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School official charged with sex abuse in Knott County

The Associated Press

HINDMAN -- A Knott County educator has been charged with sexually abusing students. Corbett Mullins, vice principal at Hindman Elementary School in Knott County, has been suspended with pay. He is charged with four counts of third-degree sexual abuse for allegedly touching students inappropriately. Four former students made the allegations. Mullins said in a statement that he is innocent and is shocked by the allegations. "I've been in this business for 30 years, 17 as a coach, and I've never had any allegations like this leveled against me."

Knott County Superintendent Harold Combs said he is keeping an open mind in the case.

"I don't know that he's done anything," Combs said. "I know that there's a lot of questions, and we've got to look for some hard answers."



The 14th "Survival Skills for Parents Making Career Choices" event was held this past Wednesday, April 27, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. Participants engaged in workshops to learn about auto mechanics, plumbing, electricity, home repair and career choices, among other topics. Big Sandy Community and Technical College instructors, along with a few of their students, presented informational tips and techniques to help save money by learning to "do it yourself" in the "hands-on" workshop sessions. Participants were also treated to a luncheon buffet and door prizes were given away. To learn more about the "Survival Skills" workshop, see section C of the Wednesday, May 4, edition.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Trucker charged with driving drugged

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A commercial driver with a Lexington based truck driving company was arrested this week for driving under the influence of cocaine.

Richard A. Maylor, 37, of Martha, reportedly told Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers after he was pulled over on U.S. 23 in Allen at

2:20 a.m. Tuesday that "tonight was the first time he had used cocaine," the citation says.

Officer Keith Justice, assisted by Dennis Hutchinson and Thomas Gearheart, charged Maylor, a driver with J&J Trucking in Lexington, with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia (a straw, mirror, knife and razor) and first-degree cocaine possession.

Justice claims in the citation that

Maylor had "red, glassy eyes and white powder on and under his nose." Maylor said a bag of white powder found in his truck was cocaine and that a female had given it to him, the citation says.

Maylor pleaded not guilty during his arraignment in district court Tuesday. Judge James R. Allen placed him under a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 4.

589 graduate from DARE program

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — The Floyd County Sheriff's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is rounding out its seventh year of service to the county with nearly 600 fifth-grade graduates.

Eighty-five elementary students from Betsy Layne Elementary graduated from DARE Monday in a reception at the school.

This year, Sheriff John K. Blackburn said, 589 students from Betsy Layne, Clark, Duff, McDowell, Osborne, John M. Stumbo, Allen and Adams Middle School will participate in DARE graduation ceremonies.

Floyd County deputies visit the schools on a weekly basis to raise awareness with drug resistance education.



Sheriff John K. Blackburn with several of this year's DARE graduates.

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Cops make meth bust in Prestonsburg

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg police arrested a Johnson County couple Monday after finding every single ingredient for manufacturing methamphetamine in their vehicle.

Sgt. Ralph Frasure made the initial stop on the pair when he received a call from the Rite Aid pharmacy in Highlands Plaza regarding a couple purchasing 12 packs of Sudafed tablets, a known meth precursor, as they are required to do.

Frasure got to the Rite Aid just as the couple was leaving and he noted that they failed to signal as they turned right onto

University Drive. Frasure pulled them over at the BP station on the corner and issued the moving violation.

Frasure was granted permission to search the vehicle and discovered the ingredients in the trunk as well as a sample of the drug in a plastic bag.

Det. Bryan Hall and Officer Brian Kidd arrived to aid Frasure and arrested Steven Salyers, 36, of Stambaugh, and Patricia Meade, 30, of Oil Springs.

Among the items seized were all of the ingredients to manufacture the drug as well as a notebook, with Bugs

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photo by Tom Doty

Sergeant Ralph Frasure, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, examined evidence seized from a Johnson County couple who were purchasing meth precursors at the Prestonsburg Rite Aid.

Former state senator, Floyd native dies

The Associated Press

ASHLAND — Nelson Robert Allen, a former state senator known for his dedication to education and the occasional malapropism, has died. He was 72.

Allen, of Bellefonte, died Thursday at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital following an extended illness.

Born Oct. 27, 1932, to Wayne and Mollie Craft Allen, of Hueysville, Allen was one of 10 children and graduated from Maytown High School.

Allen was elected to the state Senate in 1973 from the 18th District and served until 1991. He was chairman of the Senate Education Committee from 1976 to 1990 and was among the legislators most involved in crafting

the landmark 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act.

Allen had been instrumental in earlier education reform efforts, including 1984 legislation that was considered an early precursor to KERA.

An educator himself, Allen was a principal in the Russell school system from 1960 to 1994. He was a past president of the Eastern Kentucky Education Association and also was a member of the Greenup County commission.

Allen was chosen Most Colorful Senator in 1976, 1978, 1980 and 1982 sessions by the Capitol Press Corps.

"Nelson Allen was first and foremost an educator," said Legislative

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High: 67 • Low: 43

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Odds and Ends

■ **LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif.** — A high school production doesn't debut until June, but it's already getting some bad reviews.

Students at La Canada High School plan to stage a production of the satirical comedy, "Bat Boy: The Musical."

The play is about a half-human, half-bat creature who faces alienation and bigotry. The off-Broadway production touched on several dark themes, including incest, rape, bestiality and murder.

Some concerned parents have asked the school board to

cancel the play, but supporters say that amounts to censorship. The school board hasn't taken action yet.

Principal Michael Leininger said he told the 200 people at a recent board meeting that the play had already been toned down.

"Obviously, you are not going to have a rape scene in the middle of a high school play," he said.

■ **WAUKESHA, Wis.** — Girl Scout cookies aren't free.

One scout group has filed small-claims lawsuits against

people who failed to pay up.

Christine Slowinski, communications director for the Girl Scouts' Great Blue Heron Council, said the legal action Thursday came only after several efforts to collect the money from sales of cookies in the annual fund-raising campaign over the past two years.

The amounts owed by two couples and three other women ranged from \$301.42 to \$1,485.68.

"We call many times before taking this step," Slowinski said. "We send them letters. When all else fails, this is our last resort."

Form letters that preceded the legal action read, "Please note that nonpayment for Girl Scout cookies represents fraud," and advised the non-payers to arrange a repayment plan.

■ **FAIRFIELD, Conn.** — Man's best friend has a new friend in Fairfield — the fire department.

Firefighters have 15 new oxygen masks for dogs and cats that can be used to treat animals overcome by smoke inhalation during a fire.

"A pet's part of the family. I know, I have a dog and it's part of the family," Fire Chief Richard Felner said. "We're here to take care of families and their pets. That's what we do."

The Best Friends Pet Resort chain donated the masks. The company has given about 450 sets of masks so far to fire departments in 11 states.

The masks come in three sizes, one for cats, one for small dogs and one for big dogs.

■ **CHICAGO** — FBI agents didn't have to go far to find the alleged Bandaged Bandit.

Some agents spotted Keith Washington walking into a federal courthouse, where he was

checking the status of a lawsuit he had filed against a former employer.

Washington is hard to miss — police say the man suspected in 13 bank robberies weighs 320 and has a shaved head and severe scars on his face. He was dubbed the Bandaged Bandit because he would sometimes wear bandages on his face.

The FBI says agents followed Washington and spent six days investigating to make sure they had the right man. He was arrested Thursday on charges of robbing a bank of \$670 in February.

■ **METHUEN, Mass.** — It's the stuff of fantasies, and Tim Crebase found it buried under two feet of earth in his own backyard.

There, he and friend Barry Billcliff found a box stuffed with cash and gold and silver certificates, some more than a century old. The buried treasure is worth up to \$75,000, according to a coin shop owner.

"I was thinking, 'I've never seen anything like this in my life,'" Domenic Mangano, owner of Village Coin Shop in Plaistow, N.H.

Crebase said the find came three weeks ago when he and Billcliff were trying to dig up a small tree. Crebase, 23, heard a thud and saw that he'd hit a piece of wood. Another look, and he saw the wood was part of a two-foot-wide box.

He ripped the top off and found nine rusted cans that he and Billcliff, 27, cracked open to find about 1,800 bills, including more than 900 \$1 bills, 200 \$2 bills, and 300 \$20 bills dated from 1899 to 1929. There were also piles of gold and silver certificates and scores of notes from local banks in Methuen, Haverhill, Amesbury, Newburyport and beyond.

They took the stash to

Mangano's shop later that day.

"I'm a pessimist; I was waiting until I got a professional review before I jumped to any conclusions," Billcliff said. "Tim, however, was singing and dancing. He was ranting like a rabid monkey."

HOUSTON — Skipping out on jury duty proved costly for a university professor.

Sara White, 62, a social work professor at Texas Southern University, was sentenced Tuesday to 10 days in jail for leaving during jury selection last week.

But U.S. District Judge David Hittner gave her the option of instead spending 10 eight-hour days in the federal courthouse jury room.

"This is a terrible example for students, when a professor tells a federal court to 'Go take a jump; I'm leaving,'" Hittner said.

White, who pleaded guilty to criminal contempt, admitted she "made a grievous error in leaving the courtroom."

Hittner said White will have to sit in the jury room for eight hours a day without reading materials or contact with anyone. If she violates his order or is abusive to court personnel, she will have to serve the full 10-day jail term.

■ **SAYREVILLE, N.J.** —

Police here were in a bit of a pickle when they responded to a call about an animal up in a tree. It was no cat — try a bear.

The 240-pound male, about 2 years old, was rescued and later freed at the 3,000-acre Six Mile Run Reservoir Site in Franklin Township, Somerset County, said Karen Hershey, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Police received calls from about 50 residents and motorists

who saw the bear about 6:30 a.m. near the Garden State Parkway, Detective Mathew Bandurski said. Police followed the animal until it went up a tree behind a home, he said.

Sgt. Raymond Szkondy was first on the scene Monday. "I thought it was probably a big dog," he said.

Kelcey Burgess, a wildlife biologist, shot the bear with a tranquilizer gun and it came down a little, but instead of falling into the net below, it fell asleep, slumped over a tree limb.

■ **NATCHEZ, Miss.** — Who said reading isn't enriching?

Michele Anderson recently discovered more than just a great story when she opened a library book. She also found a wad of cash.

The former employee at Armstrong Library pulled a mystery novel off a shelf and noticed a bulge in its dust jacket. She opened the book and discovered what library officials termed was a "substantial" sum of money.

"I felt something in there, and from my time working here, I just had to straighten it out and felt in there and pulled it out," Armstrong said. "I thought, 'Whoa, wait a minute.'"

Library officials declined to say how much money was discovered, or what the title of the book was, so they could locate the money's rightful owner.

The book hasn't been checked out since March 2004, when the library switched its system of tracking books. Before then, the book had been checked out 45 times, but the library's record-keeping system doesn't track previous checkouts.

Susan Cassagne, the library's director, said she believes if the money isn't claimed, it should belong to the library.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 1, the 121st day of 2005. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 1, 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish fleet in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

On this date:

■ In 1786, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

■ In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition was officially opened in Chicago by President Cleveland.

■ In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

■ In 1945, a day after Adolf Hitler committed suicide, it was announced that Adm. Karl Doenitz had succeeded Hitler as leader of the Third Reich.

■ In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was proclaimed.

■ In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane near Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

■ In 1967, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu in Las Vegas. (They divorced in 1973.)

■ In 1971, Amtrak — which combined and streamlined the operations of 18 intercity passenger railroads — went into service.

■ In 1978, Ernest Morial was inaugurated as the first black mayor of New Orleans.

■ In 1999, the "Liberty Bell 7," the Mercury space capsule flown by Gus Grissom, was found in the Atlantic 300 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral, Fla., 38 years after it sank.

Ten years ago: Charges that Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, had plotted to murder Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan

were dropped as jury selection for her trial was about to begin in Minneapolis. President Clinton defended his choice for surgeon general, Henry Foster, as a "pro-life, pro-choice doctor."

Five years ago: About 3 1/2 million Time Warner cable subscribers temporarily lost access to seven Disney-owned ABC stations in a quarrel over transmission rights. Joerg Haider, leader of Austria's far-right Freedom Party, stepped down after 14 years as party leader. Actor Steve Reeves died in Escondido, Calif., at age 74.

One year ago: Attackers stormed the offices of Houston-based ABB Lumps Global Inc. in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia, killing six Westerners and a Saudi; all four attackers were killed after an hour-long police chase in which they dragged the body of an American from the bumper of their car. Smarty Jones won the Kentucky Derby, the first unbeaten Derby winner since Seattle Slew in 1977.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Glenn Ford is 89. Former astronaut Scott Carpenter is 80. Country singer Sonny James is 76. Jazz singer Shirley Horn is 71. Singer Judy Collins is 66. Actor Stephen Macht is 63. Singer Rita Coolidge is 60. Actor-director Douglas Barr is 56. Actor Dann Florek is 54. Singer-songwriter Ray Parker Jr. is 51. Hall of Fame jockey Steve Cauthen is 45. Actress Maia Morgenstern ("The Passion of the Christ") is 43. Country singer Wayne Hancock is 40. Rock musician Johnny Colt is 39. Actor Charlie Schlatter is 39. Country singer Tim McGraw is 38. Rock musician D'Arcy is 37. Country singer Cory Morrow is 33. Actor Darius McCrary is 29.

Thought for Today: "He who is swift to believe is swift to forget." — Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Polish-born scholar (1907-1972).

by MICHAEL CORNETT
EKCEP Inc.

SALYERSVILLE— The computer that sits glowing in the corner of Janie Davis' office at the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) in Salyersville serves as a reminder of how far she has come in recent years.

Three years ago, Davis would have been scared to turn the machine on, much less try to use it for anything important. Today, Davis uses it track of thousands of life-sustaining medical prescriptions for nearly 300 elderly or disabled people.

At age 51, after being a homemaker most of her adult life, Davis got the skills she needed to land her first real job, with help from the Workforce Investment Act Work Experience Program.

"Up until three years ago, I always wanted to just stay at home and take care of my family," she said. "But for some reason, I began to have the desire to work."

As prescription assistant for the nonprofit agency, Davis acts as a liaison between pharmaceutical companies and 300 elderly and disabled people in Magoffin and Pike counties who do not have prescription coverage. CAP pays most or all of the cost of prescriptions for these people, after Davis fills out and processes their paperwork. When her clients receive their medications on time and without any problems, Davis considers her job well done.

"This is where I'm supposed to be, and I know that," Davis said. "I have never had a job where I am so satisfied and happy."

When she decided to enter the job market, Davis knew she would first have to conquer her fear of using computers. In late September 2001, Davis began asking her friends about ways to get computer training. One friend reminded her that a fellow church member—Sandra Caudill—was the WIA director for the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program and suggested that she approach Sandra about computer training.

Davis talked with Sandra and the two agreed she would be a good candidate for the WIA Work

Experience Program. The program is administered by the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP) and provided in Magoffin, Martin, Floyd, Johnson, and Pike counties by the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.

Davis got started with computer classes taught by Mike Goble, an instructor for the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program. However, it was her WIA Work Experience assignment in the offices of the Johnson County Road Department that provided Davis the hands-on experience she had been looking for.

She began slowly, learning while she worked with some one-on-one training from road department staff. Once she learned her way around the office computer, Davis started working with the roads supervisor to complete the daily reports that detail where the department's trucks traveled, who drove them, what they carried, how much the loads weighed, and the costs of the loads. After some work, Davis was able to navigate the spreadsheet program that creates the reports well enough to do them on her own and present the finished reports to the supervisor for review and approval.

"It was a big job to do all of that, and all of the amounts had to add up right every day," she said.

Davis' computer training didn't end with the daily reports. The staff allowed her to continue working on the computer after she completed her daily tasks. She took advantage of that opportunity to learning how to create letters and graphs with various programs. Soon, Davis was enjoying her time on the computer instead of dreading the thoughts of using one.

Her determination and eager personality impressed her supervisor, so she also ended up answering the office's phone calls, greeting customers and "holding down the fort" at times when other staff members were away from the office.

When Davis' WIA Work Experience assignment ended, her confidence was higher than ever before, and she was eager to find a full-time job. She put the word out

that she was looking for a job that would allow her to put her new job skills into action.

"I had computer experience for the first time in my life, so I knew I wouldn't have to say 'no' when employers asked me if I could use a computer," she said. "I did have experience answering the phones, and I did have experience running an office."

After a few weeks, Davis got word that the Christian Appalachian Project was looking for a prescription assistant. She didn't waste any time in making her intentions known.

"I got on the phone and begged these people to death," she laughed. "I kept on calling until they interviewed me."

Davis' tenacity paid off when she was granted an interview and chosen for the position. Today, three years into her job, Davis said she can't imagine herself ever not working again. She said she hopes she can remain at the Christian Appalachian Project in some capacity as long as the agency will have her.

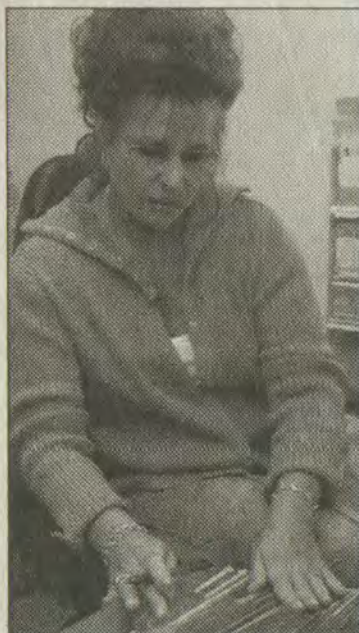
"If I hadn't gone through the WIA, I wouldn't have had the courage to step out and pursue this job like I did," she said. "I just think it was in God's plan for me to find out about the WIA and Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, and get the job."

After her 90-day probation period at the Christian Appalachian Project ended, she became eligible for full benefits and was able to obtain medical insurance for herself and her husband for the first time in years. Although her husband owns a mobile home-moving business, the couple could not afford to pay skyrocketing private health insurance rates. The insurance soon proved crucial, she said, because her husband had to have surgeries on his knees, and later on his heart to repair an aneurysm that could have killed him.

"We're just so thankful to have the insurance. God knew what we needed," she said.

She considers her participation in the WIA Work Experience Program the crucial first step that led to all of the positive developments in her life over the past three years.

WIA Work Experience Program a 'gift From God' for Janie Davis



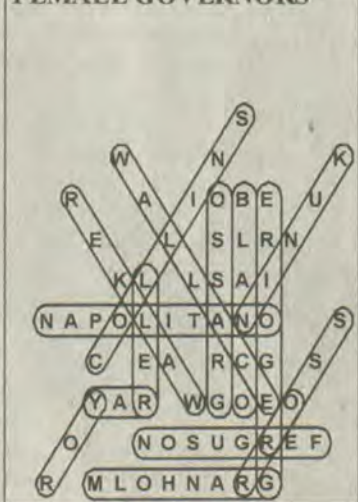
Hundreds of files fill the desk of Janie Davis, a prescription assistant for the nonprofit Christian Appalachian Project in Salyersville. Davis acts as a liaison between pharmaceutical companies and 300 elderly and disabled people in Magoffin and Pike counties who do not have prescription coverage. Davis processes the clients' paperwork, and CAP pays most or all of the cost of prescriptions for these people. Davis got the skills necessary to do her job through the Workforce Investment Act Work Experience Program, which gives participants a chance to earn while they learn. The WIA Work Experience Program is administered by the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program and provided locally through the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.

"I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God sent me to the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program and into the WIA program because I really and truly wouldn't have known how to get out and find a job without it," Davis said. "It was a gift from God."

More information on EKCEP and its JobSight network of workforce centers can be found on-line at www.ekcep.org or www.job-sight.org, or by calling the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program at (606) 886-2929.

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Fugitive Pa. sex offender arrested

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

DRIFT — The Floyd County Sheriff's Department arrested a fugitive Wednesday who has eluded Pennsylvania authorities for nearly six years and Kentucky authorities for nearly two years.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputies Delmas Johnson, Stevie Little and Sgt. Gary Tackett executed a arrest warrant on Donald MacDonald Duke, 42, of Big Branch Road in Abbott Creek, Wednesday night. That warrant stemmed from a 2003 indictment against Duke, who was charged with failing to register as a sex offender in Floyd County.

Lauren Taylor, director of communications for Pennsylvania's Department of Probation and Parole, said Duke, who was sentenced in Pennsylvania on July 13, 1991, to 6-to-12 years for involuntary deviant sexual intercourse, was placed on parole on July 13, 1997.

One year after Duke was paroled, Taylor said, he moved to Floyd County through the inter-

state compact negotiations with both Kentucky and Pennsylvania probation and parole agencies.

In 1999, Duke absconded from Pennsylvania probation requirements, Taylor said, and has had a pending warrant of arrest since that time. Another warrant was filed by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole on the same day as his arrest in Floyd County.

Floyd Circuit Court records indicate that Duke was indicted on July 8, 2003, for failing to maintain sexual offender registration in Floyd County. Duke did not appear for his arraignment in the case and has eluded authorities since that time.

The sheriff's department picked Duke up at a residence on Garden Drive in Drift around 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

"We got a tip that he was at Drift and it panned out," Sgt. Tackett said yesterday. "I guess we got lucky."

Tackett said that he and Johnson approached the front entrance of the Drift residence and identified themselves as sher-

iff's deputies.

"They tried to lock the door," Tackett said, "and he ran through the house and tried to go out the back door."

Duke was greeted at the back door by Dep. Little, Tackett said, and he no longer resisted the arrest.

"He'd been in a Pennsylvania jail for seven years and they switched his parole for him," Tackett said. "He told me he tested dirty once and took off, and he's been dodging them for over a year."

Duke was charged in Floyd District Court in 1999 for first-degree rape. That charge was dismissed after the grand jury passed a "no true bill" against him that same year.

Taylor said she didn't know if the two sexual offense cases are related.

Duke will be returned to Pennsylvania after the disposal of the 2003 Floyd County indictment against him, to complete the remainder of his sentence.

He is incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center and is being held without bond.

Meth

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Bunny on the cover, which contained a list of first names and corresponding numbers that appeared to be a ledger. The notebook also contained a shopping list that named five ingredients used in manufacturing crystal meth.

Hall noted that one could make the drug out of the vehicle with all of the ingredients present which could indicate that it was a "rolling lab."

Police Chief Mike Omerod observed the irony of the arrest. Next week, a disaster preparedness exercise has been scheduled that will involve emergency response to a rolling meth lab that has crashed into an area high school.

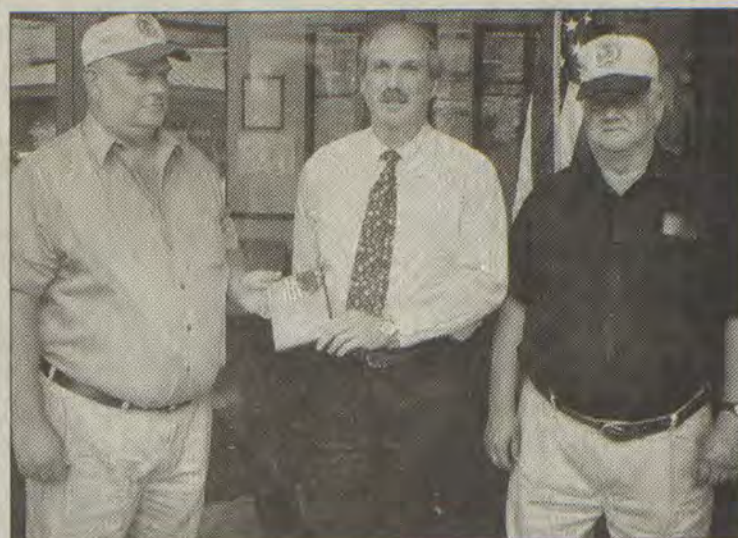


photo by Tom Doty

Robert Salisbury, left, and Madison Martin, right, representing the American Legion, Friday presented Floyd County Schools Director of Instruction Kerry Fannin with 17 DVDs which will be used to teach area students about the American flag.

Donation to teach students about flag

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two members of the American Legion made a donation April 22 to Floyd County schools, which will be used to aid teachers in teaching students in all age groups about the American flag.

Legion members Robert Salisbury and Madison Martin, of American Legion Post #283 in Martin, were happy to make the donation of 17 DVDs, one for each school in the county.

Kerry Fannin, director of instruction for the school system, called the donation a good

tool for learning and said that it had programs on it that were geared for different grade levels. He pointed out that one section on the DVD is animated and appropriate for younger students, while other segments were aimed at older children and use different formats.

The DVD, entitled "For Which It Stands," offers programs which trace the history of the flag and how its appearance and meaning have changed through time. It also offers instruction on how to care for and present Old Glory, as well as a detailed examination of what the Pledge of Allegiance means.

DARE

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Students participating receive a certificate, a trophy and a t-shirt.

"We feel like the kids really understand about the dangers of drugs," Blackburn said, "when they grow up and we need to teach them to say no to drugs, especially with the pressing drug problem we have in the county now."

DARE graduates will be recognized at a "Day in the Park" celebration on Thursday, May 5.

To make a donation to the program, contact Sheriff Blackburn at (606) 886-6171.

Obituaries

Helen Fern Rowe

Helen Fern Rowe, 69, of Raceland, went to be with the Lord on Thursday morning, April 28, 2005, following an extended illness at King's Daughter's Medical Center.

She was born September 26, 1935, in Flatwoods, a daughter of the late Howard and Clara Markin Tackett. She was a loving mother and homemaker who had dedicated her life to her family and helping others. She was a member of the Raceland First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Allen Rowe; four brothers: Elzie Tackett, Ed Tackett, Luther Tackett and Donald Tackett and one sister, Lucille Stephenson.

Survivors include two sisters: Florence White of Alexandria, Virginia, and Louise Hensley of Flatwoods; three sons: Bobby (Beth) Rowe of Prestonsburg, Donnie (Robin) Rowe of Greenup, John (Angie) Rowe of Raceland; one daughter, Suzanne (Alan) Porter of Summitt; five granddaughters, Celina Rowe, Katelynd Porter, Paige Porter, Allison Rowe and Raven Fraley; four grandsons: Aaron Rowe, Dustin Rowe, Luke Porter, and Jacob Fraley.

The funeral will be held Sunday, May 1, at 1 p.m., at Evans Funeral Home in Raceland, with services being conducted by Rev. Charles Wayne Blevins.

Burial will follow at the Caroline Cemetery.

Visitation was held Saturday, April 30, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and will be held on Sunday before the services beginning at noon.

Pallbearers will be: Larry Stephenson, William H. Tackett, Michael Stephenson, Danny R. Tackett, Samuel D. Tackett, Warren Hensley Jr., and Christopher Barker.

(Paid obituary)

Nelson Robert Allen



Nelson Robert Allen, 72, of Bellefonte, passed away Thursday, April 28, 2005, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was one of ten children born to the late Wayne and Mallie Craft Allen on October 27, 1932, in Hueysville, in Floyd County. He served as Greenup County March of Dimes chairman for seven years; was honored as "Outstanding Alumnus of Maytown High School" (now Allen Central High School in Floyd County); was a well-known high school and collegiate basketball official in the OVC, SEC, and KAC Conferences, 1960-1979; was a veteran of the US Navy, serving from 1952-56, during the Korean Conflict; and was a member of the Flatwoods Church of Christ.

He was a graduate of Maytown High School in Floyd County, BA, MA and Rank 1 degrees; Honorary Doctor's degree in public law, from Morehead State University; former Rowan County High School teacher and basketball coach; served as school principal in the Russell Independent School system from 1960-1994; past president and executive secretary of E.K.E.A.; member of the board of directors of Eastern Kentucky Education Association.

Served as state senator — 18 District — 1973-1991; Outstanding Freshman Legislator in 1974 by AFL-CIO; chosen Most Colorful Senator, 1976, 1978, 1980, and 1982 sessions by the Kentucky Press Corps; cho-

sen one of the Men of the Sessions in 1984, by WAVE-TV, Louisville, Ky.; sponsored and successfully gained passage of nine educational reform bills in 1984 session; represented the state of Kentucky on the Commission of the States on education; appointed to the Task Force for Education by senate leadership, summer 1989; Task Force on Education Reform-Finance Committee, 1990-1998; chairman of the Senate Education Committee, 1976-1990; chairman site-based decision making council, Bellefonte school; member of the Prichard Committee Alliance; member of the Greenup County Housing Authority; was presently serving as a Greenup County Commissioner since 1999; was currently serving on the board of directors of the Ashland Alliance since 1999; and was inducted into the Russell High School Hall of Fame in 2004.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Lynne Rice Allen of Bellefonte; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert Brian "Bobby" and Kimberly Brooke Allen of Midland, KY; one granddaughter, Kynidee Vivian Starr Allen; three brothers: Volney Allen of Langley, KY, Harry Gordon Allen of Eastern, KY; and Maurice Allen of David, KY; one sister, Anna Lena Allen of Cincinnati, Ohio; five nieces, and six nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers: Thomas J. Allen, Kenneth Allen, Clarence Allen, and Alfred G. Allen; and one sister, Ione Amelia Allen.

Funeral services will be held, 2 p.m., Sunday, May 1, 2005, at the Flatwoods Church of Christ, with minister John M. Brown officiating.

Burial will be in the Bellefonte Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Carman Funeral Home, Flatwoods.

Visitation was held at the Flatwoods Church of Christ.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Allen's memory may be made to the Nelson R. Allen Scholarship Fund, C/O First & Peoples Bank, 1001 Diederich Blvd., Russell, KY 41169.

(Paid obituary)

Allen

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Research Commission Director Bobby Sherman. "During his years in the Senate, reforming education in Kentucky was his passion and his mission. The great school reforms of the '80s and '90s bore his unmistakable imprint. His oratory and striking use of language always galvanized the Senate Chamber. He was one of a kind."

Allen received degrees from Morehead State University and was well known as a high school and collegiate basketball official. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Lynne Rice Allen of Bellefonte and one son, Robert Brian "Bobby" Allen.

The funeral will be today at

the Flatwoods Church of Christ, where Allen was a member. Burial will be in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens.

Donations in Allen's memory may be made to Nelson R. Allen Scholarship Fund, c/o First & Peoples Bank, 1001 Diederich Blvd., Russell, KY 41169.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

Let kids be kids

In our mile-a-minute, hurry-up society, is it any wonder that so many of our children are booked solid with extracurricular activities. Dance lessons. Gymnastics. Soccer practice. What time does all that leave for kids to just be kids?

Unfortunately, not much, insists Dr. Alvin Rosenfeld, a child psychiatrist who is developing an expertise in treating what he calls "hyper-parenting." Rosenfeld is referring to the tendency of so many parents to try so hard to expose their children to so much that both parent and child become overwhelmed and lose perspective. Before long, it just becomes about doing as much as possible.

Parents become ultra-competitive with one another, using their children to outdo their friends and neighbors. And children forget why they should have taken on these activities in the first place — namely, to have fun and learn about things like discipline and teamwork.

As he writes in his book, "The Overscheduled Child," which he co-authored with journalist Nicole Wise, Rosenfeld thinks that a lot of it can be traced to a desire by parents to raise the perfect child — the sort who grows up to earn early admission at a top-notch university, thus ensuring a charmed life.

Of course, it doesn't really work that way, but try selling that to parents who are intent on doing all they can to make sure their children get every advantage in life. The trouble is, with all this overscheduling going on, we may be so focused on what children are getting that we've lost sight of what they're giving up in the process.

Family time, for one. Remember family dinners, before it became so common for parents and kids to grab something on the run? When was the last time you had a family meeting or engaged in a household conversation? And whatever happened to free time — that part of the day, perhaps after school and chores, in which children do nothing but let their imaginations soar?

There's nothing wrong with wanting to expose your children to a variety of experiences and activities. Someday, they may even thank you for it. But the secrets to a happy and healthy life include moderation and balance, the very things that sometimes go lacking when kids are always on the go.

So for now, slow down — and teach your children to do the same. Better that they enjoy their childhood and learn to do a few things really well than try to do everything in sight and wind up majoring in mediocrity.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



Rich Lowry Column

For boys and girls, go single-sex

Your 8-year-old son who has trouble reading or little interest in picking up a book could benefit from the Larry Summers controversy.

The Harvard president, as everyone now knows, speculated at a seminar that men might be over-represented for genetic reasons in the top jobs in science and engineering at universities. While Summers surely would now retract his comments, if nothing else, he struck a blow against the dreary orthodoxy of gender sameness.

In response to the flap, Time magazine ran a cover story featuring the work of Leonard Sax, author of the new book "Why Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know About the Emerging Science of Sex Differences." Sax might simply have been dismissed as a Neanderthal not too long ago.

In a piece in The Washington Post

piece exploring the different ways boys and girls learn to read, Sax explained that at the heart of the debate about gender is a paradox: To ignore the hard-wired differences between boys and girls is to perpetuate gender stereotypes. That's because ignoring those differences means we will continue to fail to teach many boys how to read and many girls how to do math and science.

As it happens, the gender-insensitive

American education system hurts everyone. Take boys and reading. According to a National Endowment for the Arts survey, between 1992 and 2002 the gap between young women and young men in reading widened considerably.

High-school seniors who are girls score on average 16 points higher than boys on a reading test given by the National Assessment of Educational Progress. As an NEA official wrote recently, "What was formerly a modest difference is fast becoming a marker of gender identity."

Do boys not have an intrinsic aptitude for reading? No. But those parts of the

brain involved in language develop more slowly in boys than in girls. According to Sax, the average 5-year-old boy is two to three years behind his female counterpart, and the average 14-year-old is four to five years behind. Eventually it evens out, but the danger is that by pushing a boy to read too soon, or to keep pace with the girls when he can't, you turn him off reading forever. Also, boys have different reading interests than girls (and their largely women teachers): war stories, technical information, potty humor. There is no better way to turn a generation of boys against reading than to assign them "Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret."

The flip side of this is girls when it comes to math and science — they develop more slowly. They will suffer the same discouragement as boys if they are pushed too soon, or in the wrong way.

The institution of single-sex education, long ago tossed in the ashbin of history, would better serve both genders. Girls who go to all-girl schools are six times more likely than girls in coed schools to major in math or science in college.

The first step to overcoming gender, it turns out, is admitting how much it matters.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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guest column

The president's budget is immoral

by MARY ELLEN McNISH
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Our moral values call us to "speak up, judge righteously, champion the poor and the needy" (Proverbs 31:9). Unfortunately, the federal budget that President Bush wants Congress to approve champions those who have the most in our society at the expense of those who have the least.

Communities of faith must speak loud and clear: A federal budget that champions tax cuts for our nation's richest people while shredding the safety net for our nation's poorest people is not a moral budget. A federal budget that champions tax cuts for millionaires while slashing vital infrastructure and services such as education, environmental stewardship, affordable housing, and public health and safety, is not a moral budget.

Budget decisions made this year will have profound and lasting consequences. The federal budget is full of numbers, but behind those numbers are men, women and children around the country whose lives will be affected greatly by choices made in Washington. The president chooses to expand tax cuts for millionaires while making budget cuts that will result in more hunger, homelessness, ill health and hardship for millions of low-income workers, seniors, the unemployed, people with disabilities, and their families.

As the Children's Defense Fund points out, for the annual price of the tax cuts for millionaires — which will average \$136,298 a year apiece when fully phased in — we could fund the following: health insurance for 3.1 million children; full immunizations for 6.8 million unimmunized infants and children; childcare places for nearly 736,000 children of working parents; Head Start programs for more than 641,000 poor preschool children; and nearly 145,000 new elementary school teachers.

Which is the moral choice? A \$136,298 a year tax cut for millionaires, or childcare, health care and education for our nation's neediest children? As people of conscience, we cannot accept a budget that increases inequality, poverty and injustice. We cannot accept a budget that undermines our future.

Most Americans understand the lack of fairness behind these kinds of budget and tax cuts. Polls show that most Americans advocate spending more on education, health care and economic development instead of cutting taxes. Most also believe that upper-income people pay too little in federal taxes, not too much. They support universal health insurance coverage for everyone, a higher minimum wage and stronger environmental policies.

The president has it backwards. We should roll back tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and corporations, not extend them. We should strengthen programs that help people survive and ensure our nation's progress, not cut them. The president's so-called "Ownership Society" would break the New Deal social contract of a partnership between government and our people to build a better society for everyone. It would withdraw from the War on Poverty, increasingly privatize Social Security and other public sector functions, and continue to transform the tax system into one that favors the privileged. The president's

"Ownership Society" means less opportunity for the many and more ownership by the few.

Our country faces a fundamental choice. Should the United States revert to a pre-New Deal era where people are left to fend for themselves in the face of poverty, low wages, sickness, old age, and increasingly insecure jobs in the global economy? Or should we commit ourselves anew to the U.S. Constitution's promise to form a more perfect union, establish justice, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity?

Twenty national faith-based organizations including the Episcopal Church USA, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the United Methodist Church/Board of Church and Society, and my own, the American Friends Service Committee, have issued an interreligious "Faith Reflection on the Federal Budget." We concluded, "Our government should be a tool to correct inequalities, not a means of institutionalizing them. The federal budget should share the burdens of taxation, according to one's ability to pay, and distribute government resources fairly to create opportunity for all."

We must champion a strong public-sector role in promoting the general welfare and providing for the common good. We must champion a federal budget that reflects widely shared values of human dignity, equal rights, economic security, fairness, opportunity, and stewardship. We must champion the course of justice.

Mary Ellen McNish is general secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, a co-recipient of the 1947 Nobel Peace Prize. AFSC is a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service.

Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Tavis Floyd Colley, 42, of McDowell, died Friday, April 22, at McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Laura Margaret Goble Duff, 58, of Timberville, Virginia, a native of Garrett, died Tuesday, April 19, at her residence. A graveside service was held Friday, April 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Henry Franklin Fannin, 67, of Martin, died Wednesday, April 20, at the Veterans Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Mary A. Schober Fannin. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lura Howard Hall, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 23, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 25, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Mollie Manuel Holland, 90, of Salyersville, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, April 27, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 30, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Herman Gene Howard, 74, of Athens, Ohio, a native of Betsy Layne, died Monday, April 25, at Rocksprings Rehabilitation Center, Pomeroy, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 28, under the direction of Jagers & Sons Funeral Home, Athens, Ohio.

James Roy Owens, 63, of Blue River, died Tuesday, April 26, at Highlands Regional

Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ronald Junior Pitts II, 26, of Kingsport, Tennessee, formerly of Martin, died Wednesday, April 6, at home. Cremation and arrangements were handled by Gray Funeral Home, Gray, Tennessee.

Wanda Gail Shepherd Pitts, 51, of Kingsport, Tennessee, formerly of Martin, died Wednesday, April 13, at home. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Junior Pitts. Cremation and arrangements were handled by Gray Funeral Home, Gray, Tennessee.

Georgia Margaret Rickman, 61, of Cynthiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, April 23, at the Hospice Care Center, St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Larry Douglas Tackett, 55, of Beaver, died Monday, April 18, at the Carroll County Memorial Hospital, Carrollton. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 24, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

MaKayla Grace Taylor, daughter of Justin and Valerie Williamson Taylor of Printer, was stillborn Monday, April 18, at the residence of her aunt and uncle, Amanda and Jackie Hall of Jupiter, Florida. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, April 24, at the Taylor Family Cemetery, in Hunter, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Graham "Cannie" Turner, 86, of Wayland, died Tuesday, April 26, at his residence. Funeral ser-

vices were conducted Friday, April 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Malta Stewart Yates, 94, of Perkinson, Mississippi, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, April 21, in Stone County Hospital, Wiggins, Mississippi. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Howard Ray Abshire, 60, of Feds Creek, died Sunday, April 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Owens Abshire. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Jonah Adkins, 88, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 20, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 23, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Monnie Belcher, 97, of Belcher, died Thursday, April 21, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ronnie Glen Blackburn, 65, of Salem, Ohio, formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Jean Gullett Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Janet Gay Bowling, 64, of Turkey Creek, died Wednesday, April 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Lee Bowling. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, under direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Noah Case, 73, of Virgie, died Thursday, April 28, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Sindy Case. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 1, 11 a.m., in the Caney Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, under direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Dr. James Herbert Cool, 57, of Branham Heights, died Tuesday, April 26, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Allen Cool. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 28, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

June Johnson Elswick, 89, of Jonancy, died Tuesday, April 26, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, under direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Pat Hall, 77, of Penny Bottom, died Sunday, April 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 28, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

Archie Hobson, 70, of Pikeville, native of Floyd County, died Friday, April 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Betty Joyce Bentley Hobson. Funeral services were Monday, April 25, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Ola Mae Hunt, 84, of Mouthcard, died Wednesday, April 27. She is survived by her husband, Elige Hunt. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Orie V. Hunt, 90, of Mouthcard, a native of Johnson County, died Wednesday, April 27, at Pikeville Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Childress Hunt. Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Madaline Preece Layne, 79, of Phelps, died Monday, April 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

James David "Jim" Lockard, 54, of McCarr, died Sunday, April 24.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Varney Lockard. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 28, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Verda Mae Coleman Marshall, 37, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 26, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Randall Allen Marshall. Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Delores Jean Pruitt Meek, 66, of Stanville, died Thursday, April 28, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Arnold Lee Meek. Funeral services will be held Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m., under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Darvin Mullins, 61, of Millard, died Thursday, April 28, at his home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Autry Gene Prater, 65, of Freeburn, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Wallace

Prater. Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, under direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Ermol E. Ramey, 79, of Kimper, died Sunday, April 24, at the home of his daughter, Baretta Casey, M.D. He is survived by his wife, Imal Ward Ramey. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 27, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Glema Hawkins Owens Ratliff, 71, a Pike County native, died Saturday, April 23, at the Pikeville Health Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 26, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Rocky J. Reynolds, 22, of Robinson Creek, died Thursday, April 21, in Phelps. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 26, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Jana Lou Coleman Rosebrook, 65, of Crestview, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Sunday, April 24, at the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Geneva Damron Belcher Strange, 74, of Scottsdale, Arizona, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, March 14, in Arizona. She is survived by her husband, Robert Strange. Funeral services were held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Lillian Scott Thompson, 83, of Georgetown, formerly of Johns Creek, died Monday, April 25, at Dover Manor, Georgetown. Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, under the direction of J.W. Call

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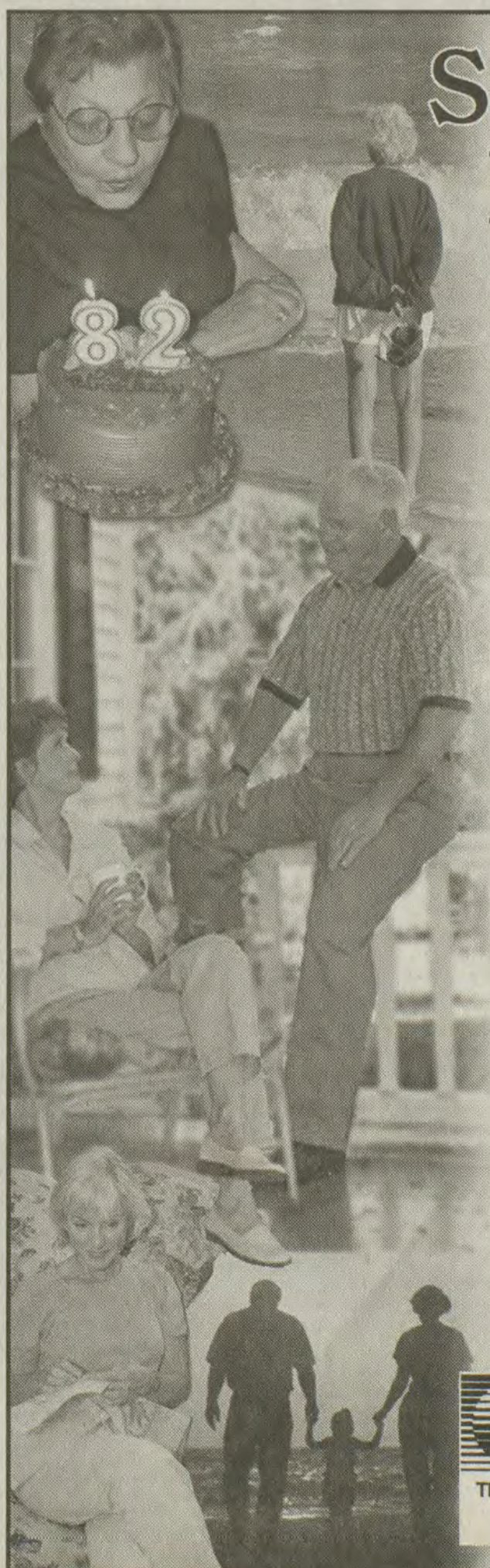
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Minister's Moment

CAP partners with WestCare for new drug treatment facility

by CARLA DAVIS

Recently the Christian Appalachian Project partnered with WestCare, a non-profit charitable organization based in Las Vegas, for a new drug treatment facility due to open this summer in Pike County.

The facility will house 72 adult male beds and will be located in Ashcamp, Kentucky, according to Jenifer Noland, WestCare interim regional vice president for Kentucky.

The Christian Appalachian Project chose to join the fight against drugs by donating a

used vehicle for the center's use, in addition to fulfilling a "wish list" of needed items from Operation Sharing, Christian Appalachian Project's Gift-in-Kind program.

Additionally, CAP Human Services Assistant Director Tom Conner has been available in an advisory capacity, and has made referrals to the agency.

"We're all in this together," said Christian Appalachian Project President Bill Mills.

"And we have to work together and strengthen each other, in order to most effectively bring recovery to those in need."

WestCare was recently awarded a \$744,000 grant through SAMHSA (Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) to open the facility in Pike County due to the efforts by Congressman Hal Rogers. The federal support for the Pike facility is one of the objectives in combating drug abuse through the Operation UNITE program, started by Congressman Rogers.

"I believe that UNITE could be a model for the nation on the fight against substance abuse," said Noland of the comprehensive initiative that began one year

ago. "[WestCare's] goal for individuals in Eastern Kentucky is for them to live a life free of substance abuse and engage in a process of healing, growth and changes that will benefit them, their families, their coworkers and

their communities." Currently the facility is working toward state licensing and is in the process of soliciting donations from individuals and corporations to help with items they need to become licensed.



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JOHNSON COUNTY

Jimmy Blevins, 44, of Lowmansville, died Wednesday, April 12, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Rosie Music Blevins. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 17, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Rosa Lee Joseph Stapleton, 86, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, April 19, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, April 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Gene Stewart, 79, of Van Lear, died Monday, April 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Ilene Calhoun Stewart. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 21, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Gilbert Harrison Tackett, 85, of Flatwoods, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, April 20, at Hospice Care Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Ann Hayes Tackett. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 23, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Woodridge Wells, 75, of Auxier, died Friday, April 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Reynolds Wells. Funeral services were held Monday, April 25, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Phyllis Smith Conley, 62, of Mousie, died Sunday, April 24, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy L. Conley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Noma Waddles Hall, 91, of Kite, died Tuesday, April 26, at the Kenton Health Care, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Harold Lloyd Short, 52, of Carrie, died Tuesday, April 26, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Ham Barnett, 74, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, April 19, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Stella Joseph Barnett. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 23, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Rev. Glenn D. Fannin, 59, of Norwalk and formerly of North Fairfield, a native of Gifford, died Thursday, February 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Easter (Trusty) Fannin. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Adam Justin Marshall, 59, of Royalton, died Sunday, April 24, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Connie Marshall. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Sophia Spade, 73, of Coldwater, Michigan, a Salyersville native, died Tuesday, April 19, at the Community Health Center of Branch County. She is survived by her husband, Mike Spade. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 22, under the direction of Dutcher Funeral Home.

Denver Swafford, 68, of Salyersville, died Thursday, April 21, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Rena Conley Swafford. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 24, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

William J. Vanover Sr., 64, of Coldwater, Michigan, a Magoffin County native, died Friday, April 22, at the Community Health Center of Branch County. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Ransom Vanover. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 25, under the direction of Gillespie Funeral Home.

Lloyd Wisecup, 93, of Salyersville, died Monday, April 18, at Greenbriar Health Care Center, Wheelersburg, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 21, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Iva Hammonds, 91, of Inez, died Wednesday, April 27, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Ransom Hammonds. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Lucille Goble Hardin, 88, a Martin County native, died Monday, April 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Harold D. Mollett, 72, of Laurelville, Ohio, a native of Warfield, died Tuesday, April 19, at Fairfield Medical Center, in Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Sherman (Tommy) Spence, 54, of Tomahawk, died Monday, April 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Venida Butcher Spence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 21, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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ALC baseball team set to enter AAC Tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – It's tournament time for an area college baseball team. The Alice Lloyd College baseball team finished the last week of regular-season play this past week. On Monday, the Eagles hosted Brevard College in a doubleheader. In the first game, host Alice Lloyd trailed 3-2 going into the last inning, but rallied, scoring a run to tie the game, before going on to win 4-3 in extra innings. Pikeville High graduate Matt Frasure got the game winning RBI and pitcher Timmy Taylor got the

win. Senior first baseman Byron Hall (South Floyd High School) was injured in the first inning and surgery was required to repair a broken arm. Hall, who this past season came on and provided some welcome play in the ALC men's basketball program, will be out for the rest of the 2005 baseball season. Brevard, a perennial conference contender, fought back to win the second game, 11-2. On Wednesday, the Eagles traveled to rival Pikeville College. The Eagles hit the ball well in the game, but fell to the Bears. Pikeville pre-

vailed in a big offensive game, winning 13-10. Johnson Central High graduate Trenton Vanhose had three hits and two RBI's. Kevin Slone, another Johnson Central product, had two hits and four RBI's. Brandon Collins had two hits and two RBI's; and Nick Laslo had a two-run double in the game. Several games were canceled due to the rainy and wet weather conditions. The AAC (Appalachian Athletic Conference) Tournament is scheduled to begin Monday. Pairings were unavailable at press time. ALC softball team ends season:

The Alice Lloyd College softball season ended its season Monday with an 8-0 shutout loss on the road at Pikeville College. Although the ALC softball program is still in its early stages, it continues to improve. Next year, plans are in place for a new softball field on the ALC campus. In addition next season, the ALC softball team will compete in post season competition for the first time. The Alice Lloyd softball team is coached by David Adams, who also serves as the school's women's basketball coach.



Prestonsburg sophomore pitcher Meaghan Slone had significant success against the South Floyd batters Thursday evening. Prestonsburg won 16-5. More on the game appears inside.

Tentative rosters set for East Ky. all-star games

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College will again host some of Eastern Kentucky's top high school boys' and girls' basketball players. On June 24, Pikeville College is scheduled to host the KHSCA Eastern Kentucky All-Star Game event. Two all-star games, one featuring boys' basketball players from the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th regions, and another with girls' basketball players from the same Eastern Kentucky regions will be held. The girls' game has a start time of 6 p.m. The boys' game is scheduled to tip off at 8 p.m.

Longtime Allen Central High coach Johnny Martin has been selected to coach the 15th Region boys, a group that includes South Floyd High senior-to-be Ryan Johnson.

A list of players for the game follows. The list of players who'll eventually participate in the game is subject to change.

13TH REGION: Coach – TBA.

Players – Jamie Gilbert, Clay County; Brooke Smith, Bell County; Kendra Latham, Harlan; Katie Atkins, Corbin; Amber Neece, South Laurel; Sierra Wynn, Cawood

14TH REGION: Coach – Bill Fannin.

Players – Collette Cole, Breathitt County; Heather Martin, Knott County; Barbie Johnson, Fleming Neon; Autumn Morris, Whitesburg; Danielle Adams, Jenkins; Stephanie Whitaker, Whitesburg.

(See **GAME**, page two)

Case seals P'burg



photos by Jamie Howell

Above: Betsy Layne pitcher Derek Case (4) held Prestonsburg to just two runs in Thursday's game between the two rivals.

Right: Betsy Layne first baseman Brandon Kidd looked to hold a Prestonsburg baserunner in check.



Spring turkey harvest plentiful

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – After the first week of wild turkey hunting in 2005, harvest numbers indicate the Bluegrass State is on pace to have another excellent spring turkey season. According to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department (KDFWR), hunters have reported 13,800 birds taken since opening of the season on April 15. The season continues through May 5.

"I'm very pleased with the harvest so far," said Jim Lane, KDFWR's wild turkey program biologist.

"We've had very good years in 2002, 2003 and 2004, with a record season two years ago," Lane said.

"This year appears to be comparable to the last few excellent seasons."

As of April 21, 11 Kentucky counties had harvests topping 200 birds, two of which had already eclipsed 300. Ohio and Muhlenberg counties are leading the way, with 324 and 316 birds taken, followed by Owen with 293, Pendleton 284, Crittenden 264, Grayson 230, Hardin 229, Pulaski 222, Hopkins 221, Hart 217 and Cumberland County with 204 birds reported.

Locally, in Floyd and surrounding counties, wildlife officials also reported positive early-harvest numbers.

Lane notes that 21 percent of the gobblers taken so far have been juveniles, commonly called "jakes". These are birds from last year's spring hatch. The remainder of the harvest has been adult birds, sometimes called longbeards, toms or gobblers. Adult gobblers are those male turkeys with beards longer than six inches, indicating age of at least two years old.

The Kentucky turkey population prior to the hunting season was estimated at about 230,000 birds. Hunter success usually runs between 30 and 35 percent by the close of the season.

Turkey hunting is one of Kentucky's most challenging outdoor activities, and attracts thousands of participants. In 1978, there were only 2,000 birds in the Commonwealth.

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Jared Hostetter
University of Tennessee defensive lineman Jared Hostetter recently underwent arthroscopic knee surgery. Hostetter, a graduate of Lawrence County High School, is expected to be fully recovered when the Vols begin fall practice.

Betsy Layne beats Blackcats, 12-2

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – Host Betsy Layne was hoping to not only get a game in Thursday, but get an all-important 58th District victory. The Bobcats, previously scheduled to host Fleming-Neon Thursday evening and play district rival Prestonsburg Friday, took on the Blackcats a day early. In Thursday's meeting between the two 58th District/Floyd County Conference foes, Betsy Layne junior pitcher Derek Case baffled Prestonsburg batters for the better part of six innings. Case got some help behind him as the Bobcats put up a dozen runs in a 12-2 win over the visiting Blackcats. Case earned the win. The Betsy Layne pitcher is now 3-0 on the season. Two of his three

wins have come over 58th District opponents. The Bobcats, playing in wet conditions, got on the scoreboard first. Betsy Layne plated one run in the bottom half of the second inning and led 1-0. Prestonsburg later answered with a pair of runs, but soon fell behind, again. Betsy Layne added three runs in the fourth inning and three more in the fifth. The Bobcats finished strong, scoring four runs in the sixth inning. Brandon Combs crossed the plate four times for Betsy Layne. Freshman pitcher Josh Rodebaugh took the loss for Prestonsburg.

(See **CASE**, page two)

All team control fouls to result in throw-ins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS – As a result of a new rule implemented at the April 17-18 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee meeting, the penalty for a team-control foul will be a throw-in in all cases. The team-control foul rule and three other changes made by the committee were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors. The addition of Rule 4-19-7 and revision of Rule 7-5-5 establishes the definition of a team-control foul and now makes the penalty consistent with a player-control foul. With these revisions, the enforcement by officials is simplified and it is anticipated that the length of delays in games will be shortened. "This change makes enforcement of the rule easier for officials," said Larry Boucher, assistant commissioner of Kentucky High School Athletic Association and chairman of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. "Under the present rule, it is sometimes difficult to determine whether a player in control has released the ball on a pass or interrupted dribble before the player charges. It is equally difficult to determine whether a player has received a pass before the player

charges. This change now makes the penalty consistent for a player-control foul and a team-control foul." Revisions to Rules 7-5-9 and 7-5-10 change the penalty for a double personal, double technical and simultaneous fouls from an alternating possession throw-in to resuming play from the point at which it was interrupted. According to Boucher, no team should benefit from the act. The fouls will be charged to the players of each team and the ball will be put back in play. This change may increase the likelihood that double fouls will be called more often when warranted. In an effort to increase the likelihood of the infraction being called and to eliminate a tremendous advantage, Rule 9-3-2 was added. The rule states that players leaving the court for unauthorized reasons will be charged with a violation instead of a technical foul, which was the former penalty. "We want to stress that the game of basketball is to be played within the lines," said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. "This will be a deterrent against players leaving

(See **CONTROL**, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg sophomore Lincoln Slone was one member of the Blackcat track and field team out in action Thursday evening during a home meet.

Game

15TH REGION: Coach - TBA.
Players - Emily Colvin, Pikeville; Courtney Conley, East Ridge; Calloray Howard, Magoffin County; Chelsea Jarrell, Paintsville; Brittany Chapman, Belfry; Kim Coleman, Pike County Central.

16TH REGION: Coach - Merle Kidwell, Russell. **Players -** Brandi Rayburn, West Carter; Ashley Baldwin, East Carter; Christen Daniels, Russell; Leigh Audrey Perry, West Carter; Suzanne Brown, Rowan County; Jana Hughes, Lewis County; Clarissa Evans, Fairview.

13TH REGION: Coach - Coach Casey Lester, Harlan.
Players - Jeremy Sanders, Bell County; Stewart Miller, Middlesboro; William Jones, Clay County; Ryan Clem, Harlan; Derek Watkins, Cawood; Blake Hensley, Pineville.

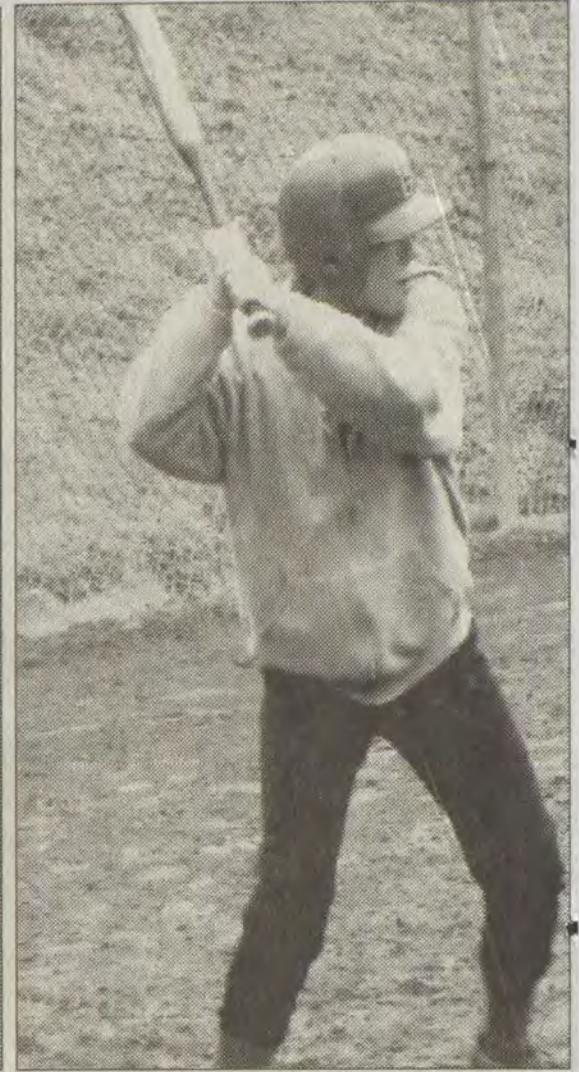
14TH REGION: Coach - Kevin Spurlock, Hazard.
Players - Cody Gilbert, Wolfe County; Quenton Morgan, Leslie County; Daniel Day, Leslie County; Alex Williams, Letcher; Robert Amis, Perry Central; Durell Olinger, Hazard.

15TH REGION: Coach - Coach Johnny Martin, Allen Central.
Players - Brad Lowe, Pike Central; Brandon May, Sheldon Clark; Mitchell Riddle, Shelby Valley; Matt Maynard, Belfry; Kyle Fletcher, East Ridge; Ryan Johnson, South Floyd.

16TH REGION: Coach - Don Daniel, Rowan County.
Players - Blake McCowan, Morgan County; Brett Miller, Ashland; Kalen Jones, West Carter; Ron Weddington, Elliott County; Thomas Tolliver, Raceland; Cody Hutchinson, Fairview.

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Control

the court and also easier to enforce for officials." Rule 3-4-15 prohibits a team member from removing his or her uniform within the confines of the playing area. According to Struckhoff, players removing their uniforms to show disgust is becoming an increasingly popular trend. Previously, there was no rule that specifically addressed players removing their jerseys.

With the addition of this rule, the act will be penalized with a technical foul. In addition to the rules changes each year, the committee identifies certain aspects of the game that need special attention that are deemed Points of Emphasis. This year's Points of Emphasis focused on three themes: unsporting conduct, free throws and intentional fouls.

Basketball is the most popular sport in girls high school athletics, with 457,986 participants in 17,061 schools, according to the 2003-04 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. In terms of participation, it is the second-most popular sport for boys, with 544,811 participants, and it ranks first with 17,389 schools offering programs.

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Turkey

Restoration by the KDFWR has returned the flock to a healthy number and provides countless hours of outdoor recreation for modern-day sportsmen and women each year. Bow, crossbow and shotgun hunters enjoy attempting to call a tom into range, which is about 40 yards. Turkeys are perhaps the most wary of Kentucky game species, having superb eyesight and hearing as natural defenses against predators. They are very difficult to stalk or slip up on, so most hunters use call-

ing to bring the birds close enough for a clean kill shot. So far, bowhunters in Kentucky have taken 82 birds, crossbow hunters have taken nine, and modern and muzzle loading shotgun hunters have harvested 13,710 turkeys. Lane estimates that 50 percent of the total number of turkeys that will be taken this year have already been harvested in the first week of hunting. The spring turkey season limit is two male turkeys, or turkeys with visible beards. A

very small percentage of hen turkeys have beards like toms do, and may be harvested if the hunter sees the beard. Otherwise, taking hens is prohibited in spring. Harvest results are updated daily on the KDFWR website at <http://fw.ky.gov/navigation.asp?cid=380&NavPath=C151C161>. Complete turkey season information may also be obtained on the agency website, or by calling 800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Eastern.

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Case

This week, defending 58th District champion Betsy Layne has games scheduled against South Floyd (Monday);

Letcher (Tuesday); Prestonsburg (Thursday) and Shelby Valley (Friday). Prestonsburg has games

slated against Jenkins (Tuesday); Morgan County (Thursday) and Pike County Central (Friday).

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WYMT ALL-MOUNTAIN BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

12th REGION
 Nathan Bray, Somerset, Guard
 Ty Proffitt, South Laurel, Guard
 Michael Robinson, North Laurel, Forward
 Walt Allen, South Laurel, Forward
 Eric Fields, South Laurel, Center
 Josh Asher, North Laurel, Guard (Sixth Man)
 Walt Allen, South Laurel - Player of Year
 Coach of the Year: Steve Wright, South Laurel

13th REGION
 Aaron Cash, Rockcastle Co., Guard
 Blake Hubbs, Cawood, Guard
 Jordan Noble, Corbin Forward
 William Jones, Clay Co. Forward
 Andrew Parks, Corbin Center
 Josh Crawford, Corbin Guard/Forward (Sixth Man)
 Aaron Cash, Rockcastle Co. - Player of Year
 Coach of the Year: Tony Pietrowski, Corbin

14th REGION
 Andrew Sewell, Breathitt Co. Point Guard
 Daniel Combs, Perry Central, Shooting Guard
 Cleve Washington, Hazard, Forward
 Tyson Gross, Owsley Co., Forward
 Jacob Hundley, Breathitt Co., Center
 Jordan Sheppard, Perry Central Guard (Sixth Man)
 Daniel Combs - Player of Year
 Coach of the Year: Kevin Spurlock, Hazard

15th REGION
 Aaron Branham, East Ridge, Point Guard
 Kris Bentley, Shelby Valley, Shooting Guard
 Burnett Little, South Floyd, Forward
 Brandon May, Sheldon Clark, Forward
 Josh Stapleton, Johnson Central, Center
 Landon Slone, Paintsville, Guard/Forward
 Patrick Tackett, Shelby Valley - Player of Year
 Coach of the Year: Randy Casey, Belfry

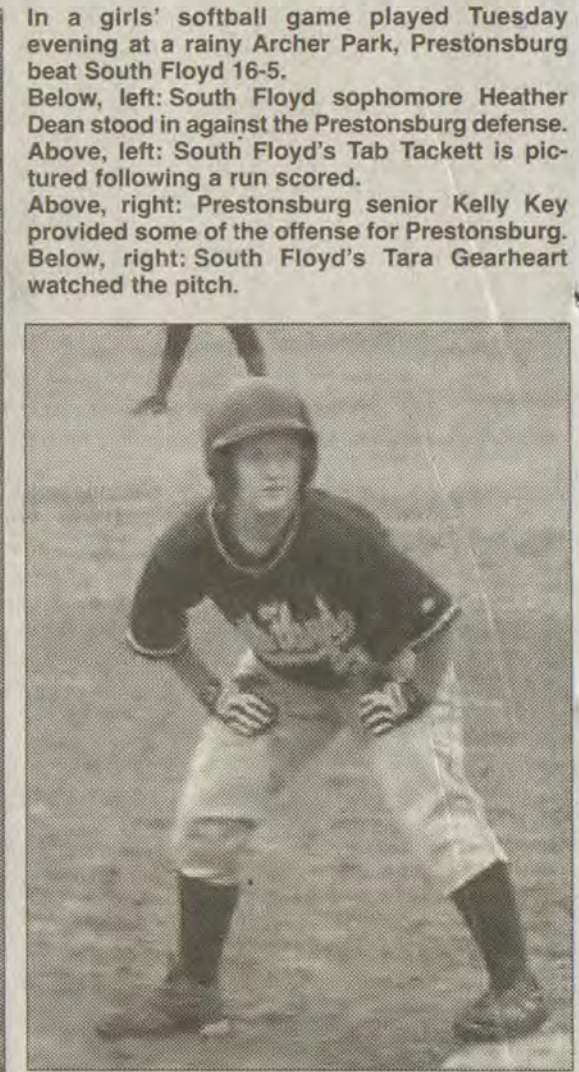
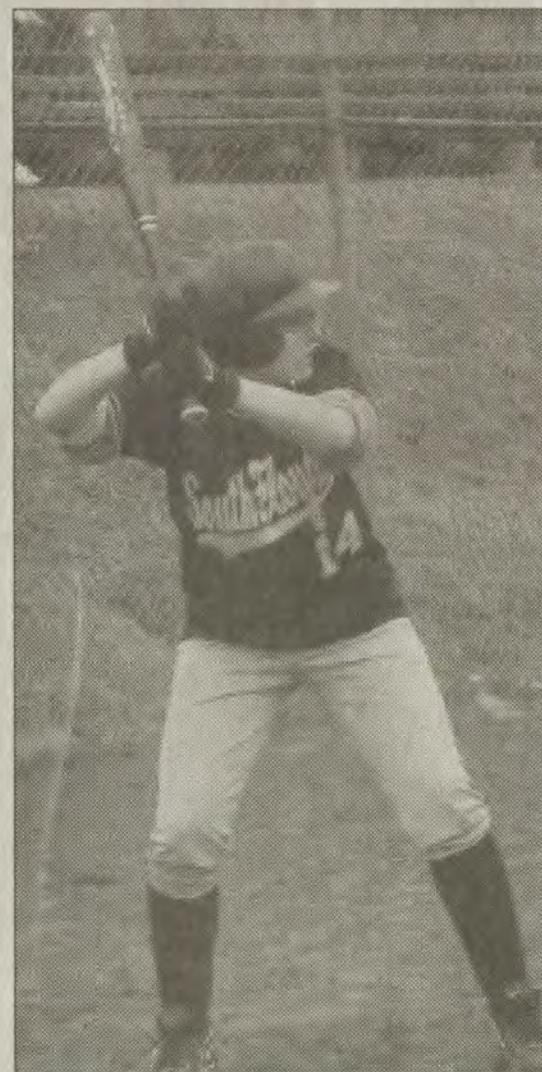
WYMT ALL-MOUNTAIN GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

13th REGION
 Johnna Abney, Rockcastle Co., Guard
 Jayme Gilbert, Clay Co., Guard
 Tara Rowe, Rockcastle Co., Shooting Guard
 Heather Hammond, Rockcastle Co., Forward
 Kendra Latham, Harlan, Forward
 Ashley Massey, Cumberland, Center
 Brooke Smith, Bell Co. Forward (Sixth Man)
 Jayme Gilbert, Clay Co. - Player of Year
 Coach of the Year: Chrysti Noble, Rockcastle Co.

14th REGION
 Kayla Bentley, Jenkins, Point Guard
 Kasi Mullins-Galloway, Knott Cent. Shooting Guard
 Colette Cole, Breathitt Co., Forward

Britta Maggard, Perry Central, Forward
 Camille Cook, Whitesburg, Center
 Austin McIntosh, Owsley Co. Guard/Forward
 Kasi Mullins-Galloway, Knott Cent. - Player of Year
 Coach of the Year: Rhett Gibson, Knott Cent.

15th REGION
 Haley Ratliff, Pike Central, Point Guard
 Kim Clark, Betsy Layne, Shooting Guard
 Megan Harris, Pikeville, Forward
 Michaela Howard, Magoffin Co., Forward
 Becky Thomas, Allen Central, Center
 Kristal Daniels, Betsy Layne, Center
 Shawna Howard, Pikeville Guard (Sixth Man)
 Kim Clark, Betsy Layne - Player of Year
 Coach of the Year: Cassandra Akers, Betsy Layne



In a girls' softball game played Tuesday evening at a rainy Archer Park, Prestonsburg beat South Floyd 16-5. Below, left: South Floyd sophomore Heather Dean stood in against the Prestonsburg defense. Above, left: South Floyd's Tab Tackett is pictured following a run scored. Above, right: Prestonsburg senior Kelly Key provided some of the offense for Prestonsburg. Below, right: South Floyd's Tara Gearheart watched the pitch.

Breeders' Cup moves to ESPN beginning in 2006

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 NEW YORK - The Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships will move to ESPN beginning in 2006. The Breeders' Cup, eight races with purses totaling \$14 million that often determine divisional champions, has been televised by NBC since its inception in 1984. ESPN and the Breeders' Cup Limited agreed to an eight-year deal Friday. Financial terms of the deal were not released. NBC Sports' 22-year run of televising

the Breeders' Cup ends after this year's races on Oct. 29 from New York's Belmont Park. Under the new arrangement, the Breeders' Cup telecast will be a live seven-hour program, two hours longer than before. Also, ESPN and ABC Sports will air five two-hour telecasts from June through October, featuring major stakes races leading to the Breeders' Cup. The deal also includes rights for high-definition coverage via ESPN HD, Spanish language on ESPN Deportes, ESPN Classic, ESPN International, the recently launched broadband service

ESPN360 and the ESPN Mobile cell phone service to be launched in the next year. "This is an extraordinary multimedia agreement highlighted by unprecedented television coverage for the Breeders' Cup and Thoroughbred racing," said D.G. Van Clief, Jr., president of the Breeders' Cup and commissioner of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. "... We are also looking forward to working with ESPN in reaching a younger demographic of fans who will enjoy the excitement of thoroughbred racing."

Day declares himself out of Kentucky Derby

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS
 LOUISVILLE - Hall of Fame jockey Pat Day said he won't ride in the Kentucky Derby because he's still recovering from hip surgery, ending a record 21-year streak of Derby mounts. Day, who has ridden in every Derby since 1984 and won aboard 16-1 long shot Lil E. Tee in 1992, said Friday he hopes to resume racing a few days after next Saturday's Derby, and would like to get a mount for the Preakness Stakes on May 21. Earlier Friday, Churchill Downs said Day had been med-

ically cleared to start riding again. Day, the sport's all-time money earning jockey and fourth among American riders in victories with 8,780, had surgery March 30 to repair cartilage in his right hip. Day said he's ahead of schedule in his recovery and that his hip felt fine. But he said his legs were sore from daily physical therapy. "It just became reality to me to try to be ready mentally and physically ... for the Derby, it was just out of the question." Day said. Day, 51, said he wouldn't be tempted even if offered a ride in the Derby. "If I'm not right, I'm

not right. It doesn't matter, who's available," he said. Day last rode at Gulfstream Park on March 5. He said watching the Derby will be "a little bittersweet." "It's wonderful that we've been able to participate in 21 consecutive Derbys, but I'm not going to lose any sleep over the fact that we're not going to be able to extend that record," he added. Day's first Derby mount was aboard 15th-place finisher Music Leader in 1982. He missed the 1983 Derby, then began his streak the next year aboard Vanlandingham, who finished 16th.

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Football teams come out big winners with NCAA board

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Make it an even dozen college football games.

Looking to help financially strapped athletic programs make ends meet, the NCAA board of directors approved three measures Thursday, including one that adds an extra football game to the schedule beginning in 2006.

The other measures — counting another game toward bowl eligibility and loosening requirements for teams to qualify for Division I-A — are effective this fall.

"I think in terms of finances, these institutions need money for the commitments they've made," NCAA president Myles Brand said. "I think those who voted in favor of a 12th game saw it as a way to increase revenue."

Brand has turned his attention toward reining in athletic department-related expenses this year after spending his first two years championing academic reform.

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But even with some opposing an extra game, arguing that it could force student-athletes to miss more classes, the board viewed the proposal as a way to create some new opportunities.

It passed 8-2, with one member abstaining.

"There was also a feeling that if you had another game, that it does give you some flexibility in your scheduling," chairman Robert Hemenway said. "A school like Oklahoma State, for instance, could possibly play a game in Tulsa or Oklahoma City and play to that fan base."

Some who criticized adding another football game also argued that it would extend the schedule.

That point has also been made by opponents of a football playoff system, but Brand insisted the NCAA had no intention of joining that debate.

"The season will not be elongated, it just means the bye week would be taken out," he said. "Nor will it lead to any

additional midweek games.

"But I seriously suggest you take up the tournament situation with the BCS."

While the 12th game will be added to the schedule in 2006, the other big winners won't have to wait that long for their reward.

Schools can begin counting one victory each year against a I-AA school this fall, and smaller programs, such as those in the Mountain West and Mid-American Conferences, will be able to qualify for I-A status by reaching an average of 15,000 in either actual or paid attendance once in a two-year period.

Before Thursday, schools had to reach 15,000 in actual attendance.

Division I vice president David Berst said schools could also include students who are charged an athletic fee as part of their tuition if they attend the games.

"I think it's a case of fixing things," Brand said. "When we went to the turnstile attendance, I think we inadvertently harmed

some teams because they don't control the weather. I think that's an indication that we had the wrong rule."

The board also adopted a resolution that strongly urged schools not to adopt the new Title IX Internet-based surveys, which the U.S. Department of Education said in March could be used to scientifically gauge whether schools must expand or create women's teams to meet demand.

"We felt that it was not true to the principles that have been in effect," said Hemenway, chancellor at Kansas.

The board also asked the NCAA executive committee to propose a comprehensive policy on alcohol advertising during college telecasts. Hemenway said the committee took that action after a lengthy discussion to include Division II and III events under any new standard.

On Wednesday, the American Medical Association asked the NCAA to ban all alcohol advertising. The current pol-

icy allows one minute per hour of alcohol ads and prohibits the sale or advertising of alcohol at NCAA championship events.

Other changes include giving men's basketball coaches more flexible recruiting calendars, and allowing men's and women's basketball coaches to instruct players for up to two hours per week during the offseason.

Freshmen also will be permitted to play in preseason exhibition games and keep their four additional years of eligibility as long as they do not play the rest of that season.

Also approved was an increase in the number of scholarships for women in gymnastics, soccer, volleyball and track and field. The board agreed to grant another year of eligibility to players who were academically ineligible as freshmen but completed 80 percent of their degree requirements after four years.

The committee defeated a measure that would have allowed basketball coaches to watch voluntary workouts.

SCOREBOARD

H.S. BASEBALL Thursday's Games

Beechwood 4, Conne 3
Belfry 9, Phelps 3
Betsy Layne 12, Prestonsburg 2
Carroll County 19, Williamstown 0
Clay County 5, Barbourville 4
Graves County 8, Mayfield 2
Hazard 7, Owsley County 0
Heath 8, Reidland 3
Perry County Central 12, Buckhorn 3
Pikeville 24, Shelby Valley 3 (5 innings)
Russell 10, East Carter 5
Scott 17, Newport 13
Whitesburg 3, Allen Central 2

H.S. SOFTBALL Thursday's Games 5

Belfry 4, Whitesburg 1
at East Ridge Border War
Betsy Layne 13, Allen Central 7
Boone County 9, Notre Dame 3
Boyd County 4, Ashland Blazer 1
Bracken County 13, Scott 3
Burch, W.Va. 8, Sheldon Clark 5
Clay County 8, Jackson County 2
Corbin 5, Whitley County 0
East Carter 5, Greenup County 2
Fairview 6, Elliott County 0
Harlan 16, Williamsburg 3
Heath 5, Paducah Tighman 2
Holmes 12, Pendleton County 0
Honaker, Va. 4 Belfry 3
at East Ridge Border War
Jackson City 15, Wolfe County 0
Leslie County 21, Buckhorn 1
Leslie County 15, Buckhorn 11
Lewis Co. 10, Rose Hill Christian 0
Lyon County 4, Caldwell County 0
Paintsville 11, Cordia 5
Pulaski County 4, Wayne County 1

Three assistant coaches named at Eastern Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — New Eastern Kentucky basketball coach Jeff Neubauer said Thursday that he has hired Ted Hotaling, Mark Byington and David Boyden as assistant coaches.

Hotaling spent the last four seasons as an assistant at Yale. He played collegiately at NCAA Division III Albany (N.Y.) and professionally in Europe. At Yale, he served as the recruiting coordinator for the Elis.

Boyden, a former Western

Kentucky player, spent the last two seasons as an assistant at Georgia under former Western Kentucky coach Dennis Felton. This past season, he was the director of basketball operations for the Bulldogs.

Byington spent last season as an assistant at Virginia. Before that, he spent two seasons as an assistant at the College of Charleston. Byington played collegiately at North Carolina-Wilmington.

"It was very important to me to hire people I had worked with before or who had worked for

some of my good friends in the coaching business, because I knew they would be a good fit for us," Neubauer said. "I have hired a very classy, professional and dedicated group of assistants who work very efficiently."

Neubauer, a former West Virginia assistant, was hired April 11. He replaced Travis Ford, who took the head coaching job at Massachusetts.

Eastern Kentucky went 22-9 last season, setting a single-season school record for wins and reaching the NCAA tournament for the first time in 26 years.

Snyder to kickoff Big Green & N.E.T. Derby Day Golf Tournament

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University head football coach Mark Snyder will visit Parkersburg on Saturday to greet participants in the 2005 Big Green & N.E.T. Derby Day Golf Tournament at the Worthington Golf Club.

The shotgun start tournament begins at 8 a.m. and Snyder will address the players before they tee off and then visit with each foursome during the early portion of the tournament. Entry fee for the 4-man scramble, blind draw

tournament is \$50 per person.

Besides Coach Snyder, other Thundering Herd coaches and athletic department administrators will be at the tournament.

All proceeds from the tournament will go to the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, Inc. of Marshall University.

To enter or for information on hole sponsorships, contact tournament chairman Joe Roedersheimer at the North End Tavern at 304/428-5854.

Music headed to Transylvania

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson Central High School senior Nick Music isn't done playing organized basketball. Music is now headed to Transylvania University where he'll keep playing basketball while continuing his studies at one of the state's top colleges.

During his senior season, Music averaged 10 points, five rebounds and five points per game for Johnson Central, a 15th Region semifinalist.

During his prep career, Music established himself as a team leader.

Transy completed the 2004-05 season with a 20-6 record. The Pioneers shared the Heartland Conference regular-season title with rival Hanover.

Pendleton County's Joey Verax (12 ppg, 8 rpg) and Madisonville's Brock Jones (17 ppg, 9 rpg) have also signed with Transylvania.

Transylvania is coached by Brian Lane. The son of coaching legend Don Lane, the current Transylvania head coach will begin his fifth season as Transylvania's head men's basketball coach during the 2005-06 season. He has a record of 35-16 over the last two seasons.

In 2003-04, Transy finished third in the HCAC with a 9-5 record. The Pioneers were 16-10 overall and qualified for the NAIA Independent's Tournament, where they lost to top-ranked Mountain State. It was the final NAIA post-season appearance for the Pioneers.

Davenport named Bellarmine head coach



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — Scott Davenport, a member of the University of Louisville men's basketball staff for the past nine years, has been named head coach at Bellarmine University in Louisville.

Davenport served the past four years as an administrative assistant to U of L Head Coach Rick Pitino and was an assistant coach for five years under Denny Crum at U of L prior to his most recent duties.

"Scott has been an invaluable member of our staff," said

Pitino. "We are deeply appreciative of his efforts in helping to rebuild our program back to Final Four caliber. He will be sorely missed, but this is a tremendous opportunity for him to build Bellarmine to the championship level."

Davenport is the 21st former Pitino assistant or player that rose to a collegiate head coaching position. He is the second Cardinal Basketball staff member to become a head coach this spring as Reggie Theus, an assistant coach at U of L for the past two years, was named head coach at New Mexico State University on March 28.

Prior to joining the Cardinals' coaching staff, Davenport compiled an impressive 258-69 record (.789 winning percentage) in 10 seasons at Ballard High School. His 1988 team won the

Kentucky State Championship with a 36-3 record and his 1987 squad reached the state finals. Davenport coached former U of L guard DeJuan Wheat, the Cardinals' No. 2 career scorer, at Ballard as well as New York Knicks guard Allan Houston, Kentucky's Mr. Basketball in 1988.

After earning a degree in psychology from U of L in 1978, Davenport served as an assistant coach at Ahrens (1978-80) and Ballard (1980-83) High Schools. He was a graduate assistant coach at U of L for two seasons (1983-85) before spending one year as an assistant at Virginia Commonwealth (1985-86) under head coach Mike Pollio (current Kentucky head coach Tubby Smith was also an assistant on that staff). He earned a masters in education from U of L in 1985.

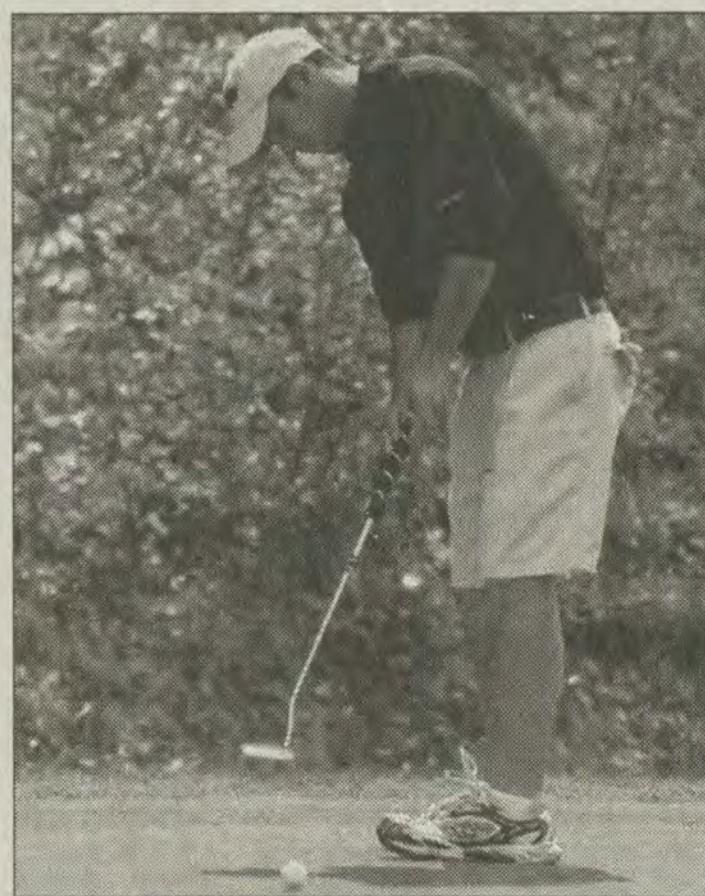


photo courtesy of Cumberland College

The Cumberland College golf team is coming off a second-place regional tournament finish.

Patriots take second in NAIA Region XI Tournament

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSBURG — The Cumberland College Patriot men's golf team recently took second place at the NAIA Region XI Tournament. The Patriots hosted the tournament at Wasioto Winds Golf Club in Pineville, April 25-26. The ten teams participating played three rounds in those two days. The Patriots finished with a three round score of 915, with only Cumberland (Tenn.) University finishing above them.

The Patriots finished all within the top 30 out of the 50 golfers. Finishing in the top ten were Eddie Parman (London) in second with a three round score of 221, Baron Davis (Big Stone Gap, Va.) in fifth with a score of 228, and Justin Price (Somerset) in ninth with a score of 231. Rounding out the top 15 was Anthony Savage (Mt. Vernon, Ohio) with a score of 235. Following Savage in 30th was Eric King (Ferguson) with a score of

241.

This was the highest the Patriots have placed in the region tournament in the school's history. Parman and Davis did such an outstanding job that they both took a place on the All-Region team.

"The men completed a solid year, the best in three years by winning the Kentucky Independent College Tournament and the Mid-South Conference tournament along with finishing second in region, our highest finish since the region format was instituted," said Cumberland College Coach Bill Sergeant. "I am very proud of this team. We were not a team that was capable of low scores but we were consistent throughout the entire year. Our seniors all played major roles in leading this team to the conference title, along with our underclassmen which will provide a good base for next years team. We still have a shot at gaining an at-large berth in the national tournament but we must have some help."



photo by Jamie Howell

Johnson Central joined host Prestonsburg for Thursday's track meet.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

'FUN'DAMENTALS CAMP DATES

INDIVIDUAL camp information and dates:

\$25 per date
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lunch will be provided daily
Ages 6-11, June 6, June 27, July 11
Ages 12-18, June 7, June 28, July 12

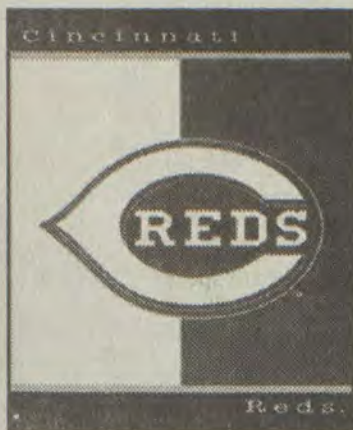
TEAM camp information and dates:

\$125 per team/per date 3 game guarantee per date/all games at College Gym Must have at least 4 teams confirmed one week before or that date will be cancelled Must have payment (non refundable) by confirm date

Play date: June 9 (confirm date - June 2)
Play date: June 14 (confirm date - June 7)
Play date: June 23 (confirm date - June 16)
Play date: July 14 (confirm date - July 7)
Play date: July 28 (confirm date - July 21)

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Reds, TEAM partner to ensure safety



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — This baseball season, don't be surprised if fans are jumping at the chance to be a designated driver at Reds games. That's because fans know there are big rewards for those who

pledge to be the sober designated driver, wear their safety belts in their automobiles and safely drive their friends and family.

In a promotion coordinated by Major League Baseball (MLB), Anheuser-Busch, and the TEAM Coalition, fans who pledge to be designated drivers at any game automatically enter a drawing to be selected as the Reds designated driver for the season. The selected designated drivers for the two Clubs that play in the 2005 World Series will each receive two tickets to their Club's first home Series game. One designated driver for the season from a Club that does not play in the World Series will be chosen at random to win a trip to the 2006 MLB All-Star Game in Pittsburgh.

TEAM Coalition — an alliance of professional sports, entertainment facilities, concessionaires, the beer industry, broadcasters, governmental traffic safety experts, and others working together to promote responsible drinking and positive fan behavior at sports and entertainment facilities — has coordinated a league-wide promotion in support of existing designated driver programs. TEAM and its partners are rewarding fans for responsible behavior.

"Fan safety in the ballpark has always been a top priority for MLB," said Baseball Commissioner Allan H. (Bud) Selig. "We believe that this partnership is an excellent program that emphasizes fans' safety to and from the ballpark."

Fans who make the pledge not to drink alcohol at Reds games will receive a wristband that will enable them to purchase \$1 O'Doul's non alcoholic beverages at concession stands at Great American Ball Park. Fans may sign up for the program at one of the Fan Accommodation Booths located at Terrace and View Levels at the Gap. At the conclusion of each home stand, a drawing will be held, and one lucky fan that had signed up for the designated program during that home stand, will receive an exclusive Cincinnati Reds/Good Sport windbreaker jacket.

"This promotion continues the commitment of MLB in supporting the clubs' efforts to encourage responsible fan

behavior similar to the effort carried out in May for safety belt use. And for the fans, it is a great reminder that responsibility has its rewards," said Jill Pepper, Executive Director of the TEAM Coalition.

NHTSA Administrator Jeff Runge said, "I commend Major League Baseball and all the clubs for taking a leadership role to promote the designated driver program."

The designated driver program at Great American Ball Park offers fans a solution to the problem of how to get home safely after drinking at the game. The designated driver is the person who chooses to stay sober, drives everyone else home safely, and makes sure everyone buckles up. "We want the game-day experience to con-

tinue to be safe and enjoyable for Reds fans while they are at the stadium and as they travel home after the games," said Declan Mullin, Senior Director of Ballpark Operations for the Cincinnati Reds.

A recent survey conducted by Data Development Corporation shows that the Designated Driver concept is well known in America. Nearly all Americans (94%) are aware of the concept. More importantly, the role of Designated Driver is being assumed by millions of Americans (122 million people have either been a Designated Driver or have been driven home by one). Nearly all Americans (98 percent) believe that Designated Drivers help save lives.

Bengals acquire Siddeeq Shabazz on waivers, sign 11 college free agents

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals acquired third-year safety Siddeeq Shabazz on waivers from the Atlanta Falcons on Thursday, and signed 11 college free agents.

Shabazz, from New Mexico State, was Oakland's seventh-round pick in the 2003 draft. He played in four games for the Raiders that year and six games for Atlanta, after the Falcons acquired him on waivers.

Shabazz played in 15 regular season games for Atlanta last season, and in both of the Falcons' postseason games.

Louisiana State center Ben Wilkerson is among the team's college free agents. He won a share of the 2004 Rimington

Award as the nation's top center despite a knee injury on Oct. 30 that ended his season.

Wilkerson and the rest of the free agents got two-year deals and will work out with the team at this weekend's minicamp, along with several unsigned players who are being offered tryouts.

The other signees are tight end Lionel Anderson, Kansas; defensive back Patrick Body, Toledo; quarterback Josh Haldi, Northern Illinois; safety Herana-Daze Jones, Indiana; fullback Darnell Jones, Mississippi State; wide receiver Sale Key, Idaho State; linebacker Cedric Sullivan, Troy; fullback Jeremy Thomas, Georgia; guard Steven Vieira, UCLA; and safety James Young, Georgia Southern.

Ortiz throws bullpen session

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ramon Ortiz, who has made only one start for the Cincinnati Reds because of a strained right groin, threw a 12-minute bullpen session without incident Thursday in Milwaukee, where the Reds begin a weekend series with the Brewers on Friday.

The session was a follow-up evaluation for the right-hander, who made a rehab start at Class-A Sarasota on Tuesday. He threw 41 strikes in 58 pitches but gave up four runs — three earned — in three innings. He struck out three and allowed seven hits, including a home run.

Ortiz, who came over to the Reds in an offseason trade with the Angels, left his exhibition start on March 23 against the New York Yankees with a mild groin strain and didn't pitch again the rest of spring training.

He made his regular-season debut April 8 at Houston and allowed one run and five hits in five innings, getting a no decision in a 3-2 loss.

Ortiz missed his next scheduled start in St. Louis, then threw off a mound three days later. When the groin tightened the next day, the Reds put him on the disabled list retroactive to April 9.

Right-hander Matt Belisle has started in Ortiz's spot.

Streak ends, Legends Lose 6-2

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Legends 10-game win streak came to an end on Thursday. The Legends pitchers walked eight Kannapolis batters leading to the Intimidators 6-2 win. The eight walks tie a season high coming against Delmarva on April 18th.

At press time, Lexington remained in second place of the Northern Division, just one game back of Hagerstown. The Suns were beaten by Lake County 4-3 in Eastlake, Ohio.

Ronnie Martinez returned to the rotation pitching four scoreless innings before turning the game over to Paul Estrada.

It was in the fifth that Kannapolis broke up the

shutout. Estrada (1-2) loaded the bases on a single and two walks. He walked Sean Smith forcing in Adam Ricks. Boomer Berry scored David Cook on a sacrifice fly to make it 2-0.

The Intimidators put the game away with a four-run seventh. Boomer Berry had the big hit, a 3-run double. Berry scored on Josh Hansen's two-out double.

The Legends added their only runs in the eighth inning. Lou Santangelo tripled in Francisco Caraballo, who had singled leading off the inning. Santangelo scored on Clint McGill's ground out.

Caraballo's single extended his hit streak to nine straight games, a season high for Lexington.

Louisville 8, Toledo 2

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Edwin Encarnacion and Pedro Swann swatted back-to-back doubles in the first inning, giving the Louisville Bats a lead they wouldn't relinquish Thursday against the Toledo Mud Hens.

The Bats (11-11) knocked 14 hits on the night, defeating the Mud Hens (12-8) 8-2 in International League play.

Randy Keisler (2-0) took the win, pitching 6-2/3 innings, allowing two runs on eight hits, striking out five and walking two. Chris Booker picked up his first Triple-A

save, tossing 2-1/3 scoreless innings, striking out two and walking one.

Mud Hens starter Nelson Cruz (2-1) threw five innings, giving up seven hits, three runs, two walks and tallying eight strikeouts.

The Bats did most of their damage at the plate against Mud Hens reliever Chris Spurling, who gave up four runs on four hits and a walk in one inning.

Four Bats starters had two hits each, with catcher Dane Sardinha hitting a home run in the sixth inning off former Louisville RedBird Doug Creek.

Ticks warrant prevention, vigilance, but not fear

by STEVE VANTRESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Kentuckians who play or work outdoors should remember that there are animals lurking about that see them as a meal. Or a tiny part of them, at least.

Ticks — arachnids, not insects — are active, hungry and on the lookout for mammals upon which to prey across the state. They are an annoyance and enough of a health risk to warrant avoidance tactics, yet hardly so much as to derail outdoor adventures.

"We have oodles of lone star ticks and American dog ticks across the state," said University of Kentucky Extension Service entomologist Mike Potter.

Kentucky is not a hotbed of deer ticks, the species Ixodes dammini, that is identified as the principal carrier of Lyme disease.

"We hardly ever encounter them," Potter said.

Instead young lone star ticks in nymphal form, just big enough to appear like a reddish-brown freckle, are sometimes mislabeled "deer ticks" as well as being called "seed ticks" or

"turkey mites," Potter said.

"You can get a mess of them on you at one time," Potter said. When the young hatch in early summer, one who brushes against the wrong bush could pick up several dozen at once, he said.

Lone star ticks are most easily identified by a single white to pale yellow dot on the back of the adult female. American dog ticks lack the marking.

Another thing that dog ticks lack is the larval stage animal's taste for humans. They feed on small rodents and, at least as larva, don't bite people.

Good news: Neither lone star nor dog ticks are known to transmit Lyme disease, a possibly debilitating condition associated with deer ticks of the Northeast.

Bad news: Lone star ticks are linked to an illness identified as Southern Tick Associated Rash Illness (STARI) that has symptoms similar to Lyme disease. Those include a rash that may form a bull's-eye pattern around the bite, flu-like symptoms including a low-grade fever, achy joints and fatigue, according to the federal Center For

Disease Control.

More good news: While Kentucky ticks have potential to transmit STARI, the illness is less serious than Lyme disease and tends to go away on its own, according to the CDC.

"But there are a number of diseases that can be transmitted by ticks Rocky Mountain spotted fever, human ehrlichiosis, tularemia so its always better to avoid bites if you can," Potter said.

Potter said the first step in dodging tick bites is avoid hot spots.

"You think about where they live, which is always going to be in the thicker cover, in brush and in weeds," he said. "If you have a choice of staying on a trail or straying off through vegetation on the side, stay on the trail."

Anyone going into tick country, should wear applications of DEET-based insect repellent on the skin and permethrin-based acaricide sprayed on their clothing, Potter said.

After being on the tick's turf, people should check themselves to detect any tick that has gotten by chemical deterrents.

"It's important to do it right away because a tick has to be

attached for a matter of hours before he can transmit a disease," Potter said.

The recommended way to remove an attached tick is to use tweezers or forceps, taking hold of the critter as closely as possible to the skin and gently pulling it free. (Folk methods such as touching the tick with a hot match or application of petroleum jelly or nail polish are disproved by research.)

Avoid grasping the tick body and, by squeezing it, injecting fluid into the human host. Also, don't grip farther back on the tick and allow its mouthparts to be pulled loose and remain in the skin, the possible source of a likely minor infection.

Potter said many Kentuckians are bitten and few incur medical problems as a result. Yet, a bite victim should be alert to symptoms just the same.

"If a tick gets on you for several hours, be alert to any developing symptoms such as rash or headaches or fever," Potter said. "If so, see a doctor and you can be put on antibiotics, which is kind of a preventive treatment that can cover all those diseases."

Outdoors: Gassett announces KDFWR law enforcement promotions

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Division of Law Enforcement today has four new captains and six new sergeants.

Interim Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, acting quickly last week to fill the vacancies, appointed as captains Bob Fralick, of Kuttawa, to head the First District, Frank Floyd, of Bedford, to lead the Fifth District, Paul Teague, of Mt. Sterling, to supervise the Eighth District, and Tim Catron, of Monticello, to lead the Ninth District.

"These four men have distinguished themselves well through many years of KDFWR law enforcement service," said Gassett. "It is my privilege and honor to make these appointments."

Gassett also promoted Greg

Noel, of Uniontown, a 19-year KDFWR veteran, and Brett Zalla, of Scottsville, a 10-year member, as sergeants in the Second District.

Myra Minton, of Shepardsville, started with the agency in 1996 and joined the Division of Law Enforcement in 1997, was named a sergeant in the Third District and became the agency's first female law enforcement supervisor. Richard Skaggs, of Lexington, and Richard Adkins, of Frankfort, were named sergeants in the Sixth District, and Ken Goforth, of Inez, was named sergeant in the Seventh. He is a 21-year member of the KDFWR.

Gassett made the appointments after receiving division recommendations. "Col. David Casey, and his majors assembled a review panel that interviewed all applicants and made recommendations according to

state law," said Gassett. "The high quality of the applicants was impressive."

Fralick, 58, a 20-year veteran of the department, began his career in Knox County. He moved to Lyon County in 1985 and has worked there since. He is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Army's artillery officer school at Fort Sill. He has been a lieutenant in the First District for eight years.

Floyd, 56, began his KDFWR career in 1978 as an officer in Trimble County. He was promoted to sergeant in 1981 and has been a lieutenant in the Fifth District for the past 19 years. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy on the USS Orion.

Teague, 45, began his career in 1992 as the Pike County conservation officer. A year later, he moved to Mount Sterling. He became sergeant in 2000. Prior to joining the department, he

was a member of the Mount Sterling police department for nine years.

Catron, also 45, joined the Kentucky Water Patrol in 1989 and moved with the division to KDFWR in 1994. He was promoted to sergeant in 2000.

The promotions are the first of a number of innovations Gassett is hoping to provide the law enforcement division.

"We're going to get them all cell phones," he said. "We're upgrading our radio system, but we are living in the communication age and immediate cell phone contact between an officer and a land owner or other constituent is a service whose time has come."

"Along that same theme, we will be adding a law enforcement component to the KDFWR web site as well that will provide up to date information to officers and the public," he said.

Tunney Hunsaker, Ali's first pro opponent, dies at 75

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAYETTEVILLE, W.Va. — Tunney Hunsaker, who lost to Muhammad Ali in the boxing great's first professional fight, has died at age 75.

Hunsaker died Monday at Willow Bay, an extended care home, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, according to Dodd-Payne-Hess Funeral Home in Fayetteville.

Hunsaker was Fayetteville's

police chief when he fought then-Cassius Clay at Louisville's Freedom Hall on Oct. 29, 1960. Hunsaker was a journeyman heavyweight who had fought more than 30 bouts. Clay was 18.

"He sure was a brassy young boy when I fought him," Hunsaker said in a 1992 interview. "He drove to the Louisville fairgrounds in a brand-new pink Cadillac."

"But the thing I remember

most about him was that he was so big and yet so fast," Hunsaker said. "I used every trick in the book. The more I'd do, the madder I'd make him and the better he fought."

By the end of the sixth and final round, both of Hunsaker's eyes were swollen shut. Clay won by unanimous decision.

Hunsaker won a Golden Gloves title while stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

In Hunsaker's final fight in April 1961 in Beckley, Joe "Shotgun" Sheldon of Cleveland landed a 10th-round punch that sent Hunsaker into a coma for nine days and required two operations on his brain.

Hunsaker and Ali stayed in contact throughout the years and Ali attended Hunsaker's police retirement party in Fayetteville.

Hunsaker is survived by his wife Patricia, one daughter and one son.

KENTUCKY DERBY 2005: Historic track unveils \$121 million facelift

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The Twin Spires still loom over the most famous stretch of soil in horse racing. Little else seems the same after a \$121 million facelift to Churchill Downs.

The 3 1/2-year renovation, the most ambitious in the track's storied history, replaced the six-level clubhouse, added luxury suites and spruced up the aging home of the Kentucky Derby. The new digs were to debut Saturday, a week before the big race on May 7.

"You can't help but get a tingle in your spine if you follow and love this sport, because now we've got a facility that we think is second to none in tradition, second to none in quality," track president Steve Sexton said recently while inspecting the changes to Churchill Downs.

In place of the dingy, decaying clubhouse are more spacious and comfortable confines where fans can dine, bet and mingle while watching races. A new simulcast center features rows of seats for fans wanting to place bets on races elsewhere.

Works of original art pay homage to the track's history.

Sexton said he hopes the renovations bring back casual fans and slow the flow of money to a riverboat casino docked a few miles away on the Indiana side of the Ohio River.

"This is what Churchill needed," said Bob Tucker of Jeffersonville, Ind., among a group of fans who recently got a sneak peek at the changes. He said the refurbished track is a far cry from what he remembered from years of coming out to watch the horses run: "An old wooden structure and some metal folding chairs."

Brandon Kessinger of Louisville, who has come out to the track since boyhood, said the renovations were fitting for a track he called "the Yankee Stadium of horse racing."

"You just walk around and it screams history," he said, "but it needed a facelift."

Some new artwork quickly may become featured attractions.

On the second floor of the refurbished clubhouse is a 36-foot-long mural displaying colorful depictions of all 96 Derby-

winning jockeys — from Oliver Lewis, who rode Aristides to victory in the first Derby in 1875, to Stewart Elliott, who was aboard 2004 winner Smarty Jones.

The artist, Pierre "Peb" Bellocq, called it his contribution to revive the Derby's past. The artist, known for his Daily Racing Form caricature drawings, painstakingly researched the winning jockeys from the 19th century.

"I wanted to show the public the real colors, the real faces of the jockeys," he said.

The mural drew flocks of admirers looking for recognizable faces among the riders.

"I just think it's so fun," said Vicki Tomlinson of Shelbyville. "I think it's great to see the reaction of everybody. I love to hear everybody say, 'Oh, who's that?'"

TVs seem everywhere to let fans keep tabs on races. Churchill installed touch-screen computers that let some fans order food and drinks and place bets without leaving their seats.

The modernization also added a common feature at other sports venues — high-priced luxury suites. The track's 79 suites — sandwiched between the

famed Twin Spires and overlooking the home stretch — range from \$70,000 to \$240,000 in yearly lease prices. The suites quickly were snatched up, and Churchill has a waiting list.

The suites will generate about \$9 million yearly for the track. Churchill also sold about 400 seat licenses — giving fans the right to buy other prime Derby seats for 30 years — producing another \$19 million for the track.

Wine and spirits giant Brown-Forman Corp. will occupy a luxury suite overlooking the finish line. The Louisville-based company plans to show off the suite and the rest of the track for business meetings and to entertain customers throughout the year.

"The one thing that is always symbolic of Kentucky and our home place is Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby," said Bob Krall, who oversees Brown-Forman's customer alliances.

Probably the most sensitive part of the renovation was close to the fabled Twin Spires.

To avoid detracting from the track's centerpiece, architects

designed the luxury suites so they stair-step away from the spires. The spires, dating back to 1895, also were restored and repainted early in the renovations, but still look the same.

"We realize that's a critical and important element to what Churchill Downs is all about," Sexton said of the spires — used as a corporate symbol by the track's Louisville-based parent, Churchill Downs Inc., which owns tracks spanning both coasts. "The signature Kentucky Derby shot of horses rounding the first turn with the Twin Spires is known worldwide."

Race fan Kessinger said the spires seem dwarfed by the luxury boxes, but said the track couldn't cling to nostalgia alone.

"It's progress," he said. "I don't feel sad about it."

Other track improvements, while less glamorous, are designed to enhance fan comfort. They include expanded restroom space and new kitchens on every level, replacing the single kitchen that once served the whole track.

New escalators and elevators will help smooth crowd flow,

especially on Derby Day, when more than 140,000 fans jam into the track.

The renovation increased the track's overall space from 1 million to 1.4 million square feet. Amid the new surroundings, however, are reminders of Churchill's rich history.

"I think it's the best of both worlds," said track spokesman John Asher. "You maintain the history ... when you look at those Twin Spires. And now we've got what I hope is a new foundation that will keep us alive and vibrant and growing for another 130 years."

Churchill Downs renovation by the numbers

- \$121 million total cost.
- 78,000 square feet of vinyl tile floor.
- 21,570 sheets of drywall.
- 20,000 square yards of carpet.
- 12,520 cubic yards of concrete.
- 7,000 gallons of paint.
- 1,000 tons of reinforcing steel.
- 96 Derby-winning jockeys displayed in 36-foot-long mural.
- 79 luxury suites.
- 2 spires, dating back to 1895, still hovering over the track.

Racing authority names steward, clerk of scales for Churchill Downs meet

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority approved the appointment of two racing officials on Thursday for the upcoming meet at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

The Churchill Downs meet begins Saturday and includes the Kentucky Oaks and

Kentucky Derby.

By a 7-0 vote during a special meeting at Keeneland, the authority named Brooks Becraft as a track steward and Steve Krajcir as the track's clerk of scales.

It also approved the appointment of Ted Hill as a track steward for May 6-7, the days on which the Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby, respec-

tively, will be run. Hill will take Becraft's place on those two days.

Becraft, who previously has worked at Turfway Park in Florence and Ellis Park in Henderson as a steward, will replace Steve Obrekaitis. Krajcir will replace Ron Herbstreit. Krajcir has served in the same role at Ellis Park.

Ohio police officer a partner in Derby horse

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NILES, Ohio — Some horse owners wait years for a colt worthy of running in the Kentucky Derby.

Ron and Toni Durst got a piece of one on their first try.

Ron, a lieutenant with the Niles Police Department, and Toni, a deputy clerk in Municipal Court, own one-eighth of Coin Silver, one of three likely Derby entrants trained by Todd Fletcher.

They had always wanted to

own a racehorse but couldn't do it on their own, so they joined the partnership that bought Coin Silver two years ago. Until last month, they didn't have much to cheer about.

Finally, Coin Silver — now 2-1-1 in five starts — won his first race at Gulfstream Park in March. He won his second on Saturday, the Coolmore Lexington Stakes at Keeneland, as a 13-1 longshot.

The graded stakes money — more than \$200,000 — was plenty to qualify for the Derby

on May 7 at Churchill Downs.

Coin Silver seems to run his best on an off-track. His Lexington win was in the slop.

If the weather is fair on Derby day, "We'll be out there on the track, sprinkling it with a hose," Ron Durst said.

Win or lose, Durst is just happy to have gotten this far.

"His desire was always just to get a racehorse," Toni Durst said. "A horse like this only comes along once in a lifetime."

Niles is about 50 miles southeast of Cleveland.

WB, ISC announce 'Batman Begins 400'

Nextel Cup race at Michigan International Speedway on June 19

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Warner Bros. Consumer Products and International Speedway Corporation announced that Batman Begins(tm), the highly anticipated film from Warner Bros. Pictures, will take center stage at Michigan International Speedway on June 19 for the running of the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup "Batman Begins 400." The film opens worldwide on June 15.

"We are very proud to be making history with the Batman Begins 400 at MIS, and to again be partnering with Warner Bros. Consumer Products, DC Comics, and Roush Racing," said Michigan International Speedway President, Brett Shelton. "Our fans really enjoyed the Justice League racing weekend last August and I know it will be another outstanding weekend of racing. This race sponsorship certainly adds to our history of putting superheroes in Victory Lane at MIS."

"The launch of Batman Begins will be fun for the fans at the track and those watching from home," said NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France. "Batman will cheer on the 43 super heroes that will be competing for the Batman Begins 400 at Michigan International Speedway."

"We're looking forward to pairing the on-screen excitement of Batman Begins to the on-track excitement of NASCAR," said Dan Romanelli, President, Warner Bros. Worldwide Consumer Products. "A fast car, the Batmobile(tm), and a host of high-tech gadgets have always been key to Batman's success in fighting his way to victory over crime. As NASCAR's finest drivers take to the track on June 19 for the Batman Begins 400 at Michigan International Speedway, they will utilize all of the high-tech gadgets at their disposal to take their team to victory lane."

"Our relationship with Warner Bros. has been long and

incredibly rewarding for NASCAR fans," said Lesa France Kennedy, President of International Speedway Corporation. "With the Batman Begins 400 we are taking the entertainment factor to a new level. We're looking forward to seeing the racing action unfold on the track — and the super hero action unfold in theaters."

Roush Racing legend Mark Martin will get a little extra Batman power to help him get to Victory Lane, as his Ford will feature a special Batman Begins paint scheme for the race. Martin's fellow Roush Racing driver, Ricky Craven, will also be sporting a Batman Begins scheme during the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series event on June 18.

"It's an honor to be participating in the Batman Begins program this season, especially at Michigan, which I consider our home track," said Jack Roush. "We had a great time with Greg's (Biffle) victory last year with The Flash paint scheme on his car, so I am banking on Batman providing incentive to both Mark and Ricky this year."

Christopher Nolan's Batman Begins explores the origins of the Batman legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good in Gotham. In the wake of his parents' murder, disillusioned industrial heir Bruce Wayne (CHRISTIAN BALE) travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice and turn fear against those who prey on the fearful. He returns to Gotham and unveils his alter-ego: Batman, a masked crusader who uses his strength, intellect and an array of high tech deceptions to fight the sinister forces that threaten the city.

Race fans will have a front-row seat for a one-of-a-kind celebration of the film's launch when the Batmobile from the film leads the pack of 43 race cars off of pit road to start the battle for the checkered flag.

Besides the on-track action that fans will be able to enjoy during the weekend, the newly

redesigned AAA Motorsports Fan Plaza behind the main grandstand at Michigan International Speedway will incorporate the Batman Begins Fan Zone, which will feature the Batmobile from the film, Mark Martin's Batman Begins themed car, the Ricky Craven truck, and the fantasy and event cars that are part of the weekend's Batman action. The Batman Begins Fan Zone will also include other activities and exclusive merchandise, based on the film and the Batman Begins 400.

After enjoying both the race and the film, fans of the Caped Crusader(tm) can also extend their experience in the form of a full line of merchandise being offered by companies such as Mattel and Team Caliber. Both companies, experts in racing-inspired merchandise, are offering a line of die-cast vehicles based on the special Batman Begins paint schemes. Mattel also has a full range of products based on the film including the Batmobile, Batman action figures and playsets.

While this is the first time a major motion picture is serving as the title sponsor of a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race, it is not the first time Warner Bros. Consumer Products has been involved with NASCAR or Michigan International Speedway. Just last August, Warner Bros. Consumer Products and DC Comics partnered with Michigan International Speedway for the highly successful Justice League Racing Weekend Presented by Hot Wheels, as some of NASCAR's top drivers piloted cars emblazoned with the familiar heroes of the Justice League. Adding to the excitement of that weekend was the fact that Roush's Greg Biffle and his super hero counterpart, The Flash took home the checkered flag. NASCAR fans may also remember the ever-popular Looney Tunes programs and paint schemes at both Richmond International Raceway (2001, 2002) and Phoenix International Raceway (2003).

Panel recommends jockeys, tracks help pay for more insurance

by BRETT BARROQUERE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A panel studying health insurance for jockeys said riders and tracks should each pay part of any additional insurance at tracks, a conclusion the Jockeys' Guild criticized as a non-solution.

The panel, formed by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, also recommended private insurance paid for by all segments of the racing industry.

Jockeys and racing officials who made up the panel said that would be preferable to state-legislated workers' compensation.

Keith Chamblin, an NTRA marketing executive and member of the panel, said the goal of the report was to sort out what the current situation is for jockeys and tracks and offer short and long-term solutions.

Eric Banks, a spokesman for the Jockeys' Guild, described the report as "inadequate." The guild is opposed to jockeys having to pay for part of the additional insurance.

The issue of supplemental insurance coverage for jockeys boiled over at Churchill Downs, when the track ejected

about a dozen jockeys from its fall meet in November after the riders threatened a boycott.

The jockeys complained that Churchill's injury benefit isn't enough. At the time, Churchill covered the first \$100,000 in medical expenses from an injury, but jockeys pay for any additional coverage.

Other tracks offered similar coverage, including Churchill-owned Hoosier Park, which ejected 10 jockeys. Since then, some Kentucky tracks have upped the coverage to \$1 million.

The jockeys and their union are pushing for Churchill Downs to offer supplemental insurance coverage to riders. The jockeys say injuries during racing can bring astronomical hospital bills.

Banks said tracks should provide the insurance and seek to improve safety. The panel's report doesn't address those concerns, Banks said.

"It doesn't do anything but state the obvious," Banks said. "The jockeys already give more than enough in what they go through to earn their livelihood."

Jim Gallagher, executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, said the recommendations won't settle

issues between the jockeys and the tracks but does provide some possible solutions.

"A lot of people were looking for those types of answers going into it," Gallagher said.

Insurance became an issue when the Jockey's Guild dropped supplemental insurance coverage for jockeys. Chamblin said the guild created the issue with that move and has since mischaracterized the panel's work.

"The working group responded to the situation brought on by the guild," Chamblin said Wednesday.

The 32-member panel, which reviewed the issue for about six months, included Churchill Downs President Steve Sexton and Darrell Haire, a representative for the 1,200-member Jockeys' Guild.

Five states, but not Kentucky, cover injured jockeys through workers' compensation.

In addition to the panel's review, Gov. Ernie Fletcher will appoint a group to study the issue and recommend legislation for the 2006 General Assembly.

"I think that's going to be able to add something in the future," Gallagher said. "He's putting the right people together."

Rusty Wallace to race at Kentucky Speedway

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPARTA — Veteran NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace will compete June 18 in the Meijer 300, the Busch Series race at Kentucky Speedway, track officials said Thursday.

Wallace, 49, is retiring at the

end of the season after 22 years on what is now the Nextel Cup Series circuit. He won the 1989 Cup Series championship.

Wallace will join several other Nextel Cup drivers in the Meijer 300 field, including Michael Waltrip, Greg Biffle, Carl Edwards and Kasey Kahne.

The track's general manager, Mark Cassis, called the field for the race "the strongest stock car field in our six-year history."

Wallace, Biffle, Edwards, Kahne and Waltrip also will drive in the Nextel Cup race at Michigan International Speedway the day after the Meijer 300.

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This Town, That World

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

Anybody know any election jokes that will not offend a sizeable part of the population and not be dug up, years from now, and held against a-body's grandchildren? This campaign is to serious that it's getting deadening.

As late as Tuesday, folks were talking about the heat and the drouth. By Wednesday night they were ready to want the faucet turned off, and today they're wanting warmer weather. What will it be tomorrow? Whatever comes, satisfaction with it will be somewhat less than unanimous.

KILLJOYS

There's nothing that's more utterly dismaying than to think you have a bright idea and then have somebody up and riddle it at the first broadside. Even Jerome Weidman, famed author, learned this the hard way.

Weidman got his bright idea from O. Henry's famous short-story "The Gift of the Magi." The opening words of that American classic read: "One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies."

Weidman got the idea that he was the only person in the world who had discovered that the writer's arithmetic was faulty. He contended that if you deduct 60 pennies from \$1.87 you get \$1.27. If this a dollar and a quarter must have been in currency and/or coin that was not pennies, in that case, leaving two odd pennies.

The critic argued that O. Henry should have written, "And sixty-two cents of it was in pennies." He argued the error had gone undiscovered for 50 years, until Jerome Weidman and his eagle eye and nimble brain came along. But his friend, Clifton Fadiman, the INFORMATION PLEASE pundit, bobbed up to spoil it all with the sudden discovery that from 1864 to 1873, the government minted a two-cent bronze coin, which undoubtedly was in circulation during the period of O. Henry's story.

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BY ARTHUR BOWLER
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOUL"

It was the last place I expected to see an American — especially an African American. And I had no idea how she would soon transform our lives.

On a mountaintop in the Alps, I had come to conduct a wedding ceremony in my adopted country of Switzerland. A young black woman extended her hand as I entered the centuries-old chapel.

"Hello, I'm Brenda, the gospel singer for today."

"Oh, American?"

"Chicago," she answered.

"Boston — um, Arthur, and I'm the minister."

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Scene from the BSCTC Student and Community Theater Troupe's production of "The Butler Did It."

'The Butler Did It' at BSCTC

Indeed "The Butler Did It" on Friday and Saturday night at the Gearheart Auditorium on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC)! The Big Sandy Community and Technical College Student and Community Theater Troupe, presented its first production titled "The Butler Did It!" to a packed house on April 22 and 23 at 7:00 PM each evening.

"The Butler Did It," written by Tim Kelly and directed by instructor Laura Ford Hall, is a spoof of the typical English mystery play, with thinly veiled references to familiar

characters in both American and English detective novels to add to the fun. The cast included BSCTC students and community members from Pike, Floyd, and Johnson Counties. Cast members were Jayme Sparks as Miss Maple; Caleb Gulick as Chandler Marlowe; Samantha Creech as Haversham; Rebecca Heaberlin as Rita Eyesbarrow; Wes Ray as Louie Fan; Joshua Stephens as Father White; David Keene as Rick Carlyle; Tabatha Rynard as Laura Carlyle; Phillip Maynard as Peter Flimsey; and Teresia Keene as Charity Hayes.

The BSCTC Student and Community Theater Troupe is a new addition to the cultural offerings at the college. Under the direction of Laura Ford Hall, the troupe joins the Big Sandy Singers and the BSCTC Community Choir in presenting live stage and musical performances which are fast becoming very much in demand among Big Sandy communities.

For more information about the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Student and Community Theater Troupe, or the Big Sandy Singers and the BSCTC Community Choir, contact Laura Ford Hall at (606) 886-3863, ext. 67227.

She was very nice, but I wondered if gospel would go well here. This, after all, was one of the most conservative corners of Old Europe — a place where women first won the right to vote in 1971, and strangers find an uneasy welcome. My stomach tightened as I wondered how Brenda would be received with her gospel style. This was a church where people sit stiffly, do not smile much, and do not clap to the rhythm of any kind of music.

It is also a country where people of color are not always greeted with kindness. Discrimination or outright insults are not uncommon. Now, as my stomach tightened once more, the bride marched into the church, and I muttered a quiet prayer that the wedding guests would be kind to the girl from Chicago.

As she stood to sing, the congregation sat motionless with blank faces, and I grew even more nervous, but Brenda was undaunted. She gave them gospel as the little village had never heard it before. She closed her eyes, reached down into her soul and took us from the valley to the mountaintop.

By the time her song, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine," was finished, she had shined enough to light up the stodgy Alpine faces. She sang with such talent and emotion that the normally reserved Swiss couldn't help clapping and joining in, and that day, a transformation took place.

In that magical moment, we knew it was the light shined.



all possible — possible to learn from each other, to love each other, to let the little light shine in every heart.

As if she knew it, she showed us in song. "I love you no matter what," and they loved her back. When she was finished, the congregation stood smiling and clapping like blacks in church in a steamy Alabama town.

Later, as I was packing my car to leave, a boy said to me in German, "That American woman ... I don't know what she said — but I believe it!" We all believed. And one little Swiss village will never be the same, because her little light shined.

(See LAGOON, page seven)

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Sssssss'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Here's one that played the Almar Drive-In back in September 1973. It was the top of a double bill alongside "The Boy Who Cried Werewolf." That one starred Kerwin Matthews ("7th Voyage of Sinbad") and focused on a boy who knows his dad is a monster but no one will believe him, even though something has been doing some nocturnal noshing on a group of hippie squatters who are, ironically, blamed for the killings.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

"Sssssss" starts off with an eerie sequence that finds scientist/professor Dr. Stoner conducting a midnight sale to a local carnival Barker. All the audience hears is pitiful squealing coming from a covered cage. What's in the cage remains a mystery for most of the movie.

Stoner spends the next day looking for a student at the local college to aid in his experiments. Turns out that he needs help extracting the venom from poisonous snakes. He winds up taking on a young guy named David Blake. He brings Blake to his lab where Blake is introduced to the Doc's buddy, Harry. Seems the Doc and Harry like to sit around the house and get roasted on vodka. Harry, however, doesn't handle the boozing that well 'cause he's getting on in years and also happens to be a snake.

The work at the lab starts off well but Blake does get a little annoyed at the Doc for constantly injecting him with fluids which are supposed to build up his immunity to snake venom. Before you know it, Blake is starting to shed his skin and lose body heat.

Meanwhile he begins courting the Doc's comely daughter, Christina. A date to a local carnival spooks David when he visits a tent show and spies a snake man who appears to be a true mutation and not some sideshow trick. When he exits the tent he finds that Christina is being mauled by the local football hero and springs to her defense. This bit gives away what has been going on with the injections as we are treated to Blake biting at the thug and hissing away like — you guessed it — a snake.

When the explanation comes, it is a little goofy. The Doc plans to help the human race to the next step in evolution by turning people into snakes. Admittedly, that idea is akin to chopping off any body part that gets a paper cut, but the film actually does manage to generate a few scares and the evolutionary premise takes up scant screen time, though technically

— Jim Davidson

A case of mistaken identity

My giant Funk & Wagnall's College Dictionary defines the word communication as "The transmission or exchange of ideas, information, etc., as by speech or writing." The goal of every author,



columnist or speaker is to successfully communicate, or at least it should be. The tools of our trade are words, which now number over 800,000 in the English language. These words can

be used in a multitude of ways, to create mental pictures, to stir emotions and to bring healing and comfort to individuals who are hurting. The great fear that we all have, even with all these wonderful tools at our beck and call, is that we will be misunderstood.

thing or someone.

As we grow older and we mature, in America whom we worship and how we worship is a choice that is left to each individual person. After stumbling around and making a mess out of my life for several years I have chosen to become a Christian. My life now has meaning and purpose and has never been the same since I made this important decision. Since I have seen both sides of the fence, so to speak, I have an observation that I would like to pass along to you in the form of some information. Over the years I have had countless people tell me that Christians were hypocrites and I'm sure this is true in many cases.

On the other hand, many people who are accused of being a hypocrite and thought to be a Christian are not Christians at all. They may be church mem-

bers and they may be religious but they are not Christian. It's really a case of mistaken identity. Please don't misunderstand what I am saying. This is not an attempt to evangelize or to try to get you or anyone else to believe as I believe. This is a very private matter in every person's life. Also, what I am saying is not in any way meant to be judgmental. The Bible is very specific about this. In the book of Matthew it says, "Judge not lest ye be judged for by the same way ye judge, the same measure will be meted out to you."

The reason I can make the statement about most hypocrites not being a Christian can be found in II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new."

When a person becomes a Christian, it means a change has taken place in his or her life. If they are still living the way they used to live, they may be a church member and may be reli-

gious, but they are not a Christian. As they say, "sitting in church three times a week will no more make you a Christian than sitting in a hen house will make you a chicken."

A friend sent me something the other day that says it better than I ever could. It begins, "When I say 'I am a Christian,' I'm not shouting, 'I'm clean living!' I'm whispering, 'I was lost; now I'm found and forgiven.'" When I say "I am a Christian" I don't speak this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble, and need Christ to be my guide. When I say "I am a Christian" I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I am weak, and need His strength to carry on. When I say "I am a Christian" I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting that I have failed, and need God to clean my mess. When I say "I am a Christian" I'm not claiming to be perfect, my flaws are far too visible; but God believes I am worth it.

When I say "I am a

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US 23 Talent Showcase Returns to the Mountain Arts Center

The popular US 23 Showcase will be returning to the Mountain Arts Center beginning on Saturday, June 18, 2005. The Cultural Heritage Network (CHN), a non-profit arts promotion organization in conjunction with Goodytyme Productions will produce this event.

There are currently two shows scheduled for 2005 (June 18 and August 13). Each show will provide regional performing artists the opportunity to perform on a beautiful stage with a professional band in front of a live audience. There will also be a special guest performer at each show. The producer/promoter of the US 23 Talent shows, Mr. Ken Carriere of Goodytyme Productions, states that "we will be pushing to have event buyers attend these

showcases and focus on getting these talented artists work in the region."

Those performing artists/groups desiring to be showcased will be required to submit a sample of their performance (3 songs) along with a picture and bio. Musical groups, duos and specialty acts are welcome to send in your audition package (see below). The US 23 Talent Showcase selection committee will have the final say on all performers.

Richard Sexton and his band, Traditions, have been hired by Goodytyme Productions to play for vocal artists.

In addition to the music, patrons attending the US 23 Showcase will

In today's society, modern technology advances every day. We grow and change in infinite ways. Today a more feasible technology is available to the public—Wireless Technology. Wireless technology has opened numerous gateways to the home and home office user and you don't need to be a computer genius to set it up.

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Not only is wireless technology more feasible, but in the long run it's cheaper and if you move or your business moves you can take the technology with you.

Wireless standards have evolved rapidly. They come in A, B, and G. The current standard out right now is "G". In my experience wireless G has been an amazing break through because it has expanded the distance that wireless signals can reach and has better security options available.

Anyone can setup a wireless network. All you need is 1 wireless router and USB wireless cards for the computers in your home.

First look for a central location in your home to set up the router. All you need to do is un-box the router and plug the ac adapter into a nearby outlet. Next, install your USB wireless cards by simply plugging them into your USB adapter on your computer. If you have Windows XP, it will usually find the hardware and install all of the necessary drivers, but if you don't, you may need the driver CD that came with your access card. Drivers are the software that allows the hardware to run.

Now comes the fun part. After you have successfully installed your access cards, pick up your wireless routers manual. There will be an IP address in the setup instructions. Usually it is 192.168.1.1, and the manual will also have the Administrators password if it's needed. Once you have successfully connected to the router take a look at your defaults make sure DHCP is enabled. Click your WEP tab and enable WEP. It will usually generate a random KEY that you will need to write this down.

When your wireless cards reconnect to your network, it will ask for your WEP key if you have WEP enabled your system. Type in your key and your cards will connect.

If you have DSL or Digital Subscriber Lines, you can plug your network cable to your wireless router and share your connection wirelessly. They usually have a port labeled Internet on the back of the router. Once you plug it in, your connection settings will be detected. Now you should be ready to surf the Internet.



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

Lagoon

it would constitute as devolution. This one works because it is well mounted and executed. The film was made by the producing team of Zanuck and Brown (who would go on to make "Jaws" in 1976). They do a fine job of making the production look more expensive than it probably was and show an eye for talent.

Their cast is better than the material. Strother Martin ("The Wild Bunch") stars as Stoner and manages to convey a mix of obsession and sensitivity that promptly turns to homicidal rage when outsiders start poking around his lab. It is a performance that would have been easy to go over the top with, but Martin never lets the melodrama seep into his portrayal. He manages to toss off dialogue like, "Scientists can't afford the indulgence of guilt," without the hint of a smirk.

Robert Benedict ("The A-Team") makes "Galactica" makes his big-screen debut here as Blake

and does a fine job of eliciting audience sympathy as he slowly turns into a King Cobra.

Richard B. Schull offers a nice turn as a department head who learns that it is never a good idea to pay a house call when you are telling a mad scientist that his funding has been cut.

The special effects are pretty good, though the final transformation reveals that we were a long way from CGI effects in 1973.

The script does a fair job of injecting humor into the proceedings. One scene that stands out is when the football hero is knocked off by slipping a black mamba into his shower. The mamba's venom simulates a heart attack which goes on the man's death certificate and prompts a co-ed to confess to the death, thinking their tryst pushed him over the edge.

The film also benefited from a good ad campaign which informed audiences that the title should be hissed when pronounced.

Best line: "Think of it as the final agony of your life as a puny human." 1973, Rated PG.

This Town

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WHO RETIRED

We are reminded that, to make life bearable after you're retired, a guy must challenge something, even if it be a poor fish...Well, I know some guys who've challenged and challenged fish so long and so unsuccessfully that the fish retired, too, because of old age.

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I GOT DRAFTED IN THE SIXTH ROUND!!

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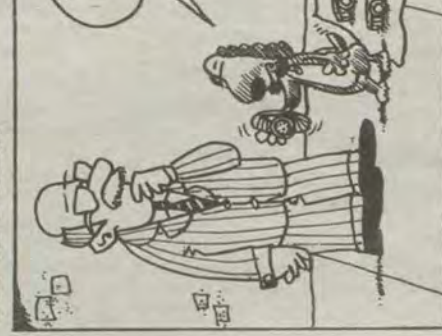


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OUT ON A LIMB BY GARY KOPERVAS



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- 22 Skip
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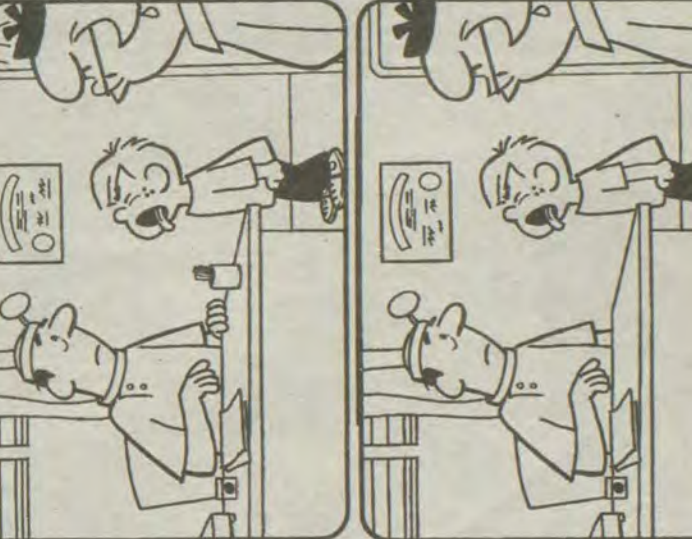
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Jim Davidson

A case of mistaken identity

My giant Funk & Wagnall's College Dictionary defines the word communication as "The transmission or exchange of ideas, information, etc., as by speech or writing." The goal of every author, columnist or speaker is to successfully communicate, or at least it should be. The tools of our trade are words, which now number over 800,000 in the English language. These words can be used in a multitude of ways, to create mental pictures, to stir emotions and to bring healing and comfort to individuals who are hurting. The great fear that we all have, even with all these wonderful tools at our beck and call, is that we will be misunderstood.



Such is the case for me as I share something that I have thought about for a very long time. In my writings I try to offer positive, upbeat ideas and topics that will be both helpful and encouraging for you, the reader. You are very important to me and I never want to take you for granted. The challenges we face each day come in many different forms. They may be financial, physical, relational, environmental, spiritual and whole hosts of others. What I have thought about for some time now is in the spiritual realm. As you know we are born with a God instinct, which is to say we will all worship some-

thing or someone. As we grow older and mature, in America whom we worship and how we worship is a choice that is left to each individual person. After stumbling around and making a mess out of my life for several years I have chosen to become a Christian. My life now has meaning and purpose and has never been the same since I made this important decision. Since I have seen both sides of the fence, so to speak, I have an observation that I would like to pass along to you in the form of some information. Over the years I have had countless people tell me that Christians were hypocrites and I'm sure this is true in many cases. On the other hand, many people who are accused of being a hypocrite and thought to be a Christian are not Christians at all. They may be church mem-

bers and they may be religious but they are not Christian. It's really a case of mistaken identity. Please don't misunderstand what I am saying. This is not an attempt to evangelize or to try to get you or anyone else to believe as I believe. This is a very private matter in every person's life. Also, what I am saying is not in any way meant to be judgmental. The Bible is very specific about this. In the book of Matthew it says, "Judge not lest ye be judged for by the same way ye judge, the same measure will be meted out to you." The reason I can make the statement about most hypocrites not being a Christian can be found in II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new." When a person becomes a Christian, it means a change has taken place in his or her life. If they are still living the way they used to live, they may be a church member and may be reli-

gious, but they are not a Christian. As they say, "sitting in church three times a week will no more make you a Christian than sitting in a hen house will make you a chicken." A friend sent me something the other day that says it better than I ever could. It begins, "When I say 'I am a Christian,' I'm not shouting, 'I'm clean living!' I'm whispering, 'I was lost; now I'm found and forgiven.'" When I say "I am a Christian"...I don't speak this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble, and need Christ to be my guide. When I say "I am a Christian"...I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I am weak, and need His strength to carry on. When I say "I am a Christian"...I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting that I have failed, and need God to clean my mess. When I say "I am a Christian"...I'm not claiming to be perfect, my flaws are far too visible; but God believes I am worth it. When I say "I am a

Christian"...I still feel the sting of pain, I have my share of heartaches, and so I call upon his name. When I say "I am a Christian"...I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner, who received God's good Grace, somehow." The instructions at the end of this little treatise were these, "Share this with somebody who already has this understanding, as reinforcement. But more importantly, share this with those who do not have a clear understanding of what it means to be a Christian, so that the myth that Christians think they are "perfect" or "better than others" can be dispelled." So, in the future when you see someone who you think is a Christian and they are a crook, immoral, dishonest and meaner than a snake, it just may be a case of mistaken identity.

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US 23 Talent Showcase Returns to the Mountain Arts Center

The popular US 23 Showcase will be returning to the Mountain Arts Center beginning on Saturday, June 18, 2005. The Cultural Heritage Network (CHN), a non-profit arts promotion organization in conjunction with Goodtyme Productions will produce this event. There are currently two shows scheduled for 2005 (June 18 and August 13). Each show will provide regional performing artists the opportunity to perform on a beautiful stage with a professional band in front of a live audience. There will also be a special guest performer at each show. The producer/promoter of the US 23 Talent shows, Mr. Ken Carriere of Goodtyme Productions, states that "we will be pushing to have event buyers attend these

showcases and focus on getting these talented artists work in the region." Those performing artists/groups desiring to be showcased will be required to submit a sample of their performance (3 songs) along with a picture and bio. Musical groups, duos and specialty acts are welcome to send in your audition package (see below). The US 23 Talent Showcase selection committee will have the final say on all performers. Richard Sexton and his band, Traditions, have been hired by Goodtyme Productions to play for vocal artists. In addition to the music, patrons attending the US 23 Showcase will

have the opportunity to view and purchase some of the best crafts in the region displayed by our regional visual artists. The displays will be located in the lobby of the Mountain Arts Center. For more information on performing on the US 23 Showcase, please go to www.goodtyme.com. To reserve your tickets for the show, please call the Mountain Arts Center at 1-888-622-2787. The US 23 Talent Showcase is made possible by the support of Citizens National Bank and Mountain City Chevrolet in Inez along with the Cultural Heritage Network and Goodtyme Productions.

Wireless technology in today's society

In today's society, modern technology advances every day. We grow and change in infinite ways. Today a more feasible technology is available to the public-Wireless Technology. Wireless technology has opened numerous gateways to the home and home office user and you don't need to be a computer genius to set it up.

First look for a central location in your home to set up the router. All you need to do is un-box the router and plug the ac adapter into a nearby outlet. Next, install your USB wireless cards by simply plugging them into your USB adapter on your computer. If you have Windows XP, it will usually find the hardware and install all of the necessary drivers, but if you don't, you may need the driver CD that came with your access card. Drivers are the software that allows the hardware to run.



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

Wireless Technology will allow the user to be more mobile. Just think you could be on the Internet anytime and anywhere in your home within approximately 150 ft of your wireless router. Using the advanced WEP (Wireless Equivalent Privacy) security the user can feel at ease knowing their data is protected. In addition, wireless access points are now coming with Mac (Media Access Control) address filters for the more advanced users. A Mac address is like a social security number for your computers network card. In simple terms the home user can limit which computers may connect to their access point. Not only is wireless technology more feasible, but in the long run it's cheaper and if you move or your business moves you can take the technology with you. Wireless standards have evolved rapidly. They come in A, B, and G. The current standard out right now is "G". In my experience wireless G has been an amazing break through

because it has expanded the distance that wireless signals can reach and has better security options available. Anyone can setup a wireless network. All you need is 1 wireless router and USB wireless cards for the computers in your home. Now comes the fun part. After you have successfully installed your access cards, pick up your wireless routers manual. There will be an IP address in the setup instructions. Usually it is 192.168.1.1, and the manual will also have the Administrators password if it's needed. Once you have successfully connected to the router take a look at your defaults make sure DHCP is enabled. Click your WEP tab and enable WEP. It will usually generate a random KEY that you will need to write this down. When your wireless cards reconnect to your network, it will ask for your WEP key if you have WEP enabled your system. Type in your key and your cards will connect. If you have DSL or Digital Subscriber Lines, you can plug your network cable to your wireless router and share your connection wirelessly. They usually have a port labeled Internet on the back of the router. Once you plug it in, your connection settings will be detected. Now you should be ready to surf the Internet.

Once this motion picture sinks its fangs into you, you'll never be the same.

A ZANUCK / BROWN Production

Lagoon

it would constitute as devolution. This one works because it is well mounted and executed. The film was made by the producing team of Zanuck and Brown (who would go on to make "Jaws" in 1976). They do a fine job of making the production look more expensive than it probably was and show an eye for talent. Their cast is better than the material. Strother Martin ("The Wild Bunch") stars as Stoner and manages to convey a mix of obsession and sensitivity that promptly turns to homicidal rage when outsiders start poking around his lab. It is a performance that would have been easy to go over the top with, but Martin never lets the melodrama seep into his portrayal. He manages to toss off dialogue like, "Scientists can't afford the indulgence of guilt," without the hint of a smirk. Benedict ("The A-Team" and "Beverly Hills Cop") makes his big-screen debut here as Blake

and does a fine job of eliciting audience sympathy as he slowly turns into a King Cobra. Richard B. Schull offers a nice turn as a department head who learns that it is never a good idea to pay a house call when you are telling a mad scientist that his funding has been cut. The special effects are pretty good, though the final transformation reveals that we were a long way from CGI effects in 1973. The script does a fair job of injecting humor into the proceedings. One scene that stands out is when the football hero is knocked off by slipping a black mamba into his shower. The mamba's venom simulates a heart attack which goes on the man's death certificate and prompts a co-ed to confess to the death, thinking their tryst pushed him over the edge. The film also benefited from a good ad campaign which informed audiences that the title should be hissed when pronounced. Best line: "Think of it as the final agony of your life as a puny human." 1973. Rated PG.

Continued from p6 Lisa Koch, of Salyersville; Bobby Hinkle, of Dwale; and Kimberly Vickers, of Melvin. It's a good bet that several contestants missed our announcement last week that all of our email responses were lost to a technical glitch and we apologize if you didn't hear the announcement, but don't despair cause we are doing it again and we promise to stay vigilant so our website doesn't go all HAL 9000 on our next contest. **May Trivia Contest** This month's contest salutes summer blockbuster season during which Hollywood typically unleashes most of its multimillion-dollar brain candy. This summer will be no slouch in that department with films like "Batman Returns" and the last "Star Wars" film scheduled to hit theaters this month. This month's prize will be one copy of the special edition DVD of "Total Recall" (to stick with the blockbuster notion). In this film, Arnold Schwarzenegger goes toe-to-toe with veteran bad guy Michael Ironside and rips off his arm during the climactic showdown. Oddly this would mark a trend in Ironside's career. The question is: In what 1997 summer sci-fi opus did Ironside return as a soldier involved in a war against intergalactic insects which have, once again, cost him an arm? A copy of "Total Recall" will go to one of the correct entries, chosen at random. The deadline for entries in Thursday, June 2, at 4 p.m.

This Town

Continued from p6 **WHO RETIRED** We are reminded that, to make life bearable after you're retired, a guy must challenge something, even if it be a poor fish...Well, I know some guys who've challenged and challenged fish so long and so unsuccessfully that the fish retired, too, because of old age.

Contest News The winner of April's baseball-themed contest was Kimberly Thacker, of Prestonsburg. Kimberly remembered that Babe Ruth costarred in the classic baseball flick "Pride of the Yankees" and did an adequate job of portraying himself. Also answering correctly were

Think your chili is 'Hot Stuff'?

Enter Park's Champions hip Cookoff

FRANKFORT - There are Deadheads (fans of The Grateful Dead) and Parrotheads (fans of Jimmy Buffett). But did you know there are also "chiliheads"? As the name implies, these are folks who love nothing more than whipping up a big vat of delicious, homemade chili. Buckhorn Lake State

Resort Park, near Hazard, offers you a chance to share your chili cooking talents with an appreciative crowd. The park is sponsoring its first ever Buckhorn Mountain Chilihead Championship Cookoff on Saturday, May 14. The event, co-sponsored by Mountain Community Hospice, is the first in Kentucky to be sanctioned by the International Chili Society. From noon until 5 p.m., cooks will serve up their chili, and at the conclusion, a panel of judges will

award prizes to the top three finalists, along with a prize for best showmanship. The entry fee is \$35 for a member of the International Chili Society. A non-member pays \$77 and receives membership in the society. Also scheduled during the day are children's activities and live Bluegrass music. General admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. To register for the cookoff, call Buckhorn Lake at 1-606-398-7510 or e-mail sue.thomas@ky.gov.

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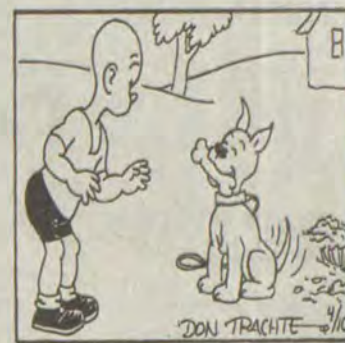
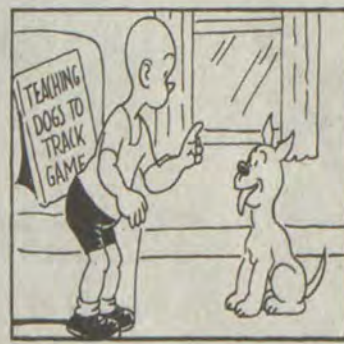
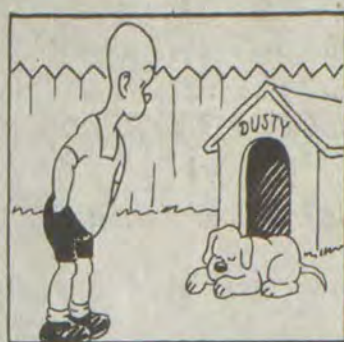
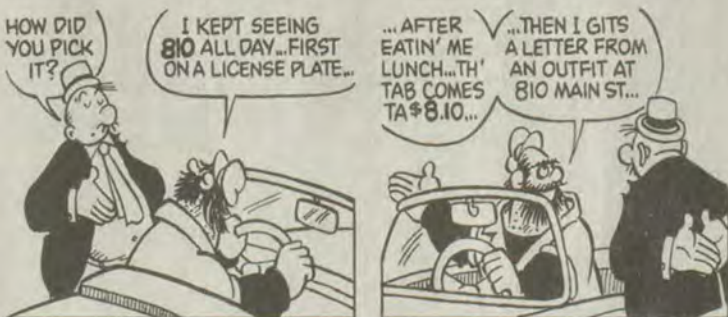
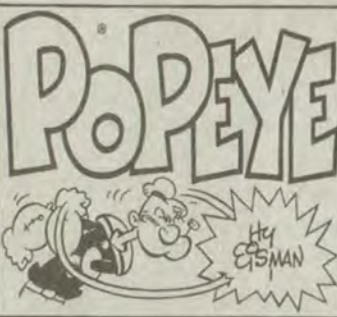
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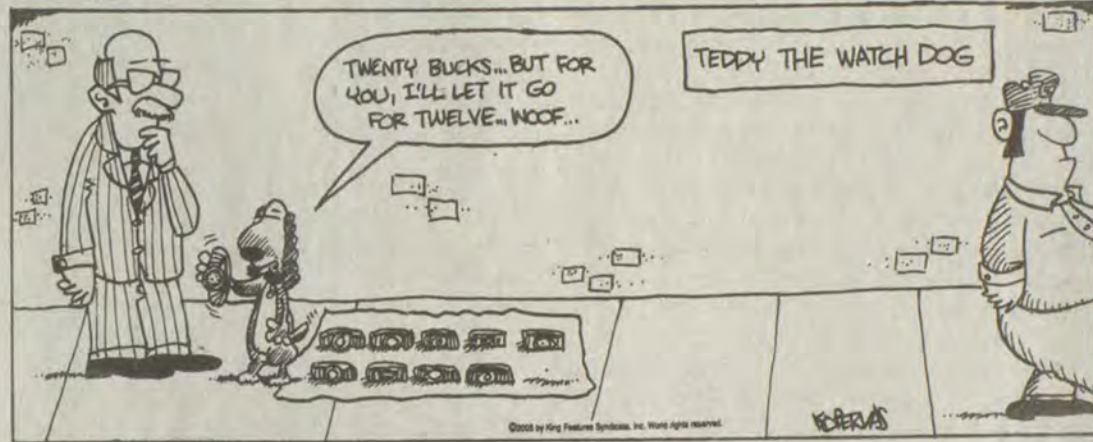
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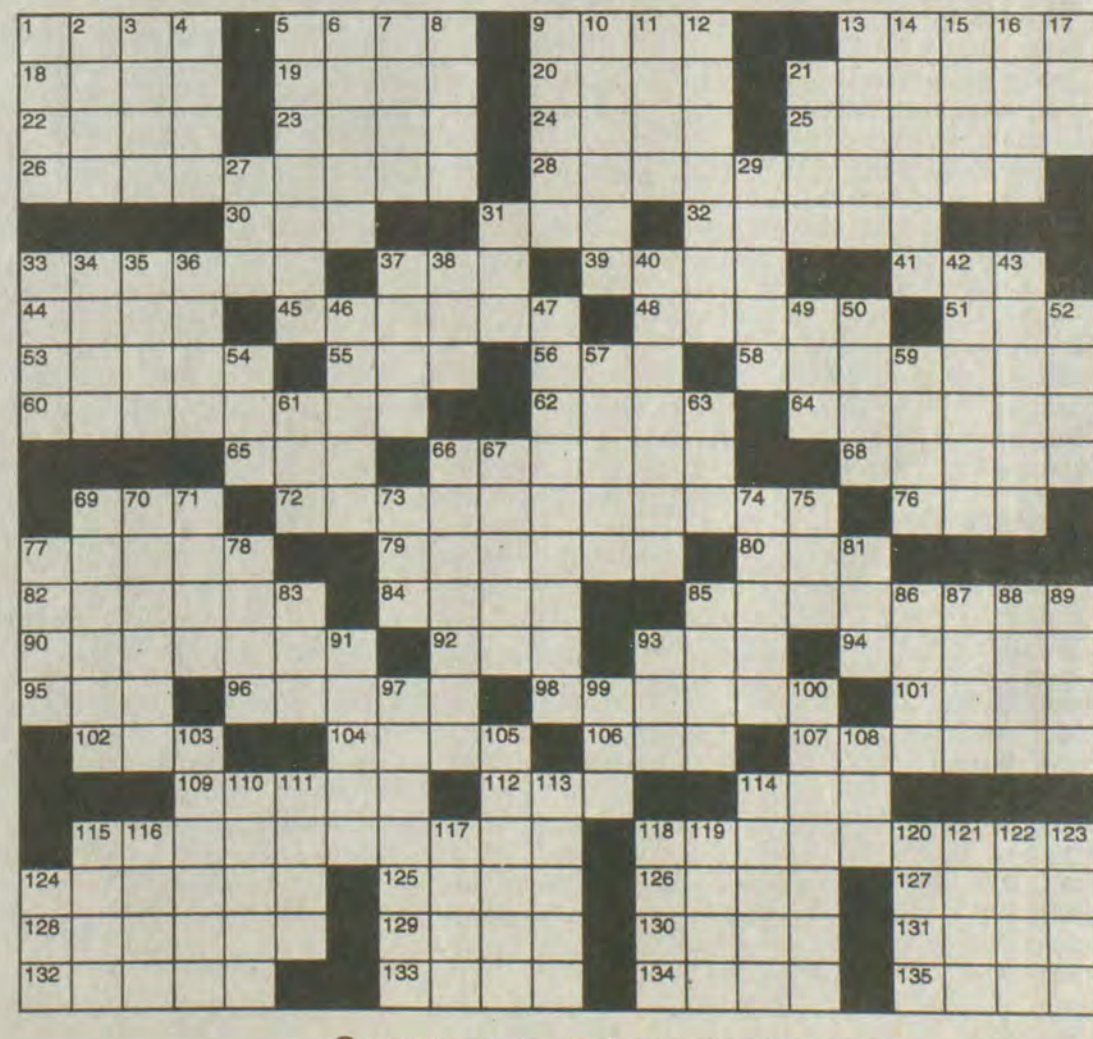
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130-Cars

Hicks Auto Sales
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 1998 Windstar, 6 cyl., cold air, \$2,995.
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WANTED - COMPUTER DRAFTSPERSON.

Waltum Engineering seeks a **Computer Drafting Tech.** proficient in Autocad & Survcadd. Experienced with **Excel, WP & MA Word** helpful. 40-50 hrs./wk., BC-BS Health Ins., Delta Dental, Paid Vacation, Paid Holidays. Work would include all maps for mining permits. Pay based upon qualifications. Office located at Hueysville near Garrett. Call 606-358-4481 or 358-9127 for more info.

WANTED - EXPERIENCED PERMIT TECHNICIAN.

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE who is interested in learning about finance and sales. No experience is needed, looking for someone immediately. Please come in and speak to Greg Clevinger at the Prestonsburg Cycle Center, No Phone Calls Please.

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TEACHERS NEEDED for small private school in Floyd County. Grades 5-8. Certification preferred but not required. Contact Kay Stone 889-9594 days or 349-3718 evenings.

220-Help Wanted

STONE CREST GOLF COURSE Maintenance Dept. is taking applications for seasonal workers. Apply between 9am-2pm Monday-Friday at the Pro-Shop.

EVERCARE, LLC. IS SEEKING APPLICANTS for full and part time employment in Knott, Pike, Floyd and Martin County areas working with individuals with developmental disabilities. Paid vacation. Certified Nurse Aide a plus, but not a requirement. All training provided. Send letter of interest and/or resume to: **Evercare, LLC.** Attn: Wilma Stone P.O. Box 818 Hindman, KY 41822 or call 606-946-2078

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OTR TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED, 3 Years Verifiable Experience, Hazmat Endorsement, Clean Driving Record. Must be Able to Pass DOT Physical and Drug Test. Call 606-358-9268 and Leave Message.

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220-Help Wanted
 We offer desirable hours and great benefits which include Medical insurance, paid holidays, paid vacation, individual retirement plan and paid continuing education for full time employees. Please forward resume, references, recent photograph and salary requirements to the address below. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** All responses are kept strictly confidential.
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MEDICAL SECRETARY Needed to work Mon.-Fri., 4-8pm and every other Sat., alternating between Prestonsburg and Martin Office, prefer some Secretarial and Billing Experience. Call 886-1714 or 285-9000

WANTED: Laborer to work in truck garage. Salary negotiable upon experience with coal trucks. Flexible hours. Apply by phone at 606-874-0139, 606-874-1213, or 606-791-3383

WANTED: An experienced welder. Coal truck experience a must. Excellent wages. Flexible hours. Apply by phone at 606-285-0139, 606-874-1213, or 606-791-3383.

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MOVING SALE: Tuesday May 3rd at 72 South Willow Lane. Furniture, appliances, and many misc. items. Call 788-0045

YARD SALE: Oriental carpet, Oriental vases, clothes, pictures, and furniture. Across from the new Porter Electric 47 Dogwood Lane 10:00 am NO EARLY BIRDS

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

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510-Comm. Property

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE 1250 sq. ft with a 2500 sq ft basement for lease. Located across from new social security office in Prestonsburg. \$1000.00 per month plus utilities. If interested please call (606)886-8306 M-F 8:30-5:00 or after 6:00 p.m. and week-ends call (606) 874-9547.

530-Homes

NEW 1,950 SQ. FT. HOME FOR SALE located in Country Oaks Subdivision in Harold, KY. Call 478-9993

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 BR Brick

Home with 7 acres of land, Large LR, DR, Kitchen & Utility Room, Located between the mouth of Arkansas Creek and Finance Hollow on Rt. 1428, Call 874-9790 or 285-1179 for more information.

550-Land & Lots

50 ACRE FARM FOR SALE with 2,000 sq.ft. Double Wide on Rt. 201 at Sitka in Johnson County Call 265-9953 after 5pm.

PROPERTY FOR SALE

at Wayland, KY (known as Glo Hill) in Floyd County. The estate of the late Jack and Mary Ratliff. Some flat and some hill side, house seat, old barn and 3 garden spaces. Asking \$45,000 firm. Call 606-434-6832, 606-886-6463, or 606-886-1309 ask for Becky.

90 ACRES FOR SALE

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570-Mobile Homes

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630-Houses

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