pounds of kangaroo and wallaby dung for the local business, Creative Paper Tasmania, to make the unique paper pulp, manager Joanne Gair said Tuesday.

"It's a great product for tourists but it's also something that gets our eco-friendly message home to a lot of people," said Gair, whose paper products contain no wood.

The sand-colored sheets will be embossed with the words "Genuine Kangaroo

Poo," she said. Roughly 400 sheets can be made from 55 pounds of the fibrous droppings.

"We've got enough to make our first batch but if we're going to get into serious production, we're going to need a bit of assistance," she said.

■ DETROIT — Detroit is a city town — in more ways than one.

The Motor City produces the most calls to the Rejection Hotline, a free telephone service that allows uninterested objects of affection to blow off come-ons.

It works like this: You're asked for your telephone number by someone in which you have no interest. You might sound receptive by responding, "248-262-6861."

When that number is dialed, this is what they get: "The person who gave you this number did not want you

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2005. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 16, 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

On this date:

■ In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

■ In 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

■ In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

■ In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence.

■ In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt.

■ In 1959, Fidel Castro

became premier of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

■ In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated, in Haleyville, Ala.

■ In 1977, Janani Luwum, the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, and two other men were killed in what Ugandan authorities said was an automobile accident.

■ In 1994, at least 217 people were killed when a powerful earthquake shook Indonesia's Sumatra island.

■ In 1998, a China Airlines Airbus trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board and six people on the ground.

Ten years ago: Four people were killed when tornadoes tore through rural north Alabama. In a dark and defensive address to his nation, Russian President Boris Yeltsin berated his military leaders for big losses and human rights abuses in Chechnya, but insisted Russia had to use force to defend its unity.

Five years ago: Lucy Edwards, a former Bank of New York executive, and her husband, Peter Berlin, pleaded

guilty in federal court in Manhattan to laundering billions from Russian bankers in one of the biggest such schemes in U.S. history.

One year ago: A confident John Kerry launched a full-throttle attack on President Bush's economic policies, mostly ignoring his Democratic rivals on the eve of the Wisconsin primary. The Walt Disney Co. rejected a takeover bid by Comcast Corp.

Today's Birthdays:

Singer Patty Andrews is 87. Kim Jong Il, the president of North Korea, is 63. Actor Jeremy Bulloch is 59. Actor Pete Postlethwaite is 59. Actor William Katt is 54. Actor James Ingram is 49. Actor LeVar Burton is 48. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 47. Actress Lisa Loring is 47. Tennis Hall of Fame player John McEnroe is 46. Rock musician Andy Taylor (Duran Duran) is 44. Rock musician Taylor Hawkins (Foo Fighters) is 33. Singer Sam Salter is 27.

Thought for Today: "The heart may think it knows better: the senses know that absence blots people out. We have really no absent friends." — Elizabeth Bowen, Irish-born author (1899-1973).

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Girls

WMDJ Radio assisted with the search that extended into the wee hours of the morning Monday.

"I was frustrated because nobody seemed to be putting the word out," Allen Central Principal Loretta "Sis" Hall said. "I couldn't understand why they didn't do an Amber Alert."

Hall contacted WMDJ Radio Sunday after she learned about the incident and requested that the station release information provided by the child's parents.

WMDJ issued follow-up reports throughout the night as the search continued on foot, on ATVs, and from the air, via helicopter.

When parents realized the girls were missing, they combed the city of Maytown, knocking doors and checking houses, Cooley said. A local boy said he saw the girls climbing the hillside, a remark that raised concerns from the families

involved because the hillside is known for having steep cliffs and rocky drop-off points.

The girls, wearing "hoodies" in the 40-degree weather, were afraid to move after dark because of those potential dangers, Cooley said.

Two local firefighters were heading up the hillside when the girls returned at approximately 4 a.m. in the morning, she said.

"I wouldn't let her go," Cooley said, "I wouldn't let nobody hold her, I hogged her to myself."

Cooley wrote a letter of thanks to all those involved in the search, particularly KSP Trooper Brian Layne, who stayed with the family as the search continued.

Maytown Fire Chief Darrell Bradley refused to comment. Other officials affiliated with the search were unavailable for comment.

Both girls are students at Allen Central Middle School.

Birthday

up across the street from the Porter family, says the man has always been an inspiration.

Porter introduced the mini car, or compact car, to county residents "years before its time," Kinzer said.

Kinzer also pointed out Porter's other enduring qualities: "He's always been a gentleman, straightforward, gives good advice to anybody. He's a great asset to the community."

Allen Mayor Sharon Woods presented Porter with a plaque commemorating the occasion Sunday.

"It's been an honor in my lifetime to have known him," she said.

Friends and family members have been counting on Porter's understanding of the world for the better part of a century.

Georgia Allen, 87, who calls herself "part of the family not by relations, but by friendship," spoke about his influence on her husband's life.

Allen's husband, Jack, was unofficially taken in as a child by the Porter family, she said, when his mother died.

"When anything gets wrong in Allen, everybody runs to Paw Daddy," she said. "The main wheel of the family, that's what he was. When any problems came up a family couldn't solve, they'd go to Herman and Uncle Henry."

Loni Brewer, a Lexington resident, knows that fact all too well. When she was 18 months old, she moved in with the Porters, her grandparents, because her mother died. She says Porter gets around so well because he knows exactly how to do it.

"The reason he's lived so long is because I rarely see him get stressed," Brewer said. "He kind of takes things in stride and does what he feels like doing when he feels like doing it."

Brewer, like several on hand Sunday, said Porter taught her how to "get the most out of

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life." It's an enduring characteristic that Porter holds dear to his own heart.

"I've done a little of everything, just a little of everything, and, buddy, that's a whole lot," Porter said, smiling.

Brenda Cockerham is also successful today because of her grandfather's influence.

"I was as close to them as I was my own parents," she said. "He helped me get my first car and my first house. He helped keep us all stable. He was a foundation. We always knew where we came from. We could always depend on him for support and guidance, him and Mamaw both. They were always there ... He's living proof that it's possible to live long and happy without drugs."

Porter's granddaughter-in-law, Denise Porter, says the man is "overwhelmed" with a continual need for learning. They go driving every Wednesday, she said, to keep a heads up on what's changing in the community.

"He's a wonderful, knowledgeable, special person. Anybody that doesn't know him missed out on a lot," she said.

"He's active instead of sitting around and worrying. That's not him. He's always reading, always thinking, always observing."

Larry Short, 64, Porter's nephew and former Floyd County school teacher, agreed with the assumption: "He's a scholar that didn't get all his education from college. He got it from self study. He always liked perfection. He never halfway did anything. He believes that everybody can do what it is they need to do, and he knows how to explain things to you. I went to him for help several times."

Greg Porter credited his grandfather with inspiring him to become an engineer.

It happened in the 1960s, Greg Porter said, when his grandfather hooked blasting caps to a trip wiring system in his garden to scare away watermelon thieves.

"The story goes that they came in under the bridge around dusk in the summer to steal them a juicy watermelon," Greg Porter said. "One of the boys got so scared when the cap went off — it sounded just like a

shotgun — that he jumped into the creek, where, you know, everyone's sewer was draining into. His buddies came and got him about an hour later. The guys laughed about it after they were older."

It was the genius embodied in the spring-loaded tripping trap that turned Greg Porter's eyes to an engineering career.

No absolute numbers were available Sunday as to how many decedents there are in the Porter family. The family tree sports at least 100, Cockerham said, and "there's one brewing now."

The family comprises several entrepreneurs, pilots, dentists, doctors, attorneys and engineers, all of whom regard Porter as the "life of the party."

Another story that surfaced during the party Sunday was about a time that Porter, an accredited trickster, almost bit off more than he could chew.

Porter entered into the male side of a double-compartment outhouse, family members said, armed with a wooden paddle. When an unsuspecting lady sat

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Delay

legal matter.

The Attorney General's Office appointed the Leslie County attorney to prosecute the case last year after Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley asked to step down because of his professional relationship with the Floyd County Social Services Department.

Newsome was charged with the misdemeanor offense last May, after he allegedly lied to authorities about Richard and Kimberly Hardy, a former Auxier couple who claim the "system" has a vendetta against them.

The Hardy couple have lost custody of seven of their children

over the past several years. They claim that Newsome lied in order to have them removed from a routine visitation with their son on May 5.

Newsome told Prestonsburg Police that Richard Hardy had threatened employees and had threatened to damage his car during that visit.

No threatening remarks were recorded on a recording device used that day by Richard Hardy.

The case against Newsome prompted several investigations into the social services department.

The trial is now scheduled for March 1.

Guns

was charged with one count of first-degree wanton endangerment after he allegedly shot a gun eight times over top of the head of Carter King, another Teaberry resident.

Hamilton was served with the citation by Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Delmas Johnson, who said he has no knowledge of the case.

Hamilton is scheduled for arraignment March 9, the same day that Combs, 50, will also be arraigned.

Combs, charged with one count of first-degree wanton endangerment and one count of terroristic threatening, allegedly pointed a gun at Wayland resident John Howell on Jan. 30, and threatened to kill him.

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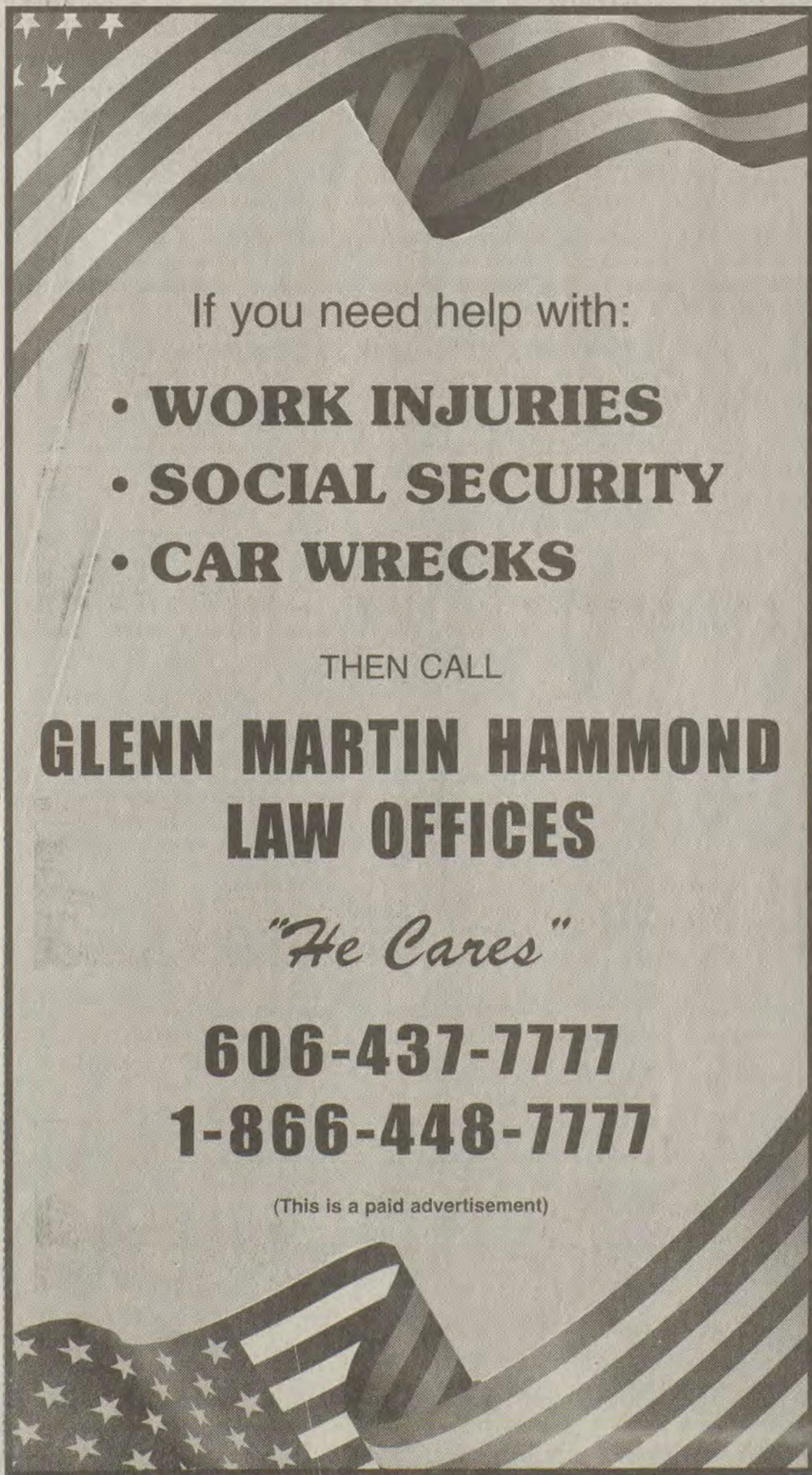
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"If you want to make enemies, try to change something."

— Woodrow Wilson

Our View

Bus policy goes too far

You wouldn't treat a 17-year-old the same way you would treat a 5-year-old, but the Floyd County School System would.

At least, that's the message being sent by the system's sudden strict enforcement of a policy that prevents students from getting off the bus and going home unless there's a parent waiting for them.

Such a policy makes sense ... to a point. No one would want to leave a kindergarten student home unattended. But telling a high school senior she can't ride the bus home anymore because mommy or daddy isn't there to pick her up, or a junior that he must find some other transportation because his bus stop is 80 yards from his front door, is going overboard.

To see how ridiculous the policy is when applied to older students, one only need to observe the end of the school day. Other high school students who have their own cars can zip away at their leisure. Younger students can even toss their backpacks over their shoulders and hoof it. Will there be parents waiting for them when they get home? Will they even go home? No one can say, but since they don't ride the bus, it doesn't matter.

To top it off, there's even word that bus drivers who haven't strictly enforced the policy in the past could face disciplinary measures. Just what we need — school employees being punished for exercising common sense.

Supt. Paul Fanning says the issue is safety, and no one is criticizing the school system for being concerned about the welfare of its students. But if a student can grow a beard or have a baby, it's probably a safe bet that he or she can be trusted to spend an hour or two at home alone and not run with scissors.

Of course, there is always the L-word — lawsuits — to worry about, and we suspect that much of the rationale behind this policy stems from that fear. But that concern could be safely addressed by requiring parents to sign a waiver allowing their children to be dropped off.

As children grow up, parents must constantly learn to let go a little more with each passing year. That's a lesson our school system could stand to learn.

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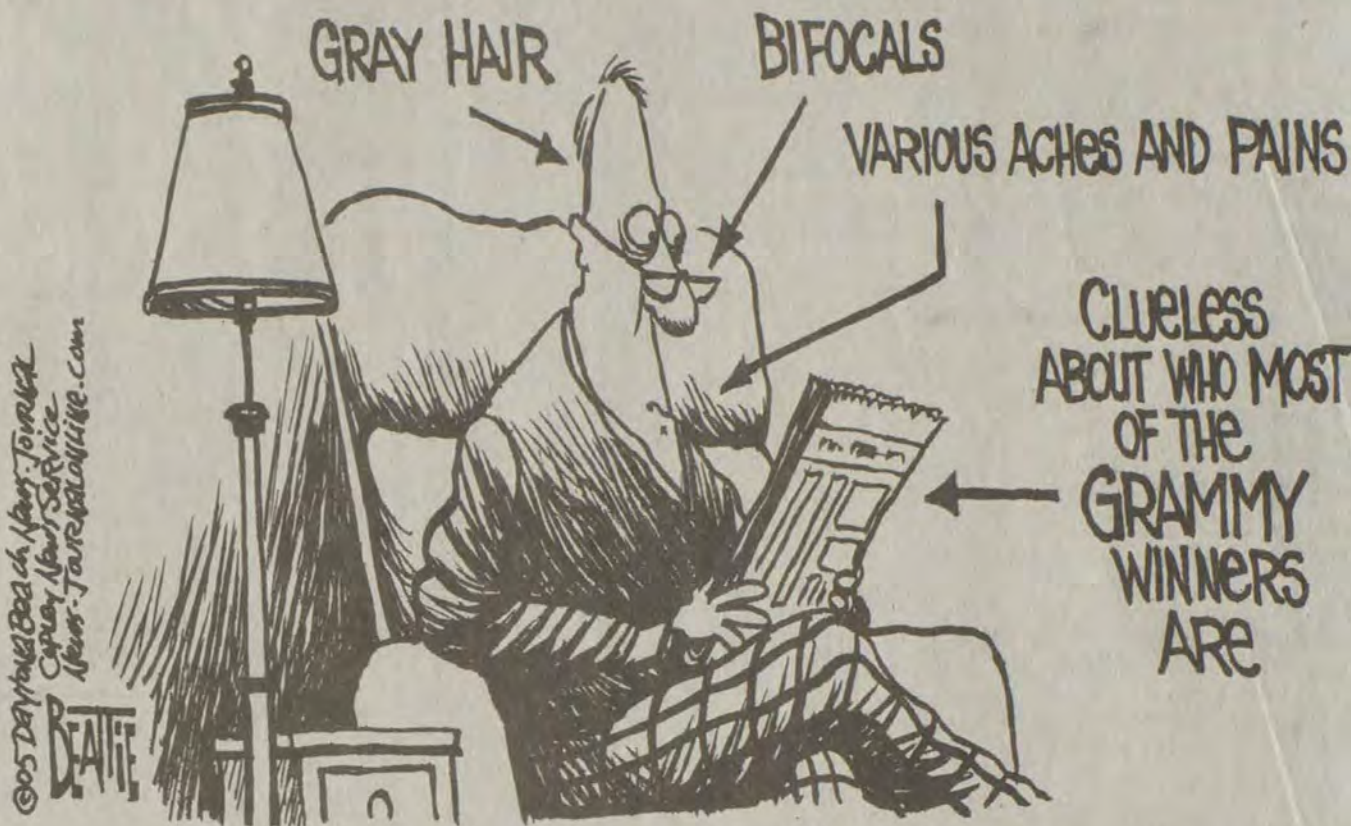
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Guest Column

Superintendent seeks support for school site

by PAUL W. FANNING
SUPERINTENDENT
FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS

One of the most exciting future events being planned by the Floyd County Board of Education is the planning and construction of the new consolidated elementary school in the Prestonsburg area. Two years ago, the Kentucky General Assembly made funding available to replace certain Category 5 schools across the state. Prestonsburg Elementary was identified as one of the Category 5 schools and some of the funds for part of the cost of a consolidated elementary school serving the attendance areas for Prestonsburg and Clark Elementary Schools were provided by the state.

Although the legislation provided funding for these projects, additional funding is required to build a facility to the capacity that is needed and the school

board has approved the additional funding for the project. As soon as this new facility was made possible by legislation, the board established a committee composed of district representatives and various citizens representing business and community leaders to provide perspectives on the new school. One of their responsibilities included recommending potential sites for the new school.

The committee held several meetings that were attended by citizens, city council members and zoning committee representatives. To the best of our knowledge, every site suggested or offered was reviewed by the committee and school board. Some of the sites were removed from consideration by the committee. One site was removed from consideration by its owner.

Eventually, the committee recommended for consideration the sites where Clark Elementary School and

Prestonsburg Elementary School are currently located. Both of these sites were reviewed by the Corps of Engineers for waterway and flood plain standards, since that agency was involved with a flood control project study for the city of Prestonsburg.

As required by state standards, the Clark and Prestonsburg Elementary sites submitted to the Division of Facilities of the Kentucky State Department of Education for further review to determine if these sites met facility standards. The state's Division of Water also issued two reports on the waterway next to Clark School. A favorable waterway report was also submitted on behalf of the school board to the Kentucky Heritage Council and State Historic Preservation Office indicating that a new school at the Clark site would not have a negative impact on

(See SUPPORT, page eleven)

Letters

Keep jobs in Eastern Kentucky

Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company is preparing to transfer jobs out of Eastern Kentucky. These jobs, call the pressure operators in gas control, are vital jobs that must be worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The pressure operators monitor 20 engines that makes up the nine compressor stations operated by Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company. The pressure operators also monitor major natural gas lines and operate various valves on these lines. At one time, the pressure operators had the capability to shut the engines down at the compressor stations in the event of an emergency or mechanical problem. This important feature was eliminated when the company "upgrad-

ed" its SCADA system. Now, the SCADA system, which stands for supervisory control and data acquisition, depends on telephone lines and the internet.

The pressure operators in gas control are also the emergency contact people you reach when you call Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company. We are also the after-business hours, weekends and holidays contact people. If your gas goes off during the night or you need to report a leak, the pressure operators answer your calls. And we are local people located in Floyd County.

Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company and its parent company, Equitable Resources, plan to transfer these jobs to Pittsburgh, Pa.

It seems like the only thing we in Eastern Kentucky still get from the natural gas located here in Eastern Kentucky is the jobs. Now Kentucky West Virginia Gas and Equitable Resources want to take some of these, too. In my opinion, if Equitable could move the gas wells to

Pittsburgh, they probably would!

How many times have we complained about our jobs being sent to other areas and then automated? How many times have we waited impatiently while a recording goes through various options? Do you want to be listening to a recording if you have a natural gas emergency?

How upsetting will it be if your gas is off at 3 a.m. and you are trying to explain to an operator in Pittsburgh how to get to your house? You'll be talking to someone who probably has never even been in Eastern Kentucky.

The current pressure operators, who are located in the Prestonsburg office of Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, are local people, familiar with the area.

We sincerely believe it is in the best interest of the general public, as well as Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, to keep these jobs local.

Sandy Fraley
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Church offers thanks

The members of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of East McDowell would like to take this

opportunity to thank all the friends, neighbors and businesses that helped to make the sixth annual "Christmas Treat for the Children" of the McDowell and surrounding areas, held on Dec. 18, a huge success once again.

With the help of these individuals and businesses, the church was able to make Christmas just a little brighter for many children. Approximately 350 children were given the opportunity to visit with Santa and given a gift and fruit. Christmas really is for the children, but the grownups really enjoyed

seeing the smiles on the faces of the children.

Thanks again for all the help and support. We would not be able to help these children without your generous donations. Please accept our most heartfelt thanks.

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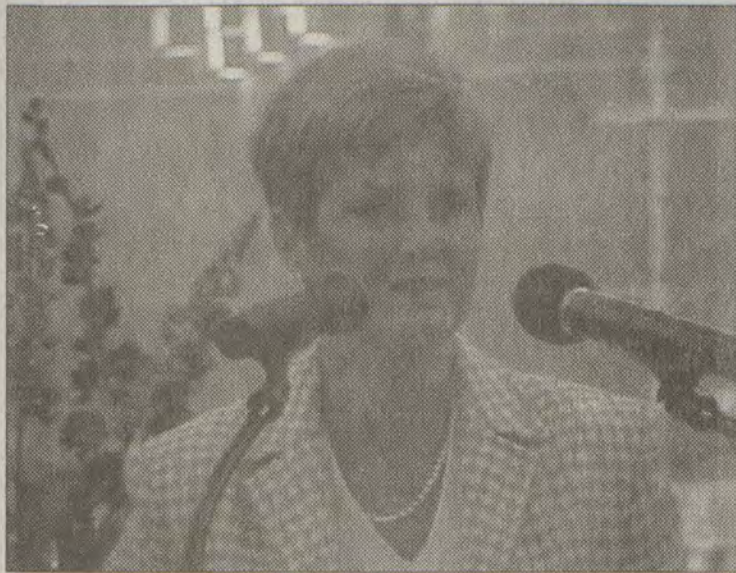
Pikeville Medical unveil neurosurgery program

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE

PIKEVILLE — Since 1966 Walter E. May has served as President of Pikeville Medical Center's Board of Directors, and for the past 15 years he has quoted the words, "Dream big and big things will happen."

On Tuesday, officials at Pikeville Medical Center announced the recruitment of Dr. Damien Jensen and the hospital's new, service to the region — neurosurgery.

Jensen, who will serve as medical director of Pikeville Medical Center's neurosurgery program, comes to Pikeville directly from his native country Australia. CEO Joann Anderson, and President Walter May played strategic roles in locating a well-trained, experienced doctor to direct the neurosurgery program and develop it to its full potential.



Pikeville Medical Center CEO Joann Anderson said Eastern Kentucky would benefit from Tuesday's announcement because local patients "shouldn't be required to leave the area for any type of medical care."

"I couldn't be more pleased to have a physician of such caliber as Dr. Jensen to head our program", said Anderson. "He is

a quality person with a wealth of experience and will take excellent care of our neurological patients. Pikeville Medical Center is continually evaluating means to bring new services to the people of this region. They deserve it, and they shouldn't be required to leave the area for any type of medical care."

Jensen is considered one of

the top neurosurgeons in Australia and comes to Pikeville with 30 years experience.

When asked his thoughts of the area Jensen said, "Pikeville reminds me of where I was born and where I spent my youth." Jensen used a football analogy when describing his feelings being in his new position. "I feel like a new coach, with a lot of new players, new strategies, and

with practice we will win."

Anderson added "We're a basketball state around here, and I feel like Tubby Smith having just signed the next big star player."

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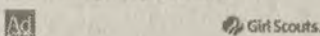
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Obituaries

Cloie Caudill Akers

Cloie Caudill Akers, age 94, of Wabash, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, the widow of Pink Akers, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2005, at the Adena Hospital, Chillicothe, Ohio.

She was born January 20, 1911, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Nelson Caudill and Laura Adkins Caudill. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons: Rev. Talbie Aker of Ecorse, Michigan, Dewey Harold Akers of Killbuck, Ohio, and Pink Alex Jr., of Lancaster, Ohio; four daughters: Madis Siders of Piketon, Ohio, Marie Brown of Allen Park, Michigan, Betty Henson of Waverly, Ohio, and Brenda Hicks of McDowell, 39 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, 33 great-great-grandchildren, one great-great-great-grandchild; four step-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three sons: Elder Jack Akers, Jimmy Ray Akers, and William Robert Akers; one daughter, Mildred Rings; and deceased brothers and sisters.

Funeral services for Cloie Caudill Akers will be conducted, Wednesday, February 16, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Ode Osborne Cemetery, at McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

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

(Paid obituary)

Hillard Anderson Jr.

Hillard Anderson Jr., 77, of Owingsville, died Friday, February 11, 2005, at the Mary Chiles Hospital in Mt. Sterling.

Born February 7, 1928, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Hillard Anderson Sr. and Mary Slone Anderson. He was a retired coal miner, a U.S. Army and Korean War veteran, and a member of Masonic Lodge 889 in Wheelwright.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Johnson Anderson.

Other survivors include two sons: Gary Anderson (Viva) of Whitesburg, and Johnny Anderson of Owingsville; a daughter, Lisa Anderson Willis (Ron) of Owingsville; six brothers: Hobert Anderson, Claude Anderson, Buddy Anderson, and Bobby Anderson, all of Bevinsville, Paul Anderson of Michigan, and Glen Anderson of Winchester; four sisters: Olleen Stapleton of Harold, Hazel Bates of Price, Betty Anderson of Bevinsville, and Edith Smallwood of Virgie; and two grandchildren: Melissa Anderson and Ashleigh Willis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sessie Gatzke.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 15, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Clive David Case

Clive David Case, 52, of Belfry, a native of Floyd County, died Sunday, February 13, 2005, at the Pikeville Medical Center emergency room.

Born April 17, 1952, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Eugene and Geneva Clemons Case. He was a coal miner for Excel Coal Company; a member of the Full Gospel Church of Jesus; and a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his wife, Melvina Waller Case.

Other survivors include a son, Joshua Neil Case of Martin; a step-son, Homer Williams of Kermit, West Virginia; two step-daughters: Polly Williams of Kermit, West Virginia, and Estella Johnson of Crum, West Virginia; four brothers: Mike Case of Printer, Rodney Case of Prestonsburg, Danny Case of Palestine, Indiana, and Kenny Case of Warsaw, Indiana; two sisters: Glendean Gayheart and Eugenia Case, both of Palestine, Indiana; and five step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 17, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Fields and Jobie Shepherd officiating.

Burial will be in the Case Family Cemetery, at Hunter, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Roy Leon Greer

Roy Leon Greer, age 78, of Printer, husband of Edna Kidd Greer, passed away, Friday, February 11, 2005, at his residence.

He was born May 2, 1926, in McDowell, the son of Colbert Greer and Drucilla Mullins Greer. He was a member of the Spurlock Church at Christ, at Printer, and was a retired coal miner.

In addition to his wife, Edna, he is survived by six sons: Doyle Douglas Greer of Marshall, Michigan, John Paul Greer and Bobby D. (Lavonna) Greer, both of Printer, Billy Dean (Dicy) Greer of Inez, Lee Roy (Sharon) Greer of Prestonsburg, and James (Faye) Greer, of Martin; four daughters: Carlotta (Vito) Zappa, and Victoria (Earl) Hall, both of Printer, Marcella (Danny) Blair of Oil Springs, and Rebecca (Harold) Boyd of Dana; two brothers: Clyde Greer of Prestonsburg, and Elmer Greer of Dana; two sisters: Gladys Conn and Lexie Salisbury, both of Martin; 28 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Timothy Greer; and two daughters: Brenda Sue Bentley, and Judy Greer.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergymen Bruce Coleman and Richard Bowens officiating.

Burial was in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, at Printer, under the direction and professional services of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Bobby Greer Jr., Dale Greer, Curtis Greer, Blake Conn, Earl Hall, Neb Conn, and Anthony Greer.

(Paid obituary)

Gracie Waddles

Gracie Waddles, 86, of Topmost, died Sunday, February 6, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born December 30, 1918, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Monroe and Josie Gibson Slone. She was a homemaker and a member of the Caney Fork Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Waddles.

Other survivors include a son, James A. Waddles of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Joyce Campbell of Fairborn, Ohio, and Georgia Hall of Topmost; 12 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Diamond Ray Waddles and Ronald Gene Waddles; two brothers: Julius Slone and Eulis Slone; and two sisters: Eunice Akers and Verble Gardner.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 10, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

Ruth Frasure Tackett

Ruth Frasure Tackett, 75, of Craynor, died Monday, February 14, 2005, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born August 8, 1929, in Craynor, she was the daughter of the late Nelson and Ollie Howell Hamilton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eric Jr. Frasure.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Lucille Frasure of Lexington; a brother, Charles Taylor Hamilton of Tennessee; two grandchildren: Sherry Randolph of LaGrange, Indiana, and Carisa Kelsey of Lexington; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband; two sons: Ronnie Frasure and Donnie Frasure; a brother, Squire Hamilton; and three sisters: Rosie Howell, Draxie Combs and Mary Alice Keathley.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 17, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Ike Roberts Cemetery, at Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was Tuesday, at the funeral home, and Wednesday, at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church—with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

Ocie Caudill

Ocie Caudill, 83, of Martin, died Friday, February 11, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Born April 11, 1921, in Knott County, she was a daughter of the late Silas and Nannie Gibson Slone. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Hollybush Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard Caudill.

Survivors include three sons: Leeon Caudill of Byesville, Ohio, Lois Caudill of Crestline, Ohio, and John Chris Caudill of San Diego, California; three brothers: Graden Slone of Lexington, Breman Slone of Norwalk, Ohio, and Cash Slone of Fletcher, Ohio; six sisters: Rose Dingsus of Martin, Daily Robinson of Lackey, Ora Thornsby of Topmost, Lola Caudill of Winchester, Yvonne Burton of Castalia, Ohio, and Bernice Viocck of Perkins Township, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Ora Pfeiffer; four brothers: Irton Slone, Daffy Slone, Farris Slone, and Jeff Slone; and two sisters: Lillie Caudill, and Sada Slone.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 15, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Hollybush Family Cemetery, at Hollybush.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

Ivan Eugene Debord

Ivan Eugene Debord, 69, of Martin, died Sunday, February 13, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born May 10, 1935, in Brodhead, he was the son of the late Otto F. and Illa Mae Ross Debord. He was a disabled wood carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Debord.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Eugene Debord of Eddinsburg, Indiana; two daughters: Barbara Ann Myers of Franklin, Indiana, and Kathy Mae Wheat of New Albany, Indiana; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Steve Wayne Debord; a daughter, Patricia Mae Debord; and two sisters: Cozzetta Stroud and Kathleen Miracle.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 16, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Harlowe officiating.

Burial will be in the J.H. Dingsus Memorial Cemetery, at Dinwood, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Poll: Kentuckians oppose cutting state services

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Most Kentucky residents don't want the state to cut funding for public schools, Medicaid or health insurance for teachers and state employees, according to a recent poll.

If lawmakers must cut programs to balance the state budget, a majority of those surveyed in the Bluegrass Poll were still hesitant to cut other areas, the Courier-Journal of Louisville reported in Sunday's editions. Most said they favored "only a little" in cuts or none at all to state parks, prisons, courts and business development.

The newspaper's telephone poll of 801 randomly selected adult Kentuckians was conducted Feb. 3-9 and has a mar-

gin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Most of those polled — 92 percent — would either oppose cuts in schools or favor only a little, 89 percent in Medicaid and 85 percent in public employee health insurance. Smaller majorities opposed any cuts or favored only a little in higher education (81 percent) and state police (84 percent).

Sherita Lynch, 26, of Radcliff, a poll respondent who agreed to a follow-up interview, said she believes it's especially important that the state not cut education or Medicaid, the federal-state health plan for the poor, disabled and low-income elderly in nursing homes.

Some programs, she said, "could probably use an overhaul. But I don't think educa-

tion or health care should be one of them."

Some lawmakers struggling to devise a budget said the poll's findings reflect what they're hearing — people don't like cuts to services even though many don't want to pay increased taxes.

"Everybody wants to get to heaven, but nobody wants to die," said state Rep. Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow, who recently renounced an anti-tax-increase pledge he signed in 1990. "Without more revenue, we're going to continue to cut services and programs that nobody wants to cut."

Nunn is among some lawmakers who oppose Gov. Ernie Fletcher's "revenue-neutral" tax-overhaul proposal as not being adequate to meet needs, especially in the area of human

services. Fletcher has said that while his plan would raise some taxes, it lowers others, making it "revenue neutral."

Fletcher's proposal provides flat funding or slight increases for many public school programs but offers additional money in areas of teacher recruitment and training and early reading initiatives.

Fletcher is proposing a significant increase for Medicaid over the next 17 months to deal with the program's chronic budget shortfalls; his budget seeks \$254 million to attract another \$578 million in federal money.

Administration officials say they want to avoid cutting anyone from Medicaid, which serves nearly 700,000 Kentuckians.

Poll: Fletcher's approval rating rebounding after teacher crisis

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's job-approval rating has rebounded since last fall's controversy over his proposal to make public employees pay more for health benefits, according to a Bluegrass Poll published Sunday.

Fifty-two percent of the 801 adults surveyed approve of the job he is doing, compared with 38 percent who disapprove, according to the telephone poll conducted Feb. 3-9. The rest had no opinion.

The poll, conducted by The Courier-Journal of Louisville, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. In a Bluegrass Poll taken in May 2004, Fletcher, a Republican, received a 53 percent approval rating, with disapproval of 28 percent and 19 percent with no opinion.

The most recent results show a recovery from October, when 43 percent approved of Fletcher's job performance and 45 percent

disapproved.

Martha Kopatz, 71, of Louisville, strongly approved of Fletcher's effort.

"I just think he's an honest person, and I can't say that about some of the others," said Kopatz, who agreed to an interview with the paper after being polled.

But Donna Carter, 45, a poll respondent who lives in Louisville and works at Kroger, strongly disapproves of Fletcher's performance. Carter said Fletcher is not adequately funding public schools.

"Teachers are the most important people in our children's lives besides their families, and it's terrible that people with such important jobs get paid so little," Carter said. "Education should have been his top priority because we do have a high dropout rate in certain districts and certain schools."

Fletcher spokesman Doug Hogan said the new survey validates the governor's plan for tax overhaul and spend-

"We're obviously pleased. We think it's a confirmation for Gov. Fletcher's staying the course. ... It confirms that we're on the right track with our issues of JOBS for Kentucky and the budget," he said.

JOBS for Kentucky is the name of Fletcher's tax overhaul plan, which stands for Jobs and Opportunity Bipartisan Solution.

Not including Gov. Paul Patton's rating after he admitted an affair with Tina Conner, Fletcher's rating in October was the worst given any governor in 18 years that the survey has been conducted.

The October poll was conducted after school employees and state workers protested Fletcher's proposed health insurance plan, and near the end of a special legislative session that resolved the crisis.

Though improved, Fletcher's latest approval rating was still below that of his three immediate predecessors during similar times in their administra-

tions. Democrats Patton, Brereton Jones and Wallace Wilkinson all showed approval ratings in the mid-60s in Bluegrass Polls taken early in the second years of their terms.

In the latest survey, 10.5 percent of those polled said they strongly approved of Fletcher's job performance, and 41.7 percent said they somewhat approved; 21 percent said they somewhat disapproved, while 17 percent said they strongly disapproved.

Kentuckians are divided on the direction in which the state is headed, according to the poll. Forty-four percent said things are going generally in the right direction and 47 percent said things are off on the wrong track.

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In acquiring the Goddard table, Sack, 89, followed in the footsteps of his father, Israel Sack, a one-time New York furniture dealer who helped pioneer the collection and appreciation of historic American furniture.

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once belonged to Brown University founder Nicolas Brown — a record for American furniture that still stands.

Sack is having the Goddard table shipped from New York and has not yet decided whether he will use it. "Collectors use their furniture,

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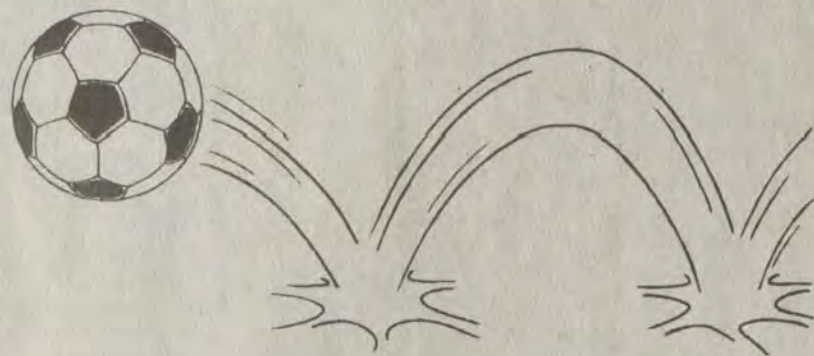
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Poll: Residents favor higher taxes on tobacco to balance budget

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — A large majority of Kentucky residents favor taxes on tobacco, alcohol and gambling if money is needed to balance the state budget, according to a Bluegrass Poll published Sunday.

Poll respondents said lawmakers should consider raising cigarette taxes, adding a tax on alcohol sold in stores and allowing slot machines at racetracks, according to The Courier-Journal of Louisville, which published the poll. Most also said that satellite television service should be taxed at the same level as cable TV, the paper reported.

The telephone poll of 801 randomly selected adult Kentuckians was conducted Feb. 3-9 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

Many also said they wanted

Gov. Ernie Fletcher's tax plan to raise extra money for the state. Fletcher's proposal is to overhaul taxes without raising taxes overall.

Fletcher's spokesman, Doug Hogan, said the poll's findings bode well for persuading lawmakers to adopt tax reform this year, after it failed last year.

"The message is getting through — we need to revise our tax code," Hogan said.

But Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said the poll's finding of support for an overall tax increase could be skewed. Williams said the poll asked people only whether they wanted to "raise some extra money for the state," without specifically warning they would pay higher taxes.

Allen County resident Jane Cooksey, a retired high school teacher, said the state's budget shortfall and politicians' reluctance to cut programs under-

scores the need for an overall tax increase.

"I don't see that we have a lot of choice," said Cooksey, who was among those polled and agreed to be interviewed afterward.

Williams said many lawmakers of both parties have signed no-new-tax pledges and would suffer "horrendous" consequences if they back out. He said many in the Senate would demand some neutrality before taking action.

But House budget committee chairman Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, called the results "encouraging" and said they

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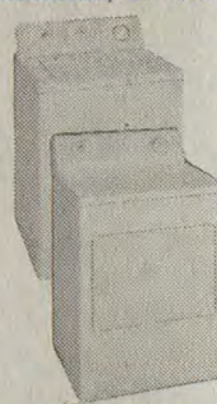
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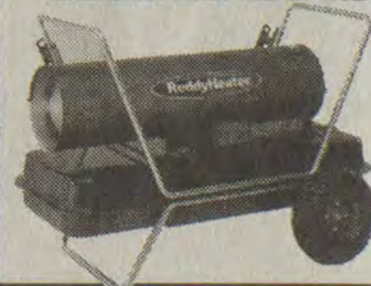
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munity members voicing their own opinions. Opponents argued that construction at the Clark School location would cause flooding, "an understandable concern," Fanning said, but one that was ultimately ruled out by "favorable" waterway reports by various departments.

Both schools were reviewed by the Corps of Engineers for waterway and flood plain standards last year.

After conducting studies of the possible sites, the Division of Facilities of the Kentucky Department of Education ruled in favor of the Clark Elementary site. They decided that the Prestonsburg site would not be feasible because the school is situated below the 100-year flood plain, has "inadequate" acreage, and has existing storm and sanitary sewers crossing the site.

Funding was made by the General Assembly two years ago to replace "Category 5" schools like the Prestonsburg Elementary

and the state budgeted funds for the project last year. Funding is expected to be included in this year's budget, Fanning said yesterday.

"The board wants to work cooperatively with the Prestonsburg City Council, mayor, and the Planning and Zoning Commission as the new school site and facilities are planned and constructed in the future," Fanning wrote in the letter.

The cooperation, however, may not come easily.

The city council annexed the area including Clark in 2000, and rezoning it so that the school board would be prevented from using the property for future school construction.

Fanning quoted a state law in his letter that excludes county school boards from adhering to city zoning regulations, but they are still requesting the change.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fanning has routinely argued against consolidation at the Clark location.

"We feel like we're kinda

left out of the loop on this one," he said Tuesday. "In most towns, school boards try to work with their city governments. It seems like they're spending more time trying to avoid the city government than to work with this one."

Mayor Fanning, who has been out of town this week, said he hadn't yet read the letter submitted by Fanning. The council has not discussed the proposal, he said.

"Anything that's better for the kids, I think that's nice for the kids," the mayor said, "but I think the location has a lot to do with it. It's a safety issue for the kids, really."

Fanning argues that the Prestonsburg Elementary site would be more appropriate because, in case of an emergency, fire, police or other officials can access the

school through 3-to-4 different entry ways.

Clark Elementary only has one access way — a bridge, he said, and that crossing often floods during rainy seasons.

Fanning also said that moving students out of the Prestonsburg Elementary location would raise city taxes. Children would no longer be able to take free walking field trips in town, he said.

Fanning said he will meet with the zoning commission and the city council to determine an answer to Fanning's request.

The Board of Education selected an architect to construct the facility, Fanning said. Several engineers are continuing studies on the Clark Elementary School property.

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Birthday

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down to do her business, Porter slid the paddle under the wooden slats between the compartments and smacked her rump.

Doors opened, Porter took off running, and a hefty foot chase ensued, they said.

Porter is one of 7,500 men born around the same time period who is still living today.

Family members said that reaching 100-year mark would give Porter everything he wanted to obtain in his life, but he said otherwise when questioned by the Times Sunday.

He wants to be able to see and hear the people and things around him more clearly.

He said his birthday was "just another day."

"I don't feel no different, other than seeing this big crowd run around here aggravating a feller," he laughed during the party.

The following remark was cited during the slideshow pre-

sentation: "Herman Porter denies taking any responsibility for faulty genes. He says if you're a Porter and something is bad, then it's not his fault."

Porter was married to his wife, Bernice, now deceased, for nearly 70 years.

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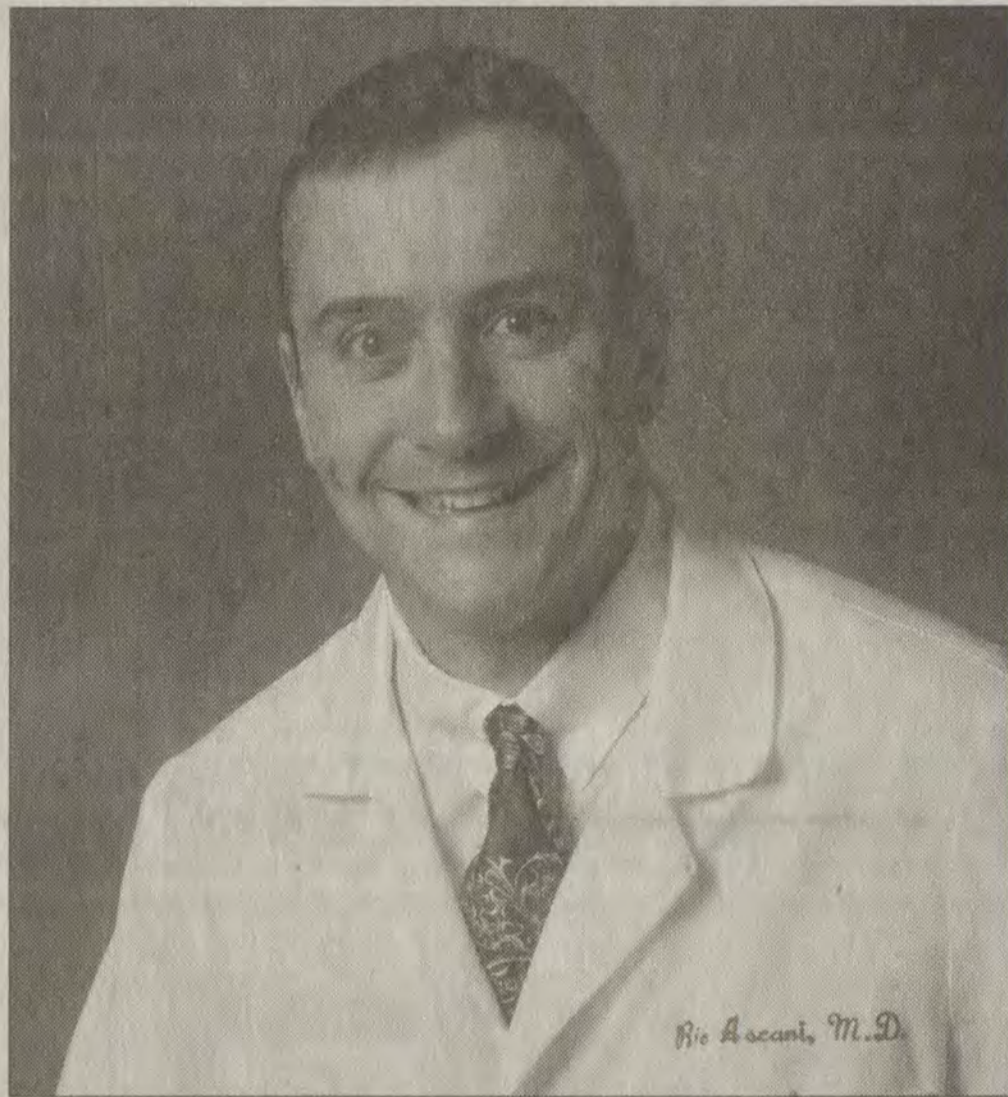
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An inspection visit was made by a representative from the State Department of Education's Division of Facilities to both of the schools recommended by the planning committee. Prestonsburg Elementary School was found to be an unsuitable for the following reasons:

■ There was inadequate acreage, even when the proposed property acquisitions were included.

■ The site had existing storm and sanitary sewers traversing the school site.

■ The site's location was below the 100-year flood plain.

The Clark site was approved by the state education facilities office as a potential site. When all of this information was presented to the school board, the decision was made to locate the new school at the Clark site.

During 2000, the city proposed annexation of Clark School. While the board had concerns about the annexation, it did not contest the annexation because it believed that its most important responsibility was to serve children and the

annexation would provide helpful city services to the school site. The annexation document submitted to the board did not include any statement that the school's new zoning category would limit any change to the site for educational purposes. It was only after the committee recommended the Prestonsburg and Clark sites to the school board that the board was told that the property had been annexed with a park zone designation and a new school could not be constructed on the Clark site.

Upon receiving information that a zoning designation had been made limiting the use of the Clark property in the future, the school board requested a zoning change to build the school. The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a hearing on the proposed change being requested by the school board. This meeting was attended by several citizens from the Clark School neighborhood. At this meeting, concerns were voiced about the flooding potential that might be created by new school site work. These were understandable concerns after the May 2004 flood.

None of the citizens attending the commission's hearing voiced

opposition to the school being located at the Clark School site. They were concerned about flooding and asked the board to provide more information about future waterway impact should the site be developed for the school. This information has since been submitted to the zoning commission. The study shows that the construction of a new school will not increase the flooding potential of the site. A traffic engineering study was conducted and is available for review. Unfortunately, the zoning commission voted against the zoning change requested by the school board.

While the Floyd County School Board recognizes the authority of the city to zone and rezone property, it also understands that Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 100.361 exempts local school boards from local zoning ordinances.

If the board has the legal authority to construct a school on the Clark site, why is it seeking the approval of a zoning change from the city? The answer is simple. The board wants to work cooperatively

with the Prestonsburg City Council, mayor and the Planning and Zoning Commission as the new school site and facilities are planned and constructed in the future. It believes the children of Prestonsburg and Clark Elementary Schools are better served when the school system and government cooperate for the common good of the students.

The school board consistently seeks to be a "good neighbor" in matters affecting Clark School and its residential community, just as the city seeks to provide support to the schools within its limits. When the school board was asked by the city to provide \$40,000 in 1999 to assist with a lift station as part of the sewage service for Clark School and residential neighborhood, the school board provided the amount requested by the city. The board

believed the action would benefit the school and its neighbors. When the May 2004 flood occurred, the school board put into action what it believed to be a "good neighbor" practice and offered the school as an emergency service center for agencies assisting with relief efforts to families for several weeks.

We are hopeful the City Council will review the work of the district committee and the school board

and approve the request for a zoning change. The board will continue to be a good neighbor within the City of Prestonsburg. The school board first has a responsibility to the students it serves and then to the communities that desire and deserve an appropriate educational environment for their children. We ask for your support of our efforts in this project. Thank you for your consideration.

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Horrible irony may push child restraint legislation Democrats, GOP in new cooperation on budget

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
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FRANKFORT — A "horrible irony" may push legislation in the Kentucky General Assembly to require booster seats for children and perhaps even a bill that would let police enforce seat belt usage.

During a press conference last Friday featuring three children posing in booster seats, Gov. Ernie Fletcher signed a proclamation for this week as child passenger safety week. Sunday evening, the first day of the promotion, three young Georgia boys died in a Whitley County traffic accident. Although the accident is still under investigation, authorities believe the two older children, aged 4 and 6, were not wearing any restraints.

Fletcher said last week he has not taken a position on booster seat and seat belt legislation because he wants to study them. His office did not immediately return a call for comment on Tuesday in the wake of the Whitley accident.

"If you talk to law enforcement people picking up pieces of people and digging up bodies, you don't have to do any great economic analysis to tell these people what's going on. People are dying need-

lessly," said Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Franklin, a longtime advocate of child restraint legislation and the annually ill-fated proposal to expand enforcement of seat belt use.

"The irony is horrible," said Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, the sponsor of a bill that would require a safety seat for children over 40 inches tall and less than 80 pounds.

Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, chairman of the House Transportation Committee, said Stein's bill would have a better chance of passage if the Fletcher administration actively supported it.

While Stein's bill founders, no legislation was filed this year that would have made not wearing a seat belt a "primary offense." While Kentucky requires passengers in motor vehicles to wear restraints, police cannot stop drivers for that alone and may issue a ticket only if the stop occurs for another offense.

Kentucky State Police Capt. Lisa Rudzinski said the benefits of wearing seat belts are clear.

Studies estimate 66 percent of Kentucky travelers are wearing seat belts, compared to 80 percent nationally.

Just raising seat belt use to the national average would save more than 60 lives, prevent more than 700 serious injuries and save millions of dollars in medical costs, Rudzinski said.

The need has never been greater, Rudzinski said.

Through Tuesday, there had been 98 fatalities on Kentucky roads this year, which is 14 more than the same time last year. And 2004, with 963 fatalities, was the deadliest year on Kentucky roads in 30 years.

Rudzinski has heard all the arguments against primary seat belt enforcement and said none of them hold water.

A favorite is that it would allow police with a vendetta to pull drivers over indiscriminately, Rudzinski noted that police now can stop drivers for everything from failure to signal a lane change to a burned out light over a license plate.

"We have to observe the violation before we can stop you," Rudzinski said. "We have a thick book of traffic laws. Our goal is not to stop more people. The goal of this is to save lives."

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FRANKFORT — No agreements emerged during the first hours of negotiations over tax and budget matters Sunday between House Democrats and Republicans, but perhaps just as importantly there were no serious disputes, lawmakers said.

"There's not anything that looks like it's a stumbling block. It looks like everything can be worked out," House Speaker Jody Richards told reporters during a break in the closed negotiations.

"We're not holding hands and singing Kumbaya, but at least we're talking," added minority leader Jeff Hoover of Jamestown.

The lawmakers indicated that specific areas of discussion centered on cigarette taxes, an alternative minimum tax calculation for businesses and what sort of additional money, if any, might come from tax changes.

The starting point for discussions was Gov. Ernie Fletcher's

tax plan, which purports to be "revenue neutral" but actually adds about \$100 million in additional money that might be spent in the next fiscal year.

Richards said any tax and budget plan would probably count on that kind of new money, but Hoover was more reluctant to sign onto that, especially since so many of his Republican House colleagues have signed pledges they would not raise taxes.

"We have to wait and see what we can agree on in tax modernization," Hoover said.

Fletcher has proposed a 31-cent increase in the state tax on a pack of cigarettes with a formula in place that would increase the tax in future years.

Hoover said GOP lawmakers objected to the automatic increase trigger and Richards said Democrats are not wild about the size of the initial

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"We are looking at different approaches," Hoover said, Democrats, who have held

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Taxes

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"reaffirm" some House positions in favor of higher cigarette and alcohol taxes. Moberly said he has not decided whether the House's tax plan would be revenue-neutral or an overall money-raiser.

Poll respondents overwhelmingly favored higher "sin taxes" on cigarettes and alcohol if lawmakers must raise taxes to balance the budget.

On cigarettes, 75 percent supported an increase. Eighty-nine percent supported a sales tax on alcohol sold in stores. Urban areas were more supportive of a higher tobacco tax than rural areas (84 percent to 72 percent), but they were nearly even on support for a sales tax on package alcohol (87 percent urban, 90 percent rural).

Jefferson County resident F. Eugene Waldon, 63, said he's OK with the proposed taxes, even though he's a smoker. A higher cigarette tax would send money to the state while deterring people from smoking, said Waldon, who took part in the poll.

"It's a double good," he said. "If you want to smoke, you need to pay for it."

But Paducah resident Angela McCovens, a 46-year-old smoker, said it's not fair for the state to target smokers and drinkers.

"What little bit of pleasure I do have, they want to tax it and make it hard to enjoy life," said McCovens, another poll respondent. "I think there's other ways for them to get their money."

Poll respondents said they also favored — 61 percent to 33 percent — the imposition of taxes on satellite TV services if taxes must be raised. Satellite

services are not currently taxed. A small majority (54 percent) of satellite TV subscribers opposed taxing the service, but 40 percent supported it.

Sixty-one percent of poll respondents said lawmakers should consider allowing slot machines at racetracks, with the state getting a share of the proceeds, if budget-balancing money must be found. Urban areas supported slots more than rural areas (71 percent to 58 percent), as did men more than women (69 percent to 55 percent).

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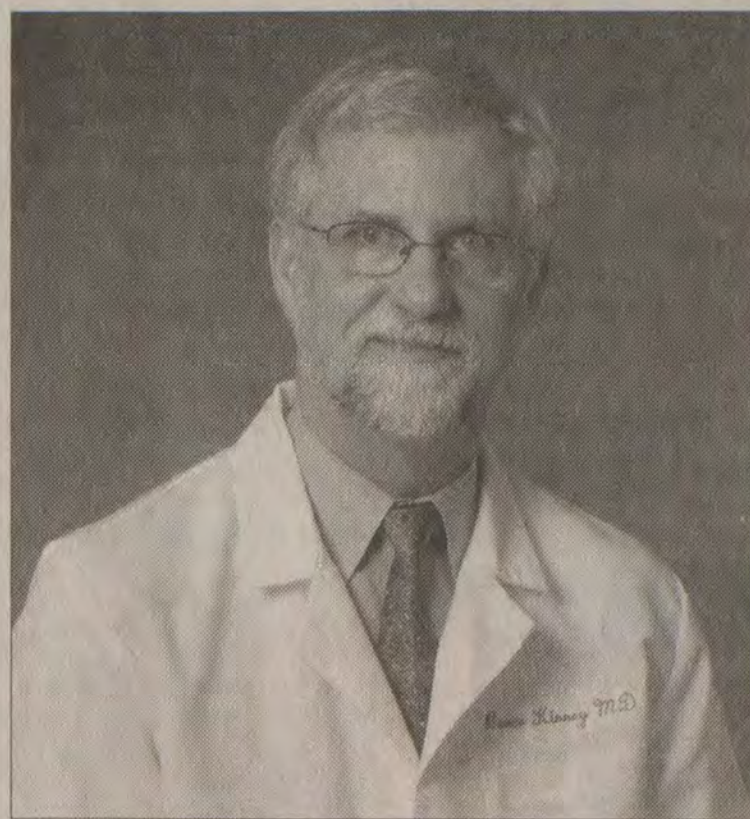
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Budget

for decades, traditionally meet to work out budget plans during weekend meetings. This year, for the first time, Republicans were invited to take part in an acknowledgment of the new GOP influence in the Capitol. Republicans control the Senate, picked up seats in the House in last year's elections and Fletcher is a Republican.

and Fletcher that killed a budget in 2004.

Richards said the target this week is to approve separate tax and budget bills in the Appropriations and Revenue Committee on Wednesday with a vote in the full House on Friday. That would send the whole thing to the Senate next week with about a third of the 30-day session remaining.

"We'd really like to make this a consensus budget and a consensus tax plan," Richards said.

Enlisting Republican support in the House could also head off the kind of partisan disagreement with the Senate

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Betsy Layne 59, Prestonsburg 40

Explosive third quarter vaults Ladycats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – For two quarters Friday evening, Prestonsburg and host Betsy Layne traded baskets. Deadlocked at 9-9 at the end of the opening quarter, Betsy Layne outscored Prestonsburg 14-12 in the second quarter and entered halftime with a slim 23-21 lead. Down by just a basket, Prestonsburg came out in the third quarter and was on the

receiving end of an "all things done right" Betsy Layne attack. The homestanding Ladycats outscored Prestonsburg 20-6 in the third quarter and held off the visiting team in the final quarter en route to a 59-40 win.

Kristal Daniels and Kim Clark led Betsy Layne with 14 points apiece. Both registered double-doubles. Daniels and Clark finished with 12 and 10 rebounds, respectively.

Following the game, Betsy

Layne Coach Cassandra Akers was quick to point out that her team's third quarter performance was the difference in the basketball game.

"I thought we played as good of a third quarter as we have played all year," said Akers. "We're still not playing consistently for four quarters."

Betsy Layne committed only 11 turnovers and shot 78-percent (17-of-22) from the free throw line.

The Ladycat defense held Prestonsburg to just 10 field goals.

The win over Prestonsburg was Betsy Layne's third win over a 58th District opponent in some four days. Earlier in the season, back on Dec. 8, 2004, Betsy Layne beat Prestonsburg in overtime, winning 56-51.

Kristen Smith checked in with 11 points and Candice Meade added nine for the Betsy Layne girls. Clark and Smith each had a made three-point field goal apiece.

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photo by Steve LeMaster
Betsy Layne senior center Kristal Daniels (20) and a host of Prestonsburg players watched in the first half for a possible rebound.

Burchett scores 28 in P'burg win

Lady Blackcats halt Floyd County losing skid

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – After back-to-back 58th District losses to Allen Central and Betsy Layne – back-to-back 58th District losses suffered in a four-day span – Prestonsburg was looking to get back on the winning track Saturday night. Playing at home against South Floyd, Prestonsburg's Lady Blackcats lived up and got back in the winning column, beating the visiting Lady Raiders 78-46.

On Senior Night, Prestonsburg senior Molly Burchett turned in another leading performance. Burchett scored 28 points, handed out six assists and recorded five steals as the host Lady Blackcats poured it on South Floyd, particularly in the second half.

On a night when the Lady Blackcat basketball program said goodbye to four seniors, Prestonsburg broke a losing skid and regained some confidence heading into the final two weeks of the 2004-05 regular season.

Kelly Key, Chanel Music and Amanda Keathley join Burchett and comprise the Prestonsburg senior group. Each was honored and recognized at the conclusion of Saturday's game.

The Lady Blackcat defense held South Floyd to less than 10 points in each of the first two quarters.

Prestonsburg came out and went on a torrid scoring pace. The Lady Blackcats outscored South Floyd 22-3 in the first quarter. But the Lady Raiders hung around – for a while.

Prestonsburg led 36-12 at halftime and extended its lead by outscoring South Floyd in each of the last two quarters.

Meaghan Slone added 17 points for host Prestonsburg. Amber Whitaker had 15 points and Darcey Hicks netted 10. Elizabeth Chaffin had four points while Key and Keathley added two apiece.

Following the game, Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack recognized his four seniors and acknowledged the quartet, saying, he "wouldn't trade this group of seniors for any other group in the region."

Pack is in his second season at the helm of the Prestonsburg High girls' basketball program.

In a short effort, Tab Trammell led South Floyd with 13 points. Miranda Gregory added 10 for the Lady Raiders and Heather Dean, a sophomore in her first season as a starter for the South Floyd girls' basketball team, flipped in eight.

PRESTONSBURG (78) – Burchett 28, Slone 17, Whitaker 15, Key 2, Hicks 10, Chaffin 4, Keathley 2.

SOUTH FLOYD (46) – Trammell 13, Gregory 10, C. Hall 4, Blocker 5, Dean 8, Damron 2, Tackett 3.



photo by Steve LeMaster
Prestonsburg's Darcey Hicks (15) went through pre-game introductions prior to Saturday night's home game versus South Floyd.

P'burg pounces South Floyd, grabs hold of top district spot



photos by Jamie Howell
Above, left: Prestonsburg senior guard Trevor Compton worked his way in for a layup. South Floyd senior Burnett Little is pictured defending. Compton and Little shared game-high scoring honors with 15 points apiece. Above, right: Prestonsburg junior Michael Stephens pulled up against South Floyd sophomore Ethan Johnson.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Over two nights late last week, defending 58th District champ Prestonsburg claimed district wins over both Betsy Layne and South Floyd. With the win over South Floyd, Prestonsburg wrapped up the 58th District's top spot and the number one seed in the upcoming 58th District Tournament.

After beating Betsy Layne 72-61 on the road Friday night, Prestonsburg returned to action Saturday night at home and again took care of business, beating South Floyd 69-56.

For the second time during the 2004-05 season, the Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team got a

significant lift from junior Brooks Herrick. Earlier in the season, Herrick came in off the Blackcat bench on the road at South Floyd and scored in double figures in a slim loss to the Raiders. On Saturday night, Herrick came into the home game against those same Raiders and quickly made an impact. Herrick hit a trio of first-half three-pointers and finished with 11 points.

Senior guard Trevor Compton led Prestonsburg with 15 points. Compton also pulled down five rebounds and dished out the 500th assist of his high school career.

Sean Leslie added 14 points and four rebounds, while Jesse Chaffin contributed nine points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day

Crisp was pleased with his team's effort in the win over South Floyd.

"I thought they played really well," said Crisp. "We had talked earlier in the week about staying focused and I thought they stayed focused. Defense really carried us."

Offensively, South Floyd struggled to find good looks at the basket.

Prestonsburg led 18-12 when the first quarter came to a close. The Blackcats took a 34-23 lead into half time and led 48-36 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Burnett Little paced South Floyd with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Scoring-wise, Little was the only South Floyd player to reach double figures. Steven Stanley pulled down 10 rebounds

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Dodge Weekly Series unveils new championship points system for 2005

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – NASCAR has established a new method for determining the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series championship, and has reallocated its annual point fund to provide more awards for more drivers in the series. For the first time in 15 years, a traditional NASCAR championship points system will replace the Competition Performance Index (CPI), which ranked the drivers by a statistical index and was used to determine the series champion each year from 1990-2004.

Beginning in 2005, drivers in each track's top NASCAR class will be awarded championship points at each race. The driver with the highest total – based on their best 16 finishes of the season – will win a championship in one of NASCAR's four newly-designated divisions: Division I, Division II, Division III and Division IV. Each division includes a group of randomly-assigned tracks and is not based on geography or types of cars. Point fund awards will be distributed equally to all four divisions. The divisional champion with the highest point total overall will be crowned as the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series national champion.



Steve Blackburn

Prestonsburg racer Steve Blackburn is the defending NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region Champion.

"This new championship points system marks a new era for the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series," said NASCAR President Mike Helton. "Since it was founded in 1982, this series has grown to become the premier short track series in North America and this new format will continue to create excitement for teams, tracks, drivers and fans, while ensuring a fair and competitive race for the championship. NASCAR is going to strengthen this series and provide greater support to the true foundation of our sport."

The divisional and national championships are open to drivers competing in the top class at each NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series track – including Late Model Stock Cars, Modifieds, Dirt Modifieds, Dirt Late Models, Late Model Sportsman, Super Late Models, Super Stocks and other styles of cars.

Highlights of the new format include:
A simple points system – Championship points will be awarded as follows: 50 points to

(See WEEKLY, page six)

Lady Rebs beat East Ridge, win fourth straight

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK – Allen Central's Lady Rebels began the season with five straight losses. But as of late, one couldn't tell that these Lady Rebels struggled so much early on in the 2004-05 season.

After leveling visiting Piarist 70-23 at home on Saturday, Allen Central took to the road Monday night and traveled to East Ridge. The Lady Rebels held off host East Ridge and in the process beat the Lady

Warriors 47-42.

The win was Allen Central's fourth straight.

In a game that was low-scoring and in the first quarter, featured just 11 points between the two teams, Allen Central senior Becky Thomas hit the scorebooks for a game-high 23 points. Allen Central junior Yumekia Hunter added 13 points.

Allen Central shot just 45-percent (13-of-29) from the free throw line. East Ridge hit for 50-percent (nine-of-18) of its attempts.

The Lady Rebels loomed into

halftime with a slim 16-15 advantage and came back out in the second half and outscored East Ridge 16-14 in the third quarter.

Michelle Webb and Courtney Conley each had 12 points apiece for East Ridge.

The host Lady Warriors connected on five three-point field goals.

Allen Central is scheduled to be back on the court tonight, playing at home against perennial 14th Region contender Perry

(See LADY REBS, page six)



photo by Jamie Howell
Allen Central senior Becky Thomas (52) worked for position against South Floyd sophomore Heather Dean.

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Dr. Damien Jensen, Neurosurgeon
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Pikeville Medical Center's neurosurgery program offers diagnosis and treatment for trauma and neurological problems relating to the brain, neck and spine. Using progressive technologies, our neurosurgeon, Dr. Jensen, and team of experts provide a service that has not been provided to patients in the area - until now.

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Louisville 65, South Florida 57

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE — The offense sputtered and many of the shots were downright ugly, but Louisville coach Rick Pitino focused on the positives after the Cardinals' 65-57 win over South Florida on Saturday.

"It was a very good victory for us and we needed a victory," Pitino said. "We're 21-4 and we've just got to keep our attitude upbeat."

The Cardinals (21-4, 9-2 Conference USA) were coming off an 85-68 loss to Memphis, their most lopsided home defeat in four seasons under Pitino. Louisville shot a season low 33 percent against the Tigers and the offensive doldrums lingered on Saturday.

South Florida (10-12, 3-8) jumped to a 14-4 lead as Francisco Garcia, Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon — Louisville's top three scorers — failed to score in the first 10 minutes. O'Bannon missed an uncontested two-handed dunk and Dean banged a short jumper off the bottom of the backboard during the dry spell.

Dean said the Cardinals were trying too hard to atone for Wednesday's loss.

"I admit I was pressing. Everybody was pressing," Dean said.

Louisville's defense triggered a 14-2 run, forcing six turnovers in a 5-minute span. O'Bannon's layup with 8:11

left in the first half gave the Cardinals their first lead, 18-16.

But the Cardinals couldn't shake the Bulls, leading only 27-24 at halftime after going 1-for-7 from 3-point range and 9-for-27 overall in the opening 20 minutes.

Pitino expected his players to struggle with the Memphis loss still fresh in their memories.

"After you have a loss like that, the first half is always a nightmare," Pitino said. "You've got to get over it and not let it fester."

South Florida coach Robert McCullum, meanwhile, was pleased with his team's first-half performance.

"Our effort and focus was outstanding on both ends of the floor," McCullum said. "Our guys came out and played with toughness in terms of things we had to do to execute."

Pitino talked to his team before a halftime ceremony commemorating the silver anniversary of Louisville's first national championship. Former coach Denny Crum, leading scorer Darrell Griffith and the rest of that team shook hands with the current Cardinals before filing off the floor to a standing ovation.

"I wanted them to see the difference in how a team is loved when they win a championship," Pitino said. "I wanted our guys to realize that all players are special. But when you win a championship, you'll always be remembered."

The players said the ceremony provided an emotional

boost, but it didn't spark the offense.

The Cardinals gradually opened a double-digit lead after halftime, despite continued poor shooting.

Garcia hit his first 3-pointer with 14:17 left to start a 13-4 Louisville run. Dean's 3-pointer 3 minutes later finished the burst, but the Cardinals then went 4 minutes without a point.

Marlyn Bryant converted a three-point play with 9:45 left during an 8-0 Bulls' run that cut Louisville's lead to 47-42.

But the Bulls were also plagued by bad shooting and never got closer, going 3 minutes without a field goal.

Bryant hit a 3-pointer with 1:04 left to end the Bulls' drought, but the basket only cut Louisville's lead to 63-54.

Terrence Leather scored 18 to lead the Bulls, who shot 10-of-29 in the second half (34.5 percent) and finished 20-of-51 (39 percent).

The Cardinals finished 5-for-15 from 3-point range and were 20-of-54 overall (37 percent). They were averaging more than 85 points per game, fifth in the nation, but failed to reach 70 points in consecutive games for the first time this season.

"We've just got to get to the end of our offense and having fun again," said Garcia, who went 2-for-7 from the field and 7-of-8 from the free throw line. "You've got to finish and get to the end of our plays and we're not doing that."

Injured Mississippi State guard targets Kentucky game for possible return

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

STARKVILLE, Miss. — The most popular foot at Mississippi State belongs to Winsome Frazier.

Fans chanted his name before one recent home game. Teachers, coaches, locals — everyone wants to know when the Bulldogs' best 3-point shooter and defender will return to the court.

It wasn't this past Saturday when Vanderbilt came to town. But it could come sooner than first anticipated.

"Every day, over and over, I get asked about it," Frazier said. "They say, 'When you going to be back?' I just say, 'Give it time. I'll let y'all know.' I try to be informative about my situation. I know that's part of my job."

This past Saturday marked five weeks since Frazier broke the fifth metatarsal in his left

foot in a victory at Mississippi on Jan. 8. Doctors inserted a screw into his foot three days later during surgery, and Frazier was thought to be out for the season.

But Mississippi State's second-leading scorer — whose training exercises include jogging in a swimming pool to strengthen the foot — could return in the coming weeks.

Frazier said he'd "love to be back" in the lineup for the Bulldogs' Saturday game at Kentucky, but only if he's healthy.

"Injured or not, I'm not going to come back half-stepping," Frazier said. "I won't be 50 percent. When I get back, I'll really be back."

The Bulldogs need him. Mississippi State fell from the national rankings and is 3-4 since Frazier's injury, with all four losses coming on the road

and tarnishing the team's recent brilliance away from Humphrey Coliseum.

Before the four-game road losing streak, the Bulldogs had the longest away winning streak in the country at 16 straight.

Coach Rick Stansbury has bemoaned the team's lack of leadership and toughness without the senior from Miami.

Frazier rides a stationary bicycle, uses an elliptical training device and sometimes shoots set shots during practice.

He could resume jogging soon, and Stansbury said he's waiting for doctors to allow Frazier to resume jumping.

"Being around the sidelines is not like being on the floor," senior guard Shane Power said. "We miss another senior's presence. The sooner we can get him back on the court, off the sidelines, the better off we'll be."

UK 60, UGA 51

Kentucky 'remorseful,' Georgia 'proud' of result

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky hasn't felt this bad about a win in quite a while, and Georgia probably hasn't felt so positive about a loss.

When the Southeastern Conference leader — that would be fifth-ranked Kentucky — hosted the league's worst team — that would be outmanned Georgia — on Saturday, it was hard to tell the difference at times.

Kentucky won 60-51, but not until letting a 21-point second-half lead shrink to five points.

And, as Kentucky coach Tubby Smith noted, if Georgia (7-14, 1-10 SEC) had done better than 10-of-22 from the free-throw line, the Wildcats (19-2, 10-0) might instead be in the awkward situation of explaining an embarrassing loss.

So how did the Wildcats react to the much-closer-than-expected win?

"They were remorseful," Smith said, promising to use the result as a teaching tool in coming weeks. "I made them feel as low as I could."

"They read the paper. They read how poor Georgia is and how great we are after beating Florida. That's what I mean by being immature. You can't get past it. All of a sudden, they have them in the NBA doing all this stuff, but you have to learn to play here first. You have to be grown up here and be men here first."

Chuck Hayes scored 14 points for Kentucky, as did Patrick Sparks, who went 3-of-5 from 3-point range. But leading scorer Kelenna Azubuike had just six points, three of those on free throws in the final seconds. Sparks had his second straight game with no assists, raising his career total of such games to three.

Junior guard Ravi Moss called it a "wasted game" because "we didn't improve or get any better."

Smith "should be disappoint-

ed. We didn't execute offensively and our defense was lackluster," Moss said. "We didn't rebound well either. He should have made us feel little."

In defeat, Georgia coach Dennis Felton felt considerably better than Smith. The Bulldogs started four freshman and a sophomore and played without leading scorer Levi Stukes, who has an injured ankle.

Still, they outrebounded Kentucky 37-29, led by 6-foot-1 guard Sundiata Gaines, who grabbed 11 to go with his 13 points (albeit on 4-of-18 shooting). By comparison, Kentucky's 6-10 center, Randolph Morris, led his team with five rebounds.

"That's been an area where we have struggled the most," Felton said. "It's so important to any team. This is the third time in a row we've shown improvement in rebounding the ball."

Felton noted that in Kentucky's 76-55 win at Georgia on Jan. 15, the Wildcats outrebounded his team 44-18.

Turning the tables in that area "is something for us to be excited about," Felton said.

He also liked the way Georgia didn't quit.

Georgia jumped to a quick six-point lead, and with the Bulldogs ahead 9-5, Smith benched all his starters just over four minutes into the game. By the time the last three of them returned to the court at the 6:13 mark, Kentucky led 21-11.

An 11-1 run to start the second half pushed Kentucky's lead to 40-21, and the Wildcats led 46-25 with 12 minutes left before Georgia rallied.

Consecutive 3-pointers by walk-on Jay McAuley pulled the Bulldogs within 51-40, and a basket by Dave Bliss made it 55-50. But that was Georgia's last field goal.

"We definitely were believers near the end of the game," said Bliss, who scored 11 points. "We made Kentucky fight for

the win and we were able to come back. We just couldn't come up with it in the end."

Kentucky led 57-51 when Georgia's Kevin Brophy missed a 3-point attempt. Georgia rebounded, but Hayes blocked a driving shot attempt by Gaines.

"This was the first game this year where we looked at a sizeable deficit like we did in the second half and stayed true to our course," Felton said.

"It's disappointing and frustrating to come up short, but I was certainly proud of the way our team handled the deficit in the second half and to come back and give ourselves a real chance to win the game."

SEC Tournament Pep Rally information released

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Atlanta UK Alumni Club will be holding a pep rally at the SEC Tournament on March 11 at the Georgia World Congress Center Rooms B405-B407 beginning at 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person — children under 10 are free.

The first 500 people will receive a free Kentucky T-shirt. A DJ will be playing Wildcats music, vendors will be selling merchandise and former UK players such as Kenny Walker and Jeff Sheppard will be in attendance.

The 14-time National Champion Wildcat cheerleaders will be present as well as the National Champion UK dance team and the UK pep band. Guest appearances by UK President Lee Todd and Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart will highlight the event.

There will be a cash bar available and door prizes will be given out during the event.

For more information, call David Shelton at 770/309-3949.

Maryland 99, Duke 92, OT

by DAVID GINSBURG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Another classic duel between Duke and Maryland ended with an increasingly familiar result.

Travis Garrison had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and the Terrapins wore down No. 7 Duke in overtime for a 99-92 victory Saturday night.

John Gilchrist scored 19 points, Chris McCray had 17 and reserve guard Mike Jones added 15 for Maryland (15-7, 6-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), which completed its first regular-season sweep of the Blue Devils since 1995.

Including their win in the finals of the ACC tournament last March, the Terps have won three straight against Duke for the first time since 1982.

The Blue Devils (18-3, 8-3) staggered to the finish without five players, all of whom fouled out late in regulation or in overtime. Shelden Williams had 23 points and 16 rebounds, and Daniel Ewing also scored 23. But both were gone long before the finish.

With Maryland up 91-90 in overtime, Garrison scored on a follow and McCray made two foul shots for a five-point cushion, and the Blue Devils simply didn't have enough firepower

to mount a comeback.

At the final buzzer, the crowd poured onto the court to celebrate another Maryland victory in one of college basketball's fiercest rivalries.

J.J. Redick scored 21 for Duke, which fell a game behind first-place Wake Forest in the ACC.

Duke led 86-82 with 1:34 left in regulation, but three-point plays by Gilchrist and Ekene Ibekwe put the Terrapins ahead 88-86 with 39 seconds left. Williams fouled out on the latter play, leaving the Blue Devils lacking in the middle.

DeMarcus Nelson scored on a drive to tie it with 34 seconds left, and Gilchrist and teammate Nik Caner-Medley misfired before the final buzzer.

Held to eight points before halftime, Redick sank his first 3-pointer with 10 seconds elapsed in the second half. The junior guard then put the Blue Devils in front 52-50 with another shot from beyond the arc with 18:08 left — Duke's first lead since 27-26.

Minutes later, Williams scored on a tip and followed a Maryland turnover with a three-point play to make it 59-55. Another 3-pointer by Redick put Duke up by five, and after Maryland pulled even, Williams made a layup

and Lee Melchionni hit a 3-pointer to spark an 11-2 run.

Jones then scored the game's next eight points to make it 73-73 with 8:26 left.

Maryland committed only one turnover in the first half, outrebounded Duke 24-18 and got 16 points from Gilchrist in taking a 48-43 halftime lead.

The sellout crowd of 17,950 arrived hours before tipoff, and the atmosphere in the arena at tipoff was electrifying. Those in attendance included former Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach, Baltimore Ravens coach Brian Billick and former Orioles infielder Cal Ripken.

The noise level jumped another notch when Caner-Medley scored off the opening tip and Gilchrist hit a short jumper. After Duke closed to 11-9, Gilchrist made a layup and 3-pointer to up the margin to seven.

Redick didn't get his first basket until nearly eight minutes were elapsed. Ewing kept the Blue Devils close by scoring 11 of their first 16 points, and he gave Duke its first lead with a 3-pointer that made it 24-22.

But Maryland used a 9-0 spurt to go ahead 33-27, and the Terrapins stayed in front until Redick and Williams got going early in the second half.

SENIOR NIGHT:

ALC fends off Virginia Intermont

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team sent its three seniors out on a winning note Saturday evening. It was Senior Night at Alice Lloyd and on the Grady Nutt Center court, Alice Lloyd defended its home hardwood, beating visiting Virginia Intermont 85-76.

The Eagles led 35-32 at halftime and kept pace in the second half, going on to the win.

Jeremy Daniels led Alice Lloyd with 21 points. K.J. Waterman followed with 14 points.

Saturday's win was an emotional one in a couple of different ways for the host Eagles.

"It was really nice for our seniors to get a win on Senior Night in their last home game," said Alice Lloyd Coach Gary

Gibson. "All three seniors played key roles in the game. Virginia Intermont had beaten us earlier in the year, 74-70."

Alice Lloyd forced Virginia Intermont into 17 turnovers. The Eagles took care of the basketball, only committing eight turnovers.

Jimmy Stumbo, one of three Alice Lloyd seniors, added 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

Shannon Akers (Sr.), Jeremy Jackson and Byron Hall (Sr.) all added eight points apiece. Jordan Kidd and Brent Prichard scored seven each. Kidd, a freshman, has played well for Alice Lloyd since taking over the role of starting point guard.

"Jordan Kidd really played well in the game," Gibson noted. "He has started at point guard in our last three games and he has gotten better with each game."

Alice Lloyd junior Chris Hurt, who had been starting at point guard for the Eagles, has been out with a concussion since Feb. 4.

Alice Lloyd was fairly accurate from the free throw line, hitting 20-of-28 attempts. The Eagles were five-of-22 from beyond the arc. As a team, Alice Lloyd handed out 17 assists. Kidd had six of the assists.

Brad Pack rounded out the Alice Lloyd scoring with two points.

All five Virginia Intermont players scored 10 or more points. The Cobra bench featured just two reserves. Andron Wright led Virginia Intermont with 21 points, Patrick Wright followed with 16 points.

Virginia Intermont managed to outrebound Alice Lloyd 45-39. Each team pulled down 16 offensive rebounds. Defensively, the Eagles blocked three shots and recorded nine steals.

W. Kentucky 93, North Texas 92

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DENTON, Texas — Anthony Winchester scored 36 points, including a desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer to lift Western Kentucky past North Texas 93-92 Saturday night.

Western Kentucky (18-5, 8-3

Sun Belt) was 11-of-23 from the 3-point range.

Winchester connected on five 3-pointers, including a 30-footer that gave the Hilltoppers their fifth straight win. Courtney Lee added 18 points for Western Kentucky and Antonio Haynes had 13.

Leonard Hopkins scored 24 points for North Texas (11-11, 4-7) and Calvin Watson added 22.

North Texas used its own long-range shooting to jump ahead early. The Mean Green hit 7-of-10 3-pointers in the first half and led 43-36 at halftime.

Samford 73, Morehead St. 44

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Bryan Boerjan was perfect in six field goal attempts for 14 points, leading Samford to a 73-44 rout of Morehead State on Saturday.

J. Robert Merritt, who hit 3-of-9 from behind the arc, scored 13 points and Randall Gulina added 12 for the Bulldogs (14-9, 9-3 Ohio Valley Conference). Jerry Smith had a game-high five assists.

Josh Reed led Morehead State (10-13, 4-8) with 11 points.

The Bulldogs hit 68 percent of their halftime shots to take a 43-18 halftime lead. Samford, which held Morehead State to 48.7 percent shooting, hit 52.1 percent of their shots overall.

The Bulldogs also shot 10 of 26 3-pointers as a team.

Bears sweep Lambuth for 20th win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College scored 15 unanswered points over a six-minute stretch of the second half to hold off Lambuth 65-62 Saturday afternoon.

The win gave the Bears a sweep of the season series from the Eagles, and came on the heels of a win by the Lady Bears to give Pikeville its first doubleheader sweep in the Mid-South Conference this season.

Pikeville improved to 20-7 on the season, pushing them to the 20-win plateau for the third time in four seasons under Coach Randy McCoy. They're 2-5 in the Mid-South Conference, with all both wins coming over Lambuth.

Lambuth (14-13, 2-5) led by 11 three times in the second half, with all coming off layups

by senior Adam Simpson, with the last making the score 49-38 with 13:44 left in the game.

But from there, the Bears reeled off 15 straight. It began with a three by junior Emanuel Tekie and ended with a Tekie jumper to make the score 53-49 with 7:32 to play.

Lambuth continued to battle, but could never draw even as the Bears hit 50 percent both from the floor (11-of-22) and the arc (4-for-8) in the second half to win.

The Eagles got off to a big start as junior Chris Cole was unstoppable early. The Jackson, Tenn., native had 19 of his team's first 24 points and had 21 at the break, with Lambuth leading 34-28.

Senior Walter Harris led Pikeville with 17 points on 5-of-8 shooting. He also topped his team with seven rebounds

and handed out five assists.

Senior Daniel Price flipped in 11 while classmate Laneare Anderson added 10 and six assists.

Cole led all scorers with 31 points, hitting 10-of-15 from the floor and all three three-point tries. For good measure, he sank 8-of-9 from the line; the Eagles finished 15-of-18 (83.3 percent) for the game.

Cole matched teammate Michael Beasley with seven rebounds to lead the team. Beasley, a sophomore from Fairdale, also had six assists.

He was followed by Simpson's 15, coming back to his home state. He is a native of Frankfort.

Both teams are idle until league play picks back up on Thursday. Pikeville will play at Campbellsville while Lambuth entertains Lindsey Wilson.

Jacksonville 70, E. Kentucky 55

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Walker Russell scored 16 points and had seven assists and four other Gamecocks reached double figures, leading Jacksonville State to a 70-55 win over Eastern Kentucky on Saturday night.

Anthony Wilson scored 14 points, Tim Lewis and Carlos Lumpkin added 12 apiece and Brandon Davis had 10 for

Jacksonville State (7-8, 2-10 Ohio Valley Conference).

Eastern Kentucky (15-8, 7-5 OVC) was led by Michael Haney's 18 points and Zach Ingles' 12.

The Gamecocks held a 33-18 lead at the half after hitting 14-of-28 from the field. Meanwhile, the Gamecock defense held the Colonels to just 25 percent in the opening half.

Eastern Kentucky pulled to within 38-31 after Ingles sank a

3-pointer with 13:27 left, but the Gamecocks scored eight straight to push the lead back to 46-31 with 11:27 left.

The Colonels never cut the lead to single-digits again and the Gamecocks led by as many as 17 points over the final 10 minutes of the game.

Jacksonville State held a 41-29 advantage on the boards, including 10 by B.J. Spencer and nine from Davis.

Reds' Griffey reports early, gets started on comeback

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Ken Griffey Jr. reported to the Cincinnati Reds' training camp on Monday, getting an early start on his latest comeback from a severe injury.

Griffey, 35, was enjoying a renaissance season until he hurt his right hamstring in July. He tore it from the bone a month later, requiring surgery that ended his season.

Reds pitchers and catchers aren't required to report until Tuesday, with position players joining them for the first full-squad workout on Feb. 22. As a player coming off injury, Griffey is allowed to show up early for extra work.

The All-Century outfielder drove over from his home in Orlando, where he spent the offseason working out at the NBA Magic's facility. He got permission to resume hitting in December.

He said there's no timetable for

playing in spring training games.

"Not really," Griffey said. "We haven't sat down and talked about that at all. For the most part, it's just getting into doing baseball stuff — running the bases, the cutting. I have more time to do those things now."

Griffey has suffered serious injuries in each of his last four seasons with the Reds, who got him from Seattle in a 2000 trade and gave him a nine-year, \$116.5 million contract. He was having his first sensational season in Cincinnati when he got hurt again.

Last May, Griffey led the majors with 10 homers and drove in 29 runs, the second-highest total for the month. He was back on the cover of Sports Illustrated in June, when he hit his 500th career homer.

He also was voted an All-Star starter for the 12th time, but had to sit out the game because he tore the right hamstring while chasing a flyball

on July 10. He was on the disabled list from July 11 to Aug. 2.

Two days after his return, he tore the hamstring from the bone while making a sliding play in the outfield. Doctors used three screws to reattach it during surgery on Aug. 16, and Griffey wasn't allowed to move the leg until the final week of the season.

"Then it was just another couple weeks of just walking," Griffey said. "I was just trying to get stronger, because I was stuck in such an awkward position for so long."

Griffey was in good spirits Monday, noting the Reds made numerous offseason moves to improve the pitching staff and fill holes at third base and shortstop.

"This should be a fun year for everybody," he said. "I'm looking forward to this year, not so much for me personally but for this team and what I think we're capable of doing."

Longtime Reds shortstop retires, joins Nationals' front office

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Shortstop Barry Larkin, a 12-time all-star who spent his entire 19-year career with the Cincinnati Reds, has retired and joined the Washington Nationals in their front office as a special assistant.

"I just felt it was time," Larkin said when reached Sunday at his home in Orlando, Fla. "I had some opportunities with other teams to play, but I didn't feel that I could make the commitment as a player with another team."

The Reds, his hometown team, had rejected his overtures to return for a 20th season, deciding to turn the position over to younger players.

"While his tasks and challenges will be different than he experienced as a player, Barry's presence coupled with an eagerness to be involved in all facets of our operations will undoubtedly yield positive results for both Barry and the Nationals," Washington general manager Jim Bowden said in a statement Sunday.

Larkin, 40, said he had been

interested in working in a team's front office and perhaps eventually managing a team and that his new position would allow him to gain necessary experience. He also said joining a new organization appealed to him.

"I just thought that this was a way for me to get some exposure with a front office and do some things that I may possibly want to do in the future," he said.

Larkin's 19-year tenure with the Reds was the longest streak among active players who had been with just one team.

Over 2,180 games, he hit .295 with 441 doubles, 76 triples, 198 home runs, 960 RBI and 379 stolen bases. He helped the team win the World Series in 1990 and was National League MVP in 1995.

Larkin batted .289 in 111 games last season and was chosen for his 12th All-Star team, prompting him to re-evaluate his decision to retire after 2004. He wanted to stay with the Reds for another season, but they decided to turn the position over to younger players.

Until Sunday's announcement, Larkin was managing a

sports complex in Orlando, working in a development management group, spending time with his family and considering his options for playing one more season.

He long had dreamt of working in the Red's front office, but that chance disappeared when he and the team's chief operating officer, John Allen, clashed over a take-it-or-leave-it contract offer late in the 2003 season. Larkin was prepared to leave then; the team reconsidered and negotiated a one-year deal for 2004.

Bowden was the Reds' general manager from 1992-2003. "I have long admired Barry's on- and off-field knowledge and judgment of the game," Bowden said.

In the Nationals' front office, Larkin is joining Bob Boone, a former Reds' manager, and Jose Rijo, a former pitcher for Cincinnati. Both are special assistants to Bowden.

"I've never been with another organization (than the Reds), so familiarity with Jim Bowden, Bob Boone and Jose Rijo, all of that made it very easy for me," he said.

Lady Bears stay in MSC mix with win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Five players hit double figures in points and three in rebounding as Pikeville College pulled away from Lambuth University 82-70 Saturday afternoon.

The win keeps the Lady Bears in the hunt in the rugged Mid-South Conference race. They're now 3-4 in the league and 17-10 overall. Lambuth fell to 10-17 overall, 1-6 in league competition.

Lambuth took a 62-59 lead with 8:57 left when sophomore Jodi Gunter scored inside. But over the next four-plus minutes,

Pikeville scored 13 unanswered points to take control. Sophomore Ashley Wireman was the key, scoring seven of her 18 markers in the stretch, opening it with a three and closing it out with a layup with 4:12 to go to give Pikeville its first double-figure lead of the game at 72-62.

The lead grew as big as 13 when sophomore Heather Dillon had a layin before settling at a dozen.

Senior Selena Williams was one of two Lady Bears with double-doubles, scoring 23 and pulling down 10 rebounds. For good measure, she had five

assists, three steals and a blocked shot.

Wireman's 18 followed, along with nine rebounds. Sophomore Tonya Amburgey had 11, while Dillon tossed in 10 and grabbed 10 rebounds. Freshman Kellie Jo Moore also had 10 boards, as Pikeville controlled the glass 50-30.

Lambuth was paced by sophomore Narcissa Mosley's 23, hitting four three-point baskets. Senior Kelly Logsdon, who also nailed four from downtown, followed with 14.

Pikeville's next game is Thursday night when they travel to Campbellsville.

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Virginia Interment College broke open a 35-35 halftime tie and rolled to an 83-63 victory Saturday over the host Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles. Virginia Interment got 17 points and 14 rebounds (both game-highs) from Ashley Booker and outrebounded Alice Lloyd 40-24.

Virginia Interment held Alice Lloyd to just six offensive rebounds.

Both teams had over 30 turnovers. Alice Lloyd had 35 turnovers and Virginia Interment had 32. Virginia Interment recorded 23 steals.

Mikelle Testerman added 16 points for Virginia Interment. Ida Sammons and Sheena Chesney finished with 12 and 10 points,

respectively.

Shannon Sizemore and Chasity Fox each had 12 points for Alice Lloyd. Amy Jackson and Jessica Justice finished with nine points apiece. Whitney Lykens and Rhonda Adams each had six. Belicia Mullins and Devon Reynolds rounded out the Alice Lloyd scoring with five and four points, respectively.

Canseco book fast seller on first day

by **RONALD BLUM**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco's autobiography accusing several top players of steroid use and charging that baseball long ignored performance-enhancing drugs appeared to be a hit on its first day in bookstores. Amazon.com listed "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" as third on its best seller list Monday.

The book had an initial printing of 150,000 copies and Regan Books does not disclose sales figures, spokeswoman Jennifer Suito said.

"I don't think it's a good thing, obviously, because it's bringing a bad light to the game," New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter said Monday. "This is a time, obviously, baseball is in a negative light and Jose is not helping out. In terms of his accusations, the only people that know are him and whoever he is accusing. The unfortunate thing is, if it's not true, you're looking at guys having to defend themselves over something they haven't done."

Mark McGwire, one of the former teammates Canseco accused of using steroids, issued a written denial.

"The relationship that these allegations portray couldn't be further from the truth," McGwire's statement said. "I also worry how these false allegations will taint the accomplishments of the Oakland Athletics' coaches, players and executives who worked so hard to achieve success during the era in question, along with the other players and organizations affected by this book."

"Most concerning to me is the negative effect that sensationalizing steroids will have on impressionable youngsters who dream of one day becoming professional athletes. Once and for all I did not use steroids or any other illegal substance."

McGwire was not available for interviews.

In the book, Canseco is an

unabashed advocate of performance-enhancing drugs.

"By the time my 8-year-old daughter, Josie, has graduated from high school, a majority of all professional athletes — in all sports — will be taking steroids. And believe it or not, that's good news," he writes. "I have no doubt whatsoever that intelligent, informed use of steroids, combined with Human Growth Hormone, will one day be so accepted that everybody will be doing it. Steroid use will be more common than Botox is now. Every baseball player and pro athlete will be using at least low levels of steroids. As a result, baseball and other sports will be more exciting and more entertaining."

Canseco calls himself the "godfather of steroids in baseball," saying "I single-handedly changed the game of baseball by introducing them into the game."

He says both baseball management and the union tried to ignore steroid use.

"Are players the only ones to blame when Donald Fehr and the other bosses of the Major League Baseball Players Association fought for years to make sure players wouldn't be tested for steroids?" he wrote, adding: "Fehr had to know the truth."

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said last week that the sport's leadership was unaware of possible steroid use until 1998. Fehr declined comment Monday.

Canseco expresses resentment at the way he was treated by management and the media.

"There was a huge double standard in baseball, and white athletes like Mark McGwire, Cal Ripken Jr. and Brady Anderson were protected and coddled in a way that an outspoken Latino like me never would be," he wrote. "Canseco the Cuban was left out in the cold, where racism and double standards rule."

Canseco specifically took aim at Jason Giambi, a former Oakland teammate.

"Giambi had the most obvi-

ous steroid physique I've ever seen in my life," Canseco wrote. "He was so bloated, it was unbelievable. There was definition to his body at all. You could see the retention of liquids, especially in his neck and face."

He also devotes sections to players' womanizing — including his own — and to umpires he calls "the most vengeful people you'll ever meet," saying they are on "power trips."

"There are certain things that belong with us ballplayers," Yankees pitcher Carl Pavano said. "It's a tight group. It's sad to see someone that desperate come throw themselves out there to make money."

The 1986 AL Rookie of the Year and 1988 MVP, Canseco spent 17 seasons in the major leagues, finishing with 462 home runs in a career that ended in 2001, when he was 37. He clearly has a high opinion of his performance.

"I was hands down the best player in the world. No one even came close," he wrote. "I was created by the media. Back in the 1980s, I was like a rock star. Everywhere I went, I had to have bodyguards. I had it all: the body, the personality, everything. I was Hollywood."

He blames baseball management for prematurely ending his career before he could reach 500 homers.

"The owners realized that they needed to put the kibosh on steroid use, or at least pretend to," he wrote. "So they decided to send a loud message to all players, by getting rid of the player most closely identified with steroids: Jose Canseco."

He insists he still is in good enough shape to play, saying steroids have kept his body young.

"If you start young enough, when you are in your 20s, 30s and 40s, and use steroids properly, you can probably slow down the aging process by 15 or 20 years," he wrote. "I'm 40 years old but I look much younger — and I can still do everything the way I could when I was 25."

Garcia, Browns parting ways

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Less than 12 months after they signed three-time Pro Bowler Jeff Garcia to fix their problems at quarterback, the Browns told Garcia that he

was no longer in their plans and will be released with three years left on his contract.

Garcia signed a four-year, \$25 million free agent deal with Cleveland last March, but almost from the time he was

handed an orange helmet and No. 5 jersey, it was apparent that it wasn't a good fit.

In 10 starts for Cleveland, Garcia completed 144 of 253 passes for 1,731 yards with 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

Johnson wins competitive Shootout

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It took a fast pit stop to get Jimmie Johnson into the lead. Once he got there, Johnson knew the Budweiser Shootout was his.

Johnson, the odds-on favorite to win the NASCAR Nextel Cup championship in 2005, did nothing to dispel that notion in Saturday night's exhibition race at Daytona International Speedway.

The driver who finished second to Kurt Busch by just eight points last year — the closest margin in stock car history — took the lead 16 laps from the end of the 70-lap Shootout and held off a pack of charging chal-

lengers to the end.

Ryan Newman grabbed a big lead when he took only two fresh tires on the required pit stop in the second segment of the made-for-TV race. But Johnson, with four new tires, was the next fastest driver out of the pits, getting out ahead of early leader Greg Biffle, who appeared to have the fastest car on the track most of the night.

But it was Johnson who tracked down Newman in just eight laps on the 2 1/2-mile oval. He charged past Newman's Dodge on lap 55, pulling Biffle, Busch and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon along with him.

"Really, at the end, it mat-

tered most who came out first on that pit stop, and my guys got it done on pit road and got us out ahead of (Biffle)," Johnson said. "He had a great car and when he was leading I really couldn't get a run on him. I knew that once I got into the lead he wasn't going to be able to get around me. It's just too hard to pass the leader."

While Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet held the lead, the action behind him was furious in the closing laps, with Newman making a great move, diving low into the first turn three laps from the end to pass Biffle and Gordon and grab second place.

Newman credited the two-tire call to crew chief Matt Borland and said that despite the fact it

didn't earn him a win it was the reason he wound up second.

"I think it was a good call. It put us in a situation in which we could have won and it turned out pretty good for us," the Penske Racing South driver said. "We're just happy to come home second and it was a great debut for the brand new Dodge Charger."

Gordon, who had taken second place away from Biffle on lap 66, was shunted back to sixth on the next lap, but came back to finish third. Tony Stewart wound up fourth, followed by Biffle, Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark Martin.

The victory came in Johnson's third start in the non-points race for last year's pole

winners and former Shootout champions.

Johnson took home the winner's share of \$212,945.

Defending Shootout champ Dale Jarrett, who picked the pole position in a blind draw, led the first lap before Biffle moved into the top spot, where he remained until the scheduled 10-minute break after the first 20 laps.

Earnhardt, whose history in the Shootout includes a win in 2003, two runner-up finishes and a sixth, started 12th and began to struggle with an electrical problem midway through the 20-lap opening segment.

"We changed everything we could during the break," said Pete Rondeau, Earnhardt's new

crew chief.

The quick fix appeared to work just fine as Earnhardt drove into contention when the event was restarted. But Junior, who will defend his championship in the Daytona 500 next Sunday, was never able to get to the front.

Biffle wound up leading a race-high 44 laps, holding the top spot until the front-running cars pitted on lap 46. He came out of the stop third, behind Newman and Johnson, and never got back to the lead.

A crowd estimated at 85,000 showed up for what is often a preview of the Daytona 500. The next event on the Daytona Cup schedule is Sunday's pole qualifying for the 500-mile race.

Johnson Central 61, Betsy Layne 55

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Senior guard Kim Clark poured in a game-high 38 points Monday night, but it wasn't enough for host Betsy Layne. The Ladycats, playing at home and looking for a fourth straight win against visiting Johnson Central, ultimately fell short of another victory. A trio of Johnson Central eighth-graders combined for 35 points as visiting Johnson Central won 61-55.

Johnson Central and Betsy Layne are old acquaintances. Two seasons ago, Betsy Layne beat Johnson Central on its homefloor in the championship game of the 15th Region Tournament.

In Monday night's game, eighth-graders Celena Conley and Chelsey Salyers each had 12 points apiece for Johnson Central. Emily Wireman, another

Johnson Central eighth-grader, followed with 11 points.

The Lady Eagles led 11-8 at the end of the first quarter and 29-23 at halftime.

Johnson Central senior Alice Daniel tossed in 10 points.

Kristal Daniels added eight points for host Betsy Layne and Kristen Smith tossed in seven.

Whitney Tackett rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with two points.

Daniels and Clark each had six rebounds.

Johnson Central has now won four of its last five games. On Friday night, Magoffin County, playing at home, edged visiting Johnson Central 48-47.

In Monday night's win, Johnson Central shot 25-of-31 from the free throw line. The Ladycats didn't get many free shot attempts. Betsy Layne went to the charity stripe nine times and hit on seven of the attempts.

15TH REGION

GIRLS' BASKETBALL RECORDS

Team	Record
Magoffin County	18-5
Johnson Central	17-7
Betsy Layne	16-8
Belfry	15-6
Pikeville	15-7
Phelps	12-9
East Ridge	12-9
Prestonsburg	11-12
Pike County Central	10-13
Allen Central	9-10
Paintsville	9-10
South Floyd	6-12
Shelby Valley	5-14
Sheldon Clark	3-15
Piarist School	1-16



photos by Steve LeMaster
Betsy Layne senior guard Kim Clark worked her way up the floor as Prestonsburg sophomore Meaghan Slone kept a watchful eye.



Betsy Layne's Kristen Smith, pictured dribbling, looked over the Prestonsburg defense. Picture

Prestonsburg JV, freshman teams sweep South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Less than 48 hours before the varsity boys' basketball teams from the two schools took to the hardwood, South Floyd entertained Prestonsburg Thursday night in a doubleheader that featured the freshman and junior varsity teams from the two Floyd County high schools. Prestonsburg took both games.

Both Prestonsburg teams, coached by James DeRossett, won in impressive fashion.

In the junior varsity game, Prestonsburg won 54-39.

The Blackcats, after leading 6-3 at the end of the first quarter, outscored the South Floyd junior varsity 25-11 in the second period and maintained their lead in the second half. Prestonsburg entered the third quarter with a 38-22 lead.

Jordan Hall paced South

Floyd with a game-high 17 points. Lincoln Slone hit five field goals and finished with 10 points. James Michael Lafferty finished with nine points, scoring all of his points on successful free throws.

The Prestonsburg JV team was 17-of-25 from the free throw line.

Bobby Hughes scored seven points, Josh Rodebaugh added four, and Jacob Couch tossed in three for the visiting Blackcats. Nathaniel Stephens and Trevor Patton both had two points.

Lyle Johnson led South Floyd with 14 points. The Raiders were 11-of-17 from the free throw line.

Prestonsburg 67, South Floyd 45: In the freshman game, the two teams were deadlocked at 15 at the end of the first quarter. Prestonsburg took a 32-29 lead into halftime and blew the contest open in the second half. The Blackcat freshman team fired on

all cylinders in the third quarter, outscoring South Floyd 17-1.

Bobby Hughes led the Prestonsburg freshman team with a game-high 26 points. Taylor Clark had 11 points and Jordan Hall nine. The Prestonsburg freshman squad overcame a six-of-16 shooting performance from the free throw line.

Josh Rodebaugh, back from an injury he suffered during the 2004 football season, added eight points. Nathaniel Stephens scored six points and Adam Gearheart netted three. James Michael Lafferty and Raymond Woods each had two points.

Wes Akers led South Floyd with 17 points. Jody Tackett, now an eighth-grader at South Floyd Middle School, flipped in 15 points. Deven Adams, another eighth-grader from South Floyd Middle, scored eight.

South Floyd shot 12-of-17 from the charity stripe.



photo by Jamie Howell
Allen Central guard Mara Biliter (1) dished off a pass during Allen Central's win over South Floyd.

Pet Adoption Corner

Whether you're looking for a playful puppy or an indoor cat, the Floyd County Animal Shelter is sure to have just the pet for you! If any of the animals pictured here catch your eye, please drop by the shelter to meet them, and if they've already been adopted, to meet their friends!

In the upper right photo is a black eight-year-old chihuahua, a housebroken female who is extremely friendly, despite suffering from fleas at the moment. The lower left picture is of two of a litter of six-week-old kittens, who are now eating soft food on their own.



The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at (606) 886-3189.

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"We fight for the underdog!"

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County Central.

On Friday evening, Allen Central hosted and defeated rival South Floyd. A breakdown of the Allen Central-South Floyd game follows.

Allen Central 73, South Floyd 25; Host Allen Central got a game-high 16 points from Becky Thomas, 14 from Amanda Mills and 11 from Mara Biliter Friday evening in a runaway win over visiting South Floyd.

Defensively, Allen Central held South Floyd to six or fewer points in each of the first three quarters. The Lady Rebels outscored the Lady Raiders 19-8 in the final quarter.

At the end of the first quar-

ter, Allen Central led 17-6. The Lady Rebels continued to dominate throughout the remaining three quarters. Allen Central led 38-12 at halftime and 54-17 at the end of the third quarter.

In other scoring for Allen Central, Yumekia Hunter and Amanda Thacker each had nine points apiece. Sara Johnson pushed in six points. Kim Biliter scored three and Alanna Cline added two. Lyndsey Frasure, Elizabeth Dingus and Jaimie Mullins all hit a single free throw.

Allen Central shot just 54-percent (21-for-39) from the free throw line.

Tab Trammell led South Floyd with six points. Kayla

Hall had five points and Heather Dean tossed in four.

Allen Central at East Ridge SOUTH FLOYD (47) - M. Biliter 4, Hunter 13, Thomas 23, Cline 3, Thacker 3, Dingus 1.

EAST RIDGE (42) - Webb 12, Conley 12, Lawson 3, Hogston 7, Smith 6, Mitchell 2.

South Floyd at Allen Central SOUTH FLOYD (25) - Dean 4, C. Hall 2, Gregory 1, Trammell 6, F. Little 2, J. Tackett 2, D. Tackett 2, K. Hall 5, B. Little 1.

ALLEN CENTRAL (73) - M. Biliter 11, Hunter 9, Thomas 16, Frasure 1, Cline 2, Johnson 6, Mills 14, Dingus 1, K. Biliter 3, Thacker 9, Mullins 1.

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Ladycats

Breann Akers flipped in five points for the Ladycats while Whitney Tackett, Becky Tackett and Kaitlin Lawson all had two points apiece.

Nine different Prestonsburg players scored points. But none reached double figures.

Meaghan Slone paced Prestonsburg with nine points. Kelly Key scored eight points

and Amber Whitaker added five. Molly Burchett and Chanel Music both had four. Brittany Collins and Elizabeth Chaffins each had three. Katie LeMaster rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with two points.

Prestonsburg hit four three-point field goals. The Lady Blackcats were eight-of-14 from the free throw line.

Ladycats sponsoring pancake breakfast

The Betsy Layne Ladycats will sponsor a pancake breakfast at Applebee's of Pikeville on Saturday from 8-10 a.m. Cost for the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast is \$5. For tickets, see any Betsy Layne High School girls' basketball team member or call 696/478-9138.

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Raiders down Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - South Floyd doubled up host Allen Central in the first quarter Friday night and went on to win easy over the Rebels. The Rebels made up some ground in the fourth and final quarter, but it wasn't enough. South Floyd, after leading 64-37 at the end of the third quarter, went on to beat Allen Central 78-62.

The Raiders doubled up Allen Central in the first quarter and led 24-12 at the end of the initial quarter.

Burnett Little led South Floyd with 16 points and eight

rebounds. Mason Hall and Ethan Johnson each had 11 points. Ryan Little turned in a double-double performance of 10 points and 10 rebounds. Steven Stanley had nine points, nine rebounds and six assists.

The South Floyd backcourt scoring was also balanced, Ryan Johnson and Joe Osborne each had six points. T.J. Hall had five points and three rebounds and Wes Hall added three points, three rebounds and two assists.

South Floyd beat Allen Central 89-85 earlier in the season in a game held back on Dec. 16, 2004.

In the latest meeting

between the two Floyd County rivals, Ryan Hammonds paced Allen Central's scoring effort with 14 points. Justin Jacobs scored 12 points and Ryan Collins added 11. Josh Martin had six points while Farley Joseph, Corey Webb and Jon Shepherd each had four.

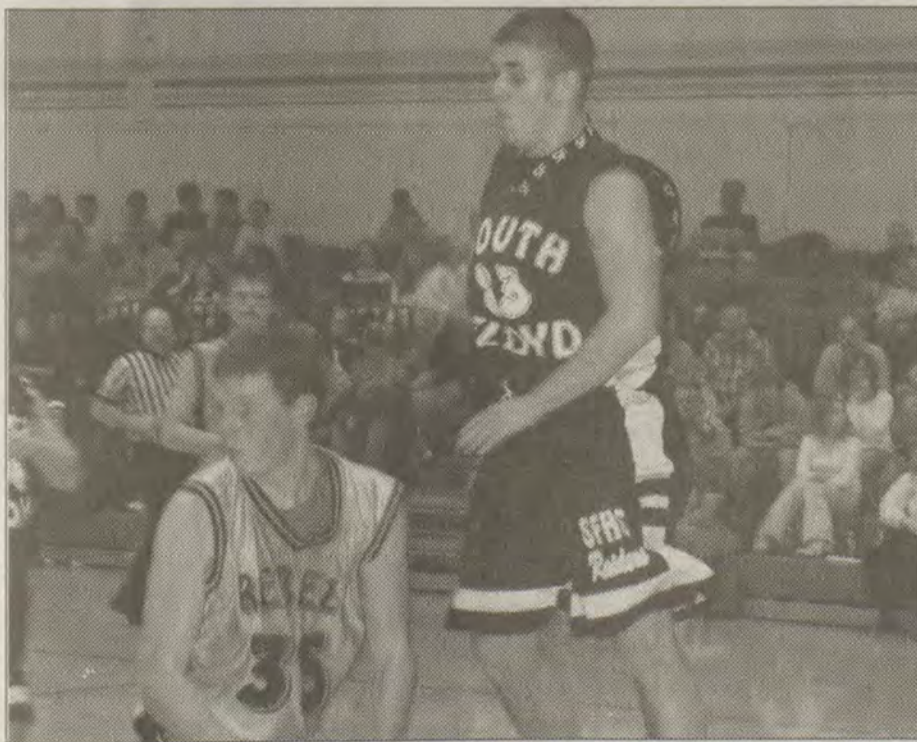
SOUTH FLOYD (78) - M. Hall 11, E. Johnson 11, Joe Osborne 6, T.J. Hall 5, W. Hall 3, R. Johnson 6, B. Little 16, Akers 1, Stanley 9, R. Little 10.

ALLEN CENTRAL (62) - Hammond 14, Collins 11, Martin 6, Jacobs 12, Prater 2, Music 3, Turner 2, Joseph 4, Webb 4, Shepherd 4.

photos by Jamie Howell



South Floyd junior T.J. Hall chased a loose ball as Allen Central's as Farley Joseph trailed.



Allen Central's Josh Martin caught South Floyd senior forward Wes Hall off his feet.

Bears, Lady Bears continue getting votes

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Still getting votes. Still not enough.

That's likely how Randy McCoy and Bill Watson look at things this week as the NAIA released it's ninth Div. I basketball ratings of the season, as both the men and women are getting votes but remain on the outside looking in at the Top 25.

The men got seven votes this week, two more than last

week after going 1-1. The Lady Bears, however, suffered far worse with the same fate - they split their two games but dropped from 11 votes to two.

The Bears are 20-7 on the season but only 2-5 in the Mid-South Conference with three league games remaining. They suffered a three-point loss at No. 2 Lindsey Wilson - back up to the shotgun position after spending a week at No. 4 - before knocking off Lambuth

University on Saturday. Saturday's win over Lambuth gave the Bears their 20th win for the third time in the last four years. They return to the court on Thursday when they play at Campbellsville. The final home game of the season is Saturday afternoon at 4 when they host No. 8 Georgetown.

The Lady Bears stand 17-10 after Saturday's win over Lambuth. Ironically, even

P'burg

and flipped in eight points. Mason Hall, Wes Hall and Ryan Johnson each had seven points.

South Floyd was 16-of-25 from the free throw line

Prestonsburg shot a respectable 25-of-35 from the free throw line.

South Floyd has just one regular-season game remaining. The Raiders will end regular-season play on Friday, Feb. 25 with a home game against Fleming-Neon.

The Blackcats were back in action last week, playing on the road at Breathitt County. Results were unavailable at press time.

PRESTONSBURG (69) - Herrick 11, M. Stephens 9, Ousley 1, Chaffin 9, Barnett 4, Compton 15, Leslie 14, J.M. Stephens 6.

SOUTH FLOYD (56) - M. Hall 7, E. Johnson 4, Osborne 1, T.J. Hall 5, W. Hall 7, R. Johnson 7, Little 17, Stanley 8, R. Little 2.

Prestonsburg 72, Betsy Layne 61: In Friday night's 58th District matchup between rivals

Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne, senior center John Mark Stephens led visiting Prestonsburg with a game-high 22 points. Trevor Compton added 18 points and Michael Stephens scored 10 as a trio of Prestonsburg starters combined for 50 points. Adding a helping hand in the winning effort, Prestonsburg starting forwards Sean Leslie and Jesse Chaffin finished with nine and six points, respectively.

Stephens played strong throughout the game and gave Prestonsburg a presence on both offense and defense.

"John Mark played a good game, both offensively and defensively," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "I thought our defense really lifted us."

The Prestonsburg defense put the clamps on the Betsy Layne offense on more than one possession.

Both teams struggled when at the free throw line. Prestonsburg shot 11-of-24 from

the free throw line and Betsy Layne went 12-for-22.

"We were obviously disappointed with our free throw shooting in the Betsy Layne game," Crisp added. "It's something that we have worked on."

Betsy Layne senior Preston Simon did find success shooting free throws. Simon was nine-of-11 from the free throw line and finished with a team-high 17 points. Brandon Kidd and Nathan Lafferty both had 12 points. Shane McKinney came in off the Bobcat bench and added eight points. Tyler Hamilton, another Betsy Layne player who came in off the bench, added six. Pat Stapleton and Trai Witt added three points apiece.

Lewis Barnett came into the game and gave some quality minutes for Prestonsburg. Barnett made good on one of two fourth-quarter free throws and finished with a single point.

The 2004-05 58th District Tournament will be held at Betsy Layne's D.W. Howard

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the winner of each race, 48 points for second place, 46 points for third place, 44 points for fourth place, and so on. The driver with the highest points total within each division will win that divisional title.

Bonus points for higher car counts - Bonus points will be awarded based on the number of cars competing at each track. Ten bonus points will be awarded per driver, per finish, at each race with between 15-20 cars in the field. Twenty bonus points will be awarded per driver, per finish, at each race with 21 or more cars in the field. If a track has fewer than 15 cars in the field, no bonus points will be awarded in that race.

Drivers can earn points at any NASCAR track - Drivers can collect points toward a NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series divisional or national title at more than one NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series track, provided they are competing in the top NASCAR-sanctioned class at that track.

Best 16 finishes decide championships - A driver's best 16 finishes between January 1-September 18, 2005 will be counted towards the divisional and national championships. There is no minimum or maximum number of races a driver must compete in to be eligible.

In the event of a tie in the point standings, ties will be broken per the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series rule book, which breaks the tie by determining which driver has more victories. If the drivers remain tied after comparing the number of race victories, the number of second-place finishes (and so on) will be compared until the tie is broken.

New point fund format rewards more competitors - NASCAR Dodge Weekly Series competitors will continue to receive a championship point fund of nearly \$1.7 million - the largest point fund of any short track racing series in North America. The top finishing drivers in each of NASCAR's four championship divisions will share approximately \$150,000 in point fund awards - a total prize offering of nearly \$600,000 among the top divisional finishers in the series. The top 10 drivers in the top class at each track will

share an additional \$8,900 in point fund and contingency sponsor awards.

Drivers in "support" classes will receive greater point fund payouts than ever before. In each track's second-tier racing division, which includes Street Stocks, Trucks, Sportsman, Limited Late Models, Hobby Stocks and other classes, the top 10 drivers will share \$3,000 while drivers in each track's third-tier, or "Charger" class, will share \$2,000 in post-season prize money. NASCAR has discontinued its ShortTrack Division, which provided prizes for second-tier drivers only, in favor of a wider distribution of point fund awards to the top 10 competitors in each of these three classes.

The four championship divisions include the following tracks:

Division I - Ace Speedway, Altamahaw, N.C.; Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, Scarborough, Maine; Bowman Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Big Diamond Raceway, Minersville, Pa.; Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, N.C.; Evergreen Speedway, Monroe, Wash.; Greenville-Pickens Speedway, Greenville, S.C.; JAX Raceways, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lakeside Speedway, Kansas City, Kan.; Langley Speedway, Hampton, Va.; Lanier National Speedway, Braselton, Ga.; Lonesome Pine International Raceway, Coeburn, Va.; Motor Mile Speedway, Radford, Va.; Rockford Speedway, Rockford, Ill.; Rocky Mountain Raceways, West Valley City, Utah; South Boston Speedway, South Boston, Va.

Division II - Adams County Speedway, Corning, Iowa; Autodrome St. Eustache, St. Eustache, Quebec, Canada; Concord Motorsport Park, Concord, N.C.; Delaware Speedway, Delaware, Ontario, Canada; Grandview Speedway, Bechtelsville, Pa.; Holland International Speedway, Holland, N.Y.; I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.; Lee USA Speedway, Lee, N.H.; Lorain

Speedway, South Amherst, Ohio; Mesa Marin Raceway, Bakersfield, Calif.; Myrtle Beach Speedway, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Park Jefferson Speedway, Jefferson, S.D.; San Antonio Speedway, San Antonio, Tex.; Shasta Raceway Park, Anderson, Calif.; Spencer Speedway, Williamson, N.Y.; Stockton 99 Speedway, Stockton, Calif.; Watsonville Speedway, Watsonville, Calif.

Division III - Cajon Speedway, El Cajon, Calif.; Colorado National Speedway, Erie, Colo.; Columbus Motor Speedway, Columbus, Ohio; Dubuque Fairgrounds Speedway, Dubuque, Iowa; Hickory Motor Speedway, Hickory, N.C.; Kalamazoo Speedway, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Kil Kare Speedway, Xenia, Ohio; LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway, LaCrosse, Wis.; Lake Erie Speedway, North East, Pa.; Magic Valley Speedway, Twin Falls, Idaho; Old Dominion Speedway, Manassas, Va.; Peoria Speedway, Peoria, Ill.; Riverhead Raceway, Riverhead, N.Y.; Seekonk Speedway, Seekonk, Mass.; The Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, Nev.

Division IV - Elko Speedway, Elko, Minn.; Farley Speedway, Farley, Iowa; Irwindale Speedway, Irwindale, Calif.; Jennerstown Speedway, Jennerstown, Pa.; Monadnock Speedway, Winchester, N.H.; Motordrome Speedway, Smithton, Pa.

Music City Motorplex, Nashville, Tenn.; Oglethorpe Speedway Park, Savannah, Ga.; Raceway Park, Shakopee, Minn.; Stafford Motor Speedway, Stafford Springs, Conn.; Star Speedway, Epping, N.H.; Thompson International Speedway, Thompson, Conn.; Tucson Raceway Park, Tucson, Ariz.; Twin State Speedway, Claremont, N.H.; Wall Township Speedway, Wall Township, N.J.; Waterford Speedbowl, Waterford, Conn.



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Garrett goes 2-1 in Corbin Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CORBIN - The Garrett Christian School boys' basketball team traveled to Corbin over the weekend and competed in the Corbin Classic. Garrett Christian won two games in the tournament. The Warriors also suffered their first loss of the 2004-05 season. Garrett Christian is now 23-1. Breakdowns of Garrett's three games follow.

Garrett 99, Corbin 39: Garrett was too much for the host Corbin team, winning easily. The Warriors got out to an early lead and kept it. Garrett led 30-7 at the end of the first quarter and 57-19 at halftime. The Warriors held a 71-25 lead at the end of the third quarter. Ryan Slone led Garrett with

21 points. Six different Garrett Christian players scored 10 or more points. Matt Potter and Robbie Vanderpool each had 16 points. Pete Youmans scored 14 points. Tyler Slone added 12 points and Simeon Brace flipped in 10.

In the points department for Corbin, just three players scored.

Garrett 97, London 38: Ryan Slone scored 19 points and Matt Potter added 18 to lead the Warriors to a lopsided win over London. Brian Vanderpool scored 16 points and Robbie Vanderpool added 14 for the winning team. Tyler Slone and Pete Youmans had 10 points apiece.

Brian Vanderpool led Garrett in rebounding with seven rebounds. Potter dished

out five assists to lead in another offensive category.

Mountain Mission, Va. 72, Garrett 63: Garrett led Mountain Mission through the first quarter, but couldn't hold up against the talented Virginia team.

Mountain Mission outscored Garrett 20-9 in the third quarter. The game was tied 35-35 at halftime.

Two players had 17 points apiece for Mountain Mission.

Tyler Slone led Garrett with 18 points. Ryan Slone scored 17 and Matt Potter pushed in 10 points and handed out five assists. Brian Vanderpool added eight points, nine rebounds and three assists.

From Garrett, Ryan Slone, Tyler Slone and Robbie Vanderpool were all named to the all-tournament team.

Lady Hornets beat Pikeville in 15th Region showdown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE - Host Magoffin County won its fourth straight game Monday night, beating Pikeville 69-57. The matchup, which pitted two of the 15th Region's top teams, saw Magoffin County lead at the end of every quarter.

Magoffin County (18-5), coached by Steve Miller, got a game-high 22 points from Brittany Manns. Ashley Howard and Michaela Howard added 15 points apiece for the Lady Hornets. Calloray Howard flipped in 11 for Magoffin County.

Megan Harris led Pikeville (15-7) with 19 points. Shawna Howard followed with 16 points and Samantha Howard chipped in 14.

County outscored Pikeville 26-15 in the second quarter. The host Lady Hornets exited the first quarter with an 18-16 lead.

Magoffin County, the 15th Region frontrunner, has games remaining against Sheldon Clark and Prestonsburg.

Cordia 77, South Floyd 43: South Floyd led Cordia 19-14 through the first quarter Monday night, but the last three quarters saw the host Lady Lions keep control of the game.

Cordia outscored South Floyd in each of the last three quarters, holding the Lady Raiders to nine points or less

in each of the periods.

The Lady Lion scoring attack was diverse. Four different Cordia players reached double figures.

Tab Trammell led South Floyd with 18 points.

Lawrence County 65, Bath County 48: Jenna Humphrey's 17 points helped to lift Lawrence County to a 17-point win over Bath County.

After leading 7-4 at the end of the first quarter, Lawrence County outscored Bath County 20-17 in the second quarter. The Lady Bulldogs finished strong, outscoring Bath County 27-15 in the third quarter.

Knott County Central 47, Wolfe County 30: The Lady Patriots rolled off another win Monday night, beating 14th Region rival Wolfe County. Senior guard Kasi Mullins-Galloway led Knott Central with a game-high 25 points. The visiting Lady Patriots got out to a 13-point lead and held Wolfe County scoreless in the final quarter, outscoring the host Lady Wolves 11-0.

Heather Martin added 11 points for the Lady Patriots.

Belfry 71, Tolsia, W.Va. 62: Belfry outscored its West Virginia opponent 23-16 in the third quarter and 22-18 in the final period to pull off the win.

Four different Belfry players reached double figures in the win. Brittany Chapman and Shae Deskins each had 17 points.

BluegrassPreps.com Boys' Basketball Rankings

1. Ballard
2. Scott County
3. Trinity
4. Jeffersonstown
5. Pleasure Ridge Park
6. South Laurel
7. Pendleton County
8. Henry Clay
9. DeSales
10. Bullitt East
11. Elizabethtown
12. DuPont Manual
13. Male
14. Bryan Station
15. Shelby County
16. Mason County
17. Muhlenberg North
18. Henderson County
19. Warren Central
20. University Heights

BluegrassPreps.com Girls' Basketball Rankings

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

Bobcats bounce Greenup

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Greenup County High School senior Zack Gillum is one of the state's most prolific scorers. Games in which the talented Gillum tosses in 30-plus points are common. On Saturday night, host Betsy Layne held Gillum to just seven points. Stout defense on Gillum and his Greenup County teammates helped Betsy Layne to a 91-76 win over the visiting Musketeers.

Betsy Layne entered Saturday night's home game against Greenup County just one night after a disappointing loss to 58th District rival Prestonsburg.

In the win over Greenup County, Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose saw his team pick up and move on, putting the loss to rival Prestonsburg behind it. In the win over Greenup County, Betsy Layne also played some of its best

basketball of the season.

"I was real pleased with our effort, especially following the Prestonsburg game," said Rose. "Our kids played great defense, moved the ball well, and played the way we were playing earlier in the season. I thought holding Zack Gillum to seven points was a major accomplishment. When we play defense and rebound like we did in this game we are pretty good - it's the times when we don't do these things that we get into trouble."

Betsy Layne junior center Brandon Kidd hit 11 field goals and ended the contest with a game-high 26 points. Four of Betsy Layne's five starters reached double figures. Preston Simon added 20 points and Brandon Thacker, who connected on a pair of three-point field goals, scored 18. Nathan Lafferty went 10-of-11 from the free-throw line and scored 14.

For Betsy Layne, the win over Greenup County snapped a two-game losing streak. Greenup County has now lost three straight.

Gillum scored five of his seven points in the first quarter, and his brother Cody, added six to lead Greenup County (12-10) to a 23-22 first-quarter lead. But Betsy Layne answered the call. The Bobcats led 38-35 at halftime. Betsy Layne extended its lead in the second half, leading 62-49 at the end of the third quarter.

Betsy Layne (12-9) made the most of its free throw attempts. The Bobcats finished 30-of-34 from the charity stripe, and in turn stayed out of severe foul trouble. As a team, Greenup County went to the free throw line nine times and connected on eight of the attempts.

Pat Stapleton and Shane McKinney each had five points apiece for the Bobcats. Tyler Hamilton scored two points and Trai Witt added a free throw.

Cody Gillum hit four three-pointers and led Greenup County with 14 points. He was one of only two Greenup County players to reach double figures.

Betsy Layne is scheduled to return to the hardwood Friday at home against Pike County Central.



Brandon Thacker

KHSAA NOTEBOOK: State swimming & diving meet this week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The 2005 KHSAA State Swim & Dive Meet is set for this Friday and Saturday, at the University of Kentucky's Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington. Preliminary psych sheet entries are posted on the KHSAA website. Results will be posted after the completion of each event. The top eight times from Friday's preliminaries will advance to Saturday's championship heat with places 9-16 from the prelims advancing to Saturday's consolation heat of the finals.

Fans are reminded the new schedule for this year's State

Swim Meet. General admission will be as available and will be \$6 per person per session. Session breakdowns are as follows:

Friday: Session 1 - Girls' Swimming Prelims - 9 a.m. (doors open at 8 a.m.)

Girls' Diving Prelims - 12 p.m. Seating area cleared

Session 2 - Boys' Swimming Prelims - 3:30 p.m. (doors open at 2:30 p.m.)

Boys' Diving Prelims - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: Session 3 - Girls' Swimming & Diving Finals - 9 a.m. (doors open at 8 a.m.) Seating area cleared

Session 4 - Boys' Swimming & Diving Finals - 4 p.m. (doors

open at 3 p.m.)

The Johnson Central High School swim team is again set to take part in the state meet.

WRESTLING REGIONALS THIS WEEK: Wrestling Regional Tournaments are slated for this Friday and Saturday. Site and manager information is posted on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/wrestling.

The 2005 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships are scheduled for next Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 24-26 at the Frankfort Convention Complex. State Championship brackets will be posted on the Association website Monday evening.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL • AP TOP25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Rec.	Pts	Pvs
1. Illinois (72)	25-0	1,800	.1
2. Kansas	20-1	1,710	.3
3. Kentucky	19-2	1,592	.5
4. North C.	20-3	1,576	.2
5. Wake Forest	21-3	1,553	.6
6. Boston C.	20-1	1,365	.4
7. Duke	18-3	1,348	.7
8. Oklahoma St.	19-3	1,329	.10
9. Syracuse	22-3	1,219	.8
10. Arizona	21-4	1,140	.12
11. Michigan St.	17-4	1,008	.13
12. Louisville	21-4	965	.9
13. Gonzaga	19-4	889	.14
14. Utah	21-3	827	.15
15. Washington	20-4	811	.11
16. Alabama	19-4	737	.17
17. Pittsburgh	17-4	717	.18
18. Connecticut	15-6	602	.19
19. Pacific	20-2	360	.24
20. Wisconsin	16-6	342	.20
21. Oklahoma	17-6	263	.16
22. Maryland	15-7	231	.--
23. Charlotte	17-4	225	.--
24. Cincinnati	18-6	130	.21
25. Villanova	14-6	118	.22

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

BOYS

(Monday's games)

Beechwood 70, Bellevue 64
Boone Co. 69, South Oldham 66
Carroll Co. 84, Owen Co. 52
Lou. Waggener 61, Lou. Brown 35
Ludlow 65, Dayton 34
Mayfield 65, Murray 47
Silver Grove 77, Heritage Acad. 44
Villa Madonna 68, Calvary Christ. 42

GIRLS

(Monday's games)

Allen Central 47, East Ridge 42
Apollo 50, Muhlenberg North 36
Ballard Memorial 67, Reidland 40
Belfry 71, Tolsia, W.Va., 62
Bell Co. 63, Evarts 34
Bethlehem 39, Lou. Fern Creek 35
Boone Co. 45, Highlands 22
Breathitt Co. 61, Lee Co. 50
Christian Co. 87, Calloway Co. 37
Clay Co. 53, Hazard 41
Corbin 66, Lincoln Co. 56
Cordia 77, South Floyd 43
Cov. Holy Cross 51, Bishop Brossart 44
Danville 57, Burgin 48
Dixie Heights 48, Ryle 31
Estill Co. 63, Madison Southern 47
Frankfort 50, Lex. Sayre 29
Franklin Co. 42, George Rogers Clark 39
Harrison Co. 52, Fleming Co. 39
Heath 51, Mayfield 45
Henderson Co. 85, Hopkinsville 35
Jenkins 70, Letcher 21
Johnson Central 61, Betsy Layne 55
June Buchanan 50, Red Bird 47 OT
Knott Co. Central 47, Wolfe Co. 30
Lawrence Co. 65, Bath Co. 48
Lewis Co. 69, Elliott Co. 51
Magoffin Co. 69, Pikeville 57
Mason Co. 65, Bourbon Co. 46
Montgomery Co. 50, St. Patrick 23
Nicholas Co. 44, Bracken Co. 40
Owsley Co. 72, Jackson City 36
Rowan Co. 50, East Carter 45 OT
West Carter 61, Paul Blazer 39

Others receiving votes:
Florida 105, Georgetown 48, Texas 46, Texas Tech 46, DePaul 45, Old Dominion 44, Mississippi St. 33, Nevada 29, Notre Dame 28, Georgia Tech 27, S. Illinois 21, Wichita St. 21, Vermont 19, Memphis 7, Wis.-Milwaukee 7, Miami 6, George Washington 5, St. Mary's, Cal. 2, Texas A&M 2, Holy Cross 1, Minnesota 1.

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	Red	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Jeffersonstown (2)	22-3	82	3
2. Scott Co. (5)	20-2	81	2
3. Lou. Trinity (3)	23-3	80	1
4. Lou. Ballard	19-2	72	4
5. South Laurel	21-3	65	5
6. Lou. PRP	20-5	43	8
7. Lex. Henry Clay	22-2	39	6
8. Calloway Co.	22-1	25	7
9. Pendleton Co.	18-4	19	9
10. Lou. DeSales	16-4	16	--

Others receiving votes:
Bullitt East 5, Muhlenberg North 5, Univ. Heights 4, Owensboro Cath. 3, Rowan Co. 2, Henderson Co. 2, Cawood 2.

GIRLS

R. School	Red	TP	Pvs
1. Lex. Catholic (8)	22-1	80	1
2. Scott Co.	23-2	62	2
3. Lou. Christian Aca.	22-3	60	3
4. Lou. Sacred Heart	20-4	53	4
5. Rockcastle Co.	18-4	45	5
6. Woodford Co.	23-1	37	7
7. Henderson Co.	20-5	30	8
8. Christian Co.	18-2	22	9
9. Clinton Co.	20-5	16	6
10. Mercer Co.	21-3	10	10

Others receiving votes:
Shelby Co. 6, Lou. Mercy 6, Owensboro Apollo 5, Lou. Iroquois 3, Elizabethtown 3.

HEROESPORTZ H.S. BASKETBALL RANKINGS

- ### 15TH REGION BOYS
1. Shelby Valley
 2. Belfry
 3. East Ridge
 4. Pike Central
 5. Johnson Central
 6. Prestonsburg
 7. South Floyd
 8. Betsy Layne
 9. Paintsville
 10. Phelps

- ### 15TH REGION GIRLS
1. Magoffin County
 2. Betsy Layne
 3. Belfry
 4. Pikeville
 5. Johnson Central
 6. Pike Central
 7. East Ridge
 8. Allen Central
 9. Paintsville
 10. Prestonsburg



Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp talked with his team during a timeout Saturday night.

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POISON OAK

Tightening bolts and removing mud

While browsing through back issues of The Paintsville Herald, I came across a front-page story—written several years before I was born—discussing the deplorable road conditions in parts of Johnson County.



Clyde Pack

Surprisingly, the July 19, 1923, story made for interesting reading, and since it could also be considered a bit of history. I thought I'd share.

"The county roads leading to Thealka and Van Lear are in such a condition that it makes automobile travel over them almost impossible. At least travel over them borders so nearly on work, that the driver of a car hesitates and uses many excuses before he will start on a trip to either place. When he does return from a trip to Van Lear, his car is usually covered with mud, and he spends very nearly a day tightening up the bolts of his car that have been loosened by the roughness of the road, and in removing the mud that he has picked up.

"The road through the Consolidation Coal Company's land beginning at the bridge at West Van Lear, and continuing for about three miles to the head of Miller's Creek, is in perfect condition. It is the best piece of dirt road in Johnson County. Surely if they are willing to make travel to Paintsville this easy, no effort should be spared by the county to make the rest of their journey as much so.

"The need of good roads from these two towns is a subject that needs no argument. With good safe roads to Van Lear and Thealka, the businesses of Paintsville merchants would be greatly increased. More people would visit our town every day, and it goes with-

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KIM'S KORNER

"The music is nothing if the audience is deaf."

-Walter Lippmann

This year's Grammy Awards Show was something else!

The tributes to Ray Charles were nothing less than spectacular, ones I'm sure he's looking down smiling upon.

But the one tribute that had me on the edge of my seat, and wishing I could hit rewind to play again,

was Melissa Etheridge's rendition of Janis Joplin. WoW!

That girl nailed that performance, and with a bald head to boot!

Her hairlessness was hardly noticeable once she opened her mouth to sing. Who could care, with vocals like that?

Jeez!, it was good!

And then when Los Lonely Boys took the Grammy for their song "Heaven" I loved it. Then, "Jesus Walks" won, and I was like YEAH!!!!

Yep, it was a good Grammy night, even if my seat was front and center on ol' Abbott Mountain.

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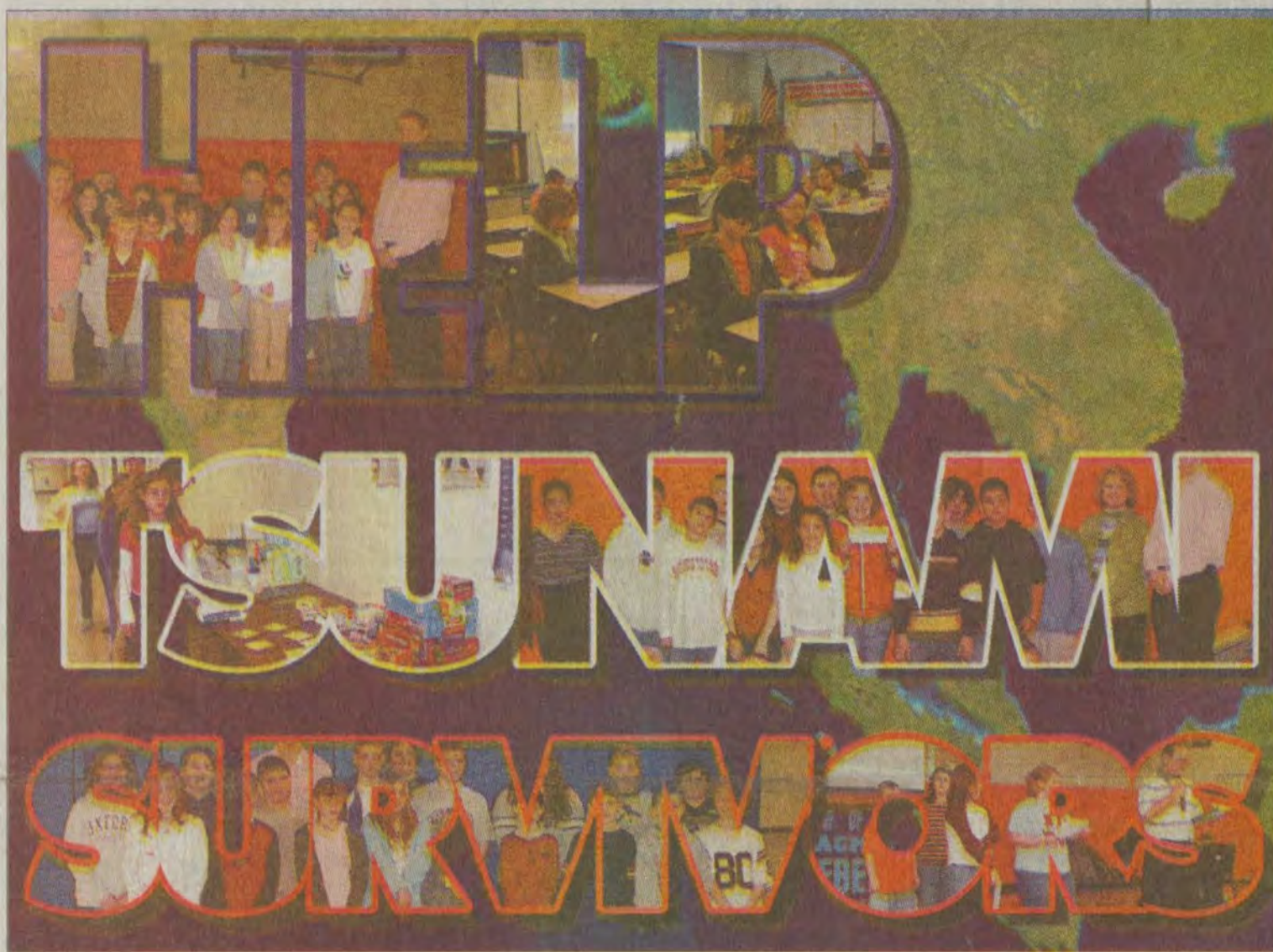
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Born February 25, 1927, in Stratton, Virginia, Ralph and his older brother, Carter, formed the seminal bluegrass ensemble the Stanley Brothers, who made a series of watershed recordings for Columbia Records from 1949 until 1952. Now 77 years old, Stanley has been performing professionally since he and Carter, formed their first group in their native southwestern Virginia in 1946. Between that date and 1966, when Carter died, the Stanley Brothers and the Clinch Mountain Boys became the most celebrated

bluegrass groups in the world, ultimately rivaling in popularity such titans as Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, Jim & Jesse and the Osborne Brothers.

After Carter's death, Ralph shifted the band's musical emphasis from bluegrass to an older, sadder, less adorned mountain style. As a bandleader, he nourished such young and promising talents as Ricky Skaggs, Keith Whitley, Larry Sparks and

(See MAC, page four)



Local students band together to aid tsunami victims

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

On December 26, 2004, catastrophe struck thousands of miles away from Eastern Kentucky, on the southern coast of Indonesia and east Africa, when a horrifying tsunami forever altered the lives, and homelands, of many.

Precipitated by shifting tectonic plates underneath the ocean's surface, this tsunami was one of the most devastating natural disasters ever recorded in history.

The hearts of people the world over went out to the victims of this disaster and even here, many worlds away in Floyd County, our school children were thinking of the children along

these coastlines who lost their families and friends and are now struggling to find reason to continue on, making the best of what they have left.

At J. A. Duff Elementary and Allen Central Middle School, students, under the guidance of teachers, Danny O'Quinn and Billie O'Quinn, decided to organize a "tsunami relief effort" in their schools. With the assistance of family resource center directors Judy Handshoe and LaDonna Patton, the student body named four students, Caleb Conn (fifth grade), Breanna Huff (fifth grade), Lauren Mullins (sixth grade), and Chelsia Cordial (eighth grade), to go from room to room throughout the school, grades K-8, to explain to other students how the tsunami had altered lives and

homelands and how they could all pull together to help those left behind.

The students decided to ask for monetary donations, collecting money from family members, friends, neighbors, local churches, and others to be donated to help those trying to rebuild their lives and their homes.

The students at Duff and ACMS were especially touched to learn that one of their teachers, Charlotte Case, who teaches fifth grade at Duff, had been sponsoring a young boy from Indonesia through a Christian children's charity organization.

The boy, Agus Setiawan, and Mrs. Case had been regularly corresponding with one another prior to the tsunami, but contact was lost once the tsunami had struck.

"Of course, I was worried half to death about Agus when I first heard the news," said Mrs. Case. "But finally, after about three weeks had passed, I received news, through a telephone call, that Agus and his family had been found and that everyone was okay. I was very happy to get that call."

Recently, the schools held an assembly where all were able to view a slide presentation, constructed by Brian Handshoe and Christian Francis, showing the area before, and after the tsunami. During the assembly, guest of honor, Andrew Dinsmore, of the American Red Cross, was on hand to accept \$2, 228.49, collected by the students for tsunami relief.

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CRITTER CORNER

Tips and Tricks

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DMM

Veterinarians have lots of little "tricks of the trade" that we use to help us manage our patients. This time I thought I'd pass along some of the things I've learned (or invented myself, out of desperation) that may be useful to the pet owner.

Cats make for particularly difficult patients. A treatment that takes less than a minute in a cooperative dog is apt to require ten in the average cat.

I worked for several years for Dr. Maury Reeves in Lexington, who had a special interest in cats and was very skilled in their handling. Her rule was always "either restrain a cat completely, or

don't restrain it at all". She felt that most cats are fighting the restraint as much or more than the treatment, so we always tried minimal restriction of movement first.

Giving liquid medication to cats can often be accomplished by grasping the scruff of the cat's neck, tipping his head back slightly, and placing the dropper in the corner of the mouth. It is not necessary to open the mouth. If the cat is fighting this, our next move is to lift the cat just a little by the scruff of the neck and proceed with the medicine. This can also work for giving pills, although it is not usually as easy. Ask your vet to show you

(See CRITTER, page three)



This is "Duchess." Duchess belongs to Steven Hughes, of Langley. Steven rescued Duchess, along with her sister, "Wrink," from the high waters of Beaver Creek two years ago. Steven tells us that "Duchess is the smartest dog in the world. She beat me in a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors."

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ 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!*

■ Feb. 22 - Field trip to Floyd County Tech School, for 6th grade.

■ 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, 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

■ 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.**

■ Feb. 23 - "Someone You Know," part of the "Connect with Kids" series, will be shown on WYMT-TV, at 7 p.m.

■ Feb. 25 - "Dollars & Sense" program, for 5th grade, at the Martin Community Center.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations,

TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for addi-

tional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

**School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness.

■ 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.

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and
60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

February 15 and 17, 1995

A mobile home on Slick Rock was completely destroyed by fire on Friday. Fire chief Jim Caldwell said a pizza delivery man spotted the fire...The Maytown fire department responded to a structural fire on Post Office Street, Maytown, on Sunday. The home belonged to Darlene Scott Howard, who was not at home at the time...Martin City Council met in special session Wednesday night, to discuss the city police department budget and dispatching services...Clarence Risner and Ira Joe Tussey, two parent members of site board councils in Floyd County, were ousted, and reinstated in their respective councils in less than 24 hours...On March 1, the Allen City Police Station will cease to exist. The Allen City Commissioners unanimously voted to "dissolve the police station," which is located in office space rented from the police chief, Virgil Conn...Under the pretense of using the site for an athletic complex, Floyd School Board member Brent Clark asked fellow board members to go ahead with the purchase of property at Betsy Layne...Although the relationship has been a rocky one, some Floyd County school officials gave Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen high marks for implementing education reform. Brysen announced, Monday, that he will resign his post as the state's education commissioner in June...The closure of another small Floyd County school could be delayed if the district's local planning commission has a change of heart. On the agenda for Saturday's meeting of the Floyd School Board is a proposal to refer the Auxier school back to the LPC. The LPC has recommended that the school be closed...A public hearing has been scheduled in March, for comments concerning a permit for a medical waste incinerator in Floyd County...Steady rainfall in the county, Wednesday and Thursday, caused minor flooding near the Pike County line. In the Johns Creek area of Floyd and Pike counties, streams overflowed their banks, and made roads impassable...In an effort to cut expenses, and to provide immediate access to a police information network, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department dispatchers are moving to Prestonsburg City Hall...Floyd County 4-H teens this week taught teachers to teach students how to teach other students...The Prestonsburg administration/personnel com-

mittee met, Thursday, and recommended that the city hire a full-time attorney...Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson has been appointed to the state Justice Cabinet's Medical Examiner Advisory Commission...The state's 35-member Biodiversity Task Force will meet in Prestonsburg on February 20...A Kentucky State Police investigation into the death of a McDowell infant, in January, is continuing. Eight-month-old Andrew B. Johnson, died Thursday, January 19, after he fell into a 24-quart cooker containing mop water the evening of January 18...The Floyd County's Sheriff Department is not back at full staff, but three employees were recalled to work, Wednesday...There died: Elder Triplett Hall, 85, of Beaver, Saturday, February 11, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Hulda Hall Lawson, 87, of Honaker, Wednesday, February 8, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; R.G. "Arie" Sparkman, 72, of Pippa Passes, Monday, February 6, at his home; Connie Hall, 85, of Wheelwright, Friday, February 10, at her residence; Thurman McKinley Huston, 49, of Shelby Gap, Monday, February 13, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City; Geraldine Sweet, 74, of Newport News, Virginia, a native of Garrett, Sunday, February 5, in Mount St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, Virginia; Hettie Watson, 80, of Bulan, Tuesday, February 14, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Delilah "Lila" Honeycutt, 80, of Prestonsburg, Monday, February 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Millie W. Hackworth, 90, of Prestonsburg, Monday, February 13, at Salyersville Health Care Center; Mont Stevens, 78, of Prestonsburg, Friday, February 10, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Sarah Lafferty Spears, 76, of Ashland, Saturday, February 11, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland; Lora Frasure, 73, of Martin, Monday, February 13, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Orville Lee Hall, 65, of Jonancy, February 11, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Joyce Burke, 48, of Bevensville, Sunday, February 12, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Anita Mae Scott, 72, of Pikeville, Monday, February 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Africa Ellen Burchett, 89, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, February 15, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Robert M. "Bob" Kimbler, 64, of Wellington, Ohio, Tuesday, February 14, at Allen Memorial Hospital, Oberlin, Ohio; Birchell Duff, 62, of Hueysville, Wednesday, February 15, at

his residence; Effert Reynolds, 76, of Cynthia, formerly of Allen, Tuesday, February 14, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Thomas Ray Manns, 16, of East Point, Thursday, February 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Twenty Years Ago

February 13, 1985

Kathy Allen, 33, of Hueysville, was seriously injured when the car she was driving was hit head-on in Martin by Timothy A. Bakey, 22, of Weeksbury...A bid by Pikeville National Corporation to buy the First Guaranty National Bank at Martin has been turned down by the Federal Reserve Board...A fire at the newly-opened Eastern Star Lounge and Restaurant on Goose Creek, near Eastern, has temporarily shut down the business. Two council members, George C. Brown and Bobby Watson, have resigned from their offices...Aleane Mullins Arnett, wife of a Salyersville man who died in a boating accident on Dewey Lake, last summer, has filed a \$2.3 million damage suit against the operator of the boat which struck the one in which she and her husband were riding...There died: James Wesley Cesco, 90, of Weeksbury, Monday, February 4; Carl Thomas Caudill, 58, of Floyd County, February 2; Flara Stephens, 85, of Langley, Monday; Ben Newsome, 73, of McDowell, last Thursday; Dr. Hal E. Midkiff, 67, of Prestonsburg, last Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elizabeth Webb, 65, of Blue River, last Wednesday, February 6.

Thirty Years Ago

February 12, 1975

Department of Highways employees removed a heavy rockfall from US 23, near the Plantation Motel, Monday morning. The heavily travelled highway is frequently partially or entirely blocked by slides and rockfalls...A court trial upon which the fate of Combs Airport may rest, was postponed in the Johnson Circuit Court late last month until March 31...The Prestonsburg Gas and Water System expects to have completed, within the next two months, water plant improvements which will boost daily plant capacity from 1 to 1 1/2 million gallons...Dean Murray, Dewey Reservoir manager, considers 1974 a good year at the lake—for

two reasons: The lake had more visitors than the preceding year, and its season was not marred by a drowning...American Standard's plant, near Paintsville, continues work with a reduced labor force while negotiations are pending on a new wage contract...Born: a son, Kevin Bryant, to Mr. and Mrs. James Conley, of Hager Hill, Jan. 27; a son, Jerome C., to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Greathouse, of Auxier, Jan. 23; a daughter, Miranda Joyce, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prater, of Hueysville, Jan. 23; a son, Marc Robert to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Harris, Prestonsburg, January 22; a son, Jonathan David, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baca, of Martin, Jan. 24...There died: Myrtle P. Blankenship, 75, of Wayland, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Hospital; Minnie E. Marshall Patton, native of Floyd County, Jan. 20, in Alger, O.; Albert Leonard Hall Sr., 79, formerly of Wheelwright, last Saturday, in Wayne, Mich.; Eva Collins Laferty, 80, of Cliff, last Wednesday, at a nursing home, here; Ellis Hall, 69, formerly of this county, Jan. 27, in Portsmouth, O.; Booker T. (Wash) Justice, 64, of Worthington, W.Va., formerly of Tram, Jan. 29; Copley Tackett, 56, of Urbana, O., formerly of Harold, Thursday, in Dayton, O.; Charley Evans, 73, of Grethel, Feb. 4, at the McDowell Hospital; Milt Blankenship, 81, of Nippa, Feb. 2; Melvin B. (Nick) Martin, 51, of Estill, Jan. 29, in a Lexington hospital; Ran Bolen, 87, of Garrett, Feb. 4, at a Hazard hospital; Hobert (Snookie) Hurts Jr., 19, of Garrett, in an auto accident, Feb. 2, near Topmost.

Forty Years Ago

February 11, 1965

The Kentucky Water Pollution Commission, last week, told The Times, that 90 percent of the pollution affecting eastern Kentucky streams originate from mines in Southwestern Virginia...The city park planned by the city of Prestonsburg, and on which work has been started on a 32-acre tract at the upper limits of West Prestonsburg, has been described by Mayor George P. Archer as "a dream coming true"...The shotgun death of a 29-year-old Bonanza man, whose body was found in a locked room of his home near Bonanza, Sunday afternoon, was ruled a suicide by Coroner James J. Carter...B. F. Reed, of Drift, has been named chairman of the 1965 Easter Seal

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Yesterdays

Appeal for crippled children, it was announced this week...Freddie Setser turned in a 32-point performance for Prestonsburg, Friday night, to lead the Black Cats to an 84-59 victory over Oil Springs in the second game of a doubleheader...There died: Elijah (Lige) Goble, 90, formerly of the Cow Creek section of this county, Friday, at Lowmansville, Johnson County; Frank Johnson, 72, of Blue River, Monday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Rev. Leo Johnson, 47, of Halo, last Tuesday, while at work at Wheelwright.

Fifty Years Ago

February 10, 1955

Green Haywood Hackworth, native Floyd Countian, has been named president of the International Court of Justice (the World Court), it was announced, Wednesday, from Geneva, Switzerland...The Floyd County Health Center, here, drew a step nearer reality last week when the Floyd County Board of Educa-

tion executed a deed for its interest in a lot for the building...Two homes burned in the county last week-end, and nothing was saved from either. They were: Saturday night, the home of Robert Boyd on Mare Creek; and Sunday night, the home of Willie Clark at Betsy Layne...Next Tuesday, is the date tentatively set for Operation Poison at Dewey Lake, members of the Floyd County Fish & Game Club were told at Allen, Monday night...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ogden A. Stewart, a son, Jack Ogden, January 31, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Salisbury, of Mt. Sterling, a daughter, Evelyn Johns, February 1...There died: Charles McDonald, 72, of Drift, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Thomas Lee Conn, 72, of Printer, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Chalmer Meadows, 41, Friday, at West Prestonsburg; Emma F. Osborne, 84, Jan. 27, at the home of her daughter.

Sixty Years Ago

February 8, 1945

Freed from the Japanese San Fomas interment camp, in an American Com-mando raid are Lieut. Ruby Bradley, sister of Smith Bradley, of Prestonsburg, and Pvt. Lawrence Robinson, of Wayland...The week's casualty report; missing—Pfc. Jolly Pickle, of Ligon, in France since January 21; S-Sgt. Richard C. Fitzpatrick, West Prestonsburg, in Belgium since January 13; Henry Lewis Holbrook, of the Middle Creek road, in Germany, since January 13; The wounded—Pfc. Wickliffe Hays, of McDowell, January 3, in France; S-Sgt. George David Butler, formerly of Prestonsburg, January 17, in Germany; Pfc. Billy Merritt, of Bonanza, January 21, in France; Pvt. Monroe Watkins, of Blue River, January 8, in Belgium; Ed Scutchfield, of Water Gap, January 12, in Belgium...Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Ransdell are recovering from injuries suffered, Sunday, when their auto overturned on an icy road at Broke Leg Falls...The Rev. Alvin Everett Meade, 55, of Bypro, died Tuesday, in a Martin hospital, of injuries caused by a slatefall in a Ligon mine...There died: Ollie A. Elkins, 47, of Lackey, Friday, at the Stumbo Hospital,

Lackey; Jim Collins, 67, of Harold, Monday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Mary Johnson, 37, Sunday, at Bevinville.

Seventy Years Ago

February 8, 1935

Milt Nelson was killed, Sunday, at West Prestonsburg, when a pipe exploded during a fire, hurtled 45 feet to strike him and sent him whirling a distance of a hundred feet. Property damage was placed at \$15-20,000...Thieves, in three days, have stolen three cars here—those of N. L. May, the Rev. Ralph E. Johnson and T. J. May...“Tuffy” Griffith, winner of two K.O. victories over the West Virginia welterweight champ, was here, Thursday. He formerly resided at Martin, but now lives at Paintsville...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. May Jr., January 30, at Louisville, a daughter, Elissa Simpson...There died: Steve Fitzpatrick, 89, Saturday, at his home on Middle Creek; Mrs. Dode Calhoun, Sunday, on Town Branch.

School

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.

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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.

Critter

how to give a cat a pill, and if you don't think this is going to work in your situation, ask him for a pill gun. This is a little plastic contraption with a plunger that lets you pop the pill into the back of the throat while keeping your fingers out of the cat's mouth. They are cheap, easy to clean, and can be worth their weight in Band-Aids if your cat hates pills.

I have covered the "jelly-roll" technique in previous columns; this involves rolling the cat up in a bath towel until you have a little cat mummy or "kitty burrito". With the claws under control, you have only the teeth to contend with. This doesn't exactly make medicating easy, but it sure helps even the odds. Even though we have commercial nylon "cat sacks", a big bath towel is still our favorite restraint method for most cats.

Sometimes the problem lies in getting the cat to the vet in the first place. Every cat owner should have a cat carrier. Even the calmest cat can lose it when confronted with a trip to the vet's office. The unfamiliar sights smells and

noises are enough to panic any cat, especially one that is already feeling bad. When shopping for a carrier, spring for one of the better quality ones with the wire (not plastic) door and latch mechanism. Check to be sure the bolts holding the top and bottom halves together are tight each time you use the carrier.

Of course there will always be circumstances where someone is caught needing to transport a cat and no carrier is available. A homemade cat carrier can be constructed easily, as long as it is strong, secure, ventilated and portable. Two clothes baskets of the same size or two milk crates work well. These need to be laced together instead of just tied here and there to avoid gaps that might offer an escape hatch. The average cat makes Houdini look like a rank amateur. Plastic clothes hampers also make good carriers, as long as the lid can be well secured. (I am a great fan of duct tape.)

Medicating dogs is generally easier than their feline counterparts. Liquids are given in the

corner of the mouth in the same way, only I generally cup my hand under the chin to steady the head. Pills can be given by hand or with a pill gun, but a big advantage with dogs is that they are more easily duped than cats. Many dogs will swallow almost anything if it is disguised as food, and with some the disguise can be pretty thin. (Now, I know there are a lot of owners out there whose dogs won't fall for any of the standard tricks, but maybe I can throw in a few new ones.)

My German Shepherd, Fritz, who was admittedly not the canine version of Einstein, would eat a pill out of your hand if you made a big fuss out of it and referred to it as a "treat". Teresa, my assistant, lines all of her dogs up every morning and gives each of them a little squirt of cheese-in-a-can. When somebody requires a pill, she just slips it in the cheese. We have also discovered "Combos", which are snacks consisting of a cracker or pretzel outside with a cheese filling. These are great things to hide small pills in. They already

have two different textures, so dogs don't seem to notice the presence of a pill so much.

Then there is my special "three wiener method" of dog medication. Use three pieces of anything the dog likes and is soft enough to hide the pill inside. The first piece has nothing inside it, and this suckers the dog in. Give him time to eat and swallow this one. The medicine is in the second piece, and this is quickly followed by the third piece. Usually, the dog will gulp down piece number two in order to get to number three. With any luck, he never notices anything different about the second piece.

The last piece of advice that I have room for here is to ask your vet to show you how to safely and properly restrain a dog and how to apply an emergency muzzle. If anyone has any other tips or tricks you use at home to help medicate your animal, let me know. I'll try to share them with other readers here, and besides that, I need all the help I can get!

As a reminder, my e-mail address is carolbeac@tiusa.net.

Birthdays



One year old!

Shaleigh Dawn Marie Spears, the daughter of Misty D. Poe and Timothy Lee Spears, celebrated her first birthday on February 10, 2005, at her home, in Banner. She is the granddaughter of Bonnie L. Ratliff and Robert Bostic and Kathy Spears and Roy Spears.

Wedding



Greene-Blackburn

Julia Nicole Greene, 26, of Chillicothe, Ohio, the daughter of Mark and Lisa Greene, of Minford, Ohio, and Timothy Lee Lane, 29, also of Chillicothe, Ohio, the son of Lenora and John Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, and Richard Lane, of Lancaster, Ohio, will be united in marriage on April 2, 2005, in Chillicothe.



Lodge recognizes 99-year-old Past Master

The Masonic Zebulon Lodge 273 F. and A.M. of Prestonsburg recognized 99 year old Herman Porter as the oldest living Past Master of the lodge, which was chartered on August 30, 1854. The group held their 76th annual Past Master Banquet on Saturday, January 1,

2005.


Brother Porter was the 58th Master out of 116, holding the position in 1946. He was installed in 1939 and received the "Gold Card" in 1959.

Mr. Porter resides in Allen. He celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this month.

New Arrivals

WRMC

New Arrivals



February 1, 2005
A son, Mark Ethan Reed, to Sarah and Morris Reed
A daughter, Olivia Madison Little, to Jessica Lafferty

February 2, 2005
A daughter, Alexis Nicole Blair, to Jamie and William Blair
A daughter, Ciara McKinley Music, to Amanda Dawn and George Perry Music Jr.

February 4, 2005
A son, Brycen Michael Ash, to Amanda and Michael Ash

February 5, 2005
A son, Jayden Alexander Hampton, to Crystal A. Robbins and Randall Vanhoose



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HELP

"This shows how very much you guys care." Dinsmore told the student body. "This is a huge donation that will be very appreciated. You all have done a great job, just great."

And in another Floyd County school, Prestonsburg Elementary, students have been involved in collecting items for the construction of health care kits to be donated to tsunami victims. All students were instrumental in collecting the items, while one group of fifth

graders, those in Debra Holland's classroom, were responsible for bagging the items into individual kits.

"Health concerns are very real following this disaster," said Mrs. Holland. "We thought we would help by collecting personal hygiene and first aid supplies that we will box up and then send out to be distributed by a church organization to the victims."

Among the items that were collected and then bagged into

individual health kits were: 100 tubes of toothpaste, 102 toothbrushes, 124 bars of soap, 791 Band-Aids, 161 washcloths, 100 towels, 298 ziplock bags, 110 combs and 100 pairs of nail clippers.

The Prestonsburg Elementary PTA contributed by paying for the postage and handling fees for the mailing of the kits.

"We are so proud of our students for giving of themselves in this effort," said Mrs. Holland.

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Ms. Kitty Frazier's class collected the most money for J.A. Duff Elementary.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Ms. Case's class came in second place in money collections. Ms. Case is the teacher who sponsors an Indonesian boy whose family was spared by the tsunami.

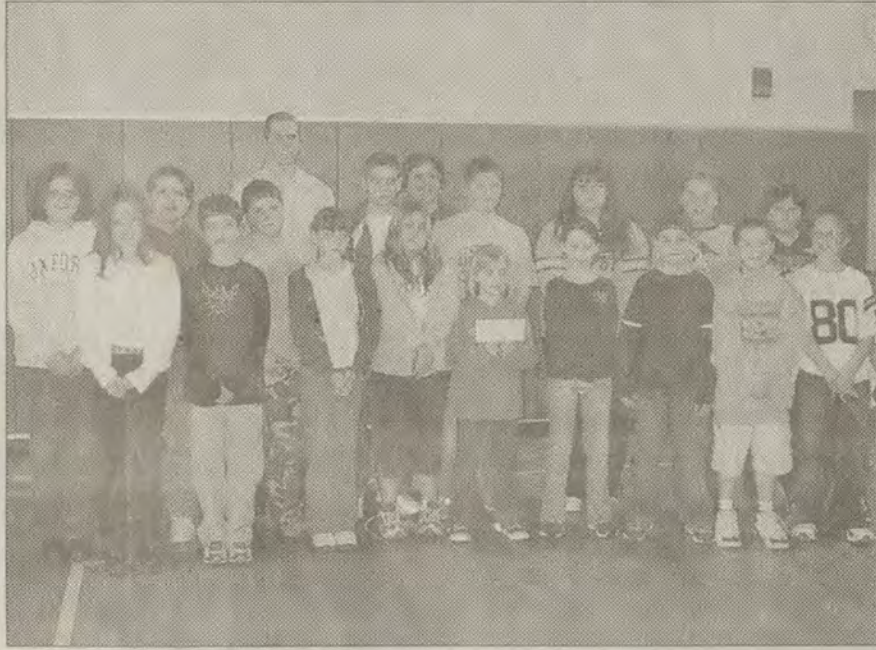


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Ms. Ratliff's class came in third in the amount of money collected.

Oak

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out saying that every visit from one of these towns means something to some businessman in Paintsville.

"These roads, instead of improving and being allowed to deteriorate rapidly. Traveling them about once a week, the traveler is astonished at the

rapid wearing away and increased roughness. It seems that these two most important roads in the county should be worked more than they are. They have the heaviest travel, and receive the least work."

I've no way of knowing, of course, if this story got any sort

of immediate response from county officials, but I'm sure the citizens of the two communities appreciated it. And, it's a sure bet that the author of this piece could never have imagined that his words would be read again some 82 years later.

But, so goes the beauty of the written word.



Six Generations

Four generations of the living is the norm, five is rare and hardly ever does the number reach six. But such was the case with this family photo. Shown are: Seated, Cloie Caudill Akers, shown here at age 93, with, from left to right, family members Jeffery Bentley, age 19; Jody Bentley, age 36; Madis Akers Bentley Siders, age 75; Braydon Allen Bentley, age 2; and Lovvold Bentley, age 56. Each person pictured represents the oldest born of each generation. Cloie passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2005, having celebrated her 94th birthday on January 20, 2005. She was the widow of Pink Akers. Cloie and Pink together had 13 children, 39 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, 33 great-great grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandchild.

MAC

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Charlie Sizemore, all of whom eventually graduated to distinguished solo careers.

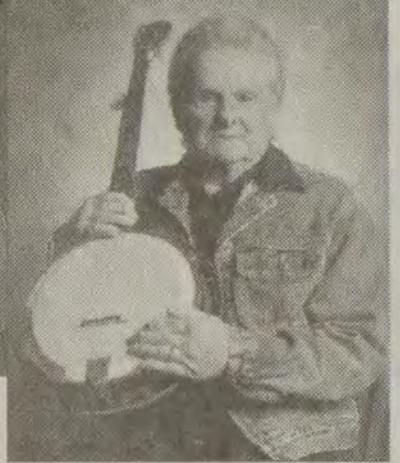
While he has long been revered by enthusiasts of folk, bluegrass and country music, Stanley has lately been commanding the kind of honors due a musical original. In 2002, he won Grammys for Best Country Male Vocalist Performance and Album of the Year, and he is the central figure in the D. A. Pennebaker/Chris Hegedus documentary "Down From The Mountain."

In January, 2000, Stanley became the first artist to be inducted into the historic Grand Ole Opry in the new millennium. He holds the Living Legend award from the Library of Congress and was the first recipient of the Traditional American Music award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. One of his proudest achievements is the honorary doctorate in music Lincoln Memorial University conferred on him in 1976. In addition to all these honors, Stanley was chosen to be the closing act for the 2002 Down From The Mountain Tour, a sold-out series of concerts inspired by the success of the O Brother, Where Art Thou? album.

"When Ralph does what he does, it is what it is. And the sound of it is beautiful," writes producer T Bone Burnett. "Ralph has been keeping this flame for fifty-five years, an heroic task, and he has done so with humility and a deep love that has only gotten deeper over time. This is an extraordinary thing."



Melvin Goins



Ralph Stanley

Big Sandy Community and Technical College to host Kentucky Commission on Women regional meeting March 3

In an ongoing effort to serve all women across the Commonwealth, the Kentucky Commission on Women will be holding regional meetings to gather input and provide support for communities. Big Sandy Community and Technical College will be hosting the Big Sandy Regional Meeting of the Kentucky Commission on Women (KCW) March 3rd, 2005 starting at 5:30 on the BSCTC Prestonsburg Campus. The Regional Meeting will focus on the needs of the women who live and work in the Big Sandy Area Development District (ADD) and will feature breakout sessions for education, health and well-being, equity, leadership

and economic sufficiency. KCW Project Manager, Ashley Bratcher, will provide an overview of the KCW and discuss the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women Report. Individuals, community organizations, and businesses are encouraged to participate in developing region-specific solutions and strategies for implementing the Task Force recommendations.

The KCW strives to increase the network of individuals interested in advancing the economic status of Kentucky's women and girls. Regional Meetings have been conducted throughout the state in all of the 14 other ADD's to render solutions in the

five areas. Information received from these meetings and subsequent meetings will be shared at the Women's Economic Summit, June 17-18, 2005 at the Frankfort Convention Center.

With Kentucky ranking 43rd for women's employment and earnings, 49th in the percentage of women with Bachelor's Degrees, and 50th in women's health and well-being, we need the help of ALL Kentuckians to advance the economic status of women in the Commonwealth. For more information on how you can improve the lives of Kentucky's women and girls, please contact Teresa McCoart at 606-886-3863 ext. 67386, email teresa.mccoart@kctcs.edu.

Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center

Proudly present MASKING THE APPALACHIAN DIALECT

A Course in Accent Reduction

Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center will cooperatively present a workshop entitled Masking the Appalachian Dialect: A Course in Accent Reduction during the month of March 2005. The workshop is designed for students in grades 6 - 12 who want to minimize their Appalachian dialect in order to broaden their performance opportunities and improve overall marketability.

For performers, having an Appalachian accent can be an asset if a casting director is seeking an authentic mountain sound, but a strong accent can prevent the same actor from being cast in other shows/roles.

The ability to adapt and modify one's speech according to the demands of the character is of great importance. The number of roles for which a performer is suitable increases dramatically when one possesses a versatile voice instrument.

The workshop, which will be led by Heather Branham of Richmond, Kentucky, will also introduce standard speech techniques, such as vocal placement, articulation, basic phonetics, vocal exercises and proper breathing, giving participants the confidence and ability to deliver clearly articulated speech.

This accent reduction seminar is designed to address the needs of actors, public speakers, church drama teams, and speech and drama students. The class will be held on three Tuesdays in March (March 8, 15 and 22) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and will be limited to twelve students on a first-come, first served basis. For additional information on Masking the Appalachian Dialect or to register for the

class, please contact The Mountain Arts Center at (606) 889-9125.

Where: The Mountain Arts Center
When: Tuesday, March 8, 15, 22
Time: 6-8 PM
What Ages: Grades 6-12
Registration Fee: \$80
Maximum participants: 12 students on a first-come-first-served basis

Must be registered by Tuesday March 1, 2005

Jenny Wiley Theatre receives funding from individuals, corporations, the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and Paintsville Tourism Commission.

Partial funding has been provided by the Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0315

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 205.7 acres, and will underlie an additional 14.4 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 mile northeast from Route 2029's junction with KY

Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek, and Grassy Creek of Licking River.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Carl Reed, Jimmy & Carl Reed, I. Richmond-Heirs, Dosie Bailey, et al., Delphia M. Hale & Carol S. Wireman, and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Dosie Bailey, et al., and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for Phase II/III bond release on Permit Number 836-5356, which was last issued on April 10, 1997. The application covers an area of approximately 6.76 acres, located 0.50 mile southeast of Drift, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.80 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with KY 1101, and located on Simpson Branch of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37°28'14". The longitude is 82°44'22". The bond now in effect is a Kentucky Bond Pool bond in the amount of sixteen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$16,700.00). One hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of \$37,400 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching of trees, planted in March 2000. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 25, 2005.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 25, 2005.

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LINKS, INC., has received funding from Kentucky Housing Corporation through the HOME and AHTF programs to perform construction of 4 new homes for families whose incomes are at or below 80% of median income adjusted to household size in Floyd County. In compliance with the HUD HOME guidelines, LINKS announces it will be purchasing construction materials to build these homes. Additionally, LINKS will contract the following activities; electrical, heating/air conditioning, plumbing, foundation, drywall, and approved septic systems. In addition to standard residential building materials, LINKS will be purchasing concrete, gravel, shrubbery, grass seed, concrete/metal culverts, etc. The Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, Inc., (LINKS) will be accepting separate sealed bids until 12 noon EDT, **March 2, 2005**, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud.

All construction shall comply with the Kentucky Residential Code, the Energy Efficiency Code, and the National Electric Code. Documentation from REScheck or other approved software is required stating the building envelope exceeds the code requirements by 20 percent. Any approved septic, plumbing, and electrical installers will be responsible for all permits and inspection fees.

If you are interested in bidding on materials or performing subcontract services, please contact Genevieve Williams, Program Coordinator, Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, Inc., 116 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky (606) 886-0152 for a Statement of Qualifications or supply a written response on your company letterhead outlining the services or materials you have to offer. Copies of the bid package may be picked up between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday at the LINKS office.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Attention of bidders is particularly called to HUD Section 3 Segregated Facility, Section 109, and E.O. 12246, and Title VI. **MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.** Successful bidders will be required to submit evidence of Worker's Compensation, Builders Risk, and General Liability Insurance coverage at the time of contract signing.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE PERMIT NO. 836-5460

This is notice that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, (606) 886-2330, Permit #836-5460, will be blasting at Goose Creek, Latitude 37°29'00", Longitude 82°48'36". Blasting will be done daily. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least (10) minutes before the blast, access to the area

will be controlled by company personnel. Before each blast is detonated, the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: five (5) minutes prior to detonation, a one (1) minute series of long air blasts from a siren will be given; one (1) minute prior to detonation, a series of short air blasts from a siren will be given; immediately prior to detonation, one (1) additional long air blast will be sounded. Following the inspection of the blast area, the all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be a prolonged air blast from siren. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above, except in emergencies, where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: five (5) minutes prior to detonation, three (3) long air blasts from a siren will be given; one (1) minute prior to detonation, a series of short air blasts from a siren will be given. Also prior to detonations, in emergencies, the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

IMPORTANT NOTICE MAJOR UPGRADE FOR CABLE SERVICE

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5469

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniel Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for an underground mining operation, located 2.5 mile northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 42.4 surface acres and will underlie 101.6 acres, and the total area within

the permit boundary will be 144.0 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.2 mile north from KY 7's junction with General Allen Branch Road, and located 0.1 mile northeast of General Allen Branch. The proposed operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Delphia M. Hale & Carol S. Wireman, Paul Prater, Winfred & Stella Hale-Heirs, Carl & Mary Hayes, Lawrence Patton, et al., Tramble Shepherd, Randell Shepherd, and Nelson Prater. The operation will underlie land owned by Verdine Jones, CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Knott Floyd Land Company, et al., Herman Harman, Billie Trimble, et al., Billy Ray Hayes, Charles David Hall, and Iness Stiltner.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation & 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.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 04-CI-00840

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, fka Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. Plaintiff Vs. Mary R. Elliott, aka Mary Rebecca Elliott, aka Mary Elliott, aka

Rebecca Elliott, 13, 1970, in Deed Book 201, Page 378, in the Deed records of Floyd County, Kentucky.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th day of January, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$38,682.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 17th day of February, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 59 Jim Case Lane, McDowell, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Left Beaver at E. McDowell:

Beginning at corner of Mary Litteral's property and C&O right-of-way, thence running with said right-of-way to corner of Sol Robinson's line; thence running with Robinson's line to the Bill Hall Branch; thence up said Bill Hall Branch running with the Branch to a corner of Mary Litteral's line; thence across the bottom, running with said Litteral's line to the C&O right-of-way to the beginning. This boundary includes the Henene Rickete property.

Being the same property conveyed to Wilburn Elliott and Rebecca Elliott, by virtue of a deed dated March 9, 1970, recorded on March

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Lori R. Leach Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss

P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Otis Davis. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Hillbilly Palace Billiards. The nature of the business will be Pool Tables, Arcade, and Snack Bar. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than March 17, 2005, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for March 17, 2005, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOHNSON CIRCUIT COURT ACTION NO. 04-CI-00008 FAMILY BANK, FSB PLAINTIFF VS: RE-NOTICE OF SALE.

David L. Trimble; Kimberly P. Trimble, Computers Plus Inc.; Brett M. Higgins; United States of America Internal Revenue Service; Commonwealth of Kentucky Revenue Cabinet; Commonwealth of Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet Ex. Rel., Division of Unemployment Insurance; First North American National Bank; Viper Max Computers; Capital One Bank; East Kentucky Corporation; Johnson County, Kentucky; City of Paintsville, Kentucky; and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Johnson Circuit Court, entered the 27th day of July, 2004, and Order entered January 24, 2005, in the above cause for the combined sums of \$127,544.02 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale in the lobby of the courthouse, outside of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, in Paintsville, Johnson County, KY, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 24th day of February, 2005, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Paintsville, Johnson County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Second Street; thence in a Westerly direction 63 feet to an iron pin; thence in a Southerly direction to the line of (formerly) Charlie Williams; thence in an Easterly direction with Charlie Williams' line to Church Street; thence in a Northerly direction with Church Street to the point of beginning.

This being the same property conveyed to David L. Trimble by John M. Trimble and Janet M. Trimble by deed dated January 27, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 350, Page 589, Records of the Johnson County Court Clerk's Office.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of ten (10%) percent of the purchase price with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall

be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Johnson County Court Clerk's Office, and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

This 27th day of January, 2005, Dale Phillips, Master Commissioner Johnson Circuit Court P.O. Box 668 Paintsville, KY 41240 (606) 789-7531

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RELOCATE GRAVES

Jerry Banks is the owner of certain property located at Sage Allen Branch (formerly known as Motts Branch and General Allen Branch) of Salt Lick on Right Beaver Creek in Floyd County (Deed Book 289, Page 434). He had discovered an abandoned cemetery on his property which contains two (2) identifiable graves and possibly four (4) unmarked graves. It is his intention to relocate these graves with the assistance of Knott Floyd Land Company due to mining operations on his property.

The identifiable graves are: Bobbie Shepherd and Wanda Hicks. Permission to relocate the grave of Bobbie Shepherd has been granted by her next of kin. The only other identifiable grave is that of Wanda Hicks, born 1926 and died 1927. All reasonable efforts have been made to contact Wanda Hicks' next of kin and to determine if there are other graves in this location.

1. The cemetery has no known official name. It is located on Sage Allen Branch, approximately one mile up Sage Allen Branch on the left hand side of the branch near the residence of Jerry Banks, and has been abandoned for many years.

2. This notice is to request assistance from anyone having knowledge of persons buried in this location or the names of their next of kin.

3. If you have any information about persons buried in this location, please contact George Adkins at Knott Floyd Land Company, P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, (606) 874-9003.

4. This notice will run each Wednesday in the Floyd County Times for a period of 60 days from January 12, 2005. At the expiration of 60 days notice, Jerry Banks will petition the Floyd Fiscal Court to grant

authority to relocate the graves whose next of kin cannot be located.

5. The graves requiring Fiscal Court approval to be relocated will be relocated at a perpetual care cemetery in Floyd County, and will be marked by appropriate headstone and footstone. The relocation will be supervised by a licensed funeral director who will have obtained the appropriate permits from the Health Services Cabinet, Department of Vital Statistics. The relocation is planned to take place on or after March 21, 2005.



CHAPTER 6 CLUE

*The Father of TV,
And of our country,
And a ton of other stiffs,
All of them were gifts.
They came from each state,
Showin' someone who was great.
All but one is alone.
Show me who when it's known.*

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This Week: President's Day

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Happy Birthday, Presidents!

This week Kid Scoop celebrates Presidents Day – a day to celebrate the birthdays and lives of two important American presidents, President Abraham Lincoln and President George Washington.

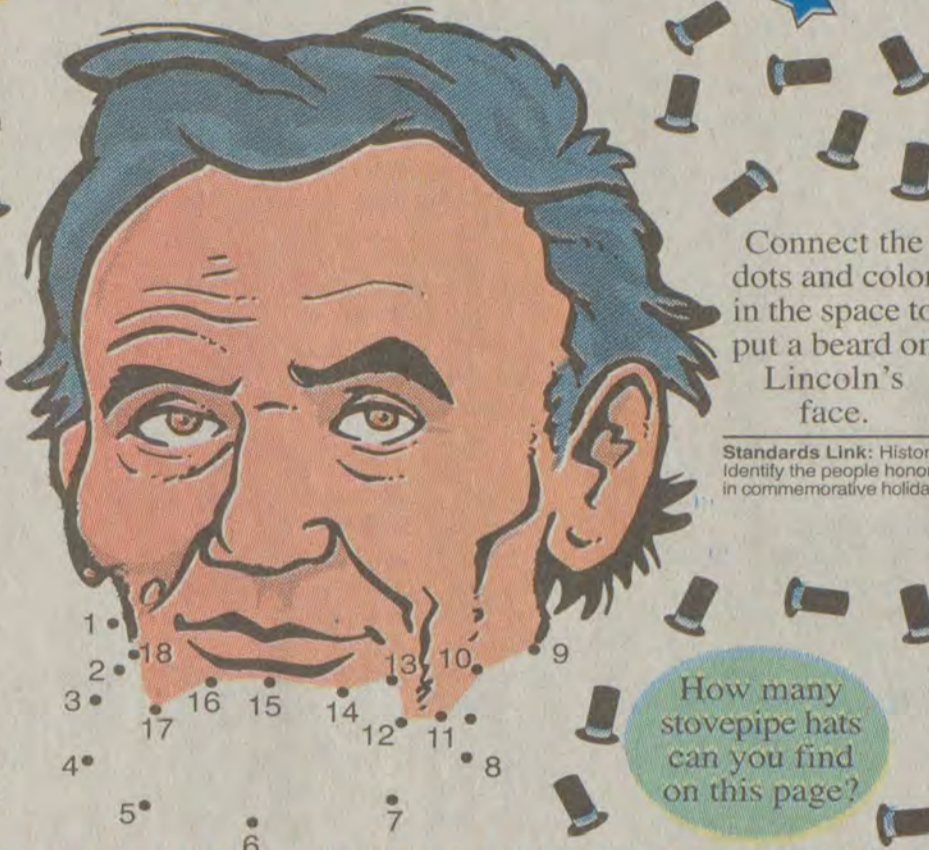
Grace Changes Presidential Face

The year was 1860. Abraham Lincoln was traveling across the United States asking people to vote for him to be president.

Dear Sir,
My father has just returned from the fair and brought your picture and Mrs. Lincoln's. I am a little girl, only 11 years old, but want you to be president of the United States very much, so I hope you won't think me bold to write to such a great man as you are... I have four brothers and part of them will vote for you anyway - and if you let your whiskers grow, I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you. You would look a great deal better for your face is so thin.
Goodbye,
Grace Bedell

Mr. Lincoln would have looked different to you that year. He didn't have his famous beard. He received this letter from an 11-year-old girl named Grace Bedell.

Lincoln grew a beard as Grace suggested. Grace's one letter changed the face of the president!



Connect the dots and color in the space to put a beard on Lincoln's face.

Standards Link: History. Identify the people honored in commemorative holidays.

How many stovepipe hats can you find on this page?

Weekly Writing Corner

If I Were President

If I were president I would lower taxes and fund schools. I would think of ways to make America a better place. I would like to be president because I would have control of a country.

Brenda,
5th Grade

If I were president, I would be the first woman elected to that office. I would be fair to everyone and I wouldn't go to war. (I would talk to the leaders of other countries about the problem.) Almost everyone would like me and I would be famous!

Dariella,
6th Grade

If I were president, I would make every school have healthy food. I want to be president because I want to make a difference and be the first girl president.

Caryn,
5th Grade

I would help poor people get houses, food, water, clothes, shoes, toys, games, books and all kinds of supplies.

Christella,
4th Grade

If I were president, I would strive for peace with every nation I could. I would also try to speed up our exit from Iraq. I would donate a portion of my salary to the tsunami victims in Asia. I want to be president to help with diplomacy.

Marshall,
6th Grade

I would make sure people wear helmets and gear. The president has a responsibility to keep people safe. I would sit in my chair, do paper work, talk to people about running the country and try to figure out what democrats eat.

Cheyenne,
3rd Grade

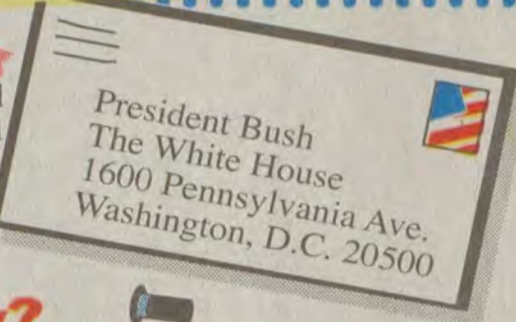
I would give more money to the schools. I'd build more buildings that are apartments and help the homeless people by giving them each a home.

Kylie,
3rd Grade

I would give more money to the homeless and social security. I'd probably change some of the laws and add some new laws. If people need me, I'd see them, even if it was at mealtime.

Jacey,
3rd Grade

Is there something you would like to tell President Bush? You can write him at:



True Story?

Have you heard this story about George Washington?

When George was young, he cut down his father's cherry tree.

His father was angry. He asked George who cut down the tree.

"I cannot tell a lie," said George. "I cut it with my hatchet." Then his father gave George a hug instead of punishing him because he had told the truth.

This story comes from a book that was written after George Washington died. Is it a true story? Probably not. But it is told over and over again to remind people that George Washington was a good man.

The Man Who Would NOT Be King

As first president of the United States, George Washington helped to make the laws and policies that formed our country. Some people wanted him to be the king of the United States. He refused because he believed it was better to have a president who was elected by the people.



Look Closely!

How many differences can you find between these two pictures? There are at least 10.

Standards Link: Investigation. Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Extra! Extra! Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A picture of Lincoln
- A picture of Washington
- The word "president"

Standards Link: Reading/Research. Use the newspaper to locate information.

Count and Color

A picture of Abraham Lincoln is on the penny. A picture of George Washington is on the quarter. Color the pennies brown. How many are there? Color the quarters gray. How many are there? How much money, in all?



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums using money.

Double Double Word Search

- LINCOLN
- WASHINGTON
- PRESIDENT
- STORY
- GEORGE
- HATCHET
- FACE
- BOOK
- LAWS
- BEARD
- CHERRY
- HATS
- GIRL
- CUT

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

B	R	T	E	H	C	T	A	H	F
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L	T	N	E	D	I	S	E	R	P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Weave a Tale

1. Cut out 4-6 stories in the newspaper.
2. Read each story.
3. Cut the stories into paragraphs.
4. "Weave" new stories by mixing and matching the paragraphs.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand the meaning of expository text.

What's the difference between an old penny and a new quarter?



ANSWER: Twenty-four cents.

If I Were President!

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Catch of the Day

Written by Bob Rouse
Illustrated by Frank Yates

CHAPTER 6

The story so far: Faced with losing their school, a team of students tries to win a cross-country scavenger hunt and a new school. But someone wants them to fail.

Last week's clue:

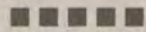
The first revolution was in seventy-six,
But another battle brewed that's part of our mix.
Some dudes took a palace and booted the queen,
Locked her away and treated her mean.
Just use Myron's shirts to find the queen's palace,
And then take a picture using cam'ra digitalis.

"Really! Myron has a plan, Ms. R. We can fix our bad-luck problem," Latisha said. "I e-mailed FreeZee, and he's going to help."

"Don't make us go home," Nathan pleaded.

The students were in Ms. Roosevelt's room at the Juneau Grand Resort.

"I simply can't take chances with your safety, guys. I'll call FreeZee myself," the teacher said. "I'll meet you in the lobby in 30 minutes."



A half-hour later, Ms. Roosevelt and the students sat in massive leather furniture beside a large fireplace in the lobby. A roaring fire brought welcome warmth to the group.

"Well, FreeZee is sold on your plan," the teacher said. "Perhaps you could share it with me."

Myron spoke quietly to Ms. Roosevelt for several minutes. When he finished, the teacher smiled. "I must say, your plan is well thought out and beautifully presented. 'A-minus,' Myron."

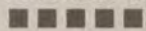
"Why the minus?" Myron asked.

"Because you didn't tell me sooner!" the teacher said with a laugh.

Just then, Sluppy D shuffled in with the two bodyguards. "All righty, then, we're all here and hungry," Ms. Roosevelt said. "Shall we eat?" As the group started toward the restaurant, the teacher stopped suddenly. "Oh! Help me remember the airline tickets!" she said, looking at Nathan and Amber. "The hotel's printer is down, but when it's fixed tonight, it will print our tickets for tomorrow's flight. We must get those tickets at the front desk when we wake up, or we won't be able to fly out on time."

Sluppy D put his hand on the teacher's shoulder. "Early bird gets the worm - you know what I'm sayin'?"

"I do know, Mr. D," Ms. Roosevelt said.



Late that night Sluppy D visited the front desk, slipped

the clerk a \$50 bill, and walked away with several sheets of paper. He slipped quietly to the fireplace and sailed the papers into the fire, grinning as they burned.

From behind a huge couch, Ms. Roosevelt and her students stepped out. "I'm afraid you've burned yourself, Mr. D," Ms. Roosevelt said.

The startled DJ recovered quickly. "Just a few faxes - addressed to me," he said.

"Uh-uh. We got you on video," Nathan said. "And audio."

"Well, you're gonna have to turn it over to me," Sluppy D said, and then snapped his fingers.

"Boys?"

At that, the two muscular bodyguards came from a hallway to join Sluppy D.

"We have friends, too, Slup," Amber said, and from every corner of the room came groups of Tlingit Indians. The Native Alaskans, dressed in traditional clothes and carrying traditional weapons, looked deadly serious.

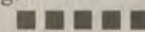
Sluppy D snarled. "OK, you little brats. You win." He spat out the words. "Y'all got no right to FreeZee's mansion, though. That house should be mine! And if I coulda made you lose this game, FreeZee woulda given it to me!"

The stunned silence was broken by the ring of Latisha's cell phone. She listened, then turned on the speaker. "Slup, you got it all wrong," FreeZee's voice rang out. "That house was never going to you."

"Jesse?" FreeZee continued, and the largest of the Native Alaskans stepped forward. "Thanks for helping. You really are my biggest fan in Alaska! Now if you would, keep Slup and his goons on ice until the kids have left the city."

"Will do, FreeZee," Jesse replied.

Myron stepped forward. "And Sluppy, I did stop sneezing. Thanks for asking."



"How about that?" Nathan said with a grin as the Tlingits led the troublemakers away. "All our bad luck came from Sluppy. We can't lose now!"

Amber leaned in. "Don't look now, Happy Boy, but it's 2

a.m., and we don't know where to go for the next answer. We've got 19 hours!"

"Yeah, let's look at that clue again," Myron said. "I don't know how my shirt can help. It was made in Bangladesh!"

As the students puzzled over the clue about a queen, they considered Queen City, Queensland, and Queen Latifa. And Latisha looked for the shape of a state in the floral pattern of Myron's shirt.

"Dudes, we've got brain freeze. Right here in Alaska," Nathan said, looking at the snow falling in the lights outside. "Nathan, how can you wear a Hawaiian shirt when it's freezing outside?"

Amber's eye's lit up. "That's it! How could we be so dumb?"

"Oh, it's pretty easy," Nathan said.

"We've been trying to connect the American Revolution to Myron's shirt, but there's a state that had kings and queens before it was a state - and it matches Myron's Hawaiian shirt!"



The Goldenrod group took a taxi from the Oahu airport to Iolani Palace, where kings and queens ruled Hawaii before it became a U.S. territory.

On the plane trip from Alaska, they had read about Queen Liliuokalani, the last queen, who had tried to keep non-natives from taking over her island nation.

"Cool palace. Sad about Liliuokalani, though," Amber said as she sent the photo to FreeZee by camera phone.

Within minutes, FreeZee sent a text message: OK! TAKE XTRA DAY 4 R&R. 4 CLU C HSB. CUL&R. FZ.

"Cool! We get an extra day here!" said Amber. "What's the name of the local newspaper?"

Each week, a rap clue for the story's scavenger hunt will appear in *The Floyd County Times*. Look for it in today's Classifieds section.

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One catch: No similar number may appear in an adjacent box either horizontally or vertically. Thus, two blanks in the vertical left-hand row should be readily apparent as requiring a three. Go on from there...

How quickly can you fill boxes as required?

13121.

Top row, across: 13231; next: 32123; next: 21231; next: 32123; next: 32312; bottom:

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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

	1	2	3	4	5
1	♥				
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FLARE AND SQUARE WORD PUZZLER

FIVE five-letter words corresponding to the definitions below complete the word square at left.

Indeed, Word 1 lends itself to Valentine's Day.

Let's see how quickly you can find the words.

Definitions:

- Love, Italian-style.
- Old saying.
- H-dropper's term for coat of a certain draft animal.
- Person who pays for a taxicab trip.
- Rough stuff used in grinding or polishing.

Remember, words read alike both across and down.

1. Amore. 2. Maxim. 3. Oxide. 4. Rider. 5. Emery.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name: _____

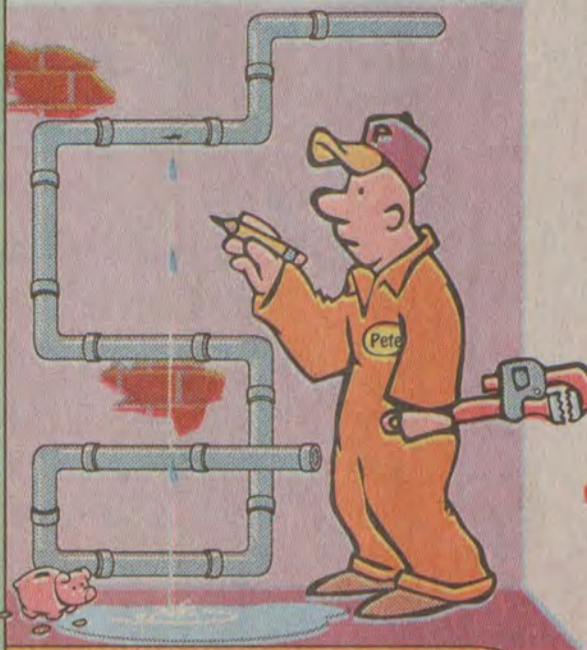
My Kid Scoop™

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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Penny Patterns

Circle the penny that comes next in each row.



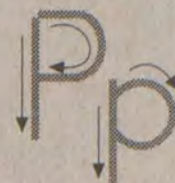
My Rhyme Time

HOT cross buns! Hot cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot cross buns! Hot cross buns!

My Letters

P is for Penny

p is for penny



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter P. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the P sound like the word penny?

My Numbers

How many curved pipes



How many straight pipes

Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Pennies are _____



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter P in penny.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 8 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Hop to the Top
Look through the newspaper and cut out the letters o and p. Glue these two letters onto a piece of paper as op. Cut out the letters t, p, h and m from the newspaper. Show your child how you can spell the words pop, hop, top and mop.

Wednesday

Penny Push
Practice small motor skills by turning a page of the newspaper sideways. Lay a penny on the paper and have your child push the penny with a pencil or marker to make lines. Show your child how to trace lines of type.

Thursday

Big P, Little p
On one page of the newspaper search for an uppercase letter P and a lowercase letter p. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase P-p pairs?

Friday

Penny Words
Show your child a headline and ask which word has the most letters. After your child selects a word, count out a penny for each letter in the word your child chose. Repeat with other words.

Saturday

Penny Paper Toss
Lay a page of the newspaper on a table or the floor. Have your child pick something on the page to be the "target." Take turns tossing pennies at the target. Repeat with new "targets" and new pages of the paper.



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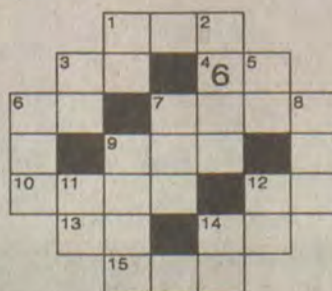
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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS

- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- The last digit is four times the first digit
- Same digit repeated
- Three more than 1-Down
- Five times 8-Down
- 4-Across times 13-Across
- Four times 6-Down
- 5-Down minus 14-Down
- 11-Down minus 14-Across
- The first digit is four times the last digit
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits

- One-third of 5-Down
- Three less than 4-Across
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Digits of 15-Across rearranged
- The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- Eight times 12-Across
- Three times 12-Across
- One-sixth of 4-Across
- Consecutive even digits in ascending order

DOWN

- 12-Across plus 14-Across
- Five times 1-Across

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Across the globe, different cultures have developed unique stories and myths that help explain the mysteries of the natural world. From gods and heroes to tales of creation, many cultures have many symbols and themes in common, even when they lived oceans or centuries apart. This is the first of a four-part series that looks at the myths and legends of many societies throughout time. (Collect them all and make a giant poster.)

The Greeks & Romans

The Greeks and Romans shared many divinities (gods and goddesses) and myths. These ancient gods had some very human characteristics, and their stories were full of drama.

How Rome began

Romulus and Remus were twin brothers raised by a wolf. The brothers argued and Romulus killed Remus, then he built the city of Rome on the Tiber River.



Hera was the jealous sister and wife of Zeus.

Almost a god

Human heroes were often as important as the gods in Greek mythology. Some heroes were half-god and half-human, others were entirely mortal. Jason, Theseus and Oedipus were famous Greek heroes.

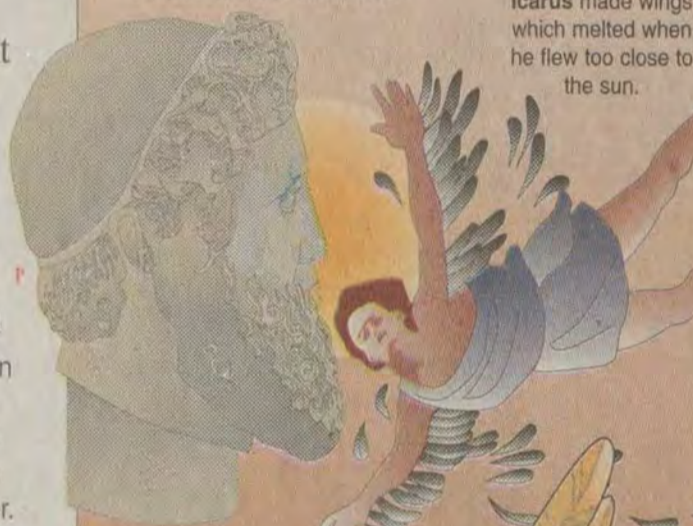
What's in a name?

The Romans borrowed many of the Greek divinities and gave some new names.

Greek	Roman	Position
Aphrodite	Venus	love
Ares	Mars	war
Artemis	Diana	hunting
Athena	Minerva	crafts
Crónus	Saturn	agriculture
Demeter	Ceres	growth
Dionysus	Bacchus	wine
Eros	Cupid	love
Gaea	Terra	earth
Hera	Juno	home
Hermes	Mercury	travel and messages
Hestia	Vesta	hearth
Hypnos	Somnus	sleep
Hades	Pluto	underworld
Poseidon	Neptune	sea
Zeus	Jupiter	king of gods

The classics

Myths played an important religious role in many societies and were often considered sacred.



Icarus made wings which melted when he flew too close to the sun.



Zeus was the king of all the Greek gods.

Pegasus, the winged horse, was born from the blood of the slain gorgon Medusa, who had snakes on her head instead of hair.



Psyche was a very beautiful human princess. Aphrodite sent her son Eros to cast a spell on Psyche. But Eros fell in love with her instead.

Centaur were half-man and half-horse in Greek mythology.



Nekhbet was the vulture goddess of Upper Egypt. Wadjet, the cobra goddess, looked after Lower Egypt.

Neith was the great Egyptian mother goddess.

Egyptian deities



Horus Sky god

Isis Mother/wife

Osiris God of the dead

Re Sun god

Amon-Re Chief god

Bastet, the cat goddess, was the Egyptian goddess of fertility and love.

Ares was the god of war. He was the son of Zeus and Hera and the lover of the goddess Aphrodite.

Fetish figures are still used in parts of Africa today. These icons protect an individual or village from evil spirits.

Eshu (a god of the Yoruba people of West Africa) is the trickster god.

Eshu is associated with opportunity and messages. According to myth he carries questions to the gods. He helps people at a crossroads make decisions, but his sense of humor can cause trouble.

Modern Shona sculpture "River god" by Richard Mteki from Zimbabwe

Kuba mask, Congo African masks often represent mythological characters. They play a vital role in many initiation rites.

A wood sculpture of an African thunder god

Myths of Africa

African myths reflect the diversity of its peoples. There are as many myths as there are regions, languages and tribes. Nature, ancestor and creation myths tend to dominate many stories.

Nature and creation

The peoples of Africa have a strong sense of nature, and many of their gods and myths reflect this connection. The sky, sun, rain, mountains and rivers figure prominently in many myths.

Another theme of African myths is the idea of a creation god who is very unhappy and disappointed with mankind.

Many African myths describe divinities that live in temporary homes called fetishes. A fetish can be a simple stone or an elaborate carved image. Some fetishes are thought to bring good luck.

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