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briefs

P'burg man killed in wreck

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Kentucky State Police is still investigating a fatal accident that occurred at 1 a.m. Tuesday on Rough and Tough Branch.

Authorities suspect that Joshua B. Baldrige, 21, of Prestonsburg, was traveling well above the speed limit when he lost control of his vehicle as he was proceeding south on Rough and Tough Branch.

Baldrige's vehicle left the road and struck several trees before overturning in the creek below. Baldrige was half ejected at the scene and transported directly to the Floyd County coroner's office while his two passengers were taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Trooper Justin Cornett has been named the investigating officer in the case which also received assistance at the scene from the Floyd County Rescue Squad, the Middle Creek Fire Department and Respond Ambulance Service.



More than two dozen state highway workers constructed this earthen berm to prevent further water damage to Route 80.

photos by Mary Music

Mine blowout closes Route 80

Mud, debris and water cover all four lanes in Knott County

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

SOFT SHELL — The Transportation Department closed an approximate two-mile section of Route 80 Monday, after the barriers of an inactive mine gave way around noon, sending mounds of mud, rock, debris and a "wall of water" across the four-lane highway.

No injuries were reported in the incident. Water and debris forced its way down an approximate 100-foot hillside and gushed continuously throughout the day Monday.

Commuters, battling long lines, were directed to take Route 550, a narrow road nearly two miles away from the blowout site, which lies at mile marker 17 near Rock Fork Road in Knott County. The Transportation Cabinet asked drivers Monday to "consult a map" to determine how to get to their destination.

Local residents plowed the highway on ATVs to get a closer look at the problem as employees with the Transportation Cabinet and Consol Energy worked to clear away the debris. They constructed an earthen berm, or dam, to retain the gushing water, which sprawled out over the westbound lane for more than a mile.

Thomas Hoffman, vice president of public relations at Consol Energy, a subsidiary of Consolidated Coal of Kentucky, confirmed yesterday that company closed the inactive mine, part of the "F&G mine," 10 years ago.

The Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet referred to the mine as the Jones Fork mine and confirmed that it was last mined in the early 1990s.

With water and debris still a problem, officials aren't sure what type of environmental or physical damage has been done. They say they don't know what specifically caused the blowout.

Hoffman said it is possible that winter freezing weakened the barrier of the mine, but that possibility can't be confirmed without further investigation, he



Water is still flowing steadily off the hillside above the road, a Transportation Cabinet engineer said yesterday. Officials can't determine how extensive the damage is until the water subsides.

said. "It's hard to say what happened," Hoffman said. "When mines are mined out, they fill up with water. The blowout was at a low spot in the mine and, naturally, most of the water pressure was at that point ... These things can't be predicted. They might happen, or they might never happen. When they do, we do what you hope every coal company would do. We get our equipment up there and take care of the problem."

(See BLOWOUT, page three)

Martin woman latest to face charges from 2003 killing

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A 2003 murder investigation yielded another arrest warrant that was served Tuesday when Kentucky State Police Post 13 Det. Bruce Kelley arrested Mitzie Johnson, 50, of Martin.

Johnson was arrested in conjunction with the 2003 investigation of the death of Michael Slone, 27, of Bypro. Slone's body was discovered in August 2003 at a strip mine site at Topmost in Knott County, where his body had been thrown over an embankment and not discovered for almost a week.

The case saw two other warrants served last week on Billy Joe Johnson, 46, of Bevinville, and Susan Moore, 33, of Langley.

Johnson has been lodged at the Big Sandy Detention Center and charged with complicity to commit kidnapping, complicity to first degree

assault and complicity to tamper with physical evidence.

The case is shaping up to be a complex one and is currently set to be adjudicated by a special judge from Letcher County. Knott County Commonwealth's Attorney Graham Martin has already had Johnson and Moore jailed for other crimes and Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner is looking to consolidate the cases and most likely take the lead in prosecuting the three, who are currently lodged in three different jails.

"We're going to be making sure our offices work together to insure that we prosecute this matter effectively," Turner said.

Turner also noted that the investigation into the case is ongoing and mentioned that further arrests are expected.

Arraignments for all three defendants have been scheduled for April 28 in Knott County.

Three faces charges after resident stops burglary

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

MUDDY BRANCH — Joshua Keith Hoover, 20, of Prestonsburg, was arrested Monday after he and two other men allegedly broke into a Muddy Branch home and tried to make off with six guns and several knives.

Deputy Jeremy Shepherd responded to the scene of the allegedly burglary after getting a call from the victim, who said he had two men at gunpoint — a third had fled the scene — whom he discovered leaving his home with some of his guns.

Todd Hansford was cutting his grass Monday evening when he spied a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle parked at the back door of his trailer. Realizing that someone was in his home, he went to a nearby

shed and recovered his .22, which he trained on the three men as they were exiting. One took off immediately and the second left the scene while Hoover tearfully admitted to Hansford that he was "sorry for breaking into the residence," according to the report filed by Shepherd.

Hoover was arraigned Tuesday on one count of first-degree burglary and ordered to remain in jail on a \$10,000 cash bond. A preliminary hearing was set for April 25.

Hoover reportedly gave up his accomplices after being interviewed by Shepherd. The deputy then secured arrest warrants and had the two other men in custody by Tuesday afternoon.

Todd Michael Gayheart, 19, of Wayland, and Terry

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County turning out for cleanup

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

With the ending of the annual PRIDE cleanup only days away, local officials and volunteers are tying up the loose ends and planning for future projects.

Several roadside cleanups have already been completed by community volunteers, inmates and county, city and state employees.

"I'm a bit impressed with the citizen turnout," Floyd

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said, "Students are involved, individual people are involved in cleaning up their communities, several towns are cleaning up."

Last Friday, 41 JROTC students at Allen Central High School picked up 251 bags of garbage on roadways near the school.

Inmates with the Floyd County Detention Center, working with PRIDE and the city, which donated equip-

ment for the project, cleaned an illegal dump and roadside litter in West Prestonsburg yesterday.

"It's so disturbing when you're driving up a road and you look out and see the ditch lines full of garbage," Thompson said. "All someone has to do is put a bag in their car and take the stuff home and put it in the garbage. Yet, they throw it out the window. I just don't

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Inmates from the Floyd County Detention Center cleaned up this illegal dump in West Prestonsburg yesterday. Jailer Roger Webb said the combined efforts of community, city, county and state entities are improving the area's appearance and "it's starting to show." The city donated equipment for this project.

photo by Mary Music

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Today



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Thursday



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Odds & Ends

■ **MESA, Ariz.** — Police tactical units usually don't engage in a lot of monkey business, but one SWAT team wants to add a capuchin monkey to its staff.

"Everybody laughs about it until they really start thinking about it," said Sean Truelove, an officer with the Mesa Police Department who builds and operates tactical robots for the unit in suburban Phoenix.

Truelove said the department is trying to obtain a capuchin, considered the second smartest primate behind the chimpanzee, with about \$100,000 in grant money.

Truelove says the monkey, which alone would cost

\$15,000, could become the ultimate SWAT reconnaissance tool. Capuchins are small, weighing between 3 and 8 pounds, have tiny humanlike hands and puzzle-solving skills. He said the monkey could be trained to unlock doors and search buildings.

Since 1979, capuchin monkeys have been trained as companions for quadriplegics, performing daily tasks such as serving food, opening and closing doors, turning lights on and off, and retrieving objects and brushing hair.

■ **FAIRMONT, W.Va.** — A part-time stuntman has set an explosive new Guinness world

record — the most "squibs" detonated on a human body.

Mike Daugherty donned a wet suit with 160 of the explosive charges attached and had them detonated. Squibs, similar to blasting caps, are used to simulate gunshots in movies.

"I was scared to death when we were doing it," said Daugherty, who set the record on April 11, his 35th birthday. "But it wasn't that bad."

Daugherty, a part-time stuntman, set the record at Screen Gems Studios in Wilmington, N.C., where the stunt was filmed for a documentary called "Shooting the Record." The behind-the-scenes film will include interviews and the stunt

itself.

Daugherty said his quest began as a joke but developed into much more after he contacted the Guinness Book.

Daugherty, who runs a family metal shop in Fairmont, said he got his start as an actor and stuntman after a part in a film about "Star Wars" fans.

■ **ANCHORAGE, Alaska** — As armed guards stood watch for polar bears, villagers of tiny Little Diomed Island in the Bering Sea hosted races for young skiers.

It was the first home athletic event in a generation for Diomed, the only village on the island, which is walking distance from the International Dateline just east of Russia's

Chukotsk Peninsula.

About 50 first- through fifth-grade students from Wales, Teller and other tiny villages in the Bering Strait School District bundled up against subzero cold and walked over the dateline into tomorrow to participate in the weekend competition.

Besides ski races, Eskimo dancing and a scavenger hunt for polar bear fur and king crab legs were held. "All in all, a successful meet," said Diomed teacher, ski coach and event organizer Ben Seymour.

Putting on any type of event is a challenge on the remote island, where the wind rarely quits and winter lasts half the year.

Diomed has not hosted an athletic event with visitors since

at least the 1970s, said Mayor Pat Omiak Sr., who remembers a wrestling tournament back then.

■ **NORWICH, Conn.** — A local man believes the first president to serve under the Articles of Confederation — Samuel Huntington of Norwich — was technically the nation's first president.

Now, Bill Stanley is seeking \$10 million to build a presidential library for Huntington here.

Stanley, president of the Norwich Historical Society, asked the City Council on Monday night to donate \$1 million from funds it expects to receive from the Mohegan

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 20, the 110th day of 2005. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 20, 1980, the first Cubans sailing to the United States as part of the massive Mariel boatlift reached Florida.

On this date:

■ In 1812, the fourth vice president of the United States, George Clinton, died in Washington at age 73, becoming the first vice president to die while in office.

■ In 1836, the Territory of Wisconsin was established by Congress.

■ In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau, Austria.

■ In 1940, RCA publicly demonstrated its new and powerful electron microscope.

■ In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

■ In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

■ In 1971, the Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

■ In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

■ In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after being fired on by a Soviet interceptor after entering Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed.

■ In 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place near Littleton, Colo., as two students shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

Ten years ago: In the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, the FBI announced it was looking for two men suspected of

renting the truck used to carry the explosive; meanwhile, rescue teams suspended the search for survivors so that the remaining structure of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building could be shored up.

Five years ago: Littleton, Colo., paused to remember the victims on the first anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre.

One year ago: A tornado tore through north-central Illinois, killing eight people. A judge ordered Multnomah County, Ore., to stop issuing gay marriage licenses — but also ordered the state to recognize the 3,000 licenses already granted in the county.

Today's Birthdays: Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 85. Actress Nina Foch is 81. Actor George Takei is 68. Singer Johnny Tillotson is 66. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 64. Bluegrass singer-musician Doyle Lawson (Quicksilver) is 61. Rock musician Craig Frost (Grand Funk; Bob Seger's Silver Bullet Band) is 57. Actress Jessica Lange is 56. Singer Luther Vandross is 54. Actor Clint Howard is 46. Actor Crispin Glover is 41. Country singer Wade Hayes is 36. Actor Shemar Moore is 35. Rock musician Mikey Welsh is 34. Actress Carmen Electra is 33. Actor Joseph Lawrence is 29.

Thought for Today: "If anyone tells you something strange about the world, something you had never heard before, do not laugh but listen attentively; make him repeat it, make him explain it; no doubt there is something there worth taking hold of." — Georges Duhamel, French author (1884-1966).

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Blowout

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Chuck Woolf, a spokesperson with the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, said "engineers are now looking at old maps of the mine and correlating those maps to the surface location of the blowout by satellite in order to obtain additional information about the contributing factors of the incident and possible environmental problems that follow."

"Part of the investigation that will take place is to see what the environmental effect of this was," Woolf said. "Our indication yesterday was that it was just fresh water that had built up in the mine. It was groundwater, not a slurry."

Officials say they don't know how much water is in the mine. Water samples have been taken, Woolf said, emphasizing that officials "don't expect that there's anything in the water to be concerned about."

Darold Slone, operations engineer with the Transportation Cabinet, said a damage estimate would not be available until the water recedes. The road, Slone said, would remain closed until the water stops draining. It could take a couple of days or a couple of weeks, he said Monday, but the Transportation Cabinet and Knott County and Kentucky State Police officials are offering "contingency plans" for anyone needing access to the stretch of highway during the cleanup.

"We need people to be patient," Slone said. "We don't want to open the road up to traffic too soon, before we know what the potential hazards are."

Slone said yesterday that water and debris are still covering the westbound lane, making it impossible to determine the amount of damage to the road. Water flow has slowed, he said, but was still "steady" yesterday.

When questioned whether individuals should be concerned about similar problems occurring at other inactive or reclaimed mines, Woolf said all inactive or abandoned mines fill up with water and that the potential is there at any of those mines.

Coal mining companies are required to post reclamation bonds when they open mines, Woolf said. Once the reclamation is complete and a "prescribed period of time" has lapsed, the bond is released and the mine is inspected. Woolf confirmed that the reclamation bond on the inactive mine has been released, but he could not give any information about the final inspection of the site.

There is a "whole universe" of abandoned, inactive and reclaimed mines in the county, he said.

Mine water has been draining steadily out of a mine on Caney Branch in Floyd County for more than a week. Local residents at Soft Shell Monday voiced concerns about property damage caused by mining.

Ted Crigger, 50, who resides at Cliffside, approximately a half-mile away from the F&G mine, complained about alleged property damage in the community that he attributes to mining done by Consol.

Crigger, a surveyor who retired from the Transportation Cabinet, claims his house has sunk twice after seepage from an underground mine broke the footer on the northwest corner.

Another resident, Elmer McKenzie, said Consol has redrilled wells for people in the community after they went dry because of mining.

James Vanderpool, who lives approximately 500 feet away from Crigger, confirmed that Crigger has had problems with his foundation in the past and that wells have gone dry in the area because of mining operations. Vanderpool said he has had no problem with his well or with his property.

McKenzie said he reported problems last year when he noticed iron or sulfur in water seeping from the ground near his property.

Officials tested the water, McKenzie said, and determined that it was a naturally occurring event unaffiliated with coal mining.

Crigger and McKenzie both claim that mining companies are "getting away" with causing property damage because of their financial backing.

"You get into trouble when you start dealing with the coal companies," Crigger said.

Hoffman, who works for Consol in Pittsburgh, said he wasn't familiar with the men's complaints or circumstances surrounding other mines, property or wells in the area.

It is "company practice," he said, to correct problems caused by mining operations.

Stumbo lobbies to strengthen sex offender registry

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Sex offenders who fail to register with authorities are getting increasing scrutiny by authorities, as was evident at a press conference in Frankfort yesterday with Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Stumbo referenced two recent cases in Florida where young children were killed by sex offenders and noted that the killer of one child, Jessica Lunsford, had failed to register with authorities. Stumbo cited those examples because his office was flooded with calls from concerned parents who want tougher laws to force sex offenders to stay current with their movements which are then used to update the Kentucky Sex Offender Registry maintained by Kentucky State Police.

Stumbo has been pushing for a stronger version of Megan's Law for the state and has yet to see a tougher version get out of the committee stage.

Stumbo noted that his office has a long involvement with the issue and said the problem goes back to 2003, when the state Supreme Court ruled that cases coming before 2000 were exempt from the felony charge for failing to update their registry.

"This would change that," Stumbo said. "Every sex offender would be subject to a felony charge for failing to register."

Stumbo said the law would affect 1,000 sex offenders in the state.

Burglary

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Moore, 19, of Martin, were both apprehended yesterday but not without incident. Gayheart allegedly resisted arrest but was eventually secured and placed in Shepherd's cruiser.

During a subsequent interview he noted that the deputy might find jewelry secreted in the back seat of his cruiser and hinted that Hoover or Moore

must have left it there. The ruse didn't work out as he planned however when Shepherd returned with the jewelry and told Gayheart that he had used a different vehicle to arrest the others since his usual unit had needed repairs.

Gayheart and Moore will be arraigned this morning.

Cleanup

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understand it." Roadside cleanup projects are still planned this week for Arkansas Creek, Route 404 and Route 114 near the Middle Creek Battlefield.

The county received a \$125,000 supergrant last week to clean up a 50-year-old dump on the Buckingham Mountaintop.

Planning is also underway to clean up an illegal dump in Town Branch this year. A group of college students, working with the Long-Term Recovery Committee, is also expected to clean debris-filled waterways in Middle Creek.

Thompson says the county road department is still dealing with several flood damage problems, which is why the county did not provide extra door-to-door pickup during the cleanup this year.

Currently, the fiscal court has a tentative plan to host another countywide cleanup

this fall, but weather is the determining factor, he said.

"If we don't have a flood or something along those lines, we're going to try to go around and pick up as much as we can. We may even have a white goods buy back," Thompson said. "We have too much work to do on the roads this summer, and more people are calling in. We have had seven floods, six that were declared disasters, in the last six years. We still got a lot of work to do."

Mr. Metal Recycling, located near Allen Elementary, does pay for used appliances that are brought to its facility. Call (606) 874-9657 for more information.

Those interested in working with the Floyd County PRIDE Committee in planning future cleanup projects or educational programs for the county can call (606) 886-0498 for more information.

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Viewpoint

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Worth Repeating ...

"Speak out in acts; the time for words has passed, and only deeds will suffice."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

Out-of-control parents

The recent shooting of a Canton, Texas, football coach by an angry parent is only one incident in a disturbing list that appears to be getting longer fast. Jeffrey Doyle Robertson, 45, was charged with aggravated assault on a public servant. He apparently was angry at Coach Gary Joe Kinne over the football program and how his son was treated by teammates.

What happened to talk? Discussing concerns in a civilized manner with someone you believe has made a mistake? When did the action of first resort become gunfire?

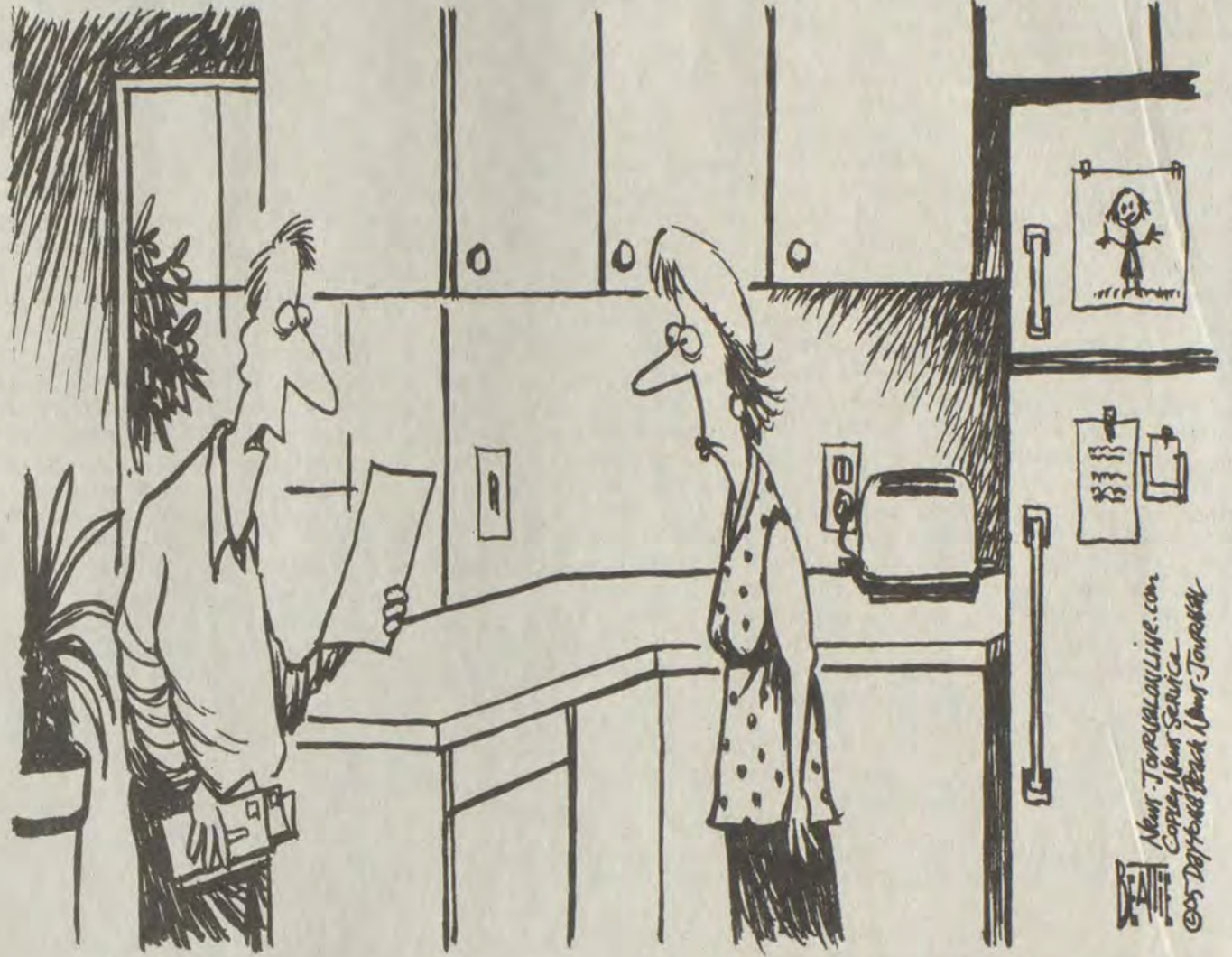
But the Texas incident was isolated only in its seriousness. Last fall, a Philadelphia mother slapped a teacher around after she was told to get a late slip for her daughter. Earlier this month, a mother burst into a Dallas classroom, grabbed the teacher's hair and punched and kicked her. The mother was also a teacher at a different Dallas school.

Also consider the general unruliness, even hazardous atmosphere, at so many school athletic contests, much of it caused by out-of-control parents. Some schools have resorted to requiring obstreperous parents to take civility classes. Others bar offenders entirely.

It's hard to pinpoint the exact reasons for what is perceived to be an increase in parent interference with school authority. Some educators suggest that the general decline in civility in society has contributed to the increase in assaults and arguments from parents. Some point to the intense competition to get into the right colleges and the possible effects of disciplinary marks or bad grades on students' records.

It may be the level of stress and anger that simmers in our confrontational society — overworked parents who may fear their children will suffer because of their inattention. So they react with overprotection or outright aggression. But how can children learn to control themselves when they see their parents acting so irresponsibly? Young people who are the product of this kind of "guidance" and who see this kind of example are not well prepared for the real world. One shudders to ponder the new generation of parents — and employees — such parenting may produce.

— Omaha World-Herald



"They've raised the interest rate on our credit card to pay for all the lobbying to make the bankruptcy laws tougher."

Our Column

Good neighbors can still be found

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

There is something to be said about people who care enough to step beyond themselves and extend a helping hand.

Unfortunately, we don't see this type of thing very often because random acts of kindness don't fit so easily in a world full of busy people with busy lives. When we are, however, fortunate enough to see people reaching out to unselfishly help others, it leaves a lasting impression.

I found two jewels in Floyd County Monday morning when my car ran out of gas on Route 404, about 45 minutes away from Dr. Italiano and my Spanish class at Pikeville College. After spending several minutes trying to decide what to do, and several more minutes being aggravated that I was even in the situation, I was ready to start walking.

That's when I met Donnie and Kathy Collins, a Blue River couple who stopped to help me. When they learned of my predicament, these people — who didn't know anything about me — turned around, drove back to their house to get a gas jug, then drove into town, purchased my gas and brought it back to me. Upon their return, Donnie Collins worked several minutes trying to get my stubborn car started. The couple then

followed me to the nearest gas station to make sure that I arrived safely.

My heroes would not accept payment in any form for their trouble, or for the money they spent on the gas for my car.

I looked at Kathy, after Donnie refused payment. "Does he do this all the time?"

"Yes," she said.

"We just like to help people when they need it," he said, closing the lid on my gas tank.

They said that they help people like that because it "always comes back" to them.

I was floored, as anyone would be these days. With busy schedules, most people overlook the things that used to be considered common courtesy. Every now and then, though, you find someone who walks to their own beat, someone who puts forth the effort to make a difference with their life.

Floyd County has seen the same type of courtesy lately, with people stepping out of their communities and pitching in during the PRIDE cleanup. Big Sandy Community and Technical College students battled the rain with John Shiber during the Clean Sweep project at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park earlier this month. ROTC students at Allen Central climbed over hillsides and waded

through the weeds to pick up trash that inconsiderate people threw out of their car windows. I watched inmates from the jail clean up an illegal dump — filled with trash and worn out furniture — yesterday morning in West Prestonburg. A few miles down the road, state transportation workers picked up trash along the north and southbound lanes of U.S. 23. Behind all these acts of kindness are people who work endless hours planning or trying to obtain funding for these types of projects. What does this say about our community?

This is the dichotomy of life: There are people who trash things up or get caught up in their own little predicaments, and there are others who step in and take care of the mess.

It's unfortunate that some go out of their way to do things that negatively affect our community, but Floyd County is very fortunate to have people who care enough to try to change those negative pieces of what we, as a community, collectively stand for.

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Letters

Attorney explains secrecy

You recently published a story as to the \$725,000 settlement I negotiated on behalf of my juvenile clients in the so-called May Valley case. The article mentioned the fact that I requested that

the individual amounts distributed to the minor plaintiffs be kept confidential. My reasons for doing so is that by law all settlements involving juveniles must be approved by Juvenile Court.

As your readers are likely aware, attorneys are prohibited from revealing what does or does not occur in Juvenile Court. Accordingly, I am prohibited from confirming or denying the individual amounts the juveniles received or even the identity of the juveniles due to the confidentiality of the Juvenile Court.

In doing so I fully acknowledge that

I have, in the past, repeatedly stated that I believe that all settlements with governmental organizations be open to the public, in that such settlements, directly or indirectly involve taxpayer monies. My view has not changed.

My reason once again for not disclosing the settlement in the May Valley case is it involved the juvenile court system. If it had not involved juveniles, I would likely have called a press conference.

Ned Pillersdorf
Prestonsburg

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Health Extra

Study casts more doubt on the safety of popular pain killers

by MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Medical Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Smokers who regularly took certain pain killers cut their risk of developing oral cancer but increased their chances of dying from heart-related problems, according to a study that raises fresh questions about the long-term use of such drugs.

The findings add to the suspicion that the heart risk extends beyond medications like Bextra, Vioxx and Celebrex to the larger family of pain relievers known as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs. These include Advil, Motrin, Aleve and virtually all other over-the-counter pain pills except acetaminophen or Tylenol.

Short-term use of these medications — two weeks or less — for headaches or other pain is still considered safe.

However, the study of smokers in Norway is the first evidence to support the recent federal Food and Drug Administration decision to warn about long-term use of all of these drugs except aspirin.

Results were presented Monday at an American Association for Cancer Research meeting in Anaheim.

Many doctors have switched patients to over-the-counter NSAIDs since the prescription drugs Vioxx and Bextra were pulled from the market, believing them to be safer.

Doctors in Norway wanted to see whether NSAIDs could prevent oral cancer because other work suggested they helped ward off other cancers.

They chose more than 3,000 people at high risk for oral cancer because of their smoking habits from the Norwegian Cancer Registry, a database of more than 123,000 people.

Over 20 years, 454 of them developed oral cancer, and they were compared with 454 similar people who did not develop the disease. Of these 908 people, 263 had used NSAIDs daily for at least six months. They had a two-thirds lower risk of developing oral cancer, but scientists were puzzled because deaths were not lower.

A deeper look revealed that the NSAID users were dying at twice the rate of the others from heart-related problems. There were 42 cardiovascular deaths among the 263 painkiller users and 41 deaths among the much larger group of 562 people who had never taken such drugs.

Risk was highest among ibuprofen users, who were nearly three times more likely to die of cardiovascular disease than non-NSAID users. Aspirin was the only NSAID that did not seem to raise the risk, but the numbers of aspirin users in the

study were small.

Scientists were astonished at the results.

"Many of these deaths could have been avoided if we'd monitored these patients for cardiovascular disease, but nobody thought of it" because the risk wasn't known, said the lead researcher, Dr. Jon Sudbo of the Norwegian Radium Hospital in Oslo.

He and some of his colleagues have been consultants for Pfizer Inc., which makes the NSAID Celebrex.

Dr. Raymond DuBois, a Vanderbilt University cancer expert who had no role in the work, said the results should persuade others to study over-the-counter drugs in more depth.

Dr. Michael Thun, chief epidemiologist for the American Cancer Society, said he would propose a larger study on over-the-counter NSAIDs using the

cancer society's huge database, which contains information on more than 1.2 million Americans.

"There are important uncertainties" about the results from just one study in people at high risk of cancer and heart disease because they smoke versus the general population, he said.

Oral cancer is a deadly and disfiguring disease that is an especially big problem in Asia. Worldwide, about 275,000 cases and 127,000 deaths occur each year. In the United States, about 29,370 new cases and 7,320 deaths are expected this year.

In other news at the conference, a large study suggested that cholesterol-lowering statin drugs might help prevent the most serious types of prostate cancer — those that kill or spread throughout the body.

Men who took statins had half the risk of advanced prostate cancer as men who did

not take such drugs, reported Elizabeth Platz of Johns Hopkins University, who did the study with Harvard University researchers and the National Cancer Institute.

It involved 34,438 men in the Health Professionals Follow-up Study, which has been going on at Harvard since 1986. None of the men had prostate cancer at the start of this particular study in 1990, but 2,074 developed it over the next decade. Of those, 283 were advanced, including 206 that were fatal or had spread widely in the body.

While statins cut the chances of this, they made no difference in the risk of developing cancer that remains confined to the prostate. Although several other large studies have concluded statins may cut the risk of cancer, specialists say there is still not enough evidence yet to recommend them for that purpose.

Study finds the government has overstated the danger of being overweight

by CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Being overweight is nowhere near as big a killer as the government thought, ranking No. 7 instead of No. 2 among the nation's leading preventable causes of death, according to a startling new calculation from the CDC.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated Tuesday that packing on too many pounds accounts for 25,814 deaths a year in the United States. As recently as January, the CDC came up with an estimate 14 times higher: 365,000 deaths.

The new analysis found that obesity is indisputably lethal. Like several recent smaller studies, it

found that people who are modestly overweight actually have a lower risk of death than those of normal weight.

Biostatistician Mary Grace Kovar, a consultant for the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center in Washington, said "normal" may be set too low for today's population. Also, Americans classified as overweight are eating better, exercising more and managing their blood pressure better than they used to, she said.

The study was published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Based on the new calculation, excess weight would drop from the second leading cause of preventable death, after smoking, to seventh. It

would fall behind car crashes and guns on the list of killers.

Calculating the health effects of obesity has been a major source of controversy at the CDC.

Last year, the CDC issued a study that said being overweight causes 400,000 deaths a year and would soon overtake tobacco as the top U.S. killer. After scientists inside and outside the agency questioned the figure, the CDC admitted making a calculation error and lowered its estimate three months ago to 365,000.

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said because of the uncertainty in calculating the health effects of being overweight, the CDC is not going to use the brand-new figure of 25,814 in its public awareness campaigns and is not

going to scale back its fight against obesity.

"There's absolutely no question that obesity is a major public health concern of this country," she said. Gerberding said the CDC will work to improve methods for calculating the consequences of obesity.

Dr. JoAnn Manson, chief of preventive medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said she is not convinced the new estimate is right.

"I think it's likely there has been a weakening of the mortality effect due to improved treatments for obesity," she said. "But I think this magnitude is surprising and requires corroboration."

The analysis was led by Katherine Flegal, a senior research scientist with the CDC's National

Center for Health Statistics. The study that had to be corrected was conducted by a different arm of the CDC, the Division of Adult and Community Health, and its authors included Gerberding.

One major reason for the far lower number in this latest study is that it used more recent data, researchers said.

"This analysis is far more sophisticated," said Kovar, who was not involved in the new study. "They are very careful and are not overstating their case."

Also in Wednesday's JAMA, found that overweight Americans are healthier than ever, thanks to better maintenance of blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Diabetes is on the rise among people in all weight categories, however.

Flegal said the two studies raise questions about what definitions to use for obesity and "where to draw the line." Under current government standards, a BMI, or weight-to-height measurement, of 25 or higher is overweight; 30 and above is obese.

In recent years, the government has spent millions of dollars fighting obesity and publicizing the message that two out of three American adults are overweight or obese, and at higher risk for heart disease, arthritis and diabetes.

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Obituaries

Alice Shelton

Alice Shelton, 74, of McDowell, died Sunday, April 17, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Born March 20, 1931, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Dinah Lowe Parsons. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church at Price.

She is survived by her husband, Russell Shelton.

Other survivors include two sons: Russell Lee Shelton Jr., (Linda) of McDowell, and Virgil Lynn Shelton (Christine); five daughters: Linda Gail Wright (Randall) of Auxier, Darlena Gay Wright of Prestonsburg, Janet Glo Halbert (Ronnie), Marsha Flo Kidd (Jeff), and Velvet Lois Martin (Chubby), all of Martin; a sister, Elsie Heskett of Southgate, Michigan; 16 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers: Charlie Parsons, Harvey Parsons, Overy Parsons, Crintious Parsons, Tom Parsons, Oakley Parsons, Trimble Parsons, and one infant; and two sisters: Mable Taylor and Annie Bellinger.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 20, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, in Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church, where services were conducted nightly. (Paid obituary)

Norman Ray Bryant

Norman Ray Bryant, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the emergency room at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born January 27, 1937, in Knott County, the son of the late Milford and Lauda Caudill Bryant. He was a retired real estate broker, and auctioneer, a United States Air Force veteran, a member of D.A.V. Chapter 134, and a member of the Church of Christ in Pikeville.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Music.

Other survivors include his sons: Ricky Ray Bryant (wife, Causetta), of London, Ronnie Gene Bryant of Prestonsburg, and John W. Bryant (wife, Lisa) of Prestonsburg; stepson, Kenny Music of Prestonsburg; daughter, Connie Sue Vaughn (husband, John) of Prestonsburg; one sister, Nell Ruth Jones (husband, Jack) of Greensboro, North Carolina; two nieces: Janet McKinney and Judy Keck; grandchildren: Richard, Loray, Andrea, Jessica, Clarissa, Andrew, Elizabeth, and John Michael; and step-grandchildren: Ramanda Music and Chanel Music.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Regina Kay Bryant; and six brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 19, at 4 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Larry Adams officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: John Bryant, Ricky Bryant, Ronnie Bryant, John Vaughn, Kenny Music, and Doug Hale.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. (Paid obituary)

Dillard Royce Boyd

Dillard Royce Boyd, age 56, of Dana, husband of Tina Peggy Lewis Boyd, died Saturday, April 16, 2005, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born April 28, 1948, in Dana, a son of the late Alex and Sula Watson Boyd. He was a coal miner, and a member of the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Dillard Shawn (Heather) Boyd of Stanville; one daughter, Carolyn Michelle (Gary) Allen of Banner; one brother, William Green Boyd of Dana; two sisters: Dellavene Collins of Willington, Ohio, and Arizona McKinney of New London, Ohio; one grandchild, Alyssa Nicole Allen; and one step-grandchild, Shaylee Renee Miller.

Funeral services for Dillard Royce Boyd were conducted Tuesday, April 19, at 1 p.m., in the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, in Dana, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial followed in the Kidd Cemetery, in Dana, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers: Shawn Boyd, William Delan Boyd, Mike McKinney, James Lewis, Breck Hammond, Billy Boyd, Rudy Boyd, Terry Boyd, Ricky Boyd, Sunny Boyd, Eddie Boyd, and Isreal Boyd. (Paid obituary)

Julia G. Porter Curtis

Julia G. Porter Curtis, age 93, of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center in Frankfort.

She was born October 10, 1911, in Prestonsburg. She was the widow of Henry A. Curtis Jr., and daughter of the late Thomas Lee and Belle Ritchie Porter. She was a retired school teacher in Prestonsburg; a member of the Sand Spring Baptist Church, the Homemakers Sunday School Class; Fox Creek Homemakers; and attended Bible study at First Baptist Church. She was a former member of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 24; the D.A.R.; and a former Sunday School teacher in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by a daughter, Sue Margaret Reesor of Louisville; a granddaughter, Julia Margaret Warren of Chicago; four grandsons: Robert Reesor of Lawrenceburg, David, Leslie, and Tim Reesor, all of Louisville; six great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandson, and five step-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Lena Porter, Margaret Alley, and Sue Herron; and a great-granddaughter, Kimberly Reesor.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 19, at Sand Spring Baptist Church, with Dr. Mike Hamrick officiating.

Graveside services were held 4 p.m., Tuesday, at Porter Cemetery in Prestonsburg, with Randy Polk officiating.

The family has entrusted local arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sand Spring Baptist Church Building Fund, 1616 Harrodsburg Road, Lawrenceburg, KY, 40342.

Casketbearers were Robert Reesor, David Reesor, Leslie Reesor, Timothy Reesor, Troy Warren, George Cummins, Ryan Reesor, and Andrew Reesor.

Honorary bearers were Julia Reesor Warren, Tommy Dillion, Stephen Ross, David Ross, and the Swingin' Saints of Sand Spring Baptist Church. (Paid obituary)

Laura Margaret

Goble Duff

Laura Margaret Goble Duff, 58, of Newdale School Road, Timberville, Virginia, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at her residence.

She was born December 31, 1946, in Garrett, and was a daughter of the late George Amos and Eda Hill Goble. She was a secretary and treasurer for A & D Applicators.

On July 3, 1964, she married Roger Gray Duff, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bryan David and Amy Duff of Timberville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa Ann and Gordon Stewart of Mechanicsville, Virginia, and Kimberly Jan and John Glick of New Market, Virginia; one brother, Montaine Goble of Ypsilanti, Michigan; four sisters: Yvonne Dinges and Betty Allen, both of Columbus, Ohio, Judy Joseph of Prestonsburg, and Brenda Lee Turner of Garrett; seven grandchildren: Andrew Hartman, Christina Stewart, Jordan Duff, Christopher Stewart, Kevin Stewart, Brady Duff, and Joshua Glick.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m., Friday, at the Goble Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

The family will receive friends, Wednesday, from 6-8 p.m., at the Grandle Funeral Home, in Broadway.

The family will receive friends, Thursday, after 5 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home in Martin. (Paid obituary)

Alice Stephens Prater

Alice Stephens Prater, age 84, of David, wife of the late Earnest Prater, passed away Friday, April 15, 2005, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born January 5, 1921, in Manton, the daughter of the late Thomas Stephens and Mary Tussey Stephens. She was a housewife and believed in the Regular Baptist faith.

Survivors include three sons: Curtis Eugene Prater and Michael Ernest Prater, both of David, and Ralph Edward Prater of Hamden, Ohio; five daughters: Peggy Hopkins of Pembroke Pines, Florida, Ima Jean Nelson and Phyllis Ann Dotson, both of Prestonsburg, Brenda Joyce Wilkinson of Palm Springs, Florida, and Bonnie Sue Ousley of Langley; one brother, Ruben Stephens of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Dortha Reffitt of Rochester, Indiana, and Alvie Ousley of Prestonsburg; 24 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Wayne Prater; and four brothers: Curt, Rufus, Darb, and Sam Stephens.

Funeral services for Alice Stephens Prater were conducted Monday, April 18, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Cemetery, in Blue River, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were her grandsons. (Paid obituary)

Lula Tackett

Lula Tackett, 73, of Bevinsville, died Saturday, April 16, 2005, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born November 14, 1931, in Robinson Creek, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Mary Casebolt Tackett. She was a retired factory worker for Corning Glass in Albion, Michigan; and was a member of the Old Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church at Minnie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Denver Tackett.

Survivors include four sons: Randall Tackett of Bevinsville, David Tackett of Wheelwright, Amos Tackett of Mt. Sterling, and Scott Tackett of Melvin; two daughters: Lucille Gayheart of Bypro and Betty Cook of Wheelwright; a brother, Harvey Lee Tackett of Connecticut; two sisters: Geneva Tackett of Virgie, and Sadie Marie Bookheimer of Georgia; 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Randall Lynn Tackett; one daughter, Mary Vinamae Tackett; and four brothers: Kermit Tackett, Herman Tackett, Dave Jack Tackett and Clyde Tackett.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 18, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, at Bevinsville, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Tackett Cemetery, at Hen Pen, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church, where services were held nightly, at 6:30 p.m. (Paid obituary)

Mary Ousley

Mary Ousley, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at her residence.

Born October 27, 1926, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Taylor and Flossie Shepherd Slone. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Ousley.

Survivors include: Two sons: Eugene Ousley and George Ousley, both of Prestonsburg; one brother, Taylor Slone of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Marie Prater, Thelma Shepherd, and Maudie Ousley, all of Blue River; two grandchildren: Gary and Corey; and one great-grandchild, Hunter.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Martha Ousley and Lois Collins.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, April 21, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Malcom Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Ousley Cemetery, at Caney Fork, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

James Henry Hobson

James Henry Hobson, age 89, of 708 Jason Lane, Noblesville, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2005, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

He was born on May 5, 1915, in McDowell, the son of George Douglas and Mary Catherine Fife Hobson.

He had lived in Fayette County, until October of 2002, when he went to Noblesville to be near his daughter.

He enlisted on May 4, 1942, at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky as a T/4 Sgt. in the United States Army Medical. He served in the 3rd Medical Depot Company (supply department) while serving in New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea, and the Phillipine Islands. He had received the Good Conduct medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three Bronze Stars. He was discharged in December of 1945, at Ft. Knox as a T/4 Sergeant.

He was a member of the American Legion and the Little Children's Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist, where he served as a deacon of the church.

He worked in the coal mines in Kentucky, until moving to Indiana, where he began at Rex Manufacturing/Philco Ford, retiring in 1969 due to his health. He had served as Township Trustee in Columbia Township and had been on the Columbia Cemetery Board. He had formerly belonged to the Columbia United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing, working cross-

word puzzles, and watching baseball and basketball.

He is survived by his wife, June Moore Hobson, whom he married on July 2, 1947, in Pikeville, Kentucky; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Michael Emerick of Noblesville, Indiana; a brother, Homer Hobson of Florida; four sisters: Geneva Beverly of Kentucky, Rebecca Elliott of McDowell, Virginia Burke of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Viola Sexton of Kentucky; three grandchildren: Jeffrey Emerick, Natalie Clark and Jennifer Emerick; two great-grandchildren: Jeffrey Emerick, Natalie Clark, and Jennifer Emerick; two great-grandchildren: Jasmine Clark and Lauren Emerick; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, and three infant sisters and brothers, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Charlie, Earl and Leonard Hobson; five sisters: Alice, Wanda, Sara, Pearl and Hazel; and a daughter, Esta Jane Hobson, who died in 1954.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 21, at Urban Winkler Funeral Home, in Connorsville, Indiana, with Elder Buford Brock and Elder Roy Caudill officiating.

Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery with military graveside services being conducted by the Fayette County Color Guard.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday, April 20, from 4 to 8 p.m. (Paid obituary)

Iness Richmond Stiltner

Iness Richmond Stiltner, age 87, of Eastern, wife of the late Fleming K. Stiltner passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born August 8, 1917, in Portsmouth, Ohio, the daughter of the late Bruce Richmond and Pearl Rose Richmond Akers. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Lackey Freewill Baptist Church since 1973.

Survivors include two sons: Herbert Lee Stiltner of Lakeland, Florida, and Fleming Stiltner Jr., of Romulus, Michigan; six daughters: Evelyn Stiltner Carty of Lima, Ohio, Betty Jean Stiltner Hall of Hippo, Loretta Gaye Stiltner Meade of Rittman, Ohio, Patricia Faye Stiltner of Eastern, Vivian Ruth Stiltner Draper of Stocking Bridge, Michigan, and Linda Stiltner Daniels of

Eastern; two brothers: Bill Akers and Earl Akers, both of Shepherdsville; two sisters: Pat Akers Greenwell of Tampa, Florida, and Nora Akers Burnett of Shepherdsville; 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Fred Akers and Vance Richmond; and two sisters: Faye Richmond Hall and Eva Jean Akers Hall.

Funeral services for Iness Richmond Stiltner will be conducted Thursday, April 21, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Johnny Collins and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial will follow in the Johnson Memorial Park, Pikeville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Ruby Shepherd Arizmendi

Ruby Arizmendi, age 71, of Marshall, Michigan, died Sunday evening, April 17, 2005.

Mrs. Arizmendi was born on January 15, 1934, in Spurlock, Kentucky, the daughter of Will and Lula (Hale) Shepherd.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Austreberto; children: Sarita (Dale) Parlin, Arturo (Cindy) Arizmendi, Wanda (Jeff) Arizmendi Baker, Laurie (Tony) Gladstone, and Therese (Steve) Pattinson; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, sisters: Vina Adams, Alice Briggs, Emma Moreno, Lila (Kenneth) Lewis, and Lora (Donald) Jordan; brothers: Johnnie Shepherd,

Tommy (Alice) Shepherd, Bill Shepherd, Holbert (Linda) Shepherd, Earl (Mary) Shepherd, and Jack (Kay) Shepherd; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Henry Shepherd.

Services to celebrate her life will be held at 10:30, Thursday, April 21, at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home, in Marshall, Michigan.

Friends who wish, may make memorial contributions to the Ruby Arizmendi Memorial Fund, or to Church of Christ. Assistance with memorials is available at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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The family of Estill Gunnells would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends and neighbors who helped during our time of loss—with food, flowers, or just a visit with a kind word of comfort. We want to send a special thanks to the Clergymen Harold Stanley and Farris Lawson and the singers from the Mare Creek Church of Christ. We also want to thank Pastor Arnold Turner, Associate Pastor Larry Brashear, and members of the Allen Baptist Church for all their prayers, visits and food; the staff of the Floyd County Health Department for their support and food; the sheriff's department for traffic control; City Florist, Maggie's Corner, and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their very kind and professional service.
The Family of Estill Gunnells

Lethal injection put on trial

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The defendants were sodium thiopental, pancuronium bromide, potassium chloride, intravenous procedures and an inch-thick document on how to conduct an execution.

Kentucky's lethal injection method of capital punishment went on trial Monday.

Condemned inmates Ralph Baze and Thomas Clyde Bowling, and by extension the other 34 people on Death Row in Kentucky, claim the drugs and procedures produce a painful, tortuous death that is barred by the Kentucky and U.S. constitutions.

Attorneys for the Corrections Department counter that the inmates want procedures that are more stringent than required of a hospital and any claims of pain are speculative at best.

Franklin County Circuit Judge Roger Crittenden issued a stay just days before Bowling's scheduled execution in November to take up the case. Crittenden scheduled four days of a bench trial this week and more proceedings next month to let the Corrections Department defend its procedures. Until the ruling, and the outcome of the likely appeal, Kentucky will not be carrying out any executions.

The three drugs are used to put the condemned inmate to sleep, paralyze and then kill them. Most of the procedures involve security operations at the Kentucky State Penitentiary. Attorneys for Baze and Bowling, who work for the Department of Public Advocacy, are focusing on what happens when the condemned is taken into the death chamber on a gurney, hooked up to an IV and the drugs administered.

Ted Shouse, one of the public

advocates, said the procedures and drug mixture would subject corrections officials to a misdemeanor animal cruelty charge "if they came to put my dog down using the protocol."

Corrections attorney Jeff Middendorf said the allegations raised about the harm are speculative.

Eddie Lee Harper is the only Kentucky inmate put to death by lethal injection, on May 25, 1999.

Dr. Tracey Corey, Kentucky's chief medical examiner, and a toxicology expert who examined Harper's blood, said there was no evidence of

problems with placing the IV or that Harper would have been awake when the fatal drug was introduced.

Deborah Denno, a Fordham University law professor who has written extensively on lethal injection, said there is no medical research that she is aware of that has examined the actual drugs used or whether inmates are in pain during the procedure.

Three people present when Harper was executed said he appeared to fall unconscious moments after the first drug was administered and did not appear to be in any pain.

Phil Parker, the retired war-

den at the penitentiary, said he stood inches from Harper during the execution but tried not to pay too much attention to the inmate as he was watching other procedures. "I've tried to forget it, to be honest with you," Parker said.

State records show Harper was declared dead 12 minutes after the first drug was injected into the IV.

Among the witnesses to be called by attorneys for Baze and Bowling are an expert on drug interactions and a woman who has complained that she was given one of the drugs but could feel pain all during a surgery.

Lobbyist drop more than \$4 million during legislative session

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Corporations, lobbyists and interest groups spent \$4.3 million during the recent legislative session — more than half of that came from industries such as health care, pharmaceuticals, insurance, horses and gambling.

In 2003, lobbyists spent about \$3 million during the 2003 session, nearly 50 percent less than this year's 29-day session that ended in March.

Experts said the reworking of the state's tax code addressed by

the General Assembly brought about much of the spending.

Companies were interested in minimizing their taxes, said Anthony Wilhoit, executive director of the Legislative Ethics Commission, a group that tracks lobbying costs.

"Any time you have taxes on the table, that's when the big guns get called out," Wilhoit said.

Lobbyist James "Jitter" Allen, a former state representative who works for companies and trade groups for products like beer, cigarettes, food, cable television, railroads, asphalt, manufacturing and

prescription drugs, proved to be one of the more high-profile lobbyists stalking the tax plan.

"I had clients with interests all over this thing," Allen said. "Some of them liked parts of it; some of them didn't like parts of it."

In the end, business lobbyists said, their clients generally were satisfied with the tax plan that emerged. Tobacco and alcohol company lobbyists were resigned to seeing increased taxes on their products, but worked to keep the measures as small as possible.

The tax on a pack of cigarettes

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IT'S PARENT MEMBER ELECTION TIME!

May Valley Elementary School Council

A parent representative on the council shall not be an employee of the school in which the parent serves. The parent members of the council shall not be employees or relatives of employees of the district central office, nor shall they be a local board member or his spouse. (Relative is defined as "father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law.") Parent members must have a child enrolled in the school during their term on council. The parent member does not have to be a member of the PTA.

The parent members of the council are elected by the parents, receive training, and serve one year terms. It's now time to choose our parent members for 2005-2006.

Nominations are due to The Family Resource Center beginning April 20, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., and will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., on May 2, 2005. Please pick up a nomination form if you are interested in being a candidate, or encourage a friend to run!
• Please deposit your nomination forms in the box so designated. Please do not forget to sign the nomination forms at the bottom. There will also be a sign-in sheet attached to the box. Please make sure you sign the sheet and provide the information requested.
• If your child will be enrolled in Kindergarten at May Valley Elementary for the school year 2005-2006, you may also be a nominee if you meet the qualifications so stated.

Voting will be held May 9, 2005, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the school library. Please plan to participate. Cast your vote, yourself, in person.

Results will be announced (in the event of a tie between two or more candidates, a runoff will be conducted between those candidates only) on May 10, 2005, 8:00 a.m.; and also again at 3:00 p.m., in the school office. Please plan to be present for this important event.

If you'd like more information, please feel free to leave a message for PTO President, Ronnie Samons, at 285-0883.

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Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

John W. Hall Lodge F&AM plans dinner meeting

John W. Hall Lodge 950 F&AM, Martin, will be having a Past Master and a Past Matron meeting and dinner on Saturday, April 23, at 7 p.m. Stephen C. Barnette, Master.

PHS class of '95

It's been 10 years! The PHS class of 1995 is planning a reunion. If you are a classmate, or know a classmate's whereabouts, email to: angelapotter1995@yahoo.com

Stop the Hurt

Stop the Hurt is an event in support of abuse awareness that will be held on April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Martin Comm. Center. Guest speakers, singing.

PHS Class of '84

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1984 is seeking members of the class for a 20/21st year reunion, scheduled to be held this coming July. If you are, or if you know of, a former classmate, please email to: phs_class_of_1984@yahoo.com, or call 606-638-3941.

Spring Piano Recital

Students of David Leslie will present their annual Spring Recital on April 24, at 5:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Pikeville. A reception will follow. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call 432-0633.

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.

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.

BLHS Class of 1955

Reunion to be held on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25. For information, call Marvin Williamson at 478-3310 or Gene Davis at 874-2873.

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. \$5/person, which includes a lunch of catfish, soup beans, cornbread, garden salad, cole slaw, beverage and dessert. For more info., contact Melissa Vance, Dir. of Comm. Dev. at HRMC, at 886-7468.

JCHS Class of '75

The Johnson Central High School Class of 1975 will hold a

30-year class reunion on June 11. For more information, contact Marsha Cantrell at 789-2080 or Kathy Trimble at 297-3202.

HRMC Comm.

Calendar - April-May

•April 23 - Healthy Living with Diabetes, Meeting Place A & B, Highlands Medical Office Bldg., 9-11:30 a.m.

•May 10 - Mended Hearts, Meeting Place A & B, 5-6 p.m.

•May 10 - Senior Advantage, Meeting Place A & B, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

•May 14 - Child Birth classes, Meeting Place A & B, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•May 19 - Living Well with Diabetes Support Group, Meeting Place A & B, 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.

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In

Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Age 55 or older?

If so, and you are also unemployed, and would like to make money while being trained in skills that will help you gain employment, or become re-employed, contact Bill Little, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Development District, at 886-2374. "Area Employers are Looking for Dependable Workers like YOU!"

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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 Care-giver 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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assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

•PARENTS! - Contact the 'Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

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

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Along with scores, anxiety a concern as CATS testing begins

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — While state education officials are considering adding more hours of testing to CATS — the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System set to begin Monday — some teachers and parents are worrying that anxiety over the test is causing some students to underperform.

"They have trouble sleeping. They feel nervous. They get stressed out," said Barbara Ballard, a guidance counselor at Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary School in Louisville.

Researchers estimate that 20 to 30 percent of American students suffer from the effects of test anxiety. The signs first appear in elementary grades and increase through middle school, researchers say.

"Most people think it's a handful of kids, but it's really closer to a fifth of students," said Richard Driscoll, a psychologist in Knoxville, Tenn., who also is program director for the American Test Anxieties Association.

Children with test anxiety score, on average, 12 percentile points lower than less anxious students, Driscoll said.

That's a concern in Kentucky public schools, which are judged on whether they meet state and federal goals by how well their students perform overall on the tests. Missing those goals opens schools to sanctions, including having to allow students to transfer to higher-performing schools.

Donna Russow, a therapist with Family & Children First, a nonprofit organization in Louisville, said she has seen more students suffering from test anxiety, especially in lower grades.

"It's not a kid who wants to get out of taking the test," she said. "They see it as a test of how smart they are, and they don't want to fail."

Younger students often fall victim to stress because they have an intense desire to please their teachers and parents, she said.

"For a lot of these children, you will find out they are feeling like they're going to let someone down — that they're not smart," Russow said. "They've really kind of blown the whole notion of the test out of proportion."

Melissa Parman, a fourth-grade teacher at Cane Run Elementary in Louisville, said test anxiety proved to be too much for one of her students.

"He literally threw up before we even got started," Parman said. "It was test anxiety. And that I worry about for all kids."

The Kentucky Department of Education exempted one student this year from completing the writing portfolio portion of the exam because the student's doctor said the student's "extreme anxiety" could have adverse effects. The student still had to take the other CATS tests.

Tyrone Stallard, a 10-year-old student at Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary School, described himself as nervous on the eve of testing.

"It made my heart beat a little faster and faster," Stallard said.

His classmate, 9-year-old Edwin Hall, said he has even been dreaming about CATS.

"I was in the classroom, and I was thinking, 'Oh, I can do this,'" Hall said. "And then I was taking the test, and I thought, 'Oh, I can't do this.'"

Ballard has given students mental exercises designed to help them think positively about the test.

"You're not feeling nervous or tense or worried because you know you're going to do your very best," Ballard told a group of students during a recent school

visit. "Not perfect, because nobody's perfect. There are going to be some things on the test that maybe you're not real sure of, but that's OK."

Card of Thanks

The family of Aileen Howard would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food and all the kindness expressed. A special thanks to Clergymen Jerry Manns, Sterling Bolen, and Bethel Bolen, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and professional service. All your acts of kindness were a great comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF AILEEN HOWARD

Card of Thanks

The family of Andy Newsome would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or spoke kind words. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergyman Don Crisp for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF ANDY NEWSOME

Card of Thanks

The family of Mazie Wanda Hamilton would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service.

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The family of Ollie Stumbo Tackett would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergymen Louie Ferrari and Bobby Isaac, for their comforting words, the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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City's next mayor in line for big pay raise

The Associated Press

LOUISA — The winner of Louisa's next mayoral race will apparently be in line for a big pay raise compared to his or her predecessors.

The city council in this eastern Kentucky town approved a measure this past week that would raise the mayor's salary from \$3,600 to \$30,000 annually. The council voted 3-2 in favor of the raise, which would not go into effect until after the next election.

Mayors in cities the size of Louisa — about 2,000 residents — are allowed to make up to \$35,000, according to state law. "We want to make this a full-time position," said Joyce

Castle, a council member who supported the pay raise. "We want the mayor to get involved in writing grants and trying to bring more businesses in. We have a \$3 million budget and we should have someone to oversee all of the projects included in that budget."

State law does not allow city councils to set the number of hours a mayor is required to work, she said.

"We want the mayor to be able to work full time without having to worry about having another job," Castle said.

She said the mayor already is answering calls night and day and should get compensated for the amount of work done for the city.

Tom Lykins, a council member who voted against the pay raise, said he does not object to giving the mayor a raise, but called the \$30,000 salary ludicrous.

He said it would be more appropriate to start out with a salary of \$15,000 or \$20,000.

Because there are no required hours, Lykins said, the mayor could milk the system, working minimally and getting paid a healthy salary. He said the city should have consulted with its accountant before taking such a dramatic step.

Castle said the city had \$175,000 left over last fiscal year and is financially stable enough to pay the salary increase.

College football player on sex offender list

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College officials said a registered sex offender who received a football scholarship from the school is "not someone we needed to be concerned about."

Jermaine Hampton, a tight end from Naples, Fla., is listed on Kentucky's sex offender registry.

But school officials did not notify students or the public of Hampton's conviction on a sex-related crime.

"We did not have a duty to put a scarlet letter on this young man," said Pikeville College President Hal Smith. "We were very comfortable after our investigation that this was not someone we needed to be concerned about."

Smith said his legal advisers told him he didn't have to notify his student body or their parents.

Kentucky colleges are not required to identify students who are registered sex offenders, Pike County Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley said.

Hampton was playing at Valdosta State University in June

2002 when he was charged in Florida with attempted battery, attempted rape and promoting sexual performance by a child. He was acquitted of attempted rape, but convicted of the other charges after admitting in court that he photographed the girl during the assault.

But school athletics officials backed Hampton.

Rick Bentley, an assistant athletic director, said, "He's been a quality kid since he's been here."

But Florida Assistant State Attorney Steve Maresca — who prosecuted Hampton in 2002 — was surprised Pikeville had not taken steps to disclose that Hampton was on sex offender registries in Florida and Kentucky when he enrolled last fall.

"I'm not saying anything will happen," Maresca said, "but if anything did happen on that school's property and they had failed to put their students on notice, they could be in some trouble, I'd think — but then I'm not a civil attorney."

Hampton is still serving three years of unsupervised probation, according to court records.

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American Indian Tribe, owners of Mohegan Sun casino.

Stanley is also seeking funding from state and federal governments.

"Facts are on our side. History is on our side, and the first president came from Norwich, and we should have a presidential library," he said at a news conference.

But Norwich Mayor Arthur Lathrop said he plans to use the \$1 million from the Mohegans for downtown redevelopment, not a presidential library.

Huntington signed the Declaration of Independence and served as the state's governor from 1786 until his death in 1796. The Articles of Confederation were replaced by the U.S. Constitution in 1789.

Lobbyist

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soon will be 30 cents, up from 3 cents, but some lawmakers had called for twice that, said lobbyist Ronald Pryor, who worked for Lorillard Tobacco.

"Obviously, we would have liked it to be lower. But given that it hadn't been raised in 35 years, we did as well as reasonably could be expected," Pryor said.

Of the \$4.3 million in lobbying costs, \$4.2 million paid the salaries and expenses of more than 400 registered lobbyists.

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P'burg doubles up Allen Central Blackcats win eighth straight contest

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – Prestonsburg got its third district win of the 2005 season Monday night, beating host Allen Central 4-2 in a game played at Stumbo Park. The Blackcats led 3-1 at the end of the sec-

ond inning and made the lead stick.

The Blackcat baseball team continues to play some of the area's most sound baseball. The win over Allen Central was Prestonsburg's eighth straight victory. Earlier in the season, Allen Central beat Prestonsburg 4-1 in the East Kentucky Invitational tourna-

ment held at Knott County Central. Since that loss, Prestonsburg has reeled off eight straight wins.

Junior pitcher Brenton Hamilton went the distance for the Blackcats. Hamilton, after allowing one run in the opening inning, held Rebel batters in check for the most of the rest of the

way. Hamilton is in first season with the Prestonsburg baseball team.

Leadoff hitter Brandon Campbell walked twice and had a single for visiting Prestonsburg. More importantly, Campbell scored twice – once in the first inning and once in the seventh inning.

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Tilford, Ormerod capture state's top individual basketball honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKFORT – On Friday, Dominic Tilford of Jeffersontown was named Mr. Basketball and Sacred Heart's Carly Ormerod was named Miss Basketball.

Tilford, who was named Mr. Basketball in a race that had no clear frontrunner, beat out Hopkinsville's Curtis Pulley and Scott County's Jared Carter.

In the wide-open race, a record 25 players received votes from coaches around the state.

Tilford remains undecided on college. He is considering Auburn, West Virginia and Texas Christian. Neither Kentucky nor Louisville have shown much interest in the J'town player.

Both Pulley and Carter are headed to the University of Kentucky. Pulley has signed to play football for the Wildcats. Carter inked last week, signing on to play for the UK men's basketball program.

Tilford is the first Louisville area player to win the Mr. Basketball award since Jason Osborne took the honor in 1993. He had a stellar senior season, finishing with a scoring average of 20.6 points per game. As a senior, he also averaged 3.2 rebounds and 4.1 assists per outing.

Ormerod is the second Sacred Heart girls' basketball player to win the Miss Basketball award in as many seasons. The two-time state tournament MVP led Sacred Heart to a remarkable 135-8 record in four seasons. The four-year run included three state championships. She helped lead Sacred Heart to a state title in each of her first three high school seasons.

Ormerod, who is headed to the University of Kentucky and the resurgent women's basketball program under the watchful eye of head coach Mickie DeMoss, averaged 16.1 points, 6.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists per contest in her final high school basketball season.

Locally, Knott County Central High School senior Kasi Mullins-Galloway, another student-athlete headed to the University of Kentucky, also drew attention for the state's top individual girls' basketball honor.

Bonza signs with Alice Lloyd: Corbin High School senior Jamie Bonza has signed on with the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball program. Bonza, a point guard, made her college choice official last week, signing with the ALC women's basketball program.

Blackcats beat Knott Central, South Floyd



photo by Jamie Howell

Josh Rodebaugh, Brenton Hamilton and Cory Tincher, pictured on the mound, left to right, all had a hand in Prestonsburg's 21-3 win over district/conference rival South Floyd.

After routine first inning, P'burg routs Raiders, 21-3

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – In what turned out to be one of its most hard-fought wins of the season, Prestonsburg prevailed last Thursday night. The Blackcats, playing on the road at neighboring Knott County Central, withstood a four-running fifth inning from the host team and held on to win 8-6.

Pitching for the Blackcats, Andrew Shepherd came on strong and earned the victory.

Prestonsburg hit Knott Central hard early on, scoring two runs in both the first and second innings. Brandon Campbell, Nick McGuire, Cory Tincher and Dalton Taylor all scored for Prestonsburg in the first two innings. Taylor scored after coming in as a courtesy runner for Blackcat catcher Tyler Layne.

Layne and Josh Rodebaugh each

had a double apiece for the Blackcats. Brenton Hamilton added two doubles.

Prestonsburg had two more runs in the second inning before scoring a single run in the fifth and seventh innings. The Blackcats led 7-6 in the seventh inning when they added the insurance run.

The Blackcats, playing under new head coach Bob Shepherd, won their third district/conference game of the season Friday, beating rival South Floyd rather easily.

Prestonsburg returned to the diamond Friday evening and had a much easier time against visiting South Floyd. In a 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup, Prestonsburg blew open a 1-0 game in the third inning, plating four runs. The Blackcats led 5-0 at the end of the second inning when South Floyd scored two runs in the visiting half of the third inning. For South Floyd, pitcher Scott Allen

doubled and Justin Slone homered, accounting for the two third-inning

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Monday's games	
Bath County 22, Elliott Co. 3	
Beechwood 4, Ludlow 0	
Belfry 4, Pike County Central 2	
Breathitt Co. 13, Cordia3 (5 innings)	
Buckhorn 14, June Buchanan 4	
Clay Co.13, Leslie Co. 2(5 innings)	
East Carter 12, Lewis Co. 2(5 innings)	
East Ridge 4 Betsy Layne 0	
Fairview 6, Rose Hill Christian 1	
Johnson Central 8, Hazard 5	
Paintsville 7, Lawrence County 6	
Perry Co. Central 5, Knott Co. Central 0	
Phelps 15, Shelby Valley 11	
Prestonsburg4, Allen Central 2	
Rowan Co. 3, George Rogers Clark 2	
Somerset 5, Rockcastle County 0	
South Laurel 7, at Williamsburg 3	

Martin fires even par 72 in opening round

MSU golfers keep pace in OVC Championships

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DECATUR, Ala. – Freshman Lee Chaney came through with a three-under par 69 and sophomore Ryan Martin, a former 15th Region champion from Prestonsburg High School shot an even par 72 Monday to lead the Morehead State Eagles in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Golf Championships being played at Burningtrees Golf Course in Decatur. As a team, MSU shot 295 and entered play Tuesday in seventh place, but only eight shots behind championship leader Samford.

Chaney is in a two-way tie for second place among individuals, one shot behind Justin Metzger of Austin Peay. Martin is tied for 10th place.

The OVC event got underway Monday and is scheduled to continue and conclude today. The MSU golf team has shown steady improvement throughout the spring season.

Junior Kyle Litter shot a four-over par 76, and junior Casey Wade and sophomore Matt Gann each shot six-over par 78.

Martin is now in his second season as a member of the Morehead State golf team. He and his Eagle teammates are playing an exceptional course.

Burningtrees Golf Course is a USGA Championship Course, having hosted the 1994 United States Amateur.

P'burg to offer girls' varsity soccer

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – During a recent site-based decision making council meeting, it was confirmed that during the fall, Prestonsburg High School will offer varsity girls' soccer. Locally, with the strength of Floyd County Youth Soccer being what it is, the move is very logical. The strength of the girls' soccer players coming up through the ranks validates a straight move into varsity competition. Many Floyd County girls' soccer players, those of whom are junior high age, already have hundreds of games behind them. Many play soccer four, five and six months out of the year.

"It's gonna help us in getting more girls here at our high school involved," Prestonsburg High Principal Ted George acknowledged.

As of right now, there is no field available for the Prestonsburg High girls' soccer.

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Defending the crown

PC women, men set to compete in national bowling championships

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Eight young women from Pikeville College will begin defense of the first team national championship in school history on Thursday morning when the 2005 Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, a United States Bowling Congress Event, invade The Cherry Bowl in Rockford, Ill., on April 20-23.

In addition, the men's bowling team will make its first appearance in

the national tournament this year, having entered as the champions of the Chattanooga Sectional.

The Intercollegiate Bowling Championships is the pinnacle event of the college bowling season, bringing together the top 16 men's and top 16 women's teams in the country to compete for national titles on College Sports Television (CSTV).

Pikeville defeated Wichita State in the 2004 women's final in Tulsa, Okla., to claim the school's first national championship in any sport in

its 116-year history. Wichita State also qualified and will make its record 30th appearance, including 24 straight since 1982.

"Clearly we have some experience to draw on from last year, but this is an entirely different event," said Ron Damron, bowling coach of Pikeville. "I like our team and look forward to the chance to represent our school as well as East Kentucky in the national tournament again."

The Lady Bears return six

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Bowling

bowlers from last year's national championship team, including three seniors. April Ellis, a first-team All-American a year ago, returns, along with classmates Patty Trusty and Stacey Wyatt. The three of them have been in the national tournament all four seasons of their collegiate career.

Three juniors return with championship experience as well. They include LaDeanna Damron, Michelle Leonard and Tracy Miller. Two freshmen will make their first appearance in the tournament, as Kayla Bandy and Michelle McKay round out the squad.

Competition begins 9 a.m. Thursday, April 21 at The Cherry Bowl with 32 Baker System games to determine seeds for the double-elimination match play format, which begins Friday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. Semifinals and TV finals in both divisions will be held on Saturday, April 23.

Other qualifiers in the women's division, which features six former champions, are Central Florida, Erie Community College (N.Y.), Fresno State, Kansas, Lindenwood (Mo.), Maryland-Eastern Shore, McKendree (Ill.), Missouri Baptist, Morehead State, Newman (Kan.), Penn State, Purdue, West Texas A&M and Western Illinois.

Kansas defeated Saginaw Valley State, which also qualified for the 2005 IBC, in the 2004 men's final. The Jayhawks, who returns 2005 U.S. Amateur champion and 2004 IBC Most Valuable Player Rhino Page, are looking to become the first men's team to repeat since Western Illinois in 2001 and 2002.

UNLV, Newman (Kan.), and Toledo will join Pikeville in making their first appearances at the IBC in the men's division. Wichita State advanced for the 20th consecutive year and

men's record 25th time overall.

"I'm very proud of our guys and what they've been able to accomplish this year," Damron said. "These are some quality young men who are very good bowlers, and I think we have as good a chance as anybody this week."

Other qualifiers in the men's division, which features eight past champions, are Erie Community College (N.Y.), Fresno State, Lindenwood (Mo.), Morehead State, Nebraska, Penn State, Vincennes (Ind.), West Texas A&M and Western Illinois.

For the most up-to-date information available on Pikeville's attempt to win the national bowling championships, visit the school's Web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.pc.edu"](http://www.pc.edu) www.pc.edu and follow the link to the results as well as Sports Information Director Rick Bentley's online diary of the events of the week in Rockford.



Above, left: Floyd County Tide midfielder Kaitlyn Minix made the tackle, then made the pass with the outside of her foot to her teammate.

Below: Tide forward Jerralyn Kelsey raced the Dragon defender to the ball. Above, right: Goalkeeper Alexis DeRossett, of the Tide, looked for her midfielder after she made the save. More on the Tide appears on page B7.

Soccer

cer team. However, George hopes to have a field as soon as possible.

"That's the only thing right now - there isn't a place to play," George added. "We've

looked at some different options and continue to look at some things."

It isn't too far fetched to say that the Prestonsburg High girls' soccer team could find a home

near StoneCrest Golf Course.

The official naming of a coach for the Prestonsburg High girls' soccer program is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

Blackcats

In the second inning, Corey Tinch and Andrew Shepherd both singled and scored for the Blackcats.

Bobby Hughes, batting second in the Prestonsburg order, finished with three singles. Freshman first baseman Josh Rodebaugh, the Prestonsburg cleanup hitter, added two singles.

Allen Central junior Tyler Turner took the loss for the Rebels.

Leadoff hitter Nick Music scored both runs for the Rebels. He scored in the first inning after reaching base on a single. He scored Allen Central's second and last run in the fifth inning.

Music and Rebel catcher Brock Kidd both held off the game with singles. After a somewhat turbulent first inning, Hamilton got into a nice pitching groove, though.

Allen Central batters managed just two hitters after the

second inning. In all, Hamilton allowed just four Allen Central hits. The Prestonsburg hurler finished stronger, striking out two of the Allen Central batters he faced in the seventh inning.

"Every thing went their way," said Johnson. "We couldn't catch a break. We had several chances to score with runners on base and our big bats couldn't get it done."

Hamilton threw a nice game as well for the Blackcats. They're rollin' right now, and we're going the opposite direction. We just ran into a team that is hot at the wrong time. Coach Shepherd has done a good job with them so far this season. We hit the ball good, but just right at them. Scott Little took 2 to the deepest part of the park only to be caught at the fence. I keep telling my guys we have to do the little things, and manufacture. We

just couldn't get it done."

Allen Central has now lost its last five games. Over the weekend, Allen Central fell to both East Carter and Ashland. East Carter mercied the Rebels 24-1 and Ashland beat Allen Central 10-0. Both Rebels losses came in five innings. Johnson hopes to see his team get back to where it was earlier in the season.

"We started the season off pretty hot, and then we had a few games canceled because of rain," Johnson added. "After that we have been cold. We were averaging 9 runs a game and in the last five we have averaged one per game. That's a big difference, especially in the outcome of a baseball game."

Allen Central was back on the diamond yesterday, hosting rival South Floyd. Prestonsburg is scheduled to return to action at home Tuesday against Cordia.

P'burg

runs. Prestonsburg scored three runs in the fourth inning en route to a 21-3 victory.

Neither team scored in the first inning. Prestonsburg went down in order with the top half of its lineup failing to produce any runs. Two of South Floyd's first three batters singled and scored in the top half of the first inning, but no runs came across.

Freshman Josh Rodebaugh,

who earned a role as a starting pitcher last season as an eighth-grader, took the mound and pitched the Blackcats to the win.

Brenton Hamilton added some offensive power for the Blackcats clubbing a home run and two doubles. Cory Tinch also had two doubles to go along with a single. Brandon Campbell and Bobby Hughes, the first two batters in the

Prestonsburg order, each had three singles. Nick McGuire, batting out of the third spot, added one single, one double and one triple.

East Ridge 4, Betsy Layne 0: Betsy Layne went out on the road Monday night and traveled to East Ridge. The Bobcats, coached by Frank Martin, struggled to find offense. Host East Ridge won 4-0.

Alice Lloyd College signs Noble Corbin guard led team to Sweet Sixteen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CORBIN - Last week, Corbin High School guard Jordan Noble made his college choice official, signing with Alice Lloyd College. Noble is a 6-3 shooting guard. He averaged 21 points, four rebounds and three assists per game for Coach Tony Pietrowski's team, a squad that advanced to this

year's State Tournament. He is the son of Scott and Kathy Barker Noble, of Corbin. Both of his parents attended Alice Lloyd and participated in athletics in the early 1980s. His father played baseball and his mother played basketball, also for current men's basketball coach Gary Gibson, who was coaching the ALC women's basketball team at the time.

Gibson is very pleased to have signed Noble.

"Jordan is a very good shooter with really good size for the two guard position," said Gibson. "He is also an outstanding student in the classroom as well as basketball player. I believe that he has the tools necessary to have a fine career at Alice Lloyd College."



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Corbin senior Jordan Noble will follow in the footsteps of his parents and attend college at Alice Lloyd.











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ALC baseball team entering home stretch

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball team hosted Bluefield College last Monday in an Appalachian Athletic Conference doubleheader. After losing the first game 3-1, the Eagles came back to win the second game 5-2.

Jason Smith was the winning pitcher. Catcher Matthew Toney had a two run hit late in the game to help preserve the win. Josh Todd had three hits in the win. Todd also had two hits in the first game.

The Eagles traveled to Milligan College (Tenn.) for a three game series on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. They lost two heartbreakers on Saturday, losing 1-0 in both games. Jason Smith pitched

an outstanding game for the Eagles in the first game. He gave up only three infield hits. Jesse Smith pitched very well in the second game, giving up only five hits. Milligan won the last game of the series 12-1.

The Eagles are scheduled to be at home all week. They played Pikeville in a doubleheader on Tuesday. The Eagles will host Tennessee Temple on Thursday in a doubleheader scheduled for 2 p.m.. They have a three game AAC Conference series scheduled for Saturday (DH, 1 p.m.) and Sunday (1 p.m.) against Brevard College (NC).

Golf: The Alice Lloyd golf team played at Berea last Thursday. The Eagle golf squad played well losing to Berea College by only three strokes.

Softball: The Alice Lloyd

women's fast pitch softball team did not play last week. This week they were scheduled to play at Pikeville on Tuesday and they are scheduled to travel to Berea College on Thursday.

Alice Lloyd College Summer Basketball Camps scheduled: The dates for the Alice Lloyd College summer basketball camps have been set. The boys camp for grades 1-8, is scheduled for June 20-24. The camp will be conducted by Coach Gary Gibson. For more information or to get a brochure call Coach Gibson at 606-368-6127.

The girls camp for grades 2-12, is scheduled for June 27-July 1. The camp will be conducted by Coach David Adams. For more information or to get a brochure call Coach Adams at 606/368-6069.

Ohio clinches MU series with 7-4 win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ATHENS, Ohio - With the game tied at four in the bottom of the eighth, Jon Vendrell hit a three-run home run to give Ohio a 7-4 win to clinch the series against Marshall on Sunday afternoon.

Ohio (15-14, 6-4 MAC) scored four times in the inning, just moments after the Herd (11-20, 6-6 MAC) took a 4-3 lead.

Both teams notched a run in the second inning. Marshall took a 1-0 lead on an RBI single by Bubba Pfaff while the Bobcats tied it up in the bottom of the inning on a solo home run by catcher Ben Crabtree.

The bottom of the third saw the Bobcats take their first lead of the game, scoring two runs on MU starting pitcher Jeremy Slone. Slone, a graduate of Paintsville High School, pitched well.

Dusty Hammond doubled to score Bryan Buck, who was hit by a pitch earlier in the inning. With two outs, Ben Crabtree struck again, singling to left field to score Hammond.

The contest remained scoreless until the top of the seventh when Marshall's offense put three runs on the board. Joe Glevenyak started the inning off with a solo home run. It marked his team-leading seventh of the season. Aaron Jamieson and Aaron Levinson followed that up with two singles. Ohio U. went to the bullpen at that point, taking out Anthony Gressick in favor of John Angelicchi. Angelicchi recorded two quick outs, but would walk Bubba Pfaff to load the bases. With Nick Wolle due up, MU coach Dave Piepenbrink brought in Tommy Johnson. The freshman responded with a two-RBI single to put Marshall ahead 4-3.

Freshman David Slovak handled the Ohio U. hitters in the seventh, but ran into serious problems in the eighth. After walking the first two batters of the inning, Slovak hit Anthony Gressick to load the bases with no outs. Willie Walker singled to center to score the first run of the inning to bring up outfielder Phil Sabatini. Marshall caught a

break when Sabatini lined into a double play. The momentum was short-lived as the next batter, Jon Vendrell, belted a three-run home run to left center to put Ohio U. on top, 7-4.

Angelicchi took care of business in the ninth, allowing only a double by Roddy Stieger. He would take the win, his third of the season. Slovak took the loss, dropping to 1-4.

Marshall's offense once again out-hit the Bobcats, this time by a 10-9 margin. Four hitters recorded two hits: Glevenyak, Jamieson, Stieger and Pfaff. Freshman Tommy Johnson led the team with two RBIs. For the Bobcats, Jon Vendrell had a team-high three RBIs. Ben Crabtree knocked in two.

The Herd will look to get back on track with a home game on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. against the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky. The team will then take a weekend off from MAC play, traveling to Virginia Tech to take on the Hokies in a three-game set.

Hall of Fame coach 'Big House' Gaines dies

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Hall of Famer Clarence "Big House" Gaines, one of college basketball's winningest coaches during his 47 seasons at Winston-Salem State, died Monday, his daughter said. He was 81.

Gaines entered a hospital over the weekend after having a stroke, WRAZ-TV in Raleigh reported. Lisa Gaines McDonald told The Associated Press that her father died at 9:10 p.m. Monday, possibly from complications related to the stroke.

Gaines, a native of Paducah, retired in 1993 after 47 seasons at NCAA Division II Winston-Salem State. His 828 wins rank him fifth on the NCAA career coaching wins list, behind Dean Smith, Adolph Rupp,

Bob Knight and Jim Phelan.

Gaines had 18 20-win seasons and won 11 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles at Winston-Salem. In 1967 he led the Rams, featuring future NBA star Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, to a 31-1 record and an NCAA championship. He was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982.

Gaines was born and raised when segregation ruled the country. He was a young coach when Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball in 1947.

Gaines was a 6-foot-5, 265-pound high school prospect in 1941, and his college possibilities were considered slim.

Yet with the determination of his family and the black community, he was given

scholarship offers from three predominantly black colleges. He went to Morgan State, where a school worker inspired the nickname that stayed with him the rest of his life, telling him, "the only thing I've seen as big as you is a house."

After graduation he continued his career goal of becoming a dentist. He was offered a job as an assistant football and basketball coach at Winston-Salem Teachers' College and decided it would be a temporary solution until he figured out what to do next.

It turned into an unexpected career, one that Gaines loved for 47 years, all at Winston-Salem. He gave up coaching football after four years to focus on basketball.

Gaines' autobiography was titled "They Call Me Big House."

Union on top after first round of AAC tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Union College owns a four-stroke lead after the first round of the Appalachian Athletic Conference men's golf tournament on Monday at the Country

Club of Bristol in Bristol, Tenn. The Bulldogs fired a team score of 295 with Wade Harrell (Crossville, Tenn.) and Brandon Evans (Barbourville) each firing a team-best 72. Eddie Baker (Hamilton, Ohio) shot a 75 with Eric Wyrick (Hamilton, Ohio)

carding a 76. Freshman Parker Carter, a Hazard High School graduate, helped out with a 78.

Alice Lloyd College was also competing in the tournament. Results of the final two round, played Tuesday, were unavailable at press time.

Louisville men's tennis heads into C-USA tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The University of Louisville men's tennis team received a No. 3 seed and a first-round bye in the 2005 Conference USA Men's Tennis Championship. The Cardinals will face the winner of No. 5 seeded UAB and the No. 12 seed Saint Louis Friday at 8 a.m. at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center.

The Cardinals (19-8) are currently ranked No. 28 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, having reached their highest program ranking at No. 24 on March 29 of this season. Louisville also looks to extend its 40-match win streak at the Bass-

Rudd Tennis Center which began on April 21, 2002 with a 4-2 win over (then, No. 26 ranked) TCU in the C-USA tournament.

Sophomore Damar Johnson stands at No. 74 in the ITA singles rankings with a 17-12 overall and a 15-10 dual match record as the Cards' top seed. The tandem of juniors Jakob Gustafsson and Jeremy Clark lead the way in doubles. Gustafsson and Clark are currently No. 29 in the ITA doubles rankings with a 16-7 overall and dual match record at the No. 1 slot.

Clark, a Stanville native, has played both singles and doubles for the U of L tennis team. In doubles, he and Gustafsson has made for quite

a formidable pair.

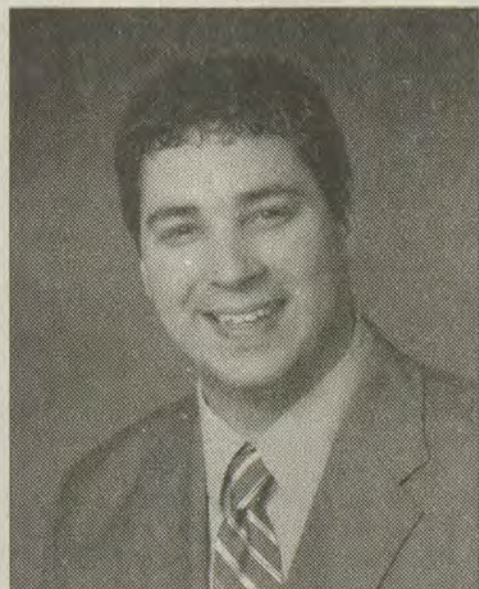
"We are happy that we earned a high seed that ensured us of a first round bye, but we are a little disappointed in the No. 3 seed," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarna. "As our men's basketball team proved this year, once the championship starts, it all comes down to execution and confidence, not where we are seeded. It is a privilege to host these highly competitive teams in our last dance together and we hope that the fans come out to see some fantastic tennis."

The C-USA Men's Tennis Championship will take place April 21-24 at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center and Chickasaw Park.

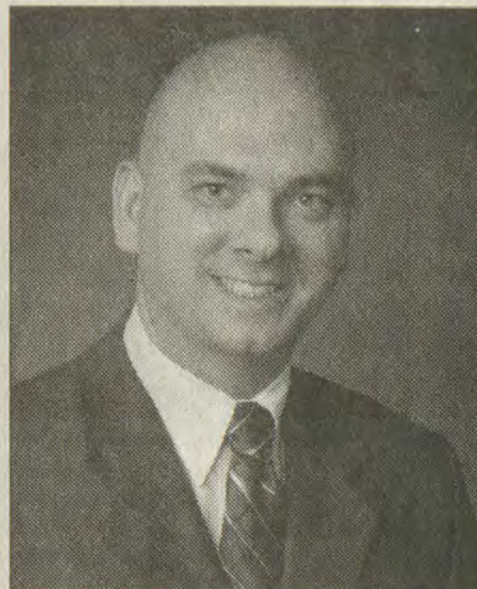
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photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd pitcher Scott Allen went to the plate with a pitch Friday evening during the game against host Prestonsburg.

Hazard native tosses winning score in Maroon-White game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University football team needed overtime to decide the winner of Saturday's annual Spring Game, and it was the Maroon squad which came out victorious, 26-23, behind the heroics of quarterback Steven Sizemore in front of a crowd of 2,650 at Roy Kidd Stadium. A native of Lost Creek, Sizemore connected with Matt Schoborg for a 24-yard strike down to the one-yard line, then punched in the game-winning touchdown to lead the Maroon team to victory. Sizemore is a Hazard High School graduate.

Tied at 20-all after four quarters of action, head coach Danny Hope decided to send the contest into overtime with both

teams starting from their opponents 25-yard line. The White team took the ball at the start of overtime but was held to a 40-yard Zach Wertz field goal. After sophomore Mark Dunn moved the chains with an 11-yard scamper, the White team looked to be in good shape with first and 10 at the 14-yard line. But a blocking penalty and a sack by Mark Cristiani and Jerome James killed the team's momentum and forced them to settle for a field goal.

Sizemore immediately came out firing on the Maroon team's possession. Though his first pass attempt was dropped in the end zone, Sizemore came right back and hit Schoborg for the 24-yard completion. On first and goal from the one, Sizemore plunged over the line to give the

Maroon squad the win. "We weren't going to let it end in a tie, so we decided to send the game into overtime, but I was afraid it was going to go into double overtime there for a while," said Hope. "I was very pleased with the crowd tonight. It was one of the biggest we have ever had for the spring game and we appreciate all of our fans for their support and enthusiasm because it adds a lot of fire to our program."

Dunn led the White squad with a pair of touchdown runs in the loss, the first of which sent his team into the half with a 13-10 advantage. Sophomore wide receiver Quinton Williams matched Dunn's production by catching a pair of scores, one from both Sizemore and freshman Zach Denton. Williams last

touchdown catch tied the game at 20-all with 4.4 seconds left in the third quarter and would mark the last scoring by either team until overtime, as both defenses held tough in the fourth quarter.

Strong defensive play was a theme throughout the night and was never more evident than in the first half. On the White team's second possession of the game, Maroon linebacker Jerome Jones picked off quarterback Josh Greco. The White team responded on the Maroon team's ensuing possession, as Kody Tuupo intercepted a Sizemore pass and took it 90 yards for the first touchdown of the game.

Williams' first touchdown catch, a five-yard pass from Denton, tied the game at 7-all with 9:27 to play in the second quarter. The Maroon went ahead

10-7 with 4:52 remaining in the half off a 35-yard field goal by Wertz, but trailed 13-10 at the half after an eight-yard touchdown run by Dunn (the extra point was blocked).

The Maroon team tied the game at 13-all thanks to Wertz's second of three field goals on the night (a 42 yarder) with 6:35 left in the third quarter. Dunn tallied his second touchdown of the game just two minutes later to give the White team a 20-13 lead, which Williams erased with a 16-yard touchdown catch from Sizemore.

In the end, it was the steady play of the Maroon team's defense which made the difference in the game, preventing the first-team White offense from moving the ball with any consistency in the fourth quarter and

overtime session. "We went live on the quarterbacks tonight, which I thought was a difference maker in the scrimmage and made things a little bit tighter on offense. I had the scrimmage organized so that our first teams played against each other. I wanted to see our best up against our best," said Hope. "I was hoping that our first team offense would operate a little bit better than it did. A lot of times when you go into these scrimmages, the defense is told to play vanilla and they're limited, but we went out there with an unabridged game plan and they blitzed a lot. That was a good test for our offense but made things harder on them. I think what is evident right now, is that our first team defense plays with a lot of confidence."

Officials discuss plans for new basketball arena

by MALCOLM C. KNOX ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A committee has decided to examine building a new arena, rather than renovate the motion in a meeting in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium on Friday. The committee was created with the mission of making the Cardinals' facilities competitive with the those of their Big East opponents. The Cardinals begin competition in the Big East in all sports in fall.

The Executive Committee of the Big East Facilities Task Force approved the motion in a meeting in Papa John's Cardinal Stadium on Friday. The committee was created with the mission of making the Cardinals' facilities competitive with the those of their Big East opponents. The Cardinals begin competition in the Big East in all sports in fall.

Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson's first preference for the location of the new venue is downtown Louisville, near 4th Street Live, an entertainment district several months old. Other downtown amenities within walking distance would include the under-construction Muhammad Ali Center, the Kentucky International Convention Center, and a newly opened Marriott hotel.

Cardinals athletics director Tom Jurich likes a downtown location as well, but closer to the riverfront, similar to

Cincinnati's Paul Brown Stadium and Great American Ball Park.

There is also a plan for a new arena to be built near the current one, 50-year-old Freedom Hall.

"Nobody's asked for my view, and my view very candidly, isn't very important," university president James Ramsey said. "If I had my druthers, I'd put it right over there on campus. ... Every option should be on the table. There should be no vested interest. Everybody should come and lay the facts on the table."

Ramsey has received e-mails, phone calls, and been stopped in public and accused of being "anti-downtown" in the past few days, he said. He pointed out in the meeting that the university has invested in downtown Louisville, including its Health Sciences Center downtown campus.

"We have a payroll in downtown Louisville of \$300 million," he said. "We are downtown."

Mayor's spokesman Chad Carlton doesn't think the sides are far apart.

"It needs to be a thoughtful discussion not a sprint to judgment," Carlton said. "I think people are more closely

aligned on this issue than it may seem at some points. I think there's a lot more consensus than there is conflict in this issue."

The task force also approved a motion which laid out a "critical list of essential needs" that would have to be included in any agreement, regardless of the location. That list included priority scheduling for the men's and women's basketball teams, revenue sharing for concessions, rights to sell luxury suites, court side seating and advertising, and a share of parking revenue.

At least one Task Force member questioned whether they would be requiring too much of a new landlord.

Harold Workman, chairman of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center Fair Board, said the requirements were similar to the current deal with Freedom Hall.

"These are not unreasonable," Workman said.

If the worst-case scenario comes down to the basketball team staying at Freedom Hall, Jurich says that's fine too.

"Remember one thing: we don't have to go," he said. "We went to the Final Four under these circumstances."

Louisville signee shows off at Derby Classic

By MALCOLM C. KNOX ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOUISVILLE — Marcus Williams, of Seattle, led the Gold Team, with 19 points, to a 136-125 victory in the Derby Classic basketball game, Saturday.

Also for the Gold Team, Alonzo Gee, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., added 18. Greg Paulus of Syracuse, N.Y., had 10 assists and 11 points, including three three-pointers and was named MVP for the Gold Team. He said his job of distributing the ball was easy with the scorers he had on his team.

"That's just my game," he said. "I'm old-fashioned."

But the Black Team's Terrence Williams, also from Seattle, made the game his own personal showcase from the beginning. Williams, who has signed to play for the University of Louisville next season, he kissed the Cardinal logo on the

floor at center court.

"When he came out and kissed the bird, I knew he had them in the palm of his hand," said Williams' coach from Rainier Beach (Wash.) High School.

Terrance Williams, MVP for the Black Team, led all scorers in the annual high school all-star game, with 32, and won the dunk contest at halftime.

"I just came out to have fun," he said. "I didn't expect it to be like that."

And the pro-University of Louisville crowd roared its approval.

Terrance Williams scored perfect 40s on two dunks, when he put the ball between his legs in mid-air. After winning the contest, went to the sideline and made the "L" sign with his hand — holding up his middle and index fingers and extending his thumb — as Cardinal fans do.

The Black Team sprinted to an early 12-2 lead. The lead changed hands several times in

the first half but the Black Team led at the half, 61-58.

Terrance Williams scored nine of the Black Team's first 11 points in the second half. They extended the lead to 80-72. But the Gold Team fought back, taking the lead for good, 105-103, with 9:32 to play in the game.

Including Williams the Black Team had five players committed to Louisville next season. Paulus said the Gold Team joked about it being Louisville against the world.

"We wanted to put it 'em a little bit," said Paulus, who is headed to Duke next season.

Mario Chalmers of Anchorage, Alaska, led the Black team in assists with 10 and had 21 points.

The Black Team's Shane Clark, from Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia, and the Gold Team's Uche Echefu of Rockville, Md., led with 10 rebounds each.

Snyder pleased with Green-White scrimmage

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall head coach Mark Snyder got an extensive look at his new team during the Thundering Herd's annual Green-White Spring game Saturday.

"I was pleased," Snyder said. "I told the guys when we come out look crisp and well coached. It was a hot day, we went alot of plays and we got some work done so I am very pleased."

Individuals who stood out included Ahmad Bradshaw who amassed 134 all-purpose yards, Gerwin Williams who rushed for 71 yards, Nate Manns who caught two touchdown passes (including a 60-yarder from Derek Devine), and Jason Kaminski who recorded 11 tackles and three sacks.

Junior quarterback Jimmy Skinner ran with the first team unit and finished the day 8-of-14 for 75 yards. He completed an 8-yard fade pass to tight end Jeff Mullins for a score and was intercepted once by cor-

nerback Ivan Clark.

Sophomore Bernard Morris completed four of six passes for 76 yards with an 8-yard scoring toss to Nate Manns and a 40+ yard pass to Bradshaw, while junior college transfer Derek Devine finished the day completing two of three passes for 65 yards with an impressive 60-yard touchdown throw to Manns.

Marshall's defense controlled much of the scrimmage with junior defensive end Jason Kaminski picking up three sacks and 11 total tackles. Junior linebacker Matt Couch recorded nine stops and a sack, with Floyd Wright and Maurice Kitchens also picking up sacks.

A crowd estimated at more than 5,000 watched as the Thundering Herd wrapped up spring drills.

The event gave Snyder an opportunity to meet many of the green and white clad fans. The Thundering Herd head coach took the time, nearly an hour before the game, to go out and meet with fans who were tailgating outside of the stadium.

"I went out at about three

o'clock to meet with some of the fans who were tailgating and I was shocked," Snyder said. "The support was overwhelming. That's the reason I came back. Today was for the fans and I think our kids put on a good show for them."

Following the game, fans were invited down on the field for player and coach autographs.

SCRIMMAGE STATISTICS

Rushing (Carries-yards)
G. Williams, 7-71; Bradshaw, 7-39; Albin, 9-22; Cabarrus, 2-0; B. Morris, 4-(-19); Skinner, 1-(-1); Tunstalle, 3-4.
Passing (Comp.-Att.-yds.-TD-INT)
Skinner, 8-14-75-1-1; B. Morris, 4-6-76-1-0; Devine, 2-3-65-1-0.
Receiving (receptions-yds-TDs)
Bradshaw, 6-95-1; Moore, 1-6; Manns, 2-68-2; Mullins, 1-8-1; Parkhurst, 1-3; Nolan, 1-5; Fitzgerald, 1-1; Albin, 3-15; Shope, 1-6.
Field Goals
O'Connor, 1-for-1, Good from 35 yards.
Tackles (Total-TFL-SACKS)
Kaminski, 11-3-3; Couch, 9-3-1; Wilks, 7-0-0; Greer, 6-0-0; Frazie, 6-1-0; Hawkins, 5-0-0; D. Thomas, 4-1-0; Rodamer, 4-0-0; Wright, 3-1-1; Keyes, 3-0-0; Kitchens, 3-1-1; Hoskins, 2-0-0; El-Amin, 2-0-0; Romanello, 2-0-0; Garrett, 2-0-0; Moravec, 2-0-0; Clark, 1-0-0; Royal, 1-0-0; Lee, 1-0-0; T. Thomas, 1-0-0.

FAU hires Doherty

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Matt Doherty was hired as Florida Atlantic's coach, starting over two years after he resigned from North Carolina. Doherty, a former national coach of the year,

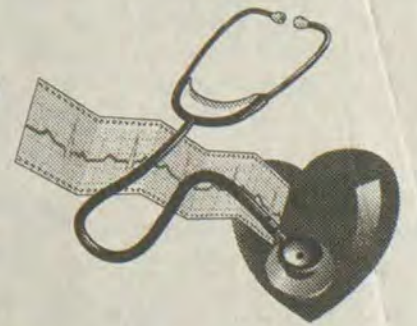
replaces Sidney Green, who was fired last month after three consecutive losing seasons, including a 10-17 mark this year.

Doherty agreed to a seven-year contract that pays him a base salary of \$171,000 annually; he could also earn bonus-

es based on ticket sales, and he'll profit from summer camps and endorsements. Doherty will pay FAU \$200,000 if he leaves after one season, \$100,000 after two, and progressively less each following year.

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UVA hires new hoops coach

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Dave Leitao was hired as Virginia's basketball coach Saturday, leaving DePaul for the Atlantic Coast Conference and hoping to revive a team

that went 14-15 last season.

He succeeds Pete Gillen, who resigned under pressure after seven seasons and just one NCAA tournament appearance. Leitao agreed to a five-year contract at \$925,000 annually.

The 44-year-old Leitao becomes the first black head coach at Virginia in any sport.

Previously, University of Kentucky men's basketball coach Orlando "Tubby" SMith has reportedly been courted for the job.

Keeneland breaks single-day attendance record

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Marty Wickins had a practical reason for arriving early at Keeneland on Saturday.

"You can get a good parking spot," the 29-year-old accountant from Toronto said, "especially on a day like today when it's going to be crowded."

It was still two hours until the first race, but as Wickins stood by the paddock hedges with his friend, 46-year-old Thomas Reed of Georgetown, activity and people buzzed all around.

The combination of a picture-perfect day in the Bluegrass, with temperatures hovering around 70 degrees, and a stellar field for the track's premier race, the Grade I Blue Grass Stakes, proved to be a powerful draw for the track.

Keeneland set a single-day track attendance record with 33,621 fans, surpassing the former mark of 31,028 fans, set April 17, 2004, for the running of the Grade II Lexington Stakes.

It's the second time in eight days Keeneland has drawn a crowd of 30,000 or more. The track drew 30,110 on April 9 for the Grade I Ashland Stakes.

"Thoroughbred racing is like any other sport," Keeneland President Nick

Nicholson said. "The more you know about it, the more you appreciate it when it's played well. It was certainly played well today."

Nicholson said Keeneland makes special preparations to handle such large crowds.

"We learned a lot of things last week," Nicholson said. "We're handling concessions a little differently. We did hire more (parking) shuttles this week. We're just trying to deal with the lines more efficiently."

One other preparation the track undertook was to print more programs. The previous Saturday, the track had 13,100 programs for sale, Keeneland spokeswoman Julie Balog said. On Blue Grass Saturday, 16,800 programs were for sale.

Bobby Shouse, a program seller, had three stacks of programs surrounding him in his sales booth near a main track entrance. One of the stacks was a little more than five feet high.

"We expected a big crowd," Shouse said as he did brisk business about 90 minutes before the first race. "We're ready for them. Days like today keep you skipping. They keep you lively."

A large crowd presents practical issues for fans as well. Wickins, who said he visits Keeneland each spring, said it's harder to make a bet

because of the lines at the mutual windows, which is another reason he and Reed chose to arrive early.

Bettors at Keeneland wagered \$2,902,230 on Saturday, the seventh-highest single-day total in track history.

The track's top seven single-day totals — and nine of the top 10 — have come on a Blue Grass Stakes day. The single-day record is \$3,516,621, set April 13, 2002.

Nicholson said that Keeneland "is all about having fun. When people come out here, we want them to have fun. We're continually learning, as we get to each new (attendance) plateau, what we need to do to have people have fun. As you look around, there are a lot of smiling faces."

One smiling face belonged to trainer Todd Pletcher, whose colt Bandini won the Blue Grass and sealed a trip to the Kentucky Derby on May 7.

Wickins said that although a large crowd was a little inconvenient, that as a racing fan he appreciated the interest in the sport.

"With the way horse racing is these days, it's going through tough times," he said. "You don't have as big of crowds any more, so to see a huge crowd like this is nice. It makes it feel like a big event, which it should be."

P'BURG LITTLE LEAGUE



photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg Little League got its season underway Saturday with opening day. Teams in all divisions have now begun playing.



Kentucky wins first SEC men's golf title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. — Kentucky won its first Southeastern Conference men's golf championship Sunday while Tennessee's David Skinnis won individual top honors.

Kentucky shot a three-over 283 Sunday to finish the three-round tournament at 875, two shots ahead of Auburn on the 7,005-yard Seaside Court at the Sea Island Golf Club.

Skinnis had a three-round score of 210, one shot better than Georgia's Richard Scott.

Skinnis and Auburn's Tyler McKeever shot the low rounds Sunday, two-under 68. McKeever finished in sixth place.

Skinnis is the first Tennessee player to capture the individual title since Mike Sposa in 1990.

Kentucky's final-round 283 was the low round for any team.

John Holmes led the Wildcats with a third-place fin-

ish at 215.

Kentucky's Matt Kohn and Florida's Brett Stegmaier tied for fourth at 217.

Georgia, the 2004 SEC champion, placed third with a three-day score of 883. Florida, which led after Saturday's round, was fourth at 888.

Tennessee placed fifth at 889. LSU and South Carolina tied for sixth at 899, followed by Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi State, Mississippi and Vanderbilt.

Allen Central Middle wins fourth match

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Allen Central Middle School Volleyball Team gets back on the winning track beating the Blackcats 21-12 and 21-11. Brittany Hodge rendered a sterling performance with four kills and no errors with a .800 kill percentage while attacking for 1,000 percent. She also paced the Rebels with three confirmed digs and two returns without error.

Koko Martin set the offense 12 times committing only one error and gaining three assists. Hannah Howard set up the hitters six times without error earning two assists. In addition to

Hodge's four kills, Natalie Glime and Sasha Jones thumped the ball through the Blackcat defense for one kill each.

Allen Central had a strong serving game with Kristin Reed and Brittany Clark each landing two aces. Reed had 10 serve attempts without error and Clark has seven attempts with no errors. Chelsie Cordial and Martin each landed the ball on the Adams' side earning an ace each.

Tiffany Clark had seven returns without error. Howard returned the ball four times without a boot and Elizabeth Hughes and Kimbo Blevins each passed it three times with no slips. Additionally, Glime

dug it up once and passed it three times without coughing it up, while Cordial and Clark also earned a confirmed dig.

The Rebels improve to 4 and 3 on the season. Hodge leads the Rebels in kills with 25; Howard has 21 assists and Martin has six aces, while Brittany Johnson and Cordial each have five; and Howard has returned the ball 46 times in 49 attempts.

The Rebels return to action Thursday at home at Allen Central Middle School, taking on the visiting Betsy Layne Bobcats. Allen Central Middle School Rebels will host its annual Volleyfest on Saturday.

Sheldon Clark, Allen Central split doubleheader

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GARRETT — On Saturday, Sheldon Clark traveled to Garrett Park and proved to be a worthy opponent for the host Allen Central Lady Rebels. The Lady Cardinals hit Allen Central senior pitcher Becky Thomas hard in top of the third inning and took advantage of three errors in the same inning to come away with a 8-6 win in the first game of the doubleheader.

Thomas lead the Lady Rebels at the plate as she drove in three runs in the bottom of the third as Allen Central rallied in the third to cut the lead to 7-6.

Sheldon Clark was able to push one more run across home plate and Freshman Tandra Parsons shut down the last six batters to secure the win.

"We just had a bad third inning, they hit Becky hard and we had three errors in the same inning. Allen Central Coach Mark Martin said following his team's loss."

Sheldon Clark took an early 1-0 lead in the second game as Tara Parsons continued to keep the Allen Central bats quite until the bottom of the third when Sophomore Beth Barnett drew a walk and Allen Central followed Barnett's walk with

five consecutive hits. Senior Becky Thomas drove in two runs off a drive to the outfield.

Allen Central went on to win 6-5.

Sheldon Clark rallied back and tied the score at 5-5 in the top of the fifth inning. Junior Samantha Nelson lead off the home standing inning with a walk and Allen Central loaded the bases with no outs. After Logan Cline scored an infield single, teammate Sara Kinney drew a base on balls to seal the win.

"Sara showed a lot of poise in the end. She has a good understanding of the game at a young age," Martin added.



BATTER UP... Young Little Leaguers and young aspiring Little Leaguers took the field Saturday in Prestonsburg during opening day ceremonies. These photos (left and below) were brought in by a Floyd County Times reader. All readers are invited to share their proud photos with the Times.



201 Speedway Race Summary

Saturday, April 16

First Late Model Heat: 97 David Powers; 28 Harold Redmond Jr.; 17 Steve Stollings; 0 Alban Watts; 12 Daniel Williams; 22 Tate Begley; 15 Corey McKenzie; 77 Robert Taco Fletcher.

Second Late Model Heat: 17 Shannon Thornsberry; 38 Raymond Nichols; 8 Anthony Adams; 00 Richard Smith; 13 Jamie Ferguson; 18 Eric Wells; 23 Jimmy Hall; S James Butcher.

Late Model Feature: 28R Harold Redmond Jr.; 17 Shannon Thornsberry; 8 Anthony Adams; 97 David Powers; 0 Alban Watts; 38 Raymond Nichols; 77 Robert Fletcher; 17 Steve Stollings; 18 Eric Wells; 13 Jamie Ferguson; 2M Randy Boggs; 00 Richard Smith; 22 Tate Begley; 23 Jimmy Hall; S James Butcher.

First Open Wheel Modified Heat: 4 Tim Moore; 01 B.J. Osborne; XX Chris Bowlin; 18 Jeff Land; 40 Ricky Dials.

Second Open Wheel Modified Heat: 18 Gary Fitzpatrick; 82 Randy Fouts; 27 Steve Lewis; T53 Jackie Buskirk; 3 Arlie Daniels; 38 Marty Meade.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: 4 Tim Moore; 82 Randy Fouts; 00 Michael Butcher; 02 Michael S. Osborne; 27 Steve Lewis; T53 Jackie Buskirk; XX Chris Bowlin; 3 Arlie Daniels; 01 B.J. Osborne; 18 Gary Fitzpatrick.

First Limited Late Model Heat: 24 Michael P. Howard; 11 D.J. Wells; 28 Johnathan Wright; 12 Jamie Maggard; 2 Vince Jarrell.

2nd Limited Late Model Heat: K1 Donald Runyon; 3 Jim Lemaster; 42 James

Grigsby; 1 Ralph Francis; 88 Tandy Spurlock.

Limited Late Model Feature: 24H Michael P. Howard; K1 Donald Runyon; 28 Johnathan Wright; 11 D.J. Wells; 42 James Grigsby; 3 Jim Lemaster; 2 Vince Jarrell; 1 Ralph Francis.

Super Bomber Heat: A85 Allen Turner; 74 Beadie Blackburn; XX Jake Miller; 46 Dennis Deboard; 77 Randy Fannin; 42 Jim Lemaster.

Super Bomber Feature: XX Jake Miller; 74 Beadie Blackburn; A85 Allen Turner; 77 Randy Fannin; 46 Dennis Deboard; 3 Scott Lemaster; 42 Jim Lemaster.

Bomber Heat: 73 Charlie Mullett; P12 Dean Pennington; 4J James Stack; 20 Bo Howard; 32; L47 Scott Lawson; 411 Eddie Ratliff.

Bomber Feature: 20 Bo Howard; 73 Charlie Mullett; 4J James Stack; 16 Wes Blair; 411 Eddie Ratliff; 32; L47 Scott Lawson.

Modified Four Cylinder

Heat: 99 James Darrell Mosley; 21 Pat Morris; 15 Austin Francis; 201 Ronnie Staniford; 88 Chad Hall.

Modified Four Cylinder Feature: 99 James Darrell Mosley; 201 Ronnie Staniford; 15 Austin Francis; 21 Pat Morris; 88 Chad Hall.

First Regular Four Cylinder Heat: 911 Jason Hall; 71 Ryan Litteral; 37 Alan Osborne; -3L Lester Robinette; 35 Ronnie Maynard; 63 John Vaught; 38 Brett Spears.

Second Four Cylinder Heat: 18B Shawn Henson; -3 Jack Clevenger; R2 Rex Slone; 44 Billy Blanton; 19 Jr. Benji Mayhan; 33 Devin Clifton; 18S Shawn Ousley; 01 Jeff Cantrell.

Regular Four Cylinder Feature: 18B Shawn Henson; 911 Jason Hall; -3 Jack Clevenger; R2 Rex Slone; 71 Ryan Litteral; 44 Billy Blanton; 35 Ronnie Maynard; 38 Larry Spears; 19Jr. Benji Mayhan; 63 John Vaught; 18S Shawn Ousley; 37 Alan Osborne.



Bo Howard, Harold, won the Bomber feature at the 201 Speedway Saturday in the Prater Creek Ice, Honda of Prestonsburg, Glen Patton Racing-sponsored 1981 Camaro. Pictured on the right is 201 Speedway track operator Mike Osborné.

Willard Speedway hosts races

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLARD – The crowd came out Saturday, on what was a beautiful, perfect spring day to enjoy the races at Willard Speedway. Earlier season rain-outs left a “racing” Easter basket to be given away. The basket was provided by the track and Heart to Heart Floral & Gift of Prestonsburg, and it included a “bunny with money” among other goodies taken home by a young smiling couple from Huntington. Also, the Fan of the Week went to Ed Collins of Olive Hill, who received a free pass, concession coupons and a Willard t-shirt. Also, there were other drawings for prizes that were collected and

enjoyed by fans.

In addition to all that, there was a great racing show. Congrats to all the feature winners, as well as those who followed them, in the racing action yesterday providing much fun and excitement for the racefans in the stands.

The top five in the order in which they finished in each division were:

LATE MODEL – Terry Hicks, Todd Lewis, Tom Hall, Larry Beheler, and Paul Porter; MODIFIED – Joey Back, Jason Ball, Greg Thompson, Kevin Copher, and Al Kiernan; BOMBER – Joey Back, Wayne Hughes, Benji Dean, and Jack Tackett, Wayne Lawson; 4-CYLINDER – Scott

Collins, Perry Dearing, Keith Anderson, Charles Egbert, and Roy Wilburn; and V6 STOCK – Glenn Marshall, Greg Sparks, Justin Jaynes, Brian Maynard, and Charles Ratliff.

The next race at Willard Speedway will be the track hosts its annual MAMA'S SHOOTOUT the week after Mother's Day on May 14. Late Models will race for a shot to collect \$2000 to win, and Modifieds will go after \$600 to win at the May event. Not only that, but the Powder Puff race will give the ladies their chance to arrive in victory lane to collect money and prizes. For more information, go online to www.willardspeedway.com.

Tide, Warriors register wins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The U12 Floyd Tide traveled to Pikeville on Saturday to take on the Pike County Dragons, and put a damper on the Dragons' Hillbilly Days celebration with a 6-2 victory. The Tide won the coin toss, and took the opening kickoff directly down the field, where Madyson Nunnery notched the first goal for the Tide less than one minute after the whistle.

It took a little longer for Clara Osborne to find the net from the left side of the field, to push the score to 2-0 very early in the game. Playing without substitutes, the Tide had to rotate players between the forward position and the physically demanding midfield position. The Dragons had one small, but very fast and skillful forward, who kept the midfielders and fullbacks scrambling during the entire game. For the first half, Kathleen Smith, Kaitlyn Minix, Osborne, Nunnery and Tori Hunt (playing both fullback and midfield) were given the challenge of thwarting his offensive assaults, and met that challenge. Fullbacks Allison Conley, Joseph Kidd and Hunt were waiting when he was able to get past the midfielders, and

played their positions to perfection, as did goalkeeper Alexis DeRossett. Jerralyn Kelsey notched a goal and Smith racked up two goals during the first half, to make the halftime score 5-0.

In the second half, the toll of playing with only nine players, while the opposition had numerous substitutes on the warm, cloudless day, began to catch up with the Tide. Conley moved to the keeper's position, while Kidd and DeRossett moved up to play forward to give the offensive players some respite. The Tide defense, which had not given up a goal during five (5) halves of soccer, finally succumbed to the speediness of the Dragons' forward and his teammates, giving up two goals in fairly quick succession midway through the second half. Kelsey, the fastest player for the Tide, was then moved from her forward position to the midfield, Kidd returned to the back line, and the defense did not break again. Smith scored another goal with about ten minutes to play to set the final score.

The Tide travel to Breathitt County next week to take on the second of the Breathitt U12 teams. The Tide is presently undefeated at 3-0.

U19 WARRIORS: The Floyd County U19 Warriors traveled to Pikeville on Saturday to play the Pikeville U19 Revolution. While both teams played hard in the first half, the Warriors were not strong on offense and turned the ball over several times. The Warriors' defensive play was strong, however, with good stops and saves by Warrior goalies Josh McCarty and Luke Greene. The Warriors gave up only one goal in the first half with a half time score of 1-0.

The Warrior forwards came out strong in the second half, tying the score with a goal by Josh McCarty. About halfway through the second half Nick Hughes of the Warriors scored a second goal to put the Warriors up 2-1. The Pikeville Revolution countered with a goal to tie the game at 2-2. With 10 minutes left in the game Warrior Ethan Filowiat scored a go-ahead goal to put the Warriors up 3-2. With strong defensive play by Victoria Colmenares, Nathan Crum, Joshua Holbrook, Ryan McKinney, Amanda Miller, Daniel McKinney, Daniel Mosley, and Josh Nelson, the Warriors were able to hold their lead and left victorious over the Pikeville Revolution 3-2.

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Afleet Alex, Bandini movin' on up Derby chart

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
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LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Derby field is quickly taking shape, and — surprise! — trainer Nick Zito won't have all the favorites.

Afleet Alex and Bandini made sure of that by rolling to victories in major prep races three weeks before the Derby.

Fully recovered from a lung infection, Afleet Alex cruised into top Derby contender territory with a record eight-length romp in Saturday's \$1 million Arkansas Derby. Trainer Tim Ritchee says Afleet Alex is headed to Churchill Downs later in the week.

"It's very satisfying to silence some doubters," Ritchee said. "He's back where he needs to be."

Bandini delivered a similar winning performance in taking the \$750,000 Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland by six lengths and giving trainer Todd Pletcher what looks to be his best chance to end an 0-for-9 Derby record.

"This is the most legitimate mile-and-a-quarter horse I've had to go to the Derby," Pletcher said. "He's a tough horse. He's got great movement and a great stride. This is the best chance we've ever had."

Pletcher is also sending Arkansas Derby runner-up Flower Alley to Louisville.

And then there's Zito, who may end up with five Derby starters, ranging from likely favorite Bellamy Road — to Andromeda's Hero, who may not have enough graded stakes earnings to make the field. If more than 20 enter, the field is determined on graded stakes winnings.

For a change, Zito didn't win a Derby prep Saturday. Sun King was a lackluster fourth in the Blue Grass and Andromeda's Hero finished third in the Arkansas Derby.

"Both came out of their races great, but I was disap-

pointed in the Blue Grass," Zito said Sunday morning outside his Keeneland barn. "It's inevitable you're going to have disappointments. But with these 3-year-olds, it been a year beyond belief."

"To be in this spot right now, there's nothing else you can think about, right?"

Bellamy Road and High Fly remained 1-2 in this week's Run to the Roses Top 10, with Bandini third and Afleet Alex fourth.

Zito's plan calls for Andromeda's Hero to train up to the Derby at Keeneland, and his other four colts — Sun King, Wood Memorial winner Bellamy Road and Florida Derby 1-2 finishers High Fly and Noble Causeway — will be stabled at Churchill Downs.

Pletcher said his Derby duo heads to Louisville later in the week, the same plan Ritchee has for Afleet Alex.

The Blue Grass could produce five starters. Bandini, High Limit (second), Sun King and Consolidator (fifth) are Derby bound, and third-place finisher Closing Argument is possible.

The final Derby prep is Saturday — the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland. Rockport Harbor, who missed the Arkansas Derby with a blood clot in his neck, needs a strong effort to show trainer John Servis he's Derby ready.

Also set to run are Going Wild, trained by D. Wayne Lukas, and Sort It Out, trainer Bob Baffert's last chance to put a horse in the Derby field.

This week's top 10, with final Derby future wager odds (Next start for each is the Kentucky Derby unless otherwise noted):

1. Bellamy Road (Nick Zito, trainer; Javier Castellano, jockey): Still the one to beat off 17 1/2-length Wood win. ... 2-for-2 this year by combined 33 1/4 lengths. ... Derby odds: 3-1.
2. High Fly (Zito, Jerry Bailey): Won Fountain of Youth

and Florida Derby in two starts for Zito. ... Career mark is 5-of-6. ... Derby odds: 13-1.

3. Bandini (Todd Pletcher, John Velazquez): Named for an Italian sculptor, classy colt showed his brilliance with Blue Grass win. ... Pletcher's best Derby chance. ... Derby odds: 13-1.

4. Afleet Alex (Tim Ritchee, Jeremy Rose): Record eight-length romp in 1 1/8-mile Arkansas Derby puts colt back among top contenders. ... Won for first time going farther than seven-eighths of a mile. ... Jockey change possible. ... Derby odds: 16-1.

5. High Limit (Bobby Frankel, Ramon Dominguez): Unbeaten no longer after runner-up effort in Blue Grass. ... Dominguez called race a "learning experience." ... Derby odds: 13-1.

6. Sun King (Zito, Edgar Prado): Zito disappointed Prado didn't give colt a better Blue Grass trip. ... "We'll regroup," Zito said after fourth-place finish. ... Jockey change possible. ... Derby odds: 10-1.

7. Noble Causeway (Zito, Prado): Florida Derby runner-up comes into Derby with two wins and three seconds in five starts. ... Derby odds: 18-1.

8. Flower Alley (Pletcher, Jorge Chavez): Jumps onto Derby radar with runner-up effort in Arkansas Derby. ... Won Lane's End Stakes three weeks ago. ... Derby odds: 35-1.

9. Rockport Harbor (John Servis, Stewart Elliott): Seems healthy as he trains for final prep. ... Blood clot in neck no longer an issue. ... Next start: Lexington Stakes (Saturday). ... Odds: 19-1.

10. Consolidator (D. Wayne Lukas, Rafael Bejarano): Fifth and beaten nearly 14 lengths in the Blue Grass, Bob and Beverly Lewis' colt still headed to Churchill Downs. ... Lukas says "my horse is better than that." ... Odds: 12-1.

KEEP AN EYE ON: Andromeda's Hero, Buzzards Bay, Greater Good, Survivalist, Wilko.

Racing authority delays action on ethics proposal

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority on Monday delayed action on a proposed code of ethics for authority members, some of whom were concerned about its legal interpretation.

The issue will be brought up after members' concerns have been addressed, said authority chairman Bill Street, a strong advocate of creating such a code.

Soon after its creation in January 2004, the authority was encouraged by one of its non-voting members, Commerce Secretary Jim Host, to establish a code of ethics. The authority's

predecessor, the Kentucky Racing Commission, had been dogged by persistent ethical questions during its final months of existence.

Street appointed authority member Doug Hendrickson of Maysville to draft a proposed code, which was presented for approval at Monday's regular meeting of the authority.

But one authority member, Vice Chairwoman Connie Whitfield of Hopkinsville, asked how the term "gift" would be defined in the code. Her question led to queries from other members, many of whom are directly involved in the horse industry and wondered about potential conflicts of interest when dealing with

friends and acquaintances. One of the authority's responsibilities is to regulate the horse industry in Kentucky.

In other business, the authority briefly discussed an April 8 letter from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association to Gov. Ernie Fletcher, asking the state to investigate the recent outbreak of the contagious equine disease strangles.

Seven horses at Churchill Downs' Trackside training facility in Louisville were diagnosed with strangles last month, as were five horses at the Palm Meadows Training Center in Boynton Beach, Fla.

As a result, dozens of horses at both facilities were quarantined.

Zito finally loses a Derby prep race

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — For a change, Nick Zito didn't make it to the winners' circle on Saturday.

Zito's winning ways in previous Kentucky Derby prep races ended when his horses in the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland and the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park never threatened.

Zito came into Saturday having won four different Derby preps — the Fountain of Youth Stakes, the Tampa Bay Derby, the Florida Derby and the Wood Memorial — with three different horses.

But Sun King in the Blue Grass and Andromeda's Hero in the Arkansas Derby couldn't maintain the trainer's recent dominance. Sun King finished fourth behind Bandini, while Andromeda's Hero was third behind Afleet Alex.

"Nothing went right today,"

Zito said moments after the Blue Grass. "That can happen."

Zito was trying to become the first trainer ever to win the Florida Derby, Wood Memorial and Blue Grass in the same year with three different horses. That didn't happen, but he can take consolation in the fact that he still has five Derby hopefuls in his stable.

Zito said after the race that Sun King, the son of 1999 Derby winner Charismatic, will run in the May 7 Derby at Churchill Downs.

"We'll do a better job hopefully, next time, because we still know he's a talented horse," Zito said.

Andromeda's Hero won enough money (\$100,000) with his Arkansas Derby finish to move onto the Kentucky Derby bubble. If more than 20 horses are entered in the Derby, graded stakes earnings determine the field.

Sun King was coming off two straight wins, the most recent in

the Grade 3 Tampa Bay Derby on March 19. On Saturday, Sun King broke from the No. 6 post in the seven-horse field and was last through the first half-mile of the 1 1/8-mile race.

He had moved to fifth by the top of the stretch and was fourth at the end, a neck behind third-place finisher Closing Argument, nine more lengths behind Bandini.

Zito criticized Sun King's jockey, Edgar Prado, saying he didn't follow the trainer's instructions.

"I told him to make a left turn and try to save some ground, as much as you can, and we'll take our chances with him," Zito said. "He never saved an inch of ground. I guess he couldn't get over. I don't know. He was so wide."

Prado placed some of the blame on the horse.

"We didn't break bad and I had to go a little wide but he just didn't have it today," Prado said.

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POISON OAK

Pop culture or no pop culture

Long before I was old enough to go to school, I was constantly carrying things home I'd found in and around the neighborhood. It wasn't unusual for me to show up at the back door with a brand new pup or kitten to introduce to Mom.



Clyde Pack

Sometimes she'd let me keep my new acquisition, sometimes she wouldn't. Sometimes, she'd simply say, "Let's see what Daddy says about it."

One day I brought something home that caused quite a stir at the Pack house. I've no idea where I picked it up, but I can remember thinking how pretty it was; how pleasant the new addition to my vocabulary sounded; how it just rolled right off my tongue; how I couldn't wait to share it with Mom and Dad and little brother, Joe.

Well, I shared it all right, right at the supper table, somewhere between "pass the soup beans" and "I want another glass of milk." I guess all that saved me was the fact that it was pretty obvious that I had no idea that the phrase I had just so casually uttered, was obscene. And not just regular cuss-word obscene, but downright dirty obscene. But before the echo of the words had faded from the walls of our little company-house kitchen, I was experiencing a ringing in my ears which proved perfect accompaniment to the lyrics being sung by both my parents.

In the 60 or so years since that moment, I've never used that phrase again.

That little memory from my past life as a coal-camp kid unexpectedly showed up this past weekend, when I was reading a Washington Post story headlined, "Kids swear almost incessantly." The gist of the article was that young people, today, use profanity

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KIM'S KORNER

The Divine Plan

Lately I've been receiving some of the most heart-warming emails ever. To prove my point I'd like to share in this week's space one email that was truly touching and well worth sharing.

Here's hoping it touches each of you.

People always say how mean kids can be, not often how nice they can be.

This story will either make you cry, give you cold chills or just leave you cold, but it puts life into perspective!

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves learning-disabled children, the father of one of the school's students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all that attended.

After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question. "Everything God does is done with perfection. Yet, my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is God's plan reflected in my son?"

The audience was stilled by the query. The father continued. "I believe," the father answered, "that when God brings a child like Shay into the world, an opportunity to realize the Divine Plan presents itself and it comes in the way people treat that child."

Then, he told the following story:

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'Super Saturday' time to update your child's vaccines

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) scheduled for April 24th-30th, 2005, is a national effort to educate parents, caregivers, providers, and communities on the importance of timely infant immunizations. Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective way available for preventing disease and death. One of the most important ways a parent can protect their child is to ensure proper vaccination by the age of 2 and keep an updated record at every visit to their

health care provider.

This is also a time for health care providers in Floyd County to reflect on past achievements and focus our efforts on future endeavors to continue to raise immunization coverage levels. In recognition of Immunization Week, the Floyd County Health Department and local area businesses are sponsoring "Super Saturday Vaccine Update" on April 23rd from 9a to 3p and for more information, please call the health department at 886-2788.



Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson is flanked by Joy Moore, RN, Floyd County Health Department, and Brian Holbrook, Field Representative, KY Immunization Program, as he signs a proclamation in honor of "Immunization Week."



Cast and Crew of "Two to Go"

- (L-R)
Justin Frasure,
Matt Huff, Pam Gibson,
Rachael Hill,
Shannon Hicks,
Chris Walker,
Savannah Campbell,
Caitlin Hale,
Katie Walz,
Heather Travis,
Kim Williams,
Doug Volk,
Jessica Fraley,
Casey Price,
Mercedes Neeley,
(Pat Davis, not Pictured)

Community theater instills more than acting skills

By: Aimee Heald-Nielson,
UK COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE PRESS

Prestonsburg - Lights! Camera! Action! The glitz and glamour of a theatrical performance may be what entices students to get involved in play acting, but the life skills they learn are what keep them committed. Floyd County 4-Hers recently presented the fifth installment of the annual Community Theater at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

"We have a wonderful tradition here in eastern Kentucky," said Chuck Stamper, University of Kentucky Extension agent for 4-H Youth Development in Floyd County. "Our kids are so talented in speaking, storytelling and acting ability that we wanted to focus one of our 4-H communications programs on the theater."

Stamper and other leaders try to make the theater experience as close to the real thing as possible. He said the Mountain Arts Center is just like any professional theater, and it gives the students a chance to learn everything about a stage production.

Auditions are held in December and students begin putting a production together in January of each year. By the middle of March, they are ready to present the show to two audiences. Students are responsible for lighting, props, audio and stage management.

Stage manager Shannon Hicks is a senior at Piarist High School. She's been involved in the Community Theater since its inception in 2000. "It helps me work on my leadership skills," she said. "I've been backstage most of the time, and I've really learned to get people to do what they need to do. I've also seen all

the plays and learned the messages of them. It's let me see a whole different path that I probably wouldn't have been involved in otherwise."

Stamper said the theater is a teacher of many things, the least of which is putting on a play. "You can teach every life skill through theater - public speaking, organization, time management, leadership, memorization, internalization and emotional development," he said. "We also try to tie everything into real theater and give our 4-Hers the responsibility and ownership of the whole production."

Prestonsburg High School Senior Casey Price has been involved in theater since he was 9 years old. Being a part of the Community Theater was a natural progression for him. He's not planning to go

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CRITTER CORNER

Spring means watching for signs of Parvovirus

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DMV

Spring is here at last, but with it has come the annual parvovirus outbreak in puppies. For whatever reason, it seems to be worse than usual this year. Yes, I have run this same article several times, but I ask you who have already read it to put up with it again. If this motivates one person to vaccinate their puppy a little sooner, or helps someone recognize the symptoms of their sick puppy as something serious, it is worth it.

Before we go any further, a quick lesson is in order: it's pronounced Par'-vo

Vi'-rus. I am astounded at the number of ways this can be mispronounced, but my personal favorite is Porno Virus!

This disease is a relative newcomer to dogs. The first recognized outbreak occurred in Texas, I think, around 1979. The virus had unknowingly made its public debut at a large dog show, and was quickly spread throughout the country. Dogs were becoming infected and dying at an alarming rate. Since there was no immunity to this new disease, older dogs were being affected almost as frequently as puppies.

Luckily, scientists recognized a simi-

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This is "Penelope." Penelope is a 2-year old Cocker Spaniel owned by Shannon and Erica Slone, of Betsy Layne. According to Erica, Penelope "loves to play with her toy pacifier. She plays fetch with it and sucks on it every night when she goes to bed!" How precious!

School Calendar

Floyd County Board of Education

■ April 20 - Special meeting, Opportunities Unlimited, Martin, 6:30 p.m. Open to public.

■ April 25 - Regular meeting, Osborne Elementary, Bevinsville, 6:30 p.m. Open to public.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.

Allen Central Middle School

■ April 30 - Money due in for Beta Club trip.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Call now to learn about Kindergarten registration at Allen Elementary, 874-2165. AES is a "Great Place to Learn."

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an

appointment - 886-0815.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

Duff Elementary

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

■ April 28 - May Valley Family Resource Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. Open to public. For more information, call Donna, at 285-0321.

■ May 5, 6 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-06 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If

possible, new students should accompany their parents to the registration process. For more information, call the school at 285-0883.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ GED classes offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the Family Resource Center. Call 377-2678 for more information.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more

information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ May 24, 25 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-2006 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in school auditorium. The following information is required before enrollment: Student's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, physical exam, and eye exam. Please bring these documents the day you register your child.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ April 29 - Child Abuse Awareness information booth will be open for students, staff, parents, grandparents and community, beginning at 10 a.m., in school foyer.

■ May 3 - Pre-Prom Safety Activity, at MAC, for juniors and seniors who have field trip

permission form on file at school.

■ May 5, 6, and 18th - CPR training for 8th graders.

■ School athletic physicals will be available early in summer. Watch for advertisements and flyers with date and location times.

■ Open House - To be held before end of school year, date to be announced. Watch school marquee for posting.

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
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Ten Years Ago

April 19 and 21, 1995

Some Floyd County government employees are eyeing the possibility of union representation, apparently in response to some changes in the way local government business is being conducted...Wheelwright City Commissioners reviewed an architect's drawing of a proposed renovation of the city's swimming pool...There is a vacant seat on the Wheelwright City Commission with Monday's announcement by Commissioner Luther Johnson Jr., that he is the first announced write-in candidate for Floyd County Judge-Executive...Osborne school officials are asking city and county officials for their help to provide water to the school. In a letter to Wheelwright City Commissioners, Osborne principal Paul Tackett asked that the school be hooked up to the Beaver Elkhorn or Wheelwright Utility Commission's water system...Prestonsburg and Cow Creek fire department battled flames this past weekend and lost a few homes...Shelia Jackson's face beams as she describes her relationship with her sister, Lucy Samons. "She's a part of me now," she says. While the sentiment is one voiced by many siblings, for Jackson and Samons, it is literally true. On August 18, 1994, Jackson's sister provided her with the bone marrow necessary to save her life...Jeffery Byron Marcum, 37, of Grethel, was killed, Saturday night, in Pike County, when he apparently stepped off a bicycle and into the path of a vehicle...On Wednesday, April 12, the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital had a ground breaking ceremony. The hospital is building emergency room offices, and renovating the existing building...The family of 14-month-old Floyd County child Terri LaSha Jarvis finally heard the good news they have been waiting for. State Human Resources Secretary Masten Childers announced on Wednesday that the state will pay an estimated \$300,000 cost of a liver-small bowel transplant the child desperately needs...Prestonsburg businessman Frank Fitzpatrick will present a proposal to put an eastern Kentucky shareholder on the board of directors of Pittsburgh-based Equitable Resources at an annual meeting of shareholders on

May 26...Accused Knott County murderer, Clawvern Jacobs has been declared competent to be retried for the 1986 murder of Alice Lloyd College student Judy Ann Howard. After a day-long hearing, Thursday, Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill ruled that Jacobs was competent to aid in his own defense and to be tried for Howard's murder...Floyd County's Fiscal Court will review a proposed E-911 ordinance today (Friday) in an effort to resolve legal issues surrounding the collection of more than \$800,000 to implement the service...A Lancer home caught fire Thursday, and lightning is believed to be a contributing factor. Prestonsburg fire department officials said. Sergeant Mike Mays said the fire is still under investigation, but believes the fire began on the second floor of the home and that lightning may have caused it...Floyd County businesses are being encouraged by the state Chamber of Commerce to attend a public hearing Tuesday, April 25, on proposed water quality standards being conducted by the Kentucky Division of Water...There died: Hascue Collins, 68, of Leesburg, Indiana, a native of Prestonsburg, Saturday, April 15, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw, Indiana; Carl Potter, 85, of Patriot, Indiana, formerly of Allen, Saturday, April 15, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana; Jeffrey Byron Marcum, 37, of Grethel, Saturday, April 15, in Boldman, Pike County, the result of an accident; Junior Calhoun, 68, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Saturday, April 15, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne; Abram "Abe" Colé, 90, of Banner, formerly of Martin, Sunday, April 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James Fred Edwards, 53, of Salyersville, Sunday, April 16, at Pikeville Medical Hospital; Wilma P. Allen, 57, of Minnie, Monday, April 17, at her residence; Ruth Oppenheimer Worland, 80, of Prestonsburg, Friday, April 14, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center North in Covington; Banner Joe Slone, 86, of Lackey, Monday, April 10, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Larry Douglas Allen, 48, of Flatwoods, formerly of Allen, Friday, April 14, at Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston, West Virginia; Charlos Fern Akers, 62, of Bevinsville, Thursday, April 13, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Granville Hunter, 44, of Topmost, Friday, April 14, at his residence; Oma Johnson, 70, of

Kite, Thursday, April 13, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Carrie M. Martin Wimer, 74, of Cincinnati, Ohio, April 16; Amos Garrett, 78, of Betsy Layne, Friday April 14, at his residence; Mollie Goodman Robinson, 84, of Martin, Wednesday, April 19, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Tom "Tekle" Wendell Burchett, 68, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, April 20, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Pauline Combs Slone, 52, of Fisty, dead on arrival at Hazard Medical Center, Thursday, April 19, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Freda Marie Justice, 80, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, April 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Walter Adams, 58, of Wooster, Ohio, formerly of Teaberry, Tuesday, April 18, at the Akron City Hospital in Akron, Ohio; Larry Dean Robinson, 45, of Prestonsburg and Langley, Wednesday, April 19, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington.

Twenty Years Ago

April 17, 1985

Roger Recktenwald, 40, of Dwale, has been named executive-director of the Big Sandy Area Development District. He replaces the late Joseph S. McCauley...In upholding a 1983 decision by a Floyd Circuit Court jury, the state Court of Appeals last week gave support to the notion that coal companies should be made to pay fair rental value to any landowners on whose property they trespass...Officials of the financially-strapped Big Rivers Electric Corp. in western Kentucky last week approved a merger with the East Kentucky Electric Cooperative, and the merger issue could come to a vote by the 18 cooperative in this section of the state, including Big Sandy REA, as early as June, it was indicated...Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler hastened to assure staff members in Social Security Administration field offices that no massive closing of existing social security offices was planned...Floyd schools have again been put on notice by state education authorities to shape up—or, this time, risk their accreditation...Albert O. "Buddy" Gibson, 49, filed a courtroom here last December when he was about to be tried

on assault and wanton endangerment charges...The Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Mining Institute will be holding its eighth annual Coal Mining Institute. Thursday and Friday, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park...There died: Jimmie Joe Watson, 37, of Hi Hat, died Friday, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, following a brief illness...Gary Lee Rice, 37, of Inez, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, April 10, in Nashville, Tennessee, following an extended illness...Smith Hagans, 71, of Abbott Creek, died Friday, at his home following an apparent heart attack...Miss Athene Scott, 63, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, April 10, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital following an extended illness...William H. Mathis, 88, of Waynesboro, Virginia, formerly of this county, died at the Waynesboro Community Hospital, Friday, April 5.

Thirty Years Ago

April 16, 1975

The Prestonsburg Gas and Water System, this week, announced that until further notice, it will not apply water service to any new consumers outside the city limits...Approximately 18 miles of Floyd County roads are scheduled for repair in the program begun this week by the state, which will spend \$21.5 million of its own funds to repair 420 miles of highway that have been severely damaged by coal trucks...The Floyd County Save Our Land Club joined five other Kentucky groups, this week, in entering the Broad Form Deed appeal which is testing the constitutionality of the new state law requiring the permission of landowners before strip-mining can be done under the old deeds...The 11th annual Mountain Dew Festival will begin tomorrow at Prestonsburg Community College...Miss Melissa Lee Lafferty, 17, of Allen, was crowned Miss Floyd County at the annual scholarship pageant here, Saturday...There died: Alex Samons, 81, of Martin, last Tuesday, at Martin; Cordelia Hall Powers, 83, April 8, at McDowell; Ocie Irene Clay Gunnell, 69, of Prestonsburg, March 31, here; Jennie Layne Caldwell, 97, of Tram, Friday night here; Floyd Johnson, 62, of Weeks-

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bury, Thursday, near his home; Mrs. Donie W. Calhoun, 78, of West Prestonsburg, last Tuesday, here; Charlie Stapleton, 73, April 1, at home at Water Gap; Mrs. Edith Gore Adkins, 62, last Thursday, at Logan, W. Va.; Mrs. Minnie Hunter, 71, Saturday, at her home at Honaker; Mrs. Frances Denes, 97, last Thursday, at Tram; Paul Raymond Hale Jr., 31, native of West Prestonsburg, Sunday; Mrs. Susie A. Holden, 88, of Lafayette, Ind., April 7, here; Earl Manns, 51, of Wayland, last Saturday, at McDowell.

Forty Years Ago

April 15, 1965

Several hundred adults and 37 teachers in Floyd County are in school again, as part of the new adult education program, which opened in the county, April 5...Election of city officials will be held in three municipalities of the county next November, but the only possible "scrap" foreseen will be in Martin, where two tickets have filed for City Council...The Floyd County Health Department, various state and county officials, and many civic organizations joined this week in urging citizens to cooperate in the clean-up campaign that opens here today (Thursday)...Floyd, a county which normally produces a "crop" of 20 or more

Democratic candidates for the Jailer's office, this year has only four, and the time for others to file has past...The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, last Sunday, approved the recommendation of its Building Committee, concerning plans for the construction of a church building...Born: to Dr. and Mrs. James Douglas Adams, a son, James Douglas II, April 10, at Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Judy Lee Boyd, 16, Saturday, at home at Ivel; Mrs. Emma King, 72, Friday, at her home at Kite; Preston Bailey, 76, of Stanville, Monday, at Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago

April 14, 1955

The long search by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for a definite polio preventive ended, Tuesday morning, when the Salk vaccine was declared safe, effective, and powerful, in preventing paralytic polio, and was officially licensed for public use...Approval of plans by both state and federal agencies, last week, cleared the way for construction here of an \$85,000 health center...David L. Francis, president of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company at David, told a gathering, Saturday evening, that Princess Elkhorn "came through last year, one of the worst in the history of the coal industry, with flying colors..."Guy Bates, an escaped convict

from the state reformatory at La Grange, was captured, Saturday, on Left Beaver Creek by Deputy Sheriffs Willie and Green Johnson...The Cumberland Field Station, with a staff of 24 various medical specialists, which has been in operation at West Prestonsburg since last summer, is working to identify the cause or causes of diarrheal disease. There died: Johnnie Hughes, 25, of Blue River, Monday, in a car wreck near Albion, Michigan; Johnnie Conn, 56, of Martin, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Pearl Lewis Clark, 53, of Endicott, last Thursday, at her home; Elliot Prater, 49, formerly of this county, recently at home, in Kenton, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago

April 12, 1945

Damage, estimated at \$20,000, was caused, here, Friday, when the Club Rustique, and equipment and records of the Ryan-Manchester-Keel Lumber Company burned...Two Floyd Countians are reported killed in action—Pfc. Clyde Patton, of Lancer, March 9, on Luzon, and Pfc. Daniel Howard, of Hueysville, on Iwo Jima. The wounded: Pfc. Tom Parsons, of Allen, April 8, in Germany; Pvt. Gilbert E. Ray, of Cliff, March 21, in Germany...President Roosevelt died last Thursday, at Warm Springs, Georgia; and

Wednesday, of this week, Ernie Pyle, famed war correspondent, was killed on Okinawa by a Japanese sniper...W. H. Fields, this week, sold his 5 & 10-cent store and furniture business at Garrett to Dr. R. H. Messer, H. H. Hornsby and Rudolph Spencer...There died: Samuel Robinson, 42, killed Wednesday, by a mine motor at Wayland; Mrs. Fronia Tackett, 38, of Hunter, Friday, at a Martin hospital; R. B. Sturgill, 49, of Garner, Saturday, at a Martin hospital; Andrew Jackson Damron, 52, of Tram, Friday, at a Martin hospital; Malica Austin, 81, Tuesday, at Hunter.

Seventy Years Ago

April 12, 1935

Five men and a woman were jailed here, Wednesday, after Adam Smith, Knott County deputy sheriff, had died of bullet wounds suffered on Jones Fork, the preceding day...Waite Hall and Ed Leslie led the Floyd County basketball team to the intra-mural basketball championship at Morehead College recently, defeating Letcher County in the finals...Judge Edgar Hager, of Ashland, will be the speaker, Friday, at the Kiwanis inter-club meeting here...There died: Henry Davis, 41, April 1, at Betsy Layne; Mrs. Hattie Sturgill Hays, 46, of Lackey, today (Thursday), at a Martin hospital.

"Two to Go"

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into theater as a career, but he does believe his experiences have prepared him for whatever he pursues.

"Theater brings out a lot in people that you don't normally see," he said. "We've got kids here who are finally speaking out and coming out of their shell. All the plays have a real good meaning and with kids coming in from the schools we get to touch them through that. It also teaches you to just go on and go through things and do them all the way."

This year the group chose to present again the show that started the theater five years ago. "Two to Go" is a production of two one-act plays that

focus on the hardships of being a teenager.

Mountain Arts Center Education Director Khrys Varney said the theater is a good experience for all involved and it meets a goal she has for the MAC.

"It's a positive experience for the kids who are in it and for us as a community," she said. "We get to see the things that are happening with the children and relate to things in their lives, and we can help them grow. When I first came here, I wanted to be able to expand programs and offer more in the way of private instruction, arts education and work more with the community and this fits right into that."

Stamper said there is more to Community Theater than just the productions. They also develop lesson plans related to the play they are presenting. Teachers can access those through the Floyd County Extension Office Web site for use in their classrooms.

Floyd County 4-Hers do other smaller theatrical productions throughout the year to involve more students. Stamper said some students have participated in other regional theater productions and some have gone on to work at the Mountain Arts Center and theaters around the state. They also prepare students for regional theater auditions.

Oak

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without even thinking about what they're saying. One high school teacher was quoted in the article as saying, "They are so used to swearing, and hearing it at home, and in the movies, and on TV, and in the music they listen to, that they have become desensitized to it."

No doubt, that's true. A perfect example might have been

the country music awards show last week on TV, which was filled with enough off-color words and phrases to have prompted viewers to have quickly found the "off" button, or sent them on a desperate search for more Andy Griffith re-runs.

Valerie Strauss, the author of the Post article said, "Popular culture has made ugly language

acceptable and hip, and many teachers say they only expect things to get uglier."

Loretta Lynn sang a song once, that said, "They don't make 'em like my daddy anymore." Well, mine either, Loretta. If they did, pop culture or no pop culture, there'd be no ugly language permitted in his presence, especially from children.

Korner

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Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they will let me play?" Shay's father knew that the boys would not want him on their team. But the father understood that if his son were allowed to play it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging. Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his teammates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said, "We're losing by six runs, and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning."

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. At the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the outfield. Although no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again.

Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base. Shay was

scheduled to be the next at-bat. Would the team actually let Shay bat at this juncture and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved a few

steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least be able to make contact.

The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball to the pitcher. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could easily have thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have ended the game.

Instead, the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc to right field, far beyond reach of the first baseman. Everyone started yelling, "Shay, run to first, run to first!" Never in his life had Shay ever made it to first base.

He scampered down the

baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!" By the time Shay was rounding first base, the right fielder had the ball. He could have thrown the ball to the second baseman for a tag. But the right fielder understood what the pitcher's intentions had been, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Shay ran toward second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases towards home.

As Shay reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base, and shouted, "Run to third!" As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams were screaming, "Shay, run home!" Shay ran home, stepped on home plate and was cheered as the hero for hitting a "grand slam" and winning the game for his team.

"That day," said the father softly, with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of the Divine Plan into this world."

May God Bless & May we each help to bring a piece of the Divine Plan into action!

School

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Family Resource Center. Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness.

"Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks, become the property of the FRC.

Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation

- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207

(second floor, Library).

Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

McDowell: Mon., Wed. - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2678.

For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

Critter

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larity to the virus that causes Feline Panleukopenia in cats; this allowed us to use cat vaccine to get a little immunity established in the dog population. It bought some time for a more effective vaccine to be developed to the canine form of the virus. If Canine Parvovirus did originally mutate from the cat virus, as is speculated, it has changed enough so that it cannot be spread between dogs and cats now.

Parvovirus attacks fast-growing cells; the cells lining the digestive tract of young puppies are ideal. The disease damages them so badly that they cannot perform their function of absorbing nutrients and fluids from the GI system. The surface of the small intestine literally becomes raw and "weepy", causing intense nausea, vomiting, bloody diarrhea and severe dehydration.

There is a very good blood supply to the intestines, which is normally protected from the vast pool of bacteria normally present in the gut. With its protective mechanism compromised, secondary bacterial infections can overwhelm the entire system. This can occur unbelievably fast. I have seen apparently healthy pups become sick and die within 12 hours; in extreme cases of toxemia, the pup may die of septic shock before even having time to develop the classic signs of the disease. This is why vets may appear to over-react when you call to ask about a puppy that is not feeling well. It's very likely something minor, but we don't have the luxury of waiting around to see if it gets better on its own.

There is no specific treat-

ment for the virus. Therapy centers on treating the symptoms, especially correcting dehydration and giving antibiotics to fight the secondary bacterial infection. Every vet has a specific treatment routine that works best for him or her.

Because the virus is so contagious to other dogs, the vet will either not be able to keep the puppy at the clinic (in which case you will be given detailed home nursing instructions), or will have a special isolation area set up where strict sanitation can be carried out. If the puppy is going to pull through, you will usually see some improvement within three days. There is about a 7 to 10 day incubation period in which you need to observe any other dogs in the household for signs of infection.

The good news is that this disease is very preventable if a good vaccination schedule is carried out. The newer vaccines are much more effective, but they must be given properly. The exact schedule will vary from vet to vet, depending on their personal experience and vaccine they are using.

Most older dogs have some degree of immunity, either from vaccination or past exposures to the disease. When puppies are born, the mother passes along her immunity to her litter. The pups' bodies are not yet able to manufacture their own. As the pup gets older, his mother's immunity gradually wears off. It is during this time that we need to turn on his own antibody factory through vaccination.

Basically, vaccination exposes the body to a non-disease-producing form of the

virus so the body "recognizes the enemy" and makes the weapons it needs to fight it. Periodic boosters maintain the level of the body's defenses at a level where it can fight effectively. Generally this involves a shot given every 2-3 weeks from about 6 weeks of age to 4 ? months or older. Even then, there may be a "window" of time when the pup is not well protected—the mother's immunity is declining and the active immunity is not yet strong enough, so remain observant of your pup's health.

I cannot stress enough how contagious this virus is to other dogs; it is present virtually everywhere, and can be carried on your shoes, clothing, even the tires of your car, so no dog is safe from exposure. One part household bleach to 30 parts water is still one of the best disinfecting solutions for surfaces (floors, food bowls, etc.) Let it sit on the surface for 5-10 minutes and always rinse well. There is no way to disinfect the soil, which may harbor infective virus for long periods.

Finally, I want to address parents' concern for their children's health. I know there have been some recent rumors that Parvo is contagious to humans, but the experts agree that there is absolutely no evidence of this. Humans are affected by a different species of Parvovirus, which likewise is not contagious to dogs. Remember that even as closely related as the dog and cat versions are, they cannot pass between the two. The standard recommendation with any disease is to always practice good hygiene and to keep children away from sick animals.

KCTCS appoints Bob Hammonds as state director to lead homeland security initiatives



Hazard Community & Technical College's Bob Hammonds has been appointed the state director of homeland security initiatives for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

HCTC President Dr. Jay K. Box noted, "During this last year, Bob served in an interim role for KCTCS working on homeland security initiatives while working for us as Director of Homeland Security and Government Relations. He has developed a reputation across the nation as an intelligent, hard-working, and informed individual in the realm of homeland security. Through Bob's efforts, KCTCS has received special funding for two notable projects—training of certain Wal Mart employees across Kentucky on homeland security measures, and a training exercise to be conducted by the University of Louisville in Hazard. While we will miss him around Hazard, we wish Bob the best of luck in his new position."

The KCTCS Homeland Security program provides specialized training across the state to meet the current and emerging education needs for operational security. The program focuses on three major initiatives: physical security, first responder, and information and communication technologies security.

In his new position, Hammonds will direct and oversee homeland security initiatives and projects for all of Ken-

tucky's community and technical colleges. His duties will include working with state and federal agencies and developing requirements and curriculum for homeland security and emergency response training. "I am excited about the opportunity to work in the KCTCS System Office on such an important issue as Homeland Security," Hammonds noted. "I will be working closely with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, all 16 community college districts and the Kentucky Fire Commission to develop and fund training programs for the prevention of and response/recovery from terrorist attacks in Kentucky," he said.

For the past year, Hammonds served in an interim role before being appointed to the permanent position effective March 1, 2005. He had previously served 12 years with Hazard Community and Technical College as assistant dean of business affairs. Hammonds has 12 years of banking experience, four years of mining experience, and three years experience with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Hammonds is a founding member and co-chair of the national executive council of Prepare America, a national collaborative effort of America's community colleges that provides training and educational instruction for homeland security initiatives.

Hammonds earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Kentucky University and his master's in business administration from Sullivan University in Lexington, Ky.

Bob and wife, Jeannie, have three children—Ashley, a UK student; Amber, a senior at Hazard High; and Aaron Noplis, a seventh grader at R.G. Eversole School. Bob's parents, Charlie and Bonnie Hammonds, live in Hazard.

National Poetry Month Kicked off at HCTC: Second 'Eating Poetry' feeds hungry minds and bodies

Hazard Community & Technical College kicked off National Poetry Month with their signature "Eating Poetry" event. This poetry reading and luncheon, held March 31, invited students, faculty, and other employees of HCTC to read their own works or to read poems that they love. And, they raised a little money while they were at it.

"It was so successful last time around," says Chad Knight, event co-coordinator and editor for the student literary magazine "We knew we wanted to do it again. Writers yearn to share their vision of the world and we provide that venue. But we also provide an incredible sense of community, something we as writers also long for. We thought if we could sell some grub at the same time, we might make a little jack for the magazine. And we did!"

The Eating Poetry events were created as a way to raise money for the student literary magazine, Kudzu. The magazine has suffered some setbacks in recent years and the school struggled to find a way to find the funds. The publication's faculty advisor, Donna Sparkman, conceived of a poetry reading and fund raiser and lunch all combined into one.

"It just made sense," Sparkman says, "sustenance is imperative whether it be from food or from art. What would this culture be without either? So we coupled them together and, voila, Eating Poetry was born."

With a crowd of close to thirty, poets read their work, sang some songs, and performed to applause and the warmth community provides.

"It's really something," poet and HCTC student Naomi Duff admitted, "it's a difficult thing to read your work in front of a crowd. No matter how many times I do it, it doesn't get any less difficult. You reveal a deep part of yourself up there. And the support of those folks in the audience is what makes that struggle worth it all. And the fruit salad I had was pretty darn good."

This poetry reading inaugurates a month of celebration in the region. The college also hosts the Evening with Poets, with this year's guest poet Frank X Walker on Thursday, April 21. Walker will accompany Gurney Norman and Scott Russell Sanders for the 9th annual Spring Writers Conference on April 22. On Saturday, April 23, the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center will host a writers retreat.

"It's a big, big month of celebration," Sparkman concludes, "we're lucky to be able to know of such a place and doubly blessed to be able to call this place home."

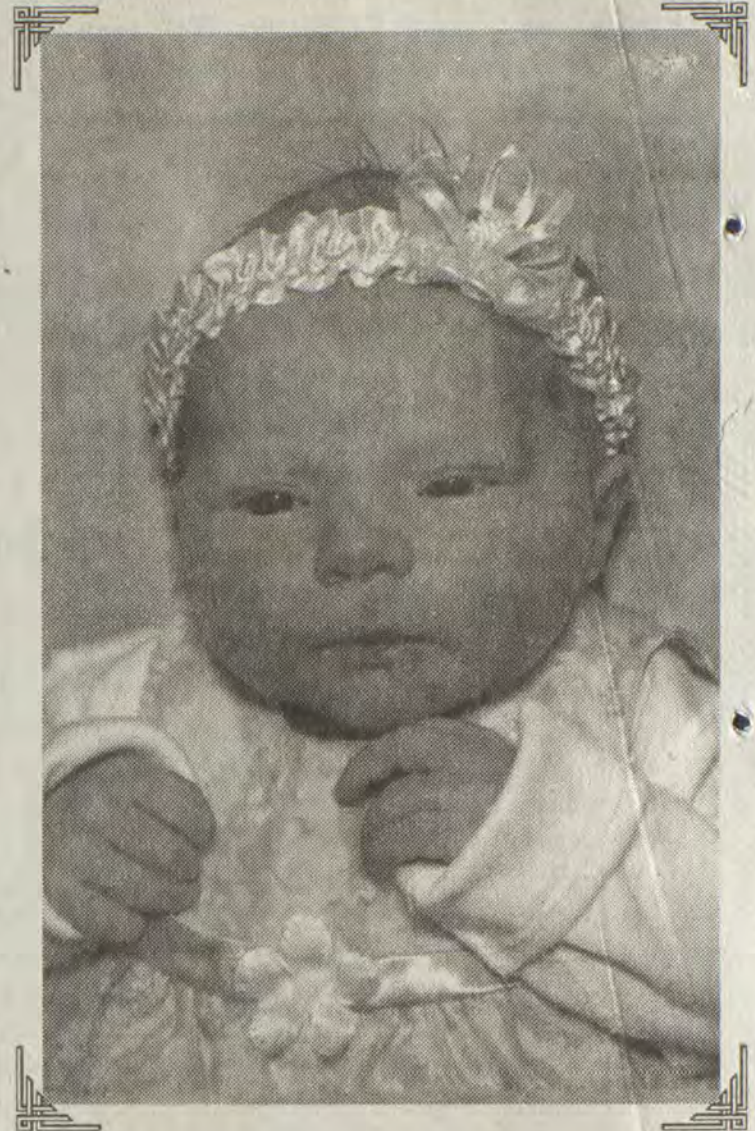
For questions about the retreat you can contact Jenny Browning at 606-785-9855 or email at jenny.browning@kctcs.edu. For questions about the college's literary events you can call Scott Lucero at 606-487-3200 or email at Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu.

Master Electrician class to be offered

Hazard Community & Technical College will offer a Master Electrician's CEU Class on Saturday, April 30 at the Technical Campus. Class

will begin at 8:30 a.m. For more information and pre-registration please call 487-3319 or call toll free 1-800-246-7521 ext. 73319.

Births/Birthdays



It's a Girl!

Katelynn Joyce Shortridge was born March 8, 2005, at Paul B. Hall Hospital, to proud parents Jodie and Dwayne Shortridge, of Prestonsburg. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. She is the maternal granddaughter of Julia Carr and Johnny Hall, of Prestonsburg. Her paternal grandparents are Irma and Mike Shortridge, also of Prestonsburg. Her family is overjoyed with her arrival.

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Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask!"

You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to:

features@floydcountytimes.com.

Send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tiusa.net.

We will be waiting to hear from you!

HCTC student to compete on international level



A student at Hazard Community & Technical College will be the first Kentucky Phi Theta Kappa member to ever run for International office.

Lesli Oaks, age 20, is the daughter of Randy and Rosella Oaks. She is currently a business major. HCTC President/CEO Dr. Jay K. Box said he was proud of Ms. Oaks for being willing to accept the challenge of running for international office. "Lesli Oaks has demonstrated great leadership skills at our college and we know there's no limit to what she could accomplish on an international level," Dr. Box said.

She served this year as the Alpha Eta Epsilon Chapter Pres-

ident and the Central Vice President for the Kentucky Region of Phi Theta Kappa. In April she will be traveling to Dallas, Texas to run for Phi Theta Kappa International Division II Vice President.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education. Phi Theta Kappa's mission is two-fold: 1) recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and (2) provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. The society is based on four hallmarks: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. To be eligible for membership a student must complete a minimum of twelve hours of associate degree course work and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students must also maintain a high academic standing throughout their enrollment

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The International convention is a time and place for the over 1,200 Phi Theta Kappa chapters to gather and receive awards for their achievements over the past year. Lesli comments, "I feel that I have grown over the past two years while in regional and chapter office as both a leader and as a person. I feel very confident that I am capable of being an excellent representative for both the Kentucky Region and Hazard Community and Technical College."

Lesli flew out of Louisville, Kentucky on April 12 with a destination of the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Dallas, Texas. While at convention she will attend educational forums as well as general sessions where Patti LaBelle and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Guiliani will be speaking.



Easter at Riverview hoppin' good fun

The Easter Bunny, along with kindergartners from Allen Elementary, visited the Riverview Health Care Center on March 25 for an Easter egg hunt.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 877-0165

AMENDMENT 4

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 327, Old U.S. 23, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.5 mile north of Gunlock in Magoffin/Floyd County. The amendment operation will add 157.57 acres of surface disturbance and 131.77 acres of highwall/thin seam mining area, making a total area of 1382.74 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 mile north from Brushy Fork Road's junction with Ky. Route 7, and located on Molly Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, John Arnett Heirs, Tony Wireman Heirs, Sandy Shepherd & Marie Whitaker, Nancy Whitaker, Luther Shepherd, Edgar Fleming, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The highwall/thin seam mining will underlie Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Astro Clay Collins, et al., Rose Collins, and Vonda & James Kerns. The operation will use the area mining and highwall/thin seam methods of mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the

Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127, South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., is currently accepting proposals for Financial Audit Services for the contract period of November 1, 2004, through October 31, 2005. Proposals are subject to terms and conditions of the Request For Proposal. Copies of this Request For Proposal may be obtained in the Accounting Department at the address below, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prior to the time and date specified for bid opening.

Proposals must be mailed or delivered to James Michael Howell, Executive Director, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, 3rd floor Johnson Country Courthouse, Paintsville, Ky. 41240. All envelopes must clearly be marked on the outside of the envelope, "FINANCIAL AUDIT PROPOSAL."

Proposals will be accepted until April 22nd, 2005, and will be opened at 11 a.m., on April 25th, 2005. All proposals must be received by the time designated in the invitation, and none will be considered thereafter. Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., cannot assume 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Glenda Rogers of 145 Sturgill Branch, Harold, KY 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a bridge across Toler Creek. The property is located 2.2 miles upstream of Toler Creek's confluence with Mud Creek on KY State Route 1426, at Sturgill Branch of Toler Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: KY Division of Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of Martin is requesting proposals for architectural and engineering services for underslab plumbing. The budgeted hard cost is \$129,200. Proposals will be accepted at the Grigsby Heights development until 2:00 p.m., local time, on Friday, April 22, 2005. The proposals shall be opened and read aloud at that time. The HUD A/E

Contract as amended shall be used. A copy of this contract is available upon request from the Housing Authority. Ratings of proposals will be based on Knowledge, Training, Experience, Staffing, References, Proximity and Price. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any informalities in the proposal documents. For additional information concerning this bid, please call or write:

Housing Authority of Martin
P.O. Box 806
109 Raymond Griffith
Drive #1101
Martin, KY 41649
606-285-3681

Sincerely,
Bruce Coleman
Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 05-CI-00051

U.S. Bank, NA (Successor by Merger to First Star Bank, NA, f/k/d Star Bank, NA) Plaintiff Vs. Terry Wendel, Mildred Wendel, and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 11th day of March 2005, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$124,979.72, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 2278 Toler Creek Road, Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Hobart Howell line at Route 1426; thence running with the Hobart Howell line to the top of a high point of the hill to a large marked Hickory tree; thence running down to the bottom of the hill to a concrete marker; thence running approximately west 110 feet to a concrete marker near Route 1426; thence running approximately 230 feet South back to the Hobart Howell line to the beginning.

Also this gives access to a 10 foot driveway to the property of Lorraine Damron Newman from Route 1428.

For reference see Deed from Willie A. Damron and Erma Damron, his wife, to Mildred Damron Wendel, the female mortgagor dated August 6, 1997; recorded in Deed Book 415, Page 203, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Also see release of Right of First Refusal dated April 8, 1998, recorded in Deed Book 419, Page 491, in Floyd County Court Clerk's

Office.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney:
Hon. Septimious Taylor
4830 Towne Square Court
Owensboro, KY 42301

William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS-REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED BIDDERS FOR THE SALE OF: FLOYD COUNTY GAS SYSTEM

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders for the sale of a NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, owned by Floyd County, Kentucky, by and through the Floyd County Fiscal Court, and operated and managed by East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., pursuant to a lease agreement. The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System until 4:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, April 21, 2005.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

The Floyd County Gas System consists of a natural gas distribution system furnishing natural gas to customers in the

communities of Allen, Dwale, Estill, Garrett, Hueysville, Lackey, Middle Creek, Minnie, and Wayland, and their outlying vicinities in Floyd County, Kentucky. Documentation regarding the sale of the Floyd County Gas System may be examined by scheduling an appointment with David Layne, II, or John Allen, Jr., during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time, Monday through Friday, at the offices of East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., located at Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky [Telephone (606) 886-2431; FAX: (606) 889-9196], and having the mailing address of P.O. Box 408, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

BID PROCESS:

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System at the Office of the Floyd County Judge Executive, located on the 2nd floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 [Telephone (606) 886-9193] until 4:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, April 21, 2005. The sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System will be opened and an award of the bid made to the highest and best qualified bidder at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, to be held in the County Courthouse, located on the 2nd floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

A qualified bidder will be required to provide all necessary proof of the bidder's financial, technical, and managerial ability to purchase, operate, and maintain the Floyd County Gas System. An award of the bid and the sale of the Floyd County Gas System shall be contingent upon the approval of the system's transfer by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids or any bid not submitted with the necessary documentation shall not be considered. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Submission of a bid shall be construed as evidence and confirmation that the bidder has reviewed all necessary site visits, and has conducted sufficient due diligence to allow its submission of a bid and bona fide offer for the system.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5457 MAJOR REVISION NO. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO, INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The major revision will add an additional 188.69 acres of underground mining area, making the total area within the revised boundary 230.23 acres.

The operation is

located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.50 mile southwest from KY Route 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37°30'56" and the longitude 82°48'32".

The proposed major revision is located on the Martin, U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The major revision will underlie land owned by Ned Hall, Willard Hicks, Gregory Cooley, Roger & Freda Tackett, Myrtle & Jobe Cooley, Ronald & Daphne Reid, Robert Martin & Joan S. Flaney, Ralph & Glenda Barnett, Allen Central High School, and Forrest & Cindi Hughes.

The major revision proposes to add an additional 188.69 underground acres to the existing permit.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-00669 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, NA PLAINTIFF VS.

Robert A. Damron; Republic Bank, d/b/a Flagship Funding; Commonwealth of Kentucky, Revenue Cabinet; and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgement of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of March 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$83,415.23, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the

new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 2005, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Damron and Dovelene Damron, his wife by deed dated August 22, 1972, of record in Deed Book 207, Page 462, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, in the May Village, near Allen, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Lots 43, 44 and 69, and a strip of land fifteen (15) ft. wide of Lots 45 and 70 adjacent to Lots 44 and 69 making 65 ft. frontage overall in Block three (3). Lots 43 and 44 are each 25 ft. wide and Lot 69 is fifty ft. wide.

Tract 2

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Damron and Dovelene Damron, his wife, by deed dated February 28, 1972, of record in Deed Book 209, Page 119, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, in the May Village (Mays Garden) which is more particularly described as follows:

Lots 39, 40, 41, 42, 67 and 68, Block No. 3 in May Village, (Mays Garden) and being one hundred feet frontage.

The above

described property is subject to those certain reservations, restrictions and exceptions contained in that certain deed of conveyance from Joe I. May and Lida May, his wife, to Town Hall and Hollie B. Hall dated June 2, 1966, of record in Deed Book 190, Page 426, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real

estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff Attorney:
Hon. Donald H. Combs
P.O. Drawer 31
Pikeville, KY 41502

William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0315

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 205.7 acres, and will underlie an additional 14.4 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek, and Grassy Creek of Licking River.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Carl Reed, Jimmy & Carl Reed, I. Richmond-Heirs, Dosie Bailey, et al., Delphia M. Hale & Carol S. Wireman, and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

To place an ad call Jessica at 886-8506

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for CIAP KY36P157-5 0 1 - 0 4, Modernization, will be received by The Floyd County Housing Authority, thru Friday, April 29, 2005, at 2 p.m., (local time), and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of: Remodeling of 62 bathrooms and 20 one-half baths with new PVC Tub/Shower Liners, Lavatories, Toilets, Faucets, and Vinyl Floor coverings.

The Information for Bidders, Bid Form, Form of Contract, Drawings, Specifications, and forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

The Floyd County Housing Authority, 402 John M. Stumbo Drive, Langley, KY 41645, 606-285-3833; Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 859-255-1021.

Additional information is provided in the bidding documents. Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained at the following location.

The Floyd County Housing Authority, 402 John M. Stumbo Drive, Langley, KY 41645, Telephone 606-285-3833; Fax: 606-285-3835, Attention: Harry Bennett, Capital Grants Coordinator.

Copies must be obtained from Mr. Harry L. Bennett at the office of the Floyd County Housing Authority, 402 John M. Stumbo Drive, Langley, KY. 41645, Telephone (606) 285-3833.

Partial sets will not be issued. Bid Bonds and Performance and Payment Bonds must be secured by a guaranty or surety company listed in the latest issue of U. S. Treasury Circular 570 and shall be within the maximum amount specified for such company in said Circular 570. The "Bid Bond" and the "Performance and Payment Bond" must be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the state where the project is located, and must be listed in U. S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY, FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-01221 U.S. BANK, NA PLAINTIFF VS.

Michelle Roth and the unknown spouse of Michelle Roth Defendants BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of March 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$38,616.18, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind

the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 4 North Roberts Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Goble-Roberts Addition to the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and being Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Block G as shown by plat or map on file in the office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court, to which reference is hereby made and all improvements located and situated thereon.

Being the same property conveyed to Michelle Roth by deed dated October 22, 1997 of record in Deed Book 417, Page 647, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Joseph F. Grimme 14 North Grand Avenue Fort Thomas, KY 41075

William Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5238 AMENDMENT #3

1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Ky. 41839, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.9 mile northeast of Handshoe, in Knott and Floyd Counties. This amendment will not add any surface disturbance, but will underlie an additional 1992.0 acres, making a total area of 3595.7 acres within the amended permit boundary.

2) The proposed amendment is approximately 0.2 mile west from County Road 1280's junction with Ky. Hwy. 2029, and located along Lick Fork.

3) The proposed amendment is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. There is no surface area to be disturbed by this amendment. The amendment area will underlie land owned by the Kentucky Department of Transportation, Western Pocahontas Properties Ltd., Rosa Oney, Kenneth Bailey, Clyde Bailey, D.D. Compton and Betty Compton. The operation will not affect an area within 100' of a public road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOHNSON CIRCUIT COURT ACTION NO. 04-CI-00008 FAMILY BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF VS.

NOTICE OF SALE David L. Trimble; Kimberly P. Trimble; Computers Plus, Inc.; Brett M. Higgins; United States of America Internal Revenue Service; Commonwealth of Kentucky Revenue Cabinet; Commonwealth of Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet Ex. Rel., Division of Unemployment Insurance; First North American National Bank; Viper Max Computers; Capital One Bank; East Kentucky Corporation; Floyd County, Kentucky; City of Paintsville, Kentucky; and Floyd County, Kentucky, Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the

Johnson Circuit Court, entered the 27th day of July, 2004, and Order entered January 24, 2005, in the above cause, for the combined sums of \$127,544.02 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the door in front of the Old Courthouse, in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 28th day of April, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to-wit:

TRACT NO. 1

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Right Beaver Creek, just above the mouth of Henry's Branch, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on the intersection of the center of Right Beaver with the centerline of the C&O R.R., then North westwardly with the centerline of the R.R. 550 feet to a stake in the center of the county road, thence with the center of the county road, then running with the center of said road S 35 E 251 feet, S 18-45 E 380 feet to a stake from which an apple tree standing in the lower edge of the road bears S 63 E 12 feet, then running up a drain with a fence and lines of the land this day deeded to Ammie Webb Begley, S 73-45 W 83 feet to two elms, S 61 W 93 feet, S 30-15 W 144 feet S 43-45 W 264 feet, to a fence post on top of a point a corner to the land of S.B. May, then with the lines of his land, S 4 W 362 feet, S 22- E 305 feet to a stake in right of way line of the highway, then crossing said right of way and running up the point with the land of George W. Allen, S 43 E 309 feet to a large cedar, S 29 E 291 feet, S 26-30 E 25 feet, then running down a point, N 51 E 61 feet to a wild cherry, N 37-45 E 142 feet to a whiteoak, N 40-15 E 326 feet to a cedar, N 65-30 E 150 feet to a stake in the centerline of the state highway, then with the center of same S 57-45 E 49.5 feet, then leaving the highway N 35-30 E 200 feet to a stake in the center of Right Beaver Creek, then up the center of same with the land of Laura B. Allen to the beginning, containing 29.8 acres, more or less.

The old country road thru this tract is to be kept open for the use of the grantors at all times. There is a roadway right of way thru this tract leading toward the graveyard and is described as follows. Beginning on the corner common to Ammie May Begley, S.B. May and grantee herein, then along the line of S.B. May S 4 W 212 feet, then leaving said May, S 71-45 W 112 feet, N 82 E 165 feet, S 45 E 33 feet, S 6 W 121 feet to a stake in the edge of the highway, then turning a right angle to the left for a distance of 12 feet, thence running back parallel lines to the beginning.

TRACT NO. 2 That certain tract or parcel of land located on Right Beaver Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being a part of the same land conveyed to W.H. May by B.L.C. May dated January 9, 1932, and recorded in Deed Book 112, at Page 486, and from Steve Clark, et. ux., dated October 2, 1964, and recorded in Deed Book 186, Page 246, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, and more particularly described as follows:

That portion above the referenced property lying on the western side (up Right Beaver Creek) of the right-of-way line of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the same having been acquired as permanent right-of-way for the construction of a bridge across Right Beaver Creek, which said right-of-way acquisition bisected the above referenced property, it being the intention of the parties of the first part herein to transfer title to Earlene May Patton to all of said property located on the western side of the property acquired by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This being the same property conveyed to Kimberly P. Trimble and David L. Trimble, her husband, by deed from Earlene May Patton and Donald Patton,

her husband, dated 24th day of April, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 404, Page 403, Records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

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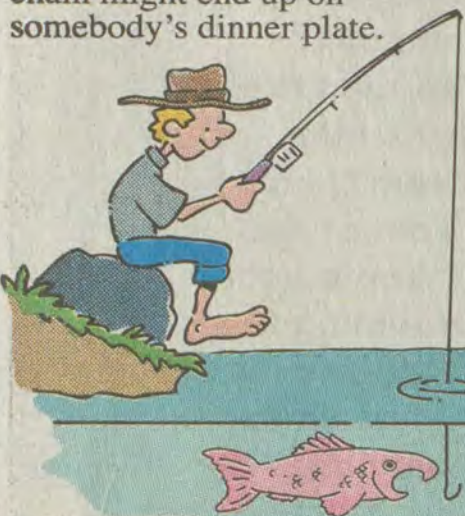
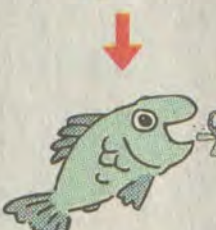
This Week: Rachel Carson

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Hidden Danger

Insects that bite, eat crops and garden flowers are considered pests. Years ago, scientists discovered chemicals that killed insect pests. They called these chemicals "pesticides." For a while this seemed to be a great discovery.

But further study showed that these same chemicals, particularly one called "DDT," killed more than just bothersome insects. What may be a pest to people may be food to a fish. That fish is food for a bigger fish, which is food for an even bigger fish. Eventually one of the animals in this food chain might end up on somebody's dinner plate.



Standards Link: Life Science: Producers and consumers are related in food chains and food webs; living things cause changes in the environment in which they live; some of these changes are detrimental.

CURIOSITY Night Life

Rachel spent much of her childhood learning about nature.

One night she decided to see what kinds of life could be found in the quiet of the night.

"If I had been asked a month ago, I would have said my backyard was a peaceful enough place at night. That was before I had gone exploring in it with a flashlight, and had seen how the bushes, the jungles of moss and grass, and even the woodpile were filled with hunters. After an hour of exploring by flashlight, you realize as never before how alive the night is. It is alive with a thousand watchful eyes." — Rachel Carson, *The Sense of Wonder*



Use your powers of observation to find 10 differences between these two pictures.

Standards Links: Investigation: Find similarities and differences.

Clues in Code

Rachel Carson called her book about the dangers of pesticides *Silent Spring* because of her concern that the use of pesticides might kill the insects that eat insects, and spring would no longer be filled with their.

SECRET CODE:



Use the code to find the missing words.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

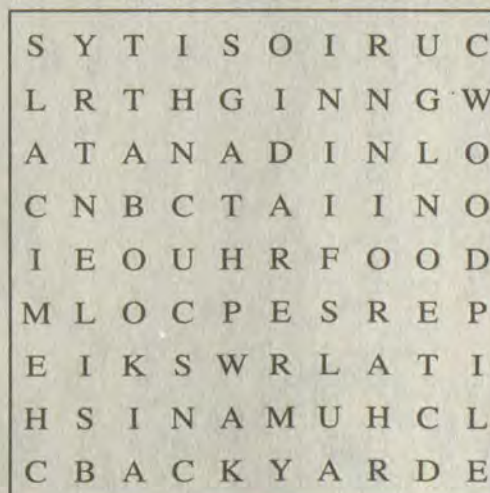


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CARSON
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CURIOSITY
SILENT
FOOD
WOODPILE
RADIO
BACKYARD
CHEMICALS
HUMAN
NIGHT
SPRING
BOOK
LIFE

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

She Wrote a Book that Changed the World

In 1962, Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* was published. Her book described how DDT entered the food chain and gathered in the tissues of animals, including human beings, causing cancer and other



COURAGE The Backlash

Rachel's book people. It also made many powerful people. She was criticized and called terrible names. But for Rachel the message was more important than her feelings. She carefully kept track of her and found other scientists who agreed with her.

Eventually the United States government DDT. And millions of people began to look more carefully at how human beings are to the entire natural world.



Find where each missing word belongs in the above article

RESPONSIBILITY Government Work

Not long after Rachel completed her master's degree in zoology, her father died and she became the sole supporter of the household she shared with her mother. In 1937, her sister died leaving two teenage daughters who joined Rachel's household.

Rachel found a job writing radio scripts for the United States Bureau of Fisheries (now called the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). Eventually she became the editor-in-chief for all publications of this government service.

Standards Link: Character Education: Students understand the importance of individual action and character.

Extra! Extra!

Stretch Your Imagination

Look through the newspaper for five powerful adjectives, five nouns and five verbs.

Create a paragraph using each of these words.

Standards Link: Grammar: Recognize and use adjectives, nouns and verbs.

Weekly Writing Corner

Earth Day

To celebrate Earth Day, I will plant a tree and climb trees. I will draw a picture of the sky and write a poem about the green grass.

Vicky,
6th grade

Earth Day is a special day to appreciate and be conscious of nature. There is a creek in my backyard and on Earth Day, I will find a quiet, peaceful place and just sit and enjoy the beauty. I'll hear the rushing water and the wind blowing through the trees. Earth Day is a very important day!

Elena,
6th grade

Earth Day is a time to appreciate where we live. Different people celebrate in different ways. Some people will plant trees or flowers. Others will pick up trash from the beach or just in their neighborhood. No matter what you do, it will make a difference.

Dorothy,
6th grade

On Earth Day I will savor every moment I have to play outside. I might even plant a garden.

Jessica,
6th grade

On Earth Day I will pick up litter and water all of my plants. I will pick up rotten fruit from the trees, and do anything I can to help.

Sammy,
6th grade

I will celebrate Earth Day picking up litter at my local park. My class will also be going to a landfill to see how things are recycled.

Ally,
3rd grade

For Earth Day I will Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. I won't litter and I will take care of the Earth.

Kyle,
3rd grade

During Earth Day, many people help clean the Earth. I don't litter and I try to get other people to do the same. If everyone picks up after himself or herself, there wouldn't be lots of litter to pick up. I also go with the Boy Scouts and clean up the parks.

Chris,
6th grade

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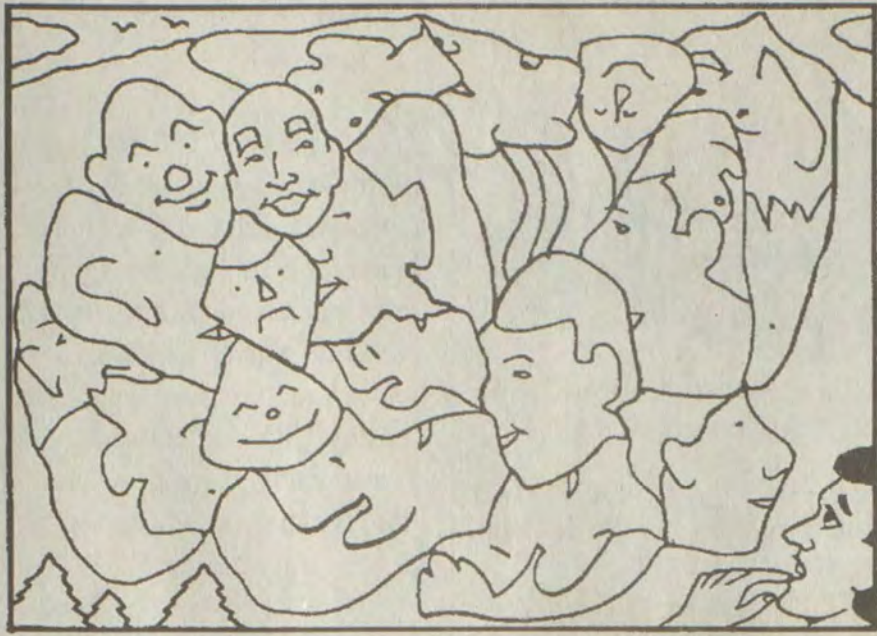
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HEADS UP! How many heads of assorted shapes and sizes are apparent above — 15, 17, 19? Turn diagram every which way to find them.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



YAK-YAK WITH NO-NOS, BOO-BOOS, ETC.

LET'S see how many twin-word terms you can identify below. That is to say, terms like CANCELED (No. 1), TOM-TOM (No. 2), etc.

1. French dance
2. Indian drum
3. Small hurt
4. Extinct bird
5. Ballet skirt
6. Latin dance
7. Hawaiian dress
8. Disco step
9. Steam train
10. Mom or dad
11. Taboo object
12. Humdinger
13. Toddler's meal
14. Up-down toy
15. Tasty treat

FLYING COLORS! Insert a color to complete the name of each bird: 1. — jay. 2. — start. 3. — thrasher. 4. — tanager. 5. — martin. How quickly can you answer?

1. Blue. 2. Red. 3. Brown. 4. Scarlet. 5. Purple.

BOXED IN! Question: Is our golfer pal standing at the rear of the box at right and driving from left to right? Or is he at the bottom of the box and driving upwards?

At first glance, perhaps, you will not see anything unusual about the drawing, but gaze steadily, then blink your eyes, and see what happens.

By design, the figure appears to face one way, then shifts to face another way. It's an optical illusion, of course, that fools you.



1. Cancan. 2. Tom-tom. 3. Boo-boo. 4. Dodo. 5. Tutu. 6. Cha-cha. 7. Muumuu. 8. Go-go. 9. Choo-choo. 10. Mama or papa. 11. No-no. 12. Lulu. 13. Din-din. 14. Yo-yo. 15. Bonbon.

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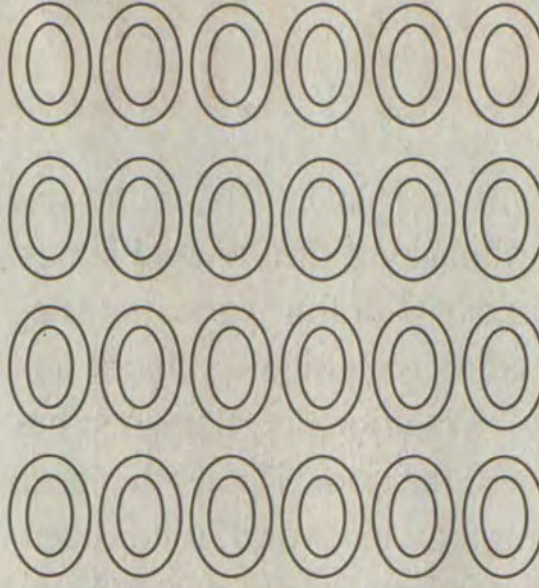
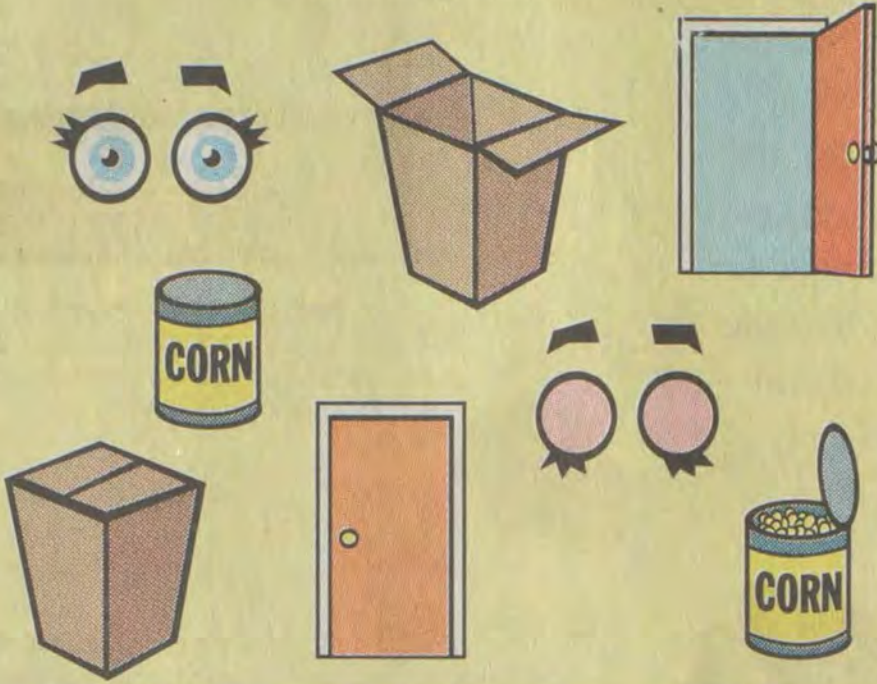
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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Open and Closed

Draw a line from each thing that is open to the picture of the same thing closed.



My Letters

O is for Open
o is for open



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter O. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter O makes in the word open?

My Numbers

Color 8 O's

Color 8 O's

Color 8 O's



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

(Using your hands)
Open, shut them.
Open, shut them.
Give a little clap, clap, clap!

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Open the _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter O in open.	Math Play Point to the number 8 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Open and Shut Look through the newspaper for things that are open (examples: open eyes, doors, windows.) Then look through the newspaper for things that are shut. Cut out three of each and use them to make an Open and Shut chart.	What's Inside? Find pictures of cars or buildings in the newspaper. Ask your child to imagine opening the door and going inside. Let your child make up a story about what is inside. Ask who, what, when, where and why questions to keep the story going.	Order! Order! Find pictures of objects and make number cards. Examples could include one car, two shoes, three heads, etc. With your child, put the cards in order from the smallest to the largest.	What Comes Next? Open the newspaper to a page numbered 8 or less. Show your child the page number. Ask your child which page comes next. For children who cannot count to 8, start with pages 1, 2 and 3. Add pages to this game as your child is able to count higher.	Over and Under Take turns with your child giving "over and under" directions. Use a folded newspaper and tell each other where to place it. Someone could say "Put the paper over your head," or "Put the paper under the chair," or "Put the paper under your chin."

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by Linda Thistle

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ACROSS

- One-fifth of 16-Down
- 5-Across plus 10-Down
- 15-Across minus 17-Across
- Two times 3-Down
- Consecutive odd digits in descending order
- 14-Across minus 6-Across
- The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- Five times 11-Down
- Six less than 3-Across
- Six less than 10-Down
- 3-Across plus 1-Down

DOWN

- The last digit is four times the first digit
- 18-Across plus 14-Down
- Digits of 2-Down reversed
- One more than 1-Across
- Consecutive digits rearranged
- Four times 1-Down
- The first digit is three times the last digit
- Ten less than 12-Across
- Eight times 3-Across
- Eight more than 1-Down
- One less than 8-Down

Rational Numbers answers

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Flamenco dancing



The province of Andalusia, in the south of Spain, is the birthplace of **flamenco**. Flamenco is an art form that exists in four parts: the song (*cante*), the dance (*baile*), the guitar (*guitarra*) and rhythm (*compás*). Traditionally, flamenco has belonged to gypsies and the poor. But as flamenco has become popular around the world, it has been mixed with other kinds of music and dance. Flamenco in its truest form is an expression of deep emotion, like terrible sadness or great joy.



Poster for a 1928 Sevilla feria
The Andalusian spring and summer *ferias* (fairs) are ideal opportunities to see the best and most spontaneous flamenco.

A brief history

Flamenco evolved from at least four cultures: the gypsies, the Moors (or Arabs), the Jews and the indigenous Andalusians.

The Moors conquered Spain in A.D. 711 and they stayed for almost 800 years. Naturally, their influence on the music is profound. A famous 9th-century Moorish singer named Ziryab is credited with playing a lute with five strings. This instrument eventually evolved into the five-stringed Spanish guitar of Andalusia.

The gypsies were a nomadic people from northern India who arrived in southern Spain during the 15th century. They adopted the songs of the region and colored the music with their unique brand of passion and emotion.

During what is considered flamenco's Golden Age (1869—1910), song and dance found their way into music *cafés* (*cafés cantantes*). It was at this time that the guitar began to accompany the singing and dancing.

Today, flamenco is often influenced by popular musical tastes and by showmanship. This has brought the art to the world stage. But many believe that modern flamenco is so diluted by outside influences that it is no longer true flamenco.

Great flamenco will always be a complex mixture of artistry and intense emotion.



Special shoes or boots called *zapatoes de baile* are used in flamenco dancing. The toe and wooden heel are fitted with dozens of little nails. Much like a tap-dancing shoe, flamenco shoes produce a clicking or brushing sound during the dance.



Flamenco does not belong to women dancers alone. Over the years there have been many famous male flamenco dancers.

Most women wear a silk flower and/or fancy comb when wearing a flamenco dress.



A dancer will use gestures of the hands, head, arms and upper torso to express the emotion of a song.

Compared to other kinds of dancing, flamenco is very grounded — there is no jumping into the air.

Some flamenco dancers use *castanets* or *castañuelas*. In the past they were made of shell or ivory; today they are usually made of fiberglass or wood.



Fan and silk shawl



The songs

Flamenco began with just the *cante* or song, accompanied by hand-clapping and foot-stomping. Music and dance followed later. There are more than 70 kinds of flamenco songs. Flamenco songs are usually performed by men. A low, rough voice is often preferred when it comes to expressing the darker emotions.

Many of the songs are laments (songs which express grief). The *petenera* is a classic song about a very beautiful girl who brings tragedy to everyone she knows.

Traditional flamenco can sound very rough to an uneducated ear and can take some getting used to. Over time, flamenco has been influenced by modern music fashions that tend to appeal to a wider audience.

The guitar

The modern flamenco guitar is closely related to the modern classical guitar. But there are some important differences. The flamenco or Spanish guitar is smaller and made of cypress. It is lighter than classical guitars made of rosewood or cedar. Most flamenco guitars have push-pegs (like a violin) for tuning. Flamenco guitars also have tapping plates to protect the guitar from fingernails.

Spanish baroque guitar with 10 pegs



The dance

Flamenco dancing uses movement to express emotion. The rapid rhythm of the footwork is called *zapateado*, and is achieved with toe-heel clicking steps.

The clapping is called the *palmas* and is created by the dancers' troupe. Spectators should not try to clap during the dance because it can distract the dancer. Together, *zapateado* and *palmas* make the *compás* or rhythm.

A dancer will not begin as soon as the music starts, but will wait until the guitar, clapping and singing has inspired her.

Applause is very much welcome at any time during a performance and it is common to call out "Ole!"

What to wear

At an Andalusian feria almost all the women dress up in flamenco dresses. These dresses are made mostly for show and are usually too heavy to dance in.

Traditionally, red is the favorite color of flamenco dresses, because red seems to evoke fire and passion. Polka dots are a popular fabric design.

Shawls and fans are sometimes used as a flamenco accessory — an extension of the arms and upper body.

Superstition has it that wearing coral jewelry brings good luck. Wearing yellow is bad luck.

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