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\$55,000 in drugs recovered

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Kentucky State Police, acting in concert with several drug-crime units, raided a Pike County home Friday and seized over \$55,000 in drugs.

A search warrant was executed around 3 p.m. at the Left Fork home of Nick R. Ortega, who was not present. KSP teamed with officers from HIDTA, DESI and a canine unit to search Ortega's residence after receiving a tip from a confidential informant.

The search turned up 15 ounces of cocaine, 253 Oxycontin tablets, 24 hydrocodone tablets and 16 clonazpams.

The search was part of an ongoing investigation and an arrest warrant has been ordered for Ortega.

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Hospital, workers avoid strike

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Union workers and Highlands Regional Medical Center reached an agreement on a three-year contract Friday, averting a strike of more than 250 hospital employees.

The hospital has been negotiating with SEIU/District 1199 employees since May 16. Those service, clerical and technical workers threatened to strike if agreements

weren't reached by noon Sunday.

The hospital placed its final offer on the table Friday and union employees voted to ratify the contract Saturday. The hospital handed out raises, changed the pension plan and promised better health insurance costs for employees.

"We are happy to have averted a strike and that we came together and reached an agreement," said Kathy McCormick, SEIU's Kentucky and West Virginia coordinator.

Workers will receive a 2 percent pay increase this month, a 2 percent pay increase in January and a 3 percent increase in July 2006, officials reported.

Both sides agreed that the current health insurance pay and the hospital's current biweekly payment schedule will remain unchanged and in effect for the first year of the contract. An optional basic plan will go into effect this September, according to the agreement. McCormick said the health insurance

package includes "slight increases" (from approximately \$5 to \$10) during the second and third contract years.

SEIU employees will also get improved pension plans next year. The hospital's current pension benefit plan will be discontinued and each employee will be enrolled in a 401(k) plan. The hospital will make a contribution (3 percent of the employee's gross wages total)

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Jeffrey Boyd, center, shared a moment with his sister Evelyn Newsome, left, and brother, Greg, during a welcome home party Monday. The siblings were reunited this week after Boyd spent more than a year with the Army in Iraq.

photos by Mary Music

Wheelwright throws a party for soldier returning from Iraq

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — "I've known him since he was knee-high to a grasshopper," Wheelwright Mayor David Sammons said at a welcome home party for Jeffrey Boyd Monday.

Boyd was tearful, thankful, and smothered in hugs and kisses from family members and friends who came to welcome him home at the Wheelwright Community park Monday evening.

Stationed in Fort Drum, N.Y., Boyd had served in Iraq since leaving for service on June 13, 2004.

He returned to the country last month, underwent routine leave processing and came back to his



Wheelwright gleamed with patriotic symbols and banners during the welcome home celebration Monday.

Floyd County home Saturday. Boyd spent the weekend with his wife's family in Betsy Layne. He was told to "stay out of Wheelwright until Monday." The welcome home was a complete surprise, he said.

"He's lost weight, but he looks good, don't he?" one woman in the

crowd said as Boyd, surrounded by a circle of family members, walked down the sidewalk to the picnic area, where a band, led by Sammons, played gospel music. Boyd was carried into the city by a Wheelwright Fire Department

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Escape charges for one heard in district court

Other suspect remains loose

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — One of the men involved in last week's escape from the Floyd County Detention Center was arraigned in district court for the incident Monday.

Delmar Kendrick Jr. appeared in court via monitor from the jail and was granted a preliminary hearing on his new charges, which include first-degree escape as well as attempted escape. Kendrick earned the first charge for escaping his cell but avoided a second charge of escape when he was tackled by Deputy Delmas Johnson.

Kendrick's partner in the escape, Roman Johnson, was able to flee the jail after he wedged his 6-foot-8-inch, 250-pound frame through a prisoner intake box which is normally used to receive mail and valuables for inmates. He remains at large and was being held on charges of receiving stolen property, theft of identity without consent, unsworn

falsification to authorities, falsely reporting an incident, second-degree forgery, driving on a suspended or revoked license and no insurance.

Kendrick also faces two counts of assault for attacking the guards on duty as well as one charge of unlawful imprisonment for locking a guard in his cell after he was overpowered while dispensing medications to the prisoners.

Kendrick was placed under a \$250,000 cash bond by Judge James Allen. His preliminary hearing was set for July 27.

Kendrick was originally housed at the detention center after being indicted on two counts of first-degree sexual abuse. Kendrick stood accused of having sexual relations with a minor child in March. He was housed under a \$50,000 bond in that case.

Kendrick also has charges pending in district court, where he was charged with resisting arrest, public intoxication and fourth-degree assault. He was out on bond awaiting a court trial date on those charges when he was indicted by a grand jury for the sexual assault case.

Fiscal court to borrow \$750,000

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special meeting Tuesday to once again deal with budgetary shortfalls related to flood relief money which has yet to be issued to the county 14 months after the Memorial Day flood of 2004.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson called the meeting Monday when it became apparent that a check from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is still a long way off. He also discussed a meeting in Frankfort, which

has yet to be scheduled, in which the court will try to convince officials to restore \$250,000 that was cut from the FEMA money when it was decided that the county didn't need as much funds for debris removal after the floods.

The county has paid \$450,000 for debris removal and bridge restoration which may not be covered by FEMA though the agency did approve the spending initially.

The court is facing a budget setback due to the FEMA grant being late as well as having to wait for

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Two more charged in theft ring

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The investigation into a widespread ring of motor vehicle thefts conducted by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department continued to bear fruit this week, with three

charges of receiving stolen property being brought against two Floyd County men.

Mickey McKinney, 26, of Harold, and Walter Moore Jr., 29, of Grethel, were arraigned in district court Tuesday and each was placed on a \$2,500 cash bond in the case, with preliminary hearings

set for next week to determine if their cases will be heard by a grand jury.

The two men are charged with receiving stolen property which amounted to utility trailers and one riding lawnmower. All of the

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Odds & Ends

■ **GREELEY, Colo.** — The mystery of the missing garden gnomes may prove harder to solve after all.

Police found about 80 of the pint-sized figurines stashed in black plastic bags and surrounded by youngsters on Saturday, but investigators don't think the children stole them.

In fact, Sgt. Dave Adams said the children most likely found them, so it's back to square one.

Adams said police will call people who reported their gnomes stolen to come identify the decorative yard items.

Elsie Schnorr, who had 30 gnomes stolen from her front lawn more than a month ago, will be among the first to retrieve her property.

"I could identify every one of them. My name isn't on them, but I know which ones are mine. Most of mine are one-of-kind," she said.

■ **NEW YORK** — A man being questioned for jury duty found himself in trouble with the law when he referred to a kidnapping suspect with a vulgarity.

Stephen Caruso, a 27-year-

old financial planner, was fined \$1,000 on Monday. The judge said the court could not allow such "insulting, demeaning invective spewed at a defendant."

Caruso, who faced up to 30 days in jail, was found guilty of contempt for comments he made before jury selection in the trial of a carjacking-kidnaping case.

The defendant, Robert Sanford, 59, has been convicted and awaits sentencing in August.

"I'm relieved that I'm not going to jail," Caruso said after leaving court Monday. He also apologized for his behavior.

Last month, the prospective juror told lawyers that he could not give Sanford a fair trial, referring to him with a vulgar word.

Norman Steiner, Caruso's lawyer, said his client had been robbed at gunpoint while a college student in New Orleans.

Caruso said that if he were called again to jury duty he would be honest but would use language more appropriate to a courtroom.

■ **SOUTHINGTON, Conn.** — Whether or not music soothes the soul may be put to the test in Southington Town Hall.

In an effort to protect against eavesdropping during closed-door executive sessions, the Town Council decided to install a \$1,200 sound system to pipe music into hallways outside Town Council chambers.

The measure, however, was left in limbo when the finance board deadlocked last week.

Town officials were uncertain how the finance board's action would affect the council's plan.

Details about confidential executive sessions have occasionally appeared in newspapers, leading to suspicion that an unidentified reporter was eavesdropping.

But Councilman Arthur Secondo said drowning out conversation with music was unnecessary.

"All you have to do is ask people to move away from the door when executive sessions are being held," he said. "A little common sense, not flooding the hallways with music, is the answer."

■ **BOSTON** — Jurors at Geuri Lugo's drug trafficking trial may not have gotten one of the cigarette breaks they requested, but that doesn't mean the guilty verdict should go up in smoke, the state Appeals Court has ruled.

Lugo was convicted of trafficking in heroin and cocaine. He appealed, saying the judge's denial of the jury's request for a smoke break had contributed to a quick or compromised verdict.

The Appeals Court on Monday rejected Lugo's appeal, saying it was within Judge Richard F. Connon's discretion to deny the request.

It was during the first day of deliberations at Lugo's April 2003 trial that jurors sent a note with three questions, including a request to take a break outside to smoke.

The judge denied the request, saying it was problematic to suspend deliberations and send court officers to stay with the

jurors outside as they smoked. He also noted that jurors had just returned from lunch 30 minutes earlier and were scheduled to go home an hour later.

"Lugo points to nothing other than the denial of the cigarette break; he does not otherwise show how the denial affected the outcome of the trial," the court said in its ruling.

■ **BROOK PARK, Ohio** — They take the concept of resting in peace seriously at the Humenik Funeral Chapel.

The chapel offers a bedroom-like setting — a bed and two end tables — instead of where the casket would usually be laid out.

Owner Joe Humenik opened his own funeral home in suburban Cleveland five years ago after spending 10 years in the business. He first tried out the "reposing bed" for someone very close to him — his mother.

He had observed at countless funerals how mourners awkwardly approach the casket, say their goodbyes then retreat to the seating area.

But when his mom was laid out in a reposing bed, people stood nearby throughout the visitation.

"It was a real phenomenon. People took chairs and were sitting around the bed. It was just amazing," he said.

Donna Smith, 55, attended a funeral two years ago in which her neighbor was laid out in a bed.

"It is like walking into their bedroom," Smith said. "It's just lovely. That's the way I want to go."

So what's next? Maybe lay-

ing out an individual in a favorite chair or recliner?

"If a family requested it, I would use a recliner," Humenik said.

■ **BUDAPEST, Hungary** — Here's the beef!

Police detained the meat manager of a Hungarian supermarket after he allegedly told staff to drastically lower the price of beef tenderloin — and then told his wife to come in and buy 47 pounds.

The manager, who was in custody for suspected fraud, is accused of telling meat-counter staff without a supervisor's approval to put the tenderloin on sale for \$4.40 per kilogram, instead of the usual price of \$13.95.

A few hours later, the manager's wife showed up at the store in the southern city of Kecskemet and tried to buy the beef at the discounted price. A cashier, aware the meat wasn't on sale, alerted security guards who called the police.

Authorities were still investigating whether the manager's wife knew of the fraud attempt or had tried to make the purchase in good faith, Kecskemet police spokesman Laszlo Ferenczi said.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — A movie fan had his nose bitten

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 20, the 201st day of 2005. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

On this date:

■ In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

■ In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

■ In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

■ In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

■ In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps — later known as WACs — began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

■ In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader.

■ In 1944, President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

■ In 1976, America's Viking One robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

■ In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pa., killing 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage.

■ In 1999, after 38 years at the bottom of the Atlantic, astronaut Gus Grissom's Liberty Bell 7 Mercury capsule was lifted to the surface.

Ten years ago: Leaders of the University of California voted to drop affirmative action policies on admissions and hiring. Baseball Hall-of-Famers Duke Snider and Willie McCovey pleaded guilty in New York to tax evasion.

Five years ago: The Mideast summit, resurrected only hours after its reported demise, moved forward with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright stepping in for President Clinton, who had left for an economic summit in Japan.

One year ago: Former national security adviser Sandy Berger quit as an informal adviser to Democrat John Kerry's presidential campaign after disclosure of a criminal investigation into whether he'd mishandled classified terrorism documents. Iraqi militants freed a Filipino truck driver after the Philippines government gave in to their demands to withdraw troops from Iraq. The head of slain American hostage Paul M. Johnson Jr. was found in a raid in Saudi Arabia. The United Nations General Assembly demanded that Israel tear down the barrier it was building to seal off the West Bank; Israel vowed to continue construction.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 75. Video artist Nam June Paik is 73. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 70. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 69. Actress Diana Rigg is 67. Rock musician John Lodge (The

Moody Blues) is 62. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 61. Singer Kim Carnes is 59. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 58. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols) is 49. Actress Donna Dixon is 48. Country singer Rodney Foster is 46. Actor Frank Whaley is 42. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 41. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 39. Actor Reed Diamond is 38. Actor Josh Holloway ("Lost") is 36. Singer Vitamin C is 36. Actor Simon Rex is 31. Actress Judy Greer is 30. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 27. Actor John Francis Daley ("Freaky and Geeks") is 20. Actress Billi Bruno ("According to Jim") is 9. **Thought for Today:** "A very great part of the mischiefs that vex this world arises from words." — Edmund Burke, British statesman (1729-1797).

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Jeremy Boyd and his wife, Daletta, walked hand-in-hand to the welcome home celebration Monday. His mother, Shelby, left, was ecstatic to be reunited with her son, who has been serving in Iraq for over a year.

photo by Mary Music

Soldier

truck. The entire park was decorated with patriotic ribbons and flags. A sign on the city's welcome sign read "Iraq and Back." Another banner, hung on the park fence, welcomed him home.

Boyd, a fire suppression specialist, has served in the army for 14 years. He believes that every American should serve in the armed forces. Doing so, he says, would help Americans appreciate the country's flag and freedom.

Boyd appreciated his American freedom when he met and helped families living in the war-torn country, a place where he says the words "department store" or "community park" are completely foreign concepts. U.S. troops gave children lacking educational and economic opportunities school books and supplies. They took food and water to needy families in small communities.

"We're helping the future of kids over there," he said. "They were used to a dictator and we helped them change to an election. We've done a lot of good since we've been there. We took school books to the kids. In the small towns, we took food and water to them. Sewage is a major problem over there. I hope one day we can leave that country and it will hopefully be able to stand on its own."

Boyd, who would not talk about the conflicts he was involved in, said "it got ugly" at times and that he now knows

what it feels like to be "scared all of the time."

"Not knowing your enemy makes it harder," someone said to him.

"Yes, yes, it does," he answered.

During his service, Boyd kept regular contact with his family through email. His son, Dalton, 11, wore a baseball cap that read "Iraq, TCB." Boyd said his mother signed every email that way because he was "taking care of business" in Iraq.

The family faced a trying time when they lost touch with Boyd while he was in transition during November and December. With regular contact broken, family members said they were sure that something terrible had happened. Boyd's sister, Evelyn Newsome, contacted the Red Cross and German hospitals, fearing the worst. His wife, Daletta, said she tried to keep everything normal — and busy — at home. She avoided television reports on the war and kept her children, Dalton, 11, Dalen, 9, and Jailyn, 2, involved in activities to ease their minds and lift her own spirits.

"I never watched the news, never read a newspaper," she said. "When he called, that's when I knew he was safe for that day. That call was what got me through that day."

Daletta Boyd says she's honored to "take this ride" with her husband, despite the difficulties and frustrations.

"That's what happens when you fall in love with a soldier," she said. "I'm just glad he choose me for the honor. The Army has been good to us for 14 years."

Boyd's mother, Shelby Boyd, said the whole ordeal broke her heart. She didn't want her son to join the military, but she supported him because "that's what mothers are supposed to do." Today, she is proud of him and she is ecstatic that he is home.

"He flew out last year on June 13 and it broke my heart," she said. "After he was gone, that's when I realized that when my child got there they let some other mother's child come home. Only God knows how it hurts you inside when they take your child. The days you don't hear from him are a living nightmare. You sit and watch the news and look at the soldiers and try to pick his face out. Part of you is gone, that's what it is. I couldn't believe he was actually home until I touched his face."

Boyd grew up in Wheelwright with his sister and three brothers. The children all participated in school sports and activities.

"He was a very special boy," Newsome said.

Boyd, who returned to America on June 15, says readjusting to civilian life "took some time."

The biggest adjustment, he said, was realizing that he could come home to his family every night.

"We lost guys, but a lot of us came back," Boyd said. "A lot of people in Floyd County don't know that we have a lot of guys serving over there from this area. They probably don't get a lot of recognition here. I pray that those guys return safe and sound to their families and I hope they get a welcome home like I did. I definitely won't ever forget this."

He said this as the band played "Blue Highway" in the background.

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to each account and match employee contributions to their accounts at the rate of 50 cents per dollar, but the hospital will pay no more than 2 percent of the employee's gross wages.

McCormick said the agreement helped improve funeral

leave regulations and other "language issues." It also provided SEIU employees with more flexibility in rotating shifts and the assignment of workers.

Workers wanted the right to "move people off shifts at will," she said, according to seniority.

County

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checks from the coal severance tax fund and the gas company sale which was approved two months ago.

The court adopted a resolution to take out a low-interest loan to cover the county while it waits for the various checks. All in attendance voted for the measure except for Magistrate

Jackie Owens, who noted that he felt that not enough of the money in the loan would go to pay repairing flood damages to his district.

The loan will come to \$750,000 for the county and will have to be paid back by Jan. 3 at a rate of 1.11 percent interest.

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Order issued after Newsome doesn't appear for ticket hearing

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County social worker Chris Newsome, who has been in and out of district court for several months now, failed to appear at a pretrial conference for a 2004 traffic violation case Monday.

District Judge James R. Allen issued a failure to appear order against Newsome, 32, of Toler Creek Road in Harold, during court proceedings.

Newsome was charged with speeding 26 miles per hour over the limit and for failing to wear seat belts in March 2004. Kentucky State Police Trooper David Watkins alleged in the citation that Newsome was driving 83 miles per hour in a 55-mile-per-hour zone in Ivel.

Judge Allen dismissed the case under the condition that Newsome not have any violations within 180 days. Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum filed a motion to redocket this case on May 12 because Newsome was caught speeding again on Sept. 6 by the same officer.

Judge Allen granted the motion and set the pretrial conference date for Monday.

Newsome's arraignment in the second traffic violation case, in which he was charged with driving 19 miles over the limit, was continued until December, when another failure to appear order was issued against him. In March, Assistant County Attorney Dwight Marshall amended the charge to faulty

equipment and set aside the order, which was listed as being "sent in error" by Judge Allen. Newsome was ordered to pay \$135.50 in court costs, according to the file, which also noted an order by Marshall to suspend imposed fines.

Trooper Watkins claimed in the citation that he clocked Newsome driving 74 mph in Ivel on that day. He also claimed that Newsome pulled into the Pizza Den parking lot to "avoid" him.

Newsome also faces 10 felony counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, charges that came about after his coworker with the Department of Protection and Permanency, Julie Morris, alleged that Newsome took her debit card without her permission in March and used it to make \$1,540 in withdrawals from ATMs at the First Commonwealth Bank in Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne. The transactions were videotaped, officials said.

Newsome, who posted a \$1,000 bond in May, has entered a not guilty plea in that case and is expected to be in court for a preliminary hearing on July 25.

The theft charges against him came a few days after he was found not guilty for falsely reporting an incident.

Newsome was charged with the misdemeanor offense in May 2004, after a local couple, Richard and Kimberly Hardy, claimed that he lied in order to have them removed from visitation with their son on May 5, 2004. Newsome told

Prestonsburg Police authorities that Richard Hardy threatened employees and threatened to damage his car during that visit. No threatening remarks were recorded on a recording device used by the Hardy couple, who filed charges and testified at the trial in March.

Newsome was also found guilty on April 22, 2004 for speeding 5 miles over the limit in Wolfe County. He was also found guilty on Jan. 20 in Floyd County for speeding 15 miles over the limit. He was ordered to pay more than \$160 in court costs and fines and reprimanded to state traffic school. The original charge in that case, according to Newsome's criminal history report, alleged that Newsome was driving 25 miles over the limit. The charge was amended prior to sentencing in January.

County Court Clerk Doug Hall said the order issued by Allen Monday will prompt the state Transportation Cabinet to contact Newsome by letter and give him 20 days to make a resolution or his license will be suspended.

Charges

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stolen property had a value over \$300, making the charges felonies under state law.

Sgt. Gary Tackett and Deputy Delmas Johnson have been on the case for almost two months and will see some of their efforts go before a grand jury this week.

The first arrest in the case was Kevin Hutchinson, of

Teaberry, who has, to date, been charged with six counts of receiving stolen property and will see his case go before a grand jury this week. Travis McKinney, of Harold, and Rono Hamilton, of Teaberry, have also been arrested in connection with the case.

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Viewpoint

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Indianapolis Star on junk email:

One after another, the incredible deals come flooding in, clogging e-mail in-boxes every morning.

There's the message from Xiao Gang, manager of a Taiwan bank, offering a 60/40 split on \$30 million that a depositor with no will and no heirs left in his account after dying in a plane crash. Or one from AdeTafa Balogun, an engineering student at the University of East London, seeking assistance in transferring his father's large sum of money into a safe bank account while Dad, a former Nigerian inspector general of police, is investigated for fraud.

Just give them your name, passport or drivers license or bank account numbers and other personal information. Oh, and don't tell anyone else about the offer.

Fortunately, the computer industry is looking at new standards that will allow the origins of e-mail to be authenticated. The Internet Engineering Task Force is expected to consider adopting industry standards later this month. It will be none too soon.

Spam and viruses are more than a nuisance. They cost businesses around the world billions of dollars in lost productivity and threaten the integrity of the Internet. It's time for the computer industry to aggressively fight back.

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The Daily News, Bowling Green, on capital punishment:

Arguing that Kentucky's lethal injection methods for death row inmates is cruel and unusual punishment is simply absurd, which is why we commend a Franklin County Circuit Court judge for ruling against this weak and desperate argument.

Franklin County Circuit Judge Roger Crittenden ruled Friday that the use of lethal injection is not cruel and unusual punishment.

"The execution protocol adopted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with one exception, complies with the constitutional requirements against cruel and unusual punishment," Crittenden wrote.

He did say that the state shouldn't be allowed to administer the fatal drugs through an intravenous catheter via the jugular vein, if no suitable veins can be found in the arms or neck. Officials said that this method has already been removed from the process.

The case was brought by two convicted felons on death row, Thomas Clyde Bowling and Ralph Baze.

Bowling, who was scheduled to be executed last November, was convicted of the murders of Edward and Tina Earley and shooting their 2-year-old son outside the couple's Lexington dry-cleaning business in 1990.

Baze was convicted of killing Powell County Sheriff Steve Bennett and Deputy Arthur Briscoe during an attempted arrest in 1992.

Isn't it ironic that these two thugs, who inflicted cruel and unusual punishment on their victims, now ask for the state to be humane in putting them to death.

But Crittenden issued stays of execution for Bowling and Baze on Tuesday so they could appeal their argument that the state's execution practices are cruel and unusual punishment. There will likely be an appeal that could go as far as the Kentucky Supreme Court, and we certainly hope that it rules in the same way Crittenden ruled. The victims and their families deserve justice and closure, which would be these two men's death by lethal injection.

These criminals' efforts are a last-ditch attempt to save their pathetic lives and avoid the same ultimate fate their victims received.

Crittenden should be commended for his firm ruling.



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Capitol Ideas

Crime is up in Kentucky; or down, depending on perspective

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Crime was down in Kentucky in 2004. Or crime was up in Kentucky. It depends on perspective and the interpretation of the statistics provided in the annual report compiled by the Kentucky State Police.

Kentucky State Police Capt. Lisa Rudzinski cautioned against drawing too many conclusions from the report, despite its volume and detail.

"I don't think you can say anything about a crime trend based on one year," Rudzinski said.

But there is a snapshot that can be viewed and while parts of it may seem encouraging, the overall view is of a state still troubled by crime, especially drugs.

The focus of "Crime in Kentucky — 2004" is on so-called Part One crimes, the eight types of offenses identified by federal authorities as the most serious. They are murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson.

Reported crimes in four of those eight categories increased from 2003 to 2004, though the overall number declined slightly from 114,423 to 113,635, a drop of 0.7 percent. Murder, rape, robbery and auto theft all increased from the previous year.

The 216 murders in 2004 was the highest number since 1998, when it was 237.

The biggest drop, in real numbers, was in the assault category. The largest percentage drop was in arson crimes.

The flip side, though, was in a category not officially counted in the federal statistic. Arrests for drug offenses rose dramatically from 36,551 in 2003 to 40,793 in 2004, the report said. There were a total of 252,298 arrests in Kentucky in 2004.

Statistically, drug crimes are almost impossible to quantify. Unlike a crime with a specific victim who might report the offense, a person snorting cocaine isn't reporting it to police. Officials are left with only the arrest figures.

Rudzinski said the increase in drug arrests might not indicate higher usage, but more concentrated efforts to arrest offenders. "We're getting more of it," Rudzinski explained.

But there is also a central truth about drugs that underlies the numbers.

Whether it's the killing during a deal gone bad or the auto theft to underwrite a habit, "The majority of crime in Kentucky is the result of drugs," Rudzinski said.

Solving crime is another matter altogether.

The report notes that 57 percent of

violent crimes are solved. Conversely, less than 20 percent of property crimes are solved.

"I think it's accurate to say crime is down, serious crime," Rudzinski said.

One set of statistics tucked into the back of the 117-page report, though it is a peripheral law enforcement issue, is less ambiguous.

Of the 14,309 law enforcement officers in Kentucky in 2004, from state police to local agencies and fish and wildlife enforcement, only 1,168 of them were female. While females make up more than half of the population, they account for barely 8 percent of the law enforcement contingent.

Rudzinski, one of only 32 females among the 943 sworn KSP officers, said the figure is especially discouraging. Progress has been slow. Rudzinski said she was one of 28 females in the KSP when she started in 1993 — four fewer than last year.

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Mark R. Chellgren is the Frankfort correspondent for The Associated Press.



Letters

Clean up P'burg's 'symbol'

I'm writing about the "symbol" of our star, city — the bridge at West Prestonsburg.

I live on the West Prestonsburg side of the bridge and see people from all over coming to see our symbol. I think the city

needs to clean this area up and make it presentable for the public to visit.

This old bridge is the symbol of our town. It's shown everywhere. It's on the city's letter head, painted on buildings and at each entrance into town. But when people come to see our symbol I'm embarrassed. We no longer light the bridge up at night to show its beauty. The fence has been torn down and is just lying there.

I think the city needs to remove the fence and turn the lights on again, maybe even place a plaque on the bridge telling a little bit about it. I have people ask me questions about the bridge all the time. They're interested in its history.

Come over and look for yourself. Let's clean this up and be proud of our city and its symbol — the bridge.

Elizabeth Adams
Prestonsburg

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Health Extra

Mobile dental clinics help to brighten smiles

by ROGER ALFORD
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STANTON — With a silvery Airstream trailer as a dental office and a picnic shelter as a waiting area, Dr. Jeff Bailey goes about his work, brightening the sometimes gapped smiles of Appalachian residents.

It's no small task in impoverished mountain communities where many people see dental care as a luxury they simply can't afford.

That's not the case this day, as dozens of people wait their turns for free services in one of the mobile dental offices that travel the hills and hollows of eastern Kentucky.

Bailey is one of a group of volunteer dentists working with area Southern Baptist churches to reach out to uninsured families — those who don't make enough money to pay for dental care but who make too much money to qualify for Medicaid assistance.

By some estimates, about a third of the dental patients in the mountain region fall into that category, and Bailey believes it is the primary reason that central Appalachian states lead the nation in toothlessness.

More than 32 percent of Tennessee residents surveyed last year had lost six or more teeth because of decay or gum disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control. That number was 38.1 percent in Kentucky and 42.9 percent in West Virginia, which holds the distinction of the most toothless state in the nation.

Those numbers show a tremendous need, and clinics on wheels can be a big help, said Dr. Gerald Ferretti, a dental professor at the University of Kentucky, which has four dental vans to help fight tooth decay.

Ferretti said Kentucky, which was ranked No. 1 in toothlessness in 2003, has a tremendous need. He said he would like to see more faith-based organizations operating dental vans.

"The problem is almost epidemic in the state," Ferretti said. "We need to get everyone involved. Dental care is a very, very critical need."

David Aker, mountain missions director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said churches in the Red River region of the state joined forces to equip and operate the dental trailer.

In a similar program, Aker said the Elgin Foundation of

Oneida, Tenn., has equipped a dental van that makes rounds through the hills of both Tennessee and Kentucky.

In addition, some Christian groups have opened free clinics in church buildings, which are staffed by volunteer dentists who come to the region from other parts of the state for week-long mission trips. And yet others hold dental care events in Wal-Mart parking lots across the region, handing out free samples of toothpaste, dental floss and toothbrushes to everyone who wants them.

Dozens of people made their way into the Airstream parked outside Stanton Baptist Church 45 miles southeast of Lexington, while clowns entertained the waiting crowds in what could have easily been mistaken for a carnival.

Had it not been for the free service, Tina Davis of Stanton said she would have had to put off her visit to the dentist because she would have had to pay for the cleaning she received and for the checkup given her 1-year-old daughter. The total would have been about \$140.

Bailey said some \$3,000 worth of free dental care is provided each day the Airstream is in use.

"People appreciate it," Davis said. "I appreciate it."

Often, Bailey comes across adults who postpone dental visits until pain leaves them no other choice. In those cases, he said he finds that cavities have given way to full-scale tooth decay, and the option usually chosen is having the offending teeth pulled.

That's because many of the uninsured people Bailey sees either can't afford or are unwilling to pay for procedures like root canals that could save the tooth.

And, for people over age 21 who receive Medicaid assistance, the government pays only for extractions. Root canals and bridges aren't covered.

Aker said too many people in mountain communities have the mistaken idea that losing teeth is a normal part of growing old. Some don't seem to realize that teeth are intended to last a lifetime.

"People feel like they can do without teeth, or that they can

always buy false ones," he said.

Bailey said he hopes the number of mobile dental offices can help change that mind-set.

"It definitely is going to reach a lot of people," he said.

Ferretti praised the church groups for reaching out to the adult population while the University of Kentucky dental vans reach out to children. About 500,000 children in Kentucky are covered by government dental care programs, but he said only about one in four see a dentist every year.

"What we're trying to do with the mobile programs is to provide a cultural change, to let people know the importance of taking care of their mouths," Ferretti said.

Ferretti said he hopes the university can help bring that change with its fleet of dental

vans, helping to teach children the benefits of good oral hygiene and at the same time applying fluoride treatments and dental sealant to ward off decay.

"We're hoping to make an impact," he said. "We're trying to get to the children as early as we can. That's preschool and kindergarten."

That, Ferretti said, is the only way the Appalachians will move from the top of the toothlessness rankings. He said if current efforts are sustained, he believes Kentucky will move off the list of most toothless states within the next decade.

But that, he said, will depend on getting others involved in the fight against oral health problems.

"With the severe needs, we need to have other groups engaged," he said.

Dr. Carol Combs-Morris and staff of the Beaver Creek Animal Clinic are proud to announce the arrival of Shawn K. Tussey, DVM. Dr. Tussey is a 2005 graduate of Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine.



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Kentucky ranks among nation's sickest states

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky ranks among the unhealthiest states — a plight that's largely self-inflicted due to smoking, eating fatty foods and not exercising enough, The Courier-Journal reported in a special section published Sunday.

Chronic poor health threatens lives and hits all Kentuckians in the pocketbook through taxes and insurance premiums, according to the Louisville newspaper's special report.

On almost every health measure, Kentuckians fare poorly — second worst nationally for cancer deaths, fifth worst for cardiovascular deaths and seventh worst for obesity, according to the paper, which published a special eight-page section on the state's poor health.

Kentuckians die at a rate of 18 percent above the national average, the newspaper reported. Its report said residents of all income levels are disabled and killed by cardiovascular disease, cancer and diabetes — chronic illnesses that are linked to smoking, poor eating habits and sedentary lifestyles.

"We don't have to worry about foreign aggressors," said Dr. Baretta Casey, a Hazard physician and University of Kentucky professor. "We are killing ourselves off."

Poverty is at the center of the problem, factoring into nutrition, health habits and medical care that people receive. Minorities in Kentucky's cities, who are disproportionately poor, die from diseases at rates comparable to those in some of the hardest-hit rural areas. And Kentucky has 43 of the nation's 340 persistently poor rural

counties. In Knott County, two brothers and a father share a small house and serious health woes.

James White, 42, weighs 340 pounds and has high blood pressure, but still eats mostly fatty foods, such as fried chicken and pork chops. His older brother Eddie, 46, had a six-way heart bypass last year. He is unemployed and uninsured and so can afford little medical care. He owes thousands of dollars in medical bills.

Their father, Fred "Justin" White, 70, has heart disease, chronic kidney failure and Parkinson's disease. He can't stand for more than 10 minutes at a time, gets around using a cane he carved and needs help with tasks as simple as dressing.

At the White House Clinic in McKee, also in eastern Kentucky, Dr. Sandra Dionisio remembers a patient with cancer so advanced she had a foul-smelling, open wound in her breast.

"I see a lot of illnesses similar to a third-world country," said Dionisio, an internist trained in the Philippines.

The General Assembly took steps this year to deal with the state's health woes, raising the cigarette tax from 3 cents a pack to 30 cents and passing legislation to improve nutrition and physical fitness in schools.

Dr. James Holsinger Jr., secretary of the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said he and Gov. Ernie Fletcher, also a physician, view health as a top priority.

"We've got some big mountains to climb," Holsinger said.

Each of the state's major chronic diseases costs the Medicaid program hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars. In

the fiscal year ending June 2003, Medicaid spent \$611 million for diabetes, \$422 million for cancer, \$372 million for coronary artery disease and \$728 million for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The state and federal program provides health insurance for the poor, disabled and those in nursing homes.

Health-related costs are a concern for Mike Hamrick, a 45-year-old pastor in Lawrenceburg and a father of two teenagers, even though his family is generally healthy. Health insurance takes a large chunk of his salary.

If the state's population were healthier, experts said, government would be able to spend more money on other priorities.

"Any dollar you spend on Medicaid, you don't have to spend on K-12 education, for example, said Jeanne Boeh, chairwoman of the economics department at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

But the chronic diseases plaguing Kentuckians are linked to behaviors that are woven into the state's culture, making them difficult to change.

Smoking is a prime example. Kentucky, the nation's top producer of burley tobacco, also has the highest percentage of adult smokers. Almost one out of three Kentucky adults light up despite evidence that smoking contributes to heart disease, strokes and lung cancer.

Lung cancer kills Kentuckians at the nation's highest rate.

Carolyn Sue Cheek of Clay County started smoking at age 7. The 51-year-old once quit for more than a year, but started up again under the stress of watching her mother, a former smok-

er, die of lung cancer.

Cheek, who smokes two or three packs a day, labors to breathe with asthma and emphysema. She tells her grandchildren: "Don't ever take up the smoking habit. You know how Mom-mom struggles with her lungs."

Poor eating and exercise habits also are common.

Many Kentucky meals include fried and fatty foods, part of the traditional Southern diet.

Compounding the problem, research shows that two-thirds of Kentuckians in 2003 didn't meet national recommendations to get at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity five days a week or 20 minutes of vigorous exercise three times a week.

More than a quarter of all state residents are obese, putting them at risk for heart attack, stroke, Type II diabetes and colorectal cancer.

Unless far more effort and political will is focused on curbing the problem, health advocates said, a bad situation will only worsen as obese children, young smokers and baby boomers grow older.

However, experts and advocates said Kentucky's problems are not insurmountable. If the state solves its health crisis, it can show the way for the rest of the nation, which now has a lower life expectancy than such industrialized countries as Canada, Japan and Germany.

"Our state does not have to be the worst health state in the nation," said Casey, the Hazard doctor. "Don't ever take up the smoking habit."

The newspaper plans two more special reports this year on the health of Kentuckians. As part of its series, it also scheduled a free health fair July 26 in conjunction with a television station and a number of health groups.

Odds

off outside an Australian cinema in an argument over the quality of the violent new Bruce Willis movie "Sin City," police said.

The 19-year-old victim underwent surgery to reattach the tip of his nose following the brawl Sunday night outside a movie theater in Bathurst, 125 miles west of Sydney.

Bathurst police Inspector Cameron Lindsay said the victim and his attacker got into a fight over the merits of the film, an adaptation of Frank Miller's graphic novel about a wicked metropolis filled with tough guys and gorgeous dames. The movie has been praised by critics for its dark, computer-generated imagery and criticized for its nonstop violence.

Police were still hunting for the attacker.

"There's been an argument, apparently over how good the movie was, and then an altercation," Lindsay said.

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Hundreds of visitors enjoyed birthday cake Saturday at the Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden while Donna the hippo ate frozen fruit to celebrate the 3,500-pound animal's 54th birthday.

Zoo keeper John W. Stuteville said Donna is considered one of the world's oldest living Nile hippos. She has already outlived her mate and all eight of their offspring.

Stuteville said that in the wild, hippos usually live to be

only 30 to 45 years old.

Arthritis, which afflicts Donna, usually brings them down because they carry too much weight on their short stubby legs and knees.

Stuteville attributes Donna's longevity to the care she has received at the zoo and to her surroundings, including inclines she must climb out of her enclosure's pools — a design that keeps her active.

Mesker obtained Donna from a zoo in Memphis in 1954, three years after she was born. Stuteville greets the hippo each morning with a variety of food that usually includes two oranges, a tomato, a sweet potato, an apple and two bananas.

"I have a banana also, and usually give her half of it," he said.

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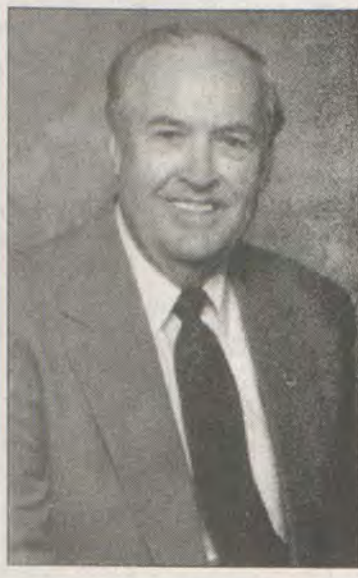
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Obituaries



Curtis Melvin Miller

Curtis Melvin Miller, age 79, of Wayland, husband of Lenora Cox Miller, passed away Sunday, July 17, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital-East, Lexington.

He was born June 22, 1926, in Cliff, the son of the late Andrew Jackson Miller and Martha Saunders Miller. He was a retired coal miner, a State Safety Instructor, a mine superintendent, and State Chief Examiner, a U.S. Navy World War II veteran, a former member of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge, and a present member of the Wayland Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include his wife, Lenora; one son, Edwin Curtis (Verdean) Miller of Van Lear; two daughters: Edith (Bruce) Belcher and Sharon (Johnny) Justice, both of Prestonsburg; one daughter-in-law, Teresa Miller of Winchester; one sister, Easter Irene Powers of Wise, Virginia; five grandchildren, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Chris Miller; one brother, Thomas Wilford Miller; and two sisters: Bertha Clark and Phobe Wells.

Funeral services for Curtis Melvin Miller will be conducted Thursday, July 21, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Elder William "Bill" Hughes officiating.

Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Terry Dalton Mullins

Terry Dalton Mullins, age 58, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, July 15, in the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

He was born November 11, 1946, in Floyd County, a son of Burnis and Ruby Samons Mullins of Lexington. He retired from a sales position with Continental Bakery Company, and was an Army veteran (Vietnam).

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one son, Ernie (Tressie) Mullins of Birmingham, Alabama; one daughter, Anna (John) Cowden of Panama City, Florida; one brother, Carlton (Helen) Mullins of Martin; three sisters: Mildred Mullins, Dorinda Jones, and Sherry (Sterling) Martin, all of Lexington; four grandchildren: Abby, Andrew, Madison, and Zoe; two nephews: Chris Jones, and Kerin (Elizabeth) Martin; three nieces: Carol Mullins, Miki (John) Hopkins, and Aimer Martin.

Funeral services for Terry Dalton Mullins were conducted Monday, July 18, at noon, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Richard Kelley officiating.

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

Pallbearers: Christopher Jones, Sterling Martin, Kevin Martin, John Hopkins, Don Laferty, and Hubert Mayo. (Paid obituary)

Hasel Tackett

Hasel Tackett, 75, of Mac Arthur, West Virginia, died Sunday, July 17, 2005, at the Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was born March 15, 1930, in Beaver, Floyd County, the son of the late Hampton and Mirty Nunnery Tackett.

He was a retired coal miner from Slab Fork Coal Company, and a proud member of the U.M.W.A.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters: Sterley Tackett, Gettie Tackett, and Ocie Paige; two brothers: Aaron Tackett and Azzle Tackett; and a son-in-law, Gary Meadows.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 wonderful years, Della Tackett; three daughters: Shirley Webb of Eccles, Anna Rose Meadows of Princewick, and Jenny Sauls and husband, Billy, of Midway; two sons: Onis Tackett of Mac Arthur, and Kenneth Tackett and wife, Sherry, of Stanaford; three brothers: Robert Tackett and wife, Janet, of Beaver, Jay Tackett of Columbus, Ohio, and Eurie Tackett of Beaver; and one sister, Beatrice Tackett of Beaver; 12 grandchildren, Bobby Webb Jr., Gary Meadows Jr., Walter Meadows, Gregory Meadows, Billy Sauls Jr., David Sauls, Chad Tackett, Justin Tackett, Travis Tackett, Michelle Pack, Stephanie Webb, and Felicia Tackett; 11 great-grandchildren, and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was a very special person who will be missed by many.

Services will be Wednesday, July 20, at 1 p.m., at Williams-Blue Ridge Funeral Home, 147 Virginia Street, Sophia, with Rev. Jay Tackett officiating.

Burial will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Beckley.

Grandsons will be serving as pallbearers.

Visitation was Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Williams-Blue Ridge Funeral Home, 147 Virginia Street Sophia, is serving the family. (Paid obituary)

Patsy Triplett Dixon

Patsy Triplett Dixon, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 17, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born in Hollybush, she was the daughter of the late Wilson Triplett and Cordelia Sloane Triplett. She was homemaker, and a member of the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Dixon Sr., who died December 27, 1991.

Survivors include one daughter, Anna Faye Dixon Onkst of Prestonsburg; one grandson, Aubrey Odell Onkst of Pikeville; one granddaughter, Sloane Onkst Williams of Prestonsburg; one great-grandson, Luke Sherman Onkst; and one brother, Garlie Triplett of Hollybush.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons: James Richard Dixon and Marvin Dixon Jr.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 21, 11 a.m., at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, with Pastor Dave Garrett officiating.

Interment will be at May Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is 5-9 p.m., Wednesday, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, 346 S. Highland Ave., Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Ruby Gearheart Smith

Ruby Gearheart Smith, 73, resident of Willard, Ohio, passed away on Friday morning, July 1, 2005, at Willard Mercy Hospital.

She was born March 26, 1932, in Hueysville, the daughter of the late Frank and Mildred (Ratliff) Gearheart, and had been a Willard resident since 1954. She was a homemaker, and enjoyed gardening and quilting.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Smith, whom she married June 29, 1955; one son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Tammy Smith of Willard; one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jim Funk of Willard; a grandson, Benjamin Funk; a granddaughter, Shelby Smith; six sisters: Violet Ward of Illinois; Garnett Leveridge of North Carolina; Verna Baldrige of Hilliard, Velma Morgan of New Jersey; Alma Sawyer of Michigan, and Gypsie Jones of Prestonsburg; one brother, Albert Gearheart of Michigan; and numerous other relatives.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Jeanette Sparkman; two brothers: Carl Gayheart and Chester Gearheart; two half-brothers: Haig Gayheart and Herman Gayheart.

Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, in New Haven, Ohio. (Paid obituary)

Allen E. (Gene) Cremeans

Allen E. (Gene) Cremeans, 60, of Dwale, died Friday, July 15, 2005, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland.

Born July 29, 1944, in Mason County, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Luther and Nowlia Camp Cremeans. He was a retired factory worker for American Standard; a U.S. Air Force veteran; and a member of the VFW No. 9738 in Huntington, West Virginia.


He is survived by his wife, Sandra Jeanelle Howard Cremeans.

Other survivors include his children: Vicki Vargas (David) of West Virginia, Tim Steffey (Cathy) of Allen, James Douglas Steffey (Gina) of Georgetown, Bambi Boyd (Monty) of Nashville, Tennessee; a brother, Mania Cremeans; seven sisters: Deloris Reynolds, Daisy Jenkins, Burnice Heaberlin, Lillian Jeffers, Rosie Smith, Cora Collins, and Julia Hinkle, all of West Virginia; six grandchildren: Isaac, Tiffany, Nikki, Jackson, Barrett, Madison, and Raegan; and one great-granddaughter, Alexandria.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Kim Steffey Mosley; a brother, Luther Ritchie Cremeans; and two sisters: Bertha Meadows and Alberta Davis.

Graveside services and burial were conducted Tuesday, July 19, at 3 p.m., at the Pete Meadows Cemetery, in Mason County, Glenwood, West Virginia, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Helen Wolfe, Gordon Fitch and Jack Howard officiating.

Visitation was Sunday, July 17, at 3 p.m., at the funeral home with Gordon Fitch and Jack Howard officiating, and at 6 p.m., Monday, at the New Day Ministry Church in Huntington, West Virginia, with Helen Wolfe officiating. (Paid obituary)



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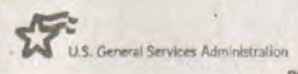
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The family and friends of Margaret "Peggy" Bailey would like to express their gratitude for all the support from the Community of Prestonsburg, and those whose presence, cards, donations, flowers, and food, made our time of sorrow easier to bear, thank you so very much.

Card of Thanks

The family of Effert Parsons 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 the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness, shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF EFFERT PARSONS

Card of Thanks

The family of Kermit Boyd would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or spoke a kind word of sympathy to our family. A special thanks to Mike Steffano for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, for their professional and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF KERMIT BOYD

Card of Thanks

The family of Willie F. "Red" Clark Jr., would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Mark Tackett for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service.

THE FAMILY WILLIE F. "RED" CLARK JR.

"Special Thanks from the Family of Larry Allen McKinney"

We, the family of Larry Allen McKinney, and son, Michael Allen McKinney, wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who helped us during the tragic loss of our two precious loved ones, Larry and Michael.

Also a very sincere thanks to Montgomery County Coroner Wallas Johnson, Detective Shane Barnes, and Deputy Robie Miles, for immediate service; Greg Nelson for bringing the news to us about the tragic accident on June 9th, 2005. Thanks to all who came to Larry's home to comfort his wife, Regina, and their three children, Zack, Summer and Corey, the night of the accident. Thanks to Brother Wendall Crager and Brother Ted Shannon and singers, for their comforting words and beautiful songs. Special thanks to Mayor Thomasine Robinson for everything she did. Also a special thanks to Grace Flannery, who is like a grandmother to Larry. We would like to thank Brother Barry Spurlock and Bishop Ken Carrier, and Dr. Robert Marshall, and Attorney Stacy Marshall. A very special thanks to Roger and Sandra Nelson, and their sons, Greg and Roger, and all the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home staff, for all you did to comfort us in our time of grief. Special thanks to Floyd County Sheriff, John K. Blackburn and staff, for your comforting words and special service. Thanks to everyone for the food and beautiful flowers. Thanks to everyone from both Prestonsburg Food City Stores and to all Dairy Queen employees, also John Austin McKinney's Little League team. Special thanks to Larry's employees of the Coal Country Cafe in Salyersville, KY, and employees of the former Family Inn Pizza & More at Garrett, KY. Special thanks to Judge Eric Hall for all his help to the family. Larry would have been so proud to see so many special friends visiting him. Also a special thanks to his cousin, Mickie McKinney; "You were very special to Larry." He will be greatly missed by all.

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Written by Larry's mother, Phyllis McKinney

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

KODA To Meet
Got the time to make a difference? KODA, the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates, is hosting a meeting for Second Chance Volunteers at the Mountain Arts Center on July 26 at 6 p.m. We're planning fundraisers for the National Transplant Games that will be held in Louisville. Get your group or organization involved! Call 886-2552 for more information.

Hall family reunion
The children and grandchildren of Butler and Minnie Hall are having a family reunion at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park shelter #4 on July 23 at 1 p.m. Family and friends are welcome. Please bring a dish.

VBS - Prater Creek Baptist
To be held July 18-22, from 6-8 p.m., at Prater Creek Baptist Church, Banner. This year's theme: "From Raindrops to Rainbows." Buses will run. To learn more, visit www.pcbaptist.org or call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222.

Vacation Bible School - Allen
The Allen First Baptist Church will host a vacation Bible school from Sunday, July 17 thru Thursday, July 21, from 6-8:30 p.m. Church is located on US 23, at Watergap. VBS for ages 2 thru the 8th grade. If your child needs transportation, call the church office at 874-1979.

Yard Sale
To be held Saturday, August 6, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Maytown Volunteer Fire Department. Proceeds to benefit fire department programs and activities.

UNITE meeting
The Floyd County Coalition of UNITE has changed its monthly meeting time and place. The group now meets the first Thursday of every month on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus, room 153 of the Johnson Building. The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend.

Rotary Club
Local Rotary Club holds meetings every Thursday, at noon, at the Student Grill, on the BSCTC campus. Open to business and professional men and women who live or work in Floyd County. More info., contact Mike Vance at 886-2075.

Auxiliary Lifetime Learning Center
Kid's Summer Camp Sewing Camp - July 18-22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; learn to make your own purse.
Fee: \$10; most supplies and a snack provided.
More info., call 886-0709.
Camp for ages over 8; limit 12 per class.
Also, FREE GED classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; may work with computers during this time. Call for more info.

Lindsey Wilson College to hold open registration
Lindsey Wilson College Extended Programs, located on the BSCTC campus, will be holding open registration for new students from now throughout August. Earn a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services or a Masters with a specialization in Mental Health Counseling. Contact Shelia Wallen at 606-454-8834 or wallens@lindsey.edu for further

details.
Joy Services - Christ United Methodist Church of Allen
Special musical services:
July 17 - The Newharts, 6 p.m.
July 24 - Henry Dutton, 6 p.m.
July 31 - Day Spring (Bluegrass), 6 p.m.
Aug. 7 - One Accord (Bluegrass), 6 p.m.
Aug. 14 - Christ United Methodist Chancel Choir, 6 p.m.
Aug. 21 - Karen Crawford, 6 p.m.
Aug. 28 - Billie, Betty & Linda, 6 p.m.
Also, on Aug. 21, 11:00 a.m. Sunday School celebration with potluck dinner in Wesley Gym.

HRMC Community Calendar
July 21 - "Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group will present "Red, White and Blue: Your Blood and You." Learn what all those blood test numbers really mean. Meet in the Floyd Room, in the hospital basement, 5-6 p.m. Free of charge.
For more info., contact Food & Nutrition Services at 886-8511, ext. 7353.

ACHS Class of '95
It's been ten years, classmates! And a reunion is being planned for the weekend of August 13. Please email the planning committee at: rebelsclassof1995@hotmail.com or, contact Amy Adams Osborne at 358-2947 or Misty Lynn (Bush) Isaac at 358-9184 if you are interested in attending or have questions or ideas to share.

Neighborhood Watch
The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

Little Mud Comm. Center
The Little Mud Community Center Board of Directors are currently in the process of locating photos of old historic sites of the area. The pictures are to be added to the center's historic wall. If you have any such pictures, or are interested in more information concerning this project, call 478-1477 or 478-2479.

Notice! BLHS Class of '95
The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1995 will host a reunion on August 20, at the Landmark Inn, in Pikeville. Please mail responses no later than July 20 to the reunion committee. For more information, call 889-9651 or 478-5014.

Attention: BLHS Class of '85
The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1985 will host a reunion to be held Sept. 10, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., at the Landmark Inn, Pikeville. \$50 per couple/\$25 for single. For more info., contact Debbie Hall at 304-757-2918 or Dochallogan@charter.net

Over 50? Need a friend?
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Share a meal, see a movie, take a walk, have a chat. Meet with other seniors at a local location. Come on out, and let's talk. For more info., call 889-9620. The Friendship Club is not a dating service.

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

'Earn While You Learn'
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Interested in new job training?
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?
If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929.

External Diploma Program
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.
GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Looking For a Support Group?
■ **Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group** - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD. NOTE: Group will NOT MEET in July or August.
■ **Association, Eastern KY Regional Office** - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.
■ **MS Support Group** - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.
■ **Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.)** - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

■ **US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.
■ **Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.
■ **Domestic Violence Hotline** - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
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■ **Disabled?** - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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

■ **PARENTS!** - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS

NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

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

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Grand jury returns felony indictment in hiring probe

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A special grand jury investigating personnel practices in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration returned its first felony indictment Tuesday, naming transportation official Dan Druen.

The indictment charges Druen with tampering with a witness, which is punishable by one to five years in prison. Druen faces multiple misdemeanor charges from earlier indictments.

Also Tuesday, Fletcher's office issued a statement saying Druen would be asked for his resignation as commissioner of administrative services in the

Transportation Cabinet. The statement said Druen was being asked to resign because of "poor judgment regarding a chain of e-mails." The statement said the request was "not a reflection of today's events." The statement did not elaborate.

Druen is emerging as the central figure in the special grand jury investigation. He is the author of a so-called "hit list" of employees targeted for dismissal or reassignment in the cabinet.

Druen's attorney, Rob Eggert of Louisville, did not immediately return a message left on his office answering machine by The Associated Press.

The indictment charges Druen with attempting to influ-

ence the testimony of Cheryl Casey, his former executive assistant. The indictment alleges Druen "knowingly made false statements or practiced a fraud or deceit with the intent to affect the testimony" of Casey.

Casey has been called to testify three times before the special grand jury, including Tuesday. According to her lawyer, Sam Carl, Casey was reassigned from her position working for Druen after her first grand jury appearance. Carl said Casey has been on leave since then and has tendered her resignation from state government.

The Merit System, created in 1960, requires that qualifications as determined by largely objective standards are to be

used in deciding hirings, firings, transfers and other personnel decisions.

Earlier Tuesday, the chairman of the Kentucky Republican Party and a top aide to the governor pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor charge they conspired to violate laws regarding the Merit System.

Chairman Darrell Brock, who was commissioner of local development for Fletcher before he took the party post, and Basil Turbyfill, executive director of the Office of Personnel and Efficiency, briefly appeared in Franklin County District Court.

A third man indicted on the same charge, deputy Personnel Cabinet Secretary Bob Wilson, had his arraignment delayed

until next week.

Brock, Wilson and Turbyfill are each charged with a single count of conspiring to violate personnel laws. The single-page indictments include no specifics about the alleged conspiracy. The charge is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by 30 days to six months in jail.

The charges all grow from the special grand jury impaneled at the request of Attorney General Greg Stumbo. The investigation was prompted by the disclosure of piles of memos, e-mails and other documents by a veteran Transportation Cabinet employee that indicated political considerations were paramount in personnel decisions.

"Today's action further illustrates that the Attorney General is on a fishing expedition for felonies," Fletcher's statement said. "It appears he is trying to intimidate young people who are being called before the grand jury."

Druen, acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert and Deputy Secretary Jim Adams were the first to be indicted. They are alleged to have conspired to arrange for the dismissal of Mike Duncan, who was deputy inspector general for the cabinet. Duncan, who also appealed his dismissal to the Personnel Board, alleges he was targeted because he supported Democrat Ben Chandler in the 2003 gubernatorial campaign.

A second round of indictments charged Dick Murgatroyd, Fletcher's deputy chief of staff and the former deputy secretary of the Transportation Cabinet; Cory Meadows, director of transportation enhancement in the cabinet; and Druen again. They are alleged to have based personnel decisions on numerous people on political considerations.

All five have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

GOP Chair, two others arraigned on personnel charges

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The chairman of the Kentucky Republican Party and a top aide to Gov. Ernie Fletcher pleaded innocent Tuesday to a charge they conspired to violate the state personnel law.

Chairman Darrell Brock, who was commissioner of local development for Fletcher before he took the party post, and Basil Turbyfill, executive director of the Office of Personnel and Efficiency, briefly appeared in Franklin County District Court.

Judge Guy Hart set a preliminary hearing for both men on Sept. 14.

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Paul Harnice, Turbyfill's lawyer, on Tuesday called the indictment a "bare-bones charge."

"There's only been one side of the story that's been told," Harnice said.

Brock's attorney, Patrick Renn of Louisville, said Tuesday he has seen no evidence Brock did anything wrong. Renn said he will challenge the indictment on the grounds the statute is vague, broad and infringes on free speech rights.

Renn said he has advised Brock to withhold any comment on the charge, even though it might hamper his work as party chairman.

The party has released a steady stream of attacks on the investigation and Stumbo, who is a Democrat.

The Merit System, created in 1960, requires that qualifications as determined by largely objective standards are to be used in deciding hirings, firings, transfers and other personnel decisions.

Acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert, Deputy Secretary Jim Adams and administrative services

Commissioner Dan Druen were the first to be indicted. They are alleged to have conspired to arrange for the dismissal of Mike Duncan, who was deputy inspector general for the cabinet. Duncan, who also appealed his dismissal to the Personnel Board, alleges he was targeted because he supported Democrat Ben Chandler in the 2003 gubernatorial campaign.

The second round of indictments charged Dick Murgatroyd, Fletcher's deputy chief of staff and the former deputy secretary of the Transportation Cabinet; Cory Meadows, director of transportation enhancement in the cabinet; and Druen again. They are alleged to have based personnel decisions on numerous people on political considerations.

All five have pleaded innocent to all charges. No trial date was set.

Records raise questions about main goal of Fletcher initiative

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Some internal records have raised questions about the main focus of a statewide constituent-services network formed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Fletcher opened eight offices across Kentucky last year to help him involve more residents in government and address their questions and concerns.

But the records, obtained by The Courier-Journal of Louisville, indicate the main goal of the network of offices — called Local Initiatives for a New Kentucky, or LINK — might have been the Republican governor's re-election.

The agenda for a LINK meeting on May 13, 2004, shows the first of the "Items

Discussed" was "Major Goal for LINK Field Representatives: (RE-ELECT)," according to documents obtained through the open-records act. The name of the agenda's author was not immediately available. The agenda also directs LINK representatives to "Pursue proactive communication with support-

ers."

It asks that a list of the "top 15 supporters of the Governor" be compiled for each county.

But in another document summarizing the meeting, Fletcher says he wants LINK employees to avoid politics. "Concentrate on serving people not on re-elections. If you serve people and always try to do what is right, the rest will take care of itself," he said.

Using state resources directly for political purposes is illegal. Penalties could range from fines for ethics code violations to felony theft charges.

Fletcher spokeswoman Carla Blanton said in an interview that LINK employees have done no political work for Fletcher's anticipated 2007 re-election campaign.

"It (the word 'RE-ELECT') is in parentheses," she said. "That means if the various action items listed below are done, then the re-election will take care of itself. There's no agenda item for 're-elect.'"

John Steffan, general counsel of the Executive Branch Ethics Commission, said the LINK meeting agenda "raises a

concern." But he said without more information it would be impossible to say if it amounts to a violation of the ethics code.

Steffan declined to say if the commission is reviewing the matter.

Democratic state Sen. Ernesto Scorsone of Lexington said he believes the documents show the Fletcher administration is using state resources for politics.

"And taxpayers' money oughtn't be used to advance partisan politics or re-election campaigns," Scorsone said.

Blanton said the administration is working to re-elect Fletcher, but by "serving people," not running a campaign.

"Obviously, the goal of the administration is to serve eight years to completely fulfill the vision that the governor has for the people of Kentucky," she said. "But LINK representatives were told not to focus on the particulars of the re-election, and obviously not to campaign because that's not appropriate. But by serving the people, the re-election will follow."

LINK's budget for this fiscal year is \$1.36 million, and it has

15 employees. The agency is similar to an outreach office under Democratic Gov. Paul Patton that was based in Frankfort, with employees who traveled into the state.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo's spokeswoman, Vicki Glass, said Stumbo had no comment about the LINK meeting documents or whether they were being investigated.

Stumbo is investigating allegations that Fletcher's administration has hired people for civil service jobs based on politics, not qualifications. Eight current and former administration officials have been indicted on misdemeanor charges. Five have pleaded not guilty, and lawyers for the other three say they will do likewise.

Former state senator, wife get prison time

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Former state Sen. John Doug Hays and his wife were sentenced to prison Tuesday morning on mail fraud charges for submitting false campaign reports in an eastern Kentucky election fraud case.

U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell sentenced Hays, now a seminary student studying to become a minister, to six months in prison to be followed by six months of home confinement and three years probation. The judge sentenced Brenda Hays to three months in prison, six months of home confinement and three years probation.

However, both will remain free pending the outcome of their appeal.

"It is indeed a sad day for this court," Caldwell said, acknowledging positive contributions the two have made to Pike County. However, she said, "the seriousness of the offense of which they have been convicted must not be understated."

Prosecutors claimed in the trial that the Hayses conspired with others in Pike County, including wealthy Pikeville businessman Ross Harris, to buy votes to help Hays win the race for district judge in 2002. Harris

was convicted in September and is scheduled for sentencing Tuesday afternoon, along with one of his top aides.

Prosecutors claimed Hays was a key figure in the election fraud case while defense attorneys contended he was the unwitting beneficiary of a wayward political activist. The jury acquitted the Hayses on the charge of conspiring to buy votes.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Taylor, who was seeking prison terms of more than four years for the Hayses, said the goal of the conspiracy was to buy enough votes to assure victory in the judicial race. That was to be done with illegal contributions from Harris, who Taylor said has a history of pumping money into campaigns in return for favors after candidates are elected.

Defense attorney John West claimed during the trial that Hays didn't know Harris was financing the campaign with illegal straw contributions.

At the sentencing hearing on Tuesday, West said Hays had enrolled as a student at Liberty

Baptist Theological School in Lynchburg, Va.

"He has given up the legal profession and has decided to dedicate the rest of his life to ministry," West said.

Several Pikeville attorneys, including Hays' former law partner Marris Allen May, submitted letters to Caldwell on behalf of the Hayses.

"I can not believe justice would be served by sending either John Doug or Brenda to prison," he said. "The thought of such brings me to tears."

The sentencing hearing for Harris and one of his top aides, Glenn Turner of Drift, was set to begin at 1 p.m. EDT.

Charges against four other Hays campaign workers indicted in the same case were dismissed by prosecutors before the trial began. A fifth defendant, Tom Varney of McCarr, pleaded guilty and testified against Hays.

Another defendant, Jerry Joe Dotson of Freeburn, a precinct-level campaign worker who stood trial along with Hays and his wife, was acquitted of a conspiracy charge.

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Much-maligned 'Mr. Smiley' plates to fade into sunset

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The much-maligned Kentucky license plates featuring a smiling sunrise will be riding off into the sunset.

Kentucky drivers getting new license plates for their cars will receive tags with the state's new "Unbridled Spirit" logo starting Aug. 1, bringing an end to the slogan, "It's that friend-

ly."

The new plates also have a small outline of Kentucky in the center.

The sunshine plates, known as Mr. Smiley, were met with discontent and ridicule when then-Gov. Paul Patton unveiled the design in December 2002. Gov. Ernie Fletcher is scheduled to announce the change at a news conference Tuesday at

Kentucky Speedway.

"I don't think there was any massive letter-writing campaign," said Billy Reed, a spokesman for the Commerce Cabinet, which helped design the new state brand. "But I've certainly heard lots of anecdotal complaints. I got the perception everybody doesn't like it."

Reed said the old plate's slogan didn't resonate with drivers. "It's silly. It's sappy. It doesn't say 'Kentucky,'" he said.

The sunshine plates won't completely go away until all cars receive the "Unbridled Spirit" tags beginning Jan. 1.

Drivers have found ways to

tinker with the smiling sun's image, including drawing a mustache on it, or covering it with a frowning-face sticker or duct tape.

Fayette County Clerk Don Blevins said his office received its first shipment of new plates this week. Blevins said that when the smiling sun plates came out, "a lot of people found them to be so obnoxious they wouldn't put them on their cars."

Despite the criticism, the smiling sun won the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association 2003 award for best license plate, beating Maine's

lobster by one vote.

The smiling sun plate also helped sales of specialty plates, even though those plates come at a heftier price tag.

The state sold 3,946 plates to benefit the Kentucky Horse Council in 2002. In 2003, that number jumped to 25,195.

"We loved Mr. Smiley because he generated money for us," said Terri Burch, president of the council. "We probably made \$200,000 a year for the past two years."

Burch said she couldn't credit Mr. Smiley completely for the increased revenue. The horse plates also got a new design for

2003.

Legislators proposed several bills over the past two years to change the Smiley plates. Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, sponsored some of those bills. Buford won't be sad to see the sunshine plates go.

"I think it's a fortunate situation that Mr. Smiley will disappear," Buford said. "The state was not served well with an odd plate like that."

When Fletcher announces the sunset of the unpopular plate Tuesday, Buford doesn't expect a long line of mourners.

"I'd imagine we could put them all in one car," he said.

Groups worried about drop in sales with demise of smiling plates

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Larry Ball is worried about what the demise of Kentucky's smiling sun license plate will mean to specialty plates that raise money for specific causes.

Ball, executive director of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial fund, which has raised more than \$125,000 for scholarships and other services, hopes people will still buy his group's specialty plate.

"But my guess is people will go back to the standard-issue plates," Ball said.

Ball isn't alone. Several groups with specialty plates are wondering what impact a new plate featuring the state slogan "Unbridled Spirit" and scheduled to be unveiled by Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Tuesday, will have on their sales.

Many drivers, displeased with the "Mr. Smiley" design, decided to get specialty plates, even though they cost up to \$25 more than the standard-issue tags. Kentuckians bought or renewed 303,494 specialty plates last year.

Prices for specialty plates vary; the spay-neuter tags cost

\$25 for a new plate and \$25 for renewal. Standard-issue tags cost \$15 for a new plate and \$15 for renewal.

The three most popular plate categories are nature, college and personalized.

Kentucky Horse Council plate sales more than quadrupled after the smiling sun first appeared in 2003.

Terri Burch, president of the council, said the specialty plates generated more than \$400,000 over the past four years for the non-profit group to promote Kentucky's horse industry.

She said the council hopes to retain its supporters by letting them vote on a new design for their plate in 2006.

Ann Stewart, a staff assistant with the state Agriculture Department, said she did not know how many people switched to the specialty plate because of their aversion to the plates that bear a happy sun face.

"I think people who buy our plate are animal lovers," she said. "We just hope we can keep getting more of them."

Sales of the spay-and-neuter pets plates generate \$10 each for the state Agriculture Department, with money going to provide vouchers for low-income pet owners to have their pet spayed or neutered for a \$10 co-payment. Stewart said her office has issued 320 vouchers this month.

Forward in the Fifth hires Jim Simpson as director

The Forward in the Fifth board of directors has hired Jim Simpson as the organization's new executive director.

Simpson replaces long-time executive director Ginny Eager, who accepted a position with another nonprofit agency.

Simpson spent much of his professional career as the chief operating officer at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and has a lot of experience working with nonprofits, including local chambers of commerce and numerous education and economic development organizations throughout Kentucky.

Simpson is also a former small business owner and has consulted with a number of associations around the country. During the interview process he expressed that he wanted to do something more with his career.

"I want to use my talents and skills in a manner that makes a significant difference in the long term," he says. "I've long believed that the education system can cure a lot of society's ills, whether it be poverty, drug abuse or other issues. I do believe that a good education system can turn a lot of things

around and make positive impacts on the quality of life. If I can be part of a cycle that paves the way to success for kids and parents in search of a better life, it would mean a lot to me."

Simpson, a Maysville native who has lived in Lexington for 22 years, stepped into the executive director position in July. He has been expanding his own education as he learns more about Forward in the Fifth's history, current work, staff and board members. He plans to spend the next six months developing a solid short- and long-term plan for carrying on with the strong tradition Forward in the Fifth has established of serving the region.

When considering the task of improving education in the state, Simpson believes there is no easy answer but clearly it requires the contribution of a wide array of people. He applauds the educational progress the state has made since the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act and says the state cannot rest on its laurels. "There are lots of other things we need to

be doing right now," he says. Simpson is identifying some of those things through conversa-

tions with stakeholders, legislators, business people, and Forward in the Fifth supporters.



Jim Simpson

Dental assisting/dental hygiene program at BSCTC sets pre-admission conference

PRESTONSBURG — The dental assisting/dental hygiene integrated program will conduct a pre-admissions conference for anyone who is interested in applying for admission to dental assisting and/or dental hygiene on Thursday, August 4, at 3:30 p.m.

The conference will be available via interactive television on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, in the Johnson Building, Room 117 and in N212 on the BSCTC Pikeville Campus.

The dental assisting/dental hygiene program faculty at Prestonsburg include Eric Dixon, DMD; Jerry Tackett, DMD; Kathy Chitti, CDA, EDDA; Julie Lester, RDH, BS; Sabrina McCoy, RDH; Jennifer O'Bryan, RDH; Cynthia Taylor, RDH; and Bernetta Bush, RDH.

Dr. Jerry Tackett is the program coordinator.

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BUSINESS / PROFESSIONS

New home construction unchanged in June

by MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Construction of new homes and apartments showed no change in June following a decline the month before with weakness in every part of the country except the South.

Analysts said June's weaker-than-expected performance could be a sign that the red-hot housing market is finally starting to cool a bit. But they said any slowdown was likely to be gradual as long as mortgage rates do not rise too rapidly.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that builders broke ground on 2 million new homes and apartments in June at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, exactly the same pace as in May.

Private economists had been expecting a small rise in construction activity in June. In a further sign of a slowdown, housing starts in May were revised to show a decline of 1.1 percent instead of the small increase that had been originally reported.

A cooling of the housing market would be welcome news for those who had begun to worry that the country was developing a dangerous housing bubble similar to the speculative bubble that developed in the stock market in the late 1990s.

But economists said they did not expect any precipitous drop in housing activity, given that mortgage rates, which have started to rise, still remain at extremely attractive levels.

"Housing activity will remain robust in the next few months thanks to lean inventories, strong economic growth and mortgage rates that are close to a 40-year low," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at Global Insight, a forecasting firm in Lexington, Mass.

Michael Carliner, an economist at the National Association of Home Builders, said he was looking for housing starts to total 1.98 million units for this year, with the second half pace slightly below activity during the first half of 2005. Still, that forecast would represent a 1 percent rise from the 1.96 million housing units built in 2004 and would be the best showing

since 1978.

Carliner said that forecast was based on an assumption that mortgage rates, which last week stood at 5.66 percent for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages, will only rise to around 6 percent by the end of this year. Rates tracked by Freddie Mac have been up for the past two weeks.

"There is still a great deal of forward momentum in the housing industry," Carliner said, noting that permits for new construction rose a solid 2.4 percent last month after having fallen by 4 percent in May.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, responding to questions from the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, said that recent warnings by bank regulators about risky mortgage lending were not

meant to be an attempt to deflate a potential housing price bubble.

In comments released Monday by the JEC, Greenspan said, "The regulatory system is not designed to influence or control asset bubbles, but rather to ensure that bubbles, should they develop, do not lead to unsafe lending practices."

Greenspan has also worried about the more exotic mortgages people have been using to buy homes, mostly interest-only loans that could leave them exposed if home prices suddenly began falling, leaving them with a mortgage that cost more than the value of their home.

For June, construction of single-family homes fell by 2.5 percent to an annual rate of 1.67 million units. However, this was

offset by a 14.2 percent rise in construction of apartments which rose to an annual rate of 337,000 units.

On a regional basis, the strength in June occurred in the South, where construction rose by 11.4 percent to an annual rate of 1 million units.

Construction was down in all other parts of the country last month, led by a 12.1 percent decline in the Midwest to an annual rate of 335,000 units. Construction in the West dropped by 10.4 percent to an annual rate of 481,000 units and was down 0.5 percent to an annual rate of 185,000 units in the Northeast.

Even with these declines in housing starts, economists expect records will be set for the fifth straight year in terms of sales of new and existing homes based on the momentum that has developed so far this year.



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The loan, provided through Catholic Health Initiatives' Direct Community Investment Program, will assist LINKS in its mission to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to low-income people in eastern Kentucky. Floyd County is a primary focus of LINKS' activities.

"The capital provided by CHI has enabled LINKS to serve more families through our low interest loan program, which finances septic systems, ramps and many other repair projects," stated John Rosenberg, LINKS Board Chair. "As the payments are made, the funds are used again to help other low income families. We are so thankful that CHI agreed to partner with us in this endeavor."

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Council on Postsecondary Education hears affordability report, approves new strategic plan

FRANKFORT — An interim college affordability study finds that Kentucky postsecondary education remains reasonably affordable for most state students. The study analyzed the actual net price students and their families paid to go to college in Kentucky last fall after factoring out grants, scholarships and student loans from tuition charges.

The study, commissioned by the Council on Postsecondary Education and Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, was presented at the Council's Affordability Policy Group meeting earlier today. A final report is due in September.

Council President Tom Layzell said, "The results of the affordability study will guide the development of tuition and financial aid policies in the future."

The study identified three components of affordability, including the student's and family's ability to pay, tuition and other costs associated with attending college, and the amount of financial aid available to students.

According to the report, grant aid is generally distributed equitably across all income groups. The net prices paid by Kentucky students increase with income and the net prices increase with higher

costs of attendance. While the study concludes that Kentucky remains affordable on average, it also identified two gaps in affordability. Independent students (those not dependent on families for financial support) in the lowest income group pay the highest net price, and dependent students in the lowest income group at four-year public or private institutions are at the margins of affordability.

In other findings, the independent study found that most Kentucky students do not pay the "sticker price" or published price of college and Kentucky students are also on par with national rates in their use of loans and the amount borrowed.

The study was limited to undergraduate Kentucky students enrolled in the fall of 2004 who filled out a FASFA (Free Application for Student Financial Aid).

Following the Affordability Policy Group meeting, the Council on Postsecondary met and approved a strategic plan that will guide the system of postsecondary education for the next five years.

The plan marshals the resources of the postsecondary education system to accomplish the goals of the Kentucky

Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 (House Bill 1). The components of the plan consist of a public agenda, statewide key indicators which measure the progress of the system, and campus action plans.

House Bill 1 requires the Council to review the public agenda every four years. The review began in early 2004 with an analysis of demographic, economic and education data from 1997 to present. Nine regional forums and a series of meetings with state policy, civic, and business leaders were conducted to find out where the system can improve.

In other business, the Council:
 ■ Approved a recommendation to conduct a statewide diversity study to determine Kentucky's compelling interest in engaging in diversity planning. The study will provide the opportunity for Kentucky to improve its policy to ensure that it fully advances its educational mission and diversity goals.

■ Heard a report on University of Kentucky's Top 20 Business Plan from UK President Lee Todd. The plan, which will be finalized in November, will analyze UK's current competitive position in four areas—research, faculty recognition, graduate education, and

undergraduate education. It will also identify strategies to close the gaps, determine sources and amount of funds required to implement the strategies, and provide public engagement measures.

■ Heard a report from representatives of the UK, WKU and UofE athletic programs regarding their work in fostering the academic success of student athletes.

■ Approved benchmark institutions for the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

■ Approved guidelines for the accessibility of electronically delivered instruction and services.



Donna Sha Sanders, D.O., of HI Hat, was awarded a Clinical Excellence Award during the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine's (PCSOM) Class of 2005 graduation banquet. The award is presented for outstanding clinical achievement and dedication by earning all A's during the 2003-2005 clinical rotations. Presenting the award is William T. Betz, D.O., MBA, FACOFP, Perry distinguished professor in medicine, and associate dean for clinical science for PCSOM.

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to low-income people. It is funded by federal, state and local agencies and receives donations of money from private individuals, groups and businesses, all of which are essential to the achievement of its stated purpose. For more information, visit www.linkshousing.org.

Catholic Health Initiatives is a national non-profit health corporation based in Denver, Colo. The health system includes 69 hospitals; 43 long-term care, assisted and independent living and residential facilities; and five community-based health organizations

located in 19 states. Catholic Health Initiatives represents more than 65,000 employees and total revenues of \$6.7 billion. It is the second largest Catholic health system in the United States. For more information, visit www.catholichealthinitiatives.org.

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Raiders return minus nearly 4,000 yards rushing

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels handed out football equipment Friday. When it was all said and done, Daniels had handed out 18 sets of shoulder pads and 18 helmets. It's very likely the Raiders will hit the gridiron



in August with 30 or fewer players. The Raider football program has struggled with the low numbers in past seasons. Low numbers weren't too much of a deterrent last season, though. South Floyd finished 8-3 last season, runner-up to Pikeville in Class A, Region 4. The post-season berth was South Floyd's eighth trip to the State Playoffs. The Raiders have yet to win a postseason

game and hope to do that in 2005. Should South Floyd do that in the season ahead, it'll be done without its top two offensive threats from last season, Combined last season, senior running backs Wes Hall and Joe Osborne rushed for nearly 4,000 yards. "You just don't replace 4,000 yards," Daniels lamented. "Those two guys were outstanding running backs." The Raider offensive attack of one year ago kept opposing defenses guess-

ing. Hall and Osborne packed a potent one-two rushing punch. South Floyd also got some offensive yardage through the air, outscoring opponents 444-308 over the course of 11 games. Lynn Camp ended South Floyd's run in the first week of the State Playoffs last season, beating the Raiders 35-30. The Raiders began practice Monday with the task of replacing seven offensive starters and eight defensive starters.

Look for this year's Donny Daniels-coached South Floyd team to take to the air more. Senior Ryan Johnson returned to the gridiron last season as a junior and passed for 985 yards and 11 touchdowns. His favorite target from last season, Justin Slone, now a fellow senior, also returns. During his junior campaign, Slone hauled in 38 catches. He doubled up and started in the Raider defensive secondary and recorded four

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Rule allows facial, head protection for baseball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS – At its annual meeting June 17-18, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee adopted a new rule that permits the pitcher or defensive players to wear non-glare facial or head protection while on the field. Rule 1-5-5, which is designed to minimize risk of injury, was one of 12 rules addressed at the meeting.

"In the few occasions that pitchers are hit by the ball, most of the occurrences are above the neck," said B. Elliot Hopkins, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee. "The committee felt that players who want to wear protection should be able to."

In other changes, Rule 1-3-6 was revised to eliminate the confusion this past season with the legality of two-toned gloves. The modification bans any white or gray colors on the glove or mitt worn by the pitchers. This rule was revised due to the popularity of two-toned gloves, which typically have not been distracting. As a means of providing additional coverage to the definition of a foul ball, Rule 2-16-1e was added. It states that a ball inadvertently declared foul by an umpire that touches the ground is a dead ball.

The committee also revised Rule 2-10-2, which now mandates a meeting involving the umpires, both head coaches and team captains (if available) near home plate before each game.

"Good sportsmanship is the rationale behind the pregame conference," said NFHS Baseball Rules Committee Chairman Greg Brewer, assistant director of the Alabama

(See RULE, page two)

BLACKCATS AT WORK



photos by Steve LeMaster
On Monday, the Prestonsburg High School football team began preseason practice in preparation for the 2005 season. The Blackcats were back out on the practice field early Tuesday morning. Above: Prestonsburg Assistant Coach James DeRossett demonstrated a drill with senior lineman Tyler Hamilton. Other Blackcat linemen are pictured looking on. Left: Center Cody Crider and quarterback David Shaffer are just two of the many players back with varsity experience for the Blackcats.

StoneCrest Invitational rescheduled for Aug. 20-21

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – The annual StoneCrest Invitational golf tournament that was originally set for this past weekend has been rescheduled for August 20-21 club pro Rick Frye has announced. "We had several factors that led to the tournament being rescheduled with weather being one of the factors," said Frye.

(See STONECREST, page two)

Fall soccer season registration scheduled

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Floyd County Youth Soccer Association will hold its registration for the Fall 2005 Season on two separate days – Saturday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 13. Both sets of sign-ups will be held at the Prestonsburg McDonald's. League volunteers will be onhand at McDonald's to accept registrations between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The fee, which covers uniforms and other costs associated with the soccer program, is \$40 per player.

All participating players must be at least four years of age. The league is for players ages 4-19. During the registrations, parents may be asked to provide a birth certificate or other records for verification of the child's birth date.

Players in the Under 6 and Under 8 divisions will again play against other Floyd County teams only. Teams in the Under 10 division and older also play teams from surrounding counties. In Floyd County, games are played on the fields at the Christ United Methodist Church at Allen. During the Spring 2005 Season, approximately 165 players – both boys and girls – from Floyd County participated in youth soccer.

For more information on the upcoming season, contact Robin Simpson Smith, Registrar via phone at 886-9562.

Housewright leads flag-to-flag for third win

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COEBURN, Va. – It took Kingsport, Tenn. racer Brad Housewright about a lap and a half to clear Paul for the lead at the start of the 75-lap Late Model Race at Lonesome Pine Raceway Saturday night.

From then on the racing was for second on back as Housewright drove away from the rest of the field. He literally drove away from the rest of the field.

By the halfway point of the race he had a full straightaway lead over second place. He maintained that advantage to the end of the caution free race to earn his third win of the season. Housewright started from

the outside of the first row Saturday because frequent polesitter Wayne Hale drew a six for the inversion for the third time this season.

On lap 19 Hale took second place from Joey Owens, but by then Housewright was a half a straightaway ahead. Moments later Hale fell off the pace with a power steering failure and lost second-place to Owens on lap 27 and then third place to Shull on lap 31.

Eventually Hale got back on the pace and he gradually gain back those positions. Hale finished second ahead of Owens, Shull and Alan Sumner who took fifth from Zeke Shell with 20 laps to go.

The victory was especially sweet for Housewright who led more than 20 laps last week before breaking a front sway bar. "We planned on doing this last week and unfortunately we broke a part," Housewright said. "We didn't know what we had for them tonight."

"...Wayne said I was lucky. We ought to stop and buy five dollars worth of lottery tickets. Maybe I'll hit that \$145 million and really go racing then."

There was a rarity in the highly competitive Street Stock division Saturday as Honaker, Va. racer Josh Hale became a first time winner, a phenomena

(See WIN, page two)

BACK TO BACK CHAMPS



The Martin Pee-Wee League Angels recently captured their second straight tournament championship. Pictured, front row: Jacob Meade, Hunter Johnson, Kelsey Parsons, Mollie Parsons, Jonah Parsons. Second row: Darren Tackett, James Little, Roger Tackett. Third row: Hannah DeRossett, Andruw Tackett, MyKayla Little. Back row: Coach Keith Parsons, Jacob Parsons, Coach Ernie Gullett, Scorekeeper Janet Jarrell, Coach Jim "Buck" Jarrell, Scorekeeper Karen Tackett, Coach Roger Tackett.

Raiders

interceptions. "We're gonna look to throw the ball more - spread the field out some," Daniels admitted. "We've got our receivers returning and we'll need to get them the football. We'll have to look at moving some people around on both side of the ball, too." The top lineman back for

South Floyd is senior Ryan Little. Daniels expects Little to anchor both the offensive and defensive lines. Senior tight end/defensive end T.J. Hall and senior fullback/nose guard Kyle Hall are also returning starters. Kyle Hall is the only running back returning from the South Floyd backfield that

last season rushed over many Class A foes.

Prior to the start of practice Monday, South Floyd got in some work over the summer.

"We did well in a passing game against 'East Ridge,'" Daniels admitted. "We're thin at some positions, but we hope to get some people in place."

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Rule

High School Athletic Association. "We want to make sure everyone is properly uniformed, understands the rules and that there is no miscommunication between the umpires and the teams." Eight other minor changes

were approved by the committee, including two involving baserunning rules and two revisions to dead-ball rules. A listing of all rules changes is attached.

Baseball is the fourth-most popular sport among boys at the

high school level with 457,146 participants during the 2003-04 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks third in school sponsorship with 14,984 schools offering the sport.

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Win

that hasn't been seen in that division for quite a while.

Last week Hale earned his first pole but drew a five for the inversion and wasn't able to move forward in the race. This week the tables turned as Hale qualified fifth fastest and polesitter Roger Neece drew a five giving Hale the pole for the start.

Rob Austin who started on the outside of the first row grabbed the lead when the green flag fell but Hale took it away on the third lap. Austin fell back as the race progressed while Chris Tunnell took second and began chasing down Hale.

Hale's best friend throughout the race was Tony Vance. Just when it seemed that Tunnell was going to make a move for the lead, Vance would threaten to take second place and Tunnell would fall back to protect his position. The caution flag fell with seven laps to go after Matt Smith and Jamie Mills tangled in turn three. That tightened up the field, but again the battle for second place between Tunnell and Vance helped Hale to drive off to his first career win. "There's been days when I thought this would never happen," said Hale who is in his third season in the street stock division. "We stuck together and we kept working and working, and finally —

finally it happened."

One division that has been whittled down by wrecks and mechanical failures is the Mod 4s which had only six cars show up Saturday, five start the race and three finish. But, they still managed to put on a good show as Hershell Robinette held off Freddie Taylor Jr. for about 15 laps as the two raced side-by-side for the lead.

Taylor snatched the lead by a bumper moments before the caution flag flew for Brad Ball's car which went up in smoke.

On the restart Taylor Jr. drove away from Robinette who finished second and Rocky Yates who finished third. Ball got credit for fourth and Jeff Roark was fifth.

On the other side of the spectrum, the Pure 4 division had one of its biggest car counts of the season with 20 entries. None of them could catch Gate City racer Linton Perry who's Honda was all but totaled in a Ladies Pure 4 race last week.

Sometimes a wrecked car gets fixed back better than it was before, and that was the case with Perry's Honda as he blistered the field with the fastest qualifying lap of the season and then led flag to flag, winning by about a straightaway over sec-

ond place Stacey Castle.

The closet racing was for third through fifth positions as Jeff Bobo took his second straight podium finish ahead of Tony Casteel and Carl Lawson.

Wanda Phillips, driving Perry's car in the Ladies Pure 4, returned to victory lane after blowing away the field a week after suffering a serious crash. Pam Yates grabbed second place on the last lap over Sarah Looney who was third.

Jon Clark held off a challenged from Justin Norris to win the Hornets race with Brandon Osborne finishing third.

Travis Watson earned his 10th win in a row followed distantly by Steve Mitchell in second and Ron Humble in third.

LPR has an off week, but will return with its regular racing lineup July 30.

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RACE WINNERS

Honda of Prestonsburg Late Models - Brad Housewright
Miner's Exchange Bank Street Stocks - Josh Hale
Modified Fours - Freddie Taylor Jr.
Community Trust Bank Pure Fours - Linton Perry
McDowell Professional Pharmacy Legends - Travis Watson
Ladies Pure Fours - Wanda Phillips
Amazing Grace Cafe Hornets - Jon Clarke



photos by Steve LeMaster
After going through some drills on the game field Tuesday morning, Prestonsburg High football players ventured over the hill and onto the practice field for the bulk of the morning workout.



Penalty established for illegal equipment in high school softball

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS - The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Softball Rules Committee approved a new penalty for non-compliance or illegal equipment at its annual meeting June 18-20 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rule 3-5-1 will now require the head coach to attend the pregame conference to verify the team is legally and properly equipped. The first offense will result in the equipment being removed and a team warning being issued. A subsequent offense, by anyone on the team, will result in a dugout/bench restriction for the offender and head coach.

"Coaches should be responsible for their players and equipment," said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the NFHS Softball Rules Committee. "By adding a penalty, the committee hopes to make the coach more accountable and take greater steps in ensuring player compliance."

In other action, the committee approved a new rule to penalize a coach or player for

intentionally removing the lines of the batter's box to gain an advantage for the team's "slap hitter." With the implementation of Rule 3-6-19, a strike shall be called on the batter if a member of the offense intentionally removes the line, and a ball awarded to the batter if a member of the defense intentionally erases the line. A team warning will also be issued. Any subsequent infraction will result in the head coach being restricted to the bench/dugout for the remainder of the game.

A strike will now be called when a pitched ball hits the batter and is prevented from entering the strike zone, according to new Rule 7-2-1h. "The offensive team should not benefit with a 'ball' or a 'no pitch' called when the batter prevents the pitch from entering the strike zone and is hit by the pitch in front of the plate. This rules change helps maintain the balance between offense and defense," Struckhoff said. "The call will be made at the umpire's discretion."

The last major change affects Rule 7-4-1k, which pertains to the bat hitting the ball a

second time outside the batter's box. The committee decided to remove a prior revision and return to the original rule of calling the batter out if the bat hits the ball a second time on or over fair territory outside the batter's box.

"A lot of these changes were implemented because we felt some issues of the game were contrary to the spirit of fair play," said NFHS Softball Rules Committee Chairman Ralph Sweargin, executive director of the Georgia High School Association. "We're hoping these new penalties will serve as a deterrent and make them stop."

"To have only four rules changes this year is a good thing. It's reassuring to know interscholastic softball is in good shape."

Softball is the fourth-most popular sport for girls at the high school level with 362,468 participants during the 2003-04 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks tied for third in school sponsorship for girls, with 14,181 schools offering the sport.

Little-known consignor's horse tops Fasig-Tipton sale

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Rosilyn Polan once worked as a caterer for thoroughbred consignors at Fasig-Tipton auction house, delivering meals as she watched horses being paraded to and from the sales ring.

The Woodford County woman later became a small-time consignor, although, after Monday, that label might no longer apply. Polan's bay colt - the only horse she entered for the sale - fetched the top price of \$385,000 on the first day of the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Yearlings sale.

"Three eighty-five," exclaimed Polan, who with her husband, Kenneth Ross, owns Sunday Morning Thoroughbreds. "He was a champion. He acted like a champion."

Since Keeneland discontinued its July sale in 2003, Fasig-Tipton's July event has been the first major yearling sale of the year.

Horses sold at Fasig-Tipton through the years haven't lacked for success - more than 100 Grade I winners have visited the company's sales ring, including 1977 Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew - but they usually don't have the elite pedigrees of many of the horses that will be offered at Keeneland's main sale in September.

What they do have, said consignor Francis Vanlangendonck, is good looks.

"If you have a nice, big, early colt that's really mature, this is a really good place to market

him," said Vanlangendonck, the owner of Summerfield Sales of Morriston, Fla. "Even if he's light on pedigree, a lot of people here are looking for individuals."

In racing parlance, an "individual" is a horse with good physical traits who doesn't have elite bloodlines.

That description fits Polan's colt. The son of relatively new - and unproven - sire El Corredor, out of the unraced broodmare Meadow Bryte, the colt looked poised in the sales ring and didn't appear bothered by the crowds or hubbub.

Polan, who said she had never before sold a horse for more than \$100,000, turned down earlier offers as high as \$125,000 for the colt, confident he'd draw at least that much at auction. But after the sale, she had trouble believing how much more than that he actually sold for.

"Anything was possible," she said. "I thought, rationally, there's no way anybody will pay that much money for the fifth foal out of a mare (like that). But, as good as he looks, I thought anything was possible."

The purchaser pleased her as well: longtime thoroughbred owner B. Wayne Hughes, who entered two horses - Don't Get Mad and Greeley's Galaxy - in this year's Kentucky Derby.

Fasig-Tipton catalogued a record 679 horses for the two-day sale, which will end Tuesday. The 184 horses sold Monday fetched \$17,503,000, a slight increase over last year's first-day total, when 169 horses were sold.

The average price was \$95,125, down from \$99,077 last year, although the median price remained steady at \$80,000. One negative number stood out: 114 horses didn't meet their reserve price, compared to 56 last year.

The second-highest price paid Monday was \$350,000. Agent Robert E. Courtney Jr. bought the dark bay or brown colt by Aptitude, out of the broodmare Dancing Gulch.

Mountain States Stables of Billings, Mont., paid \$300,000 for a gray or roan colt by another new sire, Buddha, out of Saint Aubin. Gainesway Farm of Lexington consigned the colt.

A half brother to 2004 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner Smarty Jones brought \$40,000 from Murray Smith of Ocala, Fla. Vanlangendonck, whose Summerfield Sales consigned the Florida-bred horse, said the son of new sire and champion sprinter Orientate brought about the price he expected.

The colt's mother is I'll Get Along, who also is the mother of Smarty Jones. I'll Get Along was sold for \$5 million at a Fasig-Tipton sale last November. This March, I'll Get Along - now living in Ireland - bore a full sister to Smarty Jones.

Smarty's former trainer, John Servis, also serves as an agent for Fox Hill Farm and bought three horses Monday, spending \$532,000. His biggest purchase was \$250,000 for a colt by Songandaprayer, out of Queenofeverything.

StoneCrest

"We hope to have more professionals in the field by changing the date."

Despite the date change of the tournament several events are slated to take place at StoneCrest in the near future. On July 25, the Pepsi Junior Tour will hold a tournament at StoneCrest. Later in the month, July 29, the Kentucky State

Police will host a scramble at the course. A nine-hole couples scramble is scheduled for Aug. 7 with a shotgun start slated at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$20 per couple with any additional fees due at the time of registration.

The StoneCrest Invitational will be a 36-hole tournament with the field being flighted after the opening round. Great prizes as

well as lunch both days are included in the entry fee. A Saturday evening dinner from Reno's Roadhouse is included on Saturday evening. Entry fee for the tournament is \$125 for annual passholders and \$175 for all others. The professional fee is \$250.

The annual StoneCrest Club Championship is set for Sept. 17-18.

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Horsemen special teams lead in win over Fireants

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — With 5:40 to go in the second quarter, J.T. Haskins had a Horsemen record 51-yard kickoff return, breaking the previous franchise record of 50-yards held by Dougie Allen. Two quarters later, William Mulder got into the action, returning a missed field goal 54-yards for the score. The Special teams' performance gave Lexington (11-4) the 52-25 win over Tupelo (3-13).

Champ Kelly led the Horsemen defensive surge with

two interceptions. Kelly returned his second pick of the night 30-yards for a touchdown. Despite having the ball for almost 45 minutes in the game, the Fireants were held to only 25 points by the Lexington defense.

Tupelo's Matt Kohn led all passers in the game, going 16-30 for 163 yards and three touchdowns. All three Kohn touchdown passes were to Cecil Lester, the games top receiver with 5 catches for 68-yards and three touchdowns. Lester was also the games top rusher, com-

piling 40-yards on the ground.

The first quarter saw both the Horsemen and Fireants only get to the end zone once, with Lexington leading 7-6. Tupelo started the scoring with a four-play drive that culminated with Kohn connecting with Lester for the 10-yard score. The Eric Coure point after attempt was blocked by the Horsemen defense. Derek Homer got Lexington on the board with a 4-yard rush with 6:18 remaining in the quarter.

The Horsemen started the scoring in the second quarter

much like it ended it in the first. Randy Bell got the call four yards out and ran to paydirt. Tupelo's Kohn threw for his second touchdown of the night when he hooked up with Lester again for the 27-yard score. The Horsemen special teams and defense accounted for the rest of the scoring in the half. J.T. Haskins ran the Fireant kickoff back 51-yards for the touchdown. Kelly got into the action when he picked off the Kohn pass and returned the interception 30-yards for the score, ending the half with Lexington

leading 28-12.

Lexington's only score of the third came barely over a minute into the quarter. Bonner threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Harry Lewis. Tupelo's Terrence Charles scored on a nine yard carry and Kohn connected with Lester for the third time on the 6-yard pass to round out the scoring, pulling the Fireants to within ten points of the Horsemen, 35-25.

The Horsemen defense came up big in the final quarter of the game. Lexington held Tupelo scoreless in the fourth giving up

only 22 total yards, 15 in the air and seven on the ground. Horsemen special teams accounted for most of the scoring, started off with a Justin Hutton 32-yard field goal. Bell ran for a 30-yard score and Mulder scored when he returned the Coure missed field goal capping off the scoring, 52-25.

Lexington returns to action Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 for the first round of the UIF playoffs. The game will be carried live on Super Talk 96.1 FM with Gary Ball and Bill Ransdell.

Brown retires with Raiders, announces NASCAR venture

by GREG BEACHAM
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OAKLAND, Calif. — Tim Brown spent one last day in silver and black before moving on to a future that might include checkered flags.

Brown signed a one-day contract and retired with the Oakland Raiders on Monday, putting a graceful end to the turbulent final months of his prolific 17-year NFL career.

Like nearly every great receiver, Brown wasn't ready to quit. Unlike most, he believes he'll find enough endeavors after football — including broadcasting, charity work and perhaps even owning a NASCAR team — to keep him occupied and challenged.

"I feel great. I feel as if I can still play five years of football," Brown said. "But maybe the reason to retire is because I feel so good."

Brown, who turns 39 on Friday, is in talks with Fox and Sirius satellite radio for broadcasting jobs. He also used his retirement to announce an unlikely venture: He hopes to become the first black majority owner of a NASCAR team.

Brown, a Dallas native with no background in racing, plans to partner with Roush Racing on a team based in Charlotte, N.C., and to begin competition next year.

"It's going to be a big deal to try and get accomplished, but I think it's going to be great to try," said Brown, who said he was approached by Roush Racing for the job. "Obviously there's a diversity issue that needs to be addressed (in

NASCAR). They thought I was a good guy to do it."

Brown, the Heisman Trophy winner at Notre Dame in 1987, spent his first 16 seasons with the Raiders in Los Angeles and Oakland, becoming the self-proclaimed "Mr. Raider." But after refusing to accept a minor role with Oakland last year, Brown spent one last disappointing season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Though that career choice might have hurt a few feelings among the Raiders' executives and fans, Brown always wanted to finish his NFL career in Oakland — and unlike some of his family members and friends, he wasn't disturbed by his departure.

"I didn't think my wife would be here if I did retire as a Raider," Brown said. "Things happen in the NFL that shouldn't happen, but I'm glad it worked out."

The Raiders said owner Al Davis couldn't attend the ceremony at a hotel near the Raiders' training complex because of scheduling conflicts. Chief executive Amy Trask was on hand to present Brown's ceremonial contract.

Brown and Davis had an uncommonly close relationship during their years together, with Brown becoming one of the few players whose opinion Davis sought. But Brown knows he strained that bond when he reunited with Gruden and former Raiders executive Bruce Allen in Tampa Bay last season. The Raiders hoped Brown would retire with them last year.

"I don't think they like the

fact that I went to Jon Gruden and Bruce, but I was unemployed," Brown said with a grin. "I needed a job. What was I to do? Mr. Davis and I, we've had our cross words, but I think there's a mutual respect. ... (Tampa Bay) obviously didn't work out the way I planned, but if I had to do it over again, I'd do the same thing."

Brown had 1,070 receptions for 14,734 yards and 99 touchdowns with the Raiders before they released him last August. Reuniting with former Raiders coach Jon Gruden in Tampa Bay, Brown had just 24 catches for 200 yards and one touchdown last season.

Brown, a nine-time Pro Bowl selection, is tied with Steve Largent for third on the NFL's career touchdown catches list, and only former Oakland teammate Jerry Rice has more career yards receiving. His 1,094 career catches rank third in NFL history.

Raiders receiver Jerry Porter and former teammates Lincoln Kennedy and Chester McGlockton attended the event — and so did Marcus Allen, the Hall of Fame running back whose career with the Raiders ended with a nasty public dispute. His rift with Davis still hasn't healed.

"The great thing about Tim was his consistency," Allen said. "When they look back on the receivers from the era that we played in, his name is going to stand out with Jerry and only a couple of other guys. That's how good he was, and how important."

Horsemen sign Johnson, Hill

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Horsemen recently signed defensive lineman Dennis Johnson. Johnson was a high school standout at nearby Harrodsburg High School. He was named National Defensive Player of the Year by USA Today, The Sporting News and Parade first team All-American. During his high-school career Dennis was also chosen as National Player of the Year by Sports Illustrated and the Touchdown Club of Atlanta.

Johnson signed with the University of Kentucky out of high school. As a freshman at the University of Kentucky Johnson

was named to the second team Freshman All-America list by The Sporting News. He played in every game during his freshman season and started in the last six games. Dennis went on to start every game as a sophomore and was named to the All-SEC second team by the Associated Press. He started in only one game during his junior year due to an ankle injury that sidelined him for the remainder of the season. Johnson accumulated 67 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and seven sacks during his UK career.

The Harrodsburg High graduate was drafted in the third round of the 2002 NFL draft by the Arizona Cardinals. He appeared in 13 games in his

rookie season with the Cardinals recording 15 tackles. During his second season Johnson played in 15 games while starting in nine games. He recorded 42 tackles and 3 sacks during the 2003 campaign. He went on to play the 2004 season with the San Francisco 49ers.

The Horsemen also recently signed defensive lineman Derek Hill. Hill was a high school standout at nearby Madison Southern in Richmond. He later went on to continue his career at Eastern Kentucky University from 2001 through 2004. During his career at ECU, he received numerous awards and recorded 114 tackles and 8.5 sacks while seeing action in 44 games.

Armstrong defends overall lead

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PAU, France — Lance Armstrong protected his comfortable lead on the Tour de France's last day in the high mountains, finishing Tuesday in a pack with his main rivals behind stage winner Oscar Pereiro.

Now, the only things standing between Armstrong and a seventh consecutive Tour title are a time trial, two medium mountain stages and two mostly flat stages, including the last ride into Paris on Sunday.

Pereiro beat his fellow Spaniard, Xabier Zandio, and two other riders in a finishing

sprint to win Tuesday's stage. Armstrong trailed in a group with his main rivals, keeping his overall lead over second-place Ivan Basso at 2 minutes, 46 seconds.

Armstrong's main rivals, sensing that their chances of catching the American are slipping away, tried testing him again on two main climbs in stage 16 from Mourenx to Pau, the last of three days in the Pyrenees that straddle France and Spain.

But Armstrong comfortably matched their uphill accelerations — and cruised to the finish looking relaxed. He finished in a group with Basso, Jan Ullrich and other top riders, all 3:24

behind Pereiro.

The Spaniard's win, his first at the Tour, made up for his disappointment Sunday in the 15th stage, when he placed second, beaten in a finishing sprint by Armstrong's Discovery Channel teammate, George Hincapie.

Pereiro completed Tuesday's 112.2-mile trek in 4:38.40, the time coming out on top in a final sprint against three other riders.

Basso is looking to improve on his third-place finish last year. Mickael Rasmussen of Denmark is third, 3:09 behind Armstrong, and 1997 winner Ullrich is fourth overall, trailing Armstrong by 5:58.

Bills trade Henry to Titans

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills president Tom Donahoe announced he traded Travis Henry to the Tennessee Titans

for a third-round pick in next year's draft.

The deal ends a standoff between the team and player after Henry vowed not to play the final year of his contract

with Buffalo next season. Henry, the Bills' former starter, did not attend the team's minicamp sessions last spring, unhappy after losing his job to Willis McGahee in October.

Hall of Fame lineman Jim Parker dies

by DAVID GINSBURG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — Jim Parker, a Hall of Fame lineman with the Baltimore Colts who made a career out of masterfully blocking for Johnny Unitas and Lenny Moore, died Monday. He was 71.

Parker, the Colts' first pick in the 1957 draft, helped Baltimore win two NFL championships before retiring in 1967. He earned All-Pro honors in eight straight seasons, was named to the Pro Bowl eight times and in 1973 became the first full-time offensive lineman to be elected to the Hall of Fame.

"When that big guy pulled," Moore said Monday, "someone was going to hit the ground. Nobody was better at his position — both of them."

Parker spent half his career at left tackle and the other half at left guard, manning both positions with equal effectiveness. Unitas, Moore and Raymond Berry got most of the accolades when the Colts won titles in 1958 and 1959, but Parker, who wore No. 77, was a key component of that offense.

"Parker was a decapitating blocker who lusted for defensive blood," former Colts defensive lineman Art Donovan wrote in his book, "Fatso."

Parker died after a lengthy bout with diabetes, according to Moore, who was at his longtime friend's bedside Monday when he passed away.

"Obviously, he was more than just a teammate to me," Moore said.

The 6-foot-3, 273-pound Parker came to the Colts after a stellar career at Ohio State during which he won the Outland Trophy and was twice named to the first-team All-America squad. He played offense and defense for the Buckeyes, but was immediately told to focus on his blocking in Baltimore.

His primary role was to protect Unitas, who evolved into one of the game's greatest quarterbacks.

Parker didn't do much pass blocking for the run-oriented Buckeyes, but Colts coach Weeb Ewbank made him the team's starting left tackle with this priority: Do not let the defense get hold of Unitas.

"He told me, 'You can be the

most unpopular man on the team if the quarterback gets hurt,'" Parker once said. "I couldn't forget that."

Parker also was responsible for opening holes for Moore, who ran for 5,174 yards and scored 113 touchdowns during a Hall of Fame career.

"To get to me, you had to get through Jim Parker," Moore said. "He protected me."

Parker was born on April 3, 1934, in Macon, Ga. He began his career at Ohio State on defense, but after helping the Buckeyes beat Southern California in the 1955 Rose Bowl, was moved to offensive guard. His coach, Woody Hayes, called Parker as "the best offensive lineman I have ever coached" and presented Parker at his induction into the Hall of Fame.

"We are deeply saddened by the news of Jim's passing," Hall of Fame president John Bankert said. "He was without a doubt one of the greatest linemen of not only his era, but of all-time."

During Parker's career at OSU, the Buckeyes won two Big Ten titles, a national title, and went 23-5.



East Kentucky Cardiology



Ghassan Dalati, MD, Cardiologist

Dr. Ghassan Dalati, Cardiologist, with East Kentucky Cardiology, is the newest member of the medical staff at Highlands Regional Medical Center. His office is located in Suite 205 in the Archer Clinic. Dr. Dalati completed his Residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Missouri, and completed a Fellowship in Cardiology at Louisiana State University. Dr. Dalati will perform patient evaluations and diagnostic procedures, including echo, stress test, Holter monitor, event monitor, and invasive studies, including coronary angiography (cardiac catheterization), implantation of permanent pacemakers, defibrillators, and bi-ventricular pacers. Dr. Dalati is an associate of Eastern Kentucky Cardiology of Ashland, the practice of Drs. S. Velury, V. Velury and T. Thayapran.

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Hobbs: Kentucky should prepare to play without Morris



David Hobbs

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — With Randolph Morris' possible return now in the hands of the NCAA, Kentucky assistant basketball coach David Hobbs said Monday that the Wildcats must prepare to play without him.

Speaking during the annual Southeastern Conference coaches' teleconference, Hobbs — substituting for head coach Tubby Smith, who is on vacation — said he thinks there is "no question"

that if the NCAA rules Morris to be eligible, the 6-foot-10 sophomore-to-be would have to sit out as many as nine games.

"We obviously have to be in a situation to move on without him, at least temporarily," Hobbs said.

Morris started 33 of 34 games at center as a freshman for Kentucky, averaging 8.8 points and 4.2 rebounds per game but also leading the team in fouls. Kentucky finished 28-6, and Morris played his two best games of the season in the NCAA tournament, in a win over Cincinnati and a double-overtime loss to Michigan State in a regional final.

Afterward, Morris returned to his hometown of Atlanta and from there informed Smith via fax that he planned to enter his name in the NBA draft. When the June 21 deadline for Morris to withdraw from the draft

passed, it was assumed Morris had played his final game for the Wildcats.

Morris, however, was not one of the 60 players taken in the June 28 draft. A little-used NCAA rule would allow Morris to return to Kentucky, if he reimbursed all the expenses of any NBA workouts in which he participated, he asked Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart for reinstatement within 30 days of the draft and if Barnhart agreed to take him back.

But that rule wouldn't apply if Morris had a written or oral agreement with an agent. Sports agency SFX issued a statement from Morris on June 21, but Morris' father, Ralph, has said his son had not hired an agent.

According to a joint statement issued Thursday by the university and the NCAA, "the

first question the (NCAA) reinstatement staff must determine is did the student-athlete cross the threshold and professionalize him or herself to the point where reinstatement is not warranted."

If reinstatement is warranted, "the reinstatement staff considers the specifics of a particular violation to determine if conditions are warranted."

That's where Morris' situation now stands, Hobbs said.

"He has sent all the things that he needs to send for the petition for reinstatement," Hobbs said. "Tubby has agreed to take him back. It's now up to the dialogue between our compliance office and the NCAA to determine if and when he comes back and, if he comes back, what the gravity of the sanctions will be against him."

Hobbs offered three solutions

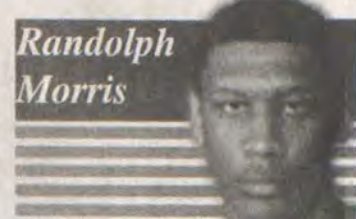
for the possible vacancy at center: either backups Lukasz Obrzut or Shagari Alleyne could move into the starting lineup, or power forward Sheray Thomas — who was limited much of last season after undergoing major offseason surgery — might step in.

"All those guys could get an opportunity," Hobbs said.

Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings said that even if Morris is unable to return to Kentucky, the Wildcats would be OK.

"It's hard to feel sorry for Kentucky — as much as I like Tubby — in any way," Stallings said. "They have a lot of good players in their program. Kentucky is the one team in this league that can absorb a loss of a player better than any other."

Other SEC coaches decried the decisions of some players to declare early for the NBA draft.



Randolph Morris

"A lot of players are losing their careers over impatience," Georgia coach Dennis Felton said.

"When you have guys that aren't even highly productive college players, and they're walking and-or faxing in and saying, 'This is what I want to do,' because foolish people are convincing them they're going to be drafted, that's what causes havoc with the future of these young guys," Felton said. "Many of them would have an NBA future if they would just be patient and stay the course."

Pitino announces two staff revisions



Rick Pitino

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino has made two revisions to his staff for the 2005-06 season.

Bill Burke, Director of Basketball Operations at U of L for the past three seasons, will become the Administrative Assistant on Pitino's staff. Brian Merritt, a program assistant on the U of L staff the past two years, will fill Burke's position as Director of Basketball Operations.

"Billy was my first assistant coach at Boston U. some 27 years ago," said Pitino. "He's been a great asset to our program over the past three years and I know he'll continue to make a major contribution here in his new role."

Before joining the Cardinal staff in 2002, Burke spent 20 years with investment firms in New York and San Francisco, the last six as managing director at Robertson Stephens in San Francisco.

After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology at Fordham in 1972, Burke coached

and taught psychology and theology for six years at Nazareth High School in Brooklyn, his alma mater. He guided Nazareth to the New York City Championship in 1977.

He joined Pitino's first staff at Boston University in 1978, helping the Terriers win 51 games in building the program. He was head coach and associate athletic director at Loyola College in Baltimore for the 1981-82 season. He has two sons: William and Daniel.

A native of St. Mary's County, Md., Merritt has coached in AAU leagues, ran a successful scouting service in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. arena, worked at numerous basketball camps over the past seven years, and has helped select players for the Cham City Challenge in Baltimore.

"Brian has worked diligently over the past two years to help our program reach its current level," said Pitino. "I'm excited that we have an opportunity for him to remain on our staff."

Merritt played two seasons in college, one at Butler (Pa.) Community College and one at Towson (Md.) University, where he earned a B.S. degree in Sports Management in 2003.

Burke will replace Vince Taylor, an assistant coach on the U of L men's basketball staff for the past seven years, whose new opportunity coaching in the NBA has not yet been

announced. Taylor had been elevated to the Cardinals' administrative assistant role in April.

"I'm very happy for Vince," said Pitino. "He's getting a great break into professional basketball. We're very appreciative of his work at Louisville."

Pitino has previously announced four other revisions to his staff. Kevin Willard was elevated to Associate Coach on April 8 after serving as an assistant coach with the Cardinals for the past four years. Marvin Menzies, an assistant coach at UNLV last season, and Steve Masiello, an assistant coach at Manhattan for the past four years, joined the Cardinals' staff in a similar role on May 4. Dan McHale, administrative assistant at Manhattan for the past year and a former U of L staff assistant, joined the men's basketball staff on May 4 as Director of Video Operations.

Two of Pitino's assistants moved on to collegiate head coaching positions this year. Reggie Theus, an assistant coach at U of L for the past two years, was named head coach at New Mexico State University on March 28 and Scott Davenport, a member of the U of L basketball staff for the past nine years, was named head coach at Bellarmine University in Louisville on April 29. Pitino has had 21 former assistants or players advance to collegiate head coaching positions.

College athletics officials discuss academics

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — An NCAA change in monitoring the classroom success rate of college athletes has Kentucky universities increasing their focus on academics, a group of athletics officials told a state education panel Monday.

"We can't get lulled into complacency," said Wood Selig, the athletics director at Western Kentucky University. "We are going to have to make sure that we stay on top of our academics."

Selig, along with officials from the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, spoke on the matter before the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

Recently imposed NCAA academic regulations on eligibility and retention standards apply to universities across the country. Schools that aren't up to par by the end of next year face "contemporaneous" penalties, including the potential loss

of athletic scholarships.

As part of its academic reform efforts, the NCAA imposed a new success measurement, called the Academic Progress Rate. The APR is based on schools' graduation rates, and whether or not their athletes remain eligible to play from year to year.

Schools that lose scholarships based on their academic performance may not award them to other students for a year. Teams can not lose more than 10 percent of their scholarships at a given time.

A 925 APR score is considered approximately the same as a graduation rate of about 50 percent. Meanwhile, a score of 1,000 is considered perfect.

As of May, UK's overall APR for last year was 954; Louisville's was 952 and WKU's was 967. Individual team APRs within each schools' athletics department vary.

Still, the loss of athletes who transfer to other schools or head for the pro sports could hurt universities' APR scores, officials said.

Schools will not face any sanctions for their performances based on data from 2003-04. Penalties can begin after December 2005. Eventually, the APR will be a "rolling" figure based on four previous years of academic data.

Mitch Barnhart, the UK athletics director, said UK's overall APR score was second in the SEC behind only Vanderbilt. Part of that could be attributed to UK spending about \$1.5 million on academic support services, Barnhart said.

"Vanderbilt set the standards in our league, and we were right behind Vanderbilt," he said.

U of L has a program currently in place that's aimed at helping athletes juggle the rigorous demands of balancing sports and academics, said Julie Hermann, an associate athletic director there. The program is a "total support program," Hermann said.

"They will perform better on the field, they will perform better in the classroom," Hermann said.

Japan 3, United States 1

by JEFF LATZKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — The rest of the world might finally be catching up to the United States in softball.

The U.S. team lost a tournament title game for the first time since 1997, falling 3-1 to Japan on Monday night in the championship of the inaugural World Cup of Softball.

The Americans, who won the gold medal at three straight Olympics, hadn't lost a title game since the 1997 Superball in Ohio, 1-0 to Australia. It was also the second loss in a week for the U.S. team. The Americans dropped a 2-1 decision to Canada in their tournament opener, their first loss in international play since dropping a 6-1 decision to Japan at the U.S. Cup on July 4, 2002.

Yukiko Ueno (3-0) threw a three-hitter for Japan. She said through an interpreter that beating the U.S. team was a dream come true and she hopes the Japanese would soon be considered equals with the Americans in softball.

"We've had good games with a lot of these teams," said Stacey Nuveman, who was on the gold-medal winning teams in Athens last summer and in Sydney in 2000. "It's not like we killed them every time we played them."

Earlier this month, the International Olympic Committee voted to drop the sport from the 2012 London Games because it lacked global appeal. U.S. softball officials have questioned publicly

whether the decision was a reaction to the Americans' dominance in Athens. The U.S. outscored opponents 51-1.

After the IOC decision, Nuveman said the excitement level at the first-of-its-kind World Cup tournament, the presence of media — including national television exposure by ESPN — and the support of the 16,000-plus fans that attended the event might have been more important than the fact the U.S. didn't win.

She said it will take an international effort to get the sport put back in future Olympics.

"Unfortunately, everybody gets so caught up on Athens in the sense that we really dominated," Nuveman said. "You don't have to go too far back to see us losing ballgames and struggling in Sydney. We almost didn't medal, period, let alone get the gold. We forget that quickly."

In 2000, the Americans lost three of their first five games in Sydney and nearly missed out on the medal round. It took five straight wins for the U.S. to bounce back and claim the gold medal.

This time, a young U.S. team was unable to rebound quickly enough. Mikiko Tanaka hit a two-run single off Cat Osterman in the second, and Rei Nishiyama added an insurance run with an RBI single off Jennie Finch in the seventh.

"The countries around us are getting a lot better every year," Wilkerson said.

The U.S. had several chances to tie it. In the fourth, Nuveman was asked to bunt with runners on first and second and no outs despite the fact she'd hit two

home runs in her first six tournament at-bats and was still recovering from foot surgery. She was easily thrown out on the tail end of a double play. Kellie Wilkerson still got an RBI single in the inning, but that was all the U.S. could get.

In the sixth, Wilkerson — who had two of the Americans' three hits — grounded back to the pitcher after Jessica Mendoza and Nuveman had drawn two-out walks and moved into scoring position on a passed ball.

"We know we can hit. We're just not timing our hits perfectly together," Wilkerson said. "The times we need hits, we just haven't gotten them."

Wilkerson is one of six players who have joined the team since the Olympics last season and are aiming to be on the squad for the 2008 Beijing Games.

But as the Americans build for their future, they must also outpace the advancements of other countries where U.S. coaches are involved in efforts to spread the game worldwide.

"We have to be perfect every game," Wilkerson said. "If we make a mistake, we're going to lose."

U.S. coach Mike Candrea said the two losses should be a wake-up call for the young team, which has plenty of time to recover in time for the Beijing Games. Officials announced Monday that the World Cup would be held in Oklahoma City again next July. The world championships will be held in Beijing next October.

"We'll get back to work and I guarantee you this team will be ready to go," he said.

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Truex holds off Edwards, extends points lead

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUDON, N.H. — Points leader Martin Truex Jr. held off Carl Edwards on the final lap for his fifth victory of the season in a caution-filled NASCAR Busch series race Saturday at New Hampshire International Speedway.

Truex, who started seventh, led only the last 13 laps in the New England 200. The victory extended the reigning series champion's points lead to 142 over 16th-place finisher Clint Bowyer.

"Maximum points, that's what we're here for," Truex said. "But he wasn't so sure he would be the winner."

"We had two tires, and one time with about 40 or 50 to go we started to back up," Truex said. "At the end it just worked out in our favor."

It was the 11th career victory on NASCAR's second-tier circuit for Truex, who will move up to the Nextel Cup series next year for Dale Earnhardt Inc.

His Chevrolet beat the Ford of fast-closing Edwards by two car-lengths, with Truex winning a two-lap dash in a race extended a lap for a green-flag finish following the final caution.

"I saw him coming, and I figured if I stayed on the bottom I had him beaten," Truex said.

Edwards said he had no choice in his plan of attack.

"I knew that the outside was going to be the best for our car, but I didn't want to show him my hand until the end," he said. "We finished better than we probably should have."

Rookie Denny Hamlin was third in a Chevy, followed by

the Ford of Elliott Sadler and Jamie McMurray's Dodge.

Hamlin was in front because he stayed out on the track after a late caution. Truex passed him on the 189th lap.

"We were out there for so long, we just couldn't overcome those tires," Hamlin said.

The winner averaged 92.093 mph in a race slowed for 49 laps by 13 cautions flags. There were six lead changes, among six drivers.

J.J. Yeley, Paul Menard, polesitter Kevin Harvick, Matt Kenseth and Stanton Barrett completed the top 10.

Harvick dominated the first half of the event, and wound up leading twice for 90 laps. Hamlin led for 67 laps.

The race was red-flagged twice for repairs and track cleanup, the last time with 18 laps remaining.

Mountain Motor Speedway



photos by Jamie Hughes

Below: Jason Hall (911) won in the Four-Cylinder Stock Division at Mountain Motor Speedway. Over the weekend, Kelly Neace won his fourth race of the season. Tim Mason, the defending track champion at Mountain Motor Speedway, also won this past weekend.



The Pit Report: Isom offers excitement

by JAMIE HUGHES

ISOM — Mountain Motor Speedway's eighth weekend of racing was full of excitement. With the threat of more rain in the region, many wondered if racing fans would even see racing on Friday Night. Track officials worked hard to prep a track that had its share of rain all week, and when the clouds held back the rains long enough for the track to go racing in five classes.

After all the success of the previous week's modified race, MMSE officials decided to run the class again this week. Last weekend's second place finisher, Randy Fouts would return to the winner's circle with a strong performance driving his 2003 Lightning Chassis powered by an L&T motor. Sponsored by A&R Trucking, K&E Trucking, Slone's Trucking and Pinetop Motors, the Kite native pulled off racing tri-factor by setting fast time with a 17.00, winning his heat race, and then going on to record another victory for the No. 82 team. Jimmy Collins continued to run stronger in the No. 0 car as he took home second place honors, finishing in front of third place finisher Keith Grey in the No. 33 Open-Wheeled Modified.

Randy Fouts was not the only driver to pull off the tri-factor. After a one-week absence with engine troubles, Letcher County Native Tim Mason returned to racing this past Friday night. Mason set fast time among the Bomber drivers with a 18.01 in his Pinetop Motors, Charles R. Sexton Trucking, Baker Trucking, Mason's Towing, and Pee Wee Goat Farm sponsored 1979 Nova. Mason then went on to record wins in the heat and feature races. The wins would not come easy however, as Reggie Ritchie finished just behind Mason in all three categories. In fact, Ritchie's qualifying time was a mere eighth/thousandth of a second behind the

leader, before finishing second in the Heat and Feature races by less than a car-length at times. While the top-two finishers battled it for the win, the field behind them also put on a show for fans. Four different drivers seem to be strong enough to finish third, as they raced for the spot the entire race. In the end, Josh Shuffler beat out fourth place finisher Roy Mullins. Jackson's Greg Hensley rounded out the top-five finishing order.

Two weeks ago, fans coined Michael Wright as the "Bounty Hunter." This after, he become only the second different driver to record a win at the track this season. While some would say, a win is a win. It was obvious the previous weekend's victory was missing something for winner Michael Wright. Greg Lucas, who had won the previous six consecutive races and had a bounty put on him over three weeks ago, was not among the cars on hand when Wright recorded his first win of the season. The wait to see who or if anyone could beat Lucas restarted and end this weekend, as he returned to racing. Isom native Michael Wright passed Lucas on lap 14 and become the first driver to beat the defending track champion in quite some time. In fact, you'd have to go back several races into last season's schedule to find the last race Lucas raced in and didn't win. The 26-year old earned his back-to-back win aboard his 2002 Rocket Chassis, which is sponsored by Larry M. Wright Trucking, Sunset Enterprises, Overhead Doors, AC2 Grafix, Johnny Wheels, and L&T Machines. Last week's fourth place finisher Randy Fields improved another spot on the leader board, as he ran as high as second before finishing third. Knott County's Jimmy Perkins finished fourth in his No. 9j Limited Late Model.

Kelly Neace continued an impressive winning streak as he

recorded his fourth consecutive victory. The fifth-year driver, from Isom, has won seven of the eight races held at Mountain Motor Speedway this season and has recorded 10 wins at various tracks he's raced at in his Collins Towing, AAA Fabrications, K & H Express-sponsored 1988 Ford Mustang. Neace was followed by the No. 9 car of Stacy Hall. Jason Hall took third place honors in the Four-Cylinder Modified class.

After the Modified finish, Jason Hall would then focus on the Four-Cylinder Stock race, where he and David Brown would earn first row starting spots after winning their heat races. Aboard his Tim Short Chrysler, Minks Paintball & Supply, Collins & Sons Builders, and Smith Engine Service sponsored car Hall held off a late race charge of last weekend's winner D.J. Henson who finished second. Henson's Outlaw Racing teammate Shawn Ousley finished third in the 18-car field.

In special racing events this weekend, fans were allowed to bring their street cars onto the track and race one-on-one with each other in a two-lap dash. Lenny Bates earned the winner's purse in his Dodge pickup. Female fans also had a chance to participate in racing action as MMSE held the first Powder Puff race of the year. Misty Sexton took the No. 18 Four-Cylinder to victory lane. Deb McCosh, Carlene Mullins, Melissa Powell, and Candy Cooper finished second through fifth in the 10-lap feature race.

As always, you can catch highlights and interviews from all the local racing action on Channel-26 on Thursday night at 8 p.m. on TVS in Hindman. The Sports Corner, will also have highlights from Beckley Speedway, and the running of the 26th Annual USA 100 \$10,000-to-win Super Late Model race this Thursday.

Stewart wins at New Hampshire

by DICK BRINSTER
AP SPORTS WRITER

LOUDON, N.H. — Tony Stewart won for the third time in four races, passing at will inside and outside in a dominant performance Sunday at New Hampshire International Speedway.

The win in the New England 300 was his third this season, second on this track and 22nd of Stewart's career. He also won in Sonoma, Calif., and Daytona Beach, Fla., and has posted finishes of second and fifth in his last five starts.

Stewart began a run of dominance after passing Ryan Newman on the 51st lap. Kurt Busch, trying to become the only driver to win three times on the track after sweeping the races last year, got by with 60 laps to go. But Stewart reclaimed the lead after they banded twice five laps later.

The most defining moment

of the race came when Stewart moved from fourth to second on lap 68 by passing Rusty Wallace on the outside and cutting inside rookie Kyle Busch just a few hundred feet later.

Race leader Scott Wimmer nearly became Stewart's third conquest of the lap. Wimmer barely kept the lead at the line, then Stewart went by less than a half-lap later.

His Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet led 232 of 300 laps and beat the Ford of Kurt Busch by 0.851 seconds on The Magic Mile. It was the eighth top-10 finish in the last 11 races for Stewart, third in the NASCAR Nextel Cup standings.

The crowd roared as Stewart climbed over the fence to reach the flagstand and wave the checker. Then he pumped his fist just as he did two weeks ago after his Daytona victory.

Points leader Jimmie Johnson, twice a winner here in

2003, finished 13th. He leads fifth-place finisher Greg Biffle by 77 points in the series standings. Stewart is 85 points back.

Stewart, the 2002 Cup champion, got his sixth career victory here in July 2000. A year earlier — while seeking the first win of his career — rookie Stewart ran out of gas while holding a substantial lead with less than three laps remaining.

Third in the \$5.1 million race was Stewart's teammate, Bobby Labonte. Next came the Chevy of Kyle Busch and Biffle's Ford.

The winner averaged 102.608 mph in a race slowed 10 times by 49 laps of caution — including once for rain, which also delayed the start by 24 minutes. There were 14 lead changes among nine drivers.

Kasey Kahne, Newman, Rusty Wallace, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Matt Kenseth completed the top 10.

Maltba finishes runner-up in NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Junior Drag Racing Eastern Conference Finals

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Thunder Valley was the place to be this weekend as the annual Wally's were being presented at Bristol Dragway top honor the cream of the crop at the NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing Eastern Conference Finals.

The future stars of the NHRA were competing for individual awards in their age category as well as team honors. To determine the team champion, the team members were awarded points for each round. The team with the most points at the end of the event was crowned the NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing League Eastern Conference Finals champion.

Silver Dollar Raceway, in Reynolds, Ga., earned this year's team championship, tallying 31 points for the title. It was the first-ever team title for Silver Dollar Raceway. Pacemakers Dragway Park, in Mount Vernon, Ohio, finished second with 28 markers, followed by last year's team champs, Maple Grove Raceway, in Reading, Pa., with 27.

During the awards ceremony, Wally's, the trophy bestowed on all NHRA champions, were dished out to Zachary Eyring, Jamison Lopochonsky, Kelsey Lynn, William Butterworth, George Farkouth, Michael Bloomfield, Eric Peterka, and Jake Sealey for their superb individual performances.

Kelsey Lynn, of Marietta, Ga., picked up top honors in the 11-year-old category by defeating local racer Denver Maltba of Newland, N.C. in the finals. Lynn cut a .179 light with a 9.041 E.T. at 70.10 mph while Maltba came off the line in .107 seconds and motored to a 9.029

elapsed time at 70.42 mph. Maltba had the title wrapped up but ran faster than his dial in time and broke out. The Bristol Team racer picked up a \$2,500 savings bond for his runner-up performance.

The 15-year-old title went to Eric Peterka, of Gilbertsville, Pa., as he bested Dale Schwik of Stuart, Florida. Peterka took the holeshot victory turning in a .071 reaction time with a 8.100 E.T. at 80.49 mph as Schwik came in with a .032 light with a 7.978 elapsed time at 80.49 mph. Team Bristol's Jeff Walls made it to the quarterfinal round, earning him a \$500 savings bond.

In the 16-17 age bracket Jake Sealy and Winnard Bennett squared off in the finals with Sealy coming out the victor. Sealy, of Aiken, S.C., ground out a .047 reaction time with a 7.998 E.T. at 76.82 mph while Bennett, of Jonesville, La., could only manage a .089 light with a 9.702 elapsed time at 65.79 mph.

In a battle of Kil-Kare Dragway racers, Fairfield, Ohio's Michael Bloomfield defeated Xenia, Ohio's Emily Kathe for the 14-year-old title. Bloomfield cut a .065 light with an 8.605 E.T. at 70.15 mph with Kathe churning out a .233 light with an 8.274 elapsed time at 75 mph.

George Farkouth battled it out with Tyler Horner in the 13-year-old finals with Farkout prevailing in the bout. Farkouth, of Brooklyn, N.Y., cut a .063 light with a 8.193 light at 79.19 mph while Horner, of Centerville, Tenn., came off the line in .057 seconds with a 7.990 elapsed time at 78.62 mph.

William Butterworth, of Goodlettsville, Tenn., squared off with Nicole Talbert, of Woodbine, Md., in the finals with Butterworth picking up

the win by default. Butterworth pulled a .026 light with a 9.006 E.T. at 72.13 while Talbert left early and picked up a red light in the process.

The 10-year-old title went to Jamison Lopochonsky with Skylar Kunz earning runner-up honors. Lopochonsky, of Greenville, Pa., cut a .231 light and nailed his 9.00 dial in time to best Kunz's effort of a .202 reaction time and 9.239 E.T. at 69.48 mph.

Zachary Eyring, of Glen Burnie, Md., took on Shelby DiLorio, of Burlington, N.J., in the 8-9 year-old finals with Eyring coming out on top. Eyring reacted to the tree in .151 sec with an 13.678 elapsed time at 44.12 mph while DiLorio broke out after she cut a .090 light with a 13.105 E.T. at 48.48 mph.

In the Team Competition Bristol Team 1 tied for seventh with 24 points, Bristol Team 2 finished up in a tie for 31st with 18 points, and Bristol Team 3 ended up in a tie for 45th with 15 points.

National League: Cubs 9, Reds 4

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Thousands of Cubs fans chanted "MVP!" whenever Derrek Lee came to the plate.

After another trailblazing game, who could argue?

Lee hit two of Chicago's five homers off left-hander Brandon Claussen, sending the large contingent of blue-clad fans into its favorite chant, and the resurgent Cubs rolled to a 9-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Lee became the first major leaguer to reach 30 homers this season, hitting solo shots off Claussen (4-7) in his first two at-bats. Todd Walker also homered twice, extending his hitting streak to 11 games.

Lee went 2-for-5, raising his average a point to .373, the best in the majors. He's at or near the

top of every hitting category.

"By far, he's been the best player in baseball this year, and it's been fun to watch," Walker said.

Aramis Ramirez added a solo shot in the Cubs' biggest homer barrage of the season. The five homers off Claussen equaled the most ever off a Reds pitcher.

The outburst was hardly a surprise. The series matches the NL's top two power-hitting clubs — Cincinnati has 121 homers, the Cubs 120 — in the ballpark that has yielded more homers than any other in the majors.

"It's an offensive paradise," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "You're never comfortable here. It's similar to playing in Colorado. The game's not over and out of reach until the last out and you're sitting in the clubhouse."

The Cubs have won seven of

eight, moving back above .500 (47-45) with a solid stretch by their starting rotation. In the last eight games, Cubs starters have allowed only 12 earned runs.

Jerome Williams (2-3) gave up six hits — three by Felipe Lopez — in 6-2-3 innings. A two-run homer by Rich Aurilia cut it to 7-4 and ended Williams' outing.

The loss snapped Cincinnati's three-game winning streak, its longest this season.

A hot, sticky evening provided perfect conditions for the ball to carry, and it didn't take the Cubs long to take advantage of the NL's worst rotation. Reds starters lead the league in giving up runs and homers.

"It's one of those parks where you can hit it anywhere and it will carry, and tonight there was a breeze blowing out," Lee said.

Claussen had the rotation's

best ERA at 3.61, but didn't even make it out of the fourth inning. Chicago's five homers — none of them a cheap shot — traveled a combined 1,959 feet, landing in every part of the 3-year-old ballpark.

It could have been worse. Claussen noted that a few long drives went just foul.

"I've been hit this hard before. I've never given up that many home runs, though. They were even hitting home runs foul. It was like I was throwing watermelons up there and they were Gallagher," Claussen said, referring to the comedian known for splattering melons with a sledgehammer.

Walker got the Cubs rolling with a one-out solo shot in the first. Two pitches later, Lee homered on a belt-high fastball, bringing the contingent of Cubs fans in the crowd of 24,311 to

its feet.

Lee led off the third with an emphatic homer over the wall in center, and Ramirez followed with his 22nd homer, another long drive that made Claussen drop his head in disgust.

Claussen became the third Reds pitcher to give up four homers against the Cubs this season, joining Matt Belisle and Eric Milton.

Walker also hit Chicago's fifth homer, a two-run shot in the fourth. Cubs fans chanted "MVP! MVP!" when Lee followed him to the plate, only to draw a walk. He scored when Ramirez doubled deep to right — the ball deflected off the glove of Wily Mo Pena — for a 7-1 lead.

Lee has played in 89 of the Cubs' 92 games, but just shrugs when anyone suggests he looks like he needs a day off.

"That's just the way I look,"

he said. "I keep hearing that I look tired. I'm not tired."

Notes: Lee has been on a tear this season against the Reds, going 13-for-25 (.520) with six homers and 15 RBIs. ... Belisle gave up four homers against the Cubs on April 18 in Cincinnati, and Milton did it April 26 at Wrigley Field. ... The previous Reds pitcher to give up five homers was Chris Reitsma against Milwaukee on Aug. 31, 2002. The prior Reds left-hander to do it was Harry Perkowski on April 29, 1954, against Brooklyn at Crosley Field. ... It was the sixth multi-homer game for Lee this season and the 15th of his career. He also hit two homers against the Reds on April 27. ... A total of 158 homers have been hit at Great American in 51 games this season, an average of more than three per game.

Casey not worried about lack of power



by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The cover of the Cincinnati Reds media guide shows Sean Casey raising his arms to congratulate Ken Griffey Jr. after one of his home runs.

When it comes to homers, Casey has done a lot more congratulating than circling this season, a mystery that has no explanation. The burly first baseman has only four homers despite playing in the majors' most homer-friendly ballpark.

"It's just the fluke part of baseball, it really is," Casey said Monday. "Every year, there's always some part of your game that you can't explain."

This one is mind-boggling. With its close wall in right field — only 325 feet down the line — Great American Ball Park is a haven for left-handed power hitters. Adam Dunn and Ken Griffey Jr. have taken advantage of its dimensions.

In fact, just about everyone has — left-handed or right-handed — except Casey, whose home run numbers are declining.

He hit 19 homers in 2003, the ballpark's first season, and 24 last year — one shy of his career high. This year, he didn't get his first homer at Great American until Sunday, a solo shot that was his fourth overall this season.

He hasn't hit them in Cincinnati, or anywhere else. He went 32 games and 138 at-bats between this third homer — June 5 in Colorado — and his fourth.

Casey said he feels fine and

hasn't made any changes in his swing. He's hitting the ball often (a .310 average), just not very far.

"I expect to hit for some more power in the second half," he said. "We'll see. I'm not trying to hit home runs."

The lack of homers by Casey doesn't bother interim manager Jerry Narron, who inherited a team that hits a lot of them but does a poor job of squeezing runs out of anything less.

"I really believe that over 162 games, everybody seeks their level," Narron said. "Casey's level is between 15 and 25 home runs. He's still one of the better hitters in baseball. He puts the ball in play. We're lucky to have him in the middle of the order."

Casey thinks it's premature to decide he's falling short on power, pointing out that he's been known to hit homers in bunches.

"I think it will be a more realistic conversation in September," Casey said. "In 2000, I hit four in the first half and 16 in the second. Last year, I hit 15 in the first half and nine in the second."

Still, the lack of even one at Great American had started to bother him. He was particularly happy to round the bases for the first time on Sunday.

"The fact that I didn't have one at home — it was like, 'You're kidding me,'" Casey said. "It was bugging me a little bit, but it was going to come eventually."

VALENTIN BACK TO BENCH: Javier Valentin's bat went into the Reds' Hall of Fame on Monday. Valentin went back to the bench.

The reserve catcher wasn't in the starting lineup Monday, a day after he hit a grand slam and a three-run homer in a 9-4 victory over Colorado. The switch-hitter became the first Reds player to homer from both

sides of the plate since Pete Rose did it in 1967.

Narron wants Valentin to play on Wednesday and Thursday, the final two games of a series against the Cubs. So, Jason LaRue was behind the plate on Monday.

"He talked to me," Valentin said. "He said I'd probably play Wednesday and Thursday. He asked me how I feel. I told him I feel good. I'll just wait for Wednesday and get ready."

Valentin said his father, Jose, enjoyed the two-homer game at least as much as he did. His father, 58, is visiting from Puerto Rico for a few weeks and was in the stands Sunday. The two of them went out to eat on Sunday night, and got recognized by fans.

"It was great for him," Valentin said. "He enjoyed seeing a game like that, especially when you don't play everyday. I told him (when he arrived) that he's probably going to see me play five or six games. I know my job."

Valentin also talked to his brother, Jose, an infielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Jose Valentin also switch-hits and has homered from both sides three times during his career, most recently on July 30, 2003, during a three-homer game.

Valentin played it low-key when he realized that his brother wasn't aware of what had happened. He then handed the phone to his father to break the news.

"He didn't even know," Valentin said.

WAITING FOR FREEL: Narron is looking forward to getting utility player Ryan Freel back. Freel is on a minor league rehabilitation stint, recovering from a sore foot.

"It will be a chance to get some rest for some guys," Narron said. "He's going to play second, third, and probably left, center and right."

Pawtucket 9, Louisville 4

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAWTUCKET, R.I. — Kelly Shoppach hit two homers and drove in five runs as the Pawtucket Red Sox rallied for a 9-4 victory over the Louisville Bats in an International League game Monday.

Louisville (46-50) scored four runs off winning pitcher Abe Alvarez (8-4) in the first inning, on Santiago Perez's leadoff homer and Chris Denofrias' three-run shot.

Shoppach hit a two-run homer off losing pitcher Brian Rose (4-6), and hit a three-run homer in the fifth. The ball hit halfway up the wall of a concession stand outside the center field fence, 415 feet from home plate.

In the fifth inning, Rose hit Shoppach with a pitch and Mike Lockwood followed with a two-run homer. Rose retired the next two batters but Shawn Wooten and Alejandro Machado singled and Chip Ambres hit an RBI single off reliever Jimmy Serrano that gave Pawtucket (46-49) a 9-4 lead.

After struggling through the first inning, Alvarez held Louisville to three hits over the next four innings. Jack Cressand then pitched two innings of one-hit relief. Manny Delcarmen worked the last two innings and allowed one hit.

Rose, who pitched for Boston in 1999 and 2000, lasted 4 2/3 innings and allowed nine runs on 10 hits.

Chipper Jones helps Braves pull within a half-game of stumbling Nationals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Washington Nationals lost that home-field magic at the wrong time. Chipper Jones is back in Atlanta's lineup, and the Braves are poised to take over first place in the NL East.

Jones homered in his first at-bat since early June and Andrew Jones hit a pair of two-run homers to lead the Braves over the San Francisco Giants 6-1 on Monday night.

Thanks to the stumbling Nationals' three-error performance in a 5-4 loss to the Colorado Rockies, the Braves moved within a half-game of Washington for first place in the division.

"It's great to have Chipper back out there," Andrew Jones said. "We're starting to get our main guys back from injuries, and he's a big part of it."

Chipper Jones' return came just days after top starters Tim Hudson and Mike Hampton returned from injuries to the Braves' rotation. Jones missed the previous 37 games with a partially torn ligament in his left foot, which caused minor discomfort several times during the night. But he followed Andrew Jones' two-run shot in the first with a drive to right-center — usually the toughest power spot in a pitcher-friendly park.

"I just felt like I could handle anything they threw up there," Chipper Jones said. "I've been like a caged lion for the last couple of weeks. It's crazy. The pain isn't all the way gone, but they can't keep me on the sidelines any longer."

In other NL games, it was: Houston 11, Pittsburgh 1; Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 4; St. Louis 11, Milwaukee 4; and Arizona 8, Florida 7 in 11

innings.

The homer snapped Chipper Jones' 0-for-18 slump — the second-worst of his career, behind an 0-for-23 skid in 2000. Jones, batting fifth in Atlanta's lineup for the first time since 1995, went 1-for-4 before Wilson Betemit replaced him in the eighth.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Cox, who got his 1,700th victory with Atlanta. "We thought about keeping him down in the minors longer (on a rehab assignment), but he may as well get his at-bats up here. I guess it paid off tonight."

Jorge Sosa (5-1) labored through six innings, but remained unbeaten since June 23. Though he gave up just one run, Sosa allowed six hits and four walks while repeatedly escaping trouble.

At Washington, the Nationals, who entered the day with the best home record (30-13), practically handed the Rockies a victory. Third baseman Vinny Castilla's second error of the game allowed the Rockies to score the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning and shortstop Cristian Guzman's error in the sixth helped Colorado to their fourth run.

"We're not executing defensively or offensively," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "I don't know what it's from. It could be fatigue. Who knows?"

Washington has lost nine of 12 games, including four consecutive one-run games.

The Nationals put at least one runner on in every inning, but only managed to score in the first and seventh. That continues an offensive drought that's seen them score more than four runs only once in six games.

"We just seem like we're in a

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES ON TAP

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Houston at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 3:35 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Florida at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

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Today's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
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Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

Rangers pitcher turns himself in on misdemeanor warrant

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers had another run-in with a cameraman Monday when he turned himself in on misdemeanor assault charges stemming from an earlier tirade against two cameramen.

The three-time All-Star, who is appealing a 20-game suspension and \$50,000 fine, was released after posting \$1,500 bond.

Rogers jawed at a cameraman for Dallas-Fort Worth television station WFAA as he was booked into the county jail. Just as with the incident that led to the charges, the exchange was caught on tape.

WFAA reported on its Web site Monday that photographer Mike Zukerman was videotap-

ing the procedure when Rogers turned to him and said, "You're getting really close; you know that? Do you hear me?"

A few seconds later, Rogers again turned to the camera, saying, "You must be pretty proud of yourself, too."

After Zukerman replied, "It's just my job, Kenny," Rogers responded: "Yeah. Your job. That's just your excuse."

The Rangers declined to comment, referring questions to Rogers' attorney, who didn't return a telephone call.

On June 29, Rogers lashed out at two cameramen as he taped him walking to the field for pregame stretching. The episode led to one of those cameramen, Larry Rodriguez of KDFW, being treated at a hospital after the camera was ripped from his hands and

thrown to the ground.

Rogers apologized a week later, saying the incident was out of character and would never happen again.

Gilfour said Fox Sports — which owns the camera Rogers damaged in the shoving of Rodriguez — has declined to press criminal charges.

Arlington police spokeswoman Christy Gilfour said Rogers faces a charge of assault with injury in the shoving of Rodriguez. She also said police will mail an assault citation to Rogers' attorney for shoving Fox Sports Net Southwest cameraman David Mammeli.

The assault charge involving Rodriguez is punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000. The other charge is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Legends beat Lakewood, 5-2

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Juan Gutierrez turned in another brilliant performance on Monday night. The right-hander ran his scoreless streak to 14 2/3 innings with six shutout frames in Lexington's 5-2 win over Lakewood. Gutierrez (7-2) earned his seventh straight win.

The Legends scored all five runs in the middle innings.

Lexington posted three in the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly by Ole Sheldon and run scoring doubles by J.R. Towles and Beau Torbert. Torbert returned in the sixth with a two run double.

The BlueClaws' two runs were scored late. Sean Gamble crossed the plate on a bases loaded balk. Ryan Thompson (5,3) served up a solo home run to Sam Orr in the eighth inning.

Torbert's doubles extend his hit streak to 14 straight games. J. R. Towles hit streak goes to nine straight games with two hits. Drew Sutton, Hunter Pence, Ole Sheldon and Luke Barganier each had one hit.

The Legends improved to 55-39 on the season and to 13-11 in the second half. The BlueClaws slump to 10-14 in the second and to a woeful 35-59 mark on the year.

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POISON OAK

Mom's superstitions

My mother was not particularly a suspicious person. By that I mean she'd never go out of her way to keep from walking under a ladder, nor would she cross the street to avoid a black cat. Yet, I can remember, on more than one occasion, her warning me about something, which, to this day, I sometimes wonder about.

I must have been about four or five the first time she ever cautioned me about it. Anyway, it was before I ever started to school. Dad worked on the night shift, and would leave for work in the middle of the afternoon. When I wasn't off somewhere catching crawdads or climbing a tree or something, I'd sometimes stand on the porch or in the grassless front yard of our little company house and wave good-bye to him. That's when Mom would say, "Come on in, don't watch him out of sight."

Since I wasn't very patient to begin with, and since the road out of the holler was quite long, I had no intention of standing there long enough to "watch him out of sight." But for the longest time I couldn't understand what difference it would have made if I had.

So one day I asked her. "It's bad luck to watch someone out of sight," she said. "You wouldn't want anything to happen to your daddy, would you?"

Well, of course, I wouldn't, and from that time on made it a practice to stop watching him long before he was out of sight, as he left for work.

Another thing that I can remember regarding Mom's giving any credence whatsoever to any sort of superstition, pertained to death. It wasn't the kind of stuff like my older brothers and sisters would tell to try to scare me, like if you hear a dog howl at night someone was going to die, or anything like that.

But I can remember hearing her comment to one of the other women in our neighborhood after a miner had been killed

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Completes residency

Nathan Ramsey Bates, the grandson of Olga Trusty, of Garrett, recently completed a six-year residency in general surgery at the University of Kentucky Medical School. He began a two-year fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at Harvard Medical School's Massachusetts General Hospital on July 1. Nathan and his wife, Dr. Paige Bates, are graduates of Northern Kentucky University and Wright State University School of Medicine. Paige was Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Kentucky and was an attending physician at Lexington's VA Hospital. Nathan and Paige have two daughters, Eden Mae, age 5, and Ava June, age 3.



Nathan Ramsey Bates

ACHS grad awarded Conservation scholarship

The Floyd County Conservation District is proud to announce the 2005 recipient of their Conservation Scholarship - Miss Kortney Osborne. Kortney is the daughter of Larry and Rita Osborne, of Hueysville. She is a 2005 graduate of Allen Central High School and was named valedictorian of her class. Kortney plans on majoring in mining engineering at the

University of Kentucky, where she will enroll this coming fall. She is a member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church.

The Floyd County Conservation Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded to those Floyd County senior high school students/undergraduates who are planning to major in agriculture/conservation of natural resources.

This scholarship is awarded in honor of past members of the Floyd County Conservation District Board who served their community by practicing the conservation of its natural resources.

Among those members are: Robert L. Shepherd, R. C. Barnett, Billy Merritt, J. B. Clark, Virgil

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Kortney Osborne



photos by Kathy J. Prater

Mr. Ed Layne, of Left Penhook, Harold, says that tending his garden helps make his days of retirement productive. Layne says the flowering bushes that line the sideyard of his home (inset) were planted years ago by his late wife.

The good earth Harold man finds pleasure in gardening

by Kathy J. Prater
Features Editor

After spending over 40 years working in the dark interiors of shaft mines, leaving home before daylight and returning after sunset, Mr. Ed Layne, of Left Pen Hook Road, Harold, now spends his days of retirement soaking up the sun and taking glory in the bounty of God's good earth. Mr. Layne, who learned about gardening "and farming" from his parents and grandparents as a young boy, now fills his leisure days planting, tending and reaping the rewards of his labor as he harvests the fresh vegetables from his well tended land.

"I don't know," Layne said, "it's

just something I enjoy doing and it fills my time. Gives me something to do, you know."

Not unlike many other Eastern Kentucky landowners, Layne begins the growing season early, planting "peas, green onions and making a lettuce bed." "Not much different from any other farmer," he says.

But, according to neighbor, Norma Boyd, Layne goes out of his way to make sure his garden plot is nicely kept and as neat as he can manage it to be. He accomplishes this by the use of wire containers and by making the rows of his garden wide enough to allow a standard "push mower" to go through.

"These wire containers, well, they give the plants support and something

for the beans to grow on - that way, my beans aren't all lying spread out on the ground getting dirty. Plus, it sure makes it a lot easier to get out here and pick 'em," he said.

"And it's sure a lot easier to just push my lawn mower through the rows than to come out here and have to weed so much, plus I don't find myself walking through muddy rows, either," he continued.

Layne not only plants and harvests his produce, but cans and preserves it, as well, having already canned 42 quarts of beans the very morning this reporter visited.

"When my Verna (his late wife) was still alive, she cooked all the time for the family. She was just the best cook

ever was, could take anything and make it taste good. Then, after she got sick, I started doing the cookin'. If I didn't know how to do something, or if I got hung up, I'd just go ask her what to do and she'd tell me...always told me right, too," he said.

Now, Layne himself prepares Sunday afternoon meals for his children and their families "every Sunday." "And I love doin' it," he said. "Just makes my week for me."

"Yeah, I ain't no Albert Einstein or nothin', but I can manage to fix things the way I want 'em," he said.

Ed and Verna, he shares, were married when Verna was only 14 and he

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CRITTER CORNER

New Barbies

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Have you heard about some of the new dog-oriented Barbies out now? Their descriptions have been making their way around on the Internet for some time now. Since most of my friends are involved in some form of competition, rescue, etc., I couldn't resist passing on some of these.

If you don't understand some of the "inside" humor, just ask someone you know who most resembles her respective "Barbie"—or be comforted that you are not privy to that particular bit of insanity.

Obedience Competition Barbie:

Barbie comes with a training bag full of gear, a set of utility articles, a full set of regulation obedience jumps, her own

lawn chair, a cooler, a subscription to Front and Finish, and her very own obedience Golden Retriever, "OTCh Sparklepond's Shorestepper Heelalong Fool", better known as "Two Hundred." Accessories such as HiT ribbons and high-scoring club plaques can be purchased separately.

Agility Barbie:

Unlike most slim, attractive versions of Barbie, this one is quite muscular from hauling very heavy A-frames, teeter-totter and dog walks. She can carry an A-frame panel with one arm and set up all of the contact obstacles single-handedly. She comes with a full set of agility equip-

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This is "Kasey Belle," a Basset Hound owned by Jeff and Melissa Scarberry, of Martin. Kasey Belle shares her home with not only the Scarberry family, but with the family's other Basset, Judge Cooper, as well. We think she looks awfully pampered!

School Calendar

*****Back to School Health Fair will be held July 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Allen Central High School. FREE for all Floyd County students. School physicals, drawings for free haircut, child I.D.'s, school supplies, and more.****

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Aug. 2 - Volunteer Training/Criminal Background check for those interested in becoming an AMS school volunteer, 5 p.m.

■ Aug. 2 - Back to School Orientation, 6 p.m. All new students and parents are encouraged to attend. Learn about the school, meet faculty and staff and tour building.

■ If you have updated immunizations/physicals for your child, you may bring them in to the Youth Services Center during the summer between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

■ For more information on any of the listed activities or center services, call 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school.

■ 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 High School

■ July 28 - Orientation, 6 p.m. All incoming freshman and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Allen Central Middle School

■ Aug. 8 - Open House, 7th and 8th grades, 6-7 p.m.

■ Aug. 9 - 6th grade orientation, 6-7 p.m.

■ Aug. 15 - Advisory Council meeting, 8:15 a.m. Meeting open to public.

■ 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

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

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

Duff Elementary

■ Aug. 4 - Open House, 4-7 p.m. Parents and students will

be able to meet their child's teacher for the upcoming semester at this time.

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

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

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ The FRC will host sum-

mer activities at the school that will be offered FREE of charge to all students enrolled at McDowell Elementary. A listing follows:

■ July 18-22 - Nutrition Camp. Children will learn the importance of how to eat healthy and be active. Children will prepare nutritious, easy to prepare snacks each day; also, they will learn how to make healthy versions of old favorites. Students will also learn about the basic food groups. Camp offered in collaboration with Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ July 25-26 - Environmental Camp, offered in collaboration with Floyd County 4-H program, UK Cooperative Extension Service. Students will learn about environmental issues with "hands-on" activities.

■ 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

■ July 25 - 9 a.m., entrance exams for Pre-8th grade for those interested in enrolling for the first time. Cost of exam is \$15. For more information, call 285-5141

or 285-5142. Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

■ 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

■ 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

■ School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

■ School athletic physicals will be available early in summer. Ask your sport coach for information. Watch for advertisement and flyers with date and location.

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

July 19 and 21, 1995

Police have arrested Tim Maynard, 27, of Pigeon, in Martin County, and charged him with capital murder in the slaying of Jeffrey Donald Nelson, 21, of East Point...Sheena Lynn Gilliam, 4, and Claude Everett Ray Gilliam, 13 months, children of Claude and Crystal Gilliam of Wheelwright, died following an early morning fire, Tuesday, at their home...Sammie Jo Oney, 28, and Tammy Oney, 24, both of Salyersville, were indicted Monday, by a Floyd County grand jury, for allegedly defrauding a federal aid program of approximately \$25,000...Anne Bentley, a former Allen City Commissioner and her daughter, Phyllis Hall, are spearheading efforts to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in Allen, after Allen City Commissioners, last week, announced their intention to check into the legality of selling alcoholic beverages within the city limits...The Allen City Commission made history in the city, Monday night, when commissioners elected Sharon Woods as their first woman mayor. Woods, a member of the city commission, will replace former Mayor Chris Waugh, who resigned in June, to accept the position of Floyd County deputy-judge executive...Mountain Area Drug Task Force officials think that the arrest of four Knott Countians, Friday afternoon, will slow down the flow of cocaine in Floyd and Knott counties...Floyd County's E-11 board decided, Monday, to ask the fiscal court to proceed with what will perhaps be the toughest part of the emergency system to be approved—countywide fire protection...On Friday, July 14, about 12:05 a.m., a vehicle caught fire at a BP gas station on Route 80, near Martin. The fire department arrived on the scene within ten minutes of the call, and had the fire under control ten minutes later, Fire Chief William Petry said. The driver was arrested by Martin city police for driving under the influence...Due to scheduling conflicts of panel members, a federal grand jury did not meet, Wednesday, in Ashland to resume hearing evidence in a federal probe into the child support enforcement duties and personal finances of Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond. A Floyd Circuit Court jury found William E. Woods Jr., 42, of Emma, guilty of two counts of sexually abusing a minor, and recommended that he serve two and a half years on each count...Businessmen are being urged to be on guard for phony bills. A crude but con-

vincing counterfeiter is making one-dollar bills look like hundred dollar bills, and is making some area business people wary...Bobby Combs, 29, of Grethel, is charged with four-counts-of first degree wanton endangerment for allegedly leaving his two children in a vehicle that went over an embankment and landed in a creek, after being pursued by police on July 12...Three workers for Big Sandy Concrete set piers and footers to get ready to pour concrete for the foundation of the Mountain Arts Center. The Mountain Arts Center is slated to be completed by the spring of 1996...There died: Glen P. Harris, 77, of Eastern, Saturday, July 15, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Gliden "Sam" Bradley, 80, of Wayland, Saturday, July 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bert Thornsberry, 73, of Cookeville, Tennessee, formerly of Price, Friday, July 14, in Cookeville; Bethel Marie Prater Hicks, 81, of Berea, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, July 16, at the Berea Hospital; Hattie Kitchen, 91, of East Point, Monday, July 17, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Crystal Renea O'Neil, 17, of Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, July 12, at Children's Hospital in Columbus; Claude Edward Ray, 13 months, and Sheena Lynn Gilliam, 4, both of Wheelwright, Tuesday, July 18, at their home, following a house fire; Jessie Holbrook, 92, of Ada, Ohio, Wednesday, July 19, at his residence; Michael W. Marshall, 39, of Hopkinsville, Sunday, July 16, in Paris, Tennessee, following a skydiving accident; Willie George, 70, Floyd County native, Wednesday, July 12, at VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia.

Twenty Years Ago

July 17, 1985

Debra Lynn Hamilton, 24, of Teaberry, lost her life, Saturday night, in the third drowning this year at Dewey Lake...A prosecutor told a Pike Circuit Court jury that former Deputy Judge-Executive Thomas Lafferty Sr., abused his public trust by spending county money on himself, at a time when Floyd finances were rapidly deteriorating...Miss Floyd County, Laurie Janine Keller, was named Miss Kentucky 1985, Saturday night, and will go on to represent the Commonwealth, this fall, in the Miss America pageant...There died: James Melvin Harris, 67, of Cliff, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jack Samons Jr., 59, of Arkansas Creek, Monday, at his

home; Jason Brown, 84, of Middle Creek, Sunday, at his home; Miranda Jane Castle, daughter of Anthony and Darla Bentley Castle of Hueysville, at birth Thursday, July 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sam Salisbury, son of Danny Arthur and Joetta Slone Salisbury of Eastern, at birth, Saturday; Mary Mosley, 67, of Minnie, Saturday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Imogene Smock, 59, of Betsy Layne, last Wednesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Gladys Marie Hancock, 49, of Ivel, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Wade Thompson, 73, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Michael Gene Reynolds, 8, son of Ted and Carol Sue Hall Reynolds of McDowell, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

July 16, 1975

Site for a proposed mini-park at Minnie consumed much of the attention of the fiscal court at its Monday meeting...The Water Gap-Bull Creek Water District development may be stalled, this year, for lack of federal funding...“Save our lake before it's too late,” is the appeal heading a petition being circulated in Floyd and surrounding counties, and later to be submitted to the U.S. Corps of Engineers...“The Most Happy Fella” will be the next presentation of the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre...The Goins Brothers and Larry Sparks will hold their first Bluegrass Festival, Friday, July 25, through Sunday, July 27...Dr. Roberto Miranda recently joined the staff of the Highlands Medical Center here; and Lester Rankin has been employed as administrative assistant at the hospital...Johnny Burke, who received the B.S. degree in pharmacy, was one of more than 5,300 persons graduated from the University of Cincinnati during exercises held June 15...The Mud Creek Health Project will expand its services on July 20 by initiating a “black lung” educational and treatment program...There died: Phillip Newsome, 68, July 10, at his home, at East McDowell; Della Boyd Kidd, 67, of Sammy Clark Branch, near Dana, at her home; Edna Earl Layne, 49, of Arkansas Creek, near Martin, Wednesday, July 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Furman Walker, 69, of Price, Tuesday, July 8, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Armen N. Bottles, 79, of Hollywood, Fla., formerly of here,

Thursday, July 10, at Veterans Hospital in Miami, Fla.; one-hundred-year-old John Allen Jackson, of Garrett, died Monday morning, at the McDowell Regional Hospital after an extended illness.

Forty Years Ago

July 15, 1965

Floyd County is the first in the nation to complete its full year of basic adult education work, and the achievement will be marked at 4 p.m., Saturday, with a special Recognition Day program at Prestonsburg High School...One of several rocks which fell from the cliff bordering U.S. 23 at Emma onto a passing auto, Saturday afternoon, struck and fatally injured the six-months-old son of James Edward and Avalene Mullins Lee, of Pataskala, Ohio...Thomas Arnett, 24, a native of the Risner section of the county, was electrocuted, Sunday, while repairing an electric waterheating system in a Van Wert, Ohio, home...The senate committee on public works, Monday, approved two eastern Kentucky reservoirs and channel improvement of Right Beaver Creek, at Martin...Miss Sharon Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Collins, of Wheelwright, will represent Floyd County in the “Miss Kentucky Pageant” Saturday, in Louisville...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weddington, of Prestonsburg, a son, Joe David, July 10, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kestner, of Lexington; a daughter, Sheri Lynn, June 27, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington...Married: Miss Hazel Greene, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Clarence H. Crisp, of Martin, July 9, at Charleston, West Virginia; Miss Elizabeth Ann Lewis, of Larkslane, and Mr. Julius Lynn Elkins, of Hi Hat...There died: Hager May, 57, of Bonanza, Wednesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Forrest Akers, formerly of this county, June 27, at Fort Benning, Georgia; Mrs. Etta Hagans, 56, formerly of this county, Tuesday, at Waverly, Ohio; Mrs. Grace Akers, 70, of Betsy Layne, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Sue Preston Ward, 82, last Thursday, at her home at Langley; Mrs. Earsie Tackett Ferrari, 51, of Bypro, Tuesday, at the Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Celia Baldrige Hackworth, 83, formerly of the Abbott Creek section, Sunday, at Walbridge, Ohio; John Henry Young, 76, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at his home in Lexington after a brief illness; Jack Branham Sr., 75, July 9, at the Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital.

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Yesterdays

Fifty Years Ago

July 14, 1955

John Melvin Hall, 59, former Prestonsburg restaurant owner, was found dead, late Tuesday afternoon, victim of a truck wreck on the Sizemore Branch Road, between Minnie and Wayland...Prestonsburg's new attack on its perplexing traffic problem may be launched this week with the order making Third Street one-way, traveling north, put into effect...Except for the vacancy existing in Prestonsburg High School, as a result of the resignation of Ted Cook was football coach, the Floyd County Board of Education, last week, completed the roster of teachers for the schools of the county system...Virgil Smith, of Allen, took first and second place in the fine-wool class, and also emerged as the grand champion of the Kentucky State Wool Show at Lexington, June 9...Married: Miss Edith Irene Martin, of Garrett, and Mr. Reginald Gene Rice, of Garrett, June 29, at the Garrett Methodist Church...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans, of Ashland, a son, Danny Lee, May 31, at Ashland...There died: Frank P. Hall, 62, Saturday, at his home at Weeksbury; Roy Perry, 60, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Clyde Monroe Hall, 13, of Allen, Tuesday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Joe Roseman, 69, of Martin, Tuesday, at his home at Amba; Albert Hall, 67, Monday, at his home at Melvin; Fred C. Workman, 48, last Saturday, at his home at Allen; Robert Hugh Marshall, 77, of Iron Hill, Ky., formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, at Ashland; Mrs. Elizabeth Jarvis Endicott, 69, of Buffalo Creek, June 30, at Endicott.

Sixty Years Ago

July 12, 1945

Ninety-seven Democratic candidates for county office, and 32 Republicans, drew for ballot position here, Tuesday...A "truce" of two days has been affected in the United Fuel Gas Company employees'

strike here, and elsewhere in the area, as the War Labor Board has promised a hearing next week...One hundred two Floyd service men have been returned to civilian life since May 1, it was announced this week. At the same time, 40 were notified to appear for induction, July 18...Married: Miss Emma Francis Amburgy and Mr. William A. Rose, of Prestonsburg, July 3, at Caruthersville, Missouri...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Burr Rice, here, July 10, a daughter, Sandra...There died: Rufus Moore, 37, McDowell mine foreman, Friday; Mrs. Josephine Moore, 85, Friday, at McDowell; Trimble Layne, 43, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. R. V. Wohlford, 72, Sunday, at Martin; Zeb Mollett, 78, of Ivel, Friday, at the Prestonsburg Hospital; Ed Vaughn, 68, Wednesday, last week, at Dwale.

Seventy Years Ago

July 12, 1935

All Kentucky Emergency Relief Administration projects in this county, were suspended, this week, while the transition to the federal works progress administration (WPA) was being made. A cloudburst, last Friday, flooded almost every street in Prestonsburg, and a high wind interrupted electric service for several hours...Jake Stapleton was slightly wounded by a revolver shot at Allen, the afternoon of July 4...C.H. Nicholls left Monday for Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the guest of an insurance company which he represents...J.C. Ward has leased the Prestonsburg Dry Cleaning Company Plant from D.S. Stephens...Dr. W. J. Hutchins, president of Berea College will speak, Sunday afternoon, at the Floyd County Berea Social to be held at the Beaver Valley Golf and Country Club, in Allen...There died: Floyd Hondel, 44, former Floyd County driller, at Beattyville, June 28; Spencer Boyd, 87, Friday, at Wonder; Mrs. Jerry Tackett, 38, of McDowell, July 2, at a Martin hospital.

Critter

ment, lawn chair, cooler, stop-watch, battery operated fan, sunscreen, bug-spray, rain suit, waterproof boots, and 57 different rule books for all occasions. She has her very own courier (Ken), who can hand deliver agility entries to the most popular trials and stand in line for Barbie. Also included is Barbie's Border Collie, "U-ATCh Runaround's Speed Demon AX, AXJ, etc, etc." call name "Contact." Trailer for hauling equipment sold separately.

Dog Club President Barbie: Comes with two cases of Miss Clairol hair color (for her own gray hair), a monogrammed straitjacket, a leather-bound copy of Robert's Rules of Order, and a gold-plated gavel. The gavel unscrews at the end and is secretly a .357 magnum which can be used to keep unruly club members under control or just get rid of them altogether.

***Personal note to Andrea

(Madam President), this one's for you!***

Dog Rescue Barbie:

This is the most expensive Barbie, due to her many accessories. She comes with her own Ford Aerostar minivan, with various size dog crates inside. She has a compass for the dashboard, a road atlas of all of North America, including the locations of every McDonald's restaurant, and a barely working cell phone. Her laptop computer contains the names and addresses of every other rescue person across the United States, in case a contact fails to show up.

Additional accessories, for more realistic play, can be purchased separately. These include:

Flat tire for Barbie's van
Barbie's speeding ticket (Mississippi ticket available at additional charge)

Barbie's First Aid Kits (human and animal)

Van detailing/fumigation kit for use after hauling parvo/kennel cough puppies

Plus, there are Barbie's new friends:

"Lucky," a blind, three-legged Shih-Tzu to accompany Barbie on her runs.

"Rhonda," Barbie's contact in Mesa Verde, TX.

"Luis," Barbie's contact in Bakersfield, CA. (This set comes with \$500 bail money to get Luis out

of jail, and \$265 to get Luis' dogs out of pound)

Suspicious looking hitchhiker with sick puppy. (Includes pizza for hitchhiker and money for vet bill for puppy)

"Ken," Barbie's disgruntled husband, left at home with the foster dogs.

So what do you think? I'm disappointed that I can't find a realistic Veterinarian Barbie (I know there was an Animal Doctor, but I recall her having hot pink stretch pants and high heels—I don't think so!), a Dog Groomer Barbie, or a Vet Tech Barbie. Hmm, I may have to invent these myself...

School

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. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

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

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are

welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ July 27 - Free clothing give-away (clothing for all ages, toys, household items, etc.). 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Graceway Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (located between Allen Central High School and Save-a-Lot, on Route 80. Event takes place on same day as Back to School Health Fair at ACHS.)

■ Lost & Found: Throughout the school year, the center receives items that are left on school buses, in the gym, classrooms, etc. We encourage parents to visit the center if their child has lost a coat, bookbag, or any such item. Lost items are checked for identification, however, if unable to locate owner, and items are not claimed within 2 weeks, they then become the property of the Family Resource Center.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or later by appointment. The center provides services for all families within the community, regardless of income. If you would like more information about programs/services the center offers, please call 452-4553; ask for Cissy or Karen. The center is located inside the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Parents and community members are welcome to visit.

■ For more information about camps/programs/events the Resource Center will be sponsoring or hosting during the summer, keep watch on the School Happenings calendar.

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.

Osborne

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Smith, Milt Stanley, Roy R. Denny, H. D. Fitzpatrick Jr., L. R. Johnson, Hobert Younce, Robert Burchett, Johnnie E. Ross, Anna Sue Stumbo, A. J. "Jack" Crider, Lloyd Wells, and Jim R. Reynolds.

For more information about this scholarship program, or any other FCCD programs, email to: conserve@mikrotec.com or telephone 889-9800.

Oak

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by a slate fall in the mine. "It worries me to death. It always happens in threes, you know."

Although she never mentioned it to any of us kids, and I never ever heard her say anything to Dad about it, she would get real quiet for a day or two, like she was in deep thought, or something, and appeared to really worry that two more miners would die in similar accidents.

I don't know if there was supposed to have been some sort of time limit on it, but and when enough time had passed, and no one else had met their doom, she seemed to forget about it and go on with her normal business.

I sometimes wonder had she lived in another environment, and Dad had been something else, other than a coal miner, if she still would have believed the way she did. But since mining—especially before modern technology—had to be the most dangerous occupation in the world. I suppose we can give her a couple of superstitions, and the right to worry a little. After all, in those days, worry was about the only way a miner's wife could support her husband, at least in that regard.

Weddings



Crisp-Ratliff vows announced

Martha and Deanie (Bush) Davis of Hippo, and David Micah and Kimberly Crisp of Martin, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Micca Nichole Crisp, and Daniel Ratliff, son of Bruce and Rena Ratliff of Hueysville.

Micca is a graduate of Allen Central High School and Big Sandy Technical College, and is planning to attend Lindsey Wilson this fall. Daniel is a graduate of Allen Central High School and Mayo Vocational School, and is self-employed at Ratliff's Garage at Hueysville.

Micca is the granddaughter of David A. and Bonnie Crisp of Martin, and the late Mary Catherine Raiston Hale, formerly of Hippo. She is also the step-granddaughter of Floyd Dean and Patty Sue Davis of Hippo, and step-granddaughter of Jane Salmons of Prestonsburg.

Daniel is the grandson of Joe and Dolly Ratliff of Hueysville, and the late Warnie and Rebecca Conley, formerly of Hueysville.

The couple will be married on Saturday, July 23, at the Hueysville Church of Christ, at 2:30 p.m. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

A reception will follow at the Pines, at Jenny Wiley State Park, in Prestonsburg. Following the honeymoon trip, the couple will return to reside in Hueysville.

Gardening

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only a year older. "But we both knew what we were doing and we never needed any help figuring anything out," he said. "I worked and she took care of the home and the paycheck...made a pretty good life," he continued. "I sure miss her, too."

Verna and Ed raised a family of three daughters, Brenda,

Nellie and Gwendolyn, who still visit often to enjoy home-cooked meals in their parents' home.

"I have about seven grandkids and about 11 greats now," he said. "I love seeing them all and anything I do in this garden to help make good days for them makes good days for me," he said.

"Anybody wants to stop by and talk about gardening, they're welcome anytime," he said sincerely. "But, I'm going to get up with that Norma Boyd for turmin' me in," he finished with a broad grin.

Thank you, Mr. Layne, for inviting this reporter in. It was truly a pleasure.

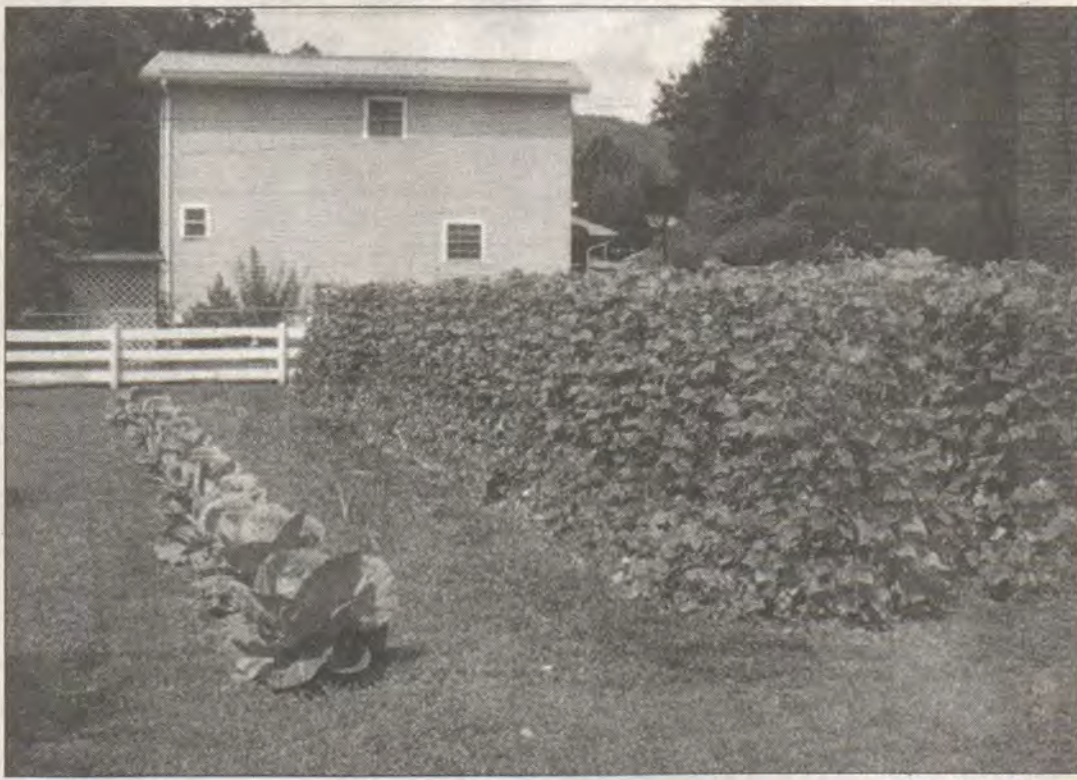


photo by Kathy J. Prater

Beans and cabbage lined up in neat rows caught the attention of Layne's neighbor, Norma Boyd.

Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP meets with Prestonsburg Senior Citizens group

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528 AARP, met in conjunction with the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens at the Senior Citizen Center, in Prestonsburg, on Friday, July 15, beginning with a luncheon at noon.

Following lunch, the meeting was called to order by the president, James E. Goble, and all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Al Gunter, director of the Center, welcomed the group, and told of the many activities of the Senior Citizen Center, including lunch served five days a week at the Center, and more than 50 meals delivered five days a week by the "Meals on Wheels" program.

Burieta Gearhart, coordinator of the Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP Tax Aide program, told of the services rendered to elderly and low-income taxpayers in preparing income tax returns, and giving advice pertaining to the tax forms. Willis Haws was also a volunteer with the Tax-Aide program.

Willis Haws, instructor in the AARP 55-Alive Safe Driving Course, which is offered twice a year, and which, not only will make you a safer driver, but will allow those taking the course, certain discounts on their automobile insurance.

Garnett S. Fairchild, chairman of the AARP Chapter Community Service commit-

tee, spoke to the group regarding the importance of volunteerism, and encouraged everyone to become involved in their community.

Al Gunter addressed the group regarding matters important to the senior citizen, and also important to the U.S.A.

Jenny Wiley Chapter members present for the meeting were Royce and Nola Mayo, Wayne Johnson, Roberta Stone, James E. and Marie Goble, Ann Roark, Orville Cooley, Garnett S. Fairchild, Burieta Gearhart, and Willis Haws.

The next meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter will be held on Friday, August 19, at 6 p.m., in the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg.

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AUTOMOTIVE

120 - Boats

BOAT FOR SALE: 1990 Bayliner Boat. 22 ft long with cutter cab. 6 cyl. mercury engine. Boat trailer included. want \$7,000. 886-1958.

130-Cars

Hicks Auto Sales
 David Road
2001 GT Convertible
 Mustang automatic
 40,000 miles \$11,500
1993 Jeep Cherokee \$1895
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 90,000 miles, cold air. \$2495

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CAR FOR SALE: 1971 Dodge Charger. Family owned. Garage kept. 318 engine. 45,302 miles. Original red w/black vinyl top. Black/gray interior. 478-4026.

CAR FOR SALE: 1998 Chevrolet Prizm LSI 4D Sedan. Automatic, only 44,000 miles, fully loaded. For more information call 606-886-3437. Please leave message if no answer.

FOR SALE: 1994 Camry. 175,000 miles, \$2,000. 874-5781.

FOR SALE: 1996 Toyota Corolla. New engine, has 60,000 miles. Runs great. \$2700. Call 886-3562.

FOR SALE: 1988 Pontiac Bonneville, no title, good for parts. \$600 obo. Call 874-4094.

150- Misc.

The Left Beaver Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids for a 2005 or 2006 Cab/Chassis. The vehicle shall have all standard equipment. GVWR 35,000 lbs. 168" wheelbase. The vehicle shall have a

diesel engine w/engine brake and automatic transmission. For more information contact Shannon Hall at 606-377-6643. Bids will be received until August 8, 2005. Bids will be opened on 8-9-05 at 6:00 pm at station #2 in McDowell. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Please send bids to Left Beaver Fire Protection District, PO BOX 426, McDowell, KY 41647 ATT Shannon Hall

160-Motorcycles

FOR SALE: 1999 Honda CBR 600 F4. 8,000 miles. Great condition. Never down. Red, silver, and black. Includes AGV x-vent helmet & kevlar jacket & gloves. \$3500 or best offer. 889-9384.

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

2000 HONDA XR 70- Good condition, \$650. Call 886-4260

175- SUVs

FOR SALE: 1996 Grand Cherokee with 127,000 miles. Good condition. Call 606-285-5141 for more information.

180-Trucks

Wanted used full size pick-ups 1998 thru 2003, will pay cash call 800-789-5301

1981 FORD TRUCK FOR SALE: Want \$4000 but will consider less. Also, Steam Genie for sale. Needs put together. 886-1958.

FOR SALE: 1975 Ford dump truck, tilt front end, 12' bed. For more info call 606-478-9150.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

205- Bus. Opp.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY: Business contents for sale. Contact 874-9357

210-Job Listing

WANTED: East KY Science Center & Planetarium

Prestonsburg, KY Science Center/ Planetarium Technician

The East KY Science Center & Planetarium has an opening for a full time Science Center/ Planetarium Technician. The successful candidate will be knowledgeable in the use, care, and maintenance of various types of projection equipment and computers, media production techniques, and must also possess good written and verbal communication skills. The Science Center Technician is responsible for the care, safeguarding, and assisting in the maintenance of all equipment used in the Science Center's programs and will be able to work independently on assigned tasks. This position requires some occasional evening and weekend work.

Please send a current resume with cover letter (no phone calls please) to the East Kentucky Science Center at the following address:
 East KY Science Center, PO BOX 348, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, ATTN: Asst. Director.

For a detailed description of this position see our website at <http://www.wedoscience.org/jobs>

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- Strong customer relations skills
- Must have the ability to work independently and prioritize your workload

Requirements are:
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 Must be 18 years of age
 Must be able to pass drug screen and background check
 Please call us at 859-745-6326/859-859-254-2512 or 800-501-6072 for more information or stop by our office at 1510 Newtown Pike, Ste. 124 in Lexington! EOE

WANTED: Full/Part time housekeepers needed. Apply in person. Pikeville Super 8.

220-Help Wanted

AVON REPS NEEDED: \$10 to sign-up. CASSIE - 886-8737 or cassiemj@wmconnect.com, THERESA - 886-3690 or tnanatee5@wmconnect.com, WANDA - 285-9486 or wfconn@bellsouth.net, or Terri -- 946-2355.

WANTED: Looking for certified electricians for commercial & residential security installations. All inquiries please call 886-9003 or 888-251-7233.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT
 1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms
 available for extremely low-income people at Highland Heights Apts. In Goble-Roberts Addn., and Cliffside Apts. on Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Computerized learning centers offer social/educational programs for children and adults. All utilities included at Highland Hgts., utility allowance at Cliffside. Call (606) 886-0608, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion and familial status.

FULL-TIME SECRETARY NEEDED:
 Secretary needed for established legal office. Legal experience helpful, but not required. Job duties will include transcribing dictation tapes, answering the phone and general secretarial tasks. Strong computer skills necessary. Salary and benefits negotiable, depending on experience.

Send resumé to:
 Riley & Allen, PSC
 P.O. Box 1350, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

PERSON to do maintenance. The position will include minor repair, painting, and clean-up. 30 hours per weeks. Will also be on call on week-ends in case of emergency. Call 452-4777 for more info. We are an EOE.

WANTED: E-COMMERCE WEB DEVELOPER / PROGRAMMER: Gearheart Communications, INC is seeking applicants for a programmer position with Mikrotec Internet Services in our Web Hosting Division. This position will have responsibility for working on a variety of projects primarily involved in web site development. Write, test, and implement all code changes or new programs for client sites and applications. This includes overall navigation flow, layout of specific pages, and creation of individual graphic elements. Three to five years experience in web-based design and development, experience with SQL databases and internet technology in LINUX environment, experience in e-commerce, PHP or PERL programming a plus, B.A. or B.S. in Computer Science or

related field or equivalent academic and work experience. Applicants must submit a list of their work that can be viewed on the commentary. Send resume to: Gearheart Communications, Inc. Human Resources Department, PO BOX 160, Harold, KY 41635
 E M A I L : jobs@mikrotec.com
 WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

HELP WANTED: Mountain Manor of Paintsville is taking applications for the Dietary department. Excellent wages and benefit. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Avenue, Paintsville, KY. Applications are available Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

FINANCIAL

330- For Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Three adjacent cemetery plots in the New Davidson section of Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, KY. Call 886-8452.

FLOYD COUNTY / PAINTSVILLE / PIKEVILLE AREAS:

The Lexington Herald Leader has a morning newspaper route available in your area. Routes take about 3 hours daily, with an approximate profit potential of \$800 - \$1000 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355. (EXT 3368 or 3384 or 1629)

ATTENTION, EXPERIENCED COAL MINERS:

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Well, now's your chance—Premier Elkhorn Coal Company—a subsidiary of TECO Coal Corporation is now accepting applications for all underground coal miner trainee positions. No previous coal mining experience required. High school education or GED preferred.

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Applications are being accepted at:
Kentucky Department for Employment Services
 138 College Street
 Pikeville, KY 41501

Premier Elkhorn Coal Company subscribes to a drug free work environment, and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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For Lease
 Downtown Prestonsburg
 Various Locations & Sizes
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HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER

Located on Ky. Route 114, two miles west of Mountain Arts Center



GREAT LOCATION—All brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bath home. Fireplace in living room with large family room adjoining. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile and carpet. Large covered porch off the dining room and breakfast room leading to a private, beautifully landscaped backyard. 4-car brick carport with extra parking. Additional building used as a woodworking shop with heat and air. House is beautifully landscaped, in excellent condition on level lot with additional hillside acres.

For an appointment, call 606-886-9437 or 606-791-2979

Manpower is seeking individuals interested in a variety of office and industrial assignments in Floyd and surrounding counties. Office applicants are required to have at least 1 year of office experience. Applications are taken Mon.-Fri. at our office, or you can send resumé to:
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 311 North Arnold Ave. Ste. 503
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

350-Miscellaneous

Need to repair your credit and move on? We provide low APRs, low monthly payments on all types of loans. 1st, 2nd, mortgage, business loans. Call 1 (800) 405-8157.

MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

DOG FOR SALE: 5 year old AKC registered Boston Terrier. \$100. Call 285-0799 or 285-1542. Please leave message if no answer.

445-Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY
Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

FOR SALE: Brown leather couch and loveseat. Like new, only used 2 months. Will take payoff or best offer. Phone 606-874-0440 after 6 pm.

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER

New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Savell! Route. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

460-Yard Sale

MOVING SALE: Everything must go! Starting Friday 22nd & Sat 23rd. Contact 886-1968. Top of Buck's Branch hill.

MOVING SALE: Clothing, furniture, antique tools, and more. 1 mile north of Prestonsburg, beside Mt. Crafts. 886-6843.

470-Health & Beauty

WOLFF TANNING BEDS

Financing available, Free delivery & set up within 75 miles of London, KY. Bulbs, Parts, Lotions at Wholesale Prices. Call 888-554-0058

480-Miscellaneous

NOW ACCEPTING BIDS

The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service is now accepting bids for the following equipment:

Office Copier
Canon 6551

The following is the main specifications related to this equipment:

NAME: Stapler Sorter
TYPE: Moving Bin Method
PAPER: Letter, Legal, Ledger (11 X 17) 60 pages per minute
PURCHASE DATE: 1999
MINIMUM BID: \$250.00
For more information regarding this equipment, please contact:

Theresa Scott
Floyd County Extension Service
921 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg KY 41653
606-886-2663

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE: Size 12, pearl and sequins intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, call 886-8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

FOR SALE: 12 pew, like new condition. Medium-light blue in color. Call 452-4189.

FOR SALE: Antique mantle. Beautiful quarter sown oak. Call Lane at 886-3179.

490-Recreation

PLEASANT RIDGE HORSEBACK RIDING opening Friday May 6 at Yatesville Lake. Call 606-673-1165. Directions: US 23 to Louisa/Blaine exit turn on Highway 32 toward Blaine, turn right on Highway 3215 toward the campground and golf course. Tu-Su 10 am - 7:30 pm

REAL ESTATE

510-Com. Prop

FOR LEASE: Office spaces in town center. Call Joyce Short Allen. 886-2523 or 886-9100.

530-Homes

HOUSE FOR SALE: Allen Riley Hall Sub. 17 CrossRoad Main 2 BR 1 BA, Upstairs 2 RM 1/2 BA, Basement Full BA R.I. Ramp, deck, porch, all appliances. Includes D.W. & W/D \$67,500. Make offer. No L.C. Now rented 675 utilities included. 606-874-2775 or 734-997-7110.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 BR house at Stamper's Branch located at Wayland. 358-9483.

HOUSE FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCED! 3 BR, LR, kitchen, 1.3 BA, carport, full basement, storage building. Located at 4323 RT 550 Hueysville. Contact 358-4065 or 358-4369.

HOMES FOR SALE: A foreclosure!! 4 BR 2 BA only \$14,500. For listings call 1-800-429-7008. ext B 183.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1476 sq ft. Detached 2 car garage (30 x 30), hardwood & vinyl floors. Vinyl siding, new windows and doors, deck. Large fenced yard beside Allen Central High School. 358-3080 (Leave Message) \$90,000.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Brick house 3 BR 1.5 BA between Allen & Prestonsburg. Ready for immediate occupancy. Price \$99,900. All reason-

HOUSE FOR SALE

3 BR BRICK RANCH, 3317 sq. ft., 3 BA, FP, hardwood floors, fully floored attic, 50 ft. 120 ft. (6000 sq. ft.) 2 car garage, plus boat or RV, garage door, and gym or warehouse, inground pool, large rear covered porch, 4 stall barn, 17.76 acres, plus 0.63 acre extra lot located next door. Must see inside and outback to appreciate. Conveniently located between Pike and Floyd County on Mare Creek, at Stanville. Call for appointment, 606-478-4545.

Jerry's

RESTAURANT
Prestonsburg

HELP WANTED: Waitresses, dishwashers/busboys, cooks. Paid vacation, health insurance available. Uniforms furnished.

No phone calls, please!
Apply in person.

able offers will be considered. Serious inquiry only. 606-874-2035.

570- Mobile Homes

MH FOR SALE: 1998 16 x 80 Fleetwood Reflections 3 BR 2 BA Great condition. Never smoked in. All appliances & CH/A. Vinyl siding, shingle roof. Asking \$19,998. 889-9384.

Final clearance 2004 lot models and 2005 models now available! If you are serious about purchasing a new home you need to be with experienced staff to get the right home at a great price. The Home Show-South William son, Inc. US 119, Belfry, Ky. 41514 606-353-6444 or toll free 877-353-6444

All Drywall, Dutch with 2x6 walls, and 5/12 roof pitch, ultimate kitchen package, glass block window, and many more extras. Set up for viewing. For details call 606-353-6444 or toll free 577-353-6444 the home show

RENTALS

610Apartments

FOR RENT: 2 BR APT, CH/A, W/D. Newer Pike/Floyd line. Call 478-8711.

Duplex For Rent: 2 BR Central Heat & Air, Total Electric, Excellent Condition. On US 23 North, 1 Mile From Prestonsburg. No Pets. Call 889-9747 or 886-9007

PARK PLACE APARTMENTS: "BEAT THE HEAT" Move-in special. First month's rent FREE with paid security deposit. Through July 31. 1 BR/\$309, 2 BR/\$304 - \$345. Prestonsburg. 886-0039.

PINEWOOD TOWNHOMES: 3 BR/\$471. Rental Assistance available. 349-7000.

1 BR Furnished Apartment, Including Utilities. 2 BR Unfurnished, and large 3 BR 2 BA, unfurnished on RT 114 Call 886-8366

FOR RENT: 1 & 2 BR apts for rent. Located on US 23 HWY south in Prestonsburg. Call 437-9928.

FOR RENT: Renovated apts like new, furnished in downtown Martin. Call between 9:00 - 5:00 daily. 285-3025.

2 BR 1 1/2 bath Townhouse also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg .NO PETS call 606-886 8991

Greetings from Lighthouse Manor, Terry & Sharon Smith. We have apartments for rent that are efficiency apartments, all utilities paid. For more info call 606-886-2797.

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

620Storage/Office

FOR RENT: 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

For Rent: Office Suite, New Construction. 900 sq. ft. Ample Parking, Can be Convenient Location, New Office Behind Sav-A-Lot in Prestonsburg. Call 886-1515 for info.

OFFICE OR RETAIL SPACE FOR LEASE: 1,200 sq ft in Prestonsburg. 886-8366

FOR LEASE: New 30x60 Metal building 12 ft ceilings on RT 80 close to Martin 886-8366. \$500.00 month.

FOR RENT: 900 sq. ft. office/commercial space. Located next to Reflection's Beauty Salon 3/4 mile south or Martin on RT 122. Across from Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112.

630-Houses

HOUSE FOR RENT: 622 N Arnold Ave, Prestonsburg. 3 BR, 2 full BA, LR, DR, & K. W/D hook-up. CH/A. Rent: \$575 month plus utilities. Deposit and Lease required. No Pets. 886-6460.

FOR RENT: 2 BR house in McDowell-Excellent Condition, some appliances, furnished. Couple or single preferred. Pay rent, utilities, and deposit. No pets. 606-377-6505.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 1 BR, 1 BA, hardwood floors, fire place, 2 car garage, & large laundry room in Prestonsburg \$500

WANTED CONTRACT MINER

WITH EQUIPMENT (conventional or miner) for deep mine in Floyd County.

Call **928-1473**

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Friday, July 22nd, 10:21 a.m., and 11:21 a.m.
Harold, Floyd County

Commercial location on KY Rt. 979 at Harold, formerly occupied by Red's Furniture. 4200 sq. ft. of floor space plus a basement, on a lot with approximately 200 feet of frontage. Four storage trailers will also sell.

S & J Apartments on KY Rt. 1426 will also be offered for sale. Great potential with 6 residential units at \$475 per month. 2 commercial units at \$500 per month, and 1 at \$60. This location has approximately 3 acres, and great proximity to the new highway.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS—Property is sold AS IS WHERE IS, with no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied. All inspections are to be made prior to sale date. A 5% buyer's premium will be added to the high bid price to establish contract price. A 10% deposit will be required at each sale on the real estate, with the balance within 30 days and the passing of the deed. 2005 property taxes, rents, and utilities will be prorated the date of closing. Storage trailers will have a 10% buyers premium, and must be paid in full the day of sale.

CENTURY 21 American Way Realty and Auction
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Gilliam Realty and Appraisal
J.B. Gilliam, Broker/Apprentice Auctioneer, 606-434-9851

a month \$500 deposit. Call 704-824-2034.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 BR 1.5 BA, kitchen,DR, heat pump, built in vacuum cleaner & deck. Call 438-6104.

2 BR HOUSE FOR RENT in Lancer. Newly remodeled. CH/A. \$550.00 month plus some utilities. Deposit and references required. No pets. Call 791-1790.

640-Land/Lots

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

Trailer Lot For Rent, Large Yard. Call 886-8366

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

650- Mobile Homes

MH FOR RENT: 3 BR 2 full BA MH for rent. Blue River/David trailer park. \$400 month \$400 deposit. 886-6186 or 886-8286.

MH FOR RENT: 2 BR 1 BA All appliances W/D included. \$400 month. \$100 deposit. 886-1958

3 BR DOUBLEWIDE FOR RENT: \$450 month plus utilities & \$300 deposit. References checked. No pets. 789-2469 or 791-5761. Leave message.

FOR RENT: All electric 2 BR MH. Martin area. 285-3980.

FOR RENT: 2 BR trailer for rent near Prestonsburg. Call 874-4478.

FOR RENT: 2 BR, CH/A partially furnished. No pets. If interested, call 886-3628.

FOR RENT: Excellent condition. 2 MHs, 3 BR, 2 BA. CH/A, water, sewage, garbage included. Located near Prestonsburg college. 874-2162.

3 BR 1 BA extra nice. Located 2 miles on Cow Creek. NO

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Salyersville Independent is looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated and goal-driven sales representative.

Send resumé to: P.O. Box 29, Salyersville, KY 41465.

PRESTONSBURG

US Treasury Dept. Public Auction
Mon., July 25, at 12 Noon

3 Seized Homes
665 Dodson Branch, 631 Dodson Branch
909 Dodson Branch Rd.
Each house has 3 bdms., 1 bath.
OPEN: 7/17 & 7/24, from 12-4 p.m.
Deposit: \$5K (ea.) cashiers check.
Pay to EG&G Tech Svcs.

www.treas.gov/auctions/customs for details
703-273-7373, sale #05-66-601/603/604

HUD. \$400 plus utilities & security deposit. Call 606-874-2802

660- Miscellaneous

FOR RENT: * 2 BR House * MH slip * Barn access 3 stalls 606-434-7507 8/10 mile Cow Creek

SERVICES

715-Electrician

ELECTRIC WORKS - Commercial-Residential, installation, & maintenance. Free estimate. Contact 606-874-9123.

770-Repair/Services

CARPENTRY WORK all types. New construction or remodeling. Garages, decks, etc. Concrete work & siding. Free estimates. Call 886-8896.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5465

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Mason Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles east of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.63 surface acres, and will underlie 130.38 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 134.01 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.2 miles southeast from Ky. Rt. 194's junction with Ky. Rt. 1428, and located on Cow Creek. The latitude is 37°38'07". The longitude is 82°39'27".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer/Harold

U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sarah B. Allen. The operation will underlie land owned by Sarah B. Allen and Woodrow W. Burchett Jr.

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, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections 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.

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 367, 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, Tonye 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.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0316

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Lightsource Mining Company, P.O. Box 102, 218 Central Avenue, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a permit for a surface coal and underground mining operation, located 0.2 mile east of Minnie, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 48.43 surface acres, and will underlie 107.05 acres, for a total within the permit boundary being 155.48 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.4 mile southeast from Ky. Rt. 1101's junction with Simpson Branch Road, and located on Simpson Branch. The latitude is 37°28'21". The longitude is 82°44'12". The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour method of surface mining. The surface areas to be disturbed are owned by Madge and Cecilia Denny and Dorothy Martin. The operation underlies land owned by Madge and Cecilia Denny and Dorothy Martin.

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, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comment or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that King Brothers Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 524, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, has applied for Phase I, II and III Bond Release on permit number 836-5459, Increment #3, which was last issued on 06/16/04. The application covers an area of approximately 1.5 surface bonded acre, located 0.5 mile south of Price, in Floyd County.

The operation is approximately 1.90 mile north from State Route 122's junction with State Route 979, and located 0.1 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 23 minutes, 21 seconds, and the longitude is 82 degrees, 44 minutes, 42 seconds. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The bond now in effect for permit number 836-5459, Increment #3, is a Certificate of Deposit for \$4,200.00. One hundred percent (100%) of the original bond is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, seeding and mulching, completed in 1992. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate condi-

tions for the surrounding wildlife.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or an informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 26, 2005.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 29, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference are received by August 26, 2005.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase II and III Bond Release on Increment No. 11, of Permit Number 898-0042, which was last issued on January 29, 1992. The application covers an area of approximately 298.19 acres, located 2.0 miles south of Owsley in Pike and Floyd Counties.

The permit is approximately 1.0 mile south from KY Route 1384's junction with Dog Fork, and located 0.5 mile southeast of Left Fork of Big Creek of Toler Creek. The latitude is 37°28'05". The longitude is 82°35'08".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 11 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$14,700.00), which is the remaining bond, in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed on the permit area includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the spring of 1987. Results thus far include the establishment of the approved post-mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Service, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 15, 2005.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 15, 2005.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Addington Enterprises, Inc., 2000 Ashland Dr., Ashland, KY 41102, intends to apply for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on increments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7, of permit number 858-0158, which was last issued on

June 6, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 102 acres, located 1.25 mile northeast of Fuget, in Johnson County.

The permit area is approximately 0.1 mile east from Route 689's junction with Joes Creek County Road, and located .5 mile north of Joe Salyer Branch.

The total bond on increment 1 now in effect is \$58,900. Approximately 40 percent of the original bond amount is included in this application for Phase II and Phase III Release. The total bond on increment 2 now in effect is \$34,600.

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Reclamation work performed includes backfilling/grading/topsoiling/seeding, completed in September 1995. Results thus far achieved, backfilling/grading/topsoiling/ and seeding, and achievement of the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601, by September 9, 2005.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 10 a.m., on September 12, 2005, at the Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Dr., Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. This hearing shall be canceled if the cabinet does not receive a request in writing, for the public hearing by the closing date of September 9, 2005, for a hearing.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Floyd Circuit Court
Family Court
Case No. 03-CI-00292
In Re: The Marriage of Crystal Lee Robertson
Petitioner
vs.
Jesse Robertson
Respondent**

NOTICE OF SALE
BY VIRTUE OF ORDER of the Floyd District Court, entered on the 15th day of May, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale, AS IS, at the Old Floyd County courthouse door, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thurs-

day, the 4th day of August, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., more particularly described as a 2002 Toyota Highlander, Serial Number JTEHD21A120018130.

The sale proceeds of said personal property shall be deposited with the Master Commissioner for appropriate disposition.

TERMS OF SALE

At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or cashier's check for the full amount of the purchase price.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner
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Prestonsburg, KY 41653
(606) 886-2812

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RELOCATE GRAVES

Jerry Fannin is the owner of certain property located 761 feet or 0.14 mile from the intersection of Kentucky Rt. 1428 and 180 feet or 0.34 mile right ascending Stephens Branch Road which he obtained by deed dated January 12, 2005, and of record at Deed Book 509, Page 473, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk. He has discovered an abandoned cemetery on this property which contains nine (9)

identifiable graves. It is his intention to relocate these graves.

The identifiable graves are: Unknown Infant; Kate Cecil Howard; John Howard; James G. Hatcher; Mary L. Hatcher; James H. Hatcher; L. M. Koogler (born 2/28/1884, died 9/27/1901; Anna B. Myers (born 12/23/1877, died 5/28/1954); and

Wallace Myers (born 12/4/1886, died 9/28/1954). All reasonable efforts have been made to contact these decedents' next of kin and determine if there are other graves in this location

1. The cemetery has no known official name. It has been abandoned for many, many years.

2. This notice is to request assistance from anyone having

knowledge of persons buried in this location, or the names of their next of kin.

3. If you have any information about persons buried in this location, please contact Don Hughes at Abbott Engineering, 3073 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, (606) 886-1221.

4. This notice will run each Wednesday in the Floyd County

Times for a period of 60 days from May 18, 2005. At the expiration of 60 days notice, Jerry Fannin will petition the Floyd Fiscal Court to grant authority to relocate the graves, whose next of kin cannot be located.

5. The graves requiring Fiscal Court approval to be relocated will, according to state law and regulations, be relocated at a perpetual care

cemetery in Floyd County, and will be marked by appropriate headstones and footstones. The relocation will be supervised by a licensed funeral director who will have obtained the appropriate permits from the Health Services Cabinet, Department of Vital Statistics. The relocation is planned to take place on or after July 20th, 2005.

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This Week: Icebergs

SMART FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME

ICEBERGS

Even as you read this, special teams of scientists are tracking large masses of ice that are floating around the frigid waters near the icy poles of our planet. The scientists alert ship captains as to where the large chunks of ice called icebergs are located. Icebergs have sunk ships, the most famous being the *Titanic* in 1912, killing more than 1,500 people.



The Birth of an Iceberg

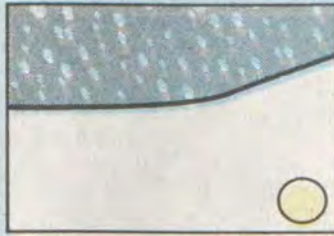
Icebergs start out as snow. Snow that falls in places where it stays cold all year long doesn't melt.

Number the pictures to show how an iceberg forms. Year after year, snow piles up. As more and more snow accumulates, it turns to ice. Now the snow has become a glacier. Gravity and the immense weight of a glacier causes it to flow outward and downward like a river of snow and ice.

When a glacier comes to a large body of water, pieces of it will calve, or break off.

These glacier pieces are called icebergs.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequencing.



Is an iceberg just frozen seawater?

YES NO

ANSWER: An iceberg is not seawater. It is a chunk of glacier that has broken off a glacier. The glacier is made up of fresh water.



How can icebergs float?

An iceberg is nothing more than a large ice cube. If you put an ice cube into a glass of water, what happens? It floats! Why?



Ice is actually lighter than water. Try to make an ice cube sink sometime!

Frigid Facts

- Only about 10 percent of an iceberg can be seen above water.
- The largest iceberg on record was about the size of the state of Rhode Island.
- That iceberg could have supplied everyone in the world with about 1,058,220 glasses of pure drinking water.

MATH CHALLENGE

If one person drinks 8 glasses of water a day, how many days of drinking water would the Rhode Island-sized iceberg provide each person?

ANSWER: 132,277.5 days

Follow the maze to find out what different-sized chunks of floating ice are called.

Iceberg: A piece of floating freshwater ice that is at least 50 feet long.

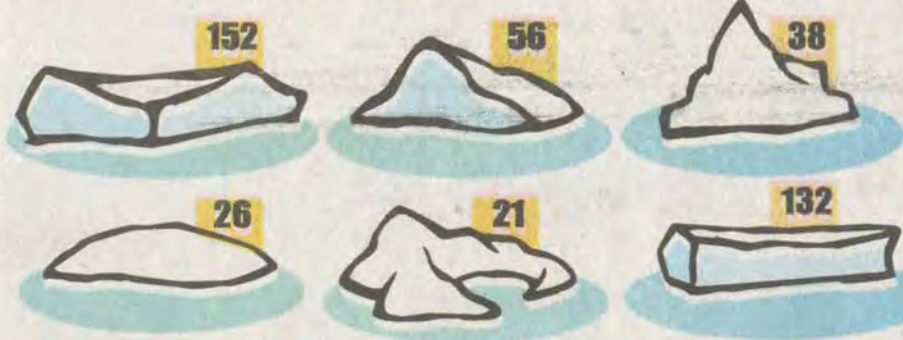
Growler: A chunk of ice about the size of a car.

Slob Ice: Small pieces of ice that result when parts of melting icebergs disintegrate and fall off the main berg.

Bergy Bit: A chunk of ice about the size of a 32-foot boat.

Can you identify the different kinds of icebergs?

Icebergs have been divided into six groups based upon their shape: blocky, wedge, tabular, dome, pinnacle and drydock. Do the math to discover which is which.



- $17 + 15 - 6 =$ dome
- $324 - 172 =$ blocky
- $98 + 63 - 29 =$ tabular
- $19 + 6 + 11 + 2 =$ pinnacle
- $24 + 9 - 12 =$ drydock
- $39 + 14 + 6 - 3 =$ wedge

Extra! Ice Size

Look through today's newspaper to find pictures of things that are about the same size as:

- a small iceberg
- a growler
- a bergy bit
- slob ice

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Extra Cool Challenge

Look at each drawing of an iceberg on this page. Then use the pictures above to help you identify each one.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know some changes in the earth are due to slow processes, such as erosion.

What color is an iceberg?

Icebergs are mostly _____ because they are full of tiny air bubbles. The surface of these bubbles reflects white light making it look white. Ice that has no bubbles looks a bit blue.

Find where each missing word belongs.

Icebergs do come in different colors (but not different _____). Some icebergs look green. This is from _____ growing in the ice and is only seen when icebergs roll over _____ the previously underwater sections to _____.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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Double Double Word Search

- ICEBERG
- CUBE
- TITANIC
- GLACIER
- PINNACLE
- WHITE
- WEDGE
- FRIGID
- GRAVITY
- GREEN
- SNOW
- DOMO
- WATER
- SLOB
- TABULAR

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Keep Your Cool

Here are some ways to keep cool without electricity. Jumping in a pool, going to the beach, and also washing your family's cars!

Jessica
5th grade

Dive into the ocean at 5:00 a.m. Pour freezing water on you. This is the most crazy idea to say cold; move to Antarctica!

Reed
6th grade

Just ride your bike outside and feel the breeze on your face. Or you can go to the store and buy some ice. Also turn on the sprinklers and prepare to run like crazy! Now you have many ideas how to stay cool during the summer without using electricity.

Jessica
6th grade

A good way is to swim or play in sprinklers. Eat ice cream and have a pie contest!

Marissa
5th grade

At my house in the morning, we open our doors and windows to let the cool air in. Before it gets hot, we close all the doors, windows, and curtains. We keep all of our lights off during the day. That is how my family stays cool. We also go swimming!

Ashley
2nd grade

To keep cool I like to swim in a pool. Other times I have water fights with my dad. He usually wins.

Rachel
6th grade

Here are some tips for keeping cool during the summer. My favorite way is to eat a lot of popsicles. Also take a water bottle with you at all times.

Katrina
6th grade

Tip one: Use a paper fan. Tip two: You can drink ice cold water or even lemonade. Tip three: Sit in the shade and relax, maybe read a book.

Victoria
6th grade

I know some tips for keeping cool without using electricity. Water! Swimming, taking a cold bath, or having a water fight are good ideas. An ice-cold soda will cool you down too.

Eddie
6th grade

Write On!

Keep Your Cool

Deadline: August 14, 2005
Published: Week of Sept. 11, 2005
Send your story to:

Keep Your Cool
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Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

Please include your school and grade.

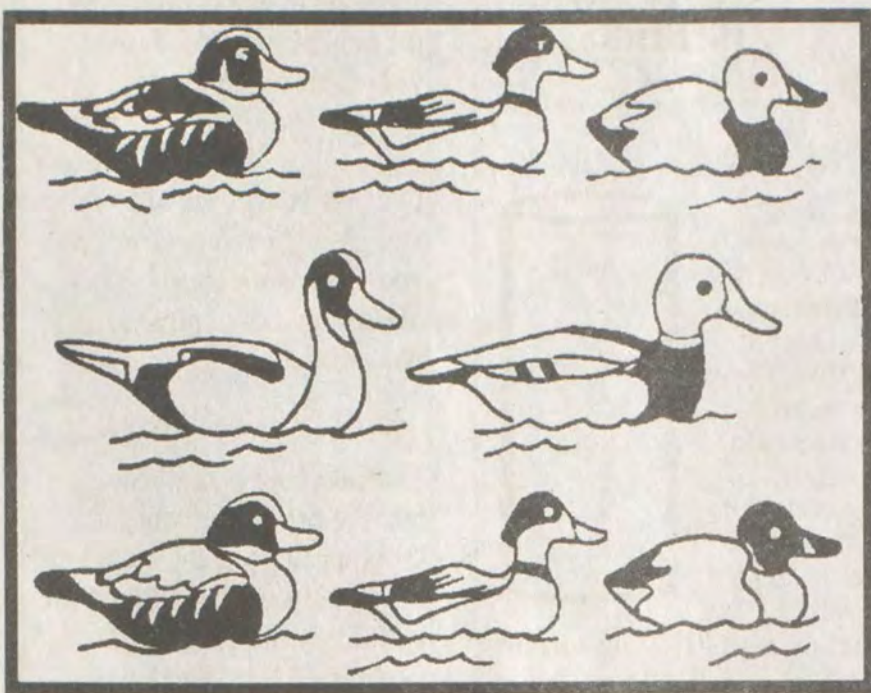
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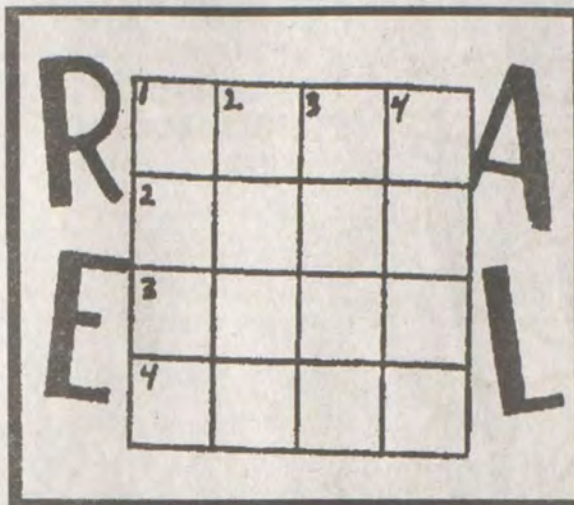
KNOW DOUBT! "It is better to know — than to know what ain't so," said Josh Billings. What seven-letter word is missing? Take a guess.
Missing word is "nothing."

SIGHT PLAN! Just what design do you see in the drawing at right? It all depends on how you look at it. For instance, it may appear simply as a hexagonal figure consisting of six diamonds. Then again, it may appear as a cube stacked upon other similar cubes. Or, presto chango, it may appear as two cubes above, one cube below.

It's an illusory design, of course, that tends to change before your very eyes.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



REAL WORD POSER TO PONDER

PUZZLISTS, get real. Object of this exercise is to form a word square using only the four letters of the word REAL. That is to say, you are asked to find words comprised of letters R, E, A or L (used one or more times as necessary), to find four four-letter words that read the same both across and down.

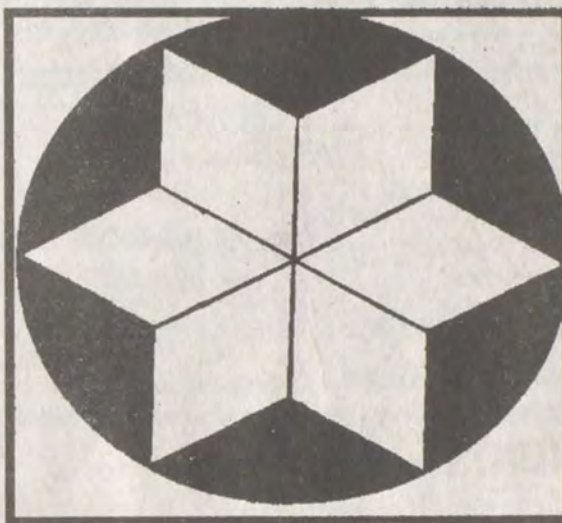
Definitions:

1. Not exactly plentiful.
2. Kind of a code.
3. Aft section of ship.
4. Husband of an English countess.

Remember, words are to be formed using letters R, E, A or L.

Time limit: Two minutes.

1. Rare. 2. Area. 3. Rear. 4. Earl.



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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

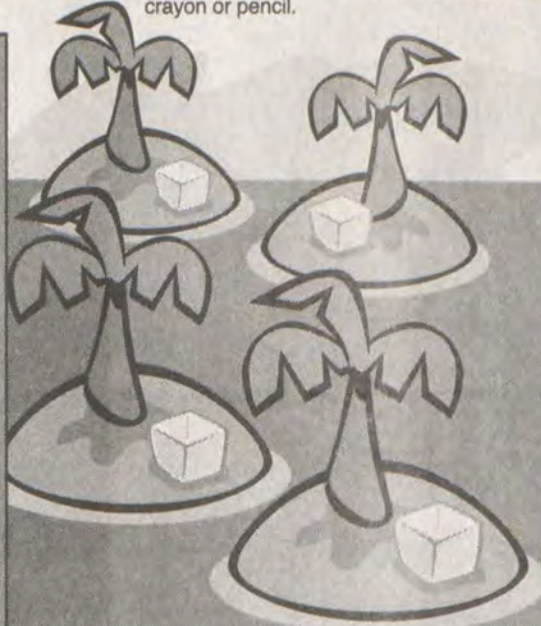
My name: _____



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What's between?

Write the number that comes between.



My Rhyme Time

If all of the sunbeams
Were bubble gum and ice cream,
Oh what a life I would lead!
I'd stand outside
With my mouth opened wide;
Oh what a life I would lead!

My Letters

I is for Ice Cream
i is for ice cream

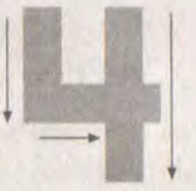


Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter I. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the I sound like the word ice cream?

My Numbers

How many ice cubes?



How many islands?

Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

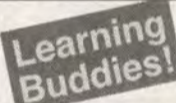
Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



I eat my _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter I in the word ice cream.	Math Play Point to the number 4 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Classifying Ask your child, "What color is chocolate ice cream? Strawberry? Vanilla?" With your child, find pictures of things in the newspaper that are the same color as these flavors of ice cream.	Big I, Little i With your child, find every uppercase letter I on one page of the newspaper. Draw a small circle around each one. Then try to find a lowercase letter i for each uppercase letter I. Draw a line to connect the letters.	What's between? Show your child the page numbers on the pages of the newspaper. Point out the numbers on two pages that are only one page apart, for example, pages 3 and 5. Ask your child, "Which page comes between page 3 and page 5?"	Find Four Look through the newspaper to count and circle: • 4 noses • 4 eyes • 4 mouths • 4 tummies • 4 knees	Ice Cream Cone Toss Roll a section of the newspaper into a cone shape and tape it. Then wad another sheet of paper into a ball. Put tape around the ball so that it holds its shape. Have your child try to catch the ball in the cone.



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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

- One-half of 13-Across
- Three times 9-Across
- 6-Across plus 11-Across
- Two times 15-Across
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Five times 15-Across
- Digits of 19-Across reversed
- The first digit is three times the last digit
- The last digit is three times the first digit
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- The last digit is four times the first digit
- Five less than 19-Across
- Three less than 1-Down
- 8-Across plus 15-Down

DOWN

- 16-Across minus 17-Down
- Six times 7-Across

- Seven times 8-Down
- Four times 18-Across
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Three times 14-Across
- Three times 10-Down
- Same digit repeated
- 1-Across plus 4-Down

Rational Numbers answers



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Since ancient times

Solar technology has been around since ancient times. In the 7th century B.C., **glass** was used to magnify and concentrate the sun's rays to make fire. In 212 B.C., the Greek scientist Archimedes used reflective shields and **mirrors** to set warships on fire. The Roman bathhouses of the 1st through 4th centuries were built with windows to take advantage of the sun's warmth. Ancestors of the Pueblo Indians (c. A.D. 1200) lived in south-facing caves that used the sun's winter warmth.

Solar science

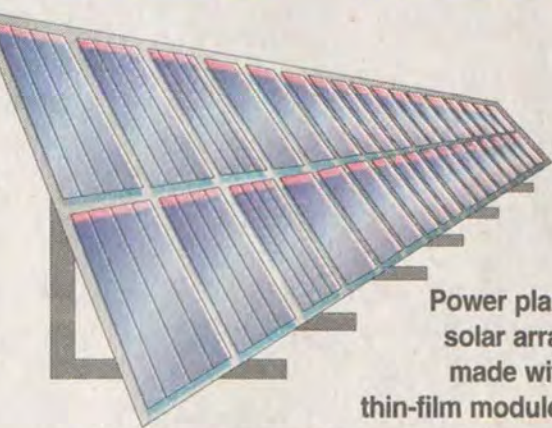
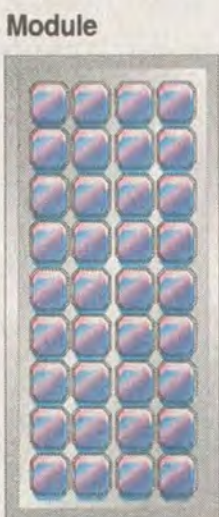
The sun produces an abundant supply of energy. The energy from sunlight is equal to 1,000 watts per square meter. Solar technology allows us to collect and concentrate the sun's energy into heat or electrical power. Solar energy is a clean, safe and **renewable** power source.

There are two main ways that the energy of the sun can be harnessed: **photovoltaic** (PV) conversion and solar thermal conversion. Photovoltaic conversion uses solar cells or modules to convert sunlight directly into electricity. Solar thermal conversion changes light into heat and then into electricity.

Photovoltaics (PV)

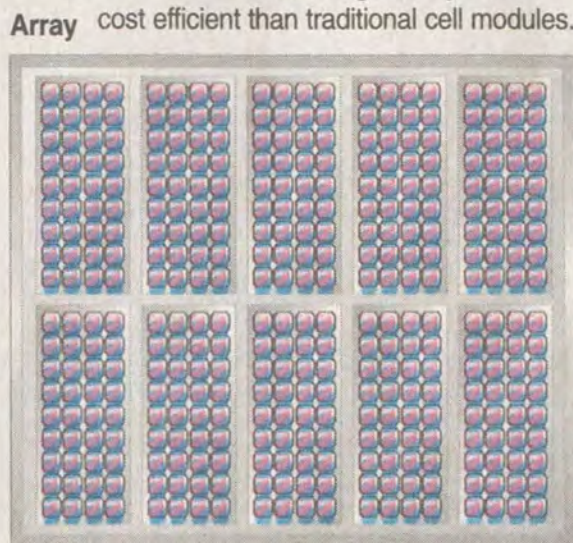


To create enough power for a particular need, cells are electrically connected into modules.



Power plant solar array made with thin-film modules

Modules can consist of cells or thin-films. Thin-film modules are generally more cost efficient than traditional cell modules.



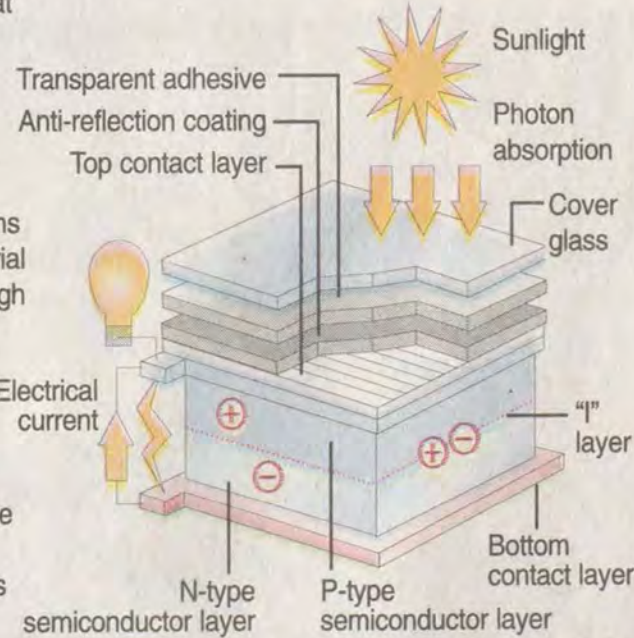
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PV is an abbreviation for photovoltaics. The word "photo" represents **light**, and "voltaic" represents **electricity**. Photovoltaics is electricity produced by light.

There are two main types of photovoltaic modules: wafer-based crystalline **silicon cells/modules** and thin-film modules that consist of glass or stainless steel or plastic that has been coated with amorphous silicon and micron-thin layers of semiconductive material.

Sunlight is made up of **photons** (particles of solar energy). When photons come in contact with photovoltaic material they may be **reflected**, pass right through or be **absorbed**. The photons that are absorbed create the action needed to make electricity.

PV cells and modules use a thin layer of silicon that has been exposed to impurities to create two layers, a positive (P-type) and a negative (N-type). Electric current flows through electrodes that are fused to each layer.



PV basics

The "i" layer creates the energy from the sun. The "n" and "p" layers allow the energy to flow.

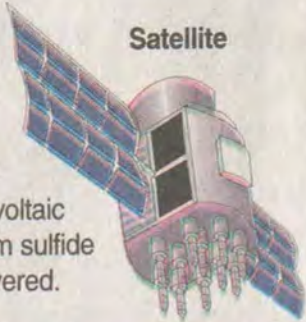
Historical milestones of the 20th and 21st centuries

1839 Edmund Becquerel discovered the photovoltaic effect by accident, when sunlight struck one of his experiments.

1908 William J. Bailey invented a solar collector with copper coils and an insulated box (similar to the present design).

1918 Polish scientist Jan Czochralski developed a way to grow single-crystal silicon.

1932 The photovoltaic effect in cadmium sulfide (cds) was discovered.

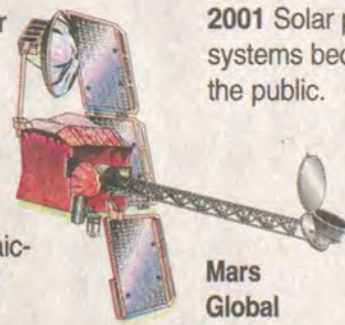


Satellite

1954 Photovoltaic technology was created in the United States when the silicon photovoltaic (PV) cell was developed at Bell Labs. This early silicon solar cell had 4 percent efficiency.

1970s The cost of a solar cell dropped from about \$100 a watt to about \$20 a watt.

1973 The University of Delaware built "Solar One," an early photovoltaic-powered residence. (The system is a PV/thermal hybrid.)



2001 Solar power residential systems became easily available to the public.

A remote-controlled Helios aircraft with solar wings broke an altitude record (95,000 feet). No jet or propeller airplane had ever done this before.

1905 Albert Einstein published his paper on photoelectric effects (along with his theory of relativity).

1916 Robert Millikan proved the photoelectric effect.

1921 Albert Einstein won the Nobel Prize for his theories explaining photoelectric effects.



Albert Einstein 1879 - 1955

Mid-1950s Architect Frank Bridges designed the first office building with solar water heating and passive design. This solar building has been in operation since that time.

1959 Two satellites with photovoltaic arrays were launched: the Explorer VI and the Explorer VII.

1963 Japan installed a 242-watt photovoltaic array on a lighthouse — the world's largest array at the time.

1976 The first amorphous silicon photovoltaic cells were created.

1981 The first solar-powered plane flew from France to England.

1982 The first solar-powered car drove 2,800 miles between Sydney and Perth.

1992 Cumulative worldwide PV production exceeded 58.3 megawatts.

1998 Photovoltaic production exceeded 157.8 megawatts.

1999 Cumulative worldwide PV capacity reached 1,000 megawatts.

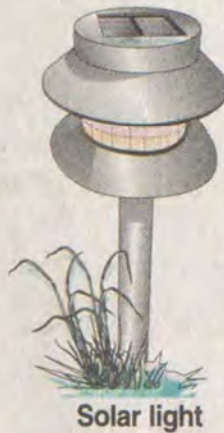
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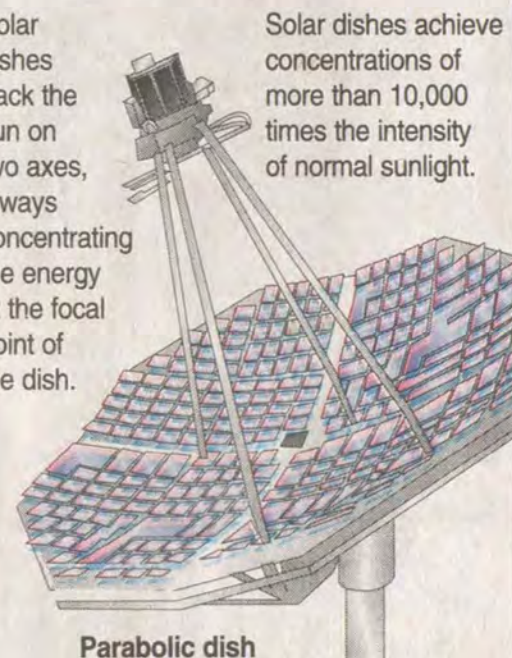
Solar light

Uses and benefits

Solar energy is used in spacecrafts and satellites. Some power plants and utility companies are using solar technology. Calculators and watches can be powered by solar cells. You can probably think of many more things that use solar power.

The advantage of solar energy is that it is clean and can potentially improve air quality while reducing greenhouse gases. Our dependence on imported fossil fuels could be lessened by solar energy use. And as the solar industry improves and expands, it is likely to create new businesses and jobs. The main disadvantage of solar energy is that its performance depends on how much sunlight there is. Clouds and fog prevent solar power from being entirely reliable.

Solar dishes track the sun on two axes, always concentrating the energy at the focal point of the dish.



Parabolic dish

Solar dishes achieve concentrations of more than 10,000 times the intensity of normal sunlight.

Solar thermal energy

Solar thermal systems use reflectors to concentrate solar energy to very high levels. Parabolic troughs, parabolic dishes and central receivers are solar thermal systems. Solar thermal energy is frequently used to heat water for domestic use. It is also used to heat swimming pools.

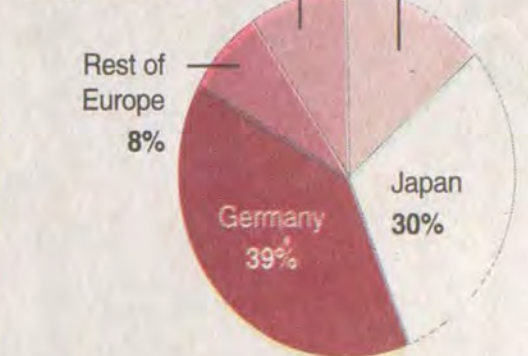
Solar thermal power plants use the sun's energy to heat a liquid until it turns into **steam**. The steam turns a turbine, which runs a generator.

On the grid

Every year the number of people installing residential solar panels increases. In the United States, many states allow the public to sell solar power back to the electrical utilities. (Some regions have created rebate incentives to encourage solar installations.)

How it works: When the energy collected exceeds the needs of the user it can be sold back to the local power grid. When this happens the electrical meter runs backward, saving the customer money.

2004 world PV market installations (Megawatt share)



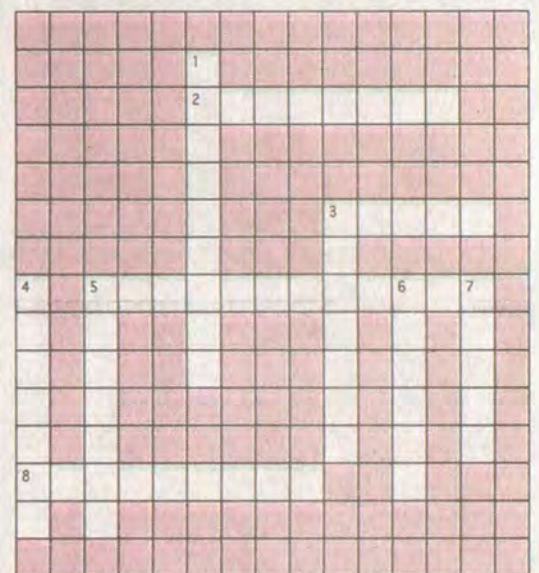
Crossword

ACROSS

- Famous scientist who experimented with photoelectronics
- Heated water turns to this
- One way to harness the sun's energy
- Solar power is this type of energy.

DOWN

- Photons may do this when they hit a photovoltaic PV cell or module.
- Material used in photovoltaic collectors
- The ancients used these to light fires.
- Particles of solar energy
- PV cells/modules may do this to photons
- A module is made up of these.



- ANSWERS**
- ACROSS**
 2. STEAM
 3. PHOTOVOLTAIC
 4. RENEWABLE
- DOWN**
 1. REFLECTED
 3. SILICON
 4. MIRRORS
 5. PHOTONS
 6. ABSORB
 7. CELLS

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