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Fletcher to run again

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Friday he would seek another term as governor in 2007.

Fletcher made the comment during the taping of WKYT-TV's "Kentucky Newsmakers" program, scheduled to air at 11 a.m. Saturday.

"I'm very excited about the opportunities I've had, and enjoy this job and think there's a lot of other things we can do to improve the lives of Kentuckians," Fletcher said on the program.

Fletcher became Kentucky's first Republican governor in more than 30 years when he defeated Democrat Ben Chandler in November 2003.

Fletcher said Kentucky had a "tremendous success" during the 2005 General Assembly. He pointed to the recent passage of the state budget and an overhaul of the state's tax code, as well as bills aimed at curbing the use of methamphetamines and lowering the cost of employee health insurance for small businesses.

Spokeswoman Jeannie Lausche said the governor had indicated previously his intentions to seek another term. Fletcher said Friday he would "absolutely" run in 2007, Lausche said.

"He thinks it's a great job and he enjoys serving the families of Kentucky and he wants to continue doing so," Lausche said.

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CAP planning drug treatment centers

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAINTSVILLE — Christians in drug-ravaged central Appalachia are increasingly reaching out to addicts instead of waiting for government programs to rid the region of what some have described as a scourge.

In the latest initiative, the Christian Appalachian Project announced Friday that it plans to invest \$1 million to open long-term rehabilitation centers in Eastern Kentucky to help drug abusers break their addictions.

Bill Mills, president of the ministry that has fed and clothed the poor in Appalachia for 40 years, said churches and other

Christian organizations are stepping forward to deal with the drug problem.

"Substance abuse is a plague upon our Eastern Kentucky communities," he said. "It is the most dominant and devastating of the problems we face today. We simply are choosing to be part of the solution."

While Christian groups support the work of federal and state agencies that are

working to combat the drug problem through law enforcement and government-funded treatment centers, the Rev. Doug Abner said they're also looking for ways to be personally involved.

They're opening drug rehabilitation centers, taking part in massive anti-drug

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Coal related items on display included equipment, literature and a lunch box which was all that remained of a miner killed in an explosion. It still contained two battered cans of Coca-Cola and a smashed candy bar.

photos by Tom Doty

Students learn about coal

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Adams Middle School hosted its first Coal Fair on Friday, which provided an opportunity for the school to teach units in various disciplines about the impact of the coal industry on the region.

The fair was also a chance for students to show what they could do, with each exhibit produced by members of the eighth-grade class.

Eighth grade reading teacher Lisa Pelphrey coordinated the program, which was funded by a grant from the CEDAR Coal Project.

"I volunteered for this," Pelphrey said. "I love it. My dad was miner here in Floyd County."

Pelphrey was also pleased with the student participation, which saw the entire eighth-grade turning in projects. Pelphrey noted the impact of coal on so many families in the region when she illustrated that 124 out of the 130 students involved had family members who work in the mines.

The tour began with a serenade from four students

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Shane Williamson displays a robotic auger he built to show how coal is dug from hillsides.

Shooting suspect gets third lawyer

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Ray Collins, 51, of Debord, was back in court on Friday to watch his case being handed to yet another attorney — the third assigned to his case.

Collins stands accused of one count of first-degree assault and two counts of wanton endangerment for a June 2003 incident in which he allegedly fired a pistol into a car containing several women.

One of the shells struck a passenger and is still embedded in her skull,

officials say. Collins was originally represented by Lance Daniels, but he fired him a week before his trial date and hired Cassie Allen, a Prestonsburg lawyer.

Allen appeared in court Friday, handing her motion to step down from the case to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, who had not received the document prior to her court appearance.

Judge John D. Caudill asked Allen to talk about the motion and she replied that Collins cannot afford to pay her.

Judge Caudill also elicited a reac-

tion from Taylor, who objected to the motion. Taylor said that the parties are only two months away from trial and that this is exactly what happened on Collins' first trial date.

"There are not many occasions when the Commonwealth would object to a motion [for an attorney] to withdraw, but this is one of them," Taylor said.

Judge Caudill granted the motion and appointed public advocate Jim Adkins to represent Collins.

Adkins immediately asked for all

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Former BLFD treasurer files for bankruptcy

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — A Harold couple who were ordered to sell their home last month after "directly violating" an injunction placed on their finances, are seeking remedy in bankruptcy court.

Pikeville attorney James Pruitt Jr. entered a motion in circuit court Friday morning, announcing that Glen Donovan and Delores Burgess — who owe the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District more than \$200,000 for money Glen Burgess stole while he was employed as a treasurer for the district — have filed for bankruptcy.

Last month, Circuit Judge John David Caudill ordered that a mortgage on the Burgess' home — purchased 21 days after an injunction was placed on their finances — be declared "null and void."

Caudill stipulated in that ruling that the home

be sold and the lien become the property of the Betsy Layne Fire Protection District.

In his motion, Pruitt informed the court that the Burgesses filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy on March 1. Any outstanding garnishment precluded by the relief order in bankruptcy court and wage withholdings should cease, he wrote, until the bankruptcy proceedings are complete.

Friday, Judge Caudill held a motion for judgment on the pleadings submitted by Craig Davis, the district's attorney, in abeyance. Davis filed a motion for judgment — similar to one he filed prior to Caudill's ruling last month — one day after Pruitt filed his announcement of bankruptcy with at circuit clerk's office.

Davis argues that Glen and Delores Burgess can't defend their case in court

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Abuser freed from jail after two months

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Lawrence Beck, who pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor charge of criminal abuse two months ago in order to avoid being tried for the felony offense of sexually abusing a minor, was released from the Floyd County Detention Center on Friday and is headed back to Tennessee.

Beck's home state has agreed to probate him for the 10 remaining months of his 12-month sentence.

Beck did not get out of Floyd County before appearing one more time in circuit court before Judge Danny P. Caudill. Caudill made it very clear that Beck would have to continue to abide by the conditions of his release and that the tiniest infrac-



photo by Tom Doty

Lawrence Beck left Floyd County Friday afternoon after registering with the Office of Probation and Parole. Part of his agreement for pleading guilty to criminal abuse of a child is that he not be alone with anyone under the age of 18.

tion of law would bring him back to Floyd County to serve out his remaining 10 months.

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Odds and Ends

■ **TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — The Florida Legislature is flush with good ideas.

Sen. Al Lawson's latest involves a way to pay for wastewater treatment and help small towns and counties upgrade their sewer systems.

The Democrat from Tallahassee is proposing a 2-cent-per-roll tax on toilet paper.

"We've got 17 million people in this state and all of them can contribute to protecting our underground water supply," he said.

In a Republican-dominated Legislature that doesn't like

new taxes, the idea could end up in the tank pretty quickly.

Senate President Tom Lee said he didn't think it would get too far, but didn't rule it out. "We'll be getting to the bottom of it real soon," he said.

Lawson's been enduring plenty of jokes — bathroom humor, you might say — but he says it's a serious issue.

Even if the proposal passes the Legislature, it would need approval from Gov. Jeb Bush. The president's brother said if toilet paper is taxed, people might use less of it.

"That's not necessarily a

good thing," he said.

■ **CONCORD, N.H.** — Two seniors at the University of New Hampshire are putting the marketing skills they learned in college to work to try and pay off the \$20,000 they each owe in student loans.

Josh Hutchins and Marc Hall, both 22, have requested bids of \$40,000 or more on eBay to bicycle from New Hampshire to Florida and back promoting the winning bidder's name or product.

They'll do it media interviews, on their clothes and on their bike helmets.

The two expect the ride to take as long as two months. Bidding on the offer ends at 3 p.m. Friday.

They also promise to donate some of the proceeds to charity.

■ **OGDEN, Utah** — Police said it seemed more like a movie plot than real life when a taxi driver became the reluctant wheel in for a suspected bank robber's getaway attempt.

The hunt for Donald Archambault, 53, who was suspected of robbing a Salt Lake City bank Wednesday, ended 30 miles north of Ogden. Archambault bailed out of the cab and was arrested by waiting police.

Cabbie Ali Ahmed didn't realize his customer was wanted until he got a call on his cell phone from a police detective.

"I was very scared," Ahmed said later. "Oh, man, was I scared."

Ahmed's fears escalated when the suspect allegedly told him "he would empty his gun" if Ahmed turned him in to police.

The suspect didn't know that Ahmed was talking to a detective throughout much of the

Interstate 15 ride.

"I kept telling him it was my dispatcher wanting to know where we were going," he said.

Ahmed eventually pulled over and Archambault fled.

"There was an officer right by there, so I ran over and told him which way the guy went," Ahmed said.

Archambault, 53, was charged Thursday with aggravated robbery.

■ **JERUSALEM** — One of the Holy Land's toughest plants has a unique link to Israel when examined under a microscope.

The cells of the Persian buttercup, known as "nurit" in Hebrew, look like a six-sided Star of David, a Web site reported Sunday.

The Israel 21C site showed a picture of the plant's cells as they appear under magnification. The result is a cell that resembles an almost perfect light blue, six-sided star, interlocked with similar cells.

Rina Kamenetsky, of Israel's Volcani Institute, which specializes in plant and agriculture research, said the discovery was made during examination into how the plant survives the harsh conditions of Israel's desert.

The plant can lie dormant but alive for long periods of time, springing to life when water appears.

Botany experts call such flowers "resurrection plants."

■ **BOGOTA, Colombia** — The suspect was a little long in the face after being arrested, but is braying for an early release.

Police said Tuesday they detained the suspect, a donkey named Pacho, after a motorcycle crashed into it on a road in a northeastern city, with the motorcyclist suffering serious

injuries.

"When there are road accidents and serious injuries, the vehicles involved are always impounded," said Diana Rojas, spokeswoman for the Arauca city police department. "We had to impound both the donkey and the motorcycle and put them at the disposal of investigators so they can decide what to do with them and whether to release them."

Pacho's owner, Nelson Gonzalez, said no one should pin the blame on the donkey for Sunday's crash.

"Neither the donkey nor I were responsible because I was in front and the motorcyclist saw me" before crashing, Gonzalez said.

■ **INDIANAPOLIS** — Barbara Lennen took her time being a multimillionaire.

The mother of four carried the winning ticket for a \$19.9 million Powerball jackpot in her wallet for two days after the drawing before checking the numbers.

Lennen, 28, bought the ticket at a convenience store near her Elwood home, but didn't look to see whether she had won until her father-in-law told her Monday night that the store had sold the jackpot winner for Saturday's drawing.

"I checked the Powerball numbers one at a time. I looked at it three times," she said Tuesday after claiming the jackpot.

Lennen said after seeing that the numbers matched, she told her husband, "Don't get up. Our lives are changing. We just hit the Powerball."

Lottery officials on Tuesday gave Lennen a \$663,000 check as the first payment on a 29-year annuity for the jackpot.

■ **KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — Who says television is bad for children? Not the Malaysian government.

The Education Ministry is urging schoolchildren to watch more English-language television programs — even cartoons — as part of a new strategy to improve their English, news reports said Wednesday.

The New Straits Times and The Star newspaper said a poor grasp of English has resulted in only average test scores in science and mathematics, which are taught in English.

"We cannot dismiss the role of television," ministry Director-General Ahmad Sipon was quoted as saying. "It is important. Students should watch more television, especially educational English programs such as Animal Planet."

Ahmad said students should turn on the television, even to watch cartoons, to learn better English.

■ **FOSTORIA, Ohio** — Thieves broke into an agency that serves the poor and made off with a safe. The only catch — the safe was empty.

"It is really quite comical," said Susan Simpkins, director of the Fostoria Bureau of Concern. "It was very heavy, and they did us a favor by taking it."

She said the agency had wanted to throw out the safe but it was too big to move.

The thieves entered the agency through a back door after it closed for the day on Feb. 28 and took the safe, which was in the office.

They did manage to grab a small amount of money from the office's petty cash supply, police said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2005. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 13, 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

On this date:

■ In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate.

■ In 1884, Standard Time was adopted throughout the United States.

■ In 1901, the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis.

■ In 1925, a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

■ In 1933, banks began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Roosevelt.

■ In 1964, 38 residents of a Queens, N.Y., neighborhood failed to respond to the cries of Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, as she was being stabbed to death.

■ In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module.

■ In 1980, Ford Motor Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down.

■ In 1980, a jury in Winamac, Ind., found Ford Motor Co. innocent of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women riding in a Ford Pinto.

■ In 1985, funeral services were held for Soviet leader Konstantin U. Chernenko, after

which Vice President Bush met with Chernenko's successor, Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Ten years ago: Two Americans working for U.S. defense contractors in Kuwait, David Daliberti and William Barlow, were seized by Iraq after they strayed across the border; sentenced to eight years in prison, both were freed the following July.

Five years ago: A quarter century after the end of the Vietnam War, U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen arrived in Hanoi to push the pace of reconciliation.

One year ago: Iran froze inspections of its nuclear facilities after the U.N. atomic agency censured Tehran for hiding suspect activities. (Tehran relented two days later.)

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Jan Howard is 75. Songwriter Mike Stoller is 72. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 66. Actor William H. Macy is 55. Actress Deborah Raffin is 52. Comedian Robin Duke is 51. Actress Dana Delany is 49. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 45. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 43. Actor Christopher Collet is 37. Actress Annabeth Gish is 34. Actress Tracy Wells is 34. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob, The Lumberjacks) is 33. Singer Glenn Lewis is 30. Actor Danny Masterson is 29. Actor Emile Hirsch is 20. Singers Natalie and Nicole Albino are 19.

Thought for Today: "Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon." — Susan Ertz, American author (1894-1985).

BSCTC professor publishes in international journal

An article by Big Sandy Community and Technical College biology and human ecology Professor, Dr. John G. Shiber, has recently been published in *Water, Air, and Soil Pollution*, an international scientific journal printed in The Netherlands and distributed worldwide.

The article, entitled "Arsenic in Domestic Well Water and Health in Central Appalachia, USA," reports the results of Shiber's two-year research project in the region concerning the occurrence of arsenic in household tap water. With the help of his students and regional private homeowners, as well as certain county health departments, he was able to obtain 217 household tap water samples in eastern Kentucky, western West Virginia, southeastern Ohio and northeastern Tennessee. 179 of which were from private well sources. The samples were sent for arsenic analysis to The Environmental Quality Institute, based at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, which is conducting a national well water arsenic study. As no funding was available for the study, the cost of the water analyses was absorbed by the participants and Dr. Shiber personally.

According to Shiber's report, nearly half of the water samples coming from homes with private wells had detectable arsenic, and in 57% of them concentrations ranged from one to eighty-four parts per billion (ppb). The federal limit for arsenic in public

water systems was lowered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from 50 to 10 ppb, due to scientific evidence linking the element to incidences of certain diseases. Shiber says that even at concentrations lower than 10 ppb, long-term exposure to water arsenic can be a potential problem. According to the National Research Council's 2001 report to the EPA, the life time risk of bladder and lung cancer from water arsenic exposure at a concentration of 10ppb is one person in 333, at 5ppb one in 667, at 3ppb one in 1,000, and at 1 ppb one in 3,100. Various other cancers, as well as certain types of diabetes and heart disease, most of which occur with high frequency in Central Appalachia, have been associated with water arsenic, Shiber writes.

The groundwater that private well owners use is more likely to have arsenic than the surface water obtained from lakes, reservoirs, rivers, etc., that supply most of the public drinking water in this country. Because the new EPA guidelines for arsenic in drinking water do not address populations that use private wells, and Central Appalachian families still rely heavily on this water source (90% of rural Kentuckians), Shiber suggests that there is some cause for concern and action.

Among Shiber's recommendations in the article are creating

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Session took on more than expected

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — When the 2005 General Assembly convened in January, the lack of a budget overshadowed all else in the Capitol.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher and a growing number of legislators thought it possible that tax changes might also be possible. But passing a budget, a year after the first failed attempt and in the face of mounting political pressure, seemed certain to take the air out of any other initiative.

By the time legislators left the building early Wednesday morning, they dealt with not only the budget and taxes but topics ranging from truck loads and elder abuse to methamphetamine and their own pensions.

Despite concerns about record debt load and the fact that the budget spends more money than the state expects to take in during the coming 16 months, the biggest reaction has been simple relief.

The 2004 session ended with bitter political divisions and no budget. A near-revolt by teachers and public employees forced a special session in October to deal with health insurance, but the rest of state government had been operating on autopilot.

This year, a bill that would have increased the weight limit on some trucks had a relatively easy passage in both chambers the first time around. But House members balked once details became widely available. The bill would have let trucks carrying sand, gravel and other natural resources weigh 120,000 pounds, 50 percent more than now permitted.

Lawmakers also declined to approve legislation that would have required booster seats for children too big to ride in safety seats but too small to safely ride with an ordinary seat belt.

Also after several years of trying, the legislature passed a bill designed to recognize and punish physical and financial exploitation and

abuse of the elderly. Though penalties were not increased, the bill's promoters say it will help train people to spot abuse.

"You're going to see the perpetrators taken to court and you're going to see convictions," said Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethtown.

Late Tuesday evening, lawmakers also rushed through a bill that will tie their pensions to their actual pay, instead of the assumed \$27,500 salary that has been in place for more than two decades. The change will mean higher pensions.

Severe restrictions were placed on the sale of many over-the-counter cold and sinus medications that contain some of the chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine, an illegal drug that has become a homemade scourge. Buyers of tablet forms will have to go to a counter and often provide identification and sign a register.

After several previous attempts, lawmakers passed a bill that will require local site-based decision-making councils to develop "well-

ness policies" that would include "moderate to vigorous" physical activity for elementary school pupils each day.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher gets to make his own decisions on bills that passed and can sign them, allow them to become law without his signature or veto them.

Lawmakers will be back on March 21 to consider any vetoes and can still pass bills during the two remaining days on their schedule.

Bills that weren't taken up

included proposals to curb school bullies and make teenagers spend more time practicing before they get full driving privileges.

Kentucky remains the subject of derision among rock hounds because a bill that would have corrected the state's official rock and mineral failed. Currently Kentucky designates agate as the official rock, even though it is a mineral; and coal is the official mineral even though it is technically a rock.

Jenny Wiley AARP, 3528 plans election of officers

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, plans to hold an election of officers at the meeting to be held on Friday, March 18, at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. John Rosenberg of Prestonsburg, Issue Specialist-Predatory Lending, for the AARP state office, will be our guest. This is a very important meeting, and all members and friends of AARP are urged to attend. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

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rallies, reaching into their pocket books to help pay for detoxification starting neighborhood watch programs, monitoring drug cases from arraignment to sentencing in local courts, and working one-on-one with recovering addicts to encourage them to stay drug-free.

Soon after prescription drug abuse reached "epidemic" proportions in the Hazard area, Abner said residents in Perry County opened Joshua's Dream Foundation, an organization that provides free rehabilitation for drug addicts.

In Clay County, Christians wanted to show their opposition to drug dealers. On a rainy day last May, 3,500 people from 63 local churches rallied in Manchester to show their opposition to the illegal drug trade.

"We repented for being more concerned about our buildings and our programs than for our people," said Abner, pastor of Community Church in Manchester. "That went a long way toward changing things. We are seeing the churches step outside their walls and get involved, which is something we needed to do forever but didn't."

Marilynn Payson, director of community development for Christian Appalachian Project, said her organization historically has worked to help impoverished people with physical needs. In fact, a warehouse outside Paintsville is filled with crates of food destined for communities throughout central Appalachia.

Payson said expanding the organization's efforts to help drug addicts recover is a natural extension of the organizations work.

"We were started to help remedy the ramifications of poverty, and this is just one more part of that mission," she said.

Mills said the Christian Appalachian Project will open a prototype women's drug recovery center in Rockcastle County

by the end of this year, which will transition into a larger recovery center that will open in Martin County by late 2006.

Mills said his organization will seek donations to cover the startup costs plus about \$500,000 a year in operational expenses.

Besides drug rehabilitation, the Christian Appalachian Project will provide job training for addicts, teach parenting skills, even teach them to read and write if necessary. The organization also is encouraging churches to adopt recovering addicts after they complete rehabilitation to offer support and encouragement to stay off drugs.

"We want to give them a new lease on life," he said.

Abner said he believes such initiatives will help central Appalachia win the war against drugs.

"Just the fact that good people are standing up and being counted really makes a difference," he said. "We've complained. We've grumbled. We've done all those things. Now we've decided to be a part of the solution."

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because Glen Burgess has already pleaded guilty to seven counts of theft in relation to the incident. There are no facts in dispute, Davis says. The Burgessses "directly violated" the injunction order when they purchased the home, he argues, so they should have to face the penalties.

Glen Burgess entered that guilty plea in 2003 and was ordered to pay the district \$15,000 annually. He received five years for each of count against him, but only served a five-month sentence for the crimes, a fact that makes district employees feel a bit slighted.

A summary judgment was issued against the couple last year, ordering them to pay an additional \$239,226.34, plus 12 percent interest in the civil case pending against them.

The thefts occurred between April 1995 and August 2001. The money was reportedly used in the Burgessses' personal business, East Kentucky Printing.

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who performed Loretta Lynn's classic ballad "Coal Miner's Daughter." The tour also consisted of art projects, a computer slideshow and memorabilia that highlighted various aspects of the coal mining industry. Students gathered information ranging in topics from how coal is mined to safety standards that regulate the extraction the mineral.

Pelphrey noted that the curriculum stressed teaching about the future needs of the industry. She said students learned about how future technological skills and computer knowledge will replace the back-breaking labor needed to mine coal.

Abuse

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Caudill also noted for the record that Beck must follow the court's rules to the letter. Specifically, Beck is not to be alone with anyone under 18 during this period.

Caudill told Beck, "Mr. Beck, let's make no mistake about it. You're a criminal." He alluded to the lesser sentence that Beck got when the Commonwealth complied with the victim's family to avoid making her testify at trial. He said, "You're a very fortunate person to be walking out of here. My concern, frankly, Mr. Beck, is for the children in this community and where you're going."

Caudill cautioned Beck once more by letting him know that his probation officer would report any infractions to the Floyd County parole office and stated that he would not hesitate to have Beck brought back to finish his sentence.

He finished the action by stating, "I wish you well. I don't want to see you back here."

Lawyer

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discovery material in the case, but Allen, who failed to bring anything to court, promised Adkins that she would get the file to him next week.

Collins' bond was revoked in November when he fired Daniels and sought a continuance for Allen to prepare his case.

He will remain in the Floyd County Detention Center until his May trial, and perhaps longer, should Adkins need more time to prepare.

Such a scenario is not a stretch for Adkins, who has another trial before May and is kept pretty busy as a public defender carrying a caseload that often includes up to 500 clients.

Religious groups take a leading role in Terri Schiavo right-to-die case

by MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — When the Rev. Ed Martin decided to take to the streets to demonstrate on behalf of saving a brain-damaged Terri Schiavo, he picked up a sign he usually carries when he protests outside abortion clinics.

He said the message — "Life, the first inalienable right" — was just right.

Christian conservatives opposed to abortion have taken a leading role in the Schiavo right-to-die case, saying the moral issues at stake are identical.

"We believe life begins at conception and ends at natural death," said the 59-year-old Martin, a Protestant minister who has found himself demonstrating next to disability-rights activists. "God gives life, and God only can take life."

During the past few years, religious conservatives have injected themselves into the dispute with enthusiasm that intensifies each time a new date for removing Schiavo's feeding tube nears. They are backing Schiavo's parents, who are fighting to keep her alive.

Religious activists show up at court hearings and demonstrate outside the Pinellas Park hospice where Schiavo lies. Religious organizations such as the Catholic Medical Association regularly speak out for her and deluge Gov. Jeb Bush and lawmakers with thousands of e-mails and phone calls.

Randall Terry, founder of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, coordinates many of the protests and has become a spokesman for Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, who say they are grateful. The Vatican also has weighed in, saying last week that Schiavo should be kept alive.

The family's attorneys — who are being paid by anti-abortion group Life Legal Defense Foundation — filed another flurry of legal motions this week trying to again block the removal of Schiavo's feeding tube, now set for March 18.

"It's two sides of the same coin — the fundamental right to life, which has already been taken away from unborn children by a judicial process, and now, right-to-life of a handicapped adult is facing the same threat," said the Rev. Thomas Euteneuer, a Roman Catholic priest who heads the Virginia-based anti-abortion group Human Life International and demonstrated in front of the hospice last week.

The Schindlers have been fighting their son-in-law in court for almost seven years over their daughter. Michael Schiavo wants to pull the tube and let his 41-year-old wife die, saying she told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents dispute that and say she could improve with therapy.

Schiavo has been in what the court has ruled is a persistent vegetative state since her heart stopped temporarily in 1990 because of what doctors believe was a chemical imbalance

brought on by an eating disorder. She can breathe on her own but gets food and water through a tube in her abdomen.

Her parents vehemently dispute that she is without consciousness, as some doctors have testified. Her eyes are open, she makes sounds, and her family believes she communicates with them.

Jana Carpenter, a nurse and a Catholic who belongs to a local anti-abortion group, has become a familiar sight at Schiavo court hearings and demonstrations since 2000.

"If you believe in God, you don't believe in knocking off people like Terri Schiavo," she said.

Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, laments the influence that religious groups have wielded.

After strong lobbying from religious groups in 2003, the governor pushed a law through the Legislature authorizing him to reinsert Schiavo's feeding tube, which had been removed on orders from a judge. The law was later ruled unconstitutional.

"The concern I have is on their influence in shaping public policy," Simon said. "We've already seen that in the influence they have on the governor."

For Euteneuer and others, Schiavo has become a powerful figure.

"With the unborn children, you can't see the victim," the priest said. "Euthanasia now has a face. We're fighting for the same right to life for Terri as for the unborn."

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programs in regions with a high incidence of well water usage that would seek to 1) extensively and regularly test household tap water for arsenic, using the most sensitive analytical equipment available; 2) advance public and health-professional awareness about the issue and the diseases with which the element has been associated; and 3) establish routine health screening for arsenic exposure among private well users.

For interested parties, a copy of Shiber's article has been placed on the BSCTC Prestonsburg Campus library Reserve Shelf, located in the Magoffin Learning Center, for a month.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

A bitter pill to swallow

A quote in one of today's stories truly gave us pause. After reading it, we couldn't help but sit and think for a moment, pondering its true meaning.

In a story concerning what Christian groups are doing to help combat drug abuse in the area, Christian Appalachian Project President Bill Mills said, "Substance abuse is a plague upon our Eastern Kentucky communities. It is the most dominant and devastating of the problems we face today."

If that isn't a statement that makes you step back and say, "Wow," we don't know what is.

Considering its history, Eastern Kentucky is a region of longstanding "dominant and devastating" problems. It has become almost habit to be able to rattle off problems on our fingertips as an afterthought — poverty, education, the lack of jobs, corruption, absentee ownership of the region's resources, transportation, utilities.

To not only add drug abuse to that list, but to place it at the top as well, is shocking. And for those words to come from the head of an agency that has perhaps come face-to-face with more hardship in our region than any other forces us to set aside any suspicions of hyperbole.

We cannot quarrel with Mills' assessment. Rather, we tend to suspect he is correct. But that does nothing to lessen the impact of understanding for the first time the full implications of that statement.

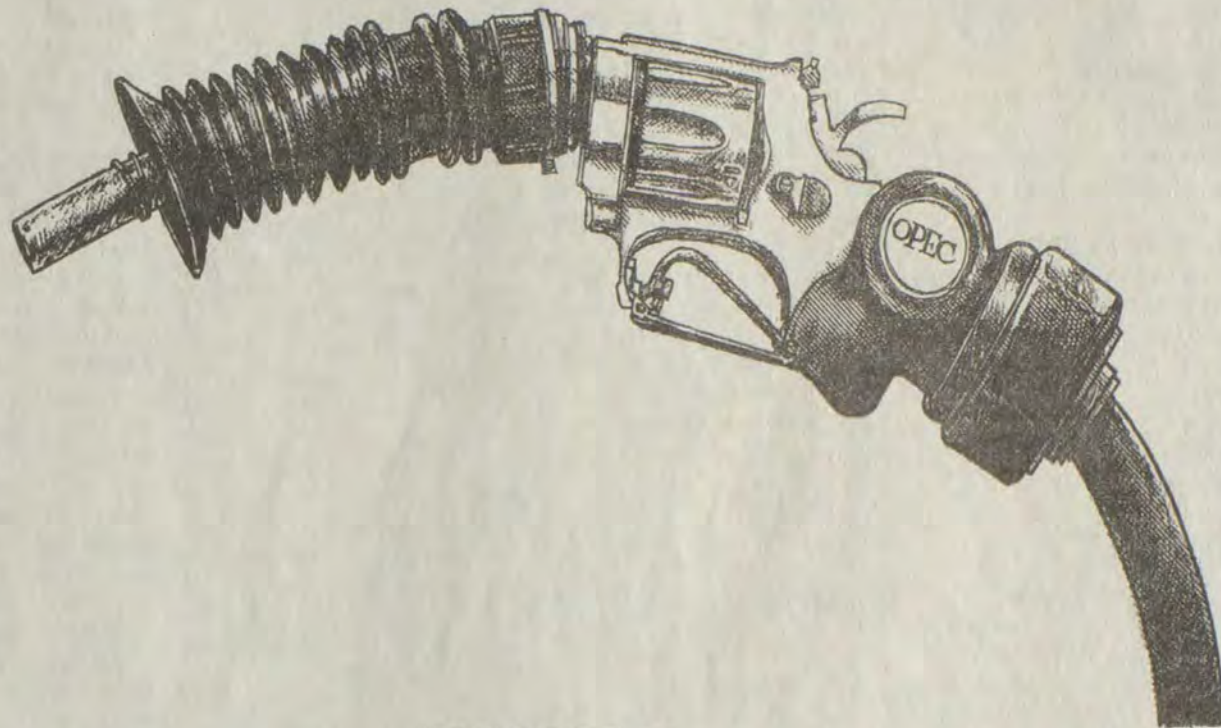
Has Eastern Kentucky really come so far, or sunk so low, that drug abuse now outweighs all of these other issues we face?

But perhaps the problems of the past have helped bring us to this point. It is no secret that drug abuse thrives in segments where poverty is high and education is low. And public aid programs such as Medicaid, for all of the benefit they have provided, have also unwittingly provided cheap and easy access to the prescription medications that have put our communities in a stranglehold.

Accepting that drug abuse truly has become Appalachia's "Public Enemy No. 1" leaves us with a profound sadness. Let us hope that it also gives us the inspiration needed to solve the problem.

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HIGHWAY ROBBERY

— guest column

Time for more sunshine

by ROBERT J. FREEMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Having worked for a New York state agency for less than six months, I was surprised to receive a call in which I was asked whether I would consider being loaned temporarily to a new office created to oversee the state's recently enacted Freedom of Information Law (also known as "FOIL"). When I said that I didn't know anything about that law, I was told, "that's ok, nobody else does, either."

That was August of 1974, just before FOIL went into effect. The passage of FOIL came on the heels of Watergate. It was a time of reform and change. Congress that year passed a series of sweeping amendments to the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The legislation was vetoed by President Ford, and his veto was overridden. The override indicates just how serious Congress and the public were about guaranteeing the public's right to know what the government is doing. Within a few years, every state had enacted some sort of an

open records law, and now, in 2005, FOI laws have become integral to the relationship between the government and the public.

The federal FOIA receives a great deal of attention, both positive and negative. It has been used by members of the public, the news media and the private sector to acquire millions of records relating to myriad subjects, such as consumer products, government contracts, environmental tests and closed criminal cases. Perhaps more important to the average person, however, are FOI laws that apply to state and local government. Most of us have few real connections with the federal government; our only direct activity may involve filing tax forms with the IRS. In contrast, most of us at some point in our lives have a need to obtain records from the government agencies closest to us. We may need access to records to challenge the tax assessment on our homes, to find out whether our child's math teacher is in fact certified to teach math, to learn of the effects of the new proposed development in our community relative to traffic, tax breaks or burdens, overcrowding in our schools or the use of our resources.

Our FOI laws clearly provide us with rights of access to innumerable records that contain information important to our well-being. But as we celebrate Sunshine

Sunday, we should ask: Are they adequate? Probably not, and as we study newer FOI laws enacted in other countries, we learn that we are falling behind.

For years, FOI laws were, for the most part, unique to the United States. In the past decade, however, they have proliferated. At last count, nearly sixty nations had enacted some sort of law granting public access to government information. An event held in February in Mexico, the Third Annual International Conference of Information Commissioners, included government officials responsible for the implementation of FOI laws from approximately forty-five nations. Also in attendance were representatives from numerous interest groups, non-governmental organizations (NGO's). All told, 420 people from every corner of the world gathered to discuss issues involving FOI. No one in 1974, 1984 or even 1994 could have dreamed that so many would come together to focus on FOI, and the event was exciting and exhilarating.

The conference served as a showcase for the Mexican FOI law. Mexicans and others have studied our laws, gained from our experience, and learned from our mistakes. In many ways, they have jumped ahead of us in the United States.

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— beyond the beltway

The far right is intimidating the media

by DONALD KAUL

The Academy Awards were pretty dull this year but, honestly, what did you expect? The nominated films weren't exactly a barrel of giggles.

The top films were, variously, about euthanasia, genocide, a psychopathic billionaire, an alcoholic, a blind junkie and a kindly abortionist. The documentary winner was about children of prostitutes in India and the hero of the best foreign film was a paraplegic.

The one with the alcoholic was the comedy.

Kind of makes you yearn for the days of "It's A Wonderful Life," doesn't it?

I'm not saying they weren't good films — they were — but this year's menu of best films offered up too much of a good thing. They could have used a little sugar in there to make the medicine go down. (Say what you will about "Rocky," at least Sylvester Stallone did-

n't die at the end.)

Even the Christian Right, Hollywood's severest critics, let us down. The best it could come up with was Mel Gibson's Christian snuff film, spiced with the garlic of anti-Semitism.

I felt sorry for Chris Rock, who MC'd the show. He's a brilliant comedian but with material like that to work with he resembled Baryshnikov trying to dance while wearing a straitjacket.

His answer was to lash out at the audience in the hall. Wrong answer. The one thing you don't want to say when you are talking to an audience of colossal egos, all of who think of themselves as stars, is: "There are only four real stars in Hollywood."

Rock's presentation produced that uncomfortable feeling one gets when the groom's best man gets up at the wedding dinner to deliver the toast and begins to tell off-color stories about the groom or, even worse, the bride.

But there was another reason for the flatness of the telecast. It gave off the aroma of fear.

You could sense it best in Robin Williams' speech, when he tried, clumsily, to make fun of the Religious Right's attitude toward gays. Apparently, he had prepared a clever song to get the point across but the Academy censors nixed it in the interests of good taste, quite often another name for fear.

It's been creeping up on us ever since Janet Jackson bared a breast before the innocence that is the Super Bowl audience. (Imagine, bad taste at a Super Bowl. Is nothing sacred?) We saw it in the flap that greeted the TV commercial in which the Desperate Housewives tart peeled off her towel for a hunky football player.

I could deal with it, if that's all they

were doing. Popular culture in this country has become toxic. It could use some toning down and if the price is the loss of a few jokes or a tasteless act, so be it.

But that's not the way it works. The Taliban of the world can never stop at banning bad taste. They move quickly on to political speech and free scientific inquiry. We've seen that too: war critics pilloried as traitors, abortion rights activists vilified as murderers, believers in evolution as Satanists.

Nor is the Right alone in this, alas. The hard-core Left is just as ready to stifle speech in the name of good taste or correctness. Self-righteousness, it seems, is an equal opportunity employer.

The reason this technique works is because the media is not, as conservatives would have you believe, driven by liberal leanings or even by conservative ones. Members of the media may tend to be mildly liberal but their masters are not. They're not about politics; they're about money. Give them money, they'll go in one direction. Threaten them with a loss of money, they'll go in another. Left, right, it's all one to them.

And right now our media are reacting with fear of the Blue Nose Right, the Religious Right and the Political Right. (The Left works its magic on college campuses, mainly.)

It's all fear, ladies and gentlemen. It's in the air and it's getting thicker.

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

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Minister's Moment

Is there really any help for addiction?

by PASTOR STEVE PESCOSOLIDO
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What a question. What a problem. The truth is that we are all self-addicts, that is we are addicted to our selfishness until we are freed by Jesus Christ. This general addiction or devotion to selfish pleasure and self-will is where we all live until we receive help.

Is there really any help for

us? The Apostle Paul writes in Colossians "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love" (1:13 NKJV). Another English word for "translated" as noted in my NKJV Bible is "transferred". Paul is teaching that a change happens when Christ enters the heart of a person. The person is actually moved spiritually from one kingdom to another; from the kingdom of evil to the

Kingdom of God.

The Bible thus teaches that we must be moved by God (with our consent) into His dominion. This transfer actually moves our self off of the throne of our lives and places Christ as King. With Jesus as our Lord, He directs us and cares for us. His Spirit nourishes the human heart in such good ways that no substance nor person can come close. Thus, there is help for our self-addiction, there is help for our sub-

stance addiction, there is help for codependent, relational addiction, there is help for our anger or lust addiction ... there is help.

But these various addictions offer such security. They even offer rich pleasure and release from reality. What these offer is powerful. Make no mistake, our hearts crave the things that substances or stimulations offer. Our hearts hunger to be happy and loved. The truth is that God

our Father desires the same thing for us — to be happy and to be loved. This is how Adam and Eve lived before they sinned.

So if we could get back to this happy and loving place with God, we would be alright wouldn't we? Precisely! If we could be forgiven for foolishness. If we could be guided in the right things. If we could have positive friends and a loving church family. If we could

do something meaningful in this confused world. This is exactly the transfer that God makes in our hearts through His Son, Jesus.

If this is the right answer to all our addictions, why aren't more people being lifted out of self pleasure? Why are people turning to and craving things for the body, when the answer is the Thing for the soul? Don't people

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When our FOI laws were enacted in the 70's, high tech was an electric typewriter, and we used carbon paper to make copies. While our laws have in some instances accommodated change, Mexico, for example, has built information technology into its law. During the first year of its implementation, 40,000 requests were made, and among them, 36,000 were made and answered via email. Moreover, federal agencies in Mexico receive requests anonymously; they cannot make judgments based on the identity of the person seeking records, or his or her status or interest. Rather, they have ensured that a determination to grant or deny access is unbiased and based on the presumption that records are accessible, unless a legal exception to rights of access can be asserted.

The Mexican law also requires that a variety of records critical to guaranteeing transparency are available on government websites and accessible without ever submitting a request. In a nation known for corruption, a decision has been made to make all government contracts awarded, as well as the bids, available online. Its leaders clearly recognize that secrecy conceals mistakes and that a strong FOI law deters bad behavior and enhances the integrity of government.

One commentator at the conference described our American FOI laws as being in a "decadent phase." Too often, requests are ignored or answered months or years following their submission. Also disturbing is the fallout from 9/11 and the irony that federal agencies answered three million FOIA requests last year, but during the same period, that fourteen million new records were determined to be classified national security secrets.

How do we enforce our FOI laws and challenge foot-dragging and claims of secrecy? In the U.S., we go to court. The problem, though, that it takes time and money to initiate a judicial proceeding, and most people are simply unwilling or unable to do so. Our colleagues abroad know that court review may not be the best answer, and they have created alternative enforcement mechanisms that work. In Mexico, the FOI law includes the creation of a five-member commission that has the duty to train, educate, decide disputes and determine rights of access. After seventy-five years of one party rule, the commissioners know that this is the time for reform, and that their decisions must be apolitical and straightforward. Otherwise, they know that their credibility will be lost and they will fail. In Canada, an information commissioner has the power to mediate, subpoena records, hear arguments in private for and against disclosure, and recommend a decision regarding access.

Although his recommendations are not binding, they are accepted and approved in nearly all cases, thereby greatly reducing litigation.

The time has come for Americans to realize that our FOI laws, while unquestionably valuable, are not as strong as they should be. We must insist that our leaders distinguish between the likelihood of real harm as opposed to mere embarrassment when determining which records should be classified. We must acknowledge the need for independent review of government claims of secrecy. We must modernize our laws so that everyone can take advantage of technology that can enhance the public's right to know. And we must

to provide realistic means of enforcing our laws so that average people can assert their rights in a meaningful way.

At the end of the conference in Mexico, a Declaration of Cooperation was signed by information commissioners representing 45 nations. One element of the Declaration asserts that "Participation in the knowledge of public entities is a legal right of the information society ... A transparent public administration, open to citizen participation in its decisions, is a prerequisite of a modern democratic society."

That message should serve as a reminder of our principles and a catalyst to strengthen our laws.

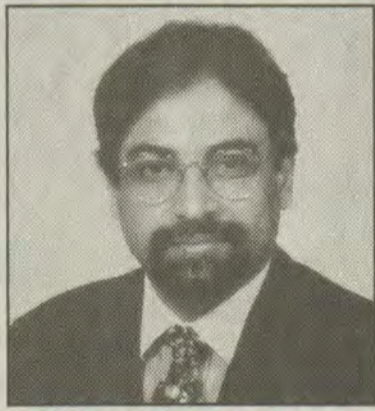


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Jenny Wiley A.A.R.P. 3528 plans election of officers
 Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, plans to hold an election of officers at the meeting to be held on Friday, March 18, at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. John Rosenberg of Prestonsburg, Issue Specialist-Predatory Lending, for the AARP state office, will be our guest. This is a very important meeting, and all members and friends of AARP are urged to attend. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

Worship/Youth center
 There is now a Worship / Youth center in Old Allen, that meets on Tuesdays, at 6 p.m. Women's Bible study meets on Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m. (youth). Thursday prayer meeting is held at 7 p.m. All meetings are free and the center's sponsor is the Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, pastor Henry Lewis. For more information, contact Tina Hall at 874-0544.

Reunion
 First Four Mile Reunion of Knott County will be held on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m., at the Corps Recreation area, Jenny Wiley State Park, Shelter #2. Bring covered dish, table service, pictures, etc. All welcome to attend.

FCCD meeting
 The Floyd County Conservation District will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at 10 a.m., at the District office. Meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Christ United Methodist Church
 Will hold Sunday night "Joy Service" on March 13, at 6 p.m. Special singing by the "Soul Searchers."
 March 19 - Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Pizza Party, 12 p.m.
 March 20 - "Joy Service" with special singing by "Voices of Faith."
 March 24 - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

Addiction

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 know where the real help is?
 Generally ... no. Most people don't really know the true power and love of God. And there are family systems and spiritual systems that block the love of God. There is a power of evil that works diligently to blind people to the help God offers. There is a power of evil that works diligently to take people from their families and pull them to the grave. There is a power of evil that must be exposed and broken. There is a power of heaven that must be truly offered.
 How can evil be pulled down and heaven lifted up? That question is not easily answered. But one gathering is being offered to start to answer that question. How do we bring the answer of Christ to the problem of addiction? Please consider attending the Eastern Kentucky Prayer Conference on Substance Abuse - Sunday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. When the heart is touched by the love of Christ, the addiction loses its power. There really is help.

March 27 - Sunday morning worship service - Chancel Choir will present Easter Cantata "Behold the Lamb," at 11 a.m.

BLHS High School Reunion
 Classes of the 1930's, 1940's, 1950's and 1960's. To be held Saturday, June 25. For info., call Joe Hinchman at 874-2821 or Marvin Williamson at 478-3310.

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Senior Expo
 Sponsored by HRMC and area agencies. To be held May 4, at the Jenny Wiley State Park's Stumbo Convention Center. For those age 55 and older. Broad range of topics including Preventing Exploitation, Nutrition, Aging and Gardening Tips. For more info., contact Melissa Vance, Dir. of Comm. Dev. at HRMC, at 886-7468.

Diabetes Support Group
 To meet on March 22, at McDowell ARH Hospital (Teledent Room), at 4:30 p.m. Topic: Weight Management. Guest speaker: Dr. Debra Jacobs. For more info., contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

HRMC Comm. Calendar - March
 Mar. 12 - Childbirth classes, Meeting Place A&B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg.
 Mar. 15 - Senior Advantage, Meeting Place A&B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Mar. 31 - Living Well with Diabetes, Meeting Place A&B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 5-6 p.m.
 For more information, call 886-7424.

Attention: BLHS Class of '85
 It's been 20 years! Reunion is being planned. If you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate's whereabouts, please email addresses to Debbie Hall Parsons or Gwen Cecil at: dochallparsons@charter.net.

Belfry Class of 1970
 Is planning a mini-reunion for May 28. Classmates will be responsible for their own meal. Reservations are required by May 1. Contact Nancy Varney Bryan by calling 433-9200 or 433-0820. You may also write to: PO. Box 101, Pikeville, KY 41502 or email to: nbryan@setel.com. It's been 35 years, classmates, let's have a little fun!

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Home-Based Microprocessing and Processing Workshop
 Monday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Floyd County Extension Office. Learn about food safety, sanitation, and home canning. Registration fee required. For those interested in selling home-processed food products. Call 886-2668 for more information.

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

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

Floyd County Republican Party
 Will meet on Saturday, March 12, at 10 a.m., at the Woodmen of the World building, just off U.S. 23, at Allen.

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

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 Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday, from 4:30-8:30. Contact Andy Jones at 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

PARENTS!

Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227. Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

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

Floyd County Extension

Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Looking For a Support Group?"

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD.

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

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

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

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

p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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

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

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

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

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome. **March meeting - March 11 at 11 a.m. There will be a book sale on this day.**

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



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FLOYD COUNTY

Woodrow (Toad) Akers, 82, of Huntington, West Virginia, a Floyd County native, died Friday, March 4, at the Mariner Health Care in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Curtis Allen, 85, of Melvin, died Saturday, March 5, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. He is survived by his wife, Helma Hall Allen. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Margaret Patton Beaven, 90, of Gold River, California, a Floyd County native, died Monday, February 28. Interment was Monday, March 14, at the Mount Vernon Memorial Park & Mortuary, Fair Oaks, California.

Edith Martin Hopkins, 88, of Minnie, died Thursday, March 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Arthur Kilburn, 71, of Arkansas Creek, Martin, died Monday, March 7, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Inez Yates Kilburn. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Arthur Gene Lewis, 46, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Teressa Neeley Lewis. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Leslie B. Patton, 81, of Addison, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 5, at the Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility in Hillsdale, Michigan. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 9, under the direction of Brown-Van Hemert Funeral Home.

Kathleen Allen Prater, 84, of Old Hickory Tennessee, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 7, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 10, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Henry Gordon Spears, 72, a native of Harold, died in Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, March 9, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Wanda (Kidd) Spears. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, March 14, at 11 a.m., at the Eastman Funeral Home, 200 West Main Street, New London, Ohio.

Thelma Crabtree Meade Spencer, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 4, at the U.K. Medical Center. Private services were held Monday, March 7, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Delmer "Bob" Tackett, 67, of Teaberry, died Thursday, March 3, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Delores

Bentley Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Robert Homer Cook, of Pikeville, Tennessee, formerly of Irishman Creek, in Knott County, died February 27. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 2, under the direction of Ewton Funeral Home.

Carol "Buster" Cornett, 73, died Thursday, March 3, at Parkview-Noble Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 5, under the direction of Hite Funeral Home.

Rev. Morris Ray "Tootsie" Hall, 69, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, March 10, in the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 13, 1 p.m., in the Pine Grove Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

William Timothy Isaacs, 42, of Kite, died Saturday, March 5, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Hayes Slone, 75, of Larkslane, died Monday, March 7, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Gracie Thornsbury, 81, of Topmost, died Monday, March 7, at the McDowell ARH. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

PIKE COUNTY

Charles Bartley, 77, of North Main Street, Mount Gilead, a native of Hellier, died Friday, March 4, at his home. He is survived by his wife Ollie (Fuller) Bartley. Funeral services were held Monday, March 7, under the direction of Craven Funeral Home.

Angela Carol Bentley, 33, of Shelbyana, died Thursday, March 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were Monday, March 7, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Clara June Cantrell, 83, of Shelby Gap, died Tuesday, March 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, March 11, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Irmal Ray "Chuck" Carroll, 53, of Peach Orchard, Pikeville, has died. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Jean Carroll. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Magdaline Coleman, 63, of Jamboree, died Friday, March 4, at the Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington W.Va. Funeral services were Tuesday, March 8, under the direction of

the R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Nettie B. Coleman, 76, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, March 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, March 11, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Carl L. "Frog" Compton, 62, of Phelps, died Tuesday, March 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Kilgore Compton. Funeral services were held Friday, March 11, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

James B. Honaker, 80, of Burning Fork, died Thursday, March 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Eva. F. Honaker. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 6, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Yvonne Hughes, 66, of Sevierville, Tennessee, a Pike County native, died Thursday, March 3, at Fort Sanders Medical Center in Sevierville. She is survived by her husband, Jack D. Hughes. Funeral services were Sunday, March 6 under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Larry Hughes, 62, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Norma Jean Layne, 89, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 7, at the Stow Glen Health Care Center, Akron, Ohio. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

John B. "Bud" Maynard, 84, of Majestic, died Friday, March 4, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 8, under the direction of the R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Bobby Joe Mullins of Wadsworth, Ohio, formerly of Virgie, died Friday, March 4, in Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday, March 7, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Myrtle Pack Parsons, 81, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Avalea Ratliff, 86, of Rockhouse, died Thursday, March 10, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Jr. Ratliff. Funeral services will be Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m., in the Marrowbone Missionary Baptist Church, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Arthur "Stump" Riley, 68, of Grundy, Virginia, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Hopkins Riley. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Bobby Rowe, 81, of Russell, formerly of Shelbyana, died Thursday, March 3, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Miller Rowe. Funeral services were held Monday, March 7, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Garnett May Smith, 78, of Varney, W.Va., a Pike County native, died Thursday, March 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by husband, Arnold O. Smith. Funeral services were Sunday, March 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Evan Spears Jr., 77, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were Monday, March 7, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Elmer Ray Tackett, 54, of Little Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, March 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 12, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Ruth Ann Blair Eaden, 55, of Pendergrass, Georgia, a Johnson County, died Thursday, February 24, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Eaden. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mary Grace Rice Garland, 82, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, March 1, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, March 4, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Barbara Renee Fletcher, 20,

of Inez, died Tuesday, March 1, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 3, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lorraine Hannah, 82, of Leander, died Thursday, March 3, at Martin Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Rudolph Preece, 82, of Fallsburg, formerly of Omar, West Virginia, died Wednesday, March 2, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Joe (Julio) Walker, 68, of Lovely, died Thursday, March 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Lillian Endicott, 65, of Louisa, died Friday, March 4, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 7, under th direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Pansy Mae Arnett, 83, of Kingsbrook Life Care Center in Ashland, formerly of Salyersville, died Sunday, March 6, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 9, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Joseph Phillip Bailey, infant son of Adam Phillip Bailey and Christina Edler, died February 19, at Saint Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 23, under

the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Allie Hale Borders, 75, of Marion, Ohio, a native of Salyersville, died Wednesday, February 9, at Community Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 12, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Annie Cantrell, 76, of Salyersville, died Thursday, March 3, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 6, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Glen D. Fannin, 59, of Salyersville, died February 24, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Easter Trusty Fannin. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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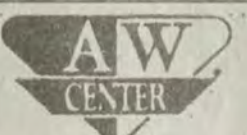
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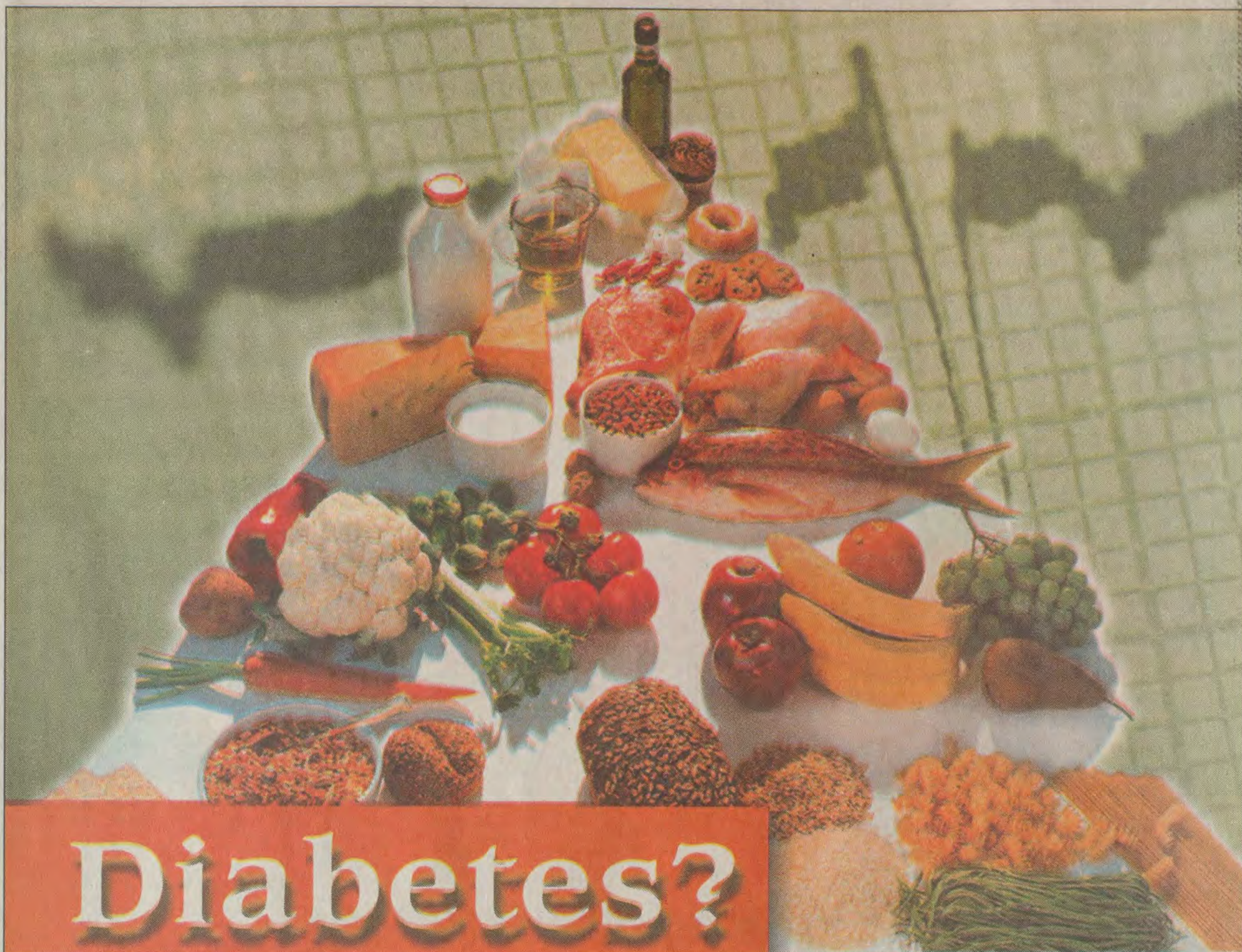
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Girls' 15th Region Semifinals set
Lady Rebels take on role of Cinderella teamby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – In the 15th Region Tournament, Floyd County is represented by not only one, but two girls' basketball teams. Allen Central, the runner-up out of the 58th District, and 58th District champ Betsy Layne are among four teams left vying for the 15th Region title. The other two – Belfry and Pike

County Central – each hail from Pike County. Belfry is the 60th District champion and Pike Central, the 60th District runner-up.

Neither of the four remaining teams are strangers to regional basketball success. The foursome includes the last two regional champions – Pike Central (2004) and Betsy Layne (2003).

The Allen Central Lady Rebels pulled off Wednesday night what

some called a mild upset. There wasn't anything mild about the way Allen Central went about its business in an opening round game against Shelby Valley. The Lady Rebels simply dominated the Valley girls, winning easily, 70-45.

Allen Central Coach Mark Martin likes the way his team is playing.

"I felt as though the kids bounced back from the (58th)

District championship game showing," said Martin. "Shelby Valley came into the tournament playing very well and we knew they were a solid basketball team.

"Our girls came out and really got after the ball on the defensive end. Alanna Cline really came out and made some good plays in the early going that started a couple of good runs for us."

(See LADY REBELS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central Coach Mark Martin, now in his second season at the helm of the Lady Rebel girls' basketball program, gave instructions to his team during the 15th Region Tournament first round game against Shelby Valley.

Lady Pirates
pound East Ridgeby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The fourth and final opening round game of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament at Johnson Central High School was by far the least exciting. Belfry, one year removed from a region runner-up finish, easily handled East Ridge in the final opening-round game. The Lady Pirates jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter and continued to build on it in the three periods that followed, beating East Ridge 84-66 and eliminating the Lady Warriors.

Brittany Chapman and Brooke Stanley led the way for Belfry with 21 points apiece.

Shae Deskins added 18 points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals. Amanda Moon added nine points for the Lady Pirates.

Once East Ridge got behind, it had trouble making up ground, specifically scoring points on the offensive end.

The Lady Warriors, coached by Jill Morgan, trailed by just five points at the end of the first quarter.

Belfry, the 60th District champion, led East Ridge 21-16 at the end of the initial quarter. The Lady Pirates took a 42-29 lead into halftime.

Belfry (20-7) maintained control of the contest in the second half, outscoring East Ridge 26-20 in the third quarter.

The East Ridge girls' basketball team entered the regional tournament as the runner-up out of the 59th District. East Ridge finished runner-up to Shelby Valley.

Amy Shortridge led East Ridge (16-12) in scoring with 20 points. She was one of three East Ridge players to achieve double figures in the scoring department.

The win allowed Belfry to move into the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals. The Lady Pirates will meet Betsy Layne on Monday night. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m.

BELFRY 84,
EAST RIDGE 66

15th Region at Johnson Central

EAST RIDGE (16-12) – Yates 10, Webb 7, Lawson 3, Shortridge 20, Conley 14, Mitchell 3, Smith 5, Hogston 4.

BELFRY (20-7) – Deskins 18, Moon 9, Stanley 21, Chapman 21, Lovell 2, Thacker 6, Robinette 3, Church 2, Kline 2.

East Ridge.....16 13 20 17-66
Belfry.....21 21 26 16-84

Betsy Layne 49, Paintsville 41



photos by Jamie Howell

Left: Betsy Layne senior Breann Akers (14) looked to score Thursday night during the 15th Region Tournament game against Paintsville.

Ladycats back in 15th Region Semis

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Betsy Layne seniors Kim Clark and Kristal Daniels combined for 37 points Thursday night, leading the Ladycats to a 49-41 win over Paintsville at Johnson Central in the opening round of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament. Clark led the way for Betsy Layne. The senior guard finished with 19 points, six rebounds, three assists and four steals. Daniels was equally as impressive, finishing with 18 points, nine rebounds and four blocks.

Betsy Layne had 16 assists opposed to 13 turnovers.

The Ladycat defense made things extremely tough on the Lady Tigers. Betsy Layne blocked six shots and recorded a dozen steals. The 58th District champs forced Paintsville players to alter their shots on numerous occasions. Betsy Layne forced Paintsville to commit 17 turnovers.

Betsy Layne hit 45.2 percent (19-of-42) of its shots from the floor.

Betsy Layne overcome somewhat of a slow start in the first quarter. Once the Ladycats got out in front, they played with composure. Neither team scored until the 5:20 mark of the first quarter when Paintsville went ahead 2-0. Betsy Layne went on to control the first quarter, leading 11-6 at the end of the opening period. The Ladycats took a 19-12 lead into halftime. Paintsville battled back, though. The Lady Tigers got hot in the third quarter, scoring 20 points and going out in front 32-31. Betsy Layne then recovered again, shutting the door on the Paintsville girls in the fourth quarter. Daniels had eight points in the fourth quarter and Clark added seven.

"I thought we played real well in the first half," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers. "Paintsville came out and shot the ball real well in

(See LADYCATS, page two)



Kim Clark paced the Betsy Layne offensive effort with 19 points.

KDFWR Commission
sets 2005-06 deer seasons

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Zone 3: (either sex); November 12-21, 2005

Zone 4: (antlered only); November 12-21, 2005

Early Youth Weekend: Statewide;

October 8-9, 2005

Free Youth Weekend: Statewide;

December 31, 2005 - January 1, 2006

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission set the 2005-2006 deer hunting seasons and zones and expanded equipment use to allow crossbows during the full archery season at its quarterly meeting March 4 in Frankfort. The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

2005-2006 Deer Seasons:

Archery/Crossbow: Statewide;
September 3, 2005 - January 16, 2006
Early Muzzleloader: Zones 1-3;
(either sex); October 15-16, 2005

Zone 4: (antlered only); October 15-16, 2005

Late Muzzleloader: Statewide;

(either sex); December 10-18, 2005

Modern Firearms: Zones 1-2;

(either sex); November 12-27, 2005

In other wildlife related business, the Commission prohibited baiting of deer and turkey on the Daniel Boone National Forest, the Jefferson National Forest, the Blue Grass Army

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FISHING: Daily creel limits
reduced, trout and bass
regulations modified

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission reduced the daily creel limits on walleye, sauger, white bass, hybrid striped bass and muskellunge at its quarterly meeting March 4 in Frankfort. The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). These new fishing regulations go into effect on March 1, 2006.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission recommended to lower daily creel limits on some sport fish species. The statewide daily creel limit on walleye, sauger and their hybrids will be 6 fish per day, reduced from the present limit of 10 fish per day. This new limit for walleye and sauger is an aggregate limit meaning the daily creel limit includes sauger or walleye singly or combined for both species. The 15-inch minimum size limit on walleye and

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Fishing

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their hybrids remains. This regulation excludes the Ohio River until bordering states agree with a common limit for these species. The current regulation on the Ohio River is an aggregate 10-fish daily limit on sauger and walleye singly or combined for both species. There is no size limit for either species in the Ohio River.

"Walleye are a top predator fish and are supported by supplemental stockings," said Benjy Kinman, director of fisheries for the KDFWR. "The current limit of 10 is excessive for a stocked fish."

The Commission also recommended to reduce the daily creel limit on white bass, yellow bass and hybrid striped bass to 15

white bass, yellow bass and hybrid striped bass or a combination of the three with no more than five fish may be more than 15-inches long. Few white bass and no yellow bass exceed 15-inches in length and this stipulation limits the daily harvest of larger hybrid striped bass. Many anglers have a difficult time differentiating between hybrid striped bass and white bass. This regulation eases the confusion and also eliminates special regulations on six lakes that contain both white bass and hybrid striped bass. This regulation also excludes the Ohio River until bordering states agree. The current regulation combines white bass, yellow bass, striped

bass and their hybrids under a 30-fish daily creel limit of which only 4 fish may be 15 inches or longer.

In other fisheries related business, the Commission placed a statewide 20 fish daily creel limit on redear sunfish, commonly known as a shell-cracker. The Commission elevated the redear sunfish to sport fish status on March 1, 2005.

"We had angler demands to put more restrictive regulations on redear sunfish," Kinman said. "We were seeing excessive harvest before this regulation and by default they were open to commercial fishing, bow fishing, gigging and snagging. Now, it will be a traditional hook and line fishery."

The daily creel limit on muskellunge is now 1 fish per day with a 30-inch minimum size limit. "We consider muskellunge to be a trophy fish and people are asking us to manage them as a trophy fishery," Kinman said.

The Commission also placed two more trout streams under the catch and release season harvest restrictions and modified trout regulations a stream in the Red River Gorge starting March 1, 2006. Rainbow trout will be stocked in October and anglers fishing Clear Creek in Bell County and Big Bone Creek in Boone County must release all trout caught and use only artificial lures from October 1 through March 31.

Beginning on April 1, any remaining trout will be available for harvest under the statewide regulations of 8 rainbow trout per day. On Chimney Top Creek in the Red River Gorge National Geological Area in Wolfe County, there will be a 16-inch minimum size limit and a 1 fish daily creel limit on brown trout.

The Commission also modified black bass regulations on two lakes in eastern Kentucky. Bass anglers on Pikeville City Lake must now release all of the largemouth bass caught and there will be an 18-inch minimum size limit on smallmouth bass on Paintsville Lake.

The next Kentucky Fish and

Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 3, 2005 at the Game Farm off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the KDFWR Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the KDFWR at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to KDFWR, Commissioner Tom Bennett, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.

Ladycats

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the third quarter. But we were able to put together a good fourth quarter and come away with the win. It's survive and advance, now."

Betsy Layne and Paintsville last met in the 15th Region All "A" Classic Semifinals. The Ladycats survived that battle, too, beating Paintsville by a single point.

Akers saw much of the same Paintsville attack when the two squads got together Thursday night.

"We didn't really see anything different from them than when we played them the last time," Akers added. "Coming in, we knew they would play us tough."

Clark, who was three-of-five shooting on three-point field goals, hit eight-of-15 field goal attempts. Daniels was seven-of-15 from the floor while hitting four-of-six free throw attempts.

"Kim and Kristal both played real well; everyone played hard," said Akers.

Paintsville and Betsy Layne each enjoyed leads in the final quarter. Clark connected on a three-pointer and a field goal on back-to-back possessions, putting Betsy Layne ahead 40-38. After a Kristal Daniels two-point connection, Betsy Layne went ahead 42-38 with 3:12 remaining.

Paintsville cut Betsy Layne's lead to a 42-41 advantage with under two minutes remaining, but couldn't get any closer.

It was all Betsy Layne in the final minute.

Daniels and Breann Akers, another Betsy Layne senior, each hit a pair of free throws in the final minute. Smith went one-of-two from the line

in the last minute and Clark also added a field goal for Betsy Layne's final score.

Akers and Smith each had four points apiece for the Ladycats. Smith also dished out a game-high seven assists. Candice Meade and Kaitlin Lawson added two points apiece for Betsy Layne, which has now won six straight games and 10 of its last 12.

Senior Ashley Hall led Paintsville with 14 points. Hall also pulled down five rebounds and recorded three steals. Chelsea Jarrell added 13 points and 14 rebounds. Kendra Carroll added eight points and Jesikah Russell chipped in six on a pair of made three-pointers.

Paintsville was five-of-five from the free throw line.

For the game, Paintsville shot just 30.8 percent (16-of-52) from the floor.

The Lady Tigers connected on four-of-19 attempts from three-point land.

Betsy Layne will meet Belfry Monday night in the 15th Region Semifinals. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. Belfry advanced to the regional semifinals following a win Thursday night over East Ridge. The Ladycats beat Belfry 70-56 in a regular-season meeting back in early-December.

BETSY LAYNE 49, PAINTSVILLE 41

15th Region at Johnson Central

PAINTSVILLE (12-13) - Russell 6, Hall 14, Jarrell 13, K. Carroll 8.

BETSY LAYNE (22-8) - Clark 19, Meade 2, Akers 4, Daniels 18, Smith 4, Lawson 2.

Paintsville.....6 6 20 9-41
Betsy Layne.....11 8 12 18-49

Lady Rebels

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Allen Central senior center Becky Thomas was again a force for the Lady Rebels.

"It was one of our better defensive games this season, and offensively, we had a good balance of scoring all night," Martin added. "Becky just had a solid game underneath, and Lyndsey Frasure really had some nice passes to the big girl to keep us rollin' in the second half. Our kids continued to attack the basket throughout the game and we simply played well."

"It's a good feelin' in that we are moving on in the tournament. This group has worked really hard throughout the season and all of the hard work is paying off for them."

Allen Central will go from preparing for one Pike County team to preparing for another.

Of the four teams that remain alive, Allen Central sports the least favorable record. But as is the case with any post-season tournament, records can be tossed aside. Pike Central also sports a losing record.

In the semifinals, one matchup pits champion against champion and the other pits runner-up versus runner-up. Allen Central (12-15) will take on Pike Central (14-15) and Betsy Layne (22-8) will battle Belfry (20-7). Pike Central is the defending 15th Region champion. Last season, in both the 60th District and 15th Region, Belfry finished runner-up to the Lady Hawks.

"Pike Central is tough matchup, no doubt," Martin added. "But, Pike Central is a team that we can beat."

Deer

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game trophy registry for deer and elk in Kentucky. This will be the state sanctioned record book for these species.

Hunters will be required to

comply with hunter orange clothing law in the 16-county elk restoration zone while firearms elk season is open. In 2005, the firearms elk quota hunts are

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After 26 years, Eastern Kentucky back in NCAA tournament

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — Travis Ford had little to work with when he took over as coach of Eastern Kentucky basketball five years ago.

Two scholarship players. Nine wins over the previous two seasons. A losing record every year since 1993.

"It wasn't like rebuilding a program. It was more like starting one," said Ford, a former Kentucky point guard under Rick Pitino. "It was bad in every aspect."

Now, the Colonels (22-8) are working on arguably the best season in school history, one that includes an Ohio Valley Conference tournament title and will end in the NCAA tournament for the first time in 26 years.

"I've played in Final Fours and won SEC championships and played in many NCAA tournaments," Ford said. "Those were incredible experiences. But I don't know if I've ever worked at anything as hard as I have worked at this, to get the program back to the NCAA tournament. To do it with these guys makes it extra, extra special. It's very gratifying."

Ford played one season at Missouri before transferring to Kentucky, where he played until 1994 and helped the Wildcats reach the 1993 Final Four.

He ranks second for the school in career free-throw

shooting (88.2 percent) and ninth in career assists. He holds the single-game record for assists with 15, set against Eastern Kentucky in 1993.

His success as a player continued at his first coaching stop, at Campbellsville (Ky.). He went 67-31 in three seasons at the NAIA school, including a 28-3 record during the 1998-99 season.

Ford took over the Colonels the following season.

"He needed the time to build his own team. He did just that," university president Joanne Glasser said.

Michael Haney, a 6-foot-6 senior forward from Ford's hometown of Madisonville in western Kentucky, was one of the first players to buy Ford's recruiting pitch. It went something like this: "Come to Eastern Kentucky and you'll play — a lot."

"We were fighting just to get into the OVC tournament," recalled Haney, the team's second-leading scorer (13.5 points per game) and top rebounder (8.3). "But each year, we've improved little by little. When you win more games, more players want to join the program."

Ford went 7-19 in his first season, winning only one OVC game, and 7-20 the next. The Colonels improved to 11-17 in his third year and 14-15 last year, reaching the OVC tournament semifinals. Still, Ford's record at Eastern Kentucky

after four years was 39-71.

This season, Eastern Kentucky finished second in a balanced OVC. A first-round tournament win over Tennessee State gave the Colonels their first 20-win season since 1978-79 and only their second since the 1946-47 season.

Wins over Southeast Missouri and Austin Peay, the latter in the OVC title game, broke the school's single-season record for wins.

Ford's former college coach, who's now at Louisville, speaks about him with pride.

"It's very difficult at Eastern, looking at how long it's been since they've won," Pitino said. "He's done it the right way — two to three wins more each season and now building it to a conference championship."

Pitino also says he's not surprised at Ford's success.

"He was a point guard with a lot of intelligence. He was a leader," Pitino said. "He understood the game."

Eastern Kentucky's women also won their OVC championship, making EKV one of only a handful of schools to have both men's and women's teams in the NCAA tournament.

Glasser finds herself in a quandary — how to make all the games for both teams.

"That's a challenge, but one I'm really looking forward to," she said. "That's a great position to be in, don't you think?"

EKU's women celebrating first NCAA berth since 1997

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — The Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship trophy sat on Larry Joe Inman's desk as the Eastern Kentucky women's basketball coach read a stack of congratulatory e-mails earlier this week.

"I spent more than four hours answering those e-mails," said Inman, in his 17th season coaching the Colonels.

Not that he's complaining. The Colonels (23-7) clinched their first NCAA tournament berth since 1997 — and only their second ever — on Saturday, beating Southeast Missouri 84-73 in double overtime in Nashville, Tenn., to win the OVC tournament title.

A couple hours later, Eastern's men won their conference tournament, giving the Colonels two NCAA tournament-bound teams for the first time in school history. For a few days at least, the center of the Kentucky basketball world

hasn't been in Lexington or Louisville, but in this town of 27,000 about 20 miles south of Lexington.

"I don't know much about Kentucky basketball," said senior forward Miranda Eckerle, of Brookville, Ind., "but it's cool to be winning and be in the position we are right now."

The Colonels started 3-6 this season, dropping early season games against Florida State, Iowa State and Southwest Missouri State, among others. But since then, Eastern Kentucky has won 20 of its last 21 games, including 15 in a row.

"Someone asked me what changed," Inman said. "Well, our schedule got a little easier. We prepare our kids for conference play, but in doing so, we feel like we've also prepared our kids for the NCAA playoffs. Our kids are not easily intimidated."

Balance has been a key for the Colonels — four players average 10 or more points a game, led by Eckerle, a first-

team All-OVC pick, and OVC freshman of the year Ashley Caze, of Martinsville, Ind.

"So far we've reached all the goals that we've set for ourselves," Caze said, but added that the Colonels had one more goal on their list — reaching the Sweet 16, which would require winning two NCAA tournament games.

OVC champions usually receive low NCAA tournament seeds, but Inman hopes that the Colonels' strong finish will help them avoid receiving a 15 or 16 seed, which would likely require them to play a top-10 team in the first round.

"I'd like for a chance, instead of getting thrown to the wolves," he said. "I think we deserve a little respect with our record and what we've accomplished and the teams we've played."

Sunday the Colonels learn who they'll play in the first round.

"We're getting a shot like everybody else," Inman said. "To be with the elite teams in the country is quite an honor."

Marshall spring practice underway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University will begin spring football practice and preparations for its first season in Conference USA with the first of its 15 practices on Friday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The Herd also returned to practice again on Saturday.

"I believe spring ball is all part of your preparation for the 2005 season," interim head coach Larry Kueck said. "We go into spring practice, then the weight room, then we take a test, and then we start again. It is all one entity and we are excited about getting it started."

As usual, all Marshall football practices are open to the media and public.

The Thundering Herd enters spring drills with an added excitement surrounding the program as it prepares for its first season in Conference USA.

Now, interim head coach Larry Kueck leads the Thundering Herd into a new era with the retirement of head coach Bob Pruett.

Marshall returns 35 letter-winners from last season's 6-6 squad that lost a 32-14 decision to Cincinnati in the 2004 PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl.

Six home dates, including Big 12 power Kansas State and new Conference USA rivals Southern Methodist (SMU), Alabama-Birmingham (UAB), Southern Miss, and East Carolina highlight the Thundering Herd's 2005 football schedule.

Marshall will play William & Mary, Kansas State, SMU, UAB, Southern Miss, and East Carolina at home and will travel to Virginia Tech, UCF, UTEP, Tulane and Memphis in 2005.

The Thundering Herd's 2005 schedule includes five teams that went to bowls in 2004. Ninth-ranked Virginia Tech (10-3) won the ACC and earned a berth in the Sugar Bowl, Memphis (8-3) appeared in the GMAC Bowl, Southern Mississippi (7-5) won the New Orleans Bowl, UAB (7-5) appeared in the Hawaii Bowl, and UTEP (8-4) appeared in the Houston Bowl.

As part of the new align-

ment of Conference USA, there will be two divisions for the 12 member schools. Memphis, ECU, Marshall, USM, UAB and UCF make up the East Division, while SMU, Houston, Rice, Tulane, Tulsa and UTEP make up the West Division.

Beginning this season, C-USA will host a championship game between the two division leaders. The division winner with the highest winning percentage will host the championship game on Dec. 2 or 3 depending on television scheduling.

Marshall Football's Remaining Spring Schedule

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March 16, 7:10 a.m.
March 17, 7:10 a.m.
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April 6, 7:10 a.m.
April 8, Afternoon Practice - Time TBD
April 9 (at South Charleston), 6 p.m.
April 12, 7:10 a.m.
April 13, 7:10 a.m.
April 14, 7:10 a.m.
April 16 (Green/White Game), 4 p.m.

All dates and times are subject to change

Helping the NCAA hold down its room-service tab

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The few puffs of smoke emanating from the NCAA tournament selection committee so far suggest their room-service tab at a downtown Indianapolis hotel this weekend will be enormous.

Committee chairman Bob Bowsby is already throwing around phrases like "it's going to be pretty muddy" and "I don't think it's a foregone conclusion," hinting that deliberations will be even more daunting than usual. And even that phrasing sounded decisive compared to this:

"We've had a lot of shake-up in the past seven days," Bowsby said. "In some ways, things have changed. In some ways, they have not."

In fairness, there are plenty more games to be played, and no matter what you think about the committee's handiwork come Sunday, keep this in mind: That room-service tab is the only thing that keeps college basketball out of the clutches of an evil cabal like the Bowl Championship Series.

A knuckleheaded decision on seeding — and there have been a few through the years — can make it tougher for a deserving team to win the national championship. But it doesn't take the chance away. After the committee is through playing games on paper, they get out of the way and let teams decide matters on a court.

But that's not to say that the 10 angry men on this year's committee couldn't use some help. Because angry is exactly what they'll be until somebody opens the door to the conference room late in the afternoon and invites the TV cameras in. So here goes:

Don't lose sight of the big picture. Worry less about who gets the No. 1 seeds and see to it that the rest of the veteran coaches with good squads all

get a good shake. That's all there is to it. That means Jim Calhoun at Connecticut, Eddie Sutton at Oklahoma State, Mark Few at Gonzaga and Tom Izzo at Michigan State. At least one of them likely will be around at the end.

Don't fixate on what happens the next few days. For all the things that have changed about the tournament during the last two decades, the most reliable predictor of a team's success has been the experience of its coach.

There's plenty of anecdotal evidence. John Wooden was 54 when he won the first of a record 10 titles, Dean Smith, who still tops the win list, was 51 when he got his, and even Mike Krzyzewski didn't turn the trick until he was 44. ESPN.com found that during the last 20 years, more of the same faces have been turning up, the most familiar ones have been going the furthest, and that gulf is only getting wider.

In 1985, a coach making the field, on average, was in for the fourth time. Last year, that number was six. Over the same time, Final Four coaches have averaged four more trips to the tourney — 9.5 versus 5.6 — than their counterparts in the rest of the field.

So get the upsets out of the way early. There are fewer and fewer, anyway, and they're impossible to predict. Spend more time plotting when and where exactly the Kentucky-Louisville match should take place, since both Tubby Smith and Rick Pitino have earned that much consideration and few games are more compelling than one that threatens to unhinge an entire state.

Next, think story lines. A month from now, nobody will care about all the thumb-wrestling that went on to determine any places below line three — except, maybe your orthopedists. What the rest of us will remember then — besides

how much we hate the unofficial CBS anthem, "One Shining Moment" — is whether somebody deserving is wearing a cut-down net instead of a noose.

Last year, it was Calhoun winning his second national championship the day after finding out he was turned down by the Hall of Fame (he's reportedly a finalist again this year). Two years ago, the role of long-suffering coach and the national title went to Jim Boeheim, who likewise finds himself at the Hall's threshold. Both those outcomes should get the committee thinking.

The sentimental choice at last year's Final Four was Sutton, one of the game's living encyclopedias and the oldest ever to make it that far. Getting there was no small accomplishment. Barely three years had passed since the Oklahoma State basketball family was devastated by the crash of a private plane ferrying two players and eight other members of the program back from a game at Colorado.

If he wins it all, you folks look like geniuses. Even better if Sutton happens to face Roy Williams and North Carolina in the final. Two years ago, the almost-as-long-suffering Williams was in his final season at Kansas, arguably with the best of his many good teams, and got stuck playing second fiddle to Boeheim.

So get to work on that Oklahoma State-North Carolina matchup. If you can't get it done with a weekend's worth of deliberations at a nice hotel, we know who can. Those BCS computers don't take up much space and they never, ever call down to room service.

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Westwood One presents Selection Sunday

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Westwood One (NYSE: WON) is will present Selection Sunday, the three-hour program which takes an in depth look at the selection of the teams to compete in the 2005 NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments. Hosted by Mike Francesa and Chris Russo, the program will air on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 6:00 PM ET on radio stations nationwide. Selection Sunday will also feature contributions from former Georgetown and Hall of Fame coach John Thompson; Dave Gavitt and John Tautges at NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis, as well as interviews with NCAA coaches as the Men's and Women's Tournament selections are announced.

Westwood One's NCAA Radio Network's complete coverage of the 2005 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament begins Tuesday, March 15, 2005 and features play-by-play coverage from 27 men's basketball games including the opening round game, selected games from all eight first-round and second-round sites, four selected regional semifinals, all four regional finals, and all three games from the NCAA Men's Final Four in St. Louis. Complete tournament coverage will be heard on over 400 radio stations nationwide and on the American Forces Radio Network world-

wide. Kevin Harlan will provide the championship game play-by-play with John Thompson and former Seton Hall coach Bill Raftery adding color commentary. Emmy-winning sportscaster Jim Gray returns as courtside reporter with John Tautges completing the lineup as pregame and halftime host for Westwood One's Final Four TM coverage. Westwood One will also present The Final Four Show and Championship Monday, hosted by Mike Francesa and Chris Russo. The Final Four Show will air two hours prior to the National Semifinal game, while Championship Monday will air 90 minutes before the National Championship game. In addition, Westwood One also produces an outstanding lineup of college basketball programming including: March to Madness with John Thompson and the one-hour daily feature The Tournament Today.

Westwood One's NCAA Radio Network will also originate three games of play-by-play coverage from the NCAA Women's Final Four in Indianapolis. Beth Mowins and Debbie Antonelli will broadcast the NCAA Women's Final Four to radio stations nationwide. In addition, for the first time Westwood One will provide coverage of all four NCAA Women's Regional Finals.

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Left: Betsy Layne senior guard Kristen Smith scored four points and handed out seven assists in a 15th Region Tournament win over Paintsville.

Below: TEAM EFFORT — Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers and assistant coach Ronnie Akers talked it over with the Ladycats during a timeout.

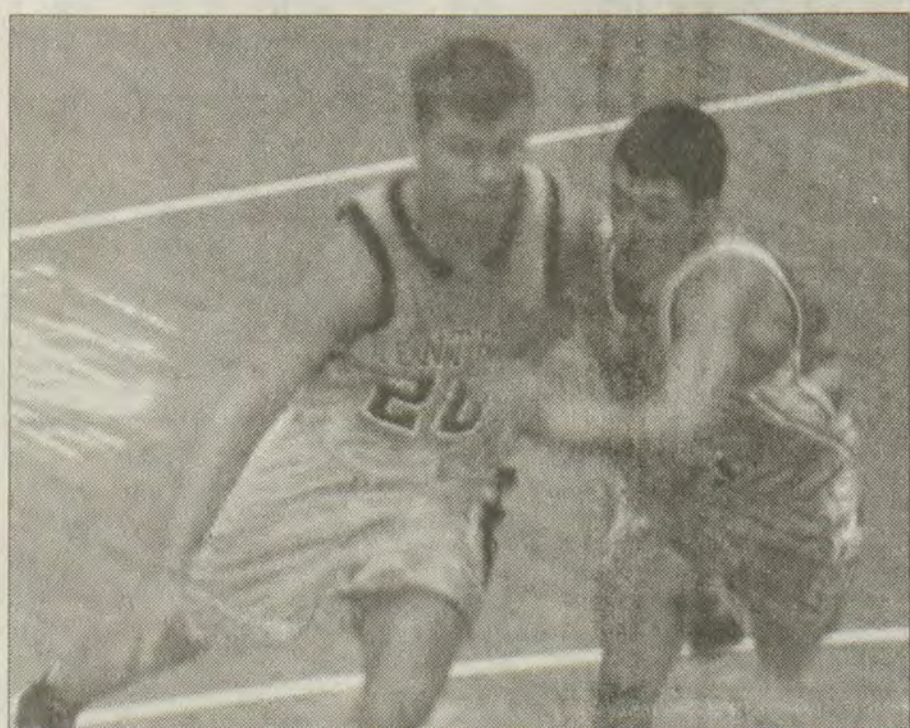


photo by Steve LeMaster

TWO OF THE 15TH REGION'S BEST: Johnson Central point guard Nick Music looked to make a move Tuesday night against East Ridge's Aaron Branham. Johnson Central beat East Ridge in the 15th Region Tournament game and earned a spot in the semifinals.

14th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament

Perry County Central 67	Mar 9, 6:30 PM at Breathitt County	Perry County Central
Jenkins 40		
		Mar 14, 6:30 PM at Breathitt County
Knott County Central 79	Mar 9, 8:30 PM at Breathitt County	Knott County Central
Wolfe County 50		
		Mar 15, 7:00 PM at Breathitt County
Owsley County 40	Mar 10, 6:30 PM at Breathitt County	Breathitt County
Breathitt County 58		
		Mar 14, 8:30 PM at Breathitt County
Whitesburg 47	Mar 10, 8:30 PM at Breathitt County	Whitesburg
Hazard 32		

15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament

Magoffin County 74	Mar 9, 6:30 PM at Johnson Central	Pike County Central
Pike County Central 86		
		Mar 14, 6:30 PM at Johnson Central
Shelby Valley 45	Mar 9, 8:00 PM at Johnson Central	Allen Central
Allen Central 70		
		Mar 15, 7:30 PM at Johnson Central
Betsy Layne 49	Mar 10, 6:30 PM at Johnson Central	Betsy Layne
Paintsville 41		
		Mar 14, 8:00 PM at Johnson Central
Belfry 84	Mar 10, 8:00 PM at Johnson Central	Belfry
East Ridge 66		

16th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament

Russell 66	Mar 9, 6:30 PM at Morehead State University	Russell
Rose Hill Christian 54		
		Mar 14, 6:30 PM at Morehead State University
West Carter 70	Mar 9, 8:15 PM at Morehead State University	West Carter
Morgan County 46		
		Mar 15, 7:00 PM at Morehead State University
Boyd County 63	Mar 10, 6:30 PM at Morehead State University	Raceland
Raceland 65		
		Mar 14, 8:15 PM at Morehead State University
Rowan County 50	Mar 10, 8:15 PM at Morehead State University	Rowan County
Lewis County 33		

USA Team named for 2005 Nike Hoops Summit

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Selecting a pair of successful and proven high school coaches who served as head mentors at the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival, and 10 players who are among the cream of the American prep crop in 2005, USA Basketball announced the coaches and players for the 2005 USA Basketball Junior National Select Team that will compete in the 8th Annual Nike Hoop Summit on April 9 at the FedExForum in Memphis, Tenn.

Selected to serve as head coach of USA Basketball's Junior National Select Team is Tom Diener (Harold S. Vincent High School, Milwaukee, Wis.), and assisting Diener is Herman Harried (Lake Clifton East High School, Md.).

Named to the 10-member 2005 USA Basketball Men's Junior Select National Team were high school standouts: Jon Brockman (Snohomish/Snohomish, Wash.); Monta Ellis (Lanier/Jackson, Miss.); Gerald Green (Gulf Shores Academy/Houston, Texas); Tyler Hansbrough (Popular Bluff/Popular Bluff, Mo.); Richard Hendrix (Athens/Athens, Ala.); Greg Paulus (Christian

Brother's Academy/Manlius, N.Y.); J.P. Prince (White Station/Memphis, Tenn.); Martell Webster (Seattle Prep/Seattle, Wash.); Louis Williams (South Gwinnett/Snellville, Ga.); and Julian Wright (Homewood-Flossmoor/Chicago Heights, Ill.). The coach and player selections were made by the USA Basketball Cadet and Youth Committee.

"This is a team we really like. We've learned over the past years personnel wise what it takes to make a good team for the Hoop Summit. We've put together a team that will really compete and have success against a team that I'm sure is going to be a really fine World Team. It's going to be an exciting game and I think we have the personnel to battle them," commented Don Showalter (Mid-Prairie High School, Wellman, Iowa), who served as head coach of the USA squad in the 1998 Hoop Summit and is a member of the USA Basketball Cadet and Youth Committee and a former chair.

"This event is so much different than an all-star game. When we put the team together we don't put it together as an all-star team, we put it together by people who can play different roles, who are going to blend

into a team. For USA Basketball it is a huge thing to get the kids acclimated to the international level of play, how good these international players are, and it helps develop our kids for future USA Basketball events. It's a game really needed at this level to start these players going up against international competition. Over the years the Hoop Summit has had tremendous games. It's a great experience for the kids and I think sometimes our kids in the United States don't understand how good the international players can be and are. From that standpoint I think it's a very, very much needed game," added Showalter.

The Nike Hoop Summit is the country's premiere annual basketball game featuring America's top senior boy high school players taking on a World Select Team comprised of the world's top players who are 19-years-old or younger. The 2005 Nike Hoop Summit will be played on Saturday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. (CT) at the FedExForum in Memphis, Tenn. Also, for the first time, the 2005 Hoop Summit will be preceded by a preliminary game, the Memphis All-Star Classic, a game that will showcase the top prep senior players from the Memphis area.

The Memphis All-Star Classic game will tip off at 4 p.m. (CT). The 2005 Nike Hoop Summit game will be televised nationally by Fox Sports.

Tickets are on sale now, with reserved lower bowl seats priced at \$20 and \$10. Seats in the second row at courtside are \$40, with front row courtside seats \$75. Tickets can be purchased at the FedExForum box office, all Ticketmaster locations, online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling Ticketmaster at 901/525-1515.

The World Select Team players and coaches, as well as players and coaches involved in the Memphis All-Star Classic, will be announced at a later date.

The World Select Team, consisting of top players worldwide who are 19-years-old or younger, will be selected by the World Association of Basketball Coaches (WABC) with the approved sanctioning of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), the world governing body of international basketball. The World Select Team will consist of 10 players from FIBA's five geographic zones: FIBA Africa, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia, FIBA Europe and FIBA Oceania.

2005 USA Basketball Junior National Select Team - The Players

Like the USA's head coach and assistant coach, six USA players were involved in the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival. Brockman (West), Hendrix (South), Paulus (East), Webster (West), Williams (South) and Wright (North) all participated in the 2004 Youth Development Festival, and Hendrix also participated in the event as a sophomore in 2003. Hendrix and Williams led their South squad to a perfect 5-0 mark and to the 2004 Festival gold medal.

Williams compiled a Festival record 30.4 points per game, Brockman averaged 20.0 ppg., and Hendrix accounted for 18.8 ppg., and the trio listed first, fourth and fifth, respectively, among the top five scorers at the 2004 YDF. Brockman, 12.8 rpg., and Hendrix, 11.4 rpg., ranked second and third in rebounding; Paulus led the event in assists averaging 7.8 apg. and Williams ranked third at 6.2 apg.; Webster recorded 3.0 spg. to ranked second in steals, Williams' 2.8 spg. was good for third, and Paulus snatched 2.2 spg. and ranked tied for sixth; Hendrix' 3.8 blocks per game led all Festival participants, Wright was fourth with 1.4 bpg., and Brockman was tied for fifth with 1.2 bpg. Additionally,

Hendrix led the '04 Youth Development Festival in field goal percentage, making 71.2 percent of his shots, Brockman listed third at 67.2 percent.

All 10 U.S. players have signed National Letters of Intent with prominent NCAA Division I programs. Brockman and Webster have inked with the University of Washington Huskies, while Ellis is committed to Mississippi State University; Green is slated to take his skills to Oklahoma State University; Hansbrough will play in Chapel Hill for the University of North Carolina; Hendrix stayed home and will attend University of Alabama; Paulus will play for Mike Krzyzewski and the Duke University Blue Devils; Prince is headed to University of Arizona; Williams stayed home after signing with University of Georgia, while Wright is off to University of Kansas.

Among the players' many accolades, USA Today included Brockman, Ellis, Green, Hansbrough, Hendrix, Paulus, Williams Webster and Wright in its November listing of the Super 25 Boys Players. Additionally, the same nine were recently selected for the 2005 McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Game.

14th Region: Breathitt, Whitesburg win, advance

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON — Fourteenth Region Girls' Basketball Tournament host Breathitt County won on its homefloor Thursday night, beating Owsley County 57-40. Breathitt County led at the end of every quarter, holding Owsley County to eight points or less in two of the four quarters.

Collete Cole paced Breathitt County with a game-high 27 points. Eight different Breathitt County girls scored points. Cole was the only Breathitt County player to reach double figures.

Owsley County standout Austin McIntosh finished with

a team-high 19 points. In the other 14th Region tournament game, Whitesburg beat Hazard 47-32.

The Lady Yellowjackets trailed by one point at the end of the first quarter, but bounced back nicely, outscoring Hazard in the next three quarters that followed.

Amber Olinger had a game-high 16 points for Hazard.

Raceland 65, Boyd County 63; Raceland's Paige Porter provided the heroics Friday night. With her team down two, Porter connected on a three-pointer from past NBA range, beating the buzzer and rival Boyd County Monday night at

Morehead State University.

Whitney Seals paced Raceland with 11 points. Keri Vanderhoof, one of the 16th Region's most underrated players, added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Porter added eight points for Raceland.

In the other 16th Region girls' basketball tournament game played Thursday night, Melanie Cornett netted 17 points and came through with five steals as the Rowan County girls ousted Lewis County. Roan County won, 50-33. The Lady Vikings advanced to the 16th Region Semifinals.

NASCAR

Heralded rookie Busch ignores pressure

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyle Busch has a lot to prove — to himself.

He gets a little embarrassed when reminded that his older brother, reigning NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Kurt Busch, gives him credit as the better driver of the two.

"It's definitely cool that a Nextel Cup champion tells you that or says that to the media, but I just have to go out and prove it," said the 19-year-old, who will race in Sunday's UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, his hometown track.

The teenager did win his first Cup pole two weeks ago in California — becoming the youngest ever to do that. But Busch has yet to show the kind of racing prowess in NASCAR's top series that brother Kurt demonstrated and has forecast for his younger sibling.

In six Cup races last year, Kyle managed no finish higher than 24th. His two starts so far in his official rookie season have produced finishes of 38th at Daytona and 23rd in California.

Nobody should get too down on the kid, though. He's definitely got the makings of a very big star.

In 2001 — his junior year in high school — the Vegas native drove in six NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series races for Roush Racing and had a pair of top 10 finishes.

He got sidelined briefly — and Hendrick Motorsports subsequently took advantage of a contract glitch to steal him away from Roush — when NASCAR made a rule limiting participation to drivers at least 18. But Kyle's ascent was slowed only momentarily.

He finished eighth in the American Speed Association in 2002, then won two ARCA stock car races and made seven Busch Series starts for Hendrick in 2003, showing his promise by finishing second in his debut at Charlotte.

Last year, the younger Busch finally got the chance to run a full NASCAR season and took full advantage, winning five races and finishing as the Busch Series runner-up to Martin Truex Jr.

Now, he is a full-time Cup driver, taking over the No. 5 Chevrolet vacated by two-time series champion Terry Labonte, who has backed off to a limited schedule this year.

"I think he's going to do well," Labonte said. "He was a little nervous about it because the Cup races he ran last year didn't go as well as his Busch deal was going.

"I told him that this is a whole different deal. You're going to be

with a real team, a legitimate team. Last year, he ran with a group that was just kind of put together and had no chemistry."

Kurt Busch rose through the ranks nearly as quickly as his younger brother, arriving in Cup racing in 2001 at the age of 22 after winning the NASCAR Southwest Tour title in 1999 and finishing second for Roush Racing in Craftsman Trucks the next year.

The elder brother finished 27th with no wins and three top-five finishes as a Cup rookie before establishing himself as a rising star the next season with four wins and a third-place finish.

Kyle knows he has some big footsteps to follow.

"The reason I'm here, obviously, is because of my brother," the younger Busch said. "He opened a lot of doors for me.

"There's probably doubt in everybody's mind that I belong here," he added. "But, in my own mind, I believe I belong here. I've worked my whole life to get here even though it's only been 19 years."

His slow start hasn't been easy to take for a driver accustomed to quick success.

"I'm pretty much my own worse critic, which is kind of bad to be," Kyle said. "Still, I look forward to going out there and facing the challenges that arise and working with my new crew chief. It's going to take some time to develop the chemistry there."

The new crew chief for the No. 5 Chevy is Alan Gustafson, who worked with Labonte last year as team engineer.

"Alan was a big part of my team who I've got a lot of confidence in," Labonte said. "I think after Kyle runs a little bit and works with Alan some, I think he will be fine. It might take him a little bit to get some confidence."

Busch also will be working closely with 21-year-old teammate and friend Brian Vickers, the 2003 Busch Series champion and 25th in points last year as a Cup rookie.

Team owner Rick Hendrick has had great success having the No. 24 and No. 48 teams of established stars Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson work out of the same building, and now Busch's No. 5 and Vickers No. 25 are doing the same.

"They are in a rebuilding mode with the 5 and the 25," Labonte said. "I think they are doing the right things. I think Brian and Kyle will work well together."

At an age when a lot of guys are attending college and trying to figure out where they are headed in life, Kyle Busch is pretty sure he is where he's supposed to be.

"I hung out with the smart

kids in high school so I could learn as quick as I could and get out of school," he said. "They're probably off being computer wizards or something like that now.

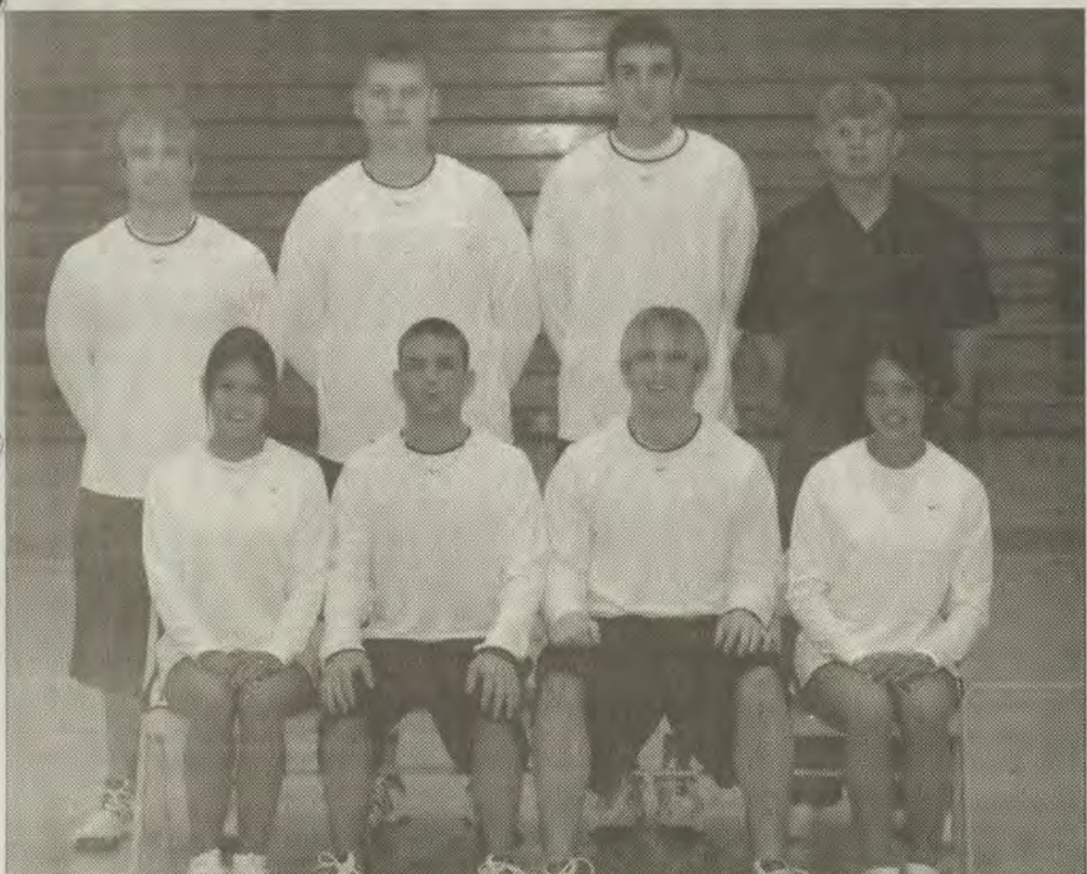
"I always got made fun of in school because I was racing and I really didn't have a future ahead of me," he added, grinning. "I guess I kind of proved them wrong."

2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule and standings

- Feb. 12 — x-Budweiser Shootout (Jimmie Johnson)
- Feb. 20 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gordon)
- Feb. 27 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Greg Biffle)
- March 13 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas
- March 20 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga.
- April 3 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- April 10 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va.
- April 17 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas
- April 23 — Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- May 1 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
- May 7 — Dodge Charger 500, Darlington, S.C.
- May 14 — Chev American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va.
- May 21 — x-All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C.
- May 29 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
- June 5 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
- June 12 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 19 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- June 26 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
- July 2 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- July 10 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 17 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
- July 24 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- Aug. 7 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
- Aug. 14 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 21 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- Aug. 27 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 4 — California 500, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 10 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 18 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 25 — MBNA 400, Dover, Del.
- Oct. 2 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 9 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 15 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 23 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 30 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 6 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas
- Nov. 13 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 20 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Kurt Busch, 340
2. Jimmie Johnson, 335
3. Mark Martin, 301
4. Carl Edwards, 287
5. Greg Biffle, 273
6. Elliott Sadler, 272
7. Tony Stewart, 268
8. Rusty Wallace, 268
9. Sterling Marlin, 260
10. Jeff Gordon, 258
11. Dale Jarrett, 248
12. Ryan Newman, 246
13. Kevin Harvick, 239
14. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 237
15. Mike Bliss, 236
16. Kyle Petty, 231
17. Jamie McMurray, 227
18. Scott Riggs, 224
19. Kevin Lepage, 208
20. Brian Vickers, 205



The Pikeville College men's and women's tennis teams each open play during the month of April. More on the PC tennis teams can be found online at www.pc.edu.



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This Town, That World

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

UP IN SMOKE THEY GO
If you have trouble defining the word, "frustration," just take a look this week at the face of a Floyd Countian who has planted trees, dreaming of the day when his work would stand in the form of tall, growing trees, and become a part of a great area reforestation program. His face will spell out "frustration," and perhaps a few other things for you. For he has just seen his dreams become more elusive than smoke-dreams. They've just gone up in flame and smoke, as forest fires ravaged the county.



Norman Allen

IN THE MAIL

Once in a while, we got a communication from somebody we have never heard of, and most of the time we are not certain what inspired such a statement. The following is from a Mr. William R. Sullivan, 1116 S. Flower, Los Angeles 15, Calif., and, although we wonder why he wrote us, we are not inclined to dispute what he has to say.

"This world does not have an unlimited amount of space for an unlimited amount of people. The laws of nature have a statute of limitation, and for those who choose to ignore them, they have their penalties to pay."

TRUE

The human mind is flexible but not elastic, the NEWSLETTER of the Floyd County Library reminds us in saying:

"Once a mind young or old, is stretched by an idea, it never returns to its same, old size."

I doubt if it is necessary to add that an expanded mind does not

(See THIS TOWN, page seven)

Women in History

Earlene Nelson and Karen Marcum



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Karen Marcum and Earlene Nelson work a full-time ministry in providing clothing for area children in need at the Town Branch Church, located on Town Branch Road in Prestonsburg.



In addition to helping to clothe the body, the Town Branch Church ministry also strives to nourish it by serving hot meals on holidays and at various other times throughout the year.



Shown here are some of the children who were in attendance at the church's Valentine Party, held earlier this year. Both Earlene and Karen say that they receive great joy from helping area children in any way that they can.

Serving God and putting smiles on children's faces

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Nearly everyone remembers how wonderful it felt when mom and dad purchased new school, holiday or summer clothing and shoes for them. Nothing feels better than a brand new pair of sneakers and a cool t-shirt or a pretty dress for special occasions - and this is especially true for those who don't often receive such items. Every kid deserves to go to church, or school,

feeling just as worthy as the child next to them, so say Karen Marcum and Earlene Nelson, of the Town Branch Christian Victory Fellowship Church.

The pair have been working hard for several years now to bring smiles to the faces of area children who find themselves in need of back-to-school clothing, Easter dresses, or other holiday attire. "When we first started, we only had clothing for the smaller children," said Nelson. "But recently, we've been able to get in a lot of teen clothing and

even some prom dresses," she continued.

"I prayed for a long time for God to show me a way that I could help people," Nelson said. "I've found that through this clothing ministry. We have so many people who help us and send us so many nice things to share with these children. We want to help everyone. Anyone with a need, any need, can feel free to come to us."

The women say that regular ship-

(See WOMEN, page seven)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Frankenfish'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

A mutated snakehead fish dines on Cajuns in a remote bayou community in this imaginative yarn that debuted on the Sci-Fi Channel.

When fishermen start turning up dead on the bayou, Louisiana sends in its top medical inspector, Sam Rivers. He teams up with a comely Fish and Wildlife officer and they head down river to the site of the killing.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

Things get creepy in a hurry as they stumble across a partially devoured gator and then an abandoned boat. The boat turns out to be rife with corpses and the pair decide to grab up their guide and split. Unfortunately the Frankenfish has the same idea, which leaves them without a guide.

They decide to head to their guide's village and warn the inhabitants who live there on three burned out houseboats. They almost succeed in getting them all to leave when an impromptu attack leaves everyone stranded.

Tension builds as the group starts to come apart under the stress of being hunted by a mutant fish, go figure. Just as things couldn't get worse, they do when it is revealed that these fish are happy to hunt on land, too, which leads to one of the best "fish chomps man scenes" since Robert Shaw got gulped in "Jaws."

The houseboats begin buckling under the strain as well, but a surprise visit by some hunter/gangsters offers a momentary respite, until the characters figure out that the new arrivals are only interested in the mutant fish. This is quickly followed by the revelation that they are going to be used as bait for a Frankenfish hunt. It all leads to a confrontation that pits man against fish against man, with nary a winner in sight.

This one has a few tricks up its sleeve and saves the best bits for the final half-hour.

The movie deserves points for featuring a lead character who is black and then never making an issue out of it. Though the setting is the Deep

(See LAGOON, page seven)

Back when

by AUDREY CURRAN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BASEBALL FAN'S SOUL"

It was an American tradition - a real, honest-to-goodness game of sandlot baseball - and it was being revived. Gone were the uniforms and the uniformed children, identical in age and size. Gone were the tension-ridden parents overseeing the nerve-racking games. Gone were the agitated umpires, managers, assistant managers and assistant-assistant managers. Gone were the scheduled "timeouts" while harried officials consulted section B of article 2 of part 1 of the ever-so-official rule book.

It was wonderful! We held an old-time, Saturday-afternoon softball game. We had invit-

ed 20 friends and neighbors to come; 25 showed up, hesitantly eager to play. Just minutes after the game began, a carload of strangers slowed to watch, and then asked if they could join the fun. The players were men and women, boys and girls, ranging in age from 8 to 68.

"You're out!"
"No, I'm not!"
"I said you're out!"
"You don't know what you're talking about!"
It was good old-fashioned democracy in action.

"I don't see too well without my glasses," explained the guy who had been my neighbor for 10 years and whose conversation had consisted of tight-lipped greetings. "You take first," he said to my son, "and I'll go way out in the

field so I won't mess up an important play." It was teamwork because the individual wanted to do what was best for the team, not because some coach was shoving "teamwork" down his throat. When one olderster got tired, he sent a youngster in to relieve him, while he sat on a haystack and sipped some refreshment. Nobody kept score. Everybody kept score. Nobody cared what inning it was, and the game ended when there was no one left who wasn't too tired to play. Best of all, everybody had a grand time and went away wanting to do it again.

I have silently watched progress

replace country roads with freeways, and corner grocery stores with sterile supermarkets. But something in me hesitated to accept progress when organized Little League games started replacing spontaneous neighborhood softball games.

It is not just nostalgia. It is a memory revived and brought to life for a gathering of friends and family. But I feel just a little sad that a scene so interwoven with my childhood and the childhoods of so many Americans had become a novelty in this country. What happened to that empty lot that used to be on everybody's block?



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"History is no longer just a chronicle of kings and statesmen, of people who wielded power, but of ordinary women and men engaged in manifold tasks. Women's history is an assertion that women have a history."

-Aparna Basu

Jim Davidson

Politics in the squirrel kingdom

The American free enterprise system has been called the eighth wonder of the world. The average American's lack of understanding about what it is and how it works has been called the ninth wonder of the world.

It is my belief that most Americans don't understand our nation's economic system because their lives and careers are touched by so little of it. When they begin a job or career in a given field and spend all or most of their working life there, that's basically all they know. This is certainly not meant to put people down, but our personal success is determined, by and large, by our ability to see the whole picture and



to make wise and informed decisions.

I have had a number of different jobs and careers and without even being aware of it, fate really smiled on me many years ago when I was a printing salesman. This was because I was fortunate enough to have a boss who was community minded, and he led me to become a "volunteer" in many different organizations. When I was involved in the Chamber of Commerce and later in the United Way, I met many outstanding business leaders. As I talked with these business executives about their company, what it sold or produced and was given a per-

sonal tour of their operation, I began to see more of the picture and how our system works.

This is the backdrop for my appreciation of a wonderful little book a friend sent me the other day. The title does not do justice for the tremendous message it contains, but it's called "Mr. Thingbobbin Squirrel — On Cedar Mountain." The author is David Smith, a retired staff manager who worked for 35 years for a large communications company. In various assignments in personnel, labor relations and communications, he did many different kinds of writing. As a result he knows corporate structure, problems and practices, and observed the personal and the business habits of managers, from supervisors to presidents.

What David Smith has actually done is create a masterpiece. By using his fantastic imagina-

tion and a hillside teeming with a clan of squirrels, he has created a microcosm of American business and the free enterprise system.

The plot begins with a mama squirrel talking with her newborn son (that she has named Thingbobbin), about the do's and don't's of growing up, staying alive and being able to fend for himself. With the passing of time his education is broadened to understand the squirrel hierarchy. As he travels further up the hillside, the trees are taller and they are controlled by squirrels that are called "Tree Bosses." At the very top of the hill, in the largest tree, can be found the head squirrel, who is known as Big Buck.

Wouldn't you know it? Big Buck has a son who is away at college. More about that later. After a few weeks Thingbobbin begins to build his own nest. He sets about the task of securing the materials and weaving branches, limbs and leaves to make a secure and safe nest that will withstand the wind, rain and

snow. It is later discovered that Thingbobbin has an unusual talent for building nests and begins to have other squirrels request that he build or repair their nests. Soon the "Tree Bosses" promote him to be head of the construction crew. They build like mad and soon every squirrel's home or nest is in excellent shape.

Then one day, a friend of Thingbobbin's suggests that he needs to do something outstanding that will bring him to the attention of Top Buck and other leaders in the clan. He finally hits on the idea of using plastic that is fished from the stream below (an environmental issue here), to lace and reinforce the nests that are being built. This brings him to Big Buck's attention and he is promoted again, this time to supervisor of all construction.

When Top Buck's son comes home from college he is assigned to a position directly under Thingbobbin, to learn the ropes. It does happen like this in the business world. Things run

smoothly until it is discovered that the new plastic material has made the nests so sturdy and durable that the work crews are all out of work. At this point, Thingbobbin is demoted and put on the shelf.

There are many other issues in this book such as committee meetings, power sharing, pension funds, a clandestine affair, embezzling and finally, bringing three groups of squirrels together to live in harmony for the benefit of all. Obviously, I have only touched the tip of the iceberg here and if you or a child or grandchild would like to glean some real economic insights, written in simple and understandable language, I would highly recommend, "Mr. Thingbobbin Squirrel — On Cedar Mountain," by David H. Smith. It can be ordered from 1st Books Library, (888) 280-7715.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

Women

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ments of clothing arrive throughout the year to the small church. The clothing ministry first came to be through the ministry of Rev. Carole Johnson, the founder of Tender Loving Care (TLC) Ministries, through a donation of 50 winter coats. In the time since, the Town Branch Church has been able to distribute over a half a million dollars in new clothing, shoes and personal care items in recent years.

"Some of the children that come in don't know a lot about personal care and we always make sure to give them bath supplies and deodorant, things like that," said Marcum. In addition, back-to-school haircuts are given each year to the children who attend the give-away.

More recently, other organizations have become involved in the

clothing ministry, such as Friends of the Children, a West Coast based organization that provides clothing for older, teenage children. "We've been so blessed in our ministry," Marcum said. "We've seen it grow and it keeps on growing and so many children and families have received benefit from it. Our whole church is growing. We've added a new playground and picnic area and we're planning to build a new building where the kids can spend free time - a recreation center."

The church recently enjoyed a Valentine's Day celebration that was attended by many and are currently planning for their Easter give-away, which will take place on Saturday, March 19, beginning at 10 a.m. Clothing will be available for children of all ages, as well as goody bags containing personal

care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and hair brushes, soap, hair bows and accessories, deodorant and more.

"We hope we have a big turnout," Nelson said. "We have a lot to share and we look forward to doing it."

The Town Branch Christian Victory Fellowship Church and their "Women in History," Earlene Nelson and Karen Marcum, wish to be available all year long to any individual, or family, in need of their services. Pantry services are also available. Contact Pastor Tom Nelson at 889-9286 for more information.

The Times wishes to acknowledge their appreciation to both Earlene Nelson and Karen Marcum for having such a positive impact on our county's history.

Resources to design and publish a website

by CHRIS PARSONS
IT CLUB MEMBER
BIG SANDY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Although Geocities is convenient, you may want to use one of the other web hosting sites if you have a lot of content that you would like to put on your site.

You can use Microsoft FrontPage or Macromedia products such as Dreamweaver to design your site. FrontPage is the most convenient software that you can use since it comes with most versions of Microsoft Office. Many people already have this software on their computer.

If you are interested in learning more about the Macromedia products such as Dreamweaver and Flash, Big Sandy Community and Technical College offers classes that specialize in teaching how to use these software applications.

You can get information for publishing your site from the web hosting organization. Normally they will give you step-by-step instructions on how to publish your site. Netfirms web hosting company has a free starter kit that has Microsoft FrontPage included along with pre-designed templates and it is free with your hosting package.

You can use other software to build your web site, but these may be a little more difficult to use. Other web designer software includes:

- www.html-kit.com
- www.mozilla.com

www.tucows.com/preview/326541.html

Make sure when you build your site that you have adequate navigation between the pages in your site. For instance, if you go to a link off of your home page, you will need to have a link that takes you back to your home page and any other page that you might have within your website. The website needs to be user friendly and easy to navigate.

See you next week and happy navigating!



This column will be appearing weekly to answer many of your computing questions/problems. Just email or call us and we will publish your questions and our response. We will answer your questions as quickly and precisely as possible. This column will be written by Information Technology program students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College that also belong to the IT club. To send us your questions, please email us or call: Kathryn Miller kmiller0045@stu.kctcs.edu (606)886-3863 Ext. 81259 We look forward to hearing from you! Have a great week!

Many people would like to have a presence on the web. A website can reflect information about you or your family, or even information on specific subject that you would like to post on the web.

If you are looking for a place to publish a website, there are several excellent places that you can go that offer free web hosting services. These locations are suitable for the average internet user.

Several of the most popular places to publish a site require that the hosting organization be allowed to put banner ads on your site. Of course, they have to make money some way!! The web hosting site receives money from advertisers that purchase the banner ads.

These are some of the free web hosting sites and the amounts of storage space that they offer:

- www.coms.ph, provides 12 MB of web space
- www.geocities.com provides 15 MB of web space
- www.angelfire.com provides 20 MB of web space.
- www.netfirms.com provides 25 MB of web space
- free.prohosting.com provides 50MB of web space.
- www.100webspace.com provides the most, with 100 MB of web space.

Many Internet users that use email accounts on the web have a Yahoo! account. If you have a Yahoo! account, then all you have to do is sign in with your Yahoo! I.D. and password, click on Geocities and get started. You are then well on your way to building your site. Geocities also includes page builder software with a page wizard, which will assist you in making your web page or complete website.

Lagoon

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South, there is no bigotry on hand and everyone is treated equally — especially by the fish-monsters, who see them all as delicious.

The special effects are also top drawer and feature seamless CGI tricks which make it impossible to tell when images are faked. The monster fish are also well filmed and they get just enough screen time

to be terrifying but not so much that you start looking for zippers on their backs.

The actors are mostly newcomers, which is always a good idea for a horror movie. Aside from the obvious lead character, anyone can die at any time and they certainly do as this one swims towards a finish as inevitable as it is grim.

Best line: "You look great for a girl covered in giant fish brains." 2004, rated R.

Don't forget that our movie trivia contests have gone monthly. Just go to www.floydcountytimes.com to play. If you are not online you can still play by mailing your answer to this month's contest to: Tom Doty, c/o The Floyd County Times.

This Town

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result in a swelled head.

A JOB WELL DONE

Incidentally, this NEWSLETTER here referred to is an excellent job, and we are pleased to learn that it is planned for monthly distribution. If you are looking for something to be proud of, give this library movement a top priority.

OLDTIMER RETURNS

This one has been the rounds, but has been so long away from us

that a new generation may have grown up and not heard it:

A man who sometimes took a short cut through a cemetery late at night to get from the bus line to his house fell into a freshly dug grave that had been prepared for a service the next day. The man jumped and clambered up the sides, but couldn't get out. Resignedly, he huddled in a corner and pulled his hat down, and his coat collar up, to fend off the rain and the cold.

Soon he heard footsteps. He started to cry out, but stopped—realizing that a sudden cry would probably give the approaching person heart failure. There was a sudden plop, as the approaching man toppled into the grave. Thinking he was alone, the newcomer tried to jump out of the grave. The first man in, finally called out. "You can't jump out of here!"

But he did.

Evening with Poets set for HCTC

Hazard Community and Technical College will host the 13th Annual Evening With Poets on Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bruce and Jo Stephens Library, located in the J. Marvin Jolly Classroom Center at the Hazard Campus of HCTC.

The evening will consist of unveiling of Kudzu, the college's literary magazine. Selected individuals will read their works published in Kudzu.

Jim Webb will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Webb, a

noted poet, playwright and sworper, is the author of Buzzsaws in the Rain.

Frank X. Walker will speak. Walker is an award winning poet and multidisciplinary teaching-artist who has recently completed two new poetry collections—Black Box (forthcoming, April 2005) and Buffalo Dance, the Journey of York, published by University Press of Kentucky. Buffalo Dance is written in the voice of York, the slave who accompanied his master, William Clark, on the Lewis & Clark

Expedition. For his work in poetry, his collection of poems in Affrilachia has recently been nominated for the Kentucky Public Librarians' Choice award. He is also a recipient of the Al Smith Fellowship award. He is currently an assistant professor of English and Interim Director of African/African-American studies program at Eastern Kentucky University. He is a native of Danville.

For more information contact Scott Lucero at 606 487-3200 or 800 246-7521, ext. 73200.

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YOUR PARK NEEDS YOUR HELP!
Operation Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. at Jenny Wiley State Resort. Registration is 10:00 a.m. at the recreation/ranger office. This annual event concentrates on debris and litter control along the shorelines of Dewey Lake and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Please consider working this event as it is a big help to this area and region. If you could come and just pick up one bag of garbage, imagine the example it will set in providing environmental stewardship. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.
The state park has also received a substantial amount of money as a PRIDE grant and is awaiting final plans from PRIDE for implementation. We are very optimistic about what these monies can do for the cleanup along Dewey Lake, especially in the upper reaches of the Lake. If approved, the cleanup for this effort will occur in May.

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- ✓ A 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (with Company Match)
- ✓ Pension plan through the 401(k)
- ✓ Retiree Medical Plan

Interested and qualified persons should apply during the **Job Fair at the Enterprise Office in Whitesburg, KY, Friday, March 18 (8 a.m.-6 p.m.), or Saturday, March 19 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)**. Additionally, interested persons may apply in person at local Kentucky Job Service Offices.

Enterprise Mining Company complies with the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988, to create a drug-free work environment.

EOE/D/V/M/F

"Outside Salesman"

Mining and industrial supplier in Prestonsburg, KY, area is seeking to fill the position of Outside Sales. Territory will be that of eastern Kentucky. Candidate must be an aggressive self starter and able to work with minimal supervision. Must be goal oriented, motivated and self driven. Prime focus will be expansion of product lines within an established customer base, as well as generation of new customers. This will require excellent communications skills, ability to research business opportunities and the desire to succeed. Extensive travel required. Good interpersonal skills are a must. 3-5 years mining or industrial sales experience required. Computer skills essential.

This is an opportunity for the right person to prove their skills and grow with an established company. Company vehicle will be provided, plus expense account. Salary structure will be commission less monthly draw. Benefits package included. Mail resumé with salary history to Human Resources, P.O. Box 58, Huntington, WV 25706, or fax to: (304) 526-4746. EOE

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530-Houses

New 1,950 sq. ft. Home For Sale located in Country Oaks Subdivision in Harold, KY. Call 478-9993

3 or 4 BR House For Sale. Has been remodeled, \$49,900 or best offer. Priced to Sale. Call 889-9821

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RENTALS

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Apartment available for rent in Martin, partially furnished. Call 285-3980

3 BR 2 Bath Apartment, Newly Remodeled. 1,100 sq. ft., All Major Appliances. \$500 per month + \$500 Deposit and utilities. Call 285-9003

Efficiency Apartment For Rent. \$300 per month + Water and Garbage, Other Utilities Furnished. Call 285-9003

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FOR RENT: 2 Office Suites, New Construction. 900 sq. ft. each. Ample Parking. Can be Combined for Total of 1,800 sq. ft. Convenient Location, New Office Behind Sav-A-Lot in Prestonsburg. Call 886-1515 for info.

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FOR RENT: 900 Sq. Ft. Office/Commercial Space located next to Reflections beauty salon, 3 quarter miles south of Martin on Rt. 122 across from the Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112

630-Houses

HOUSE FOR RENT: 239 Francis Court, Prestonsburg, 2BR 2 Bath 1400 Sq. Ft., Suitable for office, small business or residence. Not suitable location for children or pets. \$500 per month + utilities. 886-6362

HOUSE FOR RENT in Prestonsburg, central heat & air, yard, no pets, references required \$550 mo. Call 886-0226.

2 BR House For Rent, \$500 per month + \$550 Deposit. No Pets Call 478-5403

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

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

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650-Mobile Homes

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NOTICES

812 - Free

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

900-Legals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Southern Water & Sewer District has declared the following property as surplus:
(1) 1997 Ford F150 Extended Cab/4WD (Salvage title)
(2) 1989 John Deere Backhoe
(3) 1997 Ford Ranger
The District intends to sell this surplus

property, and will be accepting sealed bids for same. Prospective buyers may inspect these vehicles and backhoe at the District's office at 245 KY Route 680, McDowell, KY. For further information, contact Bob Meyer at (606) 377-9296. Interested parties must submit separate written bids for each vehicle in a sealed envelope to: Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, 245 KY Route 680, McDowell, KY 41647. Sealed bids must be received in the District's office at the above address no later than 4:00 p.m., March 25, 2005. "Surplus Property Bid—Southern Water & Sewer District" must be clearly marked on the outside of each envelope. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids on the construction of two 100-stall barns. Bids must be turned in by noon on Monday, March 21. For more information and specifications, contact Mayor Jerry Fannin at Prestonsburg City Hall, 886-2335.

Wildfire Beware & Prepare

Prepare your home, family & community for survival.

- Keep flammable vegetation and leaves at least 30 feet away from your house.
- Keep dry grass and brush cut short.
- Clean roof and gutters of flammable materials and leaves.
- Have an evacuation plan ready.
- Remember backfiring is illegal.

In a wildland fire emergency, call 9-1-1, your local Fire Department, or your local Division of Forestry district office.




Position Available

Big Sandy Area Development District is accepting résumés for the position of GIS Specialist. The individual selected will assist in the continued development and implementation of a Geographic Information System utilizing a team approach with other staff. Applicants with a Bachelors degree in Geography or a field related to GIS and experience using ArcGIS software may be given preference. However, individuals showing particular aptitude with spatial awareness, attention to detail, and accuracy with computer experience in a windows environment are encouraged to apply. Starting salary is commensurate with the appropriate mix of education and experience. Applicants must submit a letter, résumé and list of references to Ms. Terry Trimble, Big Sandy ADD, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, by March 18, 2005. EOP

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Donate a Box of Girl Scout Cookies



Wilderness Road Council
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The Floyd County Board of Education is currently accepting proposals for Financial Audit Services for the contract period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007. Proposals are subject to the terms and conditions of the Request For Proposal. Copies of this Request For Proposal may be obtained in the Finance Department at the address below, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prior to the time and date specified for bid opening, or on the internet at http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us/Public_Notice.html

Proposals must be mailed or delivered to Matthew C. Wireman, Director of Finance/Treasurer/CIO, Floyd County Board of Education, 106 North Front Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. All envelopes must clearly be marked on the outside of the envelope, **"FINANCIAL AUDIT PROPOSAL."**

Proposals will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2005, Eastern Standard Time, and will be opened at 1:05 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, March 23, 2005. All proposals must be received by the time designated in the invitation, and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver bids on time. Proposals will be opened and read at the time and location stated above. Advertisements for this Request For Proposal are/have been in March 13th, 16th, and 18th editions of the Floyd County Times, and on the internet at http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us/Public_Notice.html


Proposals are scheduled to be awarded at the Regular board meeting, held at 6:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, March 28, 2005, at Adams Middle School, 2520 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

The Floyd County Board of Education is currently accepting sealed bids for Bank Depository for the contract period of July 1, 2005, or the board approval date (whichever is later) through June 30, 2007. Sealed bids are subject to the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid. Copies of this invitation to bid may be obtained in the Finance Department at the address below, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prior to the time and date specified for bid opening, or on the internet at http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us/Public_Notice.html

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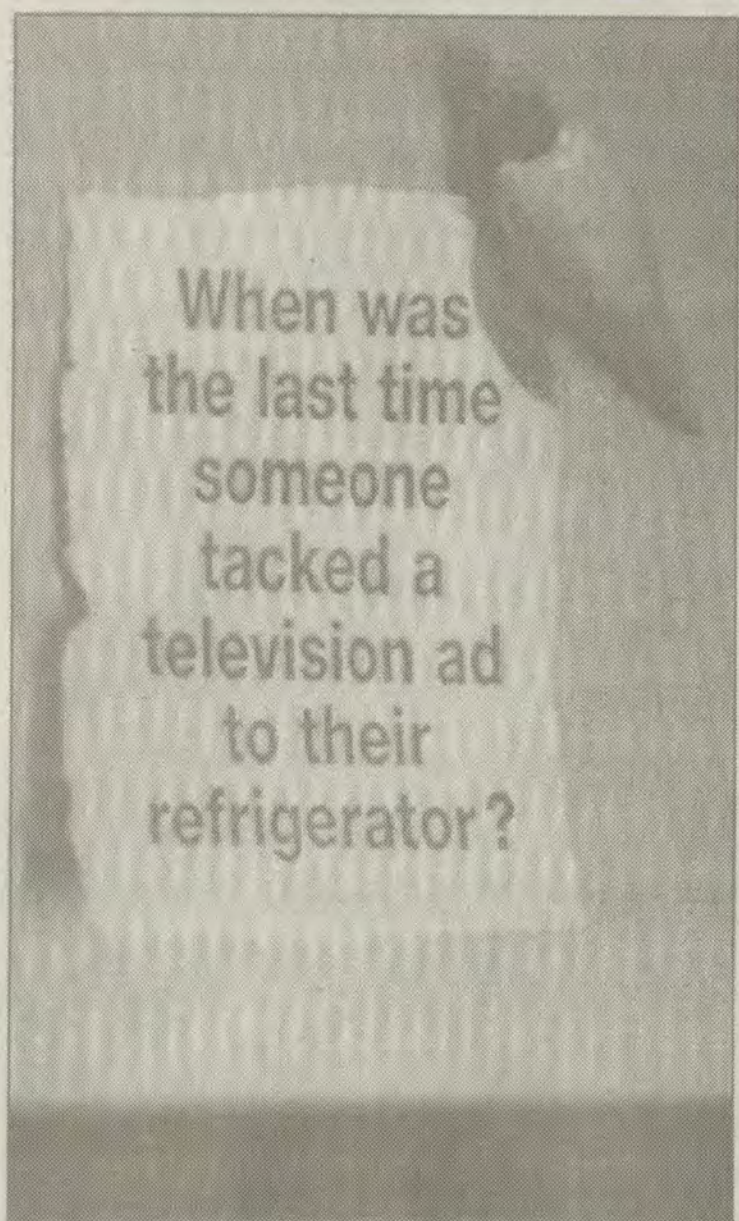
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FLOYD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE INCOME STATEMENT, YEAR 2004

REVENUE ACCOUNTS	
STATE FEES FOR SERVICE	
TAX BILL PREPARATION	\$ 3,375.60
ELECTION PERSONNEL	\$ 15,848.50
REGISTRATION OF VOTERS	\$ 359.25
FISCAL COURT FEES FOR SERVICE	
TAX BILL PREPARATION	\$ 3,374.10
CALCULATION OF TAX BILLS	\$ 5,508.75
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT	\$ 500.00
BOARD OF ELECTIONS	\$ 575.00
ELECTION COST REINBURSEMENT	\$ 75,159.88
LICENSES AND TAXES	
MOTOR VEHICLE	
LICENSE AND TRANSFER	\$ 1,186,184.55
USAGE TAX	\$ 4,026,667.25
TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 2,756,569.46
LICENSES	
FISH AND GAME	\$ 14,534.00
MARRIAGE	\$ 12,661.50
OCCUPATIONAL	\$ 809.55
BEER AND LIQUOR	\$ 10,800.00
TAXES	
DEED TRANSFER TAX	\$ 45,868.50
DELINQUENT TAX	\$ 723,942.86
FEES COLLECTED FOR SERVICES	
RECORDINGS	
FIXTURE FILINGS	\$ 681.00
RELEASES(MORTGAGES/DEEDS)	\$ 15,246.00
DEEDS, EASEMENTS	\$ 25,891.00
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES	\$ 53,996.00
CHattel MORTGAGES	\$ 122,850.00
POWER OF ATTORNEY	\$ 1,889.00
NOTARY BONDS	\$ 3,367.00
PROPERTY BAIL BOND	\$ 1,449.00
WILLS	\$ 1,753.00
LEASES	\$ 6,033.00
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION	\$ 815.00
MECHANICS LEINS & LIS PENDINGS	\$ 8,071.00
ALL OTHER RECORDINGS	\$ 6,351.22
CHARGES FOR OTHER SERVICES	
COPY WORK	\$ 3,368.18
POSTAGE	\$ 1,486.23
OTHER	
CANDIDATE FILINGS	\$ 1,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	
BANK INTEREST INCOME	\$ 773.11
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE	\$ 474.82
TOTAL	\$ 9,138,532.31

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS	
PAYMENTS TO STATE	
MOTOR VEHICLE	
LICENSES AND TRANSFERS	\$ 922,213.45
USAGE TAX	\$ 3,906,852.51
TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 954,564.81
LICENSES	
FISH AND GAME	\$ 14,322.50
TAXES	
DELINQUENT TAX	\$ 78,111.71
LEGAL PROCESS TAX	\$ 23,362.94
PAYMENTS TO FISCAL COURT	
MOTOR VEHICLE	
TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 353,363.48
LICENSES	
OCCUPATIONAL	\$ 751.81
BEER & LIQUOR	\$ 10,260.00
TAXES	
DELINQUENT TAX	\$ 85,894.56
FIRE ACREAGE	\$ 1,885.43
DEED TRANSFER TAX	\$ 43,575.10
PAYMENTS TO OTHER DISTRICTS	
MOTOR VEHICLE	
TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 1,337,878.80
TAXES	
DELINQUENT TAX	\$ 398,521.20
PAYMENTS TO SHERIFF	
DELINQUENT TAX	\$ 8,007.76
PAYMENTS TO COUNTY ATTORNEY	
DELINQUENT TAX	\$ 96,185.91
ADMINISTRATIVE	
PERSONEL	
OFFICIAL MAXIMUM SALARY	\$ 74,231.93
OFFICIAL EXPENSE	\$ 3,600.00
DEPUTIES SALARIES	\$ 469,039.08
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 32,412.61
MEDICARE	\$ 7,580.38
LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 43,105.68
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 3,989.67
TRAINING HB (810)	\$ 3,092.96
CONTRACTED SERVICES	
ADVERTISING	
IMAGING, INDEXING, INTERNET	\$ 11,000.00
AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING	\$ 6,748.20
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	
OFFICE UTILITIES	\$ 3,179.48
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 29,473.56
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 3,773.73
OTHER CHARGES	
CONVENTIONS AND TRAVEL	\$ 3,302.48
FEES, DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 470.00
POSTAGE	\$ 11,089.17
ERRORS & OMISSION	\$ 217.72
RENTAL FEES	\$ 9,336.00
LEASE FEES	\$ 30,553.07
ELECTION EXPENSES	\$ 74,720.13
UNCOLLECTED NSF CHECKS	\$ 727.69
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 16,163.71
VEHICLE	
TOTAL	\$ 9,073,369.22

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FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

JOHN K. BLACKBURN, SHERIFF
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ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 2004

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Serving Papers.....	\$ 50,474.50	Payroll.....	\$595,099.73
Commission On Taxes.....	\$390,096.19	Office Supplies.....	\$ 11,263.47
State Advancement.....	\$ 99,111.00	Postage.....	\$ 2,824.09
County Payments.....	\$133,521.75	Auto Expenses.....	\$163,551.75
Arrest Fees.....	\$ 2,517.73	Uniforms.....	\$ 15,633.09
Auto Inspections.....	\$ 18,160.00	Repay Advancement.....	\$ 99,111.00
Circuit Clerk Fees.....	\$ 32,968.56	D.A.R.E. Program.....	\$ 4,616.55
Interest Earned.....	\$ 1,578.03	Accounting Fees.....	\$ 4,501.29
Community Policing.....	\$ 20,167.36	C.C.D.W.....	\$ 3,510.00
Accident Reports.....	\$ 1,942.00	KLEFPF.....	\$ 16,387.67
State Payments.....	\$150,834.59	Training Expenses.....	\$ 6,282.57
C.C.D.W.....	\$ 6,825.00	Transporting Prisoners.....	\$ 6,908.90
KLEFPF.....	\$ 21,105.17	Start Up Cash.....	\$ 1,200.00
Start Up Cash.....	\$ 1,200.00	K-9 Unit.....	\$ 533.45
Transporting.....	\$ 21,219.61	Misc.....	\$ 527.72
Misc.....	\$ 311.09	Bonds/Dues.....	\$ 1,843.30
		Fiscal Court Fee Payment.....	\$ 9,238.00
TOTAL.....	\$952,032.58	TOTAL.....	\$943,032.58
		TOTAL 2004	
		EXCESS FEES.....	\$ 9,000.00

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