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Abbott residents get water warning

Times Staff Report
The Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission has issued a boil-water advisory for customers in the Left Fork of Abbott Creek. A water line break has been cited as the cause and customers in that area are advised to boil water for three minutes. The advisory will be lifted after a test of the water has been processed but until an announcement is made by the commission customers in the area should continue boiling water.

Correction

A teen who attended and observed the Martin City Council meeting last week was incorrectly identified in a story published last week. The teen should have been identified as Kris Baca.

2 DAY FORECAST
Today: Mostly sunny
High: 63 • Low: 40
Thursday: Partly cloudy
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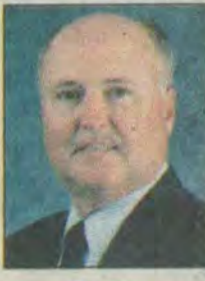
Turner likely to be indicted, lawyer says

The Associated Press
FRANKFORT — A federal grand jury is expected to indict a Democratic Senate leader from Floyd County for election fraud, his attorney said Tuesday. Sen. Johnny Ray Turner of Drift is expected to be charged with mail fraud and conspiracy to commit voter fraud, his attorney, Brent L. Caldwell

of Lexington, said in a written statement. The charges relate to the campaign finance reports he filed in connection with his 2000 campaign, Caldwell said. Turner, who is the Senate's second-ranking Democrat as caucus chairman, will not resign his Senate seat, Caldwell said. In a brief telephone interview Tuesday, Caldwell emphasized that

Turner will plead innocent. "Sen. Turner, like all American citizens, is presumed innocent under our constitution, and he intends to vigorously defend himself against any charge brought against him in court before a jury of Kentucky citizens," Caldwell said in a statement Monday. Turner defeated 20-year incumbent Benny Ray Bailey in a bitter pri-

mary election in 2000. Turner, a high school basketball coach and a political newcomer with strong local ties and a well-known name, defeated Bailey by about 1,500 votes out of 20,000 cast. Vote hauling played a big part in the surprising victory. The practice of paying people \$50 or \$100 to take



(See TURNER, page eight) Turner



This man joined hundreds of others in prayer during the rally Sunday. The focus on religion is part of the coalition's faith-based initiative.

1,000 rally against drugs

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — They took a stand. UNITE officials estimated a turnout of approximately 1,000 people Sunday for an anti-drug rally and march through city streets. The crowd assembled at the steps of the Floyd County Justice Center, where they joined in song and prayer. They then marched, banners in hand, to the Prestonsburg High School stadium, where UNITE members and state and local officials hosted the rally. Coalition committee members wore black ribbons Sunday in memory of Chad Vickers, a rally committee planning member who willingly shared stories about his previous experiences with drugs to show other people how to overcome the problem. Jamie Minix, the coalition's treasurer, said Vickers was very inspirational to everyone who knew him. He died of a brief illness earlier this year. The crowd, full of emotion, was a mixture of young and old. Area churches, Boy Scout troops and neighborhood watch programs, marched with area police, fire and ambulance officials leading the way. "If you all look around, Floyd County is united. We are together on this," said Mike Vance, UNITE



Drug abuse counselors and area pastors were on hand Sunday to lend emotional support to attendees.

Coalition chairman. Vance applauded the efforts of area churches and organizations, such as the Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch, whose members, he said, "took heat" in dealing with drug problems in their area. Vance said that the event marks the coalition's efforts to seek more community input for its various committees. Members are sought to fill seats on the family support, education, faith-based initiative, communications, court watch, medical advisory committee (currently empty), neighborhood watches and

Rally Cries

What those who attended the march had to say: Attorney General Greg Stumbo said community effort, like that seen on the faces of the marchers Sunday, is what will "beat" the county's drug problem. "Hope is on the way. Hope is in the eyes of these little children ... We will not sleep until we have taken back our state, city by city, county by county, region by region. We will make it safe for our children to grow up again," he said. Stumbo says the drug abuse has increased 18 percent over the past 10 years and that the state's biggest drug problem comes from illegal internet pharmacies. He mentioned his support for the Methamphetamine/Internet Pharmacy bill passed in March that restricts the illegal sale of prescriptions online by "rogue" internet pharmacies and requires pharmacies to store common over-the-counter cold and aller-

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A crowd estimated to be 1,000 strong participated in the anti-drug rally Sunday. They marched, sidewalk to sidewalk, from the Floyd County Justice Center to the Prestonsburg High School stadium.

Superintendent hospitalized

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning was admitted into a Lexington hospital this week, where he is undergoing medical testing. Community Education Coordinator Beverly Crisman said that details regarding Fanning's medical problems are sketchy. She requested that people respect Fanning's privacy as he tends to his medical issues. Fanning was taken to Highlands Regional

Medical Center Sunday, Crisman said, then transported to Lexington for the tests. Henry Webb, director of instruction for the Board of Education, is filling in as Fanning's administrative designee. "I can't speak about the exact medical issues or problems he may have," Webb said Tuesday, "but I can say that I spoke with him this morning and he sounded good and upbeat. He told me that they would release him either this afternoon or tomorrow." The name of the hospital was not released.

Storm damage slight, but previous floods still taking toll

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

Flash flooding Saturday caused minimal damage in the county, good news to those still struggling with problems associated with last year's flood. Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson says the county still needs \$500,000 to complete work associated with problems that came after the flood waters receded last year. FEMA still owes the county approximately

\$500,000 to \$600,000 in funds, he said. This year, flood repairs are continuing throughout the county, but the lack of FEMA funds, Thompson says, makes it difficult, particularly because construction materials such as steel have increased five-fold in prices. Estimates the county turned in to FEMA after last year's flooding did not include the rise in these price costs, he said. "What people think (See FLOODS, page three)

Flood kills one horse, but another saved

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two horses that were seized from an Ethel's Drive resident who faced animal cruelty charges in January were victimized this weekend by Mother Nature. Officials with the Prestonsburg Police and Fire Departments combined their efforts during a swift water rescue oper-

ation Saturday for Candy, a 4-year-old mare who nearly drowned by flood waters in a field behind the home of her owners, Mark and Gretta McKenzie. Another horse, a 15-year-old stallion named Tarzan, drowned before Prestonsburg officials arrived on the scene. Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Davis said city (See HORSES, page three)

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Odds & Ends

■ **CLEARFIELD, Pa.** — The burger war is growing — one bun at a time.

Denny's Beer Barrel Pub, which lost its crown as home of the world's biggest burger earlier this year, now offers a new snack that weighs a whopping 15 pounds.

Dubbed the Beer Barrel Belly Buster, the burger comes with 10.5 pounds of ground beef, 25 slices of cheese, a head of lettuce, three tomatoes, two onions, a cup-and-a-half each of mayonnaise, relish, ketchup, mustard and banana peppers — and a bun.

"It can feed a family of 10," restaurant owner Denny Liegey Sr. said of the \$30 delicacy.

Denny's Beer Barrel Pub had previously offered a 6-pound burger — with 5 pounds of toppings.

In February, a 100-pound female college student became the first to eat the burger within the three-hour time limit. Kate Stelnick, of Princeton, N.J., was awarded a certificate, T-shirt and other prizes.

One month later, the Clinton Station Diner in Clinton, N.J., introduced a 12.5-pound burger dubbed Zeus. So Liegey responded, and the Belly Buster was born.

Over the weekend, four men took the challenge, but couldn't get through the entire burger. They opted for doggie bags, instead.

"It's a little too much for me to handle," said Steve Hepburn. "It's like trying to eat half a cow."

■ **ROCHESTER, Ind.** — For Chase and Chandler Bright, a

recent weekend day began as usual with the brothers watching cartoons at their northern Indiana home. But things took a turn for the worst when they took their mother's van for a joyride.

The boys, ages 3 and 5, got the keys from their mother's purse and took off, their family said. Both sat in the drivers seat to steer the vehicle.

"I was like, 'Oh my God, No! This cannot be happening,'" said their mother, Heather Bright.

The youngsters said they wanted to visit their grandfather, according to a police report. The boys drove about five miles during their adventure, crossing a four-lane highway and driving through a fertilizer business' fence before crashing into a pile of dirt.

They emerged without a

scratch; the van had a flat tire and some minor damage.

Heather Bright, who wondered how they reached the vehicle's pedals, said her home is now "locked down like Fort Knox."

"I'm going to have to sleep with the keys around my neck now," she said.

■ **BRADENTON, Fla.** — Senior pranks are usual at Bayshore High School near the end of the school year, but this latest incident could be one for the books.

About 1,000 high school students were locked out of their classrooms temporarily after someone glued dozens of room locks in what is believed to be a costly senior prank.

More than 75 locks had to be drilled open Monday, and hundreds of teens missed their first two classes of the day.

"Pranks are funny, but this was out of hand," said senior Amanda McCormick, who was told to wait in the gym for three hours until the doors could be unlocked.

Others reveled in the commotion.

"Everybody's like, 'Wow, this is our senior class, we're awesome,'" said Jessi Powell. "It's funny, but I'm just glad I wasn't part of it."

No arrests have been made, but two people were captured by school security cameras creeping about before dawn, Manatee County sheriff's Deputy Greg Jenkins said.

Estimated repair costs were at least \$6,000, one locksmith said.

■ **FARGO, N.D.** — It may have seemed like a good idea at the time.

A pizza delivery driver was assaulted after refusing to take marijuana as payment for a pie, police said.

Pizza Patrol driver Atif Yasin said he thinks the man was asleep when he arrived to deliver a medium pizza and 20-ounce soda.

After knocking a few times and calling the customer on his cell phone, Yasin said the man

answered the door in his boxers, took the pizza, spent a few minutes looking for money and then offered to pay with marijuana.

The man began to yell when told that wouldn't be accepted, Yasin said. He then pushed the deliveryman and punched him in the face, Yasin said.

The 22-year-old college student said it was the first time he had been assaulted in three years delivering pizza.

Yasin called police, and while waiting for them to arrive he delivered two more orders that were in his car.

The suspect, 21, was arrested early Saturday. He has been released on bond.

■ **CLOVIS, N.M.** — A 911 call about a possible weapon at a middle school prompted police to put armed officers on rooftops, close nearby streets and lock down the school.

All over a giant burrito. Someone called authorities Thursday after seeing a boy carrying something long and wrapped up into Marshall Junior High School.

The drama ended two hours later when the suspicious item was identified as a 30-inch burrito filled with steak, guacamole, lettuce, salsa and jalapenos. It was wrapped inside tin foil and a white T-shirt.

"I didn't know whether to laugh or cry," school Principal Diana Russell said.

Russell said the mystery was solved after she brought everyone in the school together in the auditorium to explain what was going on. Afterward, eighth-grader Michael Morrissey approached her.

"He said, 'I think I'm the person they saw,'" Russell said.

The burrito was part of Morrissey's extra-credit assignment to create commercial advertising for a product. "We had to make up a product and it could have been anything. I made up a restaurant that specialized in oddly large burritos," Morrissey said.

After students heard the description of what police were looking for, he and his friends began to make the connection. He then took the burrito to the office.

"I have a new nickname now. It's Burrito Boy," Morrissey said.

■ **HONG KONG** — Think of it as rock climbing — except on a mountain of Chinese buns.

Hong Kong is relaunching the annual bun snatching tradition on suburban Cheung Chau island after a 26-year break. Officials called off the ritual of climbing up a tower of buns after one tower collapsed in 1978, injuring 100 people.

The official 46-foot bun climbing tower, 10-feet in diameter, is now buttressed by a concrete foundation designed by government architects and supported by a steel frame.

Bun snatching competitors are trained by the Hong Kong Mountaineering Union. Padding is installed at the bottom of the bun tower.

The result: modern rock climbing meets Hong Kong tradition.

On Sunday, bun snatchers wearing gloves with ropes attached to their bodies scrambled up the scaffolding — free of buns for now — in a preliminary competition. The 12 who reached the top of the tower fastest qualified for the final.

In the final on May 16 — which coincides with Cheung Chau's "bun festival," featuring a parade of traditional floats — competitors must grab as many buns as possible from a designated area of the tower within a given time.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 4, the 124th day of 2005. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 4, 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.

On this date:

■ In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.

■ In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an eight-hour work day turned into a riot when a bomb exploded.

■ In 1904, the United States began building the Panama Canal.

■ In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded.

■ In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

■ In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began during World War II.

■ In 1961, a group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington for New Orleans to challenge racial segregation in interstate buses and bus terminals.

■ In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire on anti-war protesters at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

■ In 1980, Marshal Josip

Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.

■ In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat signed a historic accord on Palestinian autonomy that granted self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Ten years ago: An Iranian nuclear official said spent fuel from Iran's Russian-made reactors, potential raw material for nuclear bombs, would be returned to Russia for safeguarding.

Five years ago: The "ILOVEYOU" e-mail virus infected computer networks and hard drives across the globe, spawning various imitations. Londoners chose political maverick Ken Livingstone to be their first elected mayor.

One year ago: The Army disclosed that the deaths of 10 prisoners and abuse of 10 more in Iraq and Afghanistan were under criminal investigation, as U.S. commanders in Baghdad announced interrogation changes. The United States

walked out of a U.N. meeting to protest its decision minutes later to give Sudan a third term on the Human Rights Commission.

Today's Birthdays: The president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 77. Jazz musician Maynard Ferguson is 77. Opera singer Roberta Peters is 75. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 68. Rock musician Dick Dale is 68. Singer-songwriter Nick Ashford is 63. Actor Paul Gleason is 61. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 61. Country singer Stella Parton is 56. Actor-turned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 55. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 54. Country singer Randy Travis is 46. Actress Mary McDonough is 44. Comedian Ana Gasteyer is 38. Rock musician Mike Dirt (Green Day) is 33. Rock musician Jose Castellanos is 28. Singer Lance Bass ('N Sync) is 26.

Thought for Today: "When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt." - Henry J. Kaiser, American industrialist (1882-1967).

DUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SBDM PARENT ELECTIONS

Nominations for parent members of the Duff Elementary SBDM Council will be received in the Family Resource Center, beginning Wednesday, May 4, through Friday, May 13. The hours for receiving nominations will be from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily. The election will be held on Monday, May 16, 2005. Voting will take place between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., on that day. Winners will be announced on Tuesday morning, May 17, 2005.

A parent council member shall be a parent, stepparent, or foster parent of a student to be enrolled in the school during the parent's term of council service. Parent shall also mean a person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order, and with whom the student resides. A parent council member shall not be an employee or the relative of an employee of the school in which that parent serves, nor shall the parent representative be an employee or a relative of an employee in the District administrative offices. A parent representative shall not be a local Board member or Board member's spouse. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

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The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$16,750.00.

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Notice is hereby given that on May 19, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. at the property site, at 411 Main Street, Wheelwright, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$34,675.88 principal, plus interest in the amount of \$2,580.74 as of September 7, 2004, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$6.4075 per day from September 7, 2004, until the date of Judgment, plus interest on the Judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 2.47% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No.04-272 KKC on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on November 15, 2004, in the case of United States of America vs. Terry Matthew Moore, the unknown spouse of Terry Matthew Moore and Cindy Moore and the unknown spouse of Cindy Moore, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

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Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated August 4, 1995 and recorded in Deed Book 437 Page 121 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

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Reaction

gy and cold medicines used in meth manufacturing behind the counter.

"There is no quick fix," Stumbo said, reminding the crowd that it took the state 15 years to efficiently change the educational system.

"Drugs are bad for you," said 8-year-old Boy Scout Grant Martin, of Prestonsburg's Pack 802. "[To drug abusers:] Run away from drugs and don't use them again."

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson: "For years we have tried to figure out a way to bring enforcement, rehabilitation and education into one big wad so that we could help our children and help people get off drugs. Not everybody using drugs deserves to go to jail ... Enforcement, rehabilitation and education, I think that's the answer. Officials should

make the suggestion and then get out of the way because the people will take care of the problem. Whatever is being done, whether it's adding on to a church, changing policies or getting rid of drugs, you all are the people that can do it ... You all the man!"

"It's awful hard," said Deloris Carter. "I pray another parent never has to go through it." Carter's daughter, who got addicted to painkillers after she had a car accident at the age of 16, died of a drug overdose two years ago at the age of 40.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin asked the crowd to stand, to scream "No," and to scream "Amen."

He, like many speakers during the rally, said God will fix the county's drug epidemic. He also referred to a moving vehicle meth bust made by city police officials

last Monday at Highlands Plaza.

He urged area citizens to "make that call," when they suspect

illegal drug activity. "I'd rather check somebody out and find out they are a good citizen than to not check them out and find out later that we had a meth lab in our backyard."

Elderly Prestonsburg resident who requested anonymity, "I just think if we don't do something, it's going to take us over. It just about already has."

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, who influenced the UNITE initiative, was not present Sunday. Alisha Baldrige, UNITE Coalition Coordinator, represented his office during the rally. She urged the community to "press on" with their efforts and to get involved with local UNITE coalitions. She called it a "monumental day" for the county.

Diana Hall, Mud Creek Clinic nurse manager, said the drug problem affects not only the abuser, but also the family and friends of that individual. "Education, I think, is the key. That, and being active in something like this."

Scarlett King, Mud Creek, said, "I want a safer community for my children."

Excerpt from "Crystal Meth," a poem that was read at the rally: "I'll take and I'll take until you have no more to give, and when I'm finished, you will be lucky to live."

Pastor Doug Lewis, who served as Floyd County Sheriff between 1978 and 1981, "When I was in there, there was a different problem. Back then, all you ever heard of was a little pot. Now it's all kinds of stuff. Drugs are a dead end road and the Lord is the only answer to turn it around."

Shirley Combs, mother to 21-year-old P.C., who died of a drug overdose 13 years ago, gave a heartfelt speech at the rally.

"No one can describe the pain," she said, crying. "It is time every parent, every school, county and state officials take a stand. We can and we will do something about this evil that is taking our families."

Referring to Isaiah 61:1, she

said drug abusers are "prisoners," and that "only God can free them."

She offered this advice: "There are some people here who may be experimenting who think, 'It will never happen to me.' You may be one of those people on the way to drug addiction. If you want to be sure that it will never happen to you, don't try it. If it has happened to you, get help."

Bo Isaac talked about drug-free living in his life. He said he's grown up seeing, and continues to see, drugs "all around" him and that he has experienced several drug-related deaths throughout his life.

"I even go visit friends now who are on drugs," he said. "I visit them, I don't stay away from them. How do you help them if you don't visit them? ... You can't wait for them to come to you, you have to go to them ... I hope and pray this [enthusiasm at the march] spreads like a drug."

Isaac sang a song he wrote called "Forgive Them. They Know Not What They Do."

Randy Osborne spoke about his experience with alcohol abuse and the "darkness and blackness of drug abuse."

"If God's people want to pull together, God will pull the clouds of addiction away from Floyd County. I'm the result of what God can do."

Steve Pescosolido, the committee's faith-based chairman, talked about beginning the march and rally initiative after reading a letter from Clay County pastors about their march last year.

"Yes, we are a civic group," he said, "but we also have a belief." He called county pastors in attendance Sunday to recite and sign a prayer agreement against drug abuse.

"The government, law enforcement and church are back together and I think that's a wonderful thing," he said, referring to the nation's founding fathers. He asked that the community "join voices and churches in prayer of repentance for the minor things that divide us" and asked that the churches unite as "one church."



Combined efforts of Prestonsburg police and fire officials saved this horse, Candy, from drowning in a flooded field on Ethel Drive Saturday. Another horse at the residence drowned before rescue workers arrived at the scene.

Horses

officials responded at approximately 11 a.m. after a neighbor reported seeing the horse struggling to keep its head above the water.

The water had risen drastically, McKenzie said, and was flowing swiftly.

"Them boys [from the Prestonsburg Police and Fire Departments] came here and went to work," McKenzie said. "Gerald Clark said 'We're gonna get that horse out of there,' and that's what they did."

Candy was entangled and floating on a tree branch that normally stands between 6 to 7 feet above ground level when Prestonsburg rescue workers arrived at the scene.

According to Davis, the rescuers, using a boat, tied a safety rope to the mare's halter and cut the entangled lead that kept her pinned in the tree. Approximately 40 minutes later, they pulled her to the bank, Davis said, but she was too weak to get out of the water on her own because she was "apparently suffering from hypothermia and exhaustion."

Rescuers then made a rope harness and removed the horse from the water.

Veterinarian Dr. Rudolf Ousley instructed the men via telephone to cover her with blankets and feed her.

Prestonsburg officials left the scene shortly after noon, Davis said.

"I wish we could have saved that animal in a kennel or grazing in low-lying areas should remember to

keep an eye on it during heavy rains."

The mare, tied to a fence, was grazing on higher ground Monday evening.

The McKenzie couple expressed anger against the Floyd County Rescue Squad, who were called to the scene at 6 a.m. and refused to attempt a rescue.

Captain Tim Cooley said yesterday that the Rescue Squad has rules preventing volunteers from risking their lives to save an animal.

"It's in our bylaws that we can't risk a human life for the sake of an animal," Cooley said. "If it'd been a person, that's a different story."

McKenzie said he went back to bed after the Rescue Squad left because he believed he could not save the horse and could not "stand and watch it die." They did not request assistance from Prestonsburg, he said, or seek any other type of assistance.

The body of the stallion has not been recovered, McKenzie said.

The horses were seized by the Floyd County Sheriff's office on January 20. Mark McKenzie was charged with animal cruelty after neighbors alleged that the horses had been abandoned. Sheriff John K. Blackburn, who seized the horses, said they had been tied up in the middle of a field with no access to food or water.

The horses were returned to McKenzie, who is under a one-year probation, the following day. He claims that his horses were not abused and said they were returned to him in near perfect health.

Floods

when they hear that FEMA has been here is that they come in, assess the situation, and then leave the money here for us to do the work," Thompson said. "That is not the case in practically every instance. We have to spend our money before we can get our money back, and a lot of time, we don't have it."

Thompson mentioned the county's work on water and sewage lines, routine road maintenance and budget deficits in "other areas," as factors compounding the flood construction funding problem.

He also mentioned the county's lack of fire, insurance tax and the fiscal court's move to lower personal property taxes. Profits from these taxes, he said, decreased from 19.3 percent to 15.5 percent since his service in office.

"I'm a fiscal conservative," he said. "I don't believe in high taxes. When people pay big tax bills, they think the county gets all that money. If a person's tax bill is \$100 ... the county only gets about \$14. We don't get all of it. If the county got all of it, I wouldn't have a problem in the world."

Thompson said that he recently met with contractors about purchasing three loads of steel for repairs. The county, he said, would need to pay \$21,000 upfront, a price that does not include the cost of driving

the steel. FEMA, Thompson says, pays approximately \$16 to \$17 per foot for steel drilling.

"The cost of steel itself has more than tripled, it's quadrupled," he said, "because India, China, all these developing countries are now buying up all the steel for construction ... FEMA adjusted us so much a foot to drill it. Then, a year later, the price of steel has quadrupled. They don't adjust what they promised to give us."

Another problem, Thompson said, occurred with the construction of bridges along the Mountain Parkway. After FEMA approved the construction, they returned, Thompson said, claiming that "they had used the wrong code" after the county already spent money for the project. FEMA, who said the county used the wrong type of cement on the project, deducted \$100,000 from the amount they had approved, Thompson said.

Floyd County has seen seven floods, six that were declared disasters, in the past six years.

When a disaster is declared, the money is appropriated by FEMA through the state Disaster and Emergencies Services Department in Frankfort.

Three FEMA officials who were contacted this week about these issues did not respond before press time Tuesday.

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Auxier man charged with raping 15-year-old

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

AUXIER — A Floyd County man was arrested this week and charged with first-degree rape.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Justin Cornett arrested Wesley E. Lafferty, 34, at his South River Street residence in Auxier on Sunday.

Lafferty is charged with forcibly raping a 15-year-old female in his home on August 28, 2004.

He was arraigned Monday by District Judge Eric Hall, who placed Lafferty under a \$50,000 cash bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 9, court documents say.

Lafferty's criminal history record indicates that an active bench warrant was pending against him at the time of his arrest. That warrant, filed in January, stems from a 2003 case in which Lafferty is charged with public intoxication, use or possession of drug paraphernalia and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

He was also listed as a fugitive — and later arrested — on a

2004 shoplifting charge and for having a controlled substance not in its original container.

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fundraising and grants committees.

Coalition meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at Allen First Baptist church. They will be hosting a free training session called "Living Free" at the Mud Creek Clinic on May 13 and 14.

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Viewpoint

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

Freedom of the press

Freedom of the press is the lifeblood of democracy. But it comes at a price, often a violent price. In 2004, 78 journalists around the world were killed in the line of duty, including four in Mexico. In Cuba, more than 20 reporters and editors are languishing in prison for covering news that Fidel Castro did not like. And in the United States, believe it or not, approximately 30 journalists face possible jail time for refusing to divulge the identities of confidential sources.

We cite these facts to acknowledge World Press Freedom Day, designated by the United Nations to commemorate the anniversary of the 1991 Windhoek Declaration, a historic statement of principles drafted by journalists in Africa. This year's anniversary coincides with the release of a Freedom House study showing deteriorating press freedom in several countries during 2004, along with some progress in emerging democracies such as Ukraine, where a popular revolt led to a relaxation of government pressures. Similarly, Afghanistan adopted a new constitution that strengthened the right of free expression.

The Freedom House survey gauged the level of press freedom in 194 countries and territories. Only 75 were rated as having a free press. And those countries encompass only 17 percent of the world's population. According to the study, 45 percent of the globe's inhabitants live in countries where there is no free press. Thirty-eight percent live in countries where the press is only "partly free."

The five worst countries in 2004 were Cuba, Libya, Burma, North Korea and Turkmenistan. Independent news media are nonexistent or virtually so in each of these countries. As a practical matter, the news is tightly controlled by the ruling governments. The public has little access to news that the governments don't want disseminated.

According to a separate ranking compiled by the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, China's communist government jailed more journalists last year than any other. At least 42 Chinese writers and editors are serving prison sentences for doing their job of informing the public. The Freedom House report rated two countries, Kenya and Pakistan, as moving in the wrong direction, into the category of "not free."

"The Kenya example serves as a reminder that gains in press freedom can be easily and quickly reversed," noted Karin Deutsch Karlekar, the survey's managing director. In Pakistan the government accelerated its harassment of journalists. Pakistani military authorities, in particular, were aggressive in trying to silence journalists. A number of Pakistani writers have been forced to resign from prominent publications, according to the Freedom House report. Some were charged with sedition; others were taken into custody by intelligence authorities and intimidated. In the United States and Western Europe, where freedom of expression is generally guaranteed, it is all too easy to take for granted. The toll of killed and jailed journalists around the globe last year is a reminder that permanent vigilance is essential to safeguarding press freedom — and democracy.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



Capitol Ideas

Political fundraisers scheduled around Derby festivities

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Along with celebrities, decorative hats and horse racing fans, this year's Kentucky Derby may attract a parade of governors from around the country.

The Republican Governors' Association has planned a series of events surrounding the Derby festivities in Louisville this week. Meanwhile, the Democratic Governors' Association has a "DGA Kentucky Derby Fundraising Event" scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Louisville, according to its Web site.

On the GOP side, Gov. Ernie Fletcher is slated to host a gaggle of governors from around the country. Some of those Republican governors penciled in are:

Sonny Perdue of Georgia, George Pataki of New York, Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho, Matt Blunt of Missouri, John Hoeven of North Dakota and Bob Taft of Ohio, according to an RGA statement.

"Governor Fletcher is proud of Kentucky and he's proud of the tradition surrounding the Derby and Derby Week events," Fletcher spokeswoman Jodi Whitaker said. "And, as governor of Kentucky and a member of the RGA, Governor Fletcher is proud to host these visiting governors while they experience the thrill and excitement of the Derby and of Kentucky."

While in Louisville, the RGA is hoping to take in about \$200,000, RGA spokesman Ben Jenkins said in an e-mail.

However, there's not one specific RGA fundraising event scheduled, Jenkins said. Supporters can purchase a

\$20,000 package that includes two Derby tickets, and invitations to several of the events surrounding the horse race, Jenkins wrote.

"If you were to buy the RGA package, then you are invited to attend everything the package includes," Jenkins stated.

As part of the package, there's a Thursday night tribute to past winners, Whitaker said. There is also an annual "Pre-Kentucky Derby party," she said.

On Friday, supporters would attend the Oaks race, followed by another reception at the Frazier Historical Arms Museum in Louisville. Saturday's lineup includes brunch, followed by the Derby, Whitaker said.

Events scheduled on the Democratic

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Letters

Hope for logging theft

Logging theft has probably caused the loss of more wealth in Eastern Kentucky than any other crime. A forestry official at Virginia Tech has estimated that over \$4.5 million is taken out of this area of the Southern Appalachians annually. This is just from reported thefts and is probably a fraction of the real total.

In many cases the timber was the property owner's only "nest egg" and was a reserve for retirement and medical bills. A great number of the victims are elderly or disabled.

Now, a combination of circumstances is reducing this scourge and providing hope that it will be eliminated.

A growing awareness of this evil and an increased willingness to report it to officials have caused indictments. Current investigations, it is to be hoped, will provide more. Another plus — some county officials are responsive and effective. Recently one unfortunate logger, hauling a tree off what was apparently someone else's land, found that he was not only being pursued by a sheriff's deputy, but that the sheriff himself was waiting for him as he came off the mountain. The commonwealth's attorney promptly indicted him, and he is awaiting trial.

Those of us who have been victimized

have come to recognize a pattern of behavior on the part of illegal loggers that property owners should be aware of. Their alleged intent is to get through three of five thefts undetected and unscathed, to bluff and/or intimidate those who catch them in the other two, or as a last resort, to offer them a pittance. The settlements we have heard of wouldn't pay for one mature red oak. Some victims have even said that they were subjected to attempts to make them the criminals.

Advice and financial support have been offered to victims who need help. Monetary rewards are planned for the near future.

Dean Cornett
Letcher County

Working people need relief

I think it's about time someone speaks up about our insurance on our cars. All we hear anymore is gas prices and our president. I would like to know what fat cat controls the insurance companies.

You drive a car for 50 years, have one accident, no broken bones, just shook up some, and the insurance went from \$300 every six months to over \$1,000! Who is the world could pay that or would pay that? Only these fat cats could pay that because they don't have to work for a living. The poor keeps them. I don't see how a working person can pay insurance. Our fat cats get every dime they can from a

poor human.

We voted to take taxes off our cars every year, and we voted it out. Why did they put it on the ballot if they weren't going to take them off?

They talk about our county being broke. Wonder why? We have some people on the payroll who shouldn't be there. They have been there too long. They should be treated like our working men who were forced to retire at 55 or 60 or less. That's what should be done to our payrollees. Then the schools would have more money for the children's supplies, etc.

These insurance companies are in business for the money, and us poor people ought to start a no-pay if they don't treat us right, young or old.

We have some fat cats in our county that are trying to take advantage of our folks. I am sure that I know where my property lines are, and no jackasses will make a fool out of me. It went too long. We will have another election. I'm sure our honest people won't make the same mistake again.

It would be nice to have some of our politicians talk to us when we go to the courthouse. Seems like they are scared. Why, I wouldn't know! There are a few that will speak. Makes you feel like you did something right.

Let's don't forget our state police. I really appreciate them. What would we do without them? We should always speak to them. They have a bad job.

Nora Martin
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Health Extra

Experts say new government obesity numbers still show being 50 pounds overweight is risky

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — Now that the government says fat might not kill so many of us after all, is it OK to be just a little pudgy?

Maybe, but before celebrating with a hot fudge sundae, keep in mind the overriding message: Being too overweight really is a serious health risk.

The new data, released by the government two weeks ago, confirm that obesity can kill, even if the numbers are squishy, said Dr. David Katz, a Yale University obesity researcher. "Clearly it isn't a license to gorge yourself."

Even so, the new report, drastically reducing the number of annual obesity-linked deaths, was confusing and quickly became a target for critics of "food police" efforts by the government.

"At first I got a chuckle out of it thinking now I don't have to work as hard, but then I thought, how can something like that be possible?" said Lisa Cusumano, a 40-year-old mother of five from suburban Carol Stream who is trying to lose 60 pounds.

The report from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention scientists didn't challenge the long-held view that being at least 50 pounds overweight is risky. But it did suggest that being even as much as 40 pounds overweight seems to protect people more from an untimely death than being at a normal weight.

Experts say that seeming contradiction has appeared in smaller health studies and

again challenges the usefulness of the body-mass index — a formula using height and weight to calculate how heavy a person should be.

The Center for Consumer Freedom, a restaurant industry-backed group, responded to the new data with full-page newspaper ads proclaiming, "Americans have been forced a steady diet of obesity myths by the 'food police,' trial lawyers and even our own government."

University of Colorado law professor Paul Campos, whose book "The Obesity Myth" argues that America's fat obsession is unhealthy, says the new report confirms that "there's a very wide range of body mass that is compatible with good health."

The new estimate that obesity kills 25,814 Americans yearly conflicts with much larger estimates from different CDC scientists last year.

Newspaper editorials criticized the CDC: some have even called for the resignation of agency chief Dr. Julie Gerberding. She co-authored a report last year suggesting obesity contributes to 400,000 deaths yearly and her agency used that flawed data to warn that obesity is becoming a top killer.

The CDC later admitted a calculation error.

Some experts say the new, much lower estimate of nearly 26,000, published April 20 in the Journal of the American Medical Association, is likely the most accurate. But Gerberding says the CDC

won't use it in its public health campaigns.

Instead, the agency likely will use a range of obesity mortality estimates while continuing to emphasize that being too fat contributes to costly health problems even when it isn't deadly, CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said.

The CDC "doesn't want to get fixed on a bottom-line number" because the science behind calculating obesity-related deaths is evolving, he said.

Dr. Robert Kushner, medical director of Wellness Institute at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital, said calculating death rates from a specific condition is difficult, especially when people have multiple ailments like diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

Also, Kushner said, focusing on death rates doesn't address quality of life and the health problems that often accompany being overweight and obese — conditions that make people feel lousy even if medication can sometimes prolong life.

The April 20 report also prompted criticism for relying on the body-mass index, the government's standard measure of overweight and obesity.

Using that standard, anyone with a BMI of 25-29 is considered overweight, and a BMI of

(See OBESITY, page six)

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MARTIN — Our Lady of the Way Hospital will participate in Cover the Uninsured Week, May 1-8, the nation's largest coordinated effort to promote the goal of affordable health coverage for all Americans.

There are nearly 45 million Americans living without health care coverage — including 8.5 million children. Eight out of 10 uninsured Americans are in working families.

The Institute of Medicine estimates that 18,000 Americans die each year because they don't have health coverage. To get a clearer picture of who the uninsured are, please consider these facts:

■ Almost one in every six people in the U.S. lacks health insurance

■ Most uninsured Americans are in working families.

■ More than 26 percent of adult uninsured workers in 2003 worked for a firm with 500 or more employees

■ The percentage of the U.S. non-elderly population without health coverage is growing, reaching 17.7 percent in 2003 vs. 16.1 percent in 2000

■ Uninsured children are much more likely to go without care for common childhood conditions

■ Uninsured children are more than three times as likely not to get a needed prescription drug

■ No matter their race or age or employment status, the uninsured are part of every community throughout our nation. They are our neighbors, our co-workers, our relatives, and our friends.

Cover the Uninsured Week is being organized by a diverse group of organizations representing some of the most influential organizations in the United States: the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, AFL-CIO, Service Employees International Union, Healthcare Leadership Council, American Medical Association, National Medical Association, American Nurses Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, America's Health Insurance Plans, American Hospital Association, Federation of American Hospitals, Catholic Health Association of the United States, Families USA,

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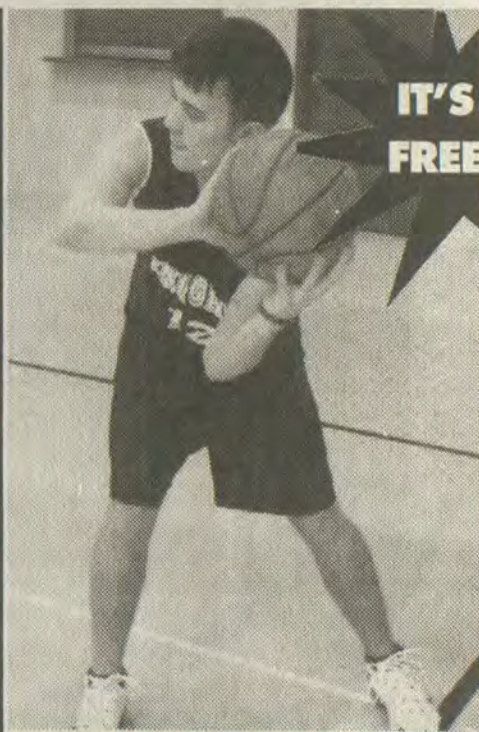
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side weren't as clear.

The DGA's Web site indicated there would be a fundraising event in Louisville on Friday and Saturday. However, DGA spokesman Brian Namey said the organization would not release details about their plans, nor about which governors were planning to attend.

"The Democratic governors will

host an event at the Kentucky Derby, but we're not going to release the details of the event," Namey said.

State Democratic Party chairman Jerry Lundergan said he did not know specific details. But Lundergan said he heard "several governors from across the country" were planning to come to Louisville. However, there was not a fundraising event planned, Lundergan said.

In past years, though, the Derby has been a centerpiece of Democratic fundraising events in Kentucky, Lundergan said.

"When we had a Democratic governor here, and (former Gov. Paul) Patton at one time was chairman of the Democratic Governors' Association, I do know that the activities surrounding the Derby were very big for the DGA,"

Lundergan said. "And, Kentucky played a big part in that publicly."

State GOP chairman Darrell Brock said in a statement that he thought the Derby was one of the "world's premier sporting events"

and its promotional opportunities would serve as an opportunity for Fletcher to "showcase" Louisville and the state.

"We hope that this visit will encourage people to come to

Kentucky more often," Brock said.

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

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Obesity

with a BMI of 25-29 is considered overweight, and a BMI of 30 and above is obese. That means a 6-foot, 190-pound man is almost in the overweight zone.

But the height-to-weight ratio doesn't consider muscle mass, and recent calculations stirred controversy by proclaiming that based on BMI, sizable numbers of professional football players and even some basketball stars are overweight.

"BMI has to be taken with a grain of salt," said Dr. Samuel Klein,

director of Washington University's Center for Human Nutrition. "People who are more muscular will have a higher BMI" but are not necessarily overweight.

Greg Penman, a business analyst from Naperville, Ill., who weighs over 300 pounds, says the conflicting reports haven't changed his determination to shed fat.

Already 20 pounds lighter since joining Weight Watchers in January, Penman said he's sick of not being able to fit in normal-sized chairs and

feeling out of breath.

He says the obesity flap is just the latest example of "flip-flopping" medical studies.

"I tend to think I've become a little bit numb to it," said Penman, 31.

A recent editorial in the New Jersey newspaper, Asbury Park Press, offered a solution.

"How should we respond to these mixed signals? By ignoring them and using common sense in our eating and exercise habits," the editorial said.

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Child care organizations nationwide have joined together to declare Friday, May 6, as Provider Appreciation Day.

It is estimated that of the 21 million children under age 6 in America, 13 million are in child care at least part time. An additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time.

By calling attention to the importance of high-quality child care services for all children and families, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services.

In recent years, local governments across the country have joined many governors in proclaiming this day of recognition. Many newspapers and publications have recognized the event. Celebrations in future years promise to carry on and strengthen this national event.

Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition and Big Sandy Community Action Program are encouraging parents with children in child care to take Friday to show their child care provider how much they appreciate them.

Some ideas they suggest include:

- Get together with other parents to create a surprise.
- Send flowers, cards or a handwritten note of appreciation.
- Bring breakfast or lunch for your provider.
- Work with your child to create a special remembrance.
- Key in on your provider's hobby and buy him or her an appropriate gift.
- Check to see if your employer provides scholarships for toys, equipments or training that you can sponsor as a parent.

Obituaries

Anna Jean Crum Stephens

Anna Jean Crum Stephens, age 80, of Prestonsburg, wife of Rubin Stephens, died Saturday, April 30, at her residence.

She was born December 25, 1924, in Ligon, a daughter of the late Dewey and Della Prater Hicks. Anna was a retired school teacher, in the Floyd County School System; a member of the First Baptist Church, in Allen; past president of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Post 129; Life member of the Betsy Layne DAV Ladies Auxiliary; a Kentucky Colonel; a member of the Prestonsburg VFW Ladies Auxiliary; and a partner in A and E Alterations, in Allen.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, William Raymond "Bud" Crum of Florence, South Carolina; one daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Crum (Denny) Gibson of Langley; two step-sons: Danny C. (Mary) Stephens of Martin, and Teddy Tom Stephens of Prestonsburg; two step-daughters: Barbara Stephens (Bobby) Akers of Dana, and Nancy Lou (Skip)

Meade of Dwale; three brothers: Eral "Tobie" Hicks of Langley, Joe Ed Hicks of Zionsville, Indiana, and Kenneth Larry Hicks of Richmond; seven step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Raymond "Red" Crum.

Funeral services for Anna Jean Crum Stephens were conducted Tuesday, May 3, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Earl Waugh officiating.

Burial was in the Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: B. J. Caudill, Kenneth Larry Hicks, Bobby Akers II, Shawn Stephens, Billy Joe Caudill Sr., M. B. Meade, Mark Hewlett, and Tom Clark Hewlett.

Honorary: Terry Tom Stephens, Danny Stephens, Lonnie Fleenor, Todd Meadows, Toby Hicks, Larry Hicks, Dennis Adams and Robert Jamie (Chief).
(Paid obituary)

McIntire "Mack" Risner

McIntire "Mack" Risner, age 76, of Martin, husband of Loretta Conn Risner, passed away Friday, April 29, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

He was born August 15, 1928, in Risner, the son of the late Lee Risner and Mousie Bradley Risner. He was a retired coal miner and a member of The Cold Springs Regular Baptist Church, in Martin, and a member of the UMWA.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta; three sons: Bobby Risner of Prestonsburg, Billy Risner of Cannon, Georgia, and Barry Risner of Martin; one daughter, Deborah Haywood of Banner; two sisters: Lorraine Flickert of Selina, Ohio, and Josie Ousley of Martin; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia Adkins Risner; one daughter, Danita Miller; three brothers: Harrison

Risner, James Risner, and Manis Risner; and three sisters: Opal Sturgill, Evie Tussey, and Rhonda Ousley.

Funeral services for McIntire "Mack" Risner were conducted Sunday, May 1, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Risner Cemetery, Alum Lick Road, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: John Haywood, Zachery Haywood, Robbie Risner, Nicholas Risner, Spencer Risner, Daniel Rowe, and Michael Hall.

Honorary: David Conn, Troy Conn, Curt Conn, and Jerry Miller.
(Paid obituary)

Keith Little

Keith Little, 45, of Benton, Arkansas, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in the Chalmette Medical Center, in Chalmette, Louisiana.

Born on May 23, 1959, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Lacy and Justine McCray Little. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include one son, Keith Allen Little of Michigan City, Indiana; two brothers: Ronald Little of Benton, Arkansas, and Jerry Little of Moreland, Tennessee; two half-brothers, James Little of Akron, Ohio, and Ricky Little of California; one sister, Chelia (David) Walker of

Weeksbury; a half-sister's husband, Ron Williams, of Ohio; one niece, three nephews, five great-nieces, and five great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one half-sister, Judy Williams.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 2, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.
(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

With love and humble hearts, the family of Alice Shelton would like to thank everyone for their love, prayers, words, food, flowers and cards. Also a special thank-you to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church of N.S.A., and the Sheriff's Department.



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The family of Henry Franklin Fannin would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Mark Tackett for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient services.

THE FAMILY OF HENRY FRANKLIN FANNIN

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The family of Iness Richmond Stiltner would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Johnny Collins, and Bethel Bolen for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for their kind, professional, and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF INESS RICHMOND STILTNER

Thank You

Words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for all the kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one, Charles Woody.

A special thank-you to Rev. George David Garrett and Rev. Clifford H. Austin, for their comforting words.

We thank everyone for their prayers, visits, flowers, financial support and food.

Also a special thanks to the ladies of the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, for preparing a meal after the funeral, the trustees for being pallbearers, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Thanks to the D.A.V. Chapter 18, Auxier, Kentucky.

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES WOODY

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The family of Alice Stephens Prater would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or spoke kind words. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergyman Roy Harlow for his comforting words, special caregivers, Mary Morrison and Becky Murphy, Highlands Home Health, Dr. John R. Furcolow, Dr. Anthony Stumbo, and the Highlands Regional Medical Center Intensive Care Unit, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

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The family of Laura Margaret Goble Duff would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and all the kindness. A special thanks to Deborah Dingus for her comforting words, to all who spoke a kind word to our family, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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The family of Milton Johnson would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped during our time of loss, with food, flowers, prayers, or just a kind word of comfort. We want to send a special thanks to Dr. Boby Theckedath, the wonderful nurses and great staff at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

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I Love You and Miss You, Mother, Carlie Blackburn, Father, Virgil Conn, and family



Coal operator sentenced to prison for mine violations

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — The operator of an Eastern Kentucky coal mine where a worker was killed two years ago was sentenced Monday to two months in prison for ignoring federal safety laws.

Robert C. Ratliff Sr., 52, of Paintsville, had pleaded guilty to four misdemeanor charges in January.

U.S. District Judge David Bunning refused a request for no prison time, saying he wanted the punishment to be a deterrent to other coal operators who might not take the federal laws seriously.

An explosion at the mine killed Paul Blair, 21, and injured two others, including

Ratliff's son. The miners had taken shelter behind a wall in a cross tunnel when explosives were detonated to loosen coal. The miners were too close to the explosion, investigators determined, and were hit by debris from the blown-out wall.

An investigation by inspectors from the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration led to the federal charges against Ratliff. Each of the charges he pleaded guilty to carried possible sentences of up to a year in prison.

Mine inspectors said they also recovered a plastic bag in the mine containing a small amount of marijuana, a discovery that led to a widespread crackdown on drug use in coal mines.

Cody Mining was fined \$536,050 last year for violations stemming from the explosion. The fines were the largest federal penalty ever in Kentucky and are the third largest in the nation levied by the federal government against a coal operator or contractor.

Throughout the sentencing, Ratliff stood silently beside his attorney, Billy Shelton, who said his client feels remorse over the incident.

Ratliff admitted that pre-shift inspections were not done in the mine and that explosives in excess of the legal limit were used to blast coal at the Cody Mining No. 1 mine near McDowell in Floyd County.

He also admitted that an improper drill was used in the mine and that miners were

allowed to smoke underground, both of which are violations of federal mine safety laws.

Unlike other mine operators charged with federal violations, Ratliff wasn't ordered to pay any additional fines.

Ratliff lost his business as a result of the mine accident, Shelton said. He also told the judge that Ratliff is needed at home to take care of his son who was injured in the explosion and his wife who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Bunning said he would request that Ratliff be incarcerated at a federal prison camp outside Inez. Bunning ordered Ratliff to begin his sentence June 20.

Ratliff must complete one year of probation after his release.

Online drug abuse on rise again in Eastern Kentucky

The Associated Press

STANTON — Authorities in Eastern Kentucky blame online pharmacies for a recent spike in the availability of some prescription narcotics.

In the 2000 fiscal year, 2,211 Kentuckians were charged with possession of prescription drugs in an improper container, a common charge for prescription drug abuse. In 2002, the number of charges went up only 11 percent, to 3,178, and in 2003 the number climbed only 3 percent.

But last year, charges reached 3,917 — an 18 percent increase — and so far this year.

A recent arrest gave authorities clues to the cause.

When police arrested Shan Faulkner last year for allegedly stealing packages from a shipping center in Stanton, they found 240 sedative and painkiller tablets — all from an online pharmacy in Florida. Further investigation revealed that at least 15 other companies were shipping drugs to eastern Kentucky, with one UPS center receiving up to 200 packages a day, authorities said.

They found that some Internet pharmacies require patients to see doctors and get prescriptions. But

many others issue prescriptions with no in-person exam and then mail drugs to anyone who can pay.

Kentucky police and prosecutors soon realized state laws were not designed to stop the flow.

Faulkner was charged with theft of mail and theft of a controlled substance, both felonies. He was killed six months later in a car crash.

Before he died, Mike Burton, a drug-enforcement investigator for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, was talking with him about a case of forged prescriptions when he learned the term "drug packages" and how easily drugs were available online.

With help from the Drug Enforcement Administration, the state subpoenaed UPS records to find out how many packages were entering Eastern Kentucky.

The results were startling, Burton said.

Ken Drugs, a Tampa, Fla.-based Internet pharmacy, was shipping an average of 100 packages a week to the UPS center in Stanton, Burton said. Fifteen other companies were involved.

The state system that tracks prescription drugs — Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic

Reporting — has helped catch prescription abusers and doctors who mis-prescribe drugs.

But Robert Benvenuti, inspector general for the state health cabinet, said Internet pharmacies have their own doctors so they don't report to the tracking system.

"The question is how we get our arms around these people," he said.

Last September, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Kentucky State Police and Florida authorities raided four Ken Drugs offices in Florida, seizing documents, said Steve Cole, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Tampa, Fla.

But the drugs kept coming.

Five months after the Florida raid, authorities arrested nine people they saw leaving the UPS center in Hazard and seized 13 packages of drugs from online pharmacies containing 120 pills each of Xanax and hydrocodone.

But they were arrested on charges unrelated to the prescription drugs, such as driving under the influence, because it is not illegal under state law to simply possess drugs from an Internet pharmacy.

David James, commissioner of the Kentucky Bureau of

Investigation, said investigators may charge them with supplying false information when ordering pills. But James added that gaps in state law make it difficult to charge them with crimes related to the drugs.

The Florida raid prompted a law passed this year that allows the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to require online pharmacies to seek a state license, report to KASPER, disclose their location and list a toll-free telephone number on each container. It will take effect at the end of next month.

The Kentucky attorney general's office also will be allowed to prosecute out-of-state pharmacies, under the new law.



But James said the law does not provide enough ways to prosecute people who buy shipments online without a prescription or a doctor's exam.

"We plan on getting back together to deal with a possible bill that would allow us to do that," he said.

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Turner

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voters to the polls has long been common in many Eastern Kentucky counties, and has often been criticized as tantamount to buying votes.

According to campaign finance reports, Turner doled out about \$34,000 to pay more than 650 people to haul voters or perform other campaign work. Bailey spent \$16,700 to pay more than 330 people to take voters to the polls.

The 29th District included Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson and Knott counties. With redistricting in 2002, Johnson County is no longer in the district. Turner won re-election in 2004 by only 26 votes in the Democratic pri-

mary over Eric Hamilton. He was unopposed in the general election.

Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley said the Democratic caucus supports Turner and does not believe he should resign. Worley said Turner told him he believes he will be exonerated. Worley, D-Richmond, said he's not worried that political fallout from the pending indictment will cause Democrats to lose the seat.

Federal authorities have been investigating financial transactions during Turner's 2000 Senate campaign "for many months," Caldwell's

statement said. Federal officials have also examined "other candidates' campaigns," Caldwell said.

Caldwell declined to comment Tuesday on what other campaigns have been investigated.

U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove's office did not return a telephone call on Tuesday seeking comment.

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Private hospital to receive state coal severance tax revenues

The Associated Press

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Pikeville Medical Center will receive \$750,000 over the next two years to help pay for a juvenile drug rehabilitation center.

Coal severance tax money historically has been used to improve infrastructure, including developing industrial parks and extending municipal water lines into communities where mining has fouled wells.

State Sen. Ray Jones said the budget included an additional \$1.5 million in coal severance tax revenues to Operation UNITE, an anti-drug project serving eastern Kentucky. He

said he expects that money also will go for operation of drug treatment centers.

Jones said he pushed for the appropriations because of the severe drug problem in eastern Kentucky and because most treatment programs are geared toward adults. He said he considered the Pikeville Medical Center initiative as one of the most important ever undertaken in eastern Kentucky.

Jones said he has read too many obituaries of young addicts who died from drug overdoses.

"I know a lot of people have been opposed to this type of allocations from coal severance tax revenues," he said.

However, Jones said drug

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Nurses suspended for speaking at rally

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Nine nurses from two Appalachian Regional Healthcare Inc. hospitals in Kentucky and West Virginia have been suspended without pay after publicly talking about a nursing shortage at the Beckley hospital.

The nurses said patients may receive inadequate care because Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital does not have enough registered nurses and those it does have are overworked. Hazard Regional Medical Center in Hazard, Ky. also does not have enough nurses, said Bill Riggs, labor director for the Kentucky Nurses Association, the organization representing the nurses.

Three Kentucky nurses and six Beckley nurses spoke last Wednesday at a rally in

Beckley.

Nursing shortages are a problem at all nine hospitals in the Appalachian Regional Healthcare system, but worst in Beckley and Hazard, Riggs said Tuesday. The Beckley hospital has about 150 nurses and Hazard has about 250. Each needs at least 30 more nurses, Riggs said.

"We have been in talks for months with the company," Riggs said.

Last Friday, the Lexington, Ky.-based company suspended each nurse without pay for one day and put letters of reprimand in their personnel files.

"This was an unjust and unwarranted discipline," Riggs said. "I was shocked

and dismayed. ... Why would they suspend these employees for doing a community education rally? That's unbelievable."

The nine nurses have filed grievances with their respective hospitals and Riggs said he will file more with the National Labor Relations Board, citing a violation of the nurses' rights under the National Labor Relations Act to free speech and the right to work in a nonhostile environ-

ment. Riggs would not identify the nurses.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare also owns Summers County ARH Hospital in Hinton and six other hospitals in eastern Kentucky.

Spokeswoman Candace Elkins said in a statement Monday that the chain would not comment on the suspensions. She did not immediately return a phone call Tuesday.

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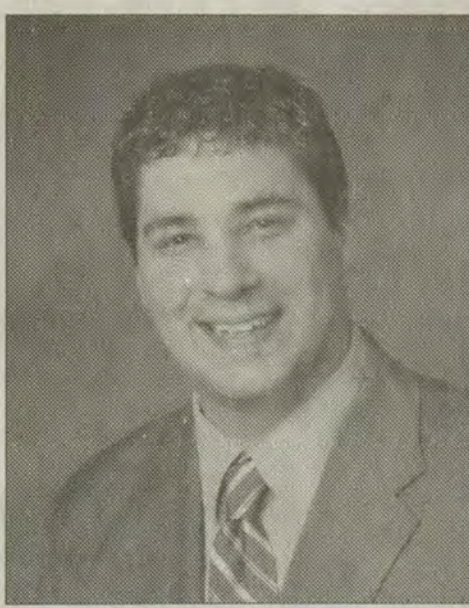
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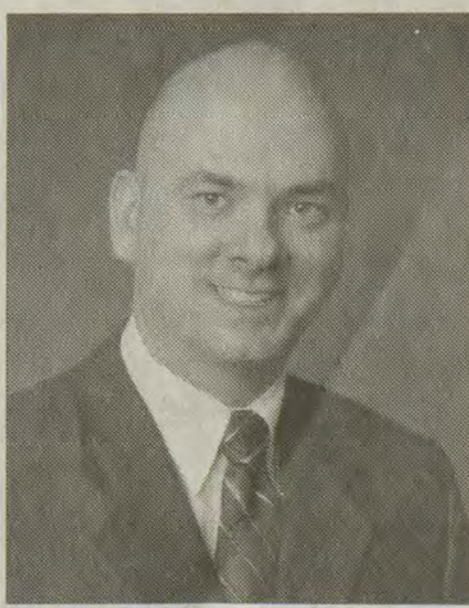
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treatment actually has become an important part of economic development in the region. Some coal companies, he said, have had trouble finding employees who can pass drug tests.

Pike County Judge-

Executive Bill Deskins said coal severance tax money has been important for improving the quality of life in coalfield communities. He said he supported the appropriation for drug treatment.

"This is necessary," he said.

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"We're desperate. I have to support it, for the children."

Jones said he approached the hospital with the idea.

He said the state appropriation will come in two installments, \$400,000 this year and \$350,000 the next.

Competence of sex abuse defendant judged

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An accused sex offender was the subject of a competency hearing in circuit court Tuesday.

Judge Danny Caudill presided for Judge John D. Caudill, who was called away but will ultimately make a ruling on whether or not Joshua Jarvis, 23, of Prestonsburg, is competent to stand trial.

Jarvis is accused of two counts of first-degree sexual assault. The charges involve two children of his sister, whom he was staying with when the incidents occurred in June 2004.

Jarvis is also charged with one count of second-degree assault for allegedly trying to stab his brother-in-law with a butcher knife after he learned of the alleged incidents and tried to call police.

The commonwealth has had Jarvis examined by psy-

chologists at the Kentucky Center for Psychiatric Care who have supplied the court with the results of their various tests. They have ruled that Jarvis is capable of understanding the legal process.

The psychologist scheduled to testify for the public advocate on Tuesday had only seen Jarvis on one occasion and his testimony is going to be added to the battery of tests already compiled by the commonwealth.

The tests that were conducted by KCPC have suggested that Jarvis is not incapable of learning and that exposure to the legal process has already developed an understanding for him of how things work.

The psychologist called to testify by the public defender's office has said that he feels Jarvis is not competent to stand trial but had submitted no report to the court at the time of the hearing.



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Fire kills Debord man

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

DEBORD — An early morning fire claimed the life of a Debord resident Tuesday when he could not escape the flames which engulfed his trailer.

John B. Scott, 42, of Debord, died in the blaze, though his wife, Virgie, 34, and their twin 14-year-old sons were able to make it to safety.

The mother and two sons were sent to Highlands Regional Medical Center and treated for

burns and abrasions. John Scott was discovered in a hallway of the home.

Martin County dispatch got word of the fire at 3:42 a.m. and dispatched the Inez Fire Department to the scene.

No foul play is suspected in the incident. The fire's point of origin appears to have been a result of extension cords used with an electric space heater.

The case is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police Det. Don Parker.

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DISTRICT DOMINANCE: Betsy Layne softball tops AC, P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Saturated Archer Park was unable to host a softball game Monday between Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg. The game was moved to Betsy Layne. The host

Ladycats took full advantage of the move and made short work of the visiting Prestonsburg team. Betsy Layne won relatively easy, 16-2.

Host Betsy Layne came out strong, scoring 10 runs in the first inning. The top three batters in the Betsy Layne lineup all drew walks to start the game,

and then the heart of the Ladycat order, along with the bottom, came out with singles, doubles, and a triple. In the first inning, seven of Betsy Layne's starters managed a hit; the remaining Ladycats drew walks.

Following a tame second inning, Betsy Layne plated six more runs in

the final three innings.

"Our Seniors really stepped up in Monday's game," Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase noted.

Betsy Layne senior Misty Tackett had a two-RBI triple in the first

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)



NARA BoB DirtCar Series racing to 201 Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – On Saturday, the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts will head to one of the most exciting tracks on the series circuit, 201 Speedway, located in Sitka in Johnson County.

It will be the series' sixth ever appearance at 201 Speedway, located near Paintsville.

In the previous five O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series events at 201, there have been five different winners with 2002 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Champion Eddie Carrier Jr. of Salt Rock, W.Va.; 2003 Series Champion Mike Marlar of Winfield, Tenn.; 2004 Series Champion Aaron Hatton of Mt. Sterling; Tyrel Todd of Eubank; and Paul Harris of Prestonsburg; each finding victory lane.

Carrier, a Knott County native, took the BoB series title in its first year on existence.

Saturday night's event will feature a complete show for the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series with Racing Optics Time Trials, VP Fuels Makin' Power Heat Races, B-Mains and a 30-lap O'Reilly Auto Parts A-Main paying \$3,000 to win.

After four races this season, the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts has had four different winners from four different states with Rick Combs (Sardinia, Ohio), Dan Schlieper (Sullivan, Wis.), Scott James (Bright, Ind.), and Shannon Babb (Moweaqua, Ill.) each notching a O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series win this season.

Going into Saturday's event at 201 Speedway, Scottsburg, Ind. veteran Mike Jewell leads the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series points chase followed by Rick Combs, Michael England, Scott James, and Whitney McQueary. Tim Tungate, Chris Combs, John Gill, Aaron Hatton, and Floyd County driver Chuckie May, completing the top 10.

Rick Combs is leading the Rookie of the Year standings followed by Chris Combs, Wayne Chinn, Frankie Coomer, and Jordan Bland. The

(See BOB, page two)

Stapleton, Bobcats clamp South Floyd



Above: Betsy Layne pitcher Patrick Stapleton made a pick off move to first during Monday's 58th District game against South Floyd. Bobcat first baseman Brandon Kidd was on the other end of the throw. Stapleton went the distance in the win over South Floyd.

Below: Betsy Layne's Brandon Thacker looked on in between innings.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – Betsy Layne starting pitcher Pat Stapleton tripled in the bottom half of Monday's 58th District game against South Floyd. The Betsy Layne starter was stranded on base when the next three Bobcat batters that followed him in the hitting order were retired in order. But Stapleton and his Betsy Layne teammates quickly got things going. South Floyd scored first, plating a run in the top half of the first inning. The Raiders enjoyed the slim 1-0 lead for a little over one inning before Betsy Layne came alive. The Bobcats, after being held

scoreless in the first inning, scored two or more runs in the next five innings that followed en route to an 11-1 win.

Stapleton fanned eight South Floyd batters in the six-inning win.

Scott Allen took the loss for the Raiders. South Floyd remains winless.

Derek Case scored three times for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne pushed itself over the top for the 10-run win, scoring four runs in the sixth inning.

Betsy Layne (8-6) rode a two-game winning streak into Paintsville yesterday for a game against the

Tigers. Last Wednesday, the two teams split two games played as part of a doubleheader.

Pike Central 4, Belfry 2: Host Pike County Central earned an all-important 60th District win Monday evening, beating Belfry 4-2. Starting pitcher J.R. Chaney went the distance for the Hawks, allowing just two hits and two unearned runs.

The Hawks made the most of opportunities on the way to their third win in four games.

AC falls in pitcher's duel

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Johnson Central senior Travis Montgomery and Allen Central freshman Scottie Little squared off Monday evening as the two starting pitchers in what proved to be an epic high school baseball battle at Paul G. Fyffe Field. Montgomery, who recently tossed the first no-hitter of his high school baseball career, got the final say in the most recent meeting between the two 15th Region contenders. Johnson Central, the defending 15th Region champion, got a game-deciding effort from Montgomery. The Johnson Central sophomore held visiting Allen Central to just one run and provided the game-winning hit, lifting the Golden Eagles to a 2-1 win.

Allen Central captured the 15th Region title in 2003, beating Johnson Central on its home field.

Junior Tyler Turner touched home plate in the top half of the fifth inning, scoring on a passball and putting Allen Central ahead 1-0. Allen Central led 1-0 at the end of the fifth inning when umpires halted the game, giving the two teams a break from the sun that was coming in strong from straight-away centerfield.

Matt Fyffe came on and pitched the sixth

(See FALLS, page two)

Rodebaugh's pitching, homer lift P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR



FLEMING-NEON – With rain-soaked Archer Park still drying out, Prestonsburg took to the road Monday night. The Blackcats, playing on the road at Fleming-Neon, managed to get back on the winning side of things, beating the host Pirates 4-3. For Prestonsburg, Monday's win over Fleming-Neon snapped a three-game losing streak that included setbacks to Paintsville, Sheldon Clark and 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Betsy Layne.

The Blackcats stepped out of 15th

(See P'BURG, page two)

Locals among Union football signees Bulldog grid program loads up on offensive players

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR



BARBOURVILLE – Union College head football coach Tommy Reid announced recently

the addition of 42 signees for the 2005 season. "We are very excited about this year's recruiting class. We've been able to address several of our needs and fill some holes," Reid said.

Of the 42 newest Bulldogs, 30 will play on the offensive side of the ball. Union is bringing in 14 offensive linemen, five wide receivers, five running backs, five fullbacks and four quarterbacks. Three of the new Bulldogs play both running back and wide receiver, while another plays quarterback and wide receiver.

One of the Union College football signees is South Floyd High School senior Joe Osborne. Expected to contribute for Union on the offensive side of the football, Osborne is listed as a running back/wide receiver.

As a senior, Osborne rushed for well over 1,000 yards. Another Union signee is Steven Rogers – an offensive lineman from Betsy Layne High School. Will Sandlin, a lineman from Breathitt County, has also signed with the Bulldogs.

On defense, Union has signed seven defensive backs, three defensive linemen and two linebackers. One of the defensive backs, Derek Jackson, hails from Boyd County.

Twenty-six of the new signees are from the Bluegrass State. Six new Union College football players are from Georgia, five from Tennessee, two from Florida, two from California and one from Alabama.

Union ended the 2004 season with a 4-7 overall record and a 4-6 conference mark.

Branham, Burchett take 15th Region sportsmanship honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – Regional winners in the First Corbin Financial Corporation/KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association) Sportsmanship Recognition Program have been announced. In the 15th Region, East Ridge High senior Aaron Branham and Prestonsburg High senior Molly Burchett each were chosen. In addition to leading in the classroom, both Branham and Burchett were standout players on their respective high school basketball teams.

From the 14th Region, Matthew Frazier (Whitesburg) and Kayla Bentley (Jenkins) were chosen. Regional winners will be honored with a ban-

(See HONORS, page two)

Honors

quet scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. Each regional winner receives a mantle clock, a \$200 book scholarship and is eligible for the statewide honor.

One boy and one girl from the regional winners will be selected as the statewide winner and announced at the banquet. The statewide boy and girl winner each receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship, courtesy of First Corbin Financial Corporation.

Since 1997 the KHSAA, through its corporate partners, has been recognizing the outstanding youth that participates in sports with this program. This year's sponsors are First Corbin Financial Corporation, KHSAA Officials Division, Hyatt Regency (Lexington), Kentucky Printing (Richmond) and Conference Medal & Trophy (Pocasset, Mass.). A list of the regional winners follows.

2005 Regional Winners

(Boy/Girl): Region 1 - Jarad Key (Lone Oak)/Carrie Radke (Calloway Co.); Region 2 - Thomas Webber (Lyon Co.)/Jill Duckworth (Henderson Co.); Region 3 - Thomas Vallandigham (Owensboro)/Alexandra Payne (Hancock Co.); Region 4 - Eric Belt (Greenwood)/Rachel Miller (Logan Co.); Region 5 - Phillip Warsaw (John Hardin)/Catherine Bames (Bardstown); Region 6 - Chad Bowling (Holy Cross-Louis)/Mallory Harlow (Holy Cross-Louis); Region 7 - Andrew Boyd (Eastern)/Erin Ballard (Ballard); Region 8 - Aaron Hume (Anderson Co.)/Emily Zenger (Shelby Co.); Region 9 - Joseph Spears (Holmes)/Rachel Skerczak (Beechwood); Region 10 - Keaton Belcher (Pendleton Co.)/Hannah Jefferson (Bracken Co.); Region 11 - Austin Fitch (Paul Dunbar)/Kelly Eckert (Woodford Co.); Region 12 - Steven Sexton (Wayne Co.)/Ashley Bell (Wayne Co.); Region 13 - Aaron Cash

(Rockcastle Co.)/Cara Catherine Rains (Williamsburg); Region 14 - Matthew Frazier (Whitesburg)/Kayla Bentley (Jenkins); Region 15 - Aaron Branham (East Ridge)/Molly Burchett (Prestonsburg); Region 16 - Cody Gillum (Greenup Co.)/Krista Kouns (East Carter).

Previous Statewide Winners: 1997 - Mary Morgan (Williamsburg) & Johnston Boyd (Trigg Co.); 1998 - Sarah Jo Koger (Model) & Adam Cox (Breckinridge Co.); 1999 - Tiffany Hornsby (Fleming Co.) & Michael Phelps (Mercer Co.); 2000 - Lauren Crosby (Dixie Heights) & Andrew Tyrer (Franklin Co.); 2001 - Mary Roberts (Trigg Co.) & Delano Proctor (Bryan Station); 2002 - Stephanie Jackson (Boyd Co.) & Brent Craft (Greenup Co.); 2003 - Mary Richie (Dixie Heights) & Jeremy Hafer (Trimble Co.); 2004 - Ali Isaacs-Lowry (Henry Clay) & Brad Bell (Wayne Co.).

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BoB

O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series continues to average over 50 cars per event in 2005.

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Betsy Layne

inning. Kim Clark finished the game with two runs batted in, three singles and a walk. Tiffany Bishop had three singles and drove in one run. Breann Akers finished with three RBIs, a single, double, and a walk.

Seventh-grader Megan Hamilton had two doubles and drove in a pair of runs.

Akers, the Ladycat pitcher, earned the win in commanding fashion, holding Prestonsburg to just six hits.

"I was happy to finally see all nine players step up their play," Crase added. "We need to continue to play with this much heart and dedication if we want to compete in region. We, as a team, have set many goals this season and we are well on our way to achieving those goals. If my players continue to work hard and come out each and every game giving

their all we will make an impact in post season."

The victory over Allen Central was Betsy Layne's sixth win in nine games.

Betsy Layne 13, Allen Central 6: Hosting Allen Central Thursday night, Betsy Layne scored 10 runs in the top half of the first inning and went on to beat the rival Lady Rebels. Betsy Layne's 10 first-inning hits consisted of eight singles and two doubles.

Allen Central held Betsy Layne in the second inning before the Lady Rebels broke lose and added runs in the fourth and fifth inning.

Betsy Layne senior Misty Tackett finished with two singles and a double as she walked one and drove in a run.

"Misty Tackett really stepped up in the game against Allen Central," Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase com-

mented.

Senior pitcher Breann Akers recorded the win for the Ladycats.

15TH REGION SOFTBALL

(Records through Monday, May 2)

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	13-5
Pikeville	12-1
East Ridge	10-5
Johnson Cent.	8-3
Magoffin Co.	8-5
Betsy Layne	7-5
Phelps	6-4
Belfry	6-6
Paintsville	6-7
Allen Central	5-5
Prestonsburg	5-8
Sheldon Clark	4-13
Pike County Central	1-9
South Floyd	0-8

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P'burg

Region play Monday evening and found success, holding on for the win over Fleming-Neon, a team out of the competitive 14th Region.

In Monday's win, freshman Josh Rodebaugh did most of the damage for the Blackcats. Rodebaugh, pitching for visiting Prestonsburg, kept Neon scoreless through the first three innings. The Pirates got two runs in the fourth inning and one in the fifth inning. But Fleming-Neon never led.

Prestonsburg (10-6) went ahead 2-0 in the first inning. Bobby Hughes and Nick McGuire, the second- and third-place batters in the Prestonsburg order each singled and eventually scored in

the opening inning.

The game was tied at 2-2 when Neon got the two runs back in the home half of the fourth inning.

Rodebaugh gave Prestonsburg the lead for good when he connected on a two-run home run in the top half of the fifth inning, scoring McGuire who had reached base on a walk.

The home run was Rodebaugh's sixth of the season. Hughes and Cory Tincher also aided the Blackcat offense as both had two singles apiece. McGuire scored two of Prestonsburg's four runs.

At press time, Prestonsburg was scheduled to play host to Jenkins.

15TH REGION BASEBALL

(Records through Monday, May 2)

Team	Record
Pikeville	17-2
Johnson Central	15-4
Allen Central	11-9
Paintsville	10-3
Sheldon Clark	10-6
Prestonsburg	10-6
Betsy Layne	8-6
Phelps	8-8
Pike Co. Central	8-10
Belfry	7-12
Magoffin County	6-5
Shelby Valley	5-8
East Ridge	5-11
South Floyd	0-10

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Falls

and seventh innings for Johnson Central, holding the Rebels scoreless in the final two frames.

Johnson Central got one run in the top half of the seventh inning following an RBI ground-out. Montgomery got across the winning run on and RBI single, his second hit of the contest.

"We played well," said Allen Central Coach Ken Johnson. "It is a tough loss to take. Most of all, I hate that Scott has to put this one is the L

column. We showed that we can play with the best of them. Johnson Central is a very talented baseball team, and they played well. We just couldn't pull it off in the end. It was a tough loss for us, but we gained much confidence and took a lot away from this game that will help us as a team. I am proud of my boys as they showed a lot of heart and determination."

Little gave up just four hits in the loss. He struckout seven

batters and walked three.

Justin Jacobs added two singles for the Rebels.

Allen Central was due back in action yesterday on the road at Shelby Valley.

Johnson Central, currently ranked second in the 15th Region, played on the road yesterday at 15th Region frontrunner Pikeville.

Results from yesterday's games were unavailable at press time.

Finishing up strong...

Lady Bears have successful touney, receive honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College softball team put to rest a string of five straight losing seasons with a 2005 campaign that finished with 23 wins and 20 losses.

The team also picked up a win in last weekend's Mid-South Conference tournament, played at Paul Butcher Field in Pikeville. That was preceded by the announcement that three Lady Bears have been named first-team all-conference, three more were named honorable mention all-league and two others were academic all-conference picks.

Pikeville 1, Cumberland 0: Back-to-back extra-base hits and a dazzling pitching performance helped the sixth-seeded Lady Bears to an upset of No. 3 Cumberland College in Saturday's opening round.

The teams headed to the fourth inning scoreless before Pikeville posted what would prove to be the only run of the game. Junior catcher Whitney Broyles led off the inning with a double and scored when freshman Kalaiah Evans ripped a triple past the right fielder. She was stranded at third but in the end it didn't matter.

Sophomore pitcher Kelley Neace picked up her 12th win of the season and fired her fifth shutout in going the distance. She allowed only two hits and walked two while striking out two.

Pikeville had two other hits in the game, a first-inning single by senior Amanda Fields and a seventh-inning safety by freshman Heather Robbins.

Lambuth 7, Pikeville 4: En route to the winner's bracket championship, Lambuth posted three multiple-run innings and

held off a late charge to advance and send Pikeville into the loser's bracket.

Lambuth scored three times in the first and added a pair of runs in each of the third and fifth innings.

Pikeville scored a single run in the second when junior Hilary McKenzie reached on a fielder's choice and later scored.

Trailing 7-1 Pikeville rallied in the top of the seventh with three runs. Melinda Ratliff singled and scored when Jeanie Hamblin doubled. Both Hamblin and Fields, who reached on a fielder's choice, scored when Evens doubled.

Despite the loss, the Lady Bears posted 10 hits. Hamblin, the pitcher of record for Pikeville, had three hits including a pair of doubles. Fields had two hits, while Evans doubled and Ratliff, Robbins, Heather Swiney and Anna Bevins all singled.

Lindsey Wilson 2, Pikeville 0: Pikeville's season ended when the Blue Raiders scored twice in the bottom of the fourth and made them stand up. In the end, Pikeville's two losses came to the teams that will do battle for the championship on Wednesday afternoon in Jackson, Tenn.

Pikeville took the lead in the second and again Evans played an important role. She led off with a triple and scored when Robbins delivered a sacrifice fly. Pikeville had the opportunity to score in the first and third but were unable to come up with timely hits when needed.

Lindsey took the lead in the bottom of the fourth with a rally that opened with a single by Whitney Reynolds. One out later, Jill Diesel singled her to third. After Diesel took second on catcher's indifference, a single by Bonnie Rooney put

Lindsey ahead to stay.

Neace pitched another gem, giving up five hits in six innings pitched. She fanned six and didn't walk anybody.

Ratliff and Bevins had two hits apiece for the Lady Bears, with Bevins adding a double. Evans tripled and Broyles added a single.

Honors: Fields, Hamblin and Neace were named all-conference at Friday's banquet, held at Gatti's in Pikeville. For Fields, it marked the third straight season she was named first-team all-conference, while Neace was tabbed for the second time.

Fields finished the regular season hitting .333 with 24 runs scored and 18 RBI. She led the team with 41 hits and posted a slugging percentage of .374 and an on-base percentage of .359 and was an all-conference infielder.

Hamblin, one of three utility players selected, hit .319 on the season, lacing 37 hits, leading the team with 25 runs scored and driving in 18.

Neace was an all-conference pitcher after winning 11 times in 15 decisions and posting a 1.52 ERA. In 92.1 regular-season innings, she allowed only 59 hits, striking out 59 and walking only 17. Opponents batted only .173 against her.

Bevins, Broyles and Evans were honorable mention selections.

Bevins batted .276 in her first season of college play. Broyles hit .280 and led the team with 26 runs batted in, while Evans hit .309 with 14 extra-base hits for her freshman year.

Finally, Fields, who will graduate May 14 with a BA in Communication, was named academic-all-conference and was joined by Hamblin, a junior majoring in sociology and criminal justice.

H.S. BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

Monday's games

Barbourville 6, Cumberland 4
Bath County 9, Menifee County 1
Betsy Layne 11, South Floyd 1

Boyd County 8, Ashland Blazer 2
Clay Co. 6, Middlesboro 5 (8 innings)
Clinton County 13, Monticello 7
Corbin 5, Bell County 4
Corbin 7, Knox Central 5
East Carter 9, Lewis County 0

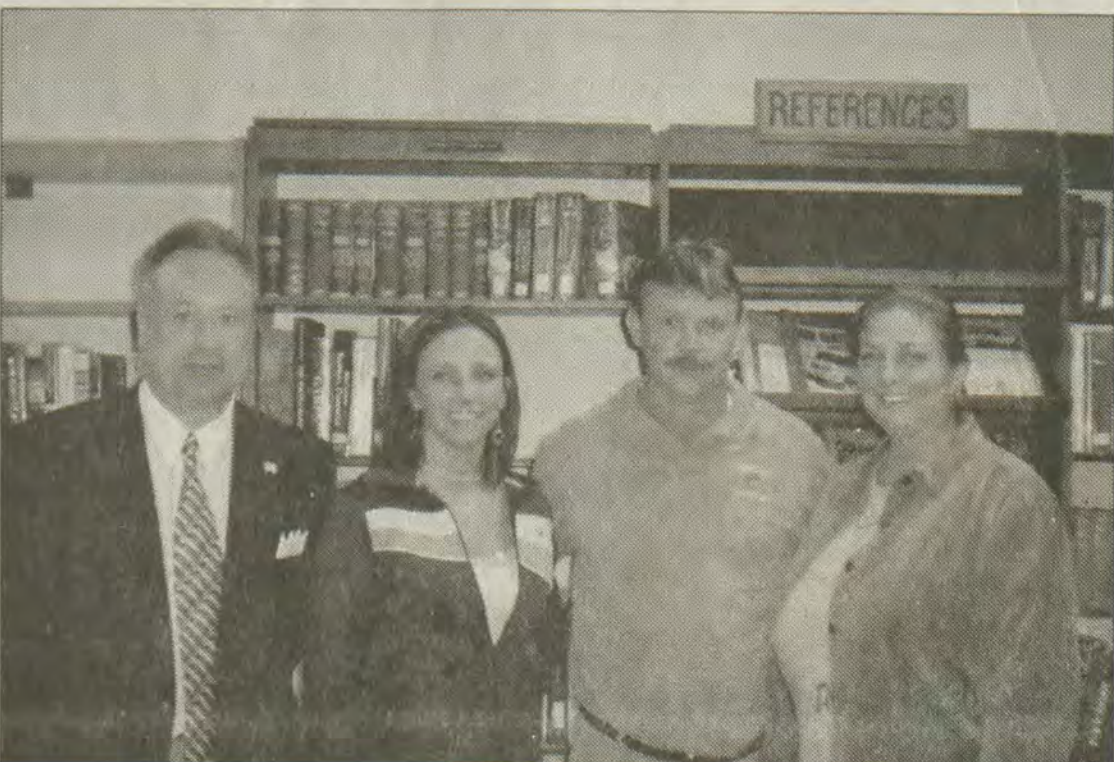
Fairview 3, Greenup County 0
Fleming County 7, Mason County 2
Harlan 7, Lynn Camp 1
Knott County Central 7, Hazard 6
Leslie County 12, Buckhorn 0
Leslie County 19, Buckhorn 3
Letcher 7, Jackson City 4
Madison Central 8, Powell County 4
North Laurel 17, Owsley County 4
Perry Co. Central 10, Whitesburg 0
Phelps 3, Matewan, W.Va. 2

Pike County Central 4, Belfry 2
Pikeville 11, East Ridge 1
Prestonsburg 4, Fleming-Neon 3
Rowan County 3, Morgan County 1
Russell County 7, Pulaski County 6
Shelby Valley 14, Jenkins 0
South Laurel 8, McCreary Central 0
West Carter 11, Elliott County 1
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Jenkins High School senior Kayla Bentley recently signed with Alice Lloyd College. She finished her career at Jenkins as one of the 14th Region's top girls' basketball players.



State slow pitch softball post-season nearing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The 2005 postseason of Slow Pitch Softball will include a regional tournament with the winner and runner-up of each of four regions advancing to the KHSAA State Tournament. The 2005 State Slow Pitch Tournament will continue to be a double-elimination, but will be conducted as a one day event on Saturday, May 21, at RiverShore Sports Complex in Hebron.

Since 1998, all teams that fielded a team advanced to the State Tournament. Prior to that year, the winner and runner-up from each of four regions advanced to the state event.

Following is a first round schedule of games. The complete bracket is posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/slowpitchsoftball.

2005 KHSAA Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament

May 21 — RiverShore Sports Complex, Hebron

First Round Schedule (All Times Local to Site)

Region 1 Winner vs. Region 4 Runner-Up, Field 1, 9 a.m.

Region 2 Winner vs. Region 3 Runner-Up, Field 2, 9 a.m.

Region 3 Winner vs. Region 2

Runner-Up, Field 3, 9 a.m.
Region 4 Winner vs. Region 1 Runner-Up, Field 4, 9 a.m.

Alignment

Region 1 — August, Bellevue, Dayton, Campbell Co., Silver Grove
Region 2 — Calvary Christian, Covington Latin, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, Scott
Region 3 — Beechwood, Holmes, Holy Cross (Cov.), Ludlow, Villa Madonna
Region 4 — Dixie Heights, Grant Co., Heritage, Lloyd Mem., Simon Kenton

State tennis tournaments expand: The State Tennis Tournaments, scheduled for May 26-28, will take on a couple of added flairs for the 2005 postseason. Fifth Third Bank begins a three year title sponsorship of both the boys' and girls' singles and doubles events. In addition, with the expansion of teams and alignment, the number of qualifiers has increased to include full bracket play beginning in the first round (no byes).

Boys' first round play on Thursday will begin at 9 a.m. and be held at Berea College and Madison Southern High School, while girls' first round action on Thursday will begin at 9 a.m. and be held at the Boone/Downing Tennis Complex on the UK campus in Lexington. Friday and Saturday's action, both boys' and girls', will be held at the

Boone/Downing Tennis Complex.

Tournament brackets will be posted on the KHSAA website on Tuesday, May 24 and will be updated after play is concluded each day. Please visit the KHSAA Tennis website for site parking instructions due to major construction around the UK Complex.

State fast pitch softball tournament: The draw for region versus region first round match-ups for the 2005 KHSAA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments has been held. This year's double elimination event is scheduled for June 10-11 at Jack C. Fisher Park in Owensboro. The full tournament bracket has been posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball.

2005 KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament

June 10-11 — Jack C. Fisher Park, Owensboro

First Round Schedule (All Times Local to Site)

Region 3 vs. Region 14;
Region 4 vs. Region 9;
Region 5 vs. Region 16;
Region 1 vs. Region 10, all begin at 9 a.m.

Region 7 vs. Region 15;
Region 11 vs. Region 6;
Region 2 vs. Region 12;
Region 8 vs. Region 13, all

begin at 10:30 a.m.

Dale Hollow Lake to host Wal-Mart BFL Mountain Lake Division

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BYRDSTOWN, Tenn. — The Mountain Division of the \$8.4 million Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League will visit Dale Hollow Lake near Byrdstown May 14 for the third of five regular-season events. As many as 200 boaters and 200 co-anglers are expected to compete in the tournament, which will award as much as \$39,000 in cash, including as much as \$5,500 to the Boater Division winner.

Star Point Resort in Byrdstown will host the takeoff and weigh-in at 5:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., respectively. Anglers will compete for prize money as well as points that count toward post-season competition. Every angler who receives weight credit in a tournament earns points, with 200 points going to the winner, 199 for second, 198 for third, and so on except for the season-ending Super Tournaments, which award 300 points to the winner, 299 points for second, 298 for third, and so on.

If the winner is a participant in the Ranger Cup incentive program, he will receive a \$1,000 bonus from Ranger Boats and \$500 from Yamaha if his boat is powered by Yamaha. (Ranger will award \$500 to the highest-finishing Ranger Cup participant if not the winner, and Yamaha

will kick in \$250 if the boat is powered by Yamaha.) If the winning boater uses only Garmin electronics during the event and at least one product is a qualifying unit, Garmin will also award a \$1,000 bonus. Bombardier will award \$1,000 to the winning boater if the winner's boat is equipped with a qualifying Evinrude Direct Injection outboard. That's a potential top award of \$8,500 for anglers who meet contingency guidelines.

The winning co-angler will earn as much as \$2,750 cash. The angler who catches the biggest bass of the day in the Boater Division will earn as much as \$1,000, and the co-angler big-bass winner will earn as much as \$500.

The top 40 boaters and co-anglers in each of the BFL's 28 divisions at the end of the season are eligible to advance to regional competition. Seven \$110,000 regional championships will each send six boaters and six co-anglers to the 2006 All-American championship, which will feature a \$1 million purse and a top award as high as \$140,000. Anglers who compete in all five regular-season events within a division but do not advance to regional competition are eligible to compete in the Wild Card, which will also send six boaters and six co-

anglers to the All-American for a championship field of 48 boaters and 48 co-anglers.

The top 40 Mountain Division boaters and co-anglers will advance to the Kerr Lake Regional near Henderson, N.C., Oct. 18-22 and will compete against anglers from the Empire, Northeast and Music City divisions for an All-American slot. The top 40 anglers from each division may also advance to the EverStart Series in 2006.

Mountain Division anglers will next visit the Barren River in Scottsville, June 18 for their fourth regular-season event. A two-day Super Tournament, the division's fifth and final event, will be held on Lake Cherokee in Morristown Oct. 1-2. For more information or to enter a tournament, call 270/252-1000 or visit FLWOutdoors.com.

If the May 14 tournament is not yet full, entries will be accepted at tournament registration, which will be held May 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Star Point Resort located at 4490 Star Point Rd. in Byrdstown. Entry fees are \$200 for boaters and \$100 for co-anglers.

In BFL competition, boaters supply the boat and compete from the front deck against other boaters. Co-anglers compete from the back deck against other co-anglers.

Allen Central Middle rolls over Stumbo

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Allen Central Middle School volleyball team continued its winning ways, upping its record to 11-4 on the season with a 2-1 win over Stumbo, 21-7, 21-9.

Brittany Hodge blasted three kills in four attempts for a .500 kill percentage and a .750 hitting percentage. Hodge received excellent placement for two of her kills by Koko Martin who earned two assists in two tries and Hannah Howard set up Hodge once for one assist. The Rebel defense was stingy, returning 15 point attempts by the Mustangs with Howard leading the Allen

Central team with five confirmed digs and making two extremely accurate passes to Martin to initiate the offense.

Kristin Reed also spanked in a kill on an excellent set by Chelsie Cordial. Brittany Clark got the dig that got the offense rolling. Stumbo's serve reception formation could not handle the Allen Central serves, accounting for 23 Rebel points and allowing eight Aces. The Rebel girls were led by Jones, who dropped in three aces, followed by Martin with two, Clark with two, and Tiffany Clark with one ace.

The Allen Central volleyball team is scheduled to travel to Johns Creek this evening.

Rebel B-team earns a win: The Allen Central Middle junior squad had an excellent serving night causing the Stumbo Juniors to give up 33 of the 36 total points for the Match win, 18-9 and 18-7.

Kelsey Jones served 16 times without error and received four aces on the night. Morgan Wright also had a perfect serving night and received an ace. Brianna Halbert placed four serves in play without error while Whitney Ousley got five in play and Hannah Farmer placed three in play. The Rebel girls' defense returned 10 Mustang point attempts but allowed eight points.

P'burg Mets split first two contests

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Little League season officially got underway as the Prestonsburg Mets split their first two contests.

Behind a dazzling pitching performance by Tyler Hall, the Mets defeated the Prestonsburg Reds by the final score of 9-1. Hall gave up only one unearned run and struckout 14 batters in the process in what veteran manager Ned Pillersdorf called one of the best performances he had ever

seen in his 20-plus years of being associated with Prestonsburg Little League. The Met hitting attack was led by 11-year-old rookie Anthony Collins, who contributed two clutch hits and had four runs batted in for the winning Mets.

The Mets dropped a bizarre back and forth contest as the Prestonsburg Cubs prevailed, winning 15-14. The game, which went on for more than three hours, featured five lead changes and saw both teams overcome four-run deficits. The game-winning hit occurred

in the bottom of the sixth inning when Evan Hays of the Cubs lined a single for the game-winner. The Mets were led in hitting by Joseph Jamerson, who had four hits and five runs batted in.

Rockies 10, As 6: Kaleb Rodebaugh pitched the Rockies to a 10-6 win over the A's. The Rockies got seven runs in the first inning, jumping on the A's early. Rodebaugh helped his pitching cause at the plate, hitting a pair of doubles. Adam Griffith also had a double for the Rockies.

BETSY LAYNE - SOUTH FLOYD



BETSY LAYNE ROLLED TO AN 11-1 WIN OVER SOUTH FLOYD MONDAY EVENING. Second from top: Steven Coon looked on from a safe base. Second from bottom: Patrick Stapleton moved toward home plate with an offering during Monday's game. Top: Shawn Hamilton rounded third on his way to home. Bottom: Derek Case eyed a South Floyd pitch.



Kaleb Rodebaugh (left) and Shane Hall help lead the Prestonsburg Rockies.

Smith wins NABC Literacy Champion Award



Tubby Smith
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky men's basketball coach Tubby Smith was recently honored with the 2005 Literacy Champion Award by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Smith, who just completed his eighth season at Kentucky, established the Tubby Smith

Foundation in 1997 to assist underprivileged youth in the central Kentucky area.

The Literacy Champion Award recognizes a coach who has used the game of basketball, his program and his players to promote to children the importance of reading, writing and technological skills. The award acknowledges the coach whose teaching and leadership are generally thought to occur on the basketball court, but who uses his position to enhance literacy in children.

In January 2003, the Tubby Smith Foundation teamed with Dell computers, along with several area businesses, to develop "Tubby's Clubhouses." The

clubhouses, established at five different community centers in Lexington, house 20 refurbished Dell computers to serve at-risk middle school students through a 40-hour after-school technology training program.

Two hundred at-risk youths are expected to graduate from the "Dell TechKnow Program" during the 2004-05 school year. The first group of graduates was recognized at a UK basketball game this past season.

Past recipients of the NABC Literacy Champion Award include Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, Purdue's Gene Keady, Springfield College's Charlie Brock and ESPN's Fran Fraschilla.

University officials mostly mum on rape complaint

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky officials said little Saturday about an alleged rape reported to have occurred April 20 at Wildcat Lodge, a university residence hall that is home to members of the basketball team and other students.

Lexington police, who are investigating the complaint, have not named the person who filed it or the suspect. No charges had been filed as of Saturday afternoon.

A former Kentucky player, Chuck Hayes, has been questioned by police but has not been told he's a suspect, according to Hayes' agent, Bill Duffy of Walnut Creek, Calif. Duffy said Hayes has retained an attorney.

Duffy said Hayes was declining media interviews.

Kentucky athletic department spokesman Scott Stricklin said Saturday he did not know whether any other players had been interviewed.

Hayes, from Modesto, Calif., finished his four-season career with the Wildcats in March and was named the Southeastern Conference's defensive player of the year.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, at the team's awards banquet April 14, introduced a new honor named for Hayes. The Chuck Hayes "Heart of a Champion" award will be presented to "players who use every ounce of God-given talent they were blessed with both on and off the court," according to a recent university news release.

"Anyone who knows Chuck Hayes has no doubt in their mind that this is a fabricated story," Duffy told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Lexington assistant police chief Ken Hall declined to say during a news conference Friday if the person named in the rape complaint had been interviewed by police.

Stricklin said Saturday that the university "remains committed to doing everything we can to assist the police in their investigation" but wouldn't comment further.

A formal complaint about the alleged rape has not been filed with the university, so it is not investigating, UK spokesman Jay Blanton said Saturday. The university is cooperating with the police investigation, Blanton said.

According to the university,

28 people live in Wildcat Lodge — 16 basketball players, 10 non-athletes and two staff members. All guests must be signed in and signed out.

Stricklin said earlier Saturday that Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart wasn't aware of the alleged incident until watching a television news report Thursday. Stricklin said that Barnhart immediately called university President Lee Todd to inform him.

Barnhart had no contact with Lexington police until after that news report, Stricklin said.

Barnhart didn't immediately return phone calls placed to his residence and office on Saturday.

Hall said Friday that the alleged rape victim filed the complaint with Lexington police on the afternoon of April 22. The police report said the time of the alleged incident was between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on April 20.

Hall said tests were done at a hospital and that DNA testing will be a part of the investigation. He said the alleged victim, who was 29 years old, and the suspect knew each other.

Hall said he was "not aware of any witnesses" to the alleged incident.

Kentucky to report 'minor' NCAA violation regarding Wildcat Lodge

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky will report what officials call a "minor" NCAA violation regarding the proportion of athletes to non-athletes that live in Wildcat Lodge, best known as the home of the university's basketball players.

Sixteen athletes and 12 non-athletes live at Wildcat Lodge, numbers the university released last week after reports surfaced of an alleged rape at the dormitory. There are 33 beds at Wildcat Lodge, Kentucky athletics department spokesman Scott Stricklin said Monday.

He said an NCAA rule implemented in the late 1980s said the number of non-athletes

living in a dormitory must be at least one more than the number of athletes living in the same facility.

Stricklin said Kentucky had always interpreted that rule to mean there must be more beds for non-athletes than for athletes. But last week, he said the university's NCAA compliance officer, Sandy Bell, learned of a 10-year-old NCAA interpretation of the rule that said the actual number of people, not the number of beds, are what should be counted.

"It was a misapplication of the rule that was not intentional," Stricklin said. "We will address it and make sure we have the proper balance. It wasn't an attempt to circum-

vent the rule."

Stricklin said the university now holds open two beds at Wildcat Lodge for incoming recruits during their on-campus visits.

Kentucky can either add five non-athletes to the facility's number of residents and eliminate the two open slots, or, if the university wants to keep the two open slots, reduce the number of athletes by one and add four non-athletes, he said.

Earlier this year, Kentucky completed a three-year probation that was placed on the university by the NCAA for more than three dozen football recruiting violations committed between 1998 and 2000.

Shelby named SEC Player of the Week

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Kentucky sophomore John Shelby has been named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week for his performance in leading the Wildcats to a series victory over No. 15 Arkansas, it was announced by the league office Monday.

Shelby notched game-winning RBIs in both of Kentucky's weekend wins over the Razorbacks as the Wildcats won their first series of the year. In four games last week, he batted .400 with three home runs, six RBIs and five runs

scored while also stealing two bases. Playing second base, he did not commit an error in 25 chances and turned three double plays.

In Saturday's 11-8 victory, Shelby belted a career-high three home runs en route to setting new career highs for total bases with 13 and RBIs with five. He also tied a career mark with four runs scored in his 4-for-4 performance.

His first two home runs were each two-run shots that helped the Wildcats obtain an 8-1 lead through three innings. However, Arkansas cut the lead to one before Shelby went to

work again. He singled, stole a base and scored to make it 9-7 and added a solo home run later to extend the lead to 10-7.

In the game-three victory, Shelby drove in a run and scored once in Kentucky's five-run fourth inning that propelled it to the win.

It is the second time this year a Wildcat has been named SEC Player of the Week, joining Billy Grace who was recognized on March 7 after Kentucky swept Toledo. Shelby's honor marks the first time since 1988 that a pair of Wildcats have earned the award in the same season.

Ky. Wesleyan coach resigns, accepts Oklahoma City University job

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENSBORO — Ray Harper resigned Monday as coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College after a visit to Oklahoma City University, which has been searching for a new men's basketball coach.

On Tuesday morning, Harper was named the new head coach of Oklahoma City's men's basketball program.

Harper, 43, led Wesleyan to NCAA Division II championships in 1999 and 2001. He was Division II coach of the year four times from 1999 to 2002 and is the winningest active coach in Division II. His

record is 242-45 in nine years at Wesleyan.

"The time was right (to leave)," Harper told the Messenger-Inquirer of Owensboro. "I want a new challenge."

Oklahoma City has been searching for a replacement for Win Case, who stepped down in March after 13 seasons but will remain as a special assistant to the president. Case amassed a 315-96 record, including NAIA national championships in 1994 and '96.

Oklahoma City also won national championships in 1991 and '92.

Wesleyan Athletics Director Larry Moore said a search for a

new coach would begin soon.

Wesleyan was stripped of its 31 wins from the 2002-03 season, its national runner-up finish and all postseason honors and earnings after it was found to have used two ineligible players. Last year, the Great Lakes Valley Conference put Wesleyan on one year's probation, making the school ineligible for win the league title and banning it from postseason play, for "ongoing league concerns about institutional control" over rules compliance.

Harper, who was an assistant at Wesleyan for 10 years before taking the head coach's job, said the NCAA investigation had no bearing on his resignation.

Union coach touts Reid's potential

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE — Last month, Union College head volleyball coach David Nicholson signed Sabrina Reid, an outside hitter from South Floyd High School.

"I am very excited that Sabrina has decided to join the volleyball program at Union," Nicholson said. "She is very athletic and will make solid contributions to the program during her career. We are lucky to have her."

As a senior for South Floyd High, Reid had an outstanding season as she was named to the All-District, All-Conference

and All-Area teams.

"Sabrina is also solid academically, so she will contribute more to Union than what she brings to the court," Nicholson added.

Reid is the first player Nicholson has signed since taking over the program in March. The South Floyd High School senior will be one of the main building blocks for the the Union College volleyball program.

The Lady Bulldogs went 15-19 overall last season and was 12-8 in Appalachian Athletic Conference play, placing the Lady Bulldogs fifth.

Bears fall to Lambuth in MSC opener in 22 innings

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — If it turns out that Friday's opening game of the 2005 Mid-South Conference baseball tournament is the final one senior Chad Roberts pitches for Pikeville College, one thing is certain — it's one he won't soon forget. He'll only wish it would have turned out a little better in the end.

When Roberts took the mound in the top of the first, he had no idea how long he'd be walking out to the bump.

In the end, Roberts made the stroll into and out of the Pikeville dugout a whopping 15 times before giving way to a teammate, who then took the Bears the rest of the way — seven more innings.

But in the bottom of the 22nd inning, the Bears finally had no answer for the three runs Lambuth University scored in the top of the frame and fell 8-5 in the longest game by innings in NAIA history.

Despite getting a no decision, Roberts was clearly the star of the marathon. Lambuth Coach Wayne Albury, himself a former Pikeville College head coach, reported Roberts needed 194 pitches to navigate the first 15 innings, during which he gave up 10 hits, four runs, three being earned, struck out 10 and walked three while facing a staggering 52 batters.

"He had the heart of a lion," said Pikeville's Johnnie LeMaster, who asked Roberts every inning how he felt. "He kept saying, 'Coach, I'm okay, I'm okay.' He had that bulldog look in his eyes. Finally, he came to me and said, 'Coach, I've had enough.'"

"I thought he threw great," Albury said. "He didn't look like he was in any trouble at all. If you think about it, that's not a lot of pitches for that many innings."

He left with the teams deadlocked at 4.

Junior teammate Andrew McCormick completed the game, going seven innings, during which he gave up five hits and four earned runs while strik-

ing out eight and walking five.

Lambuth (32-24), seeded third in the six-team tournament, used four pitchers themselves. Starter Dustin McKeel, a senior, went the first eight before giving way to junior Brandon Jackson, who

through the next 11 innings. Winning pitcher Miguel Garcia, a junior, went the next two, while junior Hector Garcia will get credit for the save after throwing the 22nd.

LeMaster, a veteran of 13 seasons as a shortstop for four teams in Major League Baseball who is in his 11th as baseball coach at Pikeville, said he'd never been involved in a game lasting that long at any level. "Sixteen

innings is the longest I ever played," he said.

Lambuth opened the game with two in the top of the first, but after that Roberts settled down and didn't give up another run until the 10th.

The Bears posted single runs in the sixth and eighth frames to send the game to extra innings.

The teams both scored in the 10th, 12th and 19th to keep the marathon, listed on the box score as lasting 4:34, alive.

The hitting stars of the day were freshman shortstop Adam Collins (Paintsville) and junior catcher Rafael Marcano, with each picking up five hits in 13 at-bats. Freshman catcher Joe Furner was 4-for-14.

Lambuth's Chris Logan was 3-of-8, with all being singles.

Games such as this always lead to guys going into what would normally be prolonged slumps, although in this case they lasted only a single game. That was the case on Friday as well, as Pikeville sophomore Matt DeBlauw was 0-for-9 on the day, freshman John Williamson went 0-of-6 and senior Travis Hall had one hit in 11 at-bats. Meanwhile, Lambuth senior Ornan Reinoso was hitless in 10 at bats.

Pikeville's Donald Tardy scored three times in the game, while Jackson, Lambuth's reliever who went 11, scored twice.

Morehead State University 2005 Football Camp Sessions

7-on-7 Passing Tournament
June 24 (Camp will begin at 9 a.m.)
Cost per team - \$150
Run & Soar (Individual Camp/Two-Day Camp)
Boys Entering Grades 4-12
July 11-12 (Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on July 11)
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High School Team Camp
Available Dates Are July 25-August 7
Call Coach John Gilliam, Camp Coordinator, in the MSU Football Office at 606/783-2151 for information about football camps.

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9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lunch will be provided daily
Ages 6-11, June 6, June 27, July 11
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Must have at least 4 teams confirmed one week before or that date will be cancelled
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MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE 2005 ALL-CONFERENCE BASEBALL

COACH OF THE YEAR

Beauford Sanders — Campbellsville Univ.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Morgan Carlile — Campbellsville University

FIRST TEAM

Jeff Stoll, 1B — Pikeville College

B.J. Foley, 2B — Cumberland College

Matt Timbario, SS — Campbellsville Univ.

Brooks Ewing, 3B — Lindsey Wilson College

Chris Logan, INF — Lambuth University

David Bradstreet, OF — Campbellsville Univ.

Roman Cox, OF — Cumberland College

Andres Mujica, OF — Lambuth University

Nic Phelps, OF — Lindsey Wilson College

Teddy Dahman, C — Lindsey Wilson College

Rafael Marcano, C — Pikeville College

Daniel Scott, DH — Georgetown College

Adam Burks, P — Georgetown College

Morgan Carlile, P — Campbellsville Univ.

Andrew Koop, P — Campbellsville University

Adam Walker, P — Cumberland College

Donnie Johnson, RP — Campbellsville Univ.

HONORABLE MENTION

Keith Glaswon, 1B — Campbellsville Univ.

Ornan Reinoso, 1B — Lambuth University

Hector Urbaneja, 2B — Campbellsville Univ.

Chase McCulloch, SS — Lindsey Wilson College

Alex Eaton, INF — Lindsey Wilson College

Travis Hall, INF — Pikeville College

Brandon Gupton, OF — Campbellsville Univ.

Daniel Guttridge, OF — Cumberland College

Joe Lufi, OF — Pikeville College

Chris Wood, OF — Cumberland College

Ralph Matos, C — Lambuth University

Daniel Stephens, DH — Lindsey Wilson College

Adam Davis, P — Georgetown College

Isaiah Ruffner, P — Cumberland College

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Ricky Steakin, P — Lindsey Wilson College

Justin Williams, P — Lambuth University

Miguel Garcia, RP — Lambuth University

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David Bradstreet — Campbellsville Univ.

Kent Dowell — Campbellsville University

Brandon Higgs — Campbellsville University

Donnie Johnson — Campbellsville Univ.

Shad Lacerfield — Campbellsville University

Zach Lewis — Campbellsville University

Jason Neufeld — Campbellsville University

Chad Robinson — Campbellsville University

Joel Dohney — Cumberland College

Justin McDonald — Cumberland College

Adam Garrett — Cumberland College

Isaiah Ruffner — Cumberland College

Adam Davis — Georgetown College

Jacob Edmonson — Georgetown College

Bo Eppinghoff — Georgetown College

Brian Powell — Georgetown College

Bryan Scott — Georgetown College

Daniel Scott — Georgetown College

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Boss Steinbrenner will have Derby favorite in Bellamy Road

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — There's nothing Yankees boss George Steinbrenner loves more than winning the World Series. Then again, he hasn't won the Kentucky Derby — yet.

That could change with the Boss' Bellamy Road, the record-setting Wood Memorial winner expected to be the early favorite for Saturday's \$2 million Derby. "You just don't win the Wood by 17 1/2 lengths and run that quick. It's unheard of," Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia said. "He will be the favorite, at about 3-1. But nothing less than that."

A full field of 20 3-year-olds is expected to be entered Wednesday at the post position draw. Battaglia sets the morning line afterward.

"When you look at Bellamy Road's last two races, you see him winning by 15 and by 17,

and that's since Nick Zito took over," Battaglia said. "He was no slouch before that, winning his first two races before losing in the Breeders' Futurity for whatever reason."

"If he runs that race he ran in the Wood in the Derby, then they won't beat him — there's nothing in there that can run like that."

Bellamy Road showed he's still on his game Sunday morning, working five furlongs in a speedy 1:00.40 at Churchill Downs in his final tuneup before the 1 1/4-mile Derby.

"He finished up good and he really looked totally relaxed doing it," Zito said.

Bellamy Road is one of five Derby horses trained by Zito, who Battaglia jokingly said would be the 4-5 choice if there was a betting line on trainers. Two others, High Fly and Noble Causeway, also worked five furlongs Sunday — High Fly went in 1:00.40; Noble Causeway was timed in 1:00.

While Bellamy Road has created a buzz with his dominating wins, Steinbrenner has been all but mum on the colt he bought for a bargain-basement \$87,000. At Legends Field in Tampa, Fla., last week he was asked what it would be like to join the late John Galbreath, the former Pittsburgh Pirates owner, as a World Series-Kentucky Derby champion.

"He was a great friend of mine. It would be great. It would be a great feeling for me," Steinbrenner said. "It's very hard to win the Derby. Thirty-thousand foals are eligible every year. And to be one out of 30,000 is hard."

Galbreath, who owned Darby Dan Farm, won the Derby twice, with Chateaugay in 1963 and Proud Clarion in 1967.

Steinbrenner's Yankees have won six World Series, but the owner's Derby record is 0-for-5. His first starter, Steve's Friend, was fifth in 1977. Eternal Prince was 12th in 1985, Diligence

(1996) and Concerto (1997) each finished ninth and Blue Burner was 11th in 2002. None was close to being in Bellamy Road's league.

Favorites have fared relatively well in recent Derbys. Smarty Jones won last year as the 4-1 favorite, while Fusaichi Pegasus won in 2000 as the 2-1 choice — the first favorite to win the race since Spectacular Bid in 1979.

Battaglia is having a tougher time with the second choice, still trying to decide among Blue Grass winner Bandini, Arkansas Derby winner Aleet Alex and Florida Derby winner High Fly. "Whoever I make second choice, the other two will be co-third choices, maybe 5-1 for one and 6-1 for the others, depending what adjustments need to be made after the draw," he said. "They're that close."

Battaglia believes several other top contenders will go off at tempting double-digit odds, such as Zito's Noble Causeway and

Sun King. And there's also trainer Bobby Frankel's High Limit, second in the Blue Grass after winning his three previous races.

"Noble Causeway has a heck of a chance off his closing second in the Florida Derby, and High Limit might get loose on the front end," Battaglia said. "Sun King had a huge workout a few days ago. The three of them could all go off at about 12, 15-1. That's a pretty good price."

"And look at Wilko. He's always right there and he'll be a huge price for a Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner," he added. "He'll be right around 15-1."

The rest of the field will be in the long shot range, from 20-1 to 50-1. Even Consolidator, trained by four-time Derby winner D. Wayne Lukas? "If it wasn't Lukas, he'd be 50-1," Battaglia said.

Trainer Todd Pletcher has three horses in the field — Bandini, Lexington States winner Coin Silver and Arkansas

Derby runner-up Flower Alley.

"If I had to make a line on one of those two trainers winning, it would probably be like 2-5," Battaglia said. "If Zito or Pletcher don't win the Derby this year, it's a huge upset."

Two-time Derby winner Jerry Bailey, who rides High Fly, agrees Bellamy Road looks like the horse to beat.

"Obviously, the most impressive performance was Bellamy Road," Bailey said, referring to the colt's Wood win in a time that equaled the track record. "Now, was it too impressive? We'll see. Can he run back to it? And even if he doesn't, will his performance be good enough to win anyway? Time will tell."

Not everything is in Bellamy Road's favor. The colt is trying to become the first Derby winner off two starts as a 3-year-old since Sunny Halo's in 1983. Before that, the last winner off two 3-year-old starts was Jet Pilot in 1947.

A year after Derby win, Smarty Jones still has many fans

by MURRAY EVANS
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MIDWAY — It's happened more than once during the past year: trainer John Servis is sitting at a restaurant with his family when a stranger walks up, stops and stares.

"Finally, when you acknowledge them," Servis said, "They go, 'Aren't you John Servis?'"

"I can't even imagine movie stars or celebrities, how they handle it."

If only Smarty Jones could talk, he could commiserate with Servis, jockey Stewart Elliott and owners Roy and Pat Chapman. All became overnight celebrities last year during Smarty's ultimately unsuccessful bid for the Triple Crown.

A year after Smarty became the peoples' horse with his win in the Kentucky Derby, the memories remain vivid for those connected with the chestnut colt — as does their sense of wonder.

"The other morning, something happened, and I was remembering the Kentucky Derby," Pat Chapman said. "I was thinking, 'Did this really happen, or am I dreaming?' It was a strange feeling."

Servis understands what she's talking about. Before Smarty, the trainer toiled in virtual anonymity for many years at tracks such as Philadelphia Park in his hometown and Oaklawn Park in Arkansas.

"There's a lot of good horsemen in this business that never get the opportunities that I've got because they don't have the clients, so I feel very blessed as far as that goes," Servis said. "I enjoyed flying under the radar for a long time. Now, it's a little more demanding and a little tougher."

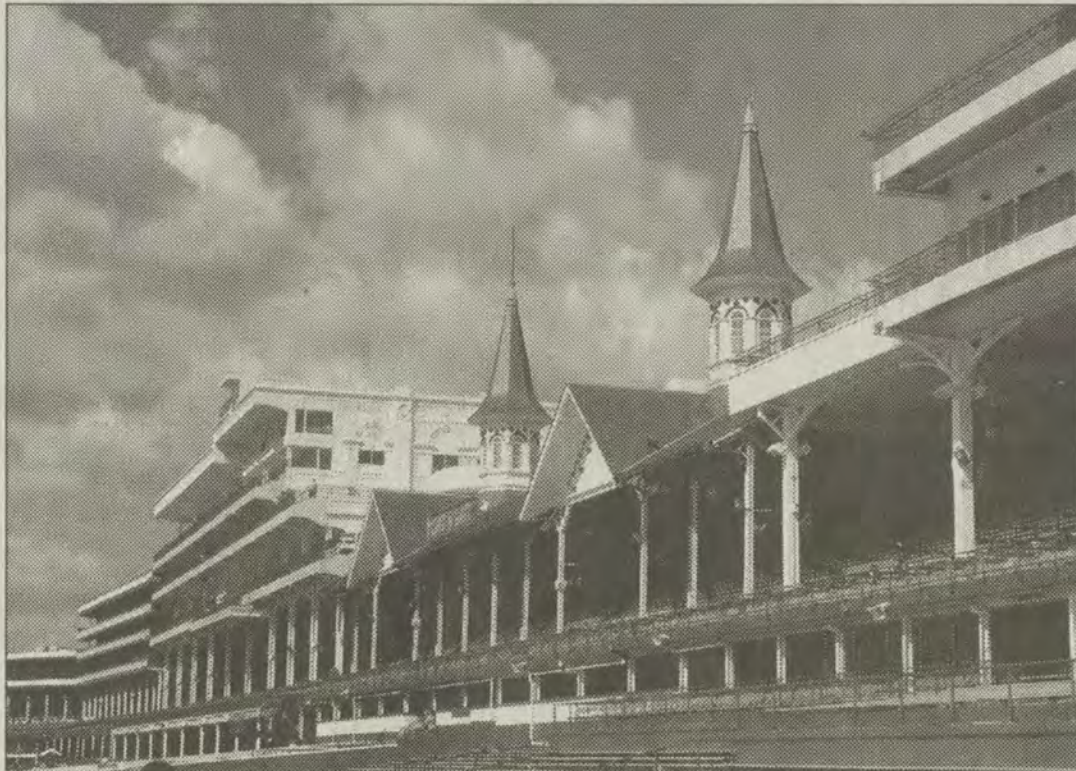
Two weeks before last year's Kentucky Derby, Servis walked unrecognized through a crowd of more than 31,000 people at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington. It's a safe bet that wouldn't happen now. But Servis' personality hasn't changed a bit despite the fame, said Rick Porter, who owns Servis' latest star 3-year-old, Rockport Harbor.

"He takes it all in stride," Porter said of Servis. "He's laid back."

Servis almost made it back to the Derby this year with Rockport Harbor. But injuries limited the gray colt's training time and he finished sixth in the Lexington Stakes, the last major Derby prep race. Servis took him off the Derby trail.

"It would have been great for horse racing again" if Rockport Harbor had made it, Pat Chapman said. "The fans are all behind John."

They also loved the Chapmans: Roy, the



Churchill Downs has undergone renovations. This weekend, the track will host its biggest event, the Kentucky Derby.

photo by H. Allen Bolling

Philadelphia car dealer who uses a wheelchair and goes everywhere with an oxygen tank because of emphysema, and Pat, who still tries her best to answer every letter about Smarty, "because I appreciate the fans. It was the fans that claimed him as America's Horse."

When the Chapmans retired Smarty in July because of chronic bruising in his hooves, they took plenty of grief from media and fans who expected them to keep their promise to race Smarty as a 4-year-old.

"I think some of the reporters were angry we retired an injured horse," she said.

The hubbub eventually quieted — although the backlash from their decision arguably cost Smarty the Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year, which instead went to Ghostzapper.

Of all the major characters in Smarty's story, Elliott, the jockey, has had the bumpiest ride.

Since riding Smarty, the 40-year-old Elliott — who toiled at small tracks in the Northeast for much of his career — has received more prominent riding offers. But with his anonymity gone, so too was his privacy.

Soon after the Derby, Elliott's past became known, including a guilty plea on assault charges from 2001. That was followed by an admission he abused alcohol.

In December, the Canadian-born Elliott was detained at a New York airport by immigration officials after a database flagged his name as an alien who had committed a felony — a result of his 2001 guilty plea. Under U.S. law, he could be deported because of that conviction.

Elliott, a permanent resident of the United States, has a hearing with immigration officials

scheduled for late June, said his spokeswoman, Kelly Wietsma.

As for Smarty, he's continued changing lives at his new home, Three Chimneys Farm in Midway.

"I'm almost a celebrity by proxy," said Dan Rosenberg, the longtime farm president.

Three Chimneys already was a prominent thoroughbred farm before Smarty arrived. Seattle Slew lived at the farm for 17 years before his death in 2002 and plenty of fans visited the 1977 Triple Crown winner.

But Smarty — who lives in the stall formerly occupied by Seattle Slew — has taken fan appeal to a much higher level, Rosenberg said.

Since Smarty's arrival on Aug. 16, Three Chimneys has enlarged its parking lot, built an addition to a house to serve as a visitors center and hired a full-time person to handle matters related to Smarty.

Erika Justus, who moved to Kentucky from upper Michigan, sometimes refers to herself as "Smarty's administrative assistant." She answers the occasional fan letter to the horse and handles bookings for farm tours.

The tours, conducted five days a week and consisting of 25 to 30 people per day, are booked into mid-May. Weekend tours are almost fully booked until the end of July.

"I usually have to turn down 20 to 30 people a day," Justus said.

During the tours, some of the farm's other prominent stallions, including Point Given, Sky Mesa and Yes It's True, are paraded in front of the fans. Few, if any, pictures are taken.

When Smarty comes out, so do the cameras.

"He looks a lot less impressive than I thought he would, but he's cute, actually," said 15-

year-old Grace Talbot-Davis of Portland, Ore., who visited Three Chimneys with her mother and younger sister.

It was easy to root for Smarty, Talbot-Davis said: "He was an underdog."

Sandy Hatfield, Three Chimneys' stallion manager, said Smarty handles the attention remarkably well.

"I think all good horses know they're special, and he does," Hatfield said. "He's a smart horse. We have 50 people in here at one time and he's really good. He gets tired at the end of it, but he stands up there and he lets them take the pictures and talk to him and pet him. Some stallions wouldn't stand out there so nice and quiet. Nothing fazes him."

Smarty was syndicated for \$39 million after his retirement. Under the syndication agreement, Rosenberg said, Smarty will be bred to 111 mares per year with a stud fee of \$100,000 per live foal.

But Smarty would seem to be worth much more than that simply because of the goodwill he generates among fans, something Rosenberg said he tries to remember as outsiders continue pouring onto the farm.

"We have to be very mindful of what our core business is," Rosenberg said. "We have work to do and a business to run that doesn't depend on giving tours or interviews."

"We have to be careful not to let the tail wag the dog, but having said that, it clearly is the fan going to the race track and putting \$2 through the window that pays my salary. I do not have a job if it isn't for racing fans. Certainly all this publicity and attention is very valuable not only to Three Chimneys Farm but to the thoroughbred industry as a whole."

Zito has five horses and big hopes for Derby

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP RACING WRITER

LOUISVILLE — With five horses in the field, trainer Nick Zito has every reason to believe he's about to win his third Kentucky Derby.

"If we don't get No. 3 now, then I'll have to have Secretariat himself," Zito said Sunday outside his barn at Churchill Downs. "There's no question. I can't ask the man upstairs to give me a better a shot at this. If it happens, it happens."

Wood Memorial winner Bellamy Road tops Zito's hit parade of 3-year-olds, which also includes Florida Derby winner and runner-up, High Fly and Noble Causeway, Tampa Bay Derby winner Sun King and Andromeda's Hero, third in the Arkansas Derby.

"But this is a game that humbles kings," he added. "If it doesn't happen, it doesn't happen, and we'll keep trying. Hopefully, one of these five will get over the line."

Bellamy Road, owned by Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, worked 5 furlongs in a speedy 1:00.40 Sunday in his final tuneup before the 1 1/4-mile Derby. High Fly and Noble Causeway also worked — High Fly also went in 1:00.40 and Noble Causeway was even faster at 1:00.

Zito also trains Sun King and Andromeda's Hero.

"I don't have any problems," Zito said. "Actually, all of our five horses are doing exceptionally well."

The trainer also has a plan to deal with the media crush. Each morning, the trainer has a scheduled briefing outside his barn, where he stands inside a temporary fence erected to keep people from getting too close to his horses.

Zito won the Derby in 1991 with Strike the Gold and in 1994 with Go for Gin.

A full field of 20 is expected when post positions are drawn Wednesday, but it remains to be seen whether owner B. Wayne Hughes has one or two horses in the field.

Trainer Patrick Biancone confirmed Sunday that Spanish Chestnut will be entered, boosting the contenders' list to 21. If more than 20 are entered, the field is determined by graded stakes earnings.

That would leave Hughes with a choice: Send out Don't Get Mad or supplemental entry Greeley's Galaxy, who can get into the field only if fewer than 20 are entered. Derby rules stipulate that early Derby nominations are given preference over supplemental entries.

"I'm hoping that both horses will get in, though last night I was pitching and turning so I think it's probably affecting me," Hughes said Sunday "I have no idea what I'm going to do. We'll wait until entry time Wednesday and hopefully the cards will fall in our favor. One thing for sure — we'll have one in."

The addition of Spanish Chestnut adds a bit on intrigue. Owners Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith also own the Todd Pletcher-trained, Bandini, considered one of the favorites for the race.

Spanish Chestnut, trained by Patrick Biancone, set the pace in the Blue Grass, then faded to sixth as Bandini blazed to a six-length victory.

Could Spanish Chestnut, with Joe Bravo getting the mount, be a "rabbit" for Bandini?

"You can talk about the rabbit all you want," Biancone said. "If he is a rabbit, he's not the rabbit for one horse, he's a rabbit for the field. It's not a two-horse race. I remember, too, that my pockets are not Todd's pockets. Two different pockets. After the race, if Bandini wins, it will mean nothing to me."

Aleet Alex looks solid in final workout

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Arkansas Derby winner Aleet Alex turned in a solid workout in his last major drill before the Kentucky Derby.

Aleet Alex, the only Derby horse to work at Churchill Downs on Tuesday morning, went a half-mile in 48 2-5 seconds, according to the track's clockers. Aleet Alex, a winner

of six of nine career races, will be one of the Derby favorites Saturday.

"This is what we wanted," trainer Tim Ritchey said. "It was very easy for him and he finished up strongly down the lane. This should set him up well for the race."

Ritchey said the colt will gallop Wednesday through Friday and will walk around the barn on the morning of the race.



Cardinals 10, Reds 9

By JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Jim Edmonds hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning off closer Danny Graves, and John Mabry added a two-run shot, rallying the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-9 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Ken Griffey Jr.'s disputed homer — a drive that hit the top of the wall and bounced back — helped Cincinnati pull ahead 9-3 after eight innings. The Cardinals then sent 12 batters to the plate and scored seven runs in the ninth.

David Weathers let in the first two, and Edmonds cut it to 9-8 with a two-out homer, his sixth. After first baseman Sean Casey's fielding error prolonged it, Mabry hit his first homer of the season off Graves (1-1), who blew a save for the first time in nine chances.

The Reds appeared to have the game well in hand after they scored four runs in the eighth, which ended with Randy Flores (1-0) striking out Adam Dunn.

Julian Tavarez closed out the Cardinals' biggest comeback win of the season by pitching the ninth for his second save.

The NL Central leaders went 14-5 against the Reds last

season, and have won two of three this year. All the Reds could win on Monday was a home-run dispute.

Griffey failed to hit a homer in his first 79 at-bats, the longest drought of his career to start a season. He broke it with a shot in Milwaukee on Saturday that barely cleared the wall in center.

Television replays confirmed that his second homer of the season didn't even make it that far.

Griffey led off the sixth with a drive that landed on the yellow padding atop the wall in center and bounced back. The umpires ruled the ball was in play, with Griffey stopping at second for a double. Then, the crew huddled and decided it was a homer — the 503rd of Griffey's career.

The umpiring crew was led by Ed Montague, a 30-year veteran who worked home plate for the All-Star game last year and Game 1 of the World Series, when Boston beat St. Louis.

Edmonds and manager Tony La Russa argued briefly, then returned to the dugout and watched the torment continue for starter Chris Carpenter. First baseman Albert Pujols' errant throw extended the inning, setting up Rich Aurilia's sacrifice fly and Jason LaRue's two-run double for a 5-2 lead.

Left-hander Eric Milton, who gave up four homers in his last start, allowed a solo shot by So Taguchi that put the Cardinals up 1-0 in the third. It was the 11th homer this season off Milton, who gave up an NL-leading 43 last year with Philadelphia.

By contrast, St. Louis pitchers had given up only 12 heading into the game. Carpenter gave up two Monday — or, by the Cardinals' reckoning, 1 1/2.

Aurilia hit an opposite-field shot in the fifth that hit a fan in the first row of seats in right field and tied it at 1. An inning later, Griffey hit the drive that landed on the top of the wall and shot back, starting a dispute.

Dunn hit a solo homer in the eighth off Carmen Cali, and Aurilia had an RBI double off the wall in center — this one hit the middle — as the Reds pulled away with another four-run spree.

Notes: Pujols singled and doubled, extending his hitting streak to 13 games. ... 3B Scott Rolen was out of the Cardinals' lineup with a sore upper back. He had started all 23 games this season. ... Pujols is the only Cardinal to play in every game so far. ... Reds pitchers have given up 39 homers in 25 games, most in the NL. Last year, they gave up 236, three shy of the NL record.

REDS NOTEBOOK

Pena feeling better, back in lineup

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Wily Mo Pena sees it as an endorsement of what he's doing.

The outfielder was back in the Cincinnati Reds' lineup on Monday, having recovered from a strained left thigh that limited him to pinch-hitting last week.

Pena, who opened the season as the fourth outfielder, again bumped Austin Kearns out of the lineup because of his impressive hitting so far this season. As soon as Pena's thigh was healed, manager Dave Miley got him back on the field.

"He gives me confidence," Pena said Monday. "Everybody here has given me confidence. We'll see what's going to happen. It starts tonight, everything."

Miley's decision was easy. He could rest Pena, who is hitting .341 and is tied with Adam Dunn for the team lead with six homers. Or, he could go with Austin Kearns, batting only .224.

Coming off a 2-7 trip, the Reds couldn't afford to fall any farther behind the St. Louis Cardinals, who lead the NL Central and opened a three-game series Monday at Great American Ball Park.

So, Pena was back and Kearns was sitting.

"Now I'm healthy, so I just

have to work hard and see what happens," Pena said.

He was the club's hottest hitter when he left a game at Florida on April 23 because of a sore left thigh. He was limited to three pinch-hit appearances last week, and hit a solo homer on Sunday.

The thigh felt fine on Monday, so Pena was back in the lineup even though temperatures were in the 40s — not the best conditions for returning from an injured muscle. Pena was advised to stretch every few innings to prevent the thigh from tightening.

"We're going through an extensive warmup and maintenance program with him," trainer Mark Mann said. "But other than that, he's doing great. He's got no restrictions at all."

GETTING CLOSER: Pitchers Luke Hudson and Josh Hancock are making progress in their comebacks from spring training injuries.

Hudson, who was competing for a spot in the rotation before he developed shoulder tendinitis, threw off a bullpen mound for 8 minutes on Sunday without problem. He's scheduled to throw in a simulated game on Thursday.

Hancock threw 20 pitches off the mound on Monday without problem. Hancock was competing for a bullpen spot when he

strained his groin during a game on March 31.

Both pitchers opened the season on the disabled list.

ORTIZ OK: Right-hander Ramon Ortiz evidently came through his latest start without any problems.

Ortiz was activated off the disabled list on Sunday and lasted only two innings in a 13-3 loss to Milwaukee. Ortiz has been limited to two starts this season because of a strained groin, suffered late in spring training.

The Reds were curious about how Ortiz would feel the day after he pitched. Last month, he would feel fine when he threw, then have soreness the next day.

"He said he felt great," Mann said. "There's no residual soreness at all."

GOING, GOING ...: So much for keeping the ball in the park.

In each of the last two seasons, Reds pitchers set franchise records for homers allowed. They were touched up for 236 last year, three shy of the NL record and five away from the major league mark.

Through their first 24 games this season, they're on pace to shatter every mark.

The Reds gave up 38 homers in those two dozen games, tying Tampa Bay for most in the majors. At this rate, they'd give up 256 homers this season.

Lake County tops Legends

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Lake County Captains rallied for a 6-4 win over Lexington Monday night. The Captains scored a run in the sixth and two in the seventh to erase a 4-2 deficit. The loss snaps Lexington's nine game home win streak.

Two Lexington streaks

remained intact. Francisco Caraballo singled to bump his hit streak to 13 games. Ben Zobrist doubled in a run to run his hit streak to eight straight games.

Ryan McKeller started the game pitched four uneven innings allowing two runs on five hits. Paul Estrada (1-3) gave up the lead by surrendering three runs on four hits in

2.2 innings.

Chris Niesel (2-1) started a day early and pitched effectively for six innings to get the win. Kieran Mattison earned his fifth save with a scoreless inning.

Hunter Pence picked up two hits after a day off. Saul Torres also had two hits, a double and a single.

Browns TE Winslow thrown from motorcycle

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Browns tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. sustained internal injuries when he was thrown from a motorcycle, the team said.

Winslow, who missed most of

last season with a broken right leg, also has swelling in his right shoulder and right knee. The extent of those injuries won't be known until further tests are performed and the swelling subsides.

The Browns didn't provide details of Winslow's internal

injuries, but said they are not life-threatening. Winslow had complained of chest pains after he was injured Sunday.

Winslow is being treated at the Cleveland Clinic by the team's medical staff, Browns spokesman Bill Bonsiewicz said.

Bengals waive free agent fullback, sign another

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals signed fullback Rich Demers, a college

free agent from Massachusetts, to a 2-year contract on Monday.

The team waived fullback Darnell Jones from Mississippi

State, who had signed as a college free agent on Thursday.

Demers had participated in the weekend minicamp on a tryout basis.

Gordon dominating in win at Talladega

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Jeff Gordon proved again he is NASCAR's new king of restrictor-plate racing.

Gordon fought off challenger after challenger Sunday and had to go to overtime to win the Aaron's 499 Nextel Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway.

It was Gordon's fourth victory in the last five races at Talladega and Daytona, the only tracks at which NASCAR requires the horsepower-sapping plates to slow the cars.

The four-time Cup champion led a dominating 139 of the 194 laps on the 2.66-mile oval. He finally held off Tony Stewart and Michael Waltrip at the end of a two-lap shootout, which was set up by a six-car crash with one lap remaining in regulation that ended the chances of fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr.

By staying up front most of the day, Gordon was able to avoid a wild 25-car crash that took out several top contenders, as well as the crash on lap 187 that involved Earnhardt, series points leader Jimmie Johnson and pole-winner Kevin Harvick.

"I definitely did not want to see that last caution," Gordon said. "They were shuffling and dicing back there before that last caution and I was in a better position before that (last) restart."

But Gordon got a good start when the green flag waved for the start of lap 193 and he stayed out front as the contenders fought it out behind him. Stewart, with Waltrip giving him a hard push, managed to grab the second spot, but finished 0.192-seconds — about two car-lengths — behind the

winner's No. 24 Chevrolet. It is the 13th consecutive victory for Chevy at the Alabama track.

"Michael pushed me all the way down the backstretch on the white flag lap and I still couldn't catch the 24," said Stewart, who finished second at Talladega for the fourth time. "Finishing in the top two isn't bad at this place."

Gordon, who defended his victory here last year and added this win to his triumph in February in the Daytona 500, has grabbed the mantle of near invincibility on plate tracks once held by the late Dale Earnhardt and inherited by Earnhardt Jr. and Waltrip, who drives for Dale Earnhardt, Inc.

Junior and Waltrip have won nine of the last 17 plate races and came from near the back of the 43-car field to get into contention on Sunday. But this one was all Gordon as he raced to his third victory in nine races this season and his 72nd career win.

It looked as if his strong performance might not be rewarded when Waltrip raced into the lead on lap 183, shuffling Gordon back to fourth. But Gordon was not to be denied, charging back to second place on the next lap and retaking the lead on lap 185.

"It's all about getting a push out there," Gordon said. "They could pass me if I gave them too much room but, if I got the slightest push from behind, watch out. My car was awesome."

Jeremy Mayfield finished fourth, followed by Jamie McMurray, Elliott Sadler and defending series champion Kurt Busch. Earnhardt, who has five Talladega victories, including one last fall, was able to continue after the last crash and finished 15th.

The way the cars race most of the day at Talladega — in huge packs two- and three-wide — at least one huge multistar crash — "The Big One" — is nearly inevitable. Sunday's race saw one of the biggest.

Earnhardt, battling toward the rear of the top 10, nudged the rear of Mike Wallace's car on lap 133 as the cars headed toward turn one. Wallace then came together with Jimmie Johnson and slid sideways, setting off a melee that eventually involved more than half the 43-car field.

So many cars ended up packed together in the muddy infield grass between turns one and two that it looked like an auto junkyard. NASCAR stopped the race for 43 minutes, 21 seconds to remove the cars, clean up the debris and make repairs to the energy-absorbing SAFER Barrier.

Among the cars damaged, the worst were those of Rusty Wallace, Mark Martin, Ryan Newman, Joe Nemecek, Mike Bliss, Bobby Hamilton Jr., Scott Wimmer, Carl Edwards, Mike Skinner, Brian Vickers and Kyle Busch.

Busch had a good view of the crash, noting, "The 48 (Johnson) drifted a little high down the front straightaway, squeezed the 4 (Mike Wallace) a little bit and the 8 (Earnhardt) had nowhere to go."

"This kind of racing just isn't any fun at all," Rusty Wallace said. "It seemed like everybody was minding their own business. It was just regular restrictor plate racing, pretty boring out there."

"I still don't know what happened. Obviously, somebody bumped someone else too hard. Sooner or later you're going to have this on this type of track."

Joel Kauffman wins Food City 250

by PAUL WARNER

COEBURN, Va. — What a difference a year can make.

Last season, Joel Kauffman was supposed to be a contender every week. Now, a year later, he finally is.

After suffering through a disastrous season last year, Kauffman made a statement by leading 101 laps in the Hooters Pro Cup Series Northern Division season-opener at South Boston Speedway. On Saturday night in the Food City 250 presented by Greased Lightning at Lonesome Pine Raceway, Kauffman added the exclamation point.

Kauffman, driver of the No. 44 L.A. West Motorsports Pontiac, took the lead from Mardy Lindley on Lap 181, survived a late-race restart and went on to pick up his second career win by .562 sec. over Benny Gordon.

"I couldn't write a better story for this new team," said Kauffman. "Basically, everybody on the team is new. We've only got two guys in shop working on the cars, but these cars are so easy to drive right now. Bill Boger is doing some consulting for us, and I've got a great crew chief in Barry Elvis, and our crew made a great stop tonight. I couldn't ask for a better package than what I have right now."

It's a package that was good enough to make last year's Northern Division champion take notice.

"Joel's on top of it right now," said Benny Gordon, driver of the No. 66 Predator Performance Ford. "He was fast at [South Boston], and he's got his cars set up good. We're a little behind, because we've been working on getting our new car race-ready. We've got that done. Now, we can start beating back on it."

While Gordon heads back to DuBois, Pa., to start pounding his car into championship-shape, several others in the top five couldn't wait to start massaging

sheet metal, albeit each others and not in a productive manner.

With 10 to go, Danny O'Quinn nudged A.J. Frank, who was running third at the time, at the exit of Turn 4. Frank smoked his tires to complete a perfect spin, maintained position and went on finish third.

"I hate it when somebody drives in the back of you and spins you out," said Frank, driver of the No. 45 American Ironhorse Ford. "It was kind of my fault because the car was so tight I had to use a lot of brake to make the car turn. I've seen Danny race enough to know he's a clean driver, and he probably didn't mean to spin me out. But I've raced enough, and spun out enough, that I finally figured out how to spin it around, grab a gear and keep going."

Frank went on to pick up \$1,000 for being the Miller Lite Rookie of the Race and his first podium finish of his rookie season.

After the contact with Frank, O'Quinn, driver of the No. 02 Race To GED Chevrolet, appeared to be en route to a fourth-place finish, but the Roush Racing prodigy was on the receiving end of a last-lap bump from Johnny Rumley.

Rumley slightly touched O'Quinn as the duo throttled toward the checkered flag. The contact sent O'Quinn spinning and to a 10th-place finish, while Rumley, driver of the No. 8 Lucas Oil Chevrolet, went on to finish fourth.

"I thought I had a car good enough to run with [Gordon] and [Frank], but I didn't have anything for [Kauffman]," said O'Quinn. "I burnt the tires off trying to get by [Frank], and then we had some bad luck and got turned around at the end, but that's just part of it."

At the outset of the Food City 250, nobody was able to put a bumper to O'Quinn, because he pulled out to leads of two seconds over the field.

O'Quinn, who started from the Advance Auto Parts Pole, cleared Gordon on Lap 2 and

led the first 126 laps. Gordon started to grow larger O'Quinn's mirror around the 100-lap mark, but the Northern Division champion also had a mirror full of Joel Kauffman.

As Kauffman started to pressure Gordon for second, O'Quinn was able to pull away momentarily. But once Kauffman cleared Gordon on Lap 123, O'Quinn would lose the lead for the first time on Lap 127. O'Quinn did stay out front long enough to pick up \$1,000 for being the Lucas Oil Products Halfway Leader. Combined with the \$1,000 for winning the pole and \$500 for picking up the Greased Lightning "Blast the Pack" Award for leading the most laps, O'Quinn took home \$4,800 despite the late-race mishap.

O'Quinn's spin allowed Woody Howard, driver of the No. 55 Dean Motorsports Chevy, to slip past and take his first top-five finish of the season.

"This was a great run for us," said Howard. "We've just been running so far behind. Before this weekend, we've been working day and night to get caught up. This is still our old car, but we're able to run in the top five and top 10. We're starting to get our team built up. I would have definitely liked to be the top rookie, but I'm not looking at that. We're going to go and try to win this championship."

Mardy Lindley, driver of the No. 16 Hooters Air Ford, followed Howard across the line. Lindley chose to short-pit on Lap 91. Lindley inherited the lead on Lap 141 as the Kauffman came to pit road. But 40 laps later, Kauffman swept past to retake the lead.

Gary St. Amant, Joe Gaita, D.J. Kennington were able to sneak past O'Quinn's spinning machine on the last lap to take seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively, at the finish.

The Food City 250 featured four lead changes among three drivers and was slowed 10 times for 70 laps of caution.

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POISON OAK East Kentucky green; East Kentucky wet

Here we go again. Just as we're beginning to feel good about the new green outfit Mother Nature is wearing; admiring her dogwood necklace and appreciating all the fresh sounds that accompany her emergence into spring, the rains come.



Clyde Pack

And it seems that of late, we can't have gentle, garden-watering rains anymore. It apparently prefers to come in bucketsful, so quickly and so heavy that it sends folks scurrying for safety in the middle of the night in an effort to preserve life and limb.

It's almost certain that thoughts of last Memorial Day weekend passed through the minds of some Martin County residents, last Friday night, as they grabbed whatever they could carry and, with small children in tow, waded to higher ground. We've had no report of folks stranded atop chicken coops, but the images of swift, brown rivers lapping against front porches, that were shown on the TV news, brought back haunting memories of similar events, not even a year old.

Sunday morning's sunshine was certainly a welcome sight, but the cerulean blue sky did little to assuage the frustration of residents who, since daylight Saturday morning, have been attacking the unsightly debris with garden hoses and long-handled shovels, in an attempt to restore property to some sort of normalcy.

So, what is it with all these flash floods of late? Meteorologists tell us that we are indeed experiencing a change in weather patterns, but despite their colorful maps and scientific explanations, it's all so far over my head that I'm not sure I even understand all I know about it.

Then, there are those who are 100

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BSCTC will dedicate the Paul and Elaine Gearheart Auditorium on May 6

The newly renovated Elaine and Paul Gearheart Auditorium on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) will be dedicated on May 6, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited. A reception will follow the dedication. The auditorium is located in the Pike building and will be named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gearheart who have been staunch supporters of the college for many years.

Paul Gearheart was a member of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Board of Directors from 1988 until 2001 and was its chair from 1994 until 2000. He continues to serve on the board as an emeritus member. Mr. Gearheart also serves on the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Board. The Gearhearts have actively supported the college through their gifts to improve the facilities, to enhance the scholarship program and to enable faculty to engage in professional development.

Funding for the major refurbishment of the auditorium was one of many gifts that Paul and Elaine Gearheart have made to the college. This project was part of the Major Gifts Campaign presently in progress at BSCTC. This \$200,000 renovation project took approximately two years to complete.

Dr. George D. Edwards said, "The new Gearheart auditorium will be a place where students, employees and the community can gather to experience drama, music and group meetings." The newly formed BSCTC Theatre Troupe and Big Sandy Singers are already scheduling productions in the auditorium.

YESTERDAYS HCTC students and faculty earn 18 PTK awards

Hazard Community and Technical College's Phi Theta Kappa organizations at both the Hazard Campus and Lees College Campus walked away with a combined total of 18 awards during a state conference March 19 at Murray State University.

Dr. Jay K. Box, HCTC president/CEO, noted both chapters were highly awarded for their hard work and dedication to Phi Theta Kappa and the region. Alpha Beta Epsilon Chapter

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Hazard Community & Technical College members of Phi Theta Kappa at the Hazard Campus participating in a state conference are, from left, Kaye Deaton, Cynthia Osborne, Judy Adams, Launa Fields, Brenda Young, Tammy Baisden.

Learning to 'survive,' hands-on



photos by Kathy J. Prater

Joe Stewardson, an auto mechanics instructor for BSCTC, informed participants about how to select the proper oil and antifreeze/coolant for their automobiles.

A participant tries her hand at welding under the supervision of a trained eye.

14th Annual 'Survival Skills' workshop conducted

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The 14th "Survival Skills for Parents Making Career Choices" was held last week at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Park. During the event, the convention center turned into a mini "get your hands dirty" technical instruction center with lots of "hands-on" learning taking place.

Those participating were Big Sandy Community and Technical College instructors, current students, KTAP parents and community members who joined together in interactive demonstrations of basic techniques geared toward making life a little easier, as

well as a little more economical.

"We try to teach participants how to do some basic life skills types of things so that they don't have to pay someone else to do it," said Joe Stewardson, BSCTC auto mechanics instructor, Paintsville and Pikeville campuses.

Stewardson, along with auto mechanics instructor Roger Owens and a group of auto mechanics students, lead participants through the steps of checking their automobiles' fluid levels and tire pressure and informed them as to how to purchase the correct maintenance supplies for their vehicles.

For those interested in how to fix up a few things around their home on a "do-it-yourself" budget, Dennis Conley, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center

instructor, accompanied by a group of Job Corps carpentry students, taught participants how to read a measuring tape, some shortcut measuring steps, how to measure the area of a room in order to determine how many gallons of paint to purchase for a room-painting project, and how to repair a hole in a wall.

"I like to teach people the shortcuts of how to do a few things, because, you know, the truth is, people are lazy," Conley said with a grin. "Home repair doesn't have to be difficult, or even expensive, if you learn how to do a few things for yourself."

During the day of workshop sessions, partici-

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CRITTER CORNER

Cat Haikus

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Yes, I've been on the Internet again, and I've rounded up some more funny stuff. Hope you enjoy the following "Cat Haikus."

You never feed me.
Small brave carnivores
Perhaps I'll sleep on your face.
That will sure show you.

You must scratch me there!
Yes, above my tail!
Behold, elevator butt.

The rule for today:

Touch my tail, I shred your hand.
New rule tomorrow.

Grace personified,
I leap into the window.
I meant to do that.

Blue of motion, then...
Silence, me, a paper bag.
What is so funny?

You're always typing.
Well, let's see you ignore my
Sitting on your hands.

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This handsome fellow is "Felix." Felix, according to owner, Randy Bentley, is a great "mouser." He, along with compatriot, Simon, "run things around our home," say Randy and wife, Sandy.

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ May 2 thru 6 - Teacher Appreciation Week.

■ May 5 - "Connect with Parents" meeting, to be held at Clark Elementary, at 8:30 a.m. AMS parents/guardians welcome to attend.

■ May 10 - 5th grade students will visit AMS campus.

■ May 14 - 8th grade trip to King's Island.

■ May 17 - Career Exploration Day for 8th grade.

■ May 18 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m.

■ May 21 - 8th Grade Dance.

■ May 26 - Honors Day ceremony.

■ May 27 - Last day of school for students. School will dismiss at 2:15.

■ May 27 - 8th Grade Graduation, 5:30 p.m.

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

Allen Central Middle School

■ If your child has left any

article of clothing at school, please contact the Youth Service Center office.

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ May 16 - SBDM Council election for Parent Representatives, 6:30 p.m., in school library. Nominations may be made in school office from April 27 thru May 13, until 3 p.m. each day.

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

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further infor-

mation, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

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

Clark Elementary

■ May 6 - Kindergarten Registration, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring child's birth certificate, immunization certificate, social security card, and KY eye and medical exam forms (completed). Registration will take place in the school gym.

■ CES is now accepting nominations for the election of parent members to the school SBDM Council for the 2005-06 school year. Nominees must have a child who will attend Clark Elementary during the 2005-06 school year. Nominations must be received in writing by Monday, April 27, in the school main office.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families

regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

Duff Elementary

School is currently engaged in a fundraiser activity to help pay for bus transportation for a week day camp at Camp Shawnee. If you would like to help with the Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraising Program by ordering pizza kits for your family, or by helping to sell the kits, please call or stop by the school's Family Resource Center.

■ May 4 - Kindergarten Registration, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please bring the following items: Child's social security card, birth certificate, immunization record, and completed physical and eye examination form. Without all of the above items, children cannot be registered on the above dates. For questions, call 358-9420 or 358-9878. Physical exam may be scheduled at Duff with on-site health department clinic - call for appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services.

Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

May Valley Elementary

■ May 4 - V.I.P. Parent Support Group Meeting, 1 p.m., in school library.

■ May 4-6 - PTO Flower Sale.

■ May 5 - D.A.R.E. Day for 5th graders.

■ May 5 - Trip to MAC to see the PHS Honor Choir, 4th graders.

■ May 5, 6 - Kindergarten registration for 2005-06 school year, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If possible, new students should accompany their parents to the registration process. For more information, call the school at 285-0883.

■ May 9 - Young Authors, K-5.

■ May 9 - Hands-on Art Workshops, 4th grade.

■ May 10 - 4-H Project Day.

■ May 16 - Puttin' on the Hits, K-2nd, 6 p.m.

■ May 17 - Puttin' on the Hits, 3rd-5th, 6 p.m.

■ May 20 - Dollars & Sense

Program, 5th grade.

■ May 23 - Bugz Play, 6:30 p.m.

■ May 25 - Honors Day.

■ May 25 - Regular SBDM meeting, 4:30 p.m. Public invited to attend.

■ May 26 - Kindergarten Graduation (Mrs. Price - 8:30 a.m., Mrs. Burke, 9:30 a.m., and Mrs. Hopkins, 10:30 a.m.)

■ May 26 - Headstart Program, 11:30 a.m.

■ May 26 - 5th grade Awards Program, 1 p.m.

■ For questions about any of the above activities, call Donna at 285-0321.

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and
60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

May 3 and 5, 1995

Federal authorities paid a visit to Floyd County, Friday, issuing an estimated 30 subpoenas in a probe that apparently targets the personal financial dealings of Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond...Floyd County's Fiscal Court will be asked by the owners of the ThunderRidge racetrack to make the bond payment, this year, relating to the construction of the racing facility...Grant applications for three Family Resource and Youth Service Centers in Floyd County were approved recently, according to Masten Childers, Cabinet for Human Resources Secretary...Saturday was fun day at Kids' Day in the Park at Archer Park, sponsored by Food City and WMDJ radio...Martin and Maytown grade school students should be starting the 1996-97 school year in a new building. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new school was held on the site at Stephens Branch, Saturday morning, and school board members met later to award construction bids for the \$4.8 million project...Wayland City Council took the first step, Thursday, toward annexing two areas that could make the development of a sewage treatment plant a fiscal reality. Council heard the first reading for two ordinances that will annex Stamper Branch and Shop Fork into the city of Wayland...A diesel truck, traveling on KY 122, leaked fuel for several miles, causing a rash of accidents, Monday evening. The first of at least 10 accidents was reported about 7 p.m., it was said...The sitting grand jury in Floyd County issued its final report on Wednesday, returning one indictment, and requesting a report from the attorney general on changes in the state's juvenile code. The grand jury returned an indictment against Robert Compton, 41, of East Point, on one count of allegedly engaging in sexual contact with a minor, and one count of sexual contact with an adult...Two former Floyd County school administrators are seeking more than \$1 million in a lawsuit filed April 26, against superintendent State Towler, other school personnel and unknown board members for alleged political retaliation...Two speakers will have words of wisdom for the 1995 Graduating Class of Prestonsburg Community College. Retired University of Kentucky Basketball Coach Joe B.

Hall, and businessman, and the other, Doris Dujmstra, a grandmother, with valuable life experience who will urge her fellow graduates to never give up their dreams...Members of the Mountain Arts Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at the home of Robin Jarrell, 38, in West Prestonsburg, Thursday afternoon, and came away with 31 marijuana plants, processed marijuana and drug paraphernalia...Jim Rospopo, with Natural Resources and Conservation Service, viewed a pictorial exhibit of the Big Sandy in its early days of transportation, on Wednesday...The exhibit was part of a seminar, about the early life of the Big Sandy, through a Rivers and Streams Grant...A Floyd County veteran of World War II has been asked to participate in a ceremony, Monday, May 8, at Frankfort, commemorating the 50th anniversary of VE Day in Europe. E. H. "Ted" Stumbo of Harold, will be honored during the ceremony which begins at 1:30 p.m., in the new Capitol Rotunda...A Floyd County Grand Jury will hear the case against Martin Shepherd Jr., 48, of Roundhead, Ohio, who is accused of assaulting three police officers during an alleged altercation, at David, last month...A fire, Tuesday night, that could have destroyed almost a block of businesses in downtown Prestonsburg was contained early, due to a meeting of the Rebekkah Lodge. Mike Wells, with the Prestonsburg Fire Department, said a meeting of the Rebekkah Lodge, Tuesday night, on the third floor of the old Elizabeth Hotel probably saved a series of connected offices, extending from Billy Ray's Restaurant to Mountain Comprehensive Care...There died: Carmel Carroll Sr., 68, of Ashley, Ohio, a Printer native, Monday, at Grady Memorial Hospital in Delaware, Ohio; Charles Bates, 77, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Buckingham, Monday, May 1, at the Community Hospital South in Greenwood, Indiana; Oliver Stiltner, 91, of Pounding Mill, Virginia, Monday, May 1, at Allen; John Albert Collins, 68, of Prestonsburg, Friday, April 28, at his residence; Henry Clifton "Joe" Conley, 51, of Villa Ridge, Missouri, a Hueysville native, Sunday, April 30, at his residence; Martha Elizabeth Hurd McCoy, 81, of Clyde, Ohio, formerly of Banner, Sunday, April 30, at his residence; William G. Weedman Jr., 71, of Columbia, South Carolina, Sunday, April 30; Dr. Dock Meador, 70, of Midland, Thursday, April 20; Lourenda Slone Hall, 80, of Leburn, Friday, April 28, at the Hazard

Appalachian Regional Hospital; Louise Price Smith, 73, of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of West Prestonsburg, April 24; Bill Music, 80, of East Point, Thursday, April 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jim Hall, 75, of Kite, Thursday, April 27, at his residence; Robert Lee Sanders, 67, of Betsy Layne, April 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Glenist Moore, 75, of Mousie, Sunday, April 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

May 1, 1985

A plaintiff's lawyer believes that an attorney for the City of Prestonsburg's insurance carrier is deliberately stalling on a damages claim, because the insurance firm is earning high interest on the money it may have to pay on the claim...Rodney Mitchell, 19, who is sought in connection with recent thefts here, has been arrested in Daytona Beach, Florida, police here have been notified...Albert O. "Buddy" Gibson, who complained in March that he was beaten up by Prestonsburg police officers, has filed a suit for damages in U.S. District Court in Pikeville...Investigators this week, are probing into a fire, that may have been set to conceal a robbery, which resulted in the death of Ester Ousley, of Middle Creek, Friday...There died: Mrs. Fannie Rebecca Whitaker Hackworth, 73, of the State Road Fork of Middle Creek, April 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Burl Prater, 60, of Water Gap, April 24, at the home of his son-in-law, John Pennington, also of Water Gap...Stella Mae Maynard, 79, of Stanville, last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Harold (Shorty) Stewart, 53, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, Monday, at the Terrace View Nursing Home in Millersburg, Ohio...Mrs. Launa Messer Porter, 74, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, formerly of Emma, April 16, at the Cumberland County Nursing Home...Mrs. Ida Rebecca Acree, 81, of Eastern, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Willard R. Mullins, 83, of Wayland, Saturday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

April 30, 1975

The City of Prestonsburg and members of the Prestonsburg Water, Sewage and

Natural Gas System, last Wednesday, filed suit to recover from South Central Bell Telephone Company and its contractor, the American General Corp., a total of \$41,177.52 which plaintiffs claim as damages from the laying of underground telephone lines here...Harold Lloyd Patton, 44, well-known Auxier merchant, was killed and James Connors, 50, also of Auxier, a passenger in his automobile, was seriously injured, last Thursday afternoon, when Patton's car was rammed by a log truck on U.S. 23, along a cliffside north of Combs Airport...Judge Henry O. Meigs Jr., of the Franklin Circuit Court, dismissed, Monday, the \$1.7 million damage suit filed by Ed Music, of Prestonsburg, against the state, after his contract to build and operate a chairlift at Cumberland Falls State Park had been canceled, and Governor Carroll had voided a subsequent settlement...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Hicks, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Caroline Leigh, April 17, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Edgar R. May, 73, of Maytown, April 21, at his home; Linza Handshoe, 65, April 17, at his home at Garrett; Mrs. Victoria Rone, 86, of Lackey, Sunday; Winfield Moore, 75, of Hi Hat, Sunday, at McDowell; Miss Elizabeth Ann Harris, 76, of Emma, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lee Justice, 75, of Endicott, here, Saturday.

Forty Years Ago

April 29, 1965

The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, recommended, last week, that a channel improvement job on Beaver Creek to protect the town of Martin from flood be done at an estimated cost of \$3,346,000...The VISTA program began this week in the Floyd County community of Left Toler Creek...Eight-year-old Georgia Ann Hall was instantly killed at Wheelwright, Monday afternoon, when struck by a vehicle...The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, and others, began their second night of searching, Tuesday, for the body of three-year-old Ann Yates, who was swept to her death in Left Beaver Creek at Hunter, Monday afternoon...John David Preston, 14, eighth-grade pupil at Allen Elementary School, won the 1965 Floyd County spelling championship in the county spelling bee, here, Saturday. Thirteen-year-old Sharon Combs, of Orkney, McDowell school pupil, was the runner-up...Born: to Lieut. and Mrs. Mossa Marzaian, of Dezful, Iran, a son, Carl

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Yesterdays

Baham, April 11. Mrs. Marzaian is the former Grayce Lou Riffe, of Prestonsburg; to Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel R. Wallace, of Haysville, Alabama, a son, Jeffery Wayne, April 14...There died: Travis Combs, 86, Saturday, at his home at Mousie; Mrs. Peggy Keene, 83, Saturday, at her home at Betsy Layne; Clarence Craft, 63, of the Town Branch section here, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Miss Vassie Little, 60, Friday, at her home at Bypro; Mrs. Linzie Akers, 56, of Drift, last Thursday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago

April 28, 1955

Presently under construction in the Prestonsburg area are a half-million-dollar county high school, a state office building costing approximately \$70,000, the East Kentucky Auto Parts Company building on North Lake Drive, a Gulf service station by Rollie Mann at his Drive-in, near Lancer, and a Pure Oil Company station at Lancer...State Highway Commissioner M. W. Tinder told the U.S. 23 Association in a meeting at Paintsville, Tuesday, that the Prestonsburg-Auxier U.S. 23 bypass of

the present route over Abbott mountain is a project planned for early work...With the close today (Thursday) of the last two clinics scheduled for the first round in the fight with the new Salk vaccine against polio, more than 2,000 children of the first and second grades will have been immunized...Seventeen-year-old Janice Newsome, McDowell High School senior, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Newsome, was crowned queen of the 11th annual Floyd County Music Festival, here, Saturday...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Herald, of West Prestonsburg, a daughter, Patricia Ann, April 19, at the Paintsville Hospital...There died: Elliott Dyer, 78, formerly of Floyd County, April 18, at Hindman; James H. Lafferty, 78, of Sloan, Tuesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Edith M. Allen, 57, formerly of Hueysville, last Friday, at a Detroit, Mich. hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

April 19, 1945

Three are reported killed, three missing and two wounded. Killed in action—Sgt. Roy Hall, of McDowell, March 3, on Luzon; Pvt. Tommy Tackett, of Prestonsburg, in Germany, April 4; Pvt. Frank

Gearheart of McDowell, March 24, on Luzon; the missing—Pvt. Curnie Prater, of Water Gap, in Italy; Pvt. Jack Gibson, of Drift, in Germany, and Ship's Cook, Bennie Helton, of West Prestonsburg; the wounded—Fred Blackburn Jr., of Bypro, April 6, in Germany; Pfc. Monroe Watkins, of Blue River, April 6, in Germany...The OPA indicated, this week, that an investigation of unauthorized slaughtering of cattle and hogs may be made in this county...Samuel S. Liebowitz entered a plea of guilty, Wednesday, to a charge of practicing medicine without a license...The auto of Dr. Marvin Ransdell, which was stolen from his garage here, Monday night, was found Tuesday night, near the Paintsville Country Club...There died: Wayne D. Dingus, 43, Saturday, at Martin; Mrs. Rhoda Skeans, 75, Monday, at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Fanny Carroll, 48, of Harold, Sunday, at a Martin hospital; Frances Ann, 19-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ratliff, by drowning at Lackey, last week. (The father is with the U.S. Army in New Guinea).

Seventy Years Ago

April 26, 1935

It was said, here, this week, that if Floyd County will furnish the right-of-way, the federal government will construct a bridge and an overhead crossing of the railroad at Maytown, at an estimated cost of \$192,000...Joseph E. Dyer, Floyd County teacher, is one of four Kentuckians to receive scholarships from the Montgomery Ward Scholarship Fund...Dennis Hall, of McDowell, is in serious condition with a revolver bullet wound in his lung. He is quoted as saying the shot was accidental...The Flemingsburg team of the Kentucky State Baseball League, looks like McDowell, because six Stumbos from the Left Beaver Creek town are among its regular players, and Thomas Hall, formerly of McDowell, is its manager...Bill Mitchell was slashed in his side at Grethel, Sunday, when he attempted the role of peacemaker in an altercation between two others...Former County Judge Malone Hall and Police Judge James Laferty, both of Allen, were injured, Tuesday, when Laferty's auto was hit by a truck at Emma...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Colonel May, here, April 25, a daughter, Laura Virginia...There died: Frances Sue, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gunnell, Friday, at Emma; Mrs. Elza McKenzie, 49, Tuesday, at "Winchester," near Emma.

School

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ May 4 - Parent meeting in regard to the upcoming SBDM election for both SFHS and SFMS, 6 p.m., in school foyer.

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

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

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

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

■ Walking track open to public.

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

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

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus,

Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

The PTO of John M. Stumbo Elementary School will be accepting nominations for two (2) parent members to serve on their Site Based Decision Making Council for the 2005-2006 school year. Nominations will open on Monday, May 2 and conclude on Monday, May 9.

■ May 16 - Voting for SBDM parent members, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Family Resource Center. Votes will be counted immediately after the close of voting at 5 p.m.

■ May 4 - "Gear-Up" trip to BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus, for 7th and 8th grades.

■ May 5 - DARE field trip, Jenny Wiley Spillway, 5th grade.

■ May 9 - Project Recovery (Natural Disaster Program), K-4.

■ May 10 - Project Recovery (Natural Disaster Program), 5-8.

■ May 11, 12 - CPR class for 8th grade students, presented by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ May 13 - Magic show, 1:30 p.m., for Headstart thru 3rd

grade.

■ May 16-20 - Book Fair, in school library.

■ May 18 - 4-H, 3rd and 6th grades.

■ May 19 - Field trip to the Kentucky Science Center, 4th grade.

■ May 20 - "Dollars & Sense" program for Floyd County 5th grade students. To be held at the Martin Community Center.

■ May 25 - "Career Day," K-8th.

■ May 26, 27 - "PRIDE" presentation, K-8th.

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

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ May 5 - DARE Day in the Park, annual picnic for all fifth grade students, at Jenny Wiley Spillway. Sheriff John K.

Blackburn and Deputy Terry Chaffins will be in charge of activities/events for the day.

■ May 6 - Presentation in regard to child abuse awareness, grades 4-6, in gym, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Lola Ratliff, Coordinator, Safe & Drug-Free Schools.

■ May 9, 10, 11 - "Good Touch, Bad Touch," grades K-3, in individual classrooms. Presenter: Lisa Hamilton, Mountain Comp. Care.

■ May 20 - Dollars & Sense Program, for all fifth grade students.

■ "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks, become the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts

infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

■ BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).

■ Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

■ Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

■ Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

■ Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

■ McDowell: Mon., Wed. - 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2678.

■ For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

HCTC

based at the Hazard Campus received nine awards, including three Hallmark awards—Service, Leadership, and Scholarship; Scrapbook Award; Distinguished Advisors Jennifer Chester and Linda Blair; All-State Academic Team Members Launa Fields and Kaye Deaton; and Distinguished Chapter President Frances Everage

Alpha Eta Epsilon, based at the Lees College Campus, also received nine awards—5 Star Award Top Level, and four Hallmark awards for Service, Leadership, Fellowship and Scholarship. Distinguished advisor awards went to Beth Miller and Steve Jones. The Bert T. Combs recipient was Lesli Oaks—which is the highest award given in the region. Lesli also received a Regional Officer Award.



Hazard Community & Technical College members of Phi Theta Kappa at the Lees College Campus participating in a state conference are, from left Lesli Oaks, Anya Costello, and Sherri Frye. Lesli Oaks will be first member from Kentucky Region to run for International Office.

Oak

percent convinced that the flash flooding in our area is more man-made than simple acts of nature. Mountain-top removal by coal companies and the loss of timber—whether or not they're deserving—are getting much of the blame in some circles.

But regardless of how one chooses to explain it all, what has resulted from the apparent change in weather patterns has also caused a change in our attitude toward the season in general. Instead of wanting to celebrate the rebirth of all those

things which have been lying dormant for months, we're starting to pay more attention to the sky, and anymore, it seems the sound of distant thunder causes a bit of apprehension.

Welcome to springtime in eastern Kentucky.

Critter

My small cardboard box.
You cannot see me if I
Can just hide my head.

Terrible battle.
I fought for hours.
What's a "term paper"?

Kill pine cones and mosquitoes
Fear vacuum cleaner.
I want to be close to you
Can I fit my head inside your armpit?

Wanna go outside.
Oh, no! Help! I got outside!
Let me back inside!

Oh, no! Big One
Has been trapped by newspaper!
Cat to the rescue!

Humans are so strange.
Mine lies in bed, then screams.
My claws are not that sharp.

Cats meow out of angst
"Thumbs! If only we had thumbs!
We could break so much!"

The Big Ones snore now
Every room is dark and cold.
Time for "Cup Hockey."

In deep sleep hear sound.
Cat vomit hairball somewhere.
Will find in morning.

We're almost equals.
I purr to show I love you.
Want to smell my butt?

Leadership East Kentucky Selects Class of 2005

Individuals from throughout Eastern Kentucky have been selected to participate in the Class of 2005's Leadership East Kentucky program. Participants from Floyd County include: Emma Jean Howard (Jeannie) and Patricia Goodman, from Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The class members come from all different walks of life, including education, health, economic development, religion, higher education, private business & industry, government and non profit organizations.

The goals of Leadership

East Kentucky are to provide an opportunity for individuals to enhance their leadership skills, become more familiar with Eastern Kentucky and to build a network of contacts and working relationships throughout the region.

Leadership East Kentucky is now in its seventh year. The program is sponsored by a consortium of community action agencies throughout Eastern Kentucky.

From May through December, the class will meet monthly and focus on issues facing Eastern Kentucky, such as educa-

tion, economic development, the environment, and governance. There will be workshops on skills development, such as team building and collaboration and speakers who can share experiences of other parts of the state and nation on community development. Individuals in the class will have an opportunity to look at themselves and strengthen existing skills and develop new ones. Upon graduation in December, the Class of 2005 will join the 175 existing alumni of Leadership East Kentucky and become part of this important network of leaders.

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Returns home

Patsy, a short-term resident at Riverview Health Care Center, recently returned home after receiving care at the facility. Congratulations, Patsy!



BSCTC receives \$4000 scholarship check from Kentucky Power

Mary Holiday Begley, Kentucky Power, Manager of Community Affairs, presented a \$4000 check to Big Sandy Community and Technical College President Dr. George D. Edwards. The money will fund the Kentucky Power Scholarship which will benefit two non-traditional students in the upcoming year.



Easter Bunny visits BSCTC egg hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday March 23, on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The event was coordinated by Vera Joiner, Student Activities Coordinator.

In addition to the egg hunt, prizes were given away and there was a special appearance made by the Easter bunny. Pictured is Kyle Horne, son of BSCTC student Whitney Horne, with the Easter Bunny.

Check out Weekender classes at HCTC

Hazard Community & Technical College is starting something new called Weekender—a chance to get an education by attending classes on just Fridays from 4 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginning with the Fall 2005 semester, Weekender classes will be scheduled in an accelerated, web-enhanced format. Each class will last approximately four weeks so one class will be scheduled each month, following an approved rotation. Completion of the approved rotation will fulfill the graduation requirements for an Associate of Arts degree.

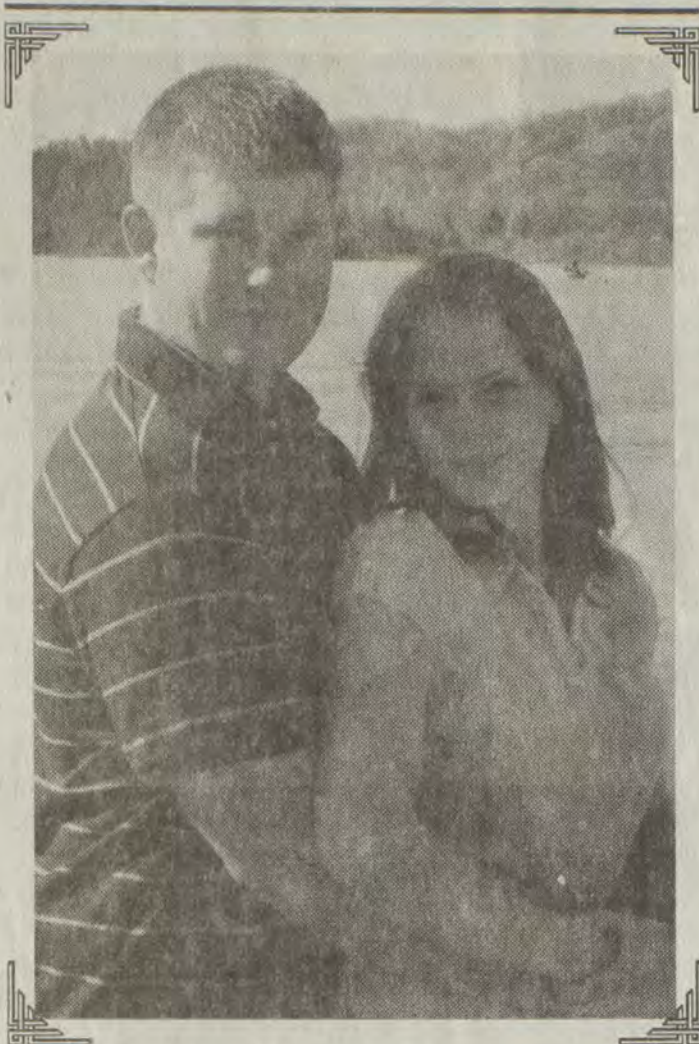
“This mode of delivery will give students much more flexibility than the traditional college scheduling format, which is particularly beneficial to students who work and/or have other obligations restricting their time,” noted Ger-

maine Shaffer, Enrollment and Diversity Services director. “The complete associate of arts degree program will still take approximately two years to complete with scheduled breaks in instruction,” she noted. Classes offered will include computers, English 101 and 102, history, foreign language, science with lab, math, social interaction, science, and communications.

“This is an innovative approach to getting an education,” noted Dr. Jay K. Box, HCTC president/CEO. “We understand that there are people who can benefit from this non-traditional approach and we hope they will take advantage of this new plan.”

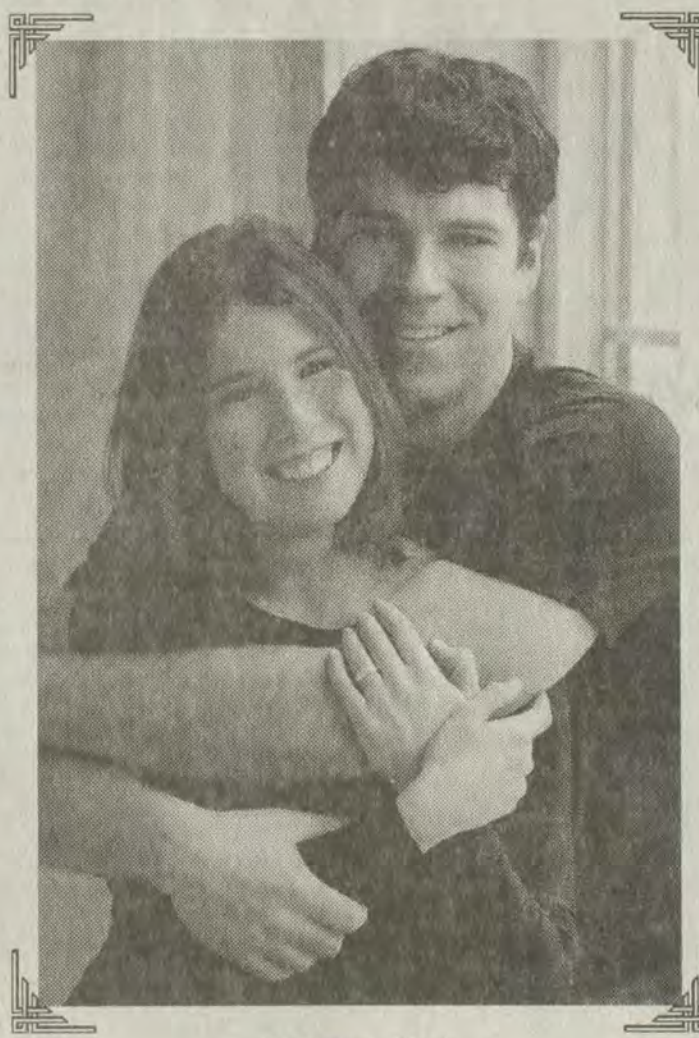
Those who have questions about this program, please contact Glenna Fletcher at telephone extension 73502. You also may email her at Glenna.Fletcher@ketcs.edu

Engagements



Muncy-Banks

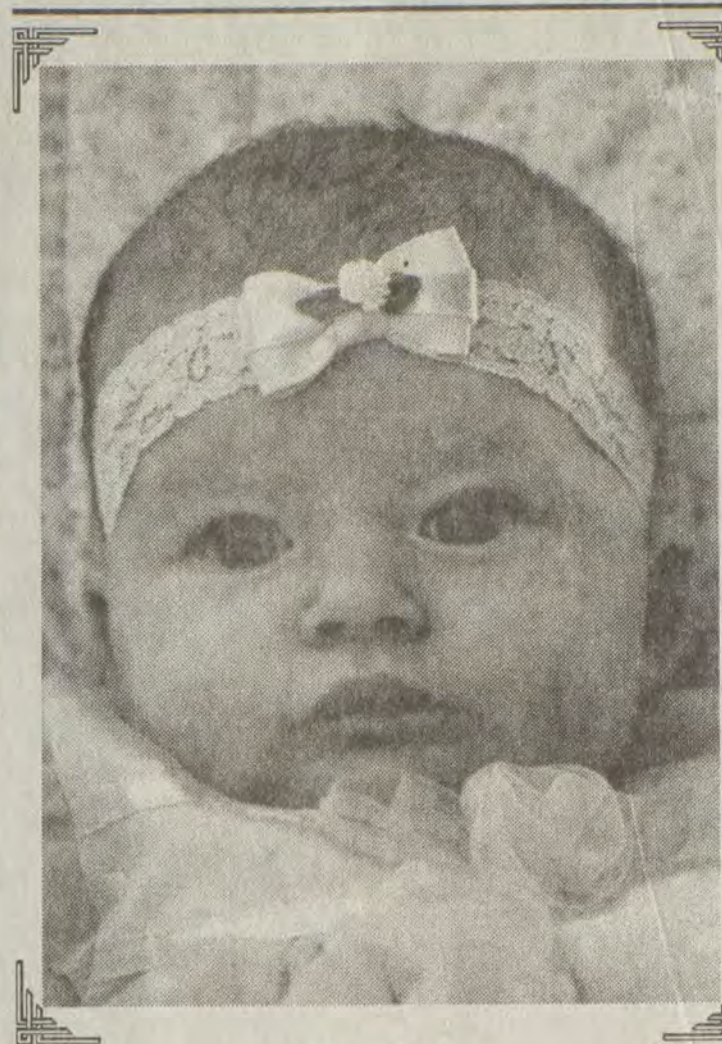
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene V. Muncy, of Williamsport, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Katherine Michelle Muncy, to Joshua Wayne Banks, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Banks, of Van Lear. A traditional open ceremony will be held on May 28, 2005, at the Van Lear Freewill Baptist Church, at 5:30 p.m. Katherine and Joshua are both 2004 graduates of Morehead State University, and 2000 graduates of Johnson Central High School. Katherine is presently attending the Appalachian School of Law, in Grundy, Virginia. Joshua is presently employed at Sylvania, in Winchester.



Walters-Ailes

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters, of Emma, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Colin Tyler Ailes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ailes, of Lancaster, Ohio. Jennifer is the maternal granddaughter of Mrs. Ollie Wells, of Prestonsburg, and the paternal granddaughter of Mrs. Bonnie Walters, of Emma. Colin is the maternal grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tyler, of Lancaster, Ohio. He is the paternal grandson of Mrs. Ethel Sheppard Ailes Woyan, of Wellston, Ohio, and the late Herbert Ailes. The wedding will take place on Saturday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church.

Birth



It's a Girl!

Jayla Nicole Little was born on February 15, 2005, at King's Daughters Medical Center, to proud parents John and Stacy Little, of Drift. She weighed 8 lbs., 12 and one-half oz. She is the granddaughter of Barry and Cheryl Hall and Larry and Barbara Shepherd, all of McDowell, and Patsy Little, of Hi Hat, and the late Gary Little.

Birthdays



Birthday Celebration Invitation

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints extends a cordial invitation to all to attend a birthday party in honor of C. Philip Dingus this coming Saturday, May 7, 2005, to be held at the church, in Martin, from 4-6 p.m.

Survival Skills

Participants attended classes in two areas of their own choosing, among those selected from being: Auto mechanics, plumbing, electricity, home repair, welding, first aid, surveying and mapping, home security, wood working, heating and cooling, career choices and stress management. Participants walked away from most sessions with “freebies” such as a new hammer, screwdrivers, tire pressure gauge, windshield cleaning solvent, work gloves, flashlights, tape measures, and even, in some cases, a handmade extension cord.

Informational materials were also in abundance dealing with higher education choices, as well as information on how to land that perfect new job.

A formal sit-down luncheon of turkey and dressing, baked ham, vegetables, salad, hot rolls, dessert and drinks was also provided each participant, as well as door prizes ranging

from hand held tools to personal gift items, nursery plants and hanging baskets.

Sponsoring these workshops on learning how to prepare for, and deal with, life's little emergencies, were: The First Stop for Parents Career Development Center (Big Sandy Community and Technical College), Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, UK Wood Utilization Center, Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center (Morehead State University), UK Cooperative Extension Service, and Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.

The “Survival Skills” workshops are an annual event. Transportation and child care assistance is available for those who qualify. For information about the First Stop for Parents Career Development Center, or for information on how you can learn more about the workshop sponsors and their programs, you may call 886-3863, ext. 67191.

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photos by Kathy J. Prater
Those in attendance were treated to a formal luncheon with all the trimmings.



Jean Rosenberg, program administrator, BSCTC's First Stop for Parents Career Development Center, helped hand out door prizes at day's end.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 877-0165

AMENDMENT 4 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 327, Old U.S. 23, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.5 mile

north of Gunlock in Magoffin/Floyd County. The amendment operation will add 157.57 acres of surface disturbance and 131.77 acres of highwall/thin seam mining area, making a total area of 1378.73 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 mile north from Brushy Fork Road's junction with Ky. Route 7, and located on Molly Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Tony Wireman Heirs, Sandy Shepherd, Marie Whitaker, Ruth Shepherd, Nancy Whitaker, Luther Shepherd, Edgar Fleming, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The highwall/thin seam mining will underlie Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Astro Clay Collins, et al., Rose Collins, and Vonda & James Kerns. The operation will use the area mining and highwall/thin seam methods of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127, South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

This is the final advertisement for this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CASE NO. 04-CI-01147 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY PLAINTIFF VS. RAYMOND EDWIN JOSEPH, CHARLOTTE JOSEPH DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of March 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$67,793.20, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of May, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 812 Jack Arnett Branch Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the right hand fork of Middle Creek and being more particularly described as Lot 4 of the Arnett Branch Subdivision, Plat Book Number 1-1-98, County Clerk's and reference is

made to that plat for a more particularized description of the above referenced property. Being the same property conveyed to Raymond Edwin Joseph and Charlotte Joseph, his wife, by Deed dated May 3, 1990, and recorded in Deed Book 335, Page 687, in deed records of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right

of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-815 BCG TRUST 2004-1 PLAINTIFF VS.

Ralph King, Shirley King, Automotive Finance Corporation, Chrysler Credit Corporation, Appalachian Wireless, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Finance and Administration Cabinet, Legal Recoveries, Inc., County of Floyd Defendants
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of March 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$112,136.55, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of May, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 867 Tolers Creek Road, Harold, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the west side of Tolers Creek at a mulberry tree at the corner of Barbara Keathley's lot, thence west across bottom at a right angle and up the hill on same course to top of the point, thence over the point on same course to a drain to Add Scott's line, thence north west course up the hill with Scott's line to top of knob at Grover Keathley's line, thence east along a ridge with said Keathley's line to a spur known as the pinnacle, thence a south course with Asa Bush's line to a corner of same line on top of point, thence east straight down hill with said line to an old spring, thence across a bottom same course to Tolers Creek, thence south with Tolers Creek to a mulberry tree at the beginning.

Second Tract: Beginning at a planted stone at Hale's Branch, approximately 34 feet from Tolers Creek, thence a southerly course up the creek 133 feet to a planted stone and Add Scott's line, thence a south east course with Add Scott's Line on a straight angle up the hill to near the upper corner of and old orchard to a planted stone, thence straight down the hill to a date tree at or near the branch, thence down said branch along the center or middle of same to a planted stone at the beginning.

Third Tract: Beginning at a date tree at Hale Branch, thence running up the branch a westerly course 50 feet to a planted stone, thence a southerly course 100 feet to a planted stone, thence a straight line an easterly direction 50 feet to a planted stone a corner to John Hale

and Add Scott's line, thence a straight line to the date tree at the branch at the beginning, this tract being the one purchased from Add Scott, which is recorded in Deed Book 184, Page 310. It is understood that Add Scott shall have a road along the branch to his property lying at the back of the Old Meade residence.

Being the same property conveyed to Ralph King and Shirley King, his wife, by Deed of Correction dated August 11, 1978, and recorded August 15, 1978, in Deed Book 236, Page 165, in the Deed Records of Floyd County, Kentucky.

Permanent Parcel No.: 095-00-00-074-01

TERMS OF SALE
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 05-CI-00051
U.S. Bank, NA (Successor by Merger to Firststar Bank, NA, f/k/d Star Bank, NA) Plaintiff
Vs. Terry Wendel,

Mildred Wendel, and Floyd County, Kentucky

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 11th day of March 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$124,979.72, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 2278 Toler Creek Road, Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Hobert Howell line at Route 1426; thence running with the Hobart Howell line to the top of a high point of the hill to a large marked Hickory tree; thence running down to the bottom of the hill to a concrete marker; thence running approximately west 110 feet to a concrete marker near Route 1426; thence running approximately 230 feet South back to the Hobart Howell line to the beginning.

Also this gives access to a 10 foot driveway to the property of Lorraine Damron Newman from Route 1428. For reference see Deed from Willie A. Damron and Erma Damron, his wife, to Mildred Damron Wendel, the female mortgagee dated August 6, 1997; recorded in Deed Book 415, Page 203, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Also see release of Right of First Refusal dated April 8, 1998, recorded in Deed Book 419, Page 491, in Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-00669 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, NA PLAINTIFF VS.

Robert A. Damron; Republic Bank, d/b/a Flagship Funding; Commonwealth of Kentucky, Revenue Cabinet; and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgement of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of March 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$83,415.23, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 2005, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1
Being the same property conveyed to Robert Damron and Dovelene Damron, his wife by deed dated August 22, 1972, of record in Deed Book 207, Page 462, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, in the May Village, near Allen, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:
Lots 43, 44 and 69, and a strip of land fifteen (15) ft. wide of Lots 45 and 70 adjacent to Lots 44 and 69 making 65 ft. frontage overall in Block three (3). Lots 43 and 44 are each 25 ft. wide and Lot 69 is fifty ft. wide.

Tract 2
Being the same property conveyed to Robert Damron and Dovelene Damron, his wife, by deed dated February 28, 1972, of record in Deed Book 209, Page 119, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, in the May Village (Mays

Garden) which is more particularly described as follows: Lots 39, 40, 41, 42, 67 and 68, Block No. 3 in May Village, (Mays Garden) and being one hundred feet frontage.

The above described property is subject to those certain reservations, restrictions and exceptions contained in that certain deed of conveyance from Joe I. May and Lida May, his wife, to Town Hall and Hollie B. Hall dated June 2, 1966, of record in Deed Book 190, Page 426, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-01221 U.S. Bank, NA Plaintiff Vs. Michelle Roth and the unknown spouse of Michelle Roth Defendants
BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of March 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action,

in the principal sum of \$38,616.18, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 4 North Roberts Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Goble-Roberts Addition to the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and being Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Block G as shown by plat or map on file in the office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court, to which reference is hereby made and all improvements located and situated thereon.

Being the same property conveyed to Michelle Roth by deed dated October 22, 1997 of record in Deed Book 417, Page 647, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it

shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5238 Amendment #3

1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Ky. 41839, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.9 mile northeast of Handshoe, in Knott and Floyd Counties. This amendment will not add any surface disturbance, but will underlie an additional 1992.0 acres, making a total area of 3595.7 acres within the amended permit boundary.

2) The proposed amendment is approximately 0.2 mile west from County Road 1280's junction with Ky. Hwy. 2029, and located along Lick Fork.

3) The proposed amendment is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. There is no surface area to be disturbed by this amendment. The amendment area will underlie land owned by the Kentucky Department of Transportation, Western Pocahontas Properties Ltd., Rosa Oney, Kenneth Bailey, Clyde Bailey, D.D. Compton and Betty Compton. The operation will not affect an area within 100' of a public road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the

Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS FROM PROVIDERS OF TRANSPORTATION OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Floyd County Fiscal Court requests and will accept applications until Friday, May 6, 2005, at the hour of 4:00 o'clock p.m., for the following:

Applications for Supplementary Funds from Providers of Transportation of Nonpublic School Students

Applications will be accepted at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, 2nd Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. [Telephone: (606) 886-9193], during regular business hours, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

Paul Hunt
Thompson,
Floyd County
Judge/Executive

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0315

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 205.7 acres, and will underlie an additional 14.4 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek, and Grassy Creek of Licking River.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour strip, area mining, and highwall/auger methods of mining.

The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Carl Reed, Jimmy & Carl Reed, I. Richmond-Heirs, Dosie Bailey, et al., Delphia M. Hale & Carol S.

Wireman, and Knott Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Dosie Bailey, et al., and Knott Land Company, Inc.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will accept sealed bids until Friday, April 22, 2005, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m. for the following:

Thirty Thousand Feet (30,000') of Four Inch (4") SDR-21 PVC water line, in 20' joints, for installing water lines in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Prospective bidders may submit sealed bids for the specified amount and type of water line, either in person or by postage delivery, at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 [Telephone: (606) 886-9193] during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until Friday, April 22, 2005 at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m. No further bids will be accepted after Friday, April 22, 2005 at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest and/or best bidder at the Special Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court to be held on Friday, April 22, 2005 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the County Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
PAUL HUNT THOMPSON, Floyd County Judge/Executive

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FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE NO. 05-002
An Ordinance Amending the Floyd County Administrative Code, Adopted October 24, 1978

Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky, as follows:
Amendment
 1. That SECTION 261.5 of the Floyd County Administrative Code as set forth in Floyd County, Kentucky Fiscal Court Orders Book 9, pages 618, 622, be and the same is hereby AMENDED by adding to the same the following underlined language: 261.5 The Judge/Executive and treasurer shall sign all checks. In the case of payroll for each county official whose employees are not under the direct supervision of the Fiscal Court, the Judge/Executive and Treasurer shall on a monthly basis issue and sign a check made payable to a payroll revolving fund account in an amount equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the total appropriation for that county official's payroll, as set forth in the County's budget for the fiscal year, and that county official shall, in turn, be responsible for all record keeping associated with payroll and for the issuance of payroll checks to himself and to all subordinate employees in accordance and in conformity with the county official's and the Fiscal Court's adopted policies and procedures.
Effective Date
 2. This Amendment to the Floyd County Administrative Code shall be effective upon its Second Reading, Adoption, and Passage by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, as required by law, however, for purposes of setting a date for implementing this change to the policies and procedures for administration of payroll, this amendment shall coincide with the commencement of Fiscal Year 2005-2006, to wit, July 1, 2005.

duly convened meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, held the 22nd day of April, 2005.
 PAUL H. THOMPSON, Floyd County Judge/Executive

This Ordinance will be given a Second Reading and voted upon, at a duly convened meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, to be held the 20th day of May, 2005, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the County Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the Old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky.

PAUL H. THOMPSON, Floyd County Judge/Executive
 Attest: CHRIST WAUGH, Floyd County Clerk

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 05FA001507, Divorce 40101
In re the marriage of:

Connie M. Jenkins, petitioner, and Justin J. Jenkins, respondent.

The state of Wisconsin, to the person named above as respondent:

You are hereby notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce against you.

Within 45 days after the 22 day of February, 2005, exclusive of the date just stated, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition. The demand must be sent or delivered to this court, whose address is: Clerk of Circuit Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. Ninth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233, and to Connie M. Jenkins, petitioner, whose address is 520 West Riverwood Drive, Apt. 204, Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154. You may have an attorney help or

represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You are further hereby notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of the following criminal statute is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 years, or both: 48.31 Interference with custody by parent or others. If you and the petitioner have minor children, a document setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the Department under sec. 49.22(9), Stats., and listing the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under sec. 767.25(1m), Stats. is available upon your request from the clerk of court. You are further hereby notified of the availability of information set forth in sec. 767.081 Stats., from the family court commissioner.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2005. Petitioner appearing pro se, Connie M. Jenkins. Petitioner's address: 520 W. Riverwood Dr., Apt 204, Oak Creek, WI 53154.

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This Week: Cinco de Mayo

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HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO!

Cinco de Mayo may be a bigger festival in the United States than it is in Mexico. Read on to learn about this festive holiday!

CELEBRATION BEGINS

In 1967, some students at a university in California wanted to establish a day to celebrate the culture of Mexico in honor of the many Mexican-Americans that live in the United States. It would be a day to have fiestas and provide all Americans a chance to learn about Mexico and its traditions.

They picked the 5th of May. **Cinco de Mayo** is how you say "fifth of May" in Spanish. Some people think that Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day, but that is not correct.

Cinco de Mayo is the day in 1862 on which 5,000 poorly armed Mexicans led by General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated the French army in what came to be known as the "Batalla de Puebla."

Today, people celebrate Cinco de Mayo by eating good **comida**, playing **guitarras**, and doing traditional **bailes**.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the significance of holidays; compare the customs and traditions of various cultures.



Find the pair of parrot piñatas that are identical.

How to Play the Piñata Game

1. Hang a piñata from a tree branch.
2. Form a circle around a piñata.
3. Select someone to stand in the center with eyes blindfolded.
4. The blindfolded player is given a stick and permitted three tries at breaking the piñata.
5. If the piñata is not broken, another player tries.
6. When the piñata breaks, causing a shower of gifts to pour down on the floor, the entire party makes a wild scramble to gather shares of the treasure.

Translations Por Favor!

There are several Spanish words in the Cinco de Mayo article. Can you figure out which one means each of the following in English?

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand the latin origin of words.

food	_____	guitars	_____
town	_____	dances	_____
festivals	_____	please	_____

MAKE A PIÑATA WITH THE NEWSPAPER!

Create your own colorful piñata for Cinco de Mayo. It's fun & easy!

- You will need:**
- a large balloon
 - lots of newspaper
 - 5 cups of flour
 - water
 - masking tape
 - colored tissue
 - glue
 - scissors
 - string
 - pencil
 - paint (optional)

<p>1. Blow up the balloon and tie tightly.</p>	<p>2. Tear the newspaper into long, thin strips (about 1 inch wide and at least 12 inches long). You'll need lots of strips!</p>	<p>3. In a large bowl, mix 5 cups of flour with water- adding the water slowly until it looks a little like pancake batter.</p>	<p>4. Dip a newspaper strip in the flour and water mixture, wetting it completely. Then drape it over the balloon.</p>
<p>5. Continue overlapping strips until the balloon is completely covered.</p>	<p>6. Add more and more layers of newspaper until you have applied 5-10 layers. Allow to dry completely.</p>	<p>7. When your piñata is completely dry, you can paint it and glue colored tissue paper all over it.</p>	<p>8. To fill the piñata, cut a small flap in the top, bend it back carefully and drop in small, wrapped candies.</p>

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

COLORFUL WORDS

The following words are how you say the names of different colors in Spanish. Guess which color each word names. Then do the math to check your guess! Color each Spanish word the correct color.

$23 + 7 + 3 =$	ROJO	Yellow = 27
$9 + 6 + 4 =$	VERDE	Blue = 17
$34 - 11 - 6 =$	AZUL	Orange = 26
$6 + 5 + 3 =$	ROSADO	Green = 19
$14 + 7 + 6 =$	AMARILLO	Red = 33
$15 - 5 - 2 =$	MORADO	Gold = 9
$8 + 14 + 4 =$	NARANJA	Pink = 14
$17 + 1 - 9 =$	DORADO	Purple = 8

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Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

CINCO
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MEXICO
PUEBLA
FRENCH
GUITARRAS
BAILES
MORADO
DORADO
COMIDA
ROJO
BALLOON
DIP
FAVOR
AZUL

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Signs of Mexico

Look through the newspaper for examples of Mexican culture in your community. Maybe there is a Mexican restaurant, people of Mexican descent that have traditional Spanish names, places with Spanish names, food, architecture, fashion or celebrations. How many can you find?

Standards Link: Social Science: Students describe the varied backgrounds of American citizens; recognize the forms of diversity in their community.

What do you get when you cross a centipede with a parrot?

ANSWER: A walkie-talkie.

Weekly Writing Corner

Fiesta

Imagine that you have been asked to organize a festival. What would happen at your fiesta?

If I had a "Fiesta," I would make enchiladas, which is a food from Mexico. I would eat albondigas, frijoles and quesadillas. These are all great foods, but there are also great beverages like horchata, tamarindo, Jamaica and others too. I would also have appetizers like churos, flan and jelatina. Ummm, they are so delicious but I think I have a tummy ache!

Daniella, 6th grade

If I planned a festival, it would be a Western festival with BBQ and cowboy decorations.

Amber, 6th grade

If I had a fiesta, it would be for a basketball world championship. We would have games like a dunk contest, three point contest and basketball shooting games.

James, 6th grade

If I could have a party, it would be fun. I would have hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, punch and chips. We would play Bingo and have a three-legged race. Later we would watch a movie.

Marissa, 5th grade

I would have salsa dancers, lights, music, a free arcade, baby-sitting, and all kinds of food from around the world, and a live performance by a band called "Lincoln Park."

Dominic, 5th grade

If I were to organize a festival, I would put on a concert. I would invite Hilary Duff to come and sing for us. We would have "Taco Bell" and lobster. I think people would like that kind of food!

Hannah, 4th grade

If I were holding a fiesta, I would have the participants do the Limbo all night. I would serve Mexican food. I would end the night by having a DJ play lots of music.

Harsh, 6th grade

Write On!

Fiesta

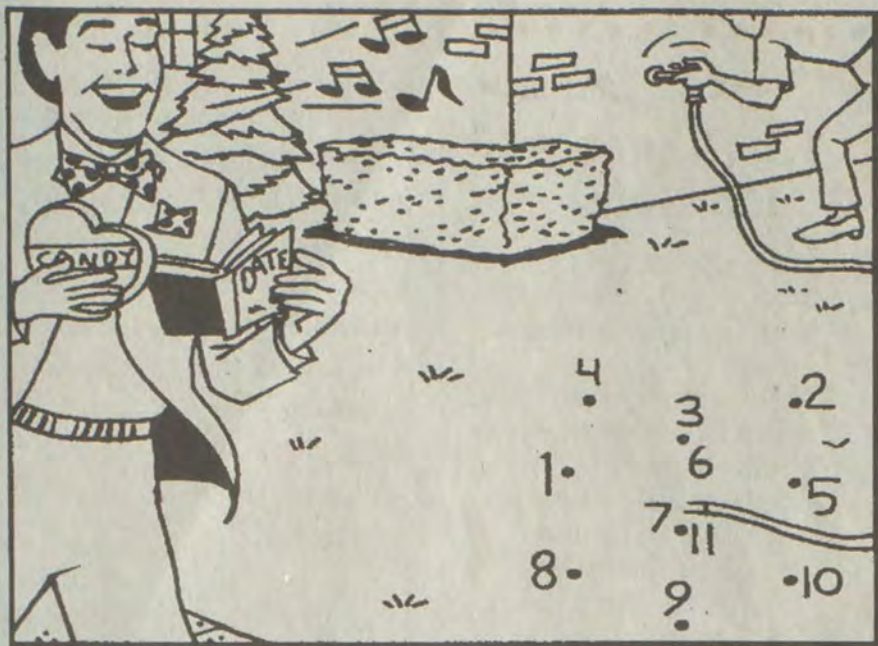
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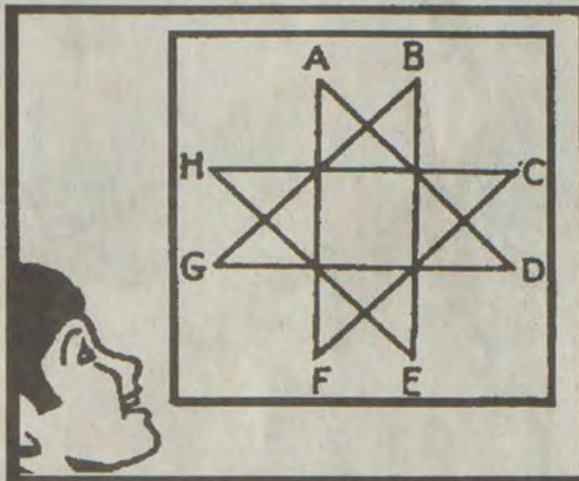
COLORING PAGE



WATER HAZARD! Careful, dude, there may be a damper on your date. Connect dots from 1 to 2, 3 and so on.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



POINT OF NO RETURN LINE-UP TESTER

OBJECT of this exercise is to X out each of the eight lettered corners of the figure at left in the following manner:

Start at any lettered corner point, draw a line to an opposite corner, and mark that corner with an X.

Pick another starting corner, draw similarly to an opposite corner, and mark that spot with an X, etc.

Goal is to be able to proceed to all but one corner, X that corner, and you have passed the test.

Catch: You are not permitted to move to or from any corner previously X'ed.

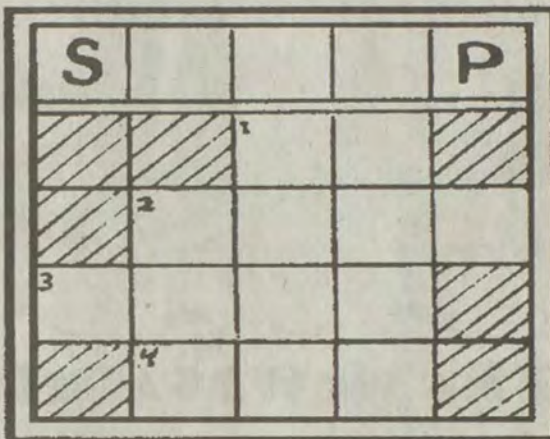
How's it done?

Trick is to make each starting point the finish of next move. Example: A-D, F-A, C-F, H-C, E-H, B-E, G-B, X out G.

MEMORY TEST! "Remember me? My son here is the same age I was when you squirted water on me back in 1968," said the 43-year-old father to the circus elephant. How old is his son?

Six years old.

FIND-A-WORD! Let's see how quickly you can discover a mystery word at the top of the diagram at right. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.



1. Relative of be.
2. Summer place for kids.
3. Swindler's cheating scheme.
4. Eccentric gear wheel.

Time limit for test is 1 minute.

1. Am. 2. Camp. 3. Scam. 4. Cam. Mystery word: Scamp.

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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Ladybug Dots

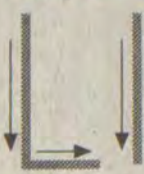
Look at the dots on the ladybugs. Circle the ladybugs with 7 black dots on their backs.



My Letters

L is for Ladybug

l is for ladybug



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter L. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the L sound like the word ladybug?

My Numbers

How many lava lamps?

How many leaves?

How many lollipops?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

Ladybug, Ladybug, fly away home;
Your house is on fire
and your children are gone.
All but one and her name is Ann;
She hid under the frying pan.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Ladybugs like



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter L in the word ladybug.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 7 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Large and Little
Ask your child if one thing in a newspaper picture is large or little. Repeat asking about other objects in the picture. For example, if there is a picture of an adult and a child, ask, "Is the adult large?" "Is the adult larger than the child?"

Wednesday

Count the Legs
Look through the newspaper and count the number of legs you can find. How many people's legs? How many animal legs? For an extra challenge, ask your child to point out the thighs, knees and ankles.

Thursday

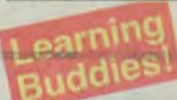
True or not?
Look at a newspaper picture with your child. Say something about the picture. Then ask your child if what you said is true or not. Make more true/false statements and then let your child have a turn to try and trick you. Repeat with more pictures.

Friday

Alphabet Soup
Cut out each of the letters of the alphabet and put them into a cold pot. Give your child a spoon to "ladle" out letters. Have your child say the letters he or she ladles. For more of a challenge, have your child put the letters into ABC order.

Saturday

Left and Right
Put a sheet of newspaper on the floor. Give your child directions such as, "Touch the top left corner with your right hand." "Step with your left foot on the lower left corner."



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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

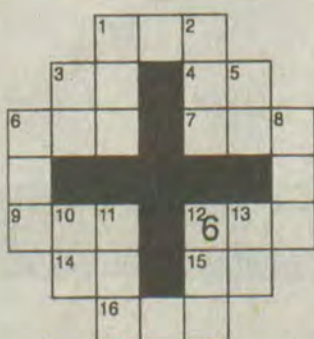
Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS

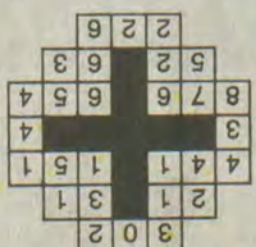
- Two times 7-Across
- One-third of 15-Across
- The first digit is three times the last digit
- Three more than 6-Down
- Seven more than 8-Down
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- 3-Across plus 4-Across
- Ten more than 13-Down
- Digits of 11-Down reversed

DOWN

- Nine more than 1-Across
- Five more than 16-Across



Rational Numbers answers



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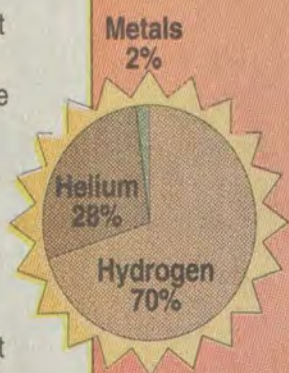
What is the sun?

The sun is one of more than 100 billion stars in our galaxy and the largest object in the solar system. It contains more than 99.8 percent of the total mass of the solar system, with Jupiter containing most of the rest.

The sun is an ordinary star, and there are many stars similar to it. But there are many more smaller stars than large ones, and the sun is in the top 10 percent of all by mass. In our galaxy, the average size of a star is about less than half the mass of the sun.

What is it made of?

Currently, the sun is about 70 percent hydrogen, 28 percent helium and less than 2 percent metals. Over time, the sun's core converts hydrogen to helium, changing the percentages of materials.



Physical properties

Because the sun is not a solid body, its layers rotate at different rates. This is called **differential rotation** and is seen on gas planets. The sun's equator rotates once every 25.4 days. Near the poles, rotation takes as long as 36 days. The core rotates as a solid body. The sun is about 4.5 billion years old. Since its birth, it has used up about half of the hydrogen in the core. Scientists estimate it will continue to radiate peacefully for another 5 billion years, but become twice as luminous during that time. Scientists predict that the sun will eventually exhaust all of its hydrogen fuel.

Diameter	868,000 miles	(1,400,000 km)
Mass	1.989e30 kg	
Temperatures		
Surface	9,300 F	(5,800 K)
Core	29,000,000 F	(16,000,000 K)

The sun's layers

The surface, or **photosphere**, is about about 9,300 F (5,800 degrees Kelvin, or K). Regions called **sunspots** are 3,800 K and can be very large, as much as 30,000 miles (50,000 km) in diameter.

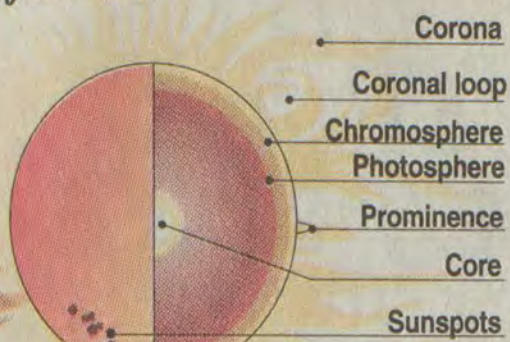
The **chromosphere** lies above the photosphere.

A region above the chromosphere, called the **corona**, extends millions of kilometers into space but is visible only during a total solar eclipse. Temperatures in the corona are over 1,800,000 F (1,000,000 K).

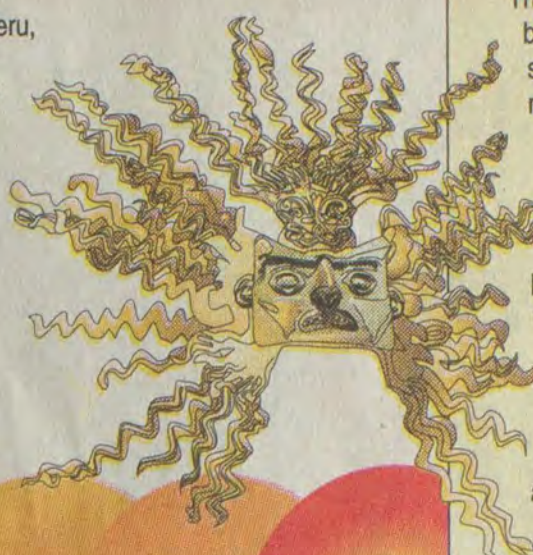
Conditions at the **core** (about 25 percent of the inner radius) are extreme. Temperatures reach about 29,000,000 F (16,000,000 K). Pressure is equivalent to 250 billion atmospheres. At the center of the core the sun's density is more than 150 times that of water.

The sun's **magnetosphere** (also known as the heliosphere) extends well beyond Pluto and is very strong.

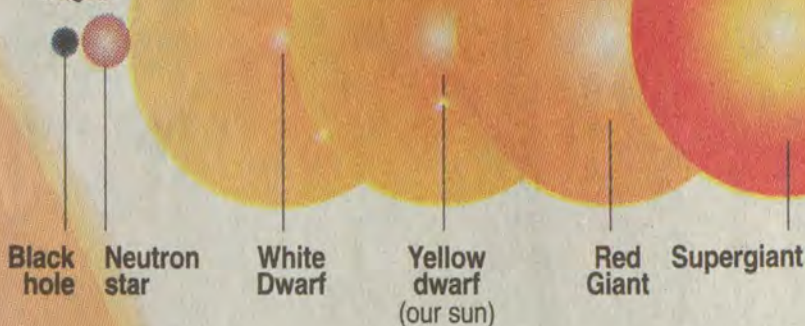
Parts of the sun



The Incas, of Peru, worshipped the sun and created complex calendars to follow it through the sky. They made elaborate gold jewelry to resemble and honor the sun.



Star sizes



Energy output

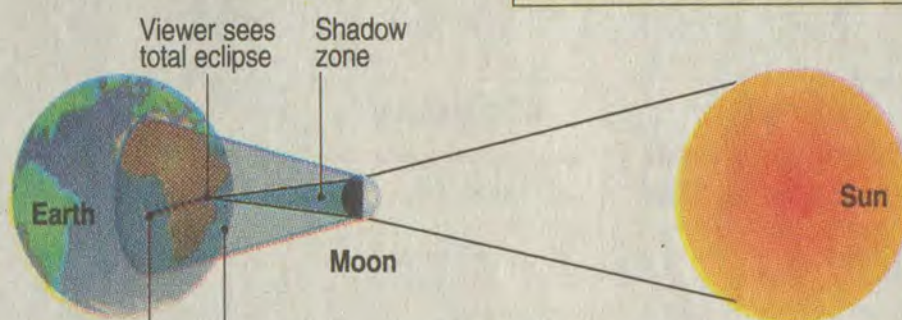
The sun produces 386 billion megawatts every second in nuclear fusion reactions. Every second, 700 million tons of hydrogen are converted to 695 million tons of helium to produce 5 million tons of energy in the form of **gamma rays**. Energy is continuously absorbed and re-emitted at lower and lower temperatures as it moves away from the core. By the time it reaches the surface, it is primarily visible light. The last 20 percent of the journey to the surface is carried more by **convection** than by **radiation**.

The sun's output is not constant. Sunspot activity also fluctuates. During a period of low sunspot activity in the latter half of the 17th century (The Maunder Minimum), a period of abnormally cold temperatures occurred in northern Europe. This period is sometimes known as the "Little Ice Age."

The sun is a symbol and is personified in many mythologies. The Greeks called it "Helios" and the Romans called it "Sol."

Solar Eclipses

Eclipses of the sun occur when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth. A total eclipse is rare and only seen in a narrow path.



Eclipse types

- Partial** — The moon passes in front of the sun, but does not cover it completely.
- Total** — The moon covers the sun completely. A small region of the Earth will see a total eclipse, other observers see a partial eclipse.
- Annular** — When the moon is further away from the Earth it will not appear large enough to cover the sun, which appears as a dark-centered ring.
- Hybrid** — A total eclipse in some parts of the world, and an annular eclipse in others.

Prominences are outbursts of glowing hydrogen gas.

The Sun

Sunspots are loops of magnetic energy that usually appear in pairs.

Eclipse outlook

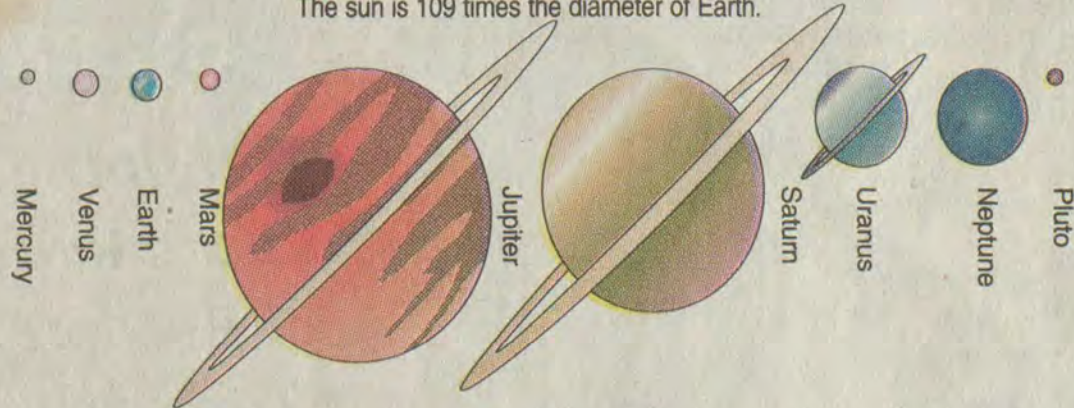
Date	Place	Type
Oct. 3, 2005	Europe, Africa, S. Asia	Annular
March 29, 2006	Africa, Europe, W. Asia, C. Africa, Turkey, Russia	Total
Sept. 22, 2006	South America, Western Africa, Antarctica, S. Atlantic	Annular

Quiescent prominences are stable and can last days or months. **Eruptive prominences** can reach as far as 2 million kilometers into space.

Since the formation of the solar system, the sun's output has increased by about 40 percent.

The sun's family

Nine planets and a large number of smaller objects orbit the sun. There is some controversy about how they should be classified. The sun is 109 times the diameter of Earth.



The sun's cycles

Sunspots are magnetic depressions that appear dark, but are quite bright. They are about the size of the Earth and often occur in groups. Sunspots occur when a concentrated portion of the sun's magnetic field pokes through its surface. The field slows energy from entering the sunspot region, causing sunspots to appear cooler, darker and lower than the surrounding area. Sunspots usually last several days before dissipating. The number of sunspots is always changing, generally going from a **solar maximum** to a **solar minimum** about every 5-1/2 years.

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