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briefs

Garrett mine cited for pollution

The Associated Press

GARRETT — State mine inspectors allege that an Eastern Kentucky coal company polluted a small stream in Floyd County last week with water contaminated by iron-laced sediments.

Motts Branch Coal Co. was cited for discharging substandard water into the Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek near the border of Floyd and Magoffin counties, said Mark York, spokesman for the Kentucky Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement.

York said state inspectors, investigating a tip from a citizen on Friday, discovered that water in the stream was "running red." He said a bulldozer had accidentally dug into an abandoned underground coal mine portal that had filled with water over the years.

The water surged into a nearby sediment pond, stirring up iron sediment, before overflowing into the stream. No fish were killed.

Officials sorting out details of Allen dissolution

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — The question of whether the city of Allen should be dissolved has been handed over to the county clerk's office.

A petition, signed by 69 registered voters, calls for an "election on the question

whether the city should be dissolved."

Last week, council member Jerome Kinzer presented a copy of the petition to County Clerk Chris Waugh. Kinzer alleged that Mayor Sharon Woods violated state laws when she failed to forward the petition, which was given to her on July 15, to the County-Clerk's Office within the required 10-day timeframe.

Waugh told The Times Friday that Woods did not file the petition with him and that it was his understanding that she would not file the petition because of "anticipated indebtedness" with the city.

The issue was revisited during a regular meeting in Allen Monday, at which time Woods announced that the city had failed to notify the media about a special

meeting on July 20. During that meeting, which took place five days after Kinzer presented the petition to Woods, the council voted to pass an ordinance to reduce the city boundaries. The boundary reduction takes in Kinzer's residence and properties belonging to at least 13 residents

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MarkWest's decision to replace a gas pipeline at the site of an explosion last year has left some Ivel residents nervous. The work is supposed to finished this week.

photo by Mary Music

Rolling Acres residents worried about reconstruction of gas line

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

IVEL — The decision to replace a portion of the gas pipeline in Ivel has left some Ivel residents feeling a bit nervous.

A gas leak on a portion of the line in the Rolling Acres subdivision caused an explosion on Nov. 8 that leveled five homes and caused serious injury to several people. In February, 39 residents filed two separate lawsuits against MarkWest Energy Appalachia, Equitable Production Company and their affiliates, saying that their negligence caused the explosion.

County Attorney Keith Bartley, who is "collectively" representing some of the clients through his private firm along with Gary C. Johnson, said that several residents have voiced concern about the replacement of

the line.

Johnson sent a letter to his clients on July 21, informing them that MarkWest would begin the reinstallation of the pipeline "sometime after July 25" along some property easements in the subdivision that were acquired by Kentucky Hydrocarbon.

"MarkWest has informed our office that the reinstallation process will be overseen by the Office of Pipeline Safety, that the replacement of the pipeline has been designed in a conservative manner and meets or exceeds the regulatory requirements," Johnson wrote. "There is nothing we can do to stop this since they have us gridlocked in federal court."

Attorneys are currently waiting on a ruling that may change venue in the case to federal court. Lexington attorneys Linsey W. West and Amy Collier, represent-

ing the companies, filed a notice of removal of the cases from Floyd Circuit Court on March 1 and Feb. 24, arguing for federal court jurisdiction in the matter. They claim that Bartley and Johnson have attempted to "thwart MarkWest defendants' rights" by suing individual employees in order to keep the issue in state court.

Bartley and Johnson, consolidating the two cases, filed motions, accompanied with memorandums, to remand the case back to Floyd County on March 14. They emphasized allegations of neglect against one Ivel resident, James Dillon, and three individual MarkWest employees, area manager Keith Hayes, senior pipeline technician Tim Castle and Jeff Stark, who conducted a corrosion protection survey on

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State audit cites possible violations by Allen officer

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — The city of Allen now has one acting police officer, after being without city supplied police protection for about three months.

The lack of that service was one of the complaints voiced by residents who filed a petition to dissolve the city.

During a meeting Monday, the council voted to hire Donald N. Little, sergeant of the Elkhorn City Police Department for the position.

Clyde Woods, the mayor's brother, has been acting as a citation officer for the city, but he has no official police authority. According to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Woods was in not in compliance with the Peace Officer Professional Standards requirements.

Investigator Chris White audited the police department

on April 20 and discovered that Woods, holding the official position of "citation officer," had been "acting in the capacity of a police officer" for the city, "wearing a police badge [with an 'assistant chief' title] and uniform, carrying a firearm, patrolling streets with a police car equipped with a blue light and pulling people over for moving violations."

Because the state law enforcement council's office of peace officer professional standards had no record of Woods "ever meeting the statutory requirements for certification" or "of completing a law enforcement basic training course, he has no peace officer powers and the city of Allen should immediately prohibit him from performing duties of a police officer," Stephen D. Lynn, assistant general counsel of the Department of Criminal

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Dispute turns physical between Wheelwright mayor, commissioner

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Criminal charges were filed Tuesday against Wheelwright Mayor David Sammons.

City Commissioner Rodney Hall filed a criminal complaint against Sammons, charging him with fourth-degree assault, third-degree

criminal mischief and menacing, all misdemeanor charges.

"I want people to know what kind of mayor they have," Hall said.

Hall alleges that the mayor caused him physical injury during an altercation that took place in the city clerk's office on July 27.

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Prison employees report for work

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Otter Creek Correctional Center hosted an open house for returning employees and their families Monday, the first day back for 44 staff members at the prison.

"It was like a big family reunion when everybody showed up this morning for work at 8," said Warden Joyce Arnold. "They were hugging each other, laughing. Everybody was glad to see everybody."

The prison closed its doors and laid off employees on June 3, after losing a contract to house 650 Indiana inmates.

The prison's parent company, Corrections Corporation of America, signed a contract with Kentucky last month to house 450 female inmates, who are expected to arrive on Aug. 16. The prison is also expecting word on a contract bid to house 80 female inmates from Hawaii, Arnold said.

John Shepherd, principal in Otter Creek's education department, joined at least 14 other employees who worked at the Marion Adjustment Center during the transition period.

"There were good times and tough times," Shepherd said. "Some of us were working in

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Otter Creek said hello Monday to returning employees, including several female staff members who've recently been hired.

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Odds & Ends

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — With a stomach full of scrambled eggs, Jake dog-paddled his way into history.

Organizers of the South End Rowing Club's 10th annual Alcatraz Invitational — a 1.2 mile swim from the infamous prison island to the San Francisco shoreline — say the 65-pound golden retriever is the first canine known to have made the crossing.

He was the only dog among more than 500 swimmers who leapt into the chilly, choppy waters on Saturday, coming in 72nd overall. His time was 41 minutes and 45 seconds.

The crowd cheered as the 4-year-old pooch made his way onto solid ground, shaking sprays of water and dodging a woman who tried to put a medal around his neck.

"It was colder and rougher

than we thought it would be," said Jeff Pokonosky, Jake's owner and swim partner. "Jake amazed me. He was very focused. He started out really fast. I was trying to slow him down. He increased his pace to stay with the pack."

The pair live in San Diego and swim 4 miles a week and bodysurf together. And Jake always eats scrambled eggs before a big swim.

Bill Wygant, president of the South End Rowing Club, said he was more than happy to allow a dog into the race, a first for the more than 100-year-old group.

"This swim is about personal challenge," Wygant said. "Whether you are dog or human, it's whatever you can achieve that counts."

■ **TAIPEI, Taiwan** — A

Taiwanese man is breathing easier after a surgeon removed a missing set of dentures from one of his bronchial tubes — three years after he lost them in a fall.

Surgeon Chen Chun-lei said the unidentified man visited his clinic several days ago complaining of shortness of breath and a high fever.

The man had no idea the missing denture was the culprit, causing a mild case of pneumonia.

"He had looked for the missing dentures for three years but they were nowhere to be found," Chen said.

Chen operated after an X-ray detected an unknown object in one of his bronchial tubes — what turned out to be the missing denture.

Chen said the 45-year-old man did not suffer serious breathing problems earlier, possibly because the lower denture of eight teeth had stuck in part of the bronchial tube but did not entirely block the passage of air.

"The patient might have needed to have part of his lung removed if the denture was not located before it caused severe damage," Chen said Monday. "He was a lucky man to find it when he did."

■ **VERGENNES, Vt.** — Imagine the shock at Country Home Products when workers opened a box and five kittens came squirming out.

A customer in South Carolina had wanted to return a

brush trimmer — a gas-powered machine that cuts grass, weeds and brush — and accidentally sent the kitties along in the FedEx box for the two-day trip to Vermont.

"My co-worker Alan Bean opened the box. Something moved. He jumped and he looked in again and there was five kittens," said Deb Peters, who works in the Country Home returns department.

The kittens are doing fine. The box had been stored in a barn, and the customer apparently sealed the box without looking inside, Peters said.

After opening the box Wednesday, Country Home employees dashed to the nearby Vergennes Animal Hospital and returned with bottles of kitten formula, which the kittens devoured.

The 3-week-old kittens were taken to Addison County Humane Society. Hazel, a black domestic cat whose kittens had just been weaned, is now a surrogate mother, providing a steady diet until they can eat solid food, said Jill Tucker, executive director of the Humane Society.

Peters, who already has three cats, said she wants to adopt the Siamese-looking kitten.

"The husband's not too keen on it," she said, "but this is kind of a special one, you know?"

■ **WEST DES MOINES, Iowa** — The dryer can't be blamed for eating these socks and undies.

Rusty Wayne Sills, 46, of Des Moines, was charged Thursday with fifth-degree theft for allegedly stealing women's panties, bras and socks from the laundry room at

the Sun Prairie Apartments, said Lt. Jeff Miller, police spokesman.

When police searched Sills' home, they found hundreds of pieces of ladies lingerie — and shoes. Miller said he did not know if Sills wore the stolen items.

Miller said a woman at the apartment complex reported missing items in January. The theft was caught on videotape, which police said led them to Sills.

Sills was convicted of burglary in Polk County in 1980 and again in 1983. In the spring of 1999, he was charged with stealing shoes from female students at Iowa State University; he was convicted of theft.

Sills was arrested again in August 1999 after a series of break-ins. Police confiscated about 500 pairs of shoes, as well as underwear, negligees and magazines. Sills pleaded guilty to burglary and was released in 2002.

This time, West Des Moines Police Lt. Jeff Miller said potential victims will be shown photographs of seized items. If they see something familiar, a detective will show them the articles.

"We have bags and bags of these items," Miller said.

■ **FAIRFIELD, Calif.** — The first Great Tomato Toss has gone to seed.

Appliance manufacturer Maytag pulled its support for the Aug. 13 event, which was to feature hundreds of Fairfield residents hurling tomatoes at each other. Maytag planned to film the event to advertise a new washing machine.

Organizers had hoped the 15-minute event would juice up the

annual Tomato Festival in this town about an hour south of Sacramento. The festival will go on, but probably without any tossed fruit.

"We're disappointed, but hopefully they'll come back and do it here sometime in the future," said festival promoter Gary Dyas.

Maytag declined to say why the event was called off.

The company is trying to sort out the details of a takeover bid by rival Whirlpool, which was announced last month.

■ **KEY WEST, Fla.** — Woolen fishermen's turtle-necks in the middle of summer?

At the annual "Papa" Hemingway Look-Alike Contest, it's almost required attire.

With his cream-colored turtle-neck sweater, ruddy complexion and white beard, 61-year-old letter carrier Bob Doughty took the top prize at this year's event, then immediately shed the sweater.

Doughty beat 146 others Saturday in his 13th try at the festival, held every year at Sloppy Joe's Bar — Ernest Hemingway's favorite watering hole when he lived in Key West during the 1930s. The contest was judged by former winners.

There was also a surprise at the event: Hemingway's granddaughter introduced a man who believes he is the author's illegitimate son.

"I've known since the age of 5 that I was supposed to come to Sloppy Joe's in Key West and find a picture of my father," said Richard Steel Hemingway, 44, of Davison, Mich.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 3, the 215th day of 2005. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

On this date:

■ In 1914, Germany declared war on France.

■ In 1923, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th president of the United States, following the death of Warren G. Harding.

■ In 1936, the State Department urged Americans in Spain to leave because of that country's civil war.

■ In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.)

■ In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed.

■ In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

■ In 1980, closing ceremonies were held in Moscow for the Summer Olympic Games, which had been boycotted by dozens of countries, including the United States.

■ In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

■ In 1993, the Senate voted 96-3 to confirm Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

■ In 1994, Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's Vermont summer home.

Ten years ago: A Palestinian, Eyad Ismoil, was flown to the United States from Jordan to face charges he'd driven a bomb-laden van into New York's World Trade Center. (The 1993 explosion killed six people and injured more than 1,000; Ismoil is serving a life sentence.)

Five years ago: George W. Bush accepted the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia, presenting himself as an outsider who would return "civility and respect" to Washington politics.

One year ago: Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge defended the decision to tighten security in New York and Washington even though the intelligence behind the latest terror warnings was as much as four years old. The Statue of Liberty pedestal in New York City reopened to the public for the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks. French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson died at age 95.

Today's Birthdays: Author P.D. James is 85. Broadway composer Richard Adler is 84. Singer Gordon Stoker (The Jordanaires) is 81. Singer Tony Bennett is 79. Actor Martin Sheen is 65. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 64. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 64. Movie director John Landis is 55. Actress

JoMarie Payton is 55. Actor Jay North ("Dennis the Menace") is 54. Actor John C. McGinley is 46. Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker (The Stray Cats) is 44. Rock singer James Hetfield (Metallica) is 42. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 42. Actor Isaiah Washington is 42. Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is 39. Hip-hop artist Spin (Salt-N-Pepa) is 34. Actress Bridget Conley Walsh is 33. Singer Holly Arnstein (Dream) is 20.

Thought for Today: "The man who has no inner life is the slave of his surroundings." — Henri Frederic Amiel, Swiss critic (1821-1881).

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who signed the petition. Kinzer alleged that the city passed the ordinance to eliminate voters. The city responded by saying that Kinzer has requested to be eliminated from the city for a number of years.

Kinzer's complaints didn't go far during the meeting Monday, after a resolution was passed to declare the July 20 meeting "null and void." The ordinance, which was supposed to be voted on Monday, was rescinded. The council did not revisit the issue of the boundary reduction, but Woods did respond to Kinzer's allegations about her alleged violation of the 10-day requirement and the council discussed the option to dissolve the city at length.

"Anyone that knows me knows I don't miss a deadline," Woods said after informing attendees that she filed the petition within the required time.

When contacted Tuesday, Waugh said he had discussed the petition with the mayor before it was filed and that he didn't "physically" see the petition on his desk until Monday afternoon.

The mayor included a letter to Waugh, dated July 28, in which she rejected the petition based on the "anticipated indebtedness" of the city.

City attorney Stacy Marshall said that the time requirement allows individuals the opportunity to ask the court to order the filing of the petition.

Allen resident Sherry Kinzer asked if the city is planning to go into debt and whether it would be illegal for the city to do so since the petition was filed. The statute on city dissolution includes an exception that prevents any indebted city from being dissolved.

Woods said that the city has

no current plans to go into debt. City attorney Stacy Marshall said that he would contact the Attorney General's office about the legal issue.

Vicky Glass, communications director with Greg Stumbo's office, said Tuesday that the statute doesn't address the issue and that the office is researching the question.

Those signing the petition argue that they would receive better services from the county if the city is dissolved. The city has been without an acting police officer for several months and Kinzer said that city offices weren't regularly open and that there is only one city employee.

City Manager Bill Parsons said that the city has nine paid employees.

The mayor read off a long list of city services, including sidewalk work, street light work, Christmas and Easter programs

for the children and the elderly, the city's attempt to eliminate unsafe houses and the Jacob's Ladder food pantry, which is located next door to city hall.

Judy Parsons said the question of dissolution left her "curious" about what Allen could "realistically expect" from the county. She said the city would never have opportunities that larger cities have because of its location and that the county wouldn't prioritize its agenda for the such a small community.

"We're kidding ourselves if we think the county will put us at the top of the list," Parsons said. "We're not going to be put at the top of the list, the little town of Allen."

Council members also discussed tax collection in Allen with Jamie and Sherry Kinzer, who complained that they have problems receiving their tax bill every year. The Kinzers say that

no one is attempting to collect back taxes in Allen. The statute that allows city dissolution stipulates that a city can be dissolved if it fails to collect taxes. Bill Parsons, the city manager, said that there has not been a large return of paying taxpayers in the city over the years. He also said that the city, because of its size, could not collect more than \$3,200 to \$3,600 in taxes annually. They collect, or attempt collection of, 35 cents per \$100 in property worth, he said.

Waugh said Tuesday that Woods rescinded the July 28 letter she wrote rejecting the petition. He also said that he will review the petition and determine if it is valid.

The petition will be valid if 20 percent of the registered voters who voted during the 2004 presidential election signed it. Waugh reported that 199 Allen

residents voted during that election, which means that approximately 40 signatures from those voters — if they still live in Allen — are needed in order for the petition to be valid.

Waugh is checking to see how many residents still live within the city limits and ensuring that all who signed the petition are registered voters.

In other news, the council also discussed a CSX railroad track that has been causing problems for drivers in Allen for more than a year and a state-owned bridge that has needed repairs for several months.

"Do we have to go through the bridge before we get help?" Sherry Kinzer asked. Woods said that she has been in contact with officials regarding the railroad, but that they have done nothing. She said she may be able to get help with fixing the bridge this year.

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Justice, wrote in an April 27 letter to the department.

The letter was then forwarded to the county attorney's office.

Woods was ordered to not carry a gun or a badge and to take the blue lights off the city vehicle that currently remains parked in his yard. Woods no longer drives the city vehicle, Bill Parsons said.

The audit reported that Woods may have violated state laws when he pulled people over without the proper authority to do so.

White said in his report that Woods was listed as part-time police officer on the city's bond

paperwork. He also included a financial statement listing \$2,316.20 in salary and expenses for the city's "night police."

"During the course of the audit, I provided copies of the various statutes that may apply to the illegal use of Clyde Woods as a police officer to Mayor Woods and City Manager Bill Parsons in order that they may be able to review them and discuss them with the city attorney," White wrote, pointing out that the "KRS's in question" include citation officers — powers, restrictions; impersonating a police officer; official misconduct in the first and second degrees; and one

statute requiring officers to be certified.

When contacted this week, County Attorney Keith Bartley said he wasn't aware of any laws that Woods violated because he is a citation officer.

White said Tuesday that his department does not have the authority to press charges and that his only obligation is to prevent violations from continuing to occur.

"As far as the KRS's are concerned, we don't have the statutory authority to cite or penalize the City of Allen," White wrote in an email. "They were provided for the agencies to review. We merely conduct audits on

police departments to make sure that they are in compliance with Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF) regulations if they participate in the program (Allen does not) and Police Officer Professional Standards (POPS) regulations. It is our hope that when we find problems that need to be corrected that the agency in question will correct the problem on their own. In order to assist them with this, we advise the department's police chief, the city's mayor and the county attorney of our findings when applicable."

He said his department has never had an audit performed

with these findings in which officials did not pursue charges or citation violations. He said the situation is particularly "unusual" because the mayor works for the county attorney's office and the audit was performed because of her brother's service to the city.

The mayor said after the meeting that her brother was nothing more than a security guard for the city.

"He doesn't even have a tick-

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et book," she said. Former police Chief James Burke quit his service in Allen because he found a better paying job, Parsons said.

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Fight

Sammons "grabbed" Hall by the throat and "threw him against a filing cabinet," the criminal summons says. Hall also alleges that Sammons held up a radio "like he would hit him with it," and that he broke a chain that belonged to Hall, according to the document.

Hall said Tuesday that the altercation took place, because Sammons wanted to blacktop a driveway on "Big Hill" on Branham Hollow that he thought was a private driveway.

"I said I'm not going to go to jail for nobody," Hall said. "He told Mary Ann Slone [the city clerk] to get out of her office because she did not want to hear him. Then he grabbed my throat and he said, 'I'm going to kill you,' and I said, 'Please don't kill me.'"

Hall was treated for minor injuries at McDowell ARH hospital after the altercation. Sammons, who is currently hospitalized at McDowell ARH where he is undergoing testing, confirmed that an altercation did occur, but he said he was trying

to defend himself from Hall.

"I have as much complaints on him as he has on me," Sammons said. "He argues over anything. There's a lot more to it and there will be things filed against him. I have papers that shows he's not competent to hold office. He's mentally incompetent to hold the office he's in."

Sammons said that Hall was wanting to use state road aid money to blacktop a Methodist church parking lot and that he did not want to blacktop the "Big Hill" driveway, which leads to a home belonging to Bill Newsome. That driveway, Sammons said, used to be mapped as a street in Wheelwright and the city "put it down" on the road aid list "in case it was legal."

"He's made promises to the church, the people there," Sammons said. "Campaign promises that he can't keep with city money."

He also said that Hall followed him through the city hall building and argued with him

about it.

"He hollers that I assaulted him. He followed me through the building arguing with me and I had to protect myself from him," Sammons said. "He went by and knocked my glasses off and things. I got up and left the room once and went to another room and he followed me."

Sammons admits that he "grabbed" Hall, and that "ladies in the office" witnessed it, but he said he did not choke him.

After the altercation and an emergency room visit, Hall drove to the county attorney's office and he also reported the incident to Kentucky State Police Det. Rick Conn. The criminal complaint came after several meetings at both offices, Hall said, extending his appreciation to officials who helped him deal with the situation.

"Look what he's charged with," Hall said. "Something's got to be done about this. I'm taking it to trial."

Hall would not comment on any previous problems between him and the mayor. The mayor

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says that Hall "won't take no for an answer."

Sammons was ordered to have no verbal, written or physical contact with Hall. He is scheduled to be arraigned on Sept. 7.

Lordy, Lordy, Big G is 40!



Police investigating third robbery

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

LACKEY — Kentucky State Police are now searching for perpetrators of three unsolved robberies.

The latest robbery took place Friday night at the Mi-Dee Mart in Lackey, where a white male entered the store at approximately 10:40 p.m. and assaulted the clerk before leaving with an undisclosed amount of cash.

KSP reported that the man asked the clerk for an item off the bottom shelf behind the counter and that the man struck the woman with an object believed to be a crowbar or a tire iron. The man then ordered the clerk to "hand over the store's money," KSP reported. The clerk later refused medical treatment.

The man's direction and mode of travel were not ascertained by those at the scene. He is described as being approximately 20 years old and was wearing a white baseball cap, blue long-sleeve shirt, black t-shirt and khaki shorts.

Trooper Austin Hicks continues this investigation, which mirrors an unsolved robbery that took place at Tackett's Grocery in Galveston on June 29.

tified armed robber entered the store, hit the clerk, store owner Brenda Tackett, in the head with a hard object and knocked her unconscious before fleeing with an undetermined amount of cash. Tackett woke up on the floor behind the register and a female customer helped her get back up.

Det. Byron Hansford continues this investigation.

Det. Rick Conn is also continuing the investigation into the robbery that occurred on June 28 at Citizens National Bank in Allen.

A white male, described as being between 5 feet, 10 inches and 6 feet tall, entered the bank early that morning with a canvas bag over his head. He left with an undisclosed amount of cash. Investigators at the scene said the man "hunkered" below the

counter and "bobbed" his head above the counter during the robbery. He was captured on video only briefly, officials said. No weapon was seen during the robbery, but the man threatened the teller with a firearm.


KSP information officer Scott Hopkins said Tuesday that no arrests have been made in any of these robberies. Hopkins said the robberies at the two stores sound similar, but he would not speculate as to whether the robberies are connected.

Hopkins urged the community to contact authorities if they have any information about these incidents.


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Worth Repeating ...

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

Right message, even if ineffective

With Kentucky having the nation's highest number of ATV-related fatalities, supporters are hoping that a bill requiring children ages 16 and younger to wear helmets while riding their four-wheelers will fare better in the 2006 Kentucky General Assembly than similar measures in previous legislative sessions.

However, even if legislators enact a helmet requirement for children on ATVs, the law may be difficult to enforce. That's because most ATVs are operated on private property in rural, often remote, areas far from the eyes of law enforcement officers. In such situations, who is going to cite a child for failing to don a helmet when racing an ATV over rugged terrain?

Nevertheless, there is reason for concern about the number of deadly ATV accidents that continue to plague this state. Kentucky had 109 ATV-related deaths between 2000 and 2002 — the highest number of fatalities in the nation, said Michele Finn of the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky. Pennsylvania was second with 73 deaths during that time, followed by Texas with 70. The numbers were based on statistics from the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

An internal UK study showed that between 1996 and 2000, the hospital's trauma center admitted 151 patients under the age of 18 with ATV-related injuries, said Dr. Roger Humphries, chairman of the emergency medical department at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

If Humphries and Mary Haas of the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky had their druthers, the General Assembly would enact a law requiring helmets for all ATV riders regardless of their age. However, they recognize that the political odds of the General Assembly enacting such a law range somewhere between nil and slim. After all, bills requiring helmets for ATV riders under the age of 16 have not come close to gaining approval during recent legislative sessions.

Responsible ATV operators recognize the need for safety measures. Don Young, a member of the Eastern Kentucky ATV Association, said it's unsafe for anyone to ride all-terrain vehicles without a helmet. But Young said he wasn't sure whether a law was needed. Both children and adults should also be required to attend safety classes, Young said.

A helmet law for ATV operators under 16 would send the right message and may reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries caused by ATV accidents in the state. However, the best solution is for those who own ATVs to take steps to assure that those who operate them wear helmets and other safety gear whether they are 15 or 60.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland

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"CONFIDENTIALLY, I'D TAKE THIS OUTRAGE TO THE SUPREME COURT ... BUT THEY'RE THE ONES WHO DID THIS TO ME!"

Capitol Ideas

Personnel probe may take center stage at Fancy Farm

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — There aren't any scheduled statewide elections this year, but the 125th Fancy Farm picnic on Aug. 6 is still likely to draw a large political crowd.

And the attorney general's investigation into the hiring practices of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration is likely to be the buzz.

"We expect that to be a hot and spicy issue at the barbecue," said Mark Wilson, one of the event's organizers.

The annual picnic in Graves County is a fund-raiser for St. Jerome's Parish, a Catholic church settled in the far western Kentucky community of Fancy Farm. Aside from politics, the picnic is also known for its bingo and barbecue.

Over the years, the annual event has evolved into perhaps Kentucky's premier grass-roots political event, providing politicians with a captive audience. Most candidates seeking a statewide office stop by for a shot to woo the crowd.

"It's steeped in a whole lot of tradi-

tion," Wilson said in a telephone interview. "This is kind of a must-do."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Attorney General Greg Stumbo are both expected to attend, Wilson said. Fletcher's office did not confirm his attendance, and the governor was noncommittal when asked last week.

Other elected officials expected to attend include: Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Auditor Crit Luallen, Treasurer Jonathan Miller, House Speaker Jody Richards and U.S. Rep Ed Whitfield, Wilson said. Some local politicians, state judicial candidates and others are also planning to show, he said.

This year's picnic should draw at least 10,000 people, said state Sen. Ken Winters, R-Murray, this year's master of ceremonies.

If past years are an indication, the political speeches could get fiery. And, Stumbo's investigation could stoke the flames.

The probe centers on whether the administration based Merit System personnel decisions on politics, rather than qualifications. The system, which has been in place since 1960, was designed to protect rank-and-file state employees from political influence.

A special grand jury in Franklin County has indicted eight current or former members of Fletcher's administration with misdemeanors stemming from the investigation. One of the eight has also been indicted on a felony count of

alleged witness tampering.

Fletcher has called the investigation politically motivated and said he thought it marked the start of the 2007 governor's race. Stumbo has denied the claims, and maintained he's just doing his job.

"There's quite a bit of talk about it from the folks down here," Wilson said. "I expect it will be a pretty hot issue."

Steven Elder, 25, who owns and operates a Web site, www.fancyfarm.net, said he's probably attended more than 20 Fancy Farm picnics. Elder agreed the personnel investigation would likely take center stage on Saturday.

"I think that will be a hot topic," Elder said.

In previous years, heckling from the crowd has gotten, well, more than spirited. But organizers have asked Democrat and Republican party officials to keep the banter civil, Wilson said.

If not, there's always the local sheriff and his deputies to keep things in order, he said.

"We all want to have fun and be entertaining, but we're monitoring that very closely," Wilson said. "We would ask both parties to try to control that internally. If not, we will control it."

Then again, for those not interested in heckling politicians, there's always the bingo, and 19,000 pounds of barbecued mutton and 9,500 pounds of barbecued pork.

Guest Column

The Pentagon can get at your kid

by JIM HIGHTOWER
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Hey, youngsters — Uncle Sam not only wants you, he's got your number.

Not yet sure what you want to do in life? Why not get paid and see an exotic part of the world while you're getting it all together? Yes, you could summer in sunny Iraq...and be a part of our exciting occupation forces there, where there's never a dull moment!

If you are 16 to 25 years old, chances are you'll soon be receiving such a sales pitch from the Army. How will

recruiters find you? Easy — thanks to a new database secretly built by the Pentagon, they know where you live. They also know your phone number. And your Social Security number, your email address, your height and weight, your grades in school, your ethnicity...and so much more.

The Pentagon's "Joint Advertising Market Research Studies Division" (did you know they had one of those?) brags that this superdandy database is "arguably the largest repository of 16- to 25-year-old youth data in the country, containing roughly 30 million records." It includes the names and personal info on 3.1 million graduating high school seniors and 4.7 million college students — possibly including you or someone you know. All this is to target, reach, and recruit young folks to fill the troop

quotas for George W's war in Iraq.

There are, however, two little glitches with the Pentagon's sweeping new database. First, it was illegally compiled. Officials began building it three years ago without giving public notice and allowing public comment — a flagrant violation of the Federal Privacy Act. Second, (and more alarming to mothers and fathers) the private data allows military recruiters to intrude surreptitiously into people's homes and put a sales job on their children. As one appalled mom says: "It's a direct shot to someone's child without consent from a parent."

To help shut down this illegal, intrusive database, call the Electronic Privacy Information Center: 202-483-1140.

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Health Extra

PCSOM dean named American Osteopathic Association president-elect

PIKEVILLE — John A. Strosnider, D.O., F.A.C.O.F.P., a board-certified osteopathic family physician and vice president and dean of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSOM), was elected by the house of delegates as president-elect of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) during its recent annual business meeting in Chicago.

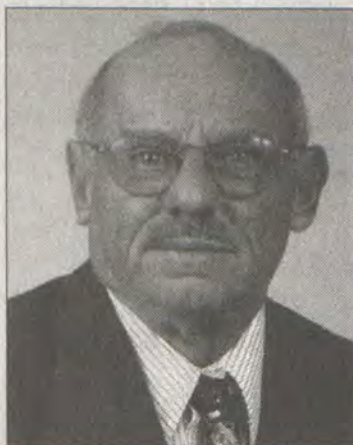
"This is a tremendous honor for Dr. Strosnider, who has worked hard to advance the osteopathic profession for many years," said Pikeville College President Hal Smith. "It is also a recognition of the national reputation for excellence he has helped build for PCSOM. We look forward to his presidency and the opportunity to share his experience and knowledge with health care professionals across the nation."

Strosnider has been a member of the AOA since 1971, and has served on the Board of

Trustees since 1992. He is also the founding dean of PCSOM which opened in the fall of 1997, and has produced 282 physicians in its first five graduating classes. Over 90 percent of those graduates have elected to enter primary care, which is the greatest need in Kentucky and Central Appalachia.

"Working with osteopathic medical students has been truly rewarding," said Strosnider. "Each day, I have the honor of seeing the future of our profession grow."

Strosnider is also active in state and local osteopathic organizations, including the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure and the Get Healthy Kentucky Board. He has served as a member of the Association of Osteopathic Medical Directors and Educators; the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine; and the Medical Review Consultants Board of Directors. He received the 2005



Dr. John A. Strosnider

Physician of the Year Award from the Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association where he has been a member for more than a decade. He also served as president of the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS) from 1991-1992 and was a recipient of the 1993 MAOPS Medallion Award.

After receiving his osteopathic medical degree from Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine, which is known today as Kansas City (Mo.) University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCUMB-COM), Strosnider completed his internship at Lakeside Osteopathic Hospital in Kansas City.

Together with his wife, Jo Ann, Strosnider resides in Pikeville. He has three children: John Adam, Alisha, and Paul.

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) represents more than 54,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s), promotes public health, encourages scientific research, serves as the primary certifying body for D.O.s, and is the accrediting agency for all osteopathic medical schools and health care facilities. For more information about osteopathic medicine, access www.osteopathic.org.

Health officials discuss Medicaid budget shortfall

FRANKFORT — Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) officials accepted suggestions from Kentuckians on addressing the projected \$675 million Medicaid shortfall for fiscal year 2006 at public forums in Bowling Green and London two weeks ago and at a July 5 meeting of advocates in Frankfort.

In response to feedback received at the forums, Medicaid will delay the prescription drug co-payments for optional eligibility groups (\$3 for generic drugs, \$10 for preferred brand drugs and \$20 for non-preferred brand name

drugs) that were set to take effect July 15 while it explores the possibility of placing a cap on the amount an individual can be charged in co-pays over a certain time period.

"We are facing a true fiscal crisis in the Medicaid program. I commend everyone who came out to discuss possible solutions and offer feedback on the program," said Mark D. Birdwhistell, CHFS Undersecretary for Health. "There are no easy answers when you're facing a \$675 million shortfall, which is why it is so important that stakeholders work with us to preserve

Medicaid for our most vulnerable citizens."

Birdwhistell, Medicaid Commissioner Shannon R. Turner and Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Commissioner Pat Wear II led the forums, which were attended by providers, consumers, advocates and other stakeholders. More than 125 people attended the Bowling Green forum and about 50 people attended the London forum. The Frankfort meeting was attended by more than 125 people, including advocates and legislators.

The shortfall Kentucky

Medicaid faces is largely driven by federal changes, such as the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, which requires payments from the state Medicaid program to the federal government, and policy interpretation changes related to fund transfers, among others. The total estimated impact of federal

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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Kentucky State AARP official to be guest at local meeting

Scott A. Wegenast, program coordinator in the AARP Kentucky State Office, in Louisville, will be the guest of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528 AARP, at the meeting to be held Friday, August 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, in Prestonsburg. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and all AARP members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Hicks reunion

There will be a reunion of the relatives and friends of William and Oma Reffett Hicks on August 13, at the Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Park. All relatives and friends are invited to come and enjoy a day with the family.

Floyd County Chamber

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will hold a membership meeting and luncheon on Aug. 8, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, at 12 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Sen. Mitch McConnell. RSVP to Chamber office by Aug. 3 by calling 886-0364.

Masonic outdoor meeting planned, Saturday, August 6 at Tom Flanery farm, Warco

On Saturday, August 6, there will be an outdoor meeting at the Tom Flanery Farm at Warco. Turn off from Rt. 80. Hotdogs, hamburgers, soupbeans and cornbread to be served. If you can, bring a covered dish, dessert or pop. Stephen C. Barnette Jr., or Bryan Wallen

will be the candidate for the second section. Breakfast will be served at J.W. Hall Lodge at 7:30 a.m.; first section conferred at 9 a.m.; dinner will be served at 4 p.m.; second section to start at 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are urged to attend and assist with the work.

Jenny Wiley Bike Tours

Held every Saturday morning, 8 a.m. Meet at the flags in front of the Jenny Wiley Convention Center/Marina. Group will ride to the Johns Creek Station (8 miles) at the foot of the spillway where they may enjoy a great breakfast for only \$6.95. Enjoy a fun ride at a relaxed pace. Make sure bikes are in good working condition and be ready to ride by 8:30 a.m. Others may also arrive at the Spillway site to enjoy breakfast or to pick up riders who do not wish to ride back to the starting point.

More information, call 886-8604 or email: profitnessctr@bellsouth.net. You may also visit www.multisports.com to view and print a map of area cycling routes.

Childers Family Reunion

The Childers (Childress) family will host a reunion on Sat., Aug. 20, at the Dewey Dam Picnic Hollow, Shelter #3. Registration will begin at 11 a.m.; lunch will be served at noon. Please bring a covered dish and cooler of soft drinks for your family. Plates, napkins and utensils will be provided. An auction will be held to raise money for next year's reunion. This year's theme is "Our Musical Heritage" - bring along any instruments you may play. All Childers and Preston relations welcome. More info., contact Naomi Cox at 740-387-5815 or Shelba Childers at 740-747-2985.

Dwale Homecoming

Auction and Concession will be held on Aug. 12, at 7 p.m., at the Dwale Shelter. Proceeds will go toward funding the 2006 Dwale Homecoming event.

20th Annual Van Lear Town Celebration - Aug. 5-6

Friday: Popcorn, snow cones and other snacks at Icky's; Catfish and Soup Bean dinner at the Coal Miner's Museum, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Pirate ship ride; Official ceremonies at 5 p.m., at Coal Miner's Museum; car stereo contest and live music. Also, Coal Miner's Museum open FREE to public all day.

Saturday: Turkey shoot, 9 a.m.; Horseshoe Tournament, 9 a.m.; Car/truck/motorcycle show, 9 a.m.; Decorated 4-wheeler contest; kiddie games and contests, 9 a.m.; volleyball and more. Also, Coal Miner's Museum open FREE all day. Annual Parade, 2:30 p.m. - Sat.

Many more activities - call 789-8540 for more information.

Parsons Family Reunion

Reunion for the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will be held on Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, off Rt. 979. Please bring a covered dish; meal will be served at 1 p.m. All family and friends welcome. For more info., call E. J. Parsons at 865-426-7585.

Women's Health - Prevention of Osteoporosis

A program concerning the prevention of osteoporosis will be held on Wed., Aug. 3, from 1-2:30 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office. The public is invited, free of charge. For more information, or to register to attend, contact Theresa Scott, at 886-2668 or email to: ces-floyd@uky.edu.

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.

Yard Sale

Fri. and Sat., Aug. 5 & 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Dove House and Tabernacle Ministries, at the Dove House Complex (Old Plantation Motel). Food and drinks will be available on Saturday. Call 886-0427 or 298-3067 to reserve a space.

UNITE meeting announcement

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.

Group will meet on Thur., Aug. 4, at 6 p.m.

** UNITE coalition will host two appreciation dinners/roundtable discussions for the Big Sandy region on Aug. 9, at 6 p.m., at the Carriage House

Rest. (Ramada Inn), Paintsville; and on Aug. 11, at 6 p.m., at the Old Morgan County Gov. Bldg./Comm. Ctr., in West Liberty.

There will be no charge to attend, but please place your reservations with Alisha Baldrige by calling 889-0422.

FCCD 55th anniversary

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold an open house on Aug. 18, at the District office, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to celebrate their 55th anniversary. More info., call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@mikrotec.com. The public is cordially invited.

Hughes Family Reunion

For the families of Mathias Hughes, Linda E. and Jake Marsillett, Mary Darcus and John Wright, Sally and James Marsillett, John Malcom and Sally Hughes, Jim Henry and Ida Hughes. Reunion will be held on Sept. 4, at the home of Delmer Holbrook, located at 143 Holbrook Hollow Rd., in Prestonsburg. For more info., call 886-8481.

Travel Club

An organizational meeting to form a Travel Club in this area will be held on Aug. 9, at 6 p.m., in the Weeksbury Comm. Center. A possible 4 night/5 day trip to Disney World will be discussed at this time. Anyone who is interested in inexpensive group travel is welcome to attend this meeting. For more info., contact Ed or Linda at

452-4149.

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.

Auxler Lifetime Learning Center

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.

Joy Services - Christ United Methodist Church of Allen

Special musical services: 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

Aug. 9 - Senior Advantage, 10-11:30 a.m., Prestonsburg Senior Citizen Center.

Aug. 13 - Childbirth classes, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Meeting Place A & B, in medical office bldg.

Aug. 25 - "Living Well with Diabetes" support group meet-

ing, 5-6 p.m., Meeting Place A & B, medical office bldg.

For more info., contact Highlands Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

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.

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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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Students study small mammal populations in for summer research projects

PIKEVILLE — Albert Einstein once said, "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." A group of Pikeville College students will put the famed physicist's advice to good use this summer when they begin research to study small mammal populations in the area.

Matt Damron of Elkhorn City, Brian Daniels of Pikeville, Ashley Justice of Stambaugh, Matt Smith of Elkhorn City, Jon Mark Tackett of Allen, Bridgett Thacker of Kimper, and Christy Hopkins of Virgie were awarded Lee B. Ledford scholarships by the Appalachian College Association (ACA) that will provide each student with either a \$2,000 or \$4,000 research stipend, including funds to purchase equipment. The Ledford scholarship fund supports research experiences for students at ACA colleges with preference going to those from Harlan and surrounding counties in Kentucky.

"I think that the ACA Ledford Scholarship will be an excellent opportunity for me to expand my scientific knowledge

by working outside the classroom," said Daniels.

The students are all biology majors, including Justice, who is already thinking about graduate school.

"The experience I hope to gain from the project will be especially helpful in the future as I plan to attend veterinary school upon graduating from Pikeville College," said Justice.

The students' research will be conducted primarily in Pike and Floyd counties. Their activities will consist of selecting trapping sites, trapping and handling small mammals, collecting and preparing samples, data analysis and presentation of their findings. Students will focus their research on short-tailed shrews and deer mice to determine what species are present locally and any ecological impact on their habitat.

Before applying for the scholarships, each of the students studied the findings of several noted researchers in preparation for their projects. They were also guided in their efforts by Joe Whittaker, an assistant professor of biology at

Pikeville College with a Ph.D. in zoology. Whittaker has conducted extensive research on small mammals, including voles and white-footed mice.

His dissertation research was based on nearly three years of field work on a mark-recapture study of the southern short-tailed shrew in a forest habitat. He also collaborated with two other researchers on a study at Land Between the Lakes, examining potential impacts of introduced elk and bison on small mammals.

In the classroom, Whittaker teaches students about the ecological impact small mammals have as far as eating insect pests, dispersing seeds and controlling vegetation. The students' projects are varied, but all have the potential to shed light on the ecology and ecological relationships of mammals found in Eastern Kentucky.

"Several projects are looking at small mammals inhabiting areas impacted by coal extraction and will be important to see how these species respond to reclamation efforts," said Whittaker. "If the students are

able to get good sample sizes, there is potential for these studies to be published. Certainly, they will be attending a scientific meeting or two to present their results."

Whittaker also said many professional schools like to see students involved in something extra — beyond the classroom.

"There are often opportunities for medical or pharmacy students to get involved in research. This provides them with some practical experi-

ence," he said.

Daniels and Smith will be conducting research to positively identify which species of shrews are present in Eastern Kentucky.

"For years there has been one species of short-tailed shrew recognized in this part of the state," said Whittaker. "Brian and Matthew are looking for evidence that there may be different species present, so far unrecognized here."

The difference in the two

projects, according to Whittaker, is the students' approach to research.

"Matt is looking at the physical characteristics (morphology), while Brian will be looking at cellular-level characteristics (counting the number of chromosomes present), basically looking at the DNA. This way they will be able to work together and hopefully their results will support one another. So, if

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Odds

Lorian Hemingway, Hemingway's granddaughter, believes he is credible.

"I know that Richard is completely sincere and guileless in his quest for his father, and I do believe his father is Ernest Hemingway," she said.

■ ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Doug Ryerson owes his life to his German shepherd, a modern-day Lassie.

A diabetic since early childhood, Ryerson's blood sugar plummeted to deadly levels after he went to bed Tuesday. He usually eats a bedtime snack to keep his blood sugar regulated through the night, but for some reason, he fell asleep without it.

Soon enough, Luka the dog started barking and woke up Ryerson's brother, Mike, in another room. Mike found Ryerson sprawled and unresponsive, and rushed him to a

hospital.

"Another hour and I would have been a goner," Ryerson said, giving the 1-year-old Luka a pat on the head.

Ryerson is legally blind and confined to a wheelchair since losing part of his leg to diabetes. He said the family got Luka when he was 8 weeks old and they took to each other immediately.

"I'm at their level," he said. "And I think that makes a difference. I'm more like them, see? And Luka here, he grew up with me."

■ STOCKHOLM, Sweden — There are sunglasses for the beach, bifocals for the library and sports lenses for the basketball court. Now a Swedish eyeglass maker says he's targeting previously uncharted territory: funerals.

Staffan Preutz, chief execu-

tive of Polaris Optic, said Thursday he will launch a new collection of stylish yet discreet glasses this fall for women attending funerals.

"They do not want too flashy or gaudy glasses. The point is that they should be a bit subdued, but still elegant," Preutz said.

He said a designer at the company's Japanese branch came up with the idea, and the collection will target the Japanese market.

The funeral collection, which according to Preutz is the first of its kind in the world, will be presented at the International Optical Fair in Tokyo in October.

Preutz established his company in 1979 in Boden, Sweden, and is the official supplier of eye glasses to the Swedish royal family.

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Medicaid

actions on Kentucky Medicaid is more than \$375 million. Governor Ernie Fletcher has directed the cabinet to explore all options and do everything possible to preserve Medicaid services for those who need them most.

"Medicaid in its current state is simply unsustainable. These forums provided valuable information for us to consider as we

look at what changes must be made to protect our most vulnerable Medicaid members," Turner said.

Medicaid also announced that due to federal guidelines the co-pay on emergency room visits for non-emergency causes scheduled to take effect Aug. 1 will be \$3, rather than the previously announced \$6.

Cabinet officials will contin-

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ue to share information related to the shortfall with the public, advocates and legislators in the coming weeks and months. For more information on co-pays or to offer suggestions, providers and consumers can contact Michael Cornwall in the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) at (502)564-4321.



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Obituaries

Wanda Sue Akers

Wanda Sue Akers, 67, of Honaker, died Saturday, July 30, 2005, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Lexington.

Born July 12, 1938, in Honaker, she was the daughter of the late Langley and Reely Irick Clark. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Spurlock Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Akers.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Douglas Akers (wife, Debbie), of Jamestown, Indiana; two daughters: Susan Hunter, (husband, Roy), and Sharlette Sue Akers, both of Honaker; a brother, Bobby Gene Clark of Dayton, Ohio; and six grandchildren: Roy Hunter, Denise Pinion, Jerry Douglas Akers Jr., Heather Akers, April Akers, and Brandon Akers; and one great-granddaughter, Emily Shepherd.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 3, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Clark Cemetery, in Honaker, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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John Allen Jr.

John Allen Jr., of Prestonsburg, former Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Group Manager for eastern Kentucky, until he retired. In 1972 he entered the Internal Revenue Services audit division in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In 1977, he advanced to group manager, with offices in Daytona Beach, Florida, covering the Daytona Beach and Ocala, Florida area. From 1981 until he retired, except a one-year assignment at College Station, Texas, he had been group manager for eastern Kentucky, with offices in Paintsville, Pikeville and Prestonsburg.

Johnny, 68, passed away July 31, 2005, at his 228 N. Arnold Avenue home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Alice Reynolds Allen.

He is survived by two daughters: Johni Lynn and Jane Ann, whose mother is Judy Musick Allen; one step-daughter, Jessie, whose mother is Jane Allen; one grandchild, John Wesley Jakobson, whose mother is Joni Lynn.

He is survived by three brothers: Robert R. Allen (Sarah B. "Sally" Burchett) and David D. Allen (Barbara D. Allen), both of Prestonsburg, and Stephen R. Allen (Terri S. Hyden) of Rexford, Kansas. He is also survived by two sisters: Judith Allen Colvin McCreary (Robert) of Lexington, and Mary Allen Leslie (David Richard "Dickie") of Prestonsburg. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, along with a great number of friends, neighbors, and extended family.

Funeral services for John Allen Jr., were conducted Tuesday, August 2, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Reverend Steve Pescosolido officiating.

Burial was at the John Allen Cemetery, at Sugarloaf, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: John Wesley Jakobson, Charles Michael Harris, John Wayne White II, Roger Brian White, and Phillip Blackburn.

Honorary pallbearers: Hansel Cooley, Jerome Kaney, Dr. Larry Leslie, Estill L. Carter, and Danny Jarrell.

Contributions, in lieu of flowers, are suggested to Hospice of Big Sandy, P.O. Box 277, Hager Hill, KY 41222; or Community United Methodist Church, 147 Burke Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. (Paid obituary)

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Eva Garnett Gosell

Eva Garnett Gosell, 63, of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, died Friday, July 29, 2005, at the

Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville.

Born June 8, 1942, in Endicott, she was the daughter of the late John Spears and Lora Jervis Spears Goble. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ at Arkansas Creek, Martin.

Survivors include one daughter, Karen Patton of Mentone, Indiana; three brothers: Avery Goble of Water Gap, Bobby Goble of David, and Billy Goble of Millstone; one sister, Ruby Billiter of Big Rock, Virginia; and two grandchildren: Christopher and Cameron.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Walter (Buck) Spears; and one sister, Charlene (Polly) Merwine.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 1, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with ministers of the Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was in the Goble-Ousley Cemetery, Water Gap, Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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John Gravely Heinze

John Gravely Heinze, age 79, of Prestonsburg, passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2005, at his residence, following a sudden illness.

He was born October 4, 1925, in Prestonsburg, the son of the late Frederick and Ethel Gravely Heinze.

He was vice president for General Services for the First National Bank, Paintsville, a former employee of the Bank Josephine, and the General Motors Acceptance Corporation. He attended Morehead State University; the University of Missouri; and received a B.S. Degree in Commerce from the University of Kentucky. He was a U.S. Air Force, WWII veteran, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg; a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM; the Junior Chamber of Commerce; the Kiwanis; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Sigma Chi.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Allen Heinze.

Surviving are one son, John G. Heinze Jr., of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Gretchen Heinze Moyer of Muncie, Pa., and Lisa Heinze Cantrell of Ezel; one brother, Frank M. Heinze of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren, Leslie A. Heinze, Michael A. Heinze, Barry Ward, and Casey Ward.

A Masonic service was held Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be con-

ducted Wednesday, August 3, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Dr. Floyd Price officiating.

Burial will follow in the Allen Family Cemetery, at Huelysville, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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Margie Hogsed

Margie Hogsed, age 75, of Martin, widow of Clyde Hogsed, passed away Thursday, July 28, 2005, in Lexington.

She was born August 11, 1929, in Melvin, the daughter of Bessie Johnson Little of Eubank, and the late John E. Little. She owned and operated the Western Auto Store, in Martin, for 50 years, and was a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church.

In addition to her mother, survivors include: three daughters: Donna (Tim) Hicks of Morehead, Gay Barnett of Lexington, and Linda (Johnny Ray) Turner of Drift; one brother, John Little Jr., of Monticello; four sisters: Margaret Gibson of Bonita, California, Betty Mullins of Franklin Furnace, Ohio, Susie McCoy of Brooks, and Bobbie England of Stanford; four grandchildren: Clint Osborne of Lexington, Margalee Turner Conlee of Winchester, Kelly Harrod of Lexington, and Melissa Turner of Drift; and one great-grandson, Logan Harrod.

In addition to her husband and father, she was preceded in death by two brothers: David Little and Billy Little.

Funeral services for Margie Hogsed were conducted Monday, August 1, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Pallbearers: Ben Jackson, Kenny Little, Jerry Little, Corey Little, Tommy Burke, C. J.

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Rose Caudill, Brothers, Greg and Kenneth Caudill & family



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We didn't know that morning God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, In death we did the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you The morning God called you home.

You left us peaceful and precious memories, Your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, We feel you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same, Only God knows why he called you, Why did he whisper your name?

Happy 26th Birthday to our sweet little angel.

Written by Your Broken Hearted Family

Card of Thanks

The family of Thurman Newman would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergymen James Branham and Elisha Branham for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home to their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF THURMAN NEWMAN

Card of Thanks

The parents and sister of Daniel Arnold Lowe wish to thank Dennis Love for his caring and inspirational words at the graveside service. We also thank the many friends and relatives who attended the service, sent cards and letters, provided food, and words of comfort. Thanks to all the people at Hall Funeral Home for providing caring, respectful and professional service.

With gratitude,

BURGESS, MARGARET, AND JESSICA LOWE

Card of Thanks

The family of Lakie Steele O'Brien 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, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Tommy Spears 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. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF LAKIE STEELE O'BRIEN

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Going back home isn't the same. It is so lonesome since you and Mommy went away. It is hard to accept that you are no longer there. Only your memories are left. As I go through the house, I can almost hear you whispering my name.

I turn my head and look at your favorite chair, but it is empty. You are not sitting there smiling at me anymore.

You were a very passionate man with strong religious beliefs. You were a hard-working, decent and honest family man with high moral standards which you lived by every day.

You taught us to live a clean and decent life. You taught us that family is made of love, honesty, and consideration and helping each other no matter what. You told us to stay close and not forget our family and relations, and never forget where we came from. You told us to work hard and earn what you get. You will appreciate it more, because life isn't always easy.

Your inspiration and encouragement make us strong and taught us to accept the things that we can't do anything about when things go wrong. You said to keep going and never give up.

You were a plain down-to-earth person who loved life and people. I can't think of anyone who enjoyed talking more than you. Your mind was still so sharp. You had a great memory.

When we lost you, we lost a walking and talking history book. Which can never be replaced.

You probably didn't think that you accomplished much in life, because you were brought up poor and had little money. But money and wealth aren't everything. Sometimes it can create problems, so you are better off without it.

Daddy, you were a wealthy man in your own way. You fathered 16 children and raised 12 of them. Whom you fed and clothed and loved and protected and guided us to live for God.

Each one of your children loved, honored, and respected you from their heart. No amount of money could buy that. We just wish you knew how much you were worth to us. You layed your treasures up in heaven where it counts.

If we could pick any daddy in the whole world, we would still pick you. We thank God for letting you be our Daddy.

Your Loving Family

Daddy, so many things come to mind whenever I speak your name, it seems. Without you in my life, things have never been the same.

What happened to those lazy days, when I was just a child. When my life was consumed in you, in your love, and in your smile.

What happened to all those times, when I always looked to you. No matter what happened in my life, you could make my gray skies blue.

Daddy, some days I hear your voice, and turn to see your face. Yet in my turning...it seems the sound has been erased.

Daddy, who will I turn to for answers, when life does not make sense. Who will be there to hold me close, when the pieces just don't fit.

Oh, Daddy, if I could turn back time, and once more to hear your voice. I'd tell you, out of all the Daddies, you would still be my choice.

Please always know I love you, and no one can take your place. Years may come and go, but your memories will never be erased.

Today, Jesus, as You are listening in Your home above. Would you go and find my daddy, and give him all my love. We miss you, Daddy.

Your Daughter, Fannie

Card of Thanks

The family of Curtis Melvin Miller 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 Elder William "Bill" Hughes for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for their professional and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF CURTIS MELVIN MILLER

Card of Thanks

The family of Henry Setser would like to gratefully acknowledge the entire staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center for their medical expertise, kindness and the overall excellent care that was provided during his hospital stay.

A special thank-you is sent to those who sent so many beautiful flowers/plants, brought food, provided consolation in prayer, and spoke words of comfort. Heartfelt gratitude is sent to those who drove so many miles to show their love and support to the family.

Also, the family wants to especially thank Rev. James Harmon for his comforting words, and Nelson/Frazier Funeral Home (Martin) for their kind and efficient service.

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Calendar

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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. RSVP deadline is Aug. 15. For more info., contact Debbie Hall at 304-757-2918 or Dochallparsons@charter.net

BLHS Classes - '65 thru '75

The classes of Betsy Layne High School, 1965-1975, will host a reunion to be held on August 20, at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center. For more information, contact Sandy

Meade Scrimager at (859) 285-9826, or (859) 576-5846, or, after 6 p.m., at (606) 478-9669.

Over 50? Need a friend?

Then check out our Friendship Club for seniors. 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.

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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.)

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"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.

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

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

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

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

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

in dealing with weight loss.

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

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•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.

Obituaries

Hogsed, David Hall, and Robert Hall.

Honorary: Clint Osborne, Tim Hicks, Senator Johnny Ray Turner, John Little Jr., Jason Harrod, Steve Conlee, Clines Mullins, Ralph McCooy, Carlos Artrip, Roy Conn, Stevie Hall and Buddy Hogsed. (Paid obituary)

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Jimmy Jones

Jimmy Jones, age 55, of Stanville, husband of Brenda Gail Stumbo Jones, passed away Friday, August 29, 2005, in the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born October 18, 1950, in Beaver, the son of the late Ezra Jones and Anna Hamilton Jones. He was a former coal miner with Mink Branch Coal Co.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda; two sons: Scott R. Lambert of Lexington, and Jeffery Neal Perry of Georgetown; two daughters: Patricia Marlo Cartmell of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Tabitha Lynn Lambert of Stanville; two brothers: Travis Glenn Jones of Grethel, and Ezra Jones Jr., of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters: Jo Ann Ines of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Joetta Adkins of Stanville; and six grandchildren: Gary

Compton, Thomas Matthew Compton, Brittany Michelle Compton, Kayla Gail Lambert, Shane Kenton Turner, and Sarah Elizabeth Lambert.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Johnny Jones.

Funeral services for Jimmy Jones were conducted Tuesday, August 2, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers: Scott Lambert, Jeffery Perry, Travis Jones, Matthew Stone, Gary Compton, Timmy Hamilton, Doug Cartmell, and James Jones. (Paid obituary)

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Jewell Osborn

Jewell Osborn, age 83, of Wilmington, Ohio, passed away Friday afternoon, July 29, 2005, at the Wilmington Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born January 15, 1922 in Helliar, the daughter of the late Edgar and Nollie (Daniels) Sadler. She was an

active member of the Wilmington Assembly of God Church for many years. She was retired from the Clinton Massie School system.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Carl Osborn on April 7, 1989; and two brothers.

Survivors include her three daughters: Judith Kay (Richard) Johnston of Wilmington, Geraldine Redfern of Clarksville, and Carla (Donald) Jones of Miamisburg; one son, Victor L. Osborn of Prestonsburg; eight grandchildren, three great-granddaughters, and several sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 2, at the Wilmington Assembly of God, 609 W. Locust St., Wilmington, with Rev. Tom Golden officiating.

Interment was in Clarksville Cemetery.

Visitation was at the church. The family has entrusted arrangements to the Fisher-Edgington Funeral Home, Wilmington, Ohio.

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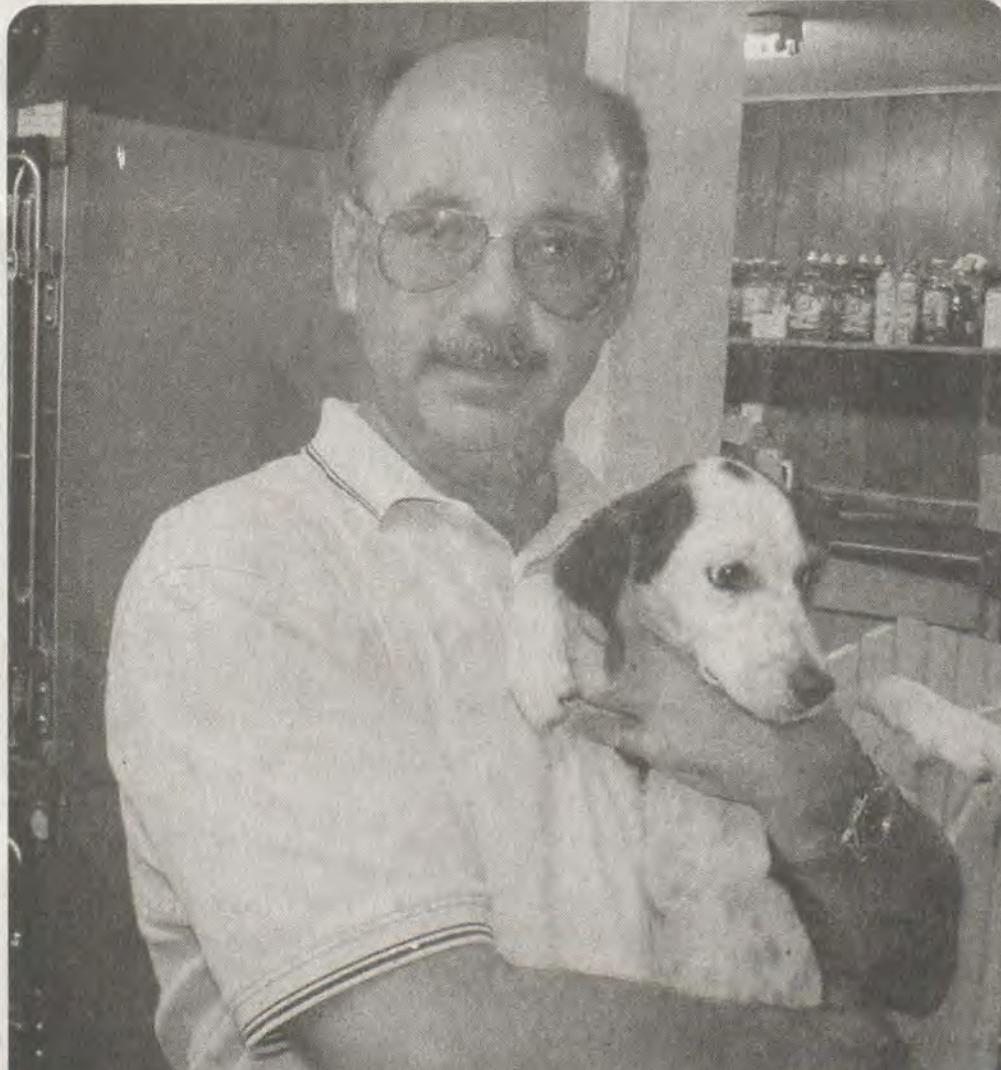
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During field research to study harvest mice, white-footed mice and short-tailed shrews, Dr. Whittaker explains how to examine reproductive conditions of a white-footed mouse to students in his ecology class. After the lesson, the mouse was released back into the field.

Research

there are two different species of short-tailed shrews present they will have corroborating evidence," Whittaker said.

Thacker will be researching the status of deer mice in Eastern Kentucky in order to identify trends and provide data indicating whether deer mice are decreasing in abundance in this region. Deer mice and white-footed mice are common to the area and difficult to differentiate between. Thacker will be using a cellulose acetate gel electrophoresis technique which uses mouse saliva for analysis. Her research will include analysis of samples from Kentucky as well as samples collected from Minnesota.

Damron and Tackett will combine their efforts, conducting joint research on the ecological impact of mountaintop removal on small mammal communities. The students will capture white-footed mice and other small mammals, and then use a fluorescent powder technique to determine whether mining impacted areas are being used as a habitat or a short-term foraging site. The technique involves coating a small mammal with fluorescent powder, then releasing it at the point of capture. As the dyed mammal moves through its habitat, the powder sticks to anything it contacts. The students will return at night with an ultraviolet lamp to learn exactly where the mammal has moved.

Justice will conduct research to determine the status of the Allegheny Woodrat, typically found on rocky outcrops and cliffs. She will be consulting with members of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in identifying trap-

ping locations where woodrat populations might be located and assist in monitoring known populations.

Hopkins' research project will study "The Effect of Timber Harvest on Small Mammal Communities in Eastern Kentucky." Hopkins will be documenting small mammal communities through mark-recapture methodology. Her research will also include using different types of small mammal live traps in order to maximize the different species captured. She will be conducting part of her research in Minnesota.

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Attorney general rules closed meeting was illegal

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A state Personnel Board meeting in June about state government hiring practices violated the state Open Meetings Act, the attorney general's office said.

A ruling, issued Monday by Assistant Attorney General Amye Bensenhaver, said the meeting was "precisely the type of discussion that the law requires be made in public."

The closed session was called June 17 to discuss matters related to a state worker's allegations that Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration had violated the state's merit law. That law prohibits politics from being considered in hiring and firing decisions for rank-and-file state jobs.

The Personnel Board and attorney general's office are conducting separate investigations of the administration's hiring for merit jobs.

The Courier-Journal objected to the closed portion of the meeting. There is no record for the newspaper to review since the board did not record or keep minutes of the closed session, and the attorney general's office

offered no remedy.

"The first reason we challenge an action like this is to stop it, so it won't happen in the future," said Jon Fleischaker, lawyer for The Courier-Journal.

The decision has the force of law but can be appealed to Franklin County Circuit Court.

Andy Crocker, general counsel for the Personnel Board, said he did not know whether the board would appeal the decision. John Chowning, chairman of the Personnel Board, did not return calls to his office and home seeking comment.

Fleischaker said the newspaper has asked the board to acknowledge publicly that it will follow the ruling.

In closing the discussion, the board cited exceptions to the Open Meetings Act, including one that allows boards to close meetings to deliberate on "individual adjudications or appoint-

ments."

But the decision said that what the board said it needed to

discuss were policy matters and not "deliberations regarding individual adjudications."

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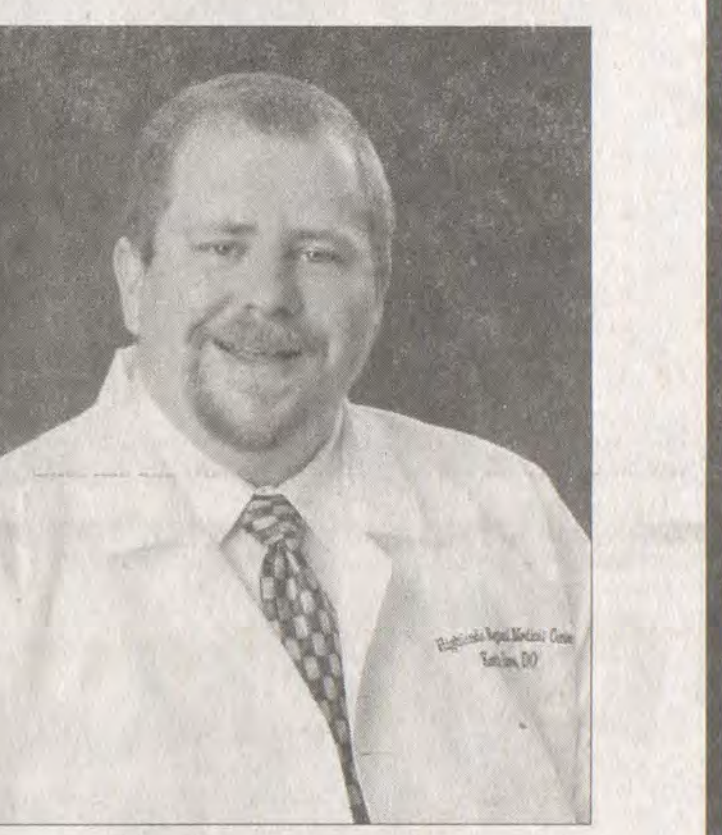
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Otter Creek

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areas that were not in our usual roles."

Shepherd, who had never worked as a correctional officer, said he received on-the-job training at that facility and worked as a correctional officer for about two weeks and spent his remaining five weeks working in the educational department there.

"I think I'm better off after being a correctional officer," he said. "I learned a lot of things that I thought I already knew, but I got the opportunity to really learn them firsthand."

Shepherd, who was appreciative to the prison and CCA for helping employees keep their jobs and benefits during the closure, says Otter Creek eventually hopes to offer college courses to its inmates.

Since the reopening, Otter Creek has hired 27 female staff members and the prison currently has six or seven openings remaining for female correctional officers, LPNs and at least one RN.

Female officers will be in training for the next five weeks and will be drilled on weapons, self-defense, report writing and "mind games that women play," Arnold said.

Olivia Stewart began her position Monday in the Addiction Treatment Unit at the prison. She said she was "excited" about working there. Stewart, who completed training in Richmond in December, says it is her first job.

All correctional officers, Arnold said, are undergoing "intense" training this week regarding the handling of female inmates.

Arnold said females are more emotional than male inmates and that they play "coy mind games" with staff members in order to get favors.

"I told them this morning at the meeting," Arnold said, "once a female inmate winks at you, and you don't do anything to stop it, she's got you. You have to stop it immediately."

Employees and their family members, who were treated to a barbecue lunch, had the option to tour the facility, which was recently remodeled to suit the incoming female inmates.

Former correctional officers who were not called back to work

Monday, however, weren't as elated.

"I think it's dirty, the way that they've done us, lay us off and take in people off the street," said former correctional officer Danny Bates Sr., who worked at the prison for five years. "That's not right to lay all these people off. They've already got people taking training up there. That could be us up there at work. They had women up there working when they had men in that prison. I don't see why they can't have men up there when women are there. Sounds like discrimination to me."

Bates said he didn't know he was terminated from his position until he read about it in The Times, but officials say that all employees were notified of the layoff and pending termination 60 days prior to the closure of the prison on June 3. He also complained that some employees with fewer years of service under their belts than others who were terminated, were called back to work after they refused transfer to other CCA facilities.

Another five-year employee shared his anger with The Times Monday, but requested Tuesday that The Times not print his name because he is afraid that it would hurt his opportunities for possible future employment with the prison.

"I worked there for five-and-a-half years and I never missed work or nothing," the former employee said. "I showed up for work and done my job and had no problems till this. I'm raising a family. I don't know what I'm going to do now. I have two kids and a wife and she don't work either. The unemployment is barely making it. I have no idea what I'm going to do. I moved here from North Carolina, left a good job there and came here for this, and here, five years later I'm unemployed and they're hiring women to replace us. I think it's dirty."

Arnold and Steve Owens, director of marketing and communications for the prison's parent company, CCA, could not ascertain exactly how many employees were terminated.

Both officials say that employees are being called back based on seniority and that some

employees weren't called back because others had training for specific responsibilities or were knowledgeable of other types of "posts" than former employees who didn't return Monday.

Owens said people who still haven't been called back may get calls when positions become available and that they can still transfer to other CCA facilities. He encouraged all employees with concerns to call the company's employee hotline.

Arnold said some returning employees were hired for positions that differed from those they used to carry and that some employees who weren't called back were not qualified to work in those areas.

The new contract stipulates the need for female correctional officers, Owen said, and the termination of employees was something the company "had no control over."

"We're doing the best we can do under the circumstances," Owens said.

Owens also said that CCA understands the "frustration" of local officials who have recently learned that the company will not continue to pay the city and the county 50 cents per day per prisoner, as it has been doing for the past several years.

Wheelwright discussed the issue with its attorney, Timothy Parker, during a special meeting Monday. Parker said he will continue "ongoing negotiations" with CCA this week.

"Everybody in the city has always been on good relations with Otter Creek," Parker said. "We want to stay on good terms with them. Part of that is that we don't want to negotiate with them through the media. I believe we can work it out amicably. I suggested that I contact CCA about it and try to resolve it informally."

The city has been receiving approximately \$10,000 monthly from Otter Creek and has been struggling with financial problems since the closure. Commissioner Don Hall previ-

ously reported that the city gets approximately 85 percent of its income from the prison.

City commissioners were considering passing a resolution to force payment, but decided not to go to such extremes during the meeting Monday.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who worked with former governor Brereton Jones to build the prison in the 1990s and with then-state Rep. Greg Stumbo to help Otter Creek obtain the Indiana prison contract, says the county will lose approximately \$100,000 annually because of CCA's decision to eliminate the payment.

"It's just a business decision on their part," Thompson said. "Naturally, I'd like to see the county and the city continue to receive it, but I would assume that the reason they did it is that they will not receive as much for the Kentucky inmates as they did for the Indiana inmates."

Owens said he understood that CCA started making the payment "in lieu of providing community work crews" and that the Indiana inmates were not allowed to do community service.

CCA is currently in the process of responding to the concerns expressed by local officials, Owens said. The incoming inmates will be able to do community service, he said.

"We've tried to be a good corporate citizen," Owens said, referring to various taxes the corporation pays and community projects the prison has participated in over the years. "There are lots of other ways we've helped the community."

Thompson said the prison is responsible for a lot of work that was completed in Wheelwright

when they provided work crews years ago. He specifically mentioned the city swimming pool.

"At the end of the day, the bigger picture here is that it's certainly a positive for the community that we have reopened and we're putting folks back to work," Owens said. "That was a very important goal for us and we worked hard to obtain it."

The terms of the contract includes an initial two-year period with four two-year renewal options. The state will pay CCA \$47.95 per prisoner per day to house the inmates.

Toddler killed in ATV wreck

PIKEVILLE — An eastern Kentucky toddler died after an all-terrain vehicle driven by his father plunged over an embankment and crashed, Kentucky State Police said.

The 2-year-old boy, Kiaren Blankenship, was taken to the Williamson Memorial Hospital in Williamson, W.Va., where he was pronounced dead shortly after the accident at 2:30 p.m.

EDT Saturday.

Police said Earl Blankenship and his son were riding the ATV in their yard when the boy grabbed the handlebar and caused the machine to accelerate over the embankment. Earl Blankenship was listed in serious condition Monday in St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W.Va., where he was being treated for back injuries.

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the line in 2002. Bartley said federal court is more conservative and that the venue change would affect how the companies and their insurance carriers negotiated with residents who are suing them.

Meanwhile, neighbors of the subdivision are pacing the floors.

Georgia Smith, who is suing for damage to her home, says she is nervous because the line goes directly under her driveway.

She said she was feeling "pretty rough" Monday as she watched workers digging the pipeline trench on the now-vacant property that lies directly in front of her home.

"The only thing I know is that it's supposed to go across my property and I don't want to be here," she said, pointing out that she doesn't feel "comfortable" in her home anymore.

MarkWest issued a written statement Tuesday, saying it is working with one of the residents to require an alternate easement in order to relocate the pipeline to a location preferred by that resident. The company did not identify that person.

Smith, who moved to Rolling Acres two years ago,

was asleep in her bed when the explosion occurred and was escorted out of the area by a family member. She said she will discuss the option of moving with her children.

Her concerns mirror those of Terry Hall, co-owner of Alpik Motel in Ivel, whose home was completely destroyed in the blast.

"I was lying there in bed when it happened," Hall said. "The walls and the roof collapsed around me."

Initially, Hall said he thought an airplane had hit the house, but when his home lifted off the ground and crashed back down, he said he thought it was an earthquake.

"I hate it for the rest of the neighbors who are still there," he said. "I know they're really on the edge right now."

Hall, who now lives at the Alpik Motel, said he cannot imagine ever living in the subdivision again, knowing that the line is being reinstalled.

"The memories make it hard," he said.

Castle said the project should be completed this week.

The company is replacing approximately 600 feet of the line with the assistance of CJ

Hughes Contractors, a company based in Huntington, W.Va., he said.

Castle said MarkWest has performed hydrostatic testing on the 65-mile pipeline that runs from Maytown to Ranger, W.Va. Workers checked valves on the pipeline every three miles, he said, and pushed all the hydrocarbon out. They then filled the line with water, he said, and pressurized the line — with a maximum working pressure of 2,950 — to 3,000 pounds.

In its release, MarkWest said it is reinstalling the line pursuant to an easement acquired by Kentucky Hydrocarbon and that the replacement line "has been designed in a very conservative manner" that meets or exceeds regulatory requirements. MarkWest intends to install the replacement pipe with at least 48 inches of cover.

"The replacement pipe is coated with fusion-bonded epoxy, and will have the cathodic protection system being installed on the entire pipeline," Keith Hayes, area manager of MarkWest, wrote. "In addition, the internal design pressure, maximum operating pressure and the design of other components will have safety factors which exceed the requirements of federal law. MarkWest believes that these safety margins will ensure the integrity of

the system and has worked closely with OPS to achieve its goal ... MarkWest has kept the Ivel community advised of its activities with direct communication to residents not represented by counsel, and with correspondence to the attorneys of those neighbors who are parties to the pending lawsuit. MarkWest hopes that all interested parties have been made aware of its efforts to return the pipeline to safe operation, and appreciates the cooperation and support shown by the Ivel community during the last several months."

Equitable Productions Company, which owns the line, has purchased some of the properties that were damaged in the explosion.

The MarkWest and Equitable defendants have already settled confidential property claims with three Ivel families — James and Betty Fulks, Larry and Shirley Senters, and Donald R. and Vivian Conn.

The pipeline in question was constructed between 1956 and 1957. The Department of Transportation claims that there have been at least 11 other leaks on the 141-mile stretch of line that runs from the Maytown Station through Ranger, W.Va., and terminates at the Siam Plant near South Shore.

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UNITE makes drug arrest in Louisa

Agency receives accreditation

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

LOUISA — The Lawrence County Sheriff's office teamed up with the Louisa Police Department and Operation UNITE in an investigation into drug trafficking that resulted in two arrests last Wednesday.

Officers arrested Chad and Vicky Stepp around 4 p.m. Wednesday and confiscated 76 grams of marijuana and 185 pills which primarily consisted of Lorcet and Vicodin tablets. Chad Stepp was charged with first-degree trafficking, trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, possession of drug paraphernalia and trafficking in less than 8 ounces of marijuana.

Vicky Stepp received one charge of trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, having prescription pills not in their original container, trafficking in less than 8 ounces of marijuana and second-degree trafficking.

Both have been lodged at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Johnson County. The arrests followed a two-week undercover operation.

The arrest happened one day before Operation UNITE announced that it has become only the second drug task force in the state to receive accreditation by the Kentucky Association of Police Chiefs.

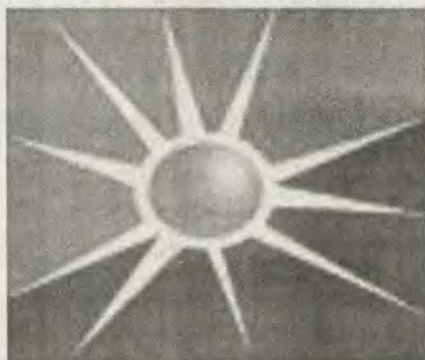
KACP accreditation manager Michael Bischoff said, "Accreditation reflects that an agency was carefully measured against an established set of standards and has met or exceeded professionally accepted practices in law enforcement."

Dan Smoot, law enforcement director of UNITE, noted that part of the operation's success is that they draw their officers from several different arms of law enforcement.

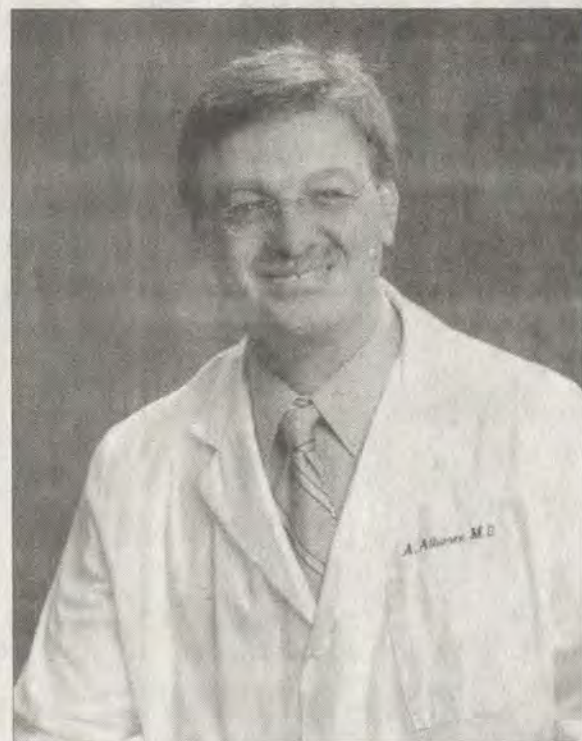
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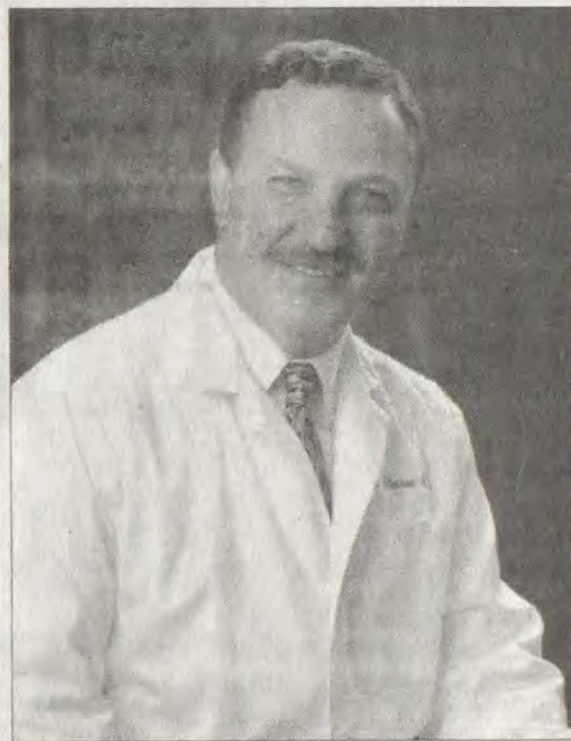
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Caudill's game-saving sack helps Horsemen advance

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — A late Horsemen defensive stand gave the Evansville Bluecats an early exit from the playoffs. Evansville was facing fourth down with under :20 remaining in the game trailing by five when Lexington's Jeremy Caudill sacked Ramon Robinson, sealing the 55-50 victory for the Horsemen.

William Mulder set a new franchise record when he returned a kick-off 57 yards, just two weeks after J.T. Haskins broke the previous Horsemen record for the longest kick-off return. Lexington quarterback Dusty Bonner led the way with 177 yards passing, going nine-for-18 with six touchdowns. Chad Spencer led all receivers, catching two passes for 88

yards and finishing with two touchdown catches and a fumble recovery for a score. Randy Bell led all rushers with 46 yards and one touchdown on five carries. After the Horsemen defense came up big with a goal line stand, Derek Homer scored on a 49-yard pass from Bonner. The Bluecats answered when Robinson ran for a 10-yard score. Lexington's Bell rushed

for a 26-yard score and Spencer caught a wide-open 33-yard Bonner pass for the touchdown. With :11 in the quarter, Evansville scored on the Robinson pass to Byron Curtis, pulling to within seven, 14-21. Bonner connected with Spencer on a 47-yard pass for the first score of the second quarter. Evansville's Robinson hit Matt Kent for the eight-yard

(See SACK, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell
Floyd County native Jeremy Caudill made a triumphant return to the Lexington Horsemen in Saturday's win over Evansville. Caudill came through with a sack and helped seal the Horsemen win.

Teams finalized for Tiger Hoops Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — It's early August, but many area high school basketball fans are already looking forward to this year's Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic. The 2005 edition of the Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic will tip off two days after Christmas and include teams from six different states.

First-round games will begin on Tuesday Dec. 27, with the championship game slated for Dec. 30.

Defending champion duPont Manual won't be making a return trip to the Paintsville event, but the tournament is packed with talented high school basketball teams.

The East Division will con-

(See CLASSIC, page two)

JCHS to host volleyball, football rules clinics

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson Central High School will host a volleyball rules clinic on Thursday, Aug. 11. The start time for the annual rules clinic is 7 p.m.

Area high school volleyball teams have been busy with practices over the last couple of weeks in preparation for the 2005 season.

JCHS will also host a football rules clinic. The football rules clinic has been scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 14, beginning at 3 p.m.

A makeup clinic for each of the two sports is also available. However, there's a \$75 fine for anyone who is forced to attend a makeup clinic. All makeup clinics will be held at the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) office in Lexington.

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head

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BOWL BATTLE



photo by J.L. Ball

Wes Hall, a South Floyd High School graduate, took a handoff and carried for the Kentucky All-Stars.

West Virginia edges Kentucky in Hatfield/McCoy game

by J.L. BALL
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

MATEWAN, W.Va. — Justin Fekete put the dagger in Kentucky's unbridled spirit Saturday night.

The former Man High School stand-out scored on a 7-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter and tacked on the game-winning extra-point kick to lead West Virginia to a thrilling 7-6 victory over Kentucky in the 10th annual Massey Energy Hatfield/McCoy Senior Bowl at Matewan High School's Tiger Stadium.

"I'm just thrilled to win in this

(See BOWL, page two)

game," Fekete said. "I thought coming in that I would be a blocking back for Josh (Holt), Tyrone (Wilder) and Timmy (Hatcher)."

Instead, the bruising 5-foot-10, 231-pound back stole the show and took home MVP honors.

"He's a hard-nose player that gets after it," West Virginia coach Gordon Carter said. "That's something people get the misconception of. Our kids play an outstanding brand of football on this side of the river."

West Virginia, which tied the bowl series at five games apiece, stole the momentum with 9:34 left in the game when Prestonsburg's Joe Blackburn

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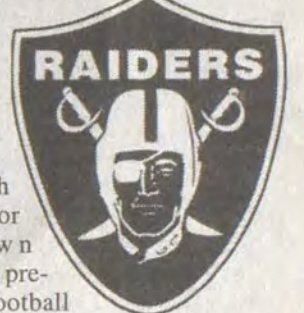
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West Virginia — Justin Fekete, 7-yard run (Justin Fekete kick), 6:47.

Raiders camping at Georgetown

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GEORGETOWN — The Cincinnati Bengals are busy with pre-season training camp

at Georgetown College. And so are the South Floyd Raiders.



South Floyd left for Georgetown College and pre-season football camp on Sunday. The Raiders are expected to return today.

In previous seasons, Georgetown College has been a popular pre-season destination for South Floyd. The Raiders posted an 8-3 record last season. The 2004 football campaign was the best in South Floyd High School history.

(See RAIDERS, page two)

South Floyd to scrimmage Morgan County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Fresh off the best season in school history, South Floyd will take another sizable pre-season step Saturday when it hosts Class 2A, Region 3, District 6 member Morgan County in a scrimmage game. Like South Floyd, Morgan County is also coming off a banner season.

Last season, playing under first-year coach Randy Wood, Morgan County played its way into the regional semifinals. The Cougars posted an 8-4 record after winning 21-14 over Mercer County in the opening round of the State Playoffs.

Along the way last season, Morgan County racked up the third most points of any Class 2A, Region 3 team. In Class 2A, Region 3, District 6, Morgan County finds itself playing against Russell, Fleming County, East Carter, West Carter and Lewis County.

Morgan County returns Alex Collins (5-8, 170), its top running back from last season. Collins rushed for 1,000 yards last season and returns along with defensive standouts Brandon Allen (LB) and

(See SCRIMMAGE, page two)

Betsy Layne 12 & Under AAU team competes in national tourney; finishes in top-8

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Betsy Layne 12 & Under AAU basketball team recently played in the AAU National Classic Tournament. The team qualified for the national event in April when it took the Kentucky State Runner-up title. The national tournament was held at the Kentucky Basketball Academy, July 16-23. Fifty-six teams from all over the United States competed in the national event. Betsy Layne registered victories over teams from Maryland, Georgia and Minnesota. Betsy Layne finished in the top-8, eventually falling to the Tennessee All-Stars.

The unique thing about the Betsy Layne team, and a fact that set it apart from most all of the other teams in the national tournament was that its players all hailed from the same school district. Nearly every team competing in the state and national tournaments were all-star, or select squads. Most all of the teams Betsy Layne played were made up of players from throughout the squad's home state and participating players were chosen through a selective tryout process.

The Betsy Layne 12 & Under AAU team was guided by head coach Harold Tackett and assistant coaches Troy Cole and Bernardo Maldonado. Team members were Nathan Martin, Casey Adkins, Dylan Maldonado, Nick Conn, Jason Case, Andrew Vance, Andrew Roberts and Derek Tackett.



The Betsy Layne 12 & Under AAU basketball team, the Kentucky state runner-up, recently competed in the national tournament, finishing in the top-8. Standing: Head Coach Harold Tackett, Nathan Martin, Casey Adkins, Dylan Maldonado, Jason Case, Assistant Coach Troy Cole, Nick Conn, and Assistant Coach Bernardo Maldonado. Kneeling: Andrew Vance, Andrew Roberts, Derek Tackett.

Sack

score. The Horsemen answered when Bonner found Harry Lewis for the 11-yard score. Erik Rockhold nailed a 23-yard Bluecat field goal with :22 remaining in the half. On the ensuing kick-off, Mulder ran 57 yards, giving Lexington the 39-23 halftime lead.

The Bluecats stepped up their defense in the third stanza, keeping the Horsemen out of the end-zone and picking off two Bonner passes. Scotty Stewart had one of the interceptions and ran it in

for the seven-yard score. Otis Shannon scored on a one-yard touchdown run. Lexington did manage to get on the board when a Rockhold kick was blocked, resulting in a safety.

Lexington and Evansville traded scores in the final quarter, started when Lewis caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from Bonner. The Bluecats answered when Shannon ran seven yards for the score. Bonner then connected with Spencer to give the Horsemen all they needed. The

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Evansville pass from Robinson to Kent brought the Bluecats to within five, but the late Lexington defensive push proved too much.

Lexington returns to playoff action Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 against the Sioux Falls Storm for the second round of the UIF playoffs.

ON THE AIR:
Saturday's Lexington-Sioux Falls game will be carried live on Super Talk 96.1 FM with Gary Ball and Bill Ransdell

Bowl

when Prestonsburg's Joe Blackburn fumbled a punt snap. He was sacked on his own 15-yard line.

Two plays later, Fekete scored and broke the game wide open.

Kentucky got on the scoreboard first when Blackburn broke loose on a 60-yard scamper on just the second play of the second half to make it 6-0. The kick attempted failed.

Blackburn finished with a game-high 81 yards on eight carries and was named the offensive MVP for the Kentucky squad.

Kentucky coach Greg Varney said his team didn't capitalize on opportunities, especially late in the game.

After forcing West Virginia to turn the ball over after an unsuccessful muddle huddle attempt on fourth down,

Kentucky quarterback Adam Warren was picked off by Williamson's Timmy Hatcher to seal the win.

"We just had several opportunities slip from us," Varney said. "It was simple... We made some mistakes and that hurt us."

Belfry's Doug Howard, who rushed for over 2,000 yards last season to lead the Pirates to their second straight Class 2A state championship, was held to just 12 yards on five carries.

"Our philosophy was to keep the ball out of his hands," Carter said. "I thought our defensive unit played extremely well and stepped up to the challenge."

Carter admitted Kentucky had an edge coming into the game.

"Our kids looked at everything and saw the state championships and playoff runs," Carter explained. "Once we put

on the pads and smacked leather, they realized that they could play with them... And, the rest, is history."

West Virginia accumulated just 95 yards of total offense.

Fekete, who is undecided about college, rushed for 22 yards on seven carries.

"I hope someone here was watching me," he said. "I want to play ball at the next level."

Matewan's Josh Holt added 21 yards on six carries. He was named West Virginia's defensive MVP.

Quarterback Josh Smith, who also played at Matewan, completed just 3-of-13 passes for 16 yards and an interception.

Prestonsburg's Trevor Compton connected on 4-of-14 tries for 13 yards and an interception. He rushed for 32 yards on 13 carries.

Pikeville's Josh Sullivan

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Louisville Seneca, Louisville Butler, James Madison Va., Apollo, and Fort Mills, S.C. will play out of the North Division. The South Division will include Oak Ridge, Tenn., Carroll County, Alexander Ga.,

and South Floyd.

Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of three games.

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Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest.

Raiders

South Floyd will enter the upcoming season looking to return to the State Playoffs and vie for its first-ever postseason win. Veteran head coach Donny Daniels and his staff are in the process of replacing seven offensive starters and eight defensive starters from last season's team, including running backs Wes Hall and Joe Osborne. Hall and Osborne combined to rush for nearly 4,000 yards last season.

In the preseason, Daniels has made it no secret that his offensive unit will put the football in the air more, utilizing the collective talents of senior quarterback Ryan

Johnson and senior wide receiver Justin Slone. Johnson passed for over 1,000 yards last season and Slone hauled in 42 receptions for over 800 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Senior tight end/ defensive end T.J. Hall is another returning Raider leading South Floyd into the 2005 season.

With a relatively low turnout of players, South Floyd will again have to make the most of its available talent.

Before departing for camp, Daniels mentioned the importance of the players he has coming back to the gridiron giving it all they've got.

"We have to have everyone

step up," said Daniels. "Right now, we have to see who wants to play."

Daniels and his staff took 23 players to the Georgetown camp.

Other high school teams are also joined South Floyd at the Georgetown camp.

The host Georgetown College football program, a perennial NAIA title contender, has been chosen as the Mid-South Conference coaches' favorite to take the East Division title according to the 2005 MSC Pre-Season poll.

Georgetown received four of the six first place votes for the East Division.

Scrimmage

Zeke Hall (DB). Kickoff for Saturday's Morgan County-South Floyd scrimmage game is set for 7 p.m. Powell County, South Floyd's season-opening oppo-

nent in 2004, could be a second and final preseason opponent for the Raiders. South Floyd held on and defeated Powell County 36-34 on Aug. 21, 2004. South Floyd Coach Donny

Daniels said he would make a final decision on whether or not his team would meet Powell County in a scrimmage after his team's outing Saturday against Morgan County.

Singh wins Buick Open by four shots over Woods

by LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND BLANC, Mich. — Tiger Woods rolled in a long birdie putt and cupped his left ear to coax a louder reaction from one of the tour's rowdiest galleries.

Playing two groups behind, Vijay Singh's lead was down to two strokes, but he wasn't concerned about the roar from No. 17 — or the world's top-ranked golfer.

"Tiger was never really ever within five shots of me all day," said Singh, who shrugged when informed that Woods was in fact closer to his lead.

Singh followed up three spectacular rounds with an average one and it was enough to win his third Buick Open, holding off a surging Woods. Singh closed with a final-round 70 for a four-stroke victory and a 24-under 264 total.

The Fijian said he never really worried about losing his lead.

"I wasn't as aggressive," he said. "I felt very much in control so I didn't want to make any mistakes because nobody was making a charge. To protect the lead is not a fun way to play."

What was an exciting tournament for three days became anticlimactic during the final round until Woods created a buzz with his comeback attempt.

Woods, who began the day eight shots back, vaulted into contention with six birdies and an eagle in an nine-hole stretch.

"I thought if I played a great back nine, I might be in position just in case Vijay messed up, but he's playing too well to do that," Woods said after tying for second.

Following his 17-foot putt for birdie at 17, Woods whipped the gallery into a frenzy with a gesture usually reserved for professional wrestling.

"I wanted to know how loud those drunk guys get," he said. "They were pretty hammered, they were wobbling as it was."

Woods' drive at the final hole sailed wide right while Singh made his second birdie at No. 16 to take a three-shot lead. Woods bogeyed the final hole and fell another shot back, finishing with a 6-under 66.

Woods, the top-ranked player in the world, and second-ranked Singh have alternated positions atop the rankings for nearly a year.

Zach Johnson (69) tied for second — his best finish this year — at 20 under.

"The cream rises to the top, and that's the best cream there is," Johnson said.

Robert Allenby (65) finished 18 under, alone in fourth. Allenby aced the 179-yard 11th, helping him finish in the top 10 for the first time since February.

Singh is the first three-time champion at the Buick Open, a tournament that started in 1958. He's also the first to repeat since Tony Lema in 1965.

The 42-year-old Fijian has won four events this year and 28 in his career. Singh trails only Woods' 44 victories and leads Phil Mickelson by two among active PGA Tour players.

Singh's five-shot lead was his largest entering a final round. The four times he led by three after 54 holes, he won each event, including the 2000 Masters.

The large cushion allowed him to play conservatively, making two birdies and 16 pars.

"I wasn't aggressive, but I didn't need to be," said.

Singh matched the Buick Open's 54-hole record of 22-under 194.

"You never win the golf tournament on Saturday, but you can put yourself in position to win," he said.

If he shot 67 or better for the sixth straight time at Warwick Hills, he would've eclipsed Robert Wrenn's tournament mark of 26 under, set in 1987.

"I wasn't trying to break the record, my goal was to win the golf tournament," he said.

Singh started the week with three victories, the same total he had entering the 2004 Buick Open. His last victory 60 miles north of Detroit started a run of six wins in eight events, including the PGA Championship. He went on to win player of the year honors.

"I'm playing better this year than I did last year," Singh said. "I'm excited. I just hope I can follow what I did last year. It's going to be almost impossible, but I'm going to give it a shot."

Singh will go for his third PGA Championship title and fourth major victory in two weeks.

Woods played for the first time since winning the British Open two weeks ago. At Baltusrol in New Jersey, he'll shoot for his 11th major title and third this year.

"I've played really well in the majors this year, hopefully the PGA will be a culmination of that," he said.

Woods had an up-and-down tournament. He opened with a 71, then had an 11-under 61 — his career best round in relation to par — before falling back with a 70 on Saturday. He tied the Buick Open record with three eagles, including two in a row in the second round.

On Nos. 1-4, Woods had five bogeys and one birdie over the four rounds. On the other 14 holes, he had 20 birdies, three eagles and two bogeys.

"I had it going at times, but I couldn't keep it together for 72 holes and that's disappointing," he said.

Sorenson wins Wallace Family Tribute 250

by R.B. FALLSTROM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Ill. — At an event honoring the Wallace racing family, Reed Sorenson stole the show.

The 19-year-old rookie took control with 33 laps to go and pulled away to win the NASCAR Busch Series Wallace Family Tribute 250 on Saturday night.

"You know what, that was a pretty good deal, the whole thing," Sorenson said. "During the race, I didn't even think about it. It wouldn't have mattered if it was Jeff Gordon or Michael Schumacher, I was going to drive as hard as I could."

Mike Wallace, one of three racing brothers from the St. Louis area family, finished second at the 1.25-mile Gateway International Raceway oval. Rusty Wallace, honored during his final year of racing before retiring, led for 17 laps in the middle of the 200-lap race before crashing on lap 137 and finishing 37th, and Kenny Wallace was 24th.

"The car was very quick," Rusty Wallace said. "I'm disappointed right now because the car was easily a top-five car. It's just really tough right now because I really wanted to win this race in my hometown."

The event drew a crowd estimated at 60,000, largest ever at the raceway.

Sorenson, of Concord, N.C., won his second career Busch Series race after qualifying second behind Martin Truex Jr. earlier Saturday and starting on the outside pole. He also won the Pepsi 300 on March 26 and is one of five drivers to win two or more races in the series this season, ranking him third in the point standings behind Truex and Clint Bowyer.

Mike Wallace was unable to mount a challenge after a restart before the final three laps, with Sorenson winning by 0.71 seconds. Carl Edwards was third, rallying after starting in the rear of the 43-car field due to an engine change, followed by David Green and Paul Menard.

Sorenson led by several seconds before the caution, caused when David Stremme, who had been running second, had a flat tire on lap 193. After the caution, Wallace was on his bumper before Sorenson gradually increased his lead.

"I'll tell you what, if I'd have lost that race I'd have been sick, that's for sure," Sorenson said. "I didn't want to see that caution and I was nervous."

"They asked me if I was still there (on the radio) because I

went three laps under caution and didn't say a word."

At the restart, Mike Wallace said he was too caught up in the emotion of the event.

"To come back to St. Louis, a place where I've always struggled, and run well in a race named in my family's honor, is very rewarding," Wallace said. "I spun the tires on the restart, I screwed up. I was so geared up and so excited, I just wanted to do too much."

Wallace said this trophy would have meant a lot, considering it featured photos of the brothers.

"It was a cool trophy," he said. "I really would have liked to have taken it home."

Truex survived an early tire problem that dropped him to the back the pack and two laps down, charging back to take the lead on the strength of a fast pit stop on lap 138 that enabled him to cut in front of David Stremme and Sorenson. But Sorenson passed Truex 29 laps later and steadily increased his margin the rest of the race.

Truex, the defending champion and series points leader, had an unscheduled pit stop on lap 181 with more excessive tire vibration and dropped out of contention to 28th.

Stremme ended up 22nd.

Dale Jr. set to defend Food City 250, Sharpie 500 titles

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Last August's Food City 250 Busch Series victory was the first-ever at Bristol Motor Speedway for Dale Earnhardt Jr. Then the next night Junior went out and won the Sharpie 500 to make a clean sweep at the half-mile oval. The sweep was the first time in BMS history that the same driver won both events in the same weekend.

So it's no surprise to anyone that he'll once again be compet-

ing in both the Busch and Cup races this year, Aug. 26-27, going for a second sweep.

"We had an unbelievable weekend at Bristol last year," said Earnhardt Jr. "Bristol was one of those tracks where it took me a year's worth of Busch racing to figure out how to get in and out of here in one piece. It's a pretty tough track."

"I came to a lot of races here when my dad drove them. He made that place magical if you were an Earnhardt fan. I might not have done it like he did it,

but it was pretty close. He had some great races there. That's why it's so magical for me. I wanted to win at Bristol so bad but I never thought I'd win a Busch race and a Cup race the same weekend."

After capturing that first Busch win at BMS last year, Earnhardt Jr. wasn't really thinking about a sweep but even he was impressed when the second checkered flag in as many days came out.

"I considered it a pretty big accomplishment personally,

because for me Bristol is probably the toughest track on the circuit," he said. "There are times I hate it, and times I love it. Bristol was one of several tracks I really wanted to win at. I'd never won there in Busch or anything so to get to drive up on top of that roof twice (Victory Lane, on top of the Goodyear building) twice in one weekend was really cool."

For those who feel Dale Earnhardt Incorporated is an organization that focuses mostly on the restrictor-plate tracks,

Earnhardt Jr. has a message.

"Anybody who thinks we're only good at plate tracks obviously doesn't watch racing," he said. "We take pride in our plate program, just as we take pride in our short track program. Winning at Bristol last year, that was a long time coming. We'd racked up so many top fives on short tracks and led so many laps over the last two years, it was only a matter of time."

"I have a sincere appreciation for short track racing, because it's where I came from.

It's where most of us came from."

The two-time Busch Series champion will be driving the No. 81 Menards Chevrolet on Friday night when the Food City 250 takes the green flag at 7:50 p.m. He'll pilot the No. 8 Budweiser Chevy for Saturday's Sharpie 500 that starts at 7:40 p.m.

Tickets for the Food City 250 are still available and may be purchased by calling 423/989-6900 or by going online to bristol-tix.com.

FITNESS: Toning a teen goal, some use supplements to achieve it, survey finds

by LINDSEY TANNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Getting a sculpted look is a goal for many U.S. teens — and while some are using dangerous supplements to get it, sizable numbers of girls and boys are engaging in more healthy strength-training, a survey found.

Eight percent of girls and 12 percent of boys surveyed said they used supplements in striving to become more buff. Protein shakes and powders were the most commonly used, but teens also listed steroids, growth hormone, amino acids

and other potentially unhealthy products among those they'd tried in the previous year.

With obesity on the rise, it's encouraging on the one hand that many teens try to look fit, said lead author Alison Fields, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. But there's "a fine line" between fighting obesity and using potentially unhealthy methods to achieve potentially unrealistic goals, she said.

"Our results would suggest that some of these kids have gone right past healthy to something unhealthy," Field said.

The report appears in the

August edition of Pediatrics, being issued Monday. It was funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health and cereal-maker Kellogg Co.

Field said the large numbers of youngsters thinking about getting toned or actively trying to achieve the look suggests at least some likely have unrealistic expectations about how their bodies can or should look.

Dr. Eric Small, chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' sports medicine and fitness committee, said he suspects supplement use was underreported, since other studies have suggested that teens' use of

steroids alone is more prevalent.

Small helped write an academy policy statement published in April that says performance-enhancing supplements are unproven and under-regulated and should not be used by children or teens. He was not involved in the survey.

"Everyone wants a quick fix" but lifestyle changes are generally more effective, Small said, adding that teens should seek healthy lifestyles rather than trying to emulate a certain look.

"Working out is definitely a good thing but you have to work out for the right reasons," Small said.

The study was based on a

1999 survey conducted by Field and colleagues of 10,449 12- to 18-year-olds whose mothers were participating in a Harvard-affiliated study of nurses' health.

Roughly 30 percent each of boys and girls said they frequently thought about wanting more defined muscles. Forty-four percent of girls and 62 percent of boys said they'd participated in strength training. That activity wasn't defined but it likely included weightlifting, pilates and yoga, Field said.

Boys who read men's, fashion or fitness magazines and girls who said they wanted to look like famous women were

more likely than other youngsters surveyed to use supplements to enhance their physique. However, the researchers said they were unable to determine if youngsters who were already fitness-conscious were more drawn to fitness-oriented media, or whether it was exposure to media that prompted their fitness-seeking behavior.

About 15 percent of the girls and 23 percent of the boys were chubby or seriously overweight. About three-fourths of the youngsters participated in team sports, and most were white and from at least middle-class families.

"He told me, 'I did something ignorant'"

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Every kid's little league nightmare used to be getting stuck in right field.

Not anymore. Not even close.

Proof that parents aren't nearly done wrecking kids' games came in two stories that crossed paths last week. One of them may have set a new low in youth-league coaching — and to get a sense of just how low, the story it slithered under involved a few dozen 8- and 9-year-olds watching a parent go after an umpire who was all of 15.

One of the coaches present at that game, in Carteret, N.J., called it "the most outrageous and horrendous thing that I've ever dealt with."

And that was the lesser of the two evils.

You never know when a story about yet another sadistic little league parent or coach — all too often, one and the same — is going to get traction with the public. The most encouraging thing about the case of 8-year-old Harry Bowers is that it already has traction with Fayette County prosecutors in Pennsylvania.

They stuck Bowers' T-Ball coach, Mark Downs Jr., 27, with two counts of criminal solicitation to commit aggravated assault and one count each of corruption of minors, criminal conspiracy and recklessly endangering another person. He is supposed to have offered one Bowers' teammates \$25 to knock Bowers out of the game during warmups. But wait, it gets worse.

Bowers is coping with autism, a speech impairment and memory problems, which can make catching a ball tough. And just before a playoff game in late June, 8-year-old off Keith Reese said Downs told him to warm up with Bowers in

practice. This, Reese said in a preliminary hearing in Uniontown, Pa., last week, is what Downs told him next:

"He told me if I would hit (Bowers) in the face, he would pay me \$25."

Reese's first toss hit Bowers in the groin. Downs then told him, "go out there and hit him harder."

"So I went out," said Reese, one of the team's stars, "and hit him in the ear."

The bylaws of the R.W. Clark Youth Baseball League state all players must play three innings in every game. After her son was plunked twice, Jennifer Bowers said Downs told her, "The balls must be after him. He should take the day off."

Even more incriminating was something Reese's father, Keith Reese Sr., testified that Downs said after the game.

"He told me, 'I did something ignorant. I told (Keith) I'd give him \$25 to hit Harry in the face to take him out of the game,'" Reese said.

Downs, who will be arraigned Sept. 15, didn't testify at the hearing. But attorney Thomas Shaffer denied the allegations, explaining that the confusion was understandable. According to Shaffer, Downs jokingly offered a \$25 bounty during a previous game to "anybody who can line drive the ref with the ball" — after Downs was cautioned by the umpire in that game. Sounds perfectly reasonable to me.

Either way, more and more of these incidents are bubbling up in recent years, though it's difficult to say whether that's a function of a growing hysteria or simply more extensive reporting.

In 1996, most such episodes were taking place at the high school level. During one notorious six-week stretch that fall, a soccer player in New Jersey suffered a concussion and needed

16 stitches to close the wounds after being kicked in the head and a referee in New Mexico was knocked unconscious after being hit from behind by a football player who took a 30-yard running headstart.

More troubling, still, was the story of the father of an offensive lineman who sharpened the chin-strap buckles on his son's helmet to a razor's edge so opponents blocking him would suffer deep cuts. The most troubling part? The father accused by the school principal of devising the weapons was a pediatric dentist.

Four years later, when a sparring match between two hockey dads in Massachusetts ended tragically, one expert said reports of parents fighting with referees, coaches or other parents at kids' games averaged one a month.

Less disturbing than the fact that the episodes cut across all boundaries of geography, class and sport was that the age of the kids in those contests was getting younger and younger. In January of that year, police in Kirkland, Wash., were called after a coach broke a parent's nose with a head-butt — after a wrestling match between 6-year-olds.

So maybe we shouldn't be surprised. Parents used to view sports as a chance for their kids to get some exercise, maybe develop self-esteem and absorb a few lessons about competition along the way. Now, they view it as an investment.

And even though a number of states have increased the penalties for grown-ups fighting at kids' games, some of those parents are determined to see that somebody pays.

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Bluegrass State Games wrap up; nearly 3,000 medals awarded

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The 2005 Bluegrass State Summer Games came to a close on Sunday, ending two weekends of major amateur athletic competitions. Participants from 92 Kentucky counties took home gold, silver and bronze medals. Preliminary results Sunday showed that 2,971 medals had been awarded. Final results are expected to be available this week. The most up-to-date results can be found online at www.bsgs.org.

Fayette County continued to

lead in the number of medals awarded. Fayette County participants have won 240 gold medals, 209 silver medals and 135 bronze medals for a total of 584 medals. Jefferson County remained in second-place with 162 gold medals, 132 silver and 90 bronze for a total of 112 medals. Franklin County was in fourth-place with 99 medals while Madison County moved into fifth-place with 80.

Kellee Smith of Oldham County remained the top medal winner with eight in shooting. Five participants were tied for

second-place with seven medals each. They are Edward Lucey of Jefferson County and Whit Whitaker of Fayette County, both in track and field; Gene Siler of Whitley County and Mary Smoot of Fayette County, both in swimming; and Chuck Wright of Jefferson County in shooting.

The final sport — fencing — will be held this upcoming weekend in Louisville.

The Bluegrass State Games are designed to give Kentucky's amateur athletes an opportunity to participate in statewide competitions.



photos by J.L. Ball/Williamson Daily News

Above: Prestonsburg High School graduate Trevor Compton dropped back to pass for the Kentucky team Saturday during the annual Massey Energy Hatfield/McCoy Senior Bowl.

Left: Joe Blackburn, another Prestonsburg High School grad, scored Kentucky's only touchdown in Saturday's bowl game.

BLACKCAT FOOTBALL CAMP



photo by Jamie Howell

Young football players came out Saturday and attended the Blackcat Football Camp. The Prestonsburg High School football program will host another football camp on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Tears of respect - Wade Boggs and Ryne Sandberg enter Hall of Fame

by JOHN KEKIS
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COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. - Wade Boggs cried when he acknowledged his father, who turned a scrawny kid into one of the game's toughest outs by teaching him that inside-out swing.

Ryne Sandberg was simply Ryno - smooth, stoic and flush with reverence for the game.

Four decades after they once dreamed of baseball greatness, Boggs and Sandberg were inducted Sunday into the Baseball Hall of Fame to the raucous cheers of thousands of Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cub fans.

"There were many stops along the way," said Boggs, who began playing minor-league baseball in Elmira, N.Y., in 1976. "But today that train has pulled into Cooperstown, and I've found this family here at the Hall of Fame. My wife and I believe this is the beginning of another baseball journey."

Boggs, who batted left-handed, was an undersized hitter who didn't attract much attention even though he finished his senior year at Plant High in Tampa, Fla., on a 26-for-33 tear.

He was drafted in the seventh round by the Red Sox and then spent five-plus seasons in the minors before finally forcing Boston to promote him in 1981 after he led the International League in batting.

"Life is about obstacles," said Boggs, who also played for the Yankees and Tampa Bay. "Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but how we react to what happens. Baseball is just a game. You should always play the game with passion, play the game with heart, and play the game you love, and possibly one day your dreams can come true just like mine did."

Boggs learned the trademark inside-out swing that produced 3,010 hits from his father, Winfield, a fast-pitch softball star. He learned well, going on to hit .300 or higher 15 times and finishing with a .328 career average. He was the only player in the 20th century with seven straight 200-hit seasons.

And when it came time to pay tribute to his 80-year-old father, Boggs broke down as his dad, too, brushed away tears.

"Daddy, I wouldn't be up

here without you, my mentor, my idol," Boggs said. "Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad. That's why I call you dad, because you are so special to me. You taught me the game, and you taught me how to play it right. Without you, I wouldn't be here. Thank you, dad."

The tears continued when Boggs remembered his deceased mother, Susan.

"She couldn't be here today, but she's here in spirit," Boggs, only the 41st player elected on his first try, said as he glanced skyward. "She was the rock of the family. She had to wear two hats, my father being in the Air Force. Mom, I love you. I miss you. I wish you were here."

Sandberg, a darling of Cubs fans because he excelled in every facet of the game as a star second baseman who shunned the spotlight, said he became a Hall of Famer because he respected the game. And the 48 Hall of Famers sitting behind seemed to nod in unison.

"A lot of people say this honor validates my career," said Sandberg, who wasn't picked until the 20th round of the 1978

amateur draft by the Philadelphia Phillies. "But I didn't work hard for validation. I didn't play the game right because I saw a reward at the end of the tunnel. I played it right because that's what you're supposed to do - play it right and with respect. Turning two is more important than knowing where to find the little red light on the dugout camera."

Although the 6-foot-2 Sandberg began at short, he eventually was switched to second and blossomed in 1984, two years after the Phillies traded him to the Cubs.

The trade gave Sandberg a chance to play every day, and he quickly quieted the skeptics who thought he was too tall to play second. He won the first of nine consecutive Gold Gloves, establishing a major league record of 123 consecutive errorless games over two seasons.

Sandberg won MVP honors in 1984, hitting a career-high .314 with 19 homers, 84 RBIs, 114 runs, 32 stolen bases, and made only six errors in 156 games.

"Baseball wasn't easy for me. I struggled many times,"

said Sandberg, who was elected in his third year of eligibility. "I had to work hard every day, and I didn't leave many scraps for the writers. I hope you also understand why I would not campaign for this or help to sell this. It's the best award in all of sports, and I think if I had expected anything, if I was thinking about it too much or crunching the numbers, it would have taken away from the prestige of this incredible honor."

Also enshrined were long-time San Diego Padres announcer Jerry Coleman, winner of the Ford C. Frick Award presented annually for major contributions to baseball broadcasting; and veteran sportswriter and broadcaster Peter Gammons, recipient of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, presented annually for meritorious contributions to baseball writing.

Coleman's playing career was interrupted twice because of military service as a Marine pilot during World War II and Korea. He flew 120 missions, received two distinguished flying crosses, 13 Air Medals and three Navy citations, and earned the rank of lieutenant colonel.

For that, he received a standing ovation.

"This is the highest honor of my life," said Coleman, a star second baseman for the Yankees and 1950 World Series MVP. "I'm here because my peers put me here. The journey has been incredible. I feel finally, finally I've come home."

Pete Rose, ineligible for the Hall of Fame because of his lifetime ban from baseball for gambling, originally was scheduled to appear at Pete Rose Ballpark Collectibles to sign autographs. But the sign above the store located a little over a block away from the Hall of Fame on Main Street, was taken down sometime in the last week - and Rose never appeared.

Andrew Vilacky, owner of the store and a close friend and business associate of Rose, has pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of felony tax fraud for his part in a scheme that authorities said bilked the U.S. and New York state governments of nearly \$3 million in fraudulent tax refunds between 1997 and 2001. Vilacky is scheduled to be sentenced in October and could face up to five years in prison.

Owensboro, Daviess County back on board with stadium study

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENSBORO - Owensboro and Daviess County are once again studying the feasibility of a downtown baseball stadium.

The Owensboro and Daviess County governments decided Friday to help with the cost of the study, which is being pushed by a group seeking to move a minor league baseball team to Owensboro.

The two governments declined earlier in July to include the project in a downtown arena feasibility study.

Back Baseball, a nonprofit group seeking to bring a minor league team here, last week asked the city and county to contribute \$7,000 each to help cover the cost of expanding the arena study.

Fiscal Court thought the

group still wanted the county to borrow \$3 million for a bond issue, said Daviess Judge-Executive Reid Haire, who publicly voiced the court's opposition to doing that last week.

If it means not going into debt, "we are much more agreeable to pitching in some money to include a stadium study," Haire said.

Mayor Tom Watson noted the cost of the study will be split three ways among the city, county and private group.

Money for the study doesn't commit to funding the stadium or putting it in English Park, which has been a proposed site, Watson said.

"This money is only to put a mechanism in place to study whether we can afford it," Watson said.

The city and county in May agreed to pay \$35,000 each for an arena feasibility study. Adding the baseball stadium option would delay its estimated November completion date by a month or two and cost up to \$29,000 more, Haire said.

Bring Back Baseball would have pay no more than \$15,000, but the amount will probably be lower, he said.

Bring Back Baseball hasn't decided yet how to raise its share of the money, committee chairman Bruce Brubaker said.

"I'm sure we'll get our heads together and figure out when we'll do it and how we'll do it," he said. "But we will be doing it."

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Ramirez, Soriano stay put

by RONALD BLUM
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NEW YORK - Manny Ramirez, Alfonso Soriano, A.J. Burnett and Mike Cameron all stayed with their teams as baseball's non-waiver trade deadline passed with only five low-level deals involving 11 players.

Outfielder Matt Lawton was the highest-profile player to switch sides Sunday, going to the Chicago Cubs from the Pittsburgh Pirates for outfielder Jody Gerut.

"As you can see by the strange nature of this year, I think we are all shocked how few deals in the game were made," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said.

The trade that would have made the most news never happened. Boston had discussed a three-team trade with Tampa Bay and New York that would have sent Ramirez to the Mets. New York would have included Cameron and outfielder Lastings Milledge, the 12th overall pick in the 2003 amateur draft. Tampa Bay would have dealt Aubrey Huff, Danys Baez and Julio Lugo.

"At the end of the day, Boston made the decision that Manny Ramirez was going nowhere," Devil Rays general manager Chuck LaMar said. "The Tampa Bay Devil Rays are the ones that proposed the deal. ... All I know is I wasn't going to give them away, and that's what some of the teams, honestly, with the prospects they were giving back were asking us to do."

Ramirez, held out of Boston's starting lineup for the second straight day, pinch hit 54 minutes after the 4 p.m. deadline passed and singled in the go-ahead run to lead the Red Sox over the Minnesota Twins 4-3 at Fenway Park.

"Forget about the trade. This is the place I want to be," Ramirez said. "They want to win. I want to win, too. I'm back."

Minnesota, the Mets and the Cubs were said to be interested in obtaining Soriano from Texas.

"The type of deals that were presented to us did not make sense," Texas general manager John Hart said. "We never got close. We countered on a lot of players, discussed a lot of possibilities, but we never got close to what we considered to be a deal that was going to help the Rangers."

Last year, there were eight trades in the hour before the deadline, and Nomar Garciaparra, Steve Finley, Esteban Loaiza and Orlando Cabrera were among the players who switched teams.

"With about two-thirds of the 30 teams thinking they have a chance at postseason play, there were far more buyers than sellers this year. Boston general manager Theo Epstein likened the market to a \$100 gallon of milk."

"Things are good with Manny right now. I think you have to take him at his words," Epstein said. "He's really happy to be here. This is where he wants to be. ... As we demonstrated through our actions in the end, we want Manny, too."

In Sunday's other trades: The Chicago White Sox acquired third baseman Geoff Blum from San Diego for left-hander Ryan Meaux.

Atlanta Braves obtained reliever Kyle Farnsworth from Detroit for right-handers Roman Colon and Zach Miner.

Arizona got left-hander Buddy Groom from the New York Yankees on Sunday for a player to be named or cash.

On Saturday, the Seattle sent outfielder Randy Winn to San Francisco for catcher Yorvit Torrealba and pitcher Jesse Foppert and dealt Miguel Olivo, who started this season as the Mariners' No. 1 catcher, to San Diego for catcher Miguel Ojeda and right-hander Nate Mateso. Boston acquired outfielder Jose Cruz Jr. and cash from Arizona for infielder Kenny Perez and right-hander Kyle Bono.

On Friday night, Texas agreed to trade pitcher Chan Ho Park and \$6 million to San Diego for slugger Phil Nevin

and Colorado sent outfielder Eric Byrnes to Baltimore for outfielder Larry Bigbie.

Marlins general manager Larry Beinfest decided more than a week ago not to trade Burnett or third baseman Mike Lowell. Florida did make a deal Sunday, acquiring reliever Ron Villone from Seattle for right-handers Yorman Bazardo and Mike Flannery.

"I love playing here," Lowell said. "I grew up here in Miami. I have all the conveniences in the world. But if I was sent somewhere else, I'd play hard and I'd love baseball. This season, baseball has tried to make me hate it - but I enjoy it too much, enjoy the game too much."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman failed to get center fielder.

"I just felt that ultimately these things are going to get fixed from the inside, not the outside," he said. "I feel good about what we've done to date. I think we have a great team. We may not be the team to beat, but there are a lot more things to like about this club now than at any time this year. We've got two months to sprint and prove we're worthy of a playoff spot."

Mets manager Willie Randolph wasn't bothered that his team didn't get anyone new.

"I'm ready to go into the rest of the season with the guys I have," he said. "I'm not thinking about what we don't have."

Baltimore reliever Steve Kline, 2-3 with a 5.68 ERA entering Sunday, heard his name mentioned in trade rumors, but wasn't surprised that the deadline arrived without him leaving town.

"Why would anyone want me?" he said. "I stink right now. I never thought I was going anywhere. The only way I would go anywhere is if 24 other guys fall off the face of the earth on other teams."

AP Sports Writers Jaime Aron in Houston, David Ginsburg in Baltimore, Jimmy Golen in Boston and Tim Reynolds in Miami contributed to this report.

Asheville Stuns Lexington

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Asheville rallied from seven runs down to stun the Lexington Legends 10-9 on Sunday afternoon. The Tourists belted five home runs on the day, two each by Joe Koshansky and Joe Valdez.

The defeat keeps the Legends from the series sweep. The loss also dropped Lexington 6.5 games back of Delmarva who defeated Lake County 3-2.

Paul Estrada suffered the loss for the Legends falling to 3-7 on the season. The loss wastes a quality start by Evan Englebrook. The right-hander allowed two runs in five innings of work.

Lou Santangelo got the

Legends off to a great start in the first inning. The Lexington catcher hit a line drive, two-run shot to right field to stake the Legends to a two run lead. Ole Sheldon's roller to first scored Edwin Maysonet to make it three nothing Legends in the third inning.

Joe Koshansky broke out of his slump in the fourth inning. He and Jose Valdez hit back-to-back home runs to cut the Legends advantage to one run.

The Legends restored their two run lead in the sixth inning. Beau Torbert and Drew Sutton drilled consecutive doubles to make it 4-2. Sutton capped a five run, seventh inning with the Legends eighth grand slam of

the season making it 9-2.

The Tourists began the rally with five in the bottom half of the seventh. Valdez' second homer was a three run shot. Koshansky and Justin Wilson each belted solo homers.

The Tourists picked up three more in the eighth inning to complete the comeback. A wild pitch with the bases loaded got Asheville within one. Matt Miller doubled in two more runs off of Paul Estrada to take a 10-9 lead.

Maysonet and Sutton each had three hits. J.R. Towles had two doubles improving his average to .407. Towles and Sutton each had two stolen bases.

The Legends were off Monday.

Doyle comes out of the pack to win U.S. Senior Open

by RUSTY MILLER
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KETTERING, Ohio - Allen Doyle shattered the U.S. Senior Open final-round record Sunday, closing with an 8-under 63 while others struggled to win his third major championship.

Doyle had a bogey-free round that included eight birdies, and he managed to avoid the trouble that knocked third-round co-leaders Craig Stadler and Loren Roberts, as well as D.A. Weibring and others out of contention. His final-round 63, which beat the course record by a stroke, was the lowest by a Senior Open winner.

Doyle beat the previous final-round score by four shots and finished at 10-under 274, and one shot ahead of Roberts

and Weibring. The victory, worth \$470,000, was his 10th on the Champions Tour.

Stadler led by three shots with 10 holes to play, but imploded and finished four shots behind Doyle. Roberts was in control until making a double-bogey at No. 11. Weibring was on top by a shot with two holes left, but bogeyed both.

Greg Norman and Tom Watson, among others, had prime opportunities to steal the championship, but failed to make putts on the undulating greens at NCR Country Club.

Doyle, who turned 57 on Tuesday, has a swing that looks as if he's using sawed-off clubs, and a form that he honed as a child while swinging in a room with low ceilings.

He was an afterthought as the

final round began, teeing off 70 minutes before the last group. Then, he had birdies at Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to turn in 30 - matching the tournament record.

Doyle then birdied the 10th and 14th holes, and mustered some gummy pars down the stretch, well aware of the troubles confronting the leaders. His day's work done, he sat back to watch the adventures of the rest of the contenders.

Stadler birdied three holes early and held a three-shot lead as he played the par-4 9th. But he hit his drive into the face of a fairway bunker, hacked the ball out 40 yards, hit it onto the green and then three-putted for a double-bogey. He subsequently had four more bogeys and another double to fade to a 76. He played the final 10 holes in 7 over.

When Stadler faltered, his playing partner, Roberts, took over the lead. While Stadler was posting his 6 at No. 9, Roberts rolled in a 28-foot putt for birdie to tie Stadler. Roberts then birdied the next hole to take the lead.

On the par-4 11th, just 380 yards in length, Roberts hit his drive into the middle of the fairway - and then fell apart. His approach landed in a bunker fronting the green. His first attempt to blast out advanced the ball 2 feet. Angry at himself, he barely looked at the next sand shot and whacked the ball 30 feet past the pin. Two putts later, he had a double-bogey and fell back. He closed with a 73 and tied for second with Weibring at 275.

Weibring took over the lead with a 3-foot birdie putt at No.

10, and then parred the next six holes to maintain his one-shot advantage.

At the 17th, he hit his drive into the left rough and his second shot nestled into the deep rough between a greenside bunker and the green. He chipped out but failed to make the putt, the bogey leaving him tied with Doyle.

By this time, Doyle had moved over to the practice range to hit balls.

On the 18th hole, needing a birdie to win or a par to force a playoff, Weibring hit his drive into the right rough and his second shot went through the green. He chipped to the pin - situated near the front on the increasingly fast putting surface - and the ball rolled 10 feet past. His next putt for par came up

just short, his 1-under 70 a shot short of a playoff.

Norman shot a 69 and was at 276, but never hit a long putt until the last hole - to save par. Playing in his second event for the 50-and-over crowd, he didn't have a birdie on the last nine holes.

Watson, who shared fifth place at 277 with Wayne Levi (68), also had difficulty mastering the dramatic dips and rises in the greens. Watson, coming off a win at the Senior British Open, shot a final-round 71, never really threatening the multitude of leaders.

There was no secret to Doyle's success: He seldom found trouble off the tee, then was tied for seventh in the field in greens in regulation and finished tied for sixth in putting.

Brooks concerned with wins, not job security



Rich Brooks

what took reporters so long, saying that's usually the first question he hears when speaking to groups these days. He even has a pat answer.

"Job security is, I think, a tenuous thing in athletics today and certainly in the SEC," he said. "I can't control job security. All I can do is control the direction we're headed and the plan and the path to achieve bringing Kentucky out of probation."

Because of NCAA sanctions, Kentucky lost 19 scholarships from 2002 to 2004 and served a three-year probation that ended in January. The Wildcats will have 76 players on scholarship this season, Brooks said, still shy of the NCAA maximum of 85, but more than during his first two seasons.

Most preseason lists have

Kentucky, which opens its season Sept. 4 at home against archrival Louisville, at or near the bottom of the SEC East division, but Brooks discounted those predictions.

He cited several near-misses the past two years — a last-minute loss to Tennessee last season and a narrow loss against Florida and a seven-overtime loss to Arkansas in 2003 — as indications Kentucky is not far from being competitive.

"I think we're going to be a better team than most people perceive us to be," he said. "What we need to do is try to finish the deal. Like the game we had at Tennessee last year, at the end of the season, we really, I think, had a game that we could have won and let it slip away in the last 38 seconds.

That kind of follows suit from the Florida game the year before (and) the Arkansas game, the seven-overtime. We need to get several of those games this year.

"I think the improvement ... at Kentucky will be very obvious."

Brooks has made a believer out of strong safety Muhammad Abdullah, who is considered by many to be the Wildcats' best player.

"We just need one big win, and then we can go from there and hopefully bring home a couple of wins," Abdullah said.

"We expect the same thing that every other team in the SEC expects. We want to win the championship," Abdullah said.

"Also like everyone else, we start out 0-0. We want to get out there and try and win games, one at a time."

Two big concerns for the

Wildcats are at linebacker, where attrition and injuries cost them three potential starters in Dustin Williams, Chad Anderson and Jon Sumrall, and at quarterback, where true freshman Curtis Pulley enters the preseason as the likely backup to sophomore Andre Woodson.

Kentucky has switched from a 3-4 defensive alignment to a 4-3, which should alleviate some of the depth issues at linebacker, Brooks said. He said that two true freshmen, Johnny Williams and Mikhail Mabry, will need to contribute early to take the load off returning veterans Ray Fontaine and Joe Schuler.

"It's opened the door for some faster, impressive young linebackers that need to grow up real fast," Brooks said. "They need to play like veterans, and

they're not, but they're going to get the opportunity to show it. And I think as the season goes on, this linebacking corps will be better and better each week."

Pulley reported to Kentucky during the summer and participated in informal workouts.

"I am sure he has picked up some of the offense," Brooks said, but cautioned against expecting too much too soon from last year's Kentucky high school Mr. Football.

"I don't think we can expect him to come in and be ready in the first game with our entire offense," Brooks said. "So we have to figure out what he can do well in the passing game and in the quarterback run game and make sure that he has a package that he can go into the first game and be very comfortable with."

SEC teams relying on young quarterbacks

by JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOOVER, Ala. — Micheal Spurlock bided his time for three years behind Mississippi's star quarterback Eli Manning. When Spurlock's starting shot finally came — and went — he was benched after two mediocre performances.

"I became a man probably a lot faster than I really wanted to," the fifth-year senior said. "There was no momma or anybody who could save me. It was just a dream that turned into a nightmare."

Hold that thought. A new quarterback in a league like the Southeastern Conference typically must deal with setbacks, growing pains and even some potentially nightmarish, welcome-to-the-SEC experiences.

That's particularly relevant this season with only three truly established quarterbacks — Vanderbilt's Jay Cutler, Alabama's Brodie Croyle and Florida's Chris Leak — and at least five new starters. Plus, Croyle is coming off a knee injury and Leak is trying to master Urban Meyer's complex offense.

Gone are stars like Auburn's Jason Campbell, Georgia's David Greene and Arkansas' Matt Jones. Kentucky and South Carolina will also start new quarterbacks while a handful of other jobs are up for grabs. Spurlock is once again the front-runner for the job at Ole Miss.

Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville knows what having all these wet-behind-the-ear quarterbacks means.

"Any time you have a new one," Tuberville said, "it's a thrill a minute."

Sophomore Brandon Cox, a former Alabama Mr. Football, won Auburn's starting job in the spring, beating out redshirt freshmen Calvin Booker and

Blake Field.

"Brandon's got all the ability," Tuberville said. "The job is his and it's not even close. We've got two young guys behind him, but they're hoping he doesn't get hurt. They don't want to play right now."

Tennessee, LSU and Mississippi are in better positions, with experienced contenders battling for the job into preseason practices.

JaMarcus Russell started four games as a redshirt freshman for LSU. He'll battle sophomore Matt Flynn — and maybe highly touted freshman Ryan Perrilloux, widely considered the nation's top prospect.

At Tennessee, Erik Ainge and Brent Schaeffer — who has since left the team — both started as freshmen and at times both displayed the abilities that made them highly touted recruits.

But coach Phillip Fulmer tried not to avoid overloading either, or as he called it "short-circuiting their circuits."

"As smart as Erik was last year ... those few seconds that he has to make a decision, we did not give him that opportunity as a freshman," Fulmer said. Ainge is battling senior Rick Clausen for the starting job.

Spurlock reclaimed the No. 1 position in the spring over Ethan Flatt and Robert Lane.

At Kentucky, Andre Woodson showed plenty of promise in the spring.

"He's got unique abilities with arm strength and accuracy," receiver Tommy Cook said. "Sometimes it's either-or, but he's got both."

The oft-injured Croyle has some healthy advice for the league's new quarterbacks: "Slide."

"Don't try to run over a linebacker. It doesn't work," he said.

Steve Spurrier was famously tough — and successful — in grooming new quarterbacks at

Florida. Two necessary ingredients, he said, are a running game and a solid offensive line. (A visor to fling after misfires is optional.)

Sorry, South Carolina fans. Don't look for a 4,000-yard passing season from Blake Mitchell, Antonio Heffner or Brett Nichols.

Their collective career numbers: 22 attempts, nine completions, three interceptions — all courtesy of Mitchell, a sophomore. One-time starter Syvelle Newton is now at receiver.

"I don't think we're going to be a team to just open up and start firing maybe the way we did in the Florida days," said Spurrier, who replaced Lou Holtz. "We may need to protect the quarterback a little bit more, let him hand off and this, that and the other until he seems like he's ready to do the kind of things we did back then."

Georgia will have a starter with some experience — just not like Greene, the winningest quarterback in NCAA Division I history.

Senior D.J. Shockley is anything but a rookie. He's played in 26 games, but has thrown for just 967 yards and 10 touchdowns — against four interceptions.

"He knows he can play the game," Bulldogs coach Mark Richt said. "He just doesn't know if he will play the game like he wants to play. You just don't ever know that."

"If he happens to jump out quick and gain a lot of confidence early, it can really be fun."

And if not? Well, just ask Spurlock.

He was praised in the preseason last year for his versatility and running abilities — like Shockley. Then, he was benched after going just 16-of-46 for 236 yards in losses to Memphis and Alabama.

On the bright side, "I don't think I can go through anything harder than I did last year."

Rondo claims gold medal with Team USA

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

In a total team effort that saw each team member score at least four points apiece, the USA U21 World Championship Team (4-0) ran away with a 104-62 victory over Team Texas (2-4) to capture the 2005 Global Games gold medal on Saturday night at the Dr. Pepper Star Center in Frisco, Texas. Taj Gray (Oklahoma / Wichita, Kan.) and J.J. Redick (Duke / Roanoke, Va.) paced the U.S. squad to victory with 15 points apiece.

Justin Gray (Wake Forest / Charlotte, N.C.), who averaged 13.8 ppg. in the tournament, and Lithuania's Arturas Jomantas earned Global Games Co-MVP honors, while Redick, Terrence Roberts (Syracuse / Jersey City, N.J.) and Curtis Withers (Charlotte / Charlotte, N.C.) were named to the 2005 Global Games All-Tournament Team. Joining the four U.S. players on the All-Tourney list were Ahmed Guoye (Texas), Domen Lorbek (Slovenia), Oleksiy Pechevov (Ukraine) and Marcus Williams (Global Games Select).

University of Kentucky sophomore Rajon Rondo was a part of the winning team.

The United States used the 2005 Global Games as a tune-up for the 2005 FIBA U21

World Championship, scheduled to be played Aug. 5-14 in Cordoba and Mar del Plata, Argentina.

"I think that this is a team that really shares the ball. They're getting a feel for that," said USA and Saint Joseph's University (Pa.) head coach Phil Martelli. "But I'm still concerned about turnovers. We've got too many turnovers for this level of players. I also think our rebounding needs to improve immediately or we're going to be in trouble in Argentina."

The United States jumped out early and Texas was never able to recover. However, the Texans were never really out of it in the first half due to collecting 13 points from the line.

Justin Gray scored eight points in the USA's opening 12-2 run that ended at 6:33 with a Nick Fazekas (Nevada / Arvada, Colo.) basket inside. Texas hit its first field goal at 6:18, followed by another pair of free throws at 5:39. But Rudy Gay (Connecticut / Baltimore, Md.) swished a three, followed by a Marcus Williams (Connecticut / Los Angeles, Calif.) steal, which he fed to Gay inside for a slam dunk. At 3:32 Gay finished his 6-0 run after connecting on his second charity shot and the USA was up 18-6. By the end

of the first period the United States led by 10, 23-13.

Increasing its lead in a second quarter that saw Team Texas hit just four field goals, the United States closed the half with a 45-30 advantage. Trips to the line kept the game relatively close in the first half as, despite its frigid 25.0 percent shooting (8-31 FGs), Texas capitalized on 13-of-19 attempts from the line in the first 20 minutes.

Allowing Texas the second half's first bucket 17 seconds in, the USA U21 National Team upped its defensive pressure and outgunned Texas 14-2 over 5:24 to put the game away 59-34 with 14:19 to go in the contest. Outscoring Texas 28-8, the USA closed the third quarter with a commanding 73-38 lead and allowed just two field goals by Texas (at 9:43 and 0:52) in the third.

"We turned it up defensively, got some more steals and started to make a lot more plays," said Roberts of the team's third quarter domination. "We stopped trying to force things and stuff like that. And that's what you have to do to make it work."

The young Americans sailed through the final 10 minutes for the eventual 104-62 victory and the 2005 Global Games gold medal.



Above: Horsemen defensive lineman Jeremy Caudill looked on during an offensive series. Below: Lexington quarterback Dusty Bonner helped lead the Horsemen to an opening round playoff win over visiting Evansville Saturday. Bonner passed for six touchdowns in the playoff victory.



Louisville to open preseason workouts Saturday

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LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville football team will open the 2005 season when practice officially begins on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. at

the U of L Football Complex.

Fans are invited to watch practices from August 6-13. Practice times are listed below. Practices will be closed from August 14 through the Kentucky game. During the reg-

ular season, fans can watch only the first half hour of practice.

Practice times: Aug. 6: 2 pm Aug. 7: 10 am Aug. 8: 10 am Aug. 9: 10 am Aug. 10: 10 am Aug. 11: 9 am & 4 pm Aug. 12: 9 am Aug. 13: 9 am & 6 pm

Marquette assistant joins WKU

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Marquette assistant coach Jeff Strohm was hired Friday as assistant at Western Kentucky, the Bowling Green school announced.

Western head coach Darrin Horn and Strohm worked together

on Tom Crean's staff at Marquette during the 2002-03 season.

"Jeff is a huge addition to our staff," Horn said. "He brings a wealth of experience of winning at the highest level."

During Strohm's time at Marquette, the school finished 65-30, earning a postseason

tournament berth each year.

Prior to Marquette, Strohm was on Rick Majerus' staff at Utah as an assistant from 1997-2002. He was an assistant at Northern Illinois from 1991-97 and started in collegiate athletics as an assistant at Lake Land College from 1989-91.

Signups announced for Adams Middle School Football

The Adams Middle School football team will hold signups Friday evening

at Prestonsburg's Josh Francis Field for players in grades 3-8 who plan on plan-

ning during the 2005 season. The signups will run from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Bears coach Smith losing patience with Benson's holdout

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicago Bears coach Lovie Smith is losing patience with the contract holdout of first-round draft pick Cedric Benson.

"We're trying to get our football team ready," Smith said after the team's practice Sunday. "A player we had pegged to be a big part of it isn't here."

"There's no way for me to sugarcoat it any more. He needs to get into camp. Hopefully that will get done soon."

Benson was the fourth pick in the April draft. The running back has held out longer than any Bears draft pick since wide receiver David Terrell in 2001.

Before Sunday, Smith hadn't appeared overly concerned about Benson's absence because the team reported for training camp a week earlier than most teams. Smith still hasn't ruled out Benson's participation in the preseason opener in the Hall of Fame game against the Miami Dolphins if he can get signed and into camp soon.

"We're definitely to the point of, 'Hey, Cedric, we need you in camp now,'" Smith said.

The Bears made Benson's agent Eugene Parker a contract offer on July 22, but the sides have not talked since then.

LaMont Jordan is ready to

show the Oakland Raiders what he can do as a full-time starter.

A backup the last four years to 2004 rushing leader Curtis Martin with the New York Jets, Jordan signed a five-year, \$27.5 million deal with the Raiders this past offseason. In doing so, he stepped out of Martin's shadows and into the spotlight with the team that had the league's worst running game last season.

Coach Norv Turner and several players spent the first few days of camp at Napa, Calif., toasting Jordan's arrival, knowing how well the running back does could very well dictate how well the entire offense does.

"He's obviously a real talented guy," Raiders quarterback Kerry Collins said. "He played behind Curtis and didn't really get to show what he can do, but he's going to be the featured back here and he's going to get plenty of opportunities to show what he can do."

Oakland rushed for just 1,295 yards as a team in 2004, a number topped by eight individual backs around the league.

Jordan, on the other hand, rushed for 479 yards and two touchdowns on 93 carries for the Jets.

At Latrobe, Pa., Tommy Maddox, the Pittsburgh Steelers' starting quarterback

when training camp started last season, became agitated at questions that he might not be their backup this season.

Maddox, a starter for most of the 2002 season and all of 2003, is expected to compete with Charlie Batch to back up Ben Roethlisberger, whose 13-0 regular-season record was easily the best in NFL history by a rookie quarterback.

Maddox is signed to an affordable contract — his base salary of \$750,000 is modest by quarterback standards — and he offers the Steelers a proven passer should Roethlisberger be hurt. Batch, a former starter with the Lions, is more mobile than Maddox and is four years younger than Maddox, who turns 34 in September.

Earlier in the day, Hines Ward became the Steelers' first major holdout in 12 years, keeping his promise not to report to training camp without a contract extension that would make him one of the NFL's top-paid wide receivers.

Once Ward missed the reporting deadline, Steelers director of football operations Kevin Colbert said negotiations were over until Ward shows up — something the four-time Pro Bowl receiver has insisted that he won't do without a new deal.

"The policy has always been

that, if a player is under contract, he has to be in camp for any negotiations to go forward," Colbert said. "Without the player here, there won't be any exchange."

Ward has one year remaining on a contract worth \$1.66 million this season.

At Oxnard, Calif., the Dallas Cowboys' two first-round draft picks practiced for the first time after signing five-year contracts.

Defensive end Demarcus Ware, the 11th overall pick, signed a \$13 million deal which includes \$10 million in guaranteed money. The deal for Marcus Spears, another defensive end taken 20th overall, was for \$9.3 million, with \$6.7 million of that guaranteed.

Both Ware and Spears are both expected to be immediate contributors for the Cowboys, who are making the switch to a primary three-man defensive front.

Arizona agreed to a six-year, \$23.5 million contract extension with receiver Anquan Boldin through the 2010 season.

The Cardinals also agreed to terms with second-round draft pick J.J. Arrington, hours before the team opened training camp at Prescott, Ariz. That left first-round pick Antrel Rolle as the team's only unsigned draft pick.

Safety Sean Taylor reported

to Redskins training camp at Ashburn, Va., ending an offseason in which he snubbed his coaches and got arrested in Florida.

Taylor sported a different look and different attitude. He smiled as reporters walked with him and even paused in his car to give one photographer extra time to take his picture — a gesture unimaginable when Taylor was boycotting the media for much of last year.

Kansas City agreed to terms on a five-year contract with first-round draft pick Derrick Johnson.

Johnson, an All-American at Texas who received the Butkus Award as the best linebacker in college football, was selected 15th overall in the draft.

Atlanta signed first-round draft pick Roddy White to a five-year, \$7.35 million deal. The wide receiver from UAB missed the first six days and nine practices of training camp before agreeing to terms.

Buffalo offensive lineman Ross Tucker missed his third practice because of a sore back.

Coach Mike Mularkey said the team had placed Tucker on the physically unable-to-perform list prior to the start of camp, which opened Saturday. Mularkey listed Tucker as day-

to-day, noting the player can be taken off the list at any time.

Starting right tackle Mike Williams missed his second straight practice after hurting his hamstring on Saturday. He's also day-to-day.

Former Southern California receiver Mike Williams remained a no-show at Lions training camp.

Williams led the Trojans in receiving yards (1,314) and touchdowns (16) as a sophomore in 2003, but has not played competitive football since.

Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress participated in both practice sessions at Albany, N.Y., a day after leaving the field with a hyperextended right knee.

Burress admitted being concerned because he had never suffered an injury to his knees. He said the knee felt sore Sunday morning, but that after getting treatment and riding a stationary bike he was ready to get back on the field.

Carolina will honor the late Sam Mills by retiring his No. 51 at halftime of their Aug. 13 preseason game.

Mills died April 18 after a nearly two-year battle with cancer. The five-time Pro Bowler with the New Orleans Saints and the Panthers played three seasons in Carolina.

Bengals open training camp with playoffs on mind

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN — For T.J. Houshmandzadeh, the Cincinnati Bengals' playoff drought has lasted long enough.

"Everybody wants to go to the playoffs," he said Friday, the opening day of the team's training camp at Georgetown College. "I enjoy watching them, but I think I'd enjoy playing in them more."

The fifth-year wide receiver isn't the only Bengals player speaking openly about the team's postseason expectations. Running back Rudi Johnson all but promised Friday that the Bengals — 8-8 in each of their first two seasons under coach Marvin Lewis — would make the NFL playoffs for the first time since 1990.

Linebacker Brian Simmons talked about the need for a fast start for a football team that has gone 1-4 to open the last two seasons. Quarterback Carson Palmer smiled while discussing the prospect of leading an offense with all 11 starters returning, including a pair of Pro Bowl players in Johnson and wide receiver Chad Johnson.

"Our focus isn't to win the first four," Palmer said. "Our focus is to win all 16 of them, and you do that by working and getting your continuity as a team in training camp and getting your timing and rhythm now."

"We expect to be in the play-

offs, and that's our goal. If we're not there, it's a disappointment."

Lewis isn't discouraging such talk, although he repeated his mantra from previous years — that the Bengals should always have high expectations.

"From what everybody tells me, it's supposed to be a pivotal season," Lewis said. "But you couldn't tell me the first year wasn't pivotal. It's the year we are in now, so let's make it very, very pivotal."

Lewis said one of the reasons the Bengals have started slowly the past two years is that it's been several weeks into the season before the team learned what its strengths were. The goal this year is to "start out doing the things that we feel are the things that we do best" and not "waste time doing other things" because "it's important for us to win games early on."

Simmons said the slow starts are "something we've talked about all year. If we execute and we go out there and don't make mistakes, we'll be all right. Those things will take care of themselves. That's been the problem."

Lewis has tweaked the team's training camp schedule, moving some practices from the heat of the afternoon into the evening. Houshmandzadeh said that's a good move, one that's liable to pay dividends once the season starts.

"It's odd, but there were

times last year, and I'll never forget it, where in pre-game I'd be stretching and I'd be sore, and it's Sunday," he said. "Why is that? You don't know. So maybe this year, if I go through the first few games and I'm not sore, maybe it is a difference."

Lewis smiled when told the practice schedule seemed popular with players.

"I'm glad they feel that way," he said. "That's good. It can't be an excuse later."

Entering the camp, the team does have some injury and holdout issues. Neither Pro Bowl right tackle Willie Anderson, who's recovering from offseason knee surgery, nor wide receiver Peter Warrick, who is rehabbing a leg injury, have been medically cleared to return to practice with the team. Both did work out on their own Friday morning on an adjacent field.

Also, the team's top two draft choices, linebackers David Pollack and Odell Thurman of Georgia — who are penciled in as starters — haven't signed. Lewis said only that "they're not here so we don't need to talk about them."

Despite their absence, the Bengals chose to focus on the positive Friday.

"We're going to end that (playoff drought) this year," Rudi Johnson said. "Eight-and-eight is over for us. We've got to put our sights on bigger and better things."

Play Football Month celebrates season's start

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The NFL, NFLPA and USA Football are teaming again to celebrate the start of the football season on all levels — from youth to the NFL — with a month-long national campaign starting in late August.

Play Football Month, an expansion of last year's Play Football Week, will take place from Aug. 25 - Sept. 30, 2005. The campaign theme is: "Be Part of the Football Family."

Young people of all ages can participate in special football events in their communities throughout the month, including clinics, skills competitions, scrimmages, picnics and parades.

NFL teams and youth football organizations such as the Amateur Athletic Union, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Jewish Community Centers Association, National Association of Police Athletic Leagues, National Federation of State High School Associations, National Recreation & Park Association, Pop Warner Little Scholars, YMCA of the USA, American Football College Association and military bases will host the local events and provide assistance in generating interest and participation.

In addition to donating 55,000 tickets to area youth and

military personnel last year as part of the inaugural Play Football Week, NFL teams supported the initiative by including local youth in preseason game activities, including the coin-toss ceremony, the National Anthem and halftime youth football scrimmages.

"Getting youngsters involved in football encourages them to be active, and the lessons they learn on the field go far beyond the fundamentals of the game. They learn to tackle life's challenges," said NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue. "It's important that we celebrate what the game of football provides for our children and our communities."

A national print, radio and television campaign for Play Football Month will begin later this month. Promotion for events will be coordinated through local leagues and football organizations, community centers, news outlets and NFL clubs during preseason game telecasts.

For information on local events or to become involved in Play Football Month, interested groups can visit www.usafootball.com to use the online Play Football Month Toolkit and sign up for free materials, including field banners, patches and helmet decals. The toolkit provides a turnkey operation that can be

implemented by local football and community organizations.

The Play Football Month Celebration Awards will again recognize events that best celebrate the sport of football and bring the community together. While NFL teams are not eligible for the award, non-profit organizations with which they work are eligible for nomination. Last year's winning celebrations included a pep rally, parade, picnic, skills clinic and scrimmage. Among last year's 11 winners, several worked with their local NFL team, including the Naperville Pop Warner (Chicago), Naples Gators (Miami), San Diego Youth Football & Cheer Conference (San Diego) and Western New York Youth Tackle Football Federation (Buffalo).

USA Football is an independent non-profit organization that was endowed by the NFL and the NFL Players Association in December 2002. It is the first national advocacy group created to galvanize, support, and promote the sport of amateur football and its invaluable lessons for all boys and girls. Jack Kemp, former Congressman and quarterback who led the Buffalo Bills to the 1964 and 1965 American Football League Championship, serves as chairman of USA Football.

Perry could give Bengals another backfield option

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN — For Chris Perry, his old jersey number, 26, represented a lost football season, one in which the Cincinnati Bengals' running back failed to live up to the hype of a first-round draft choice and barely saw the field.

Perry began the Bengals' training camp at Georgetown College this year wearing No. 23, the same number he wore while starring at Michigan. He and the team hope it represents a fresh start for a player the Bengals believe could become yet another budding star in their backfield.

"We're expecting great things from him," said Rudi Johnson, the Bengals' All-Pro

running back. "He's a great addition to the offense. He can do a lot of things out of the backfield, creating great mismatches with our linebackers and safeties."

For now, Perry — who's still recovering from offseason hernia surgery — would settle for being able to consistently practice. The Bengals held their sixth practice session of training camp on Monday morning and Perry was able to go, but that was the first time he'd done so since camp opened on Friday with two practices.

"When he's been out there and able to move like he can," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said, "he's what we expected."

What the Bengals expected in 2004 was a back who could

take the load off Johnson and give the team a legitimate outside speed threat. The Bengals drafted Perry in the first round, the first time in nine years the team had spent a first-round pick on a running back. That time, it was Ki-Jana Carter, who became an NFL bust because of health issues.

Like Carter, Perry struggled with injury as a rookie. Perry held out the first 11 days of last year's training camp, then strained a hamstring in the final preseason game. He didn't return until Oct. 3, when he caught two passes for 24 yards against Pittsburgh. Against Cleveland on Oct. 17, he had one catch for 9 yards and two carries for 1 yard.

Three days later, he suffered

Bengals sign fourth-round pick

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals signed fourth-round pick Eric Ghiaciuc, a center from Central Michigan, to a four-year contract on Saturday.

Ghiaciuc, 6-foot-4 and 302 pounds, started the final 35 games of his Central Michigan career and

blocked for a 1,000-yard rusher in each of his three seasons as a starter. He is a former Michigan state wrestling champion.

Ghiaciuc is the fifth of the Bengals' seven draft choices to sign for 2005. Previously signed were wide receiver Chris Henry of West Virginia, third round; offensive tackle Adam Kieft of

Central Michigan, fifth round; wide receiver Tab Perry of UCLA, sixth round; and defensive end Jonathan Fanene of Utah, seventh round.

The Bengals also signed free agent offensive lineman Reese Hicks to a two-year contract on Saturday. He was released by the Denver Broncos on July 25.

an abdominal strain during practice and didn't play again the rest of the season. He underwent hernia surgery in January and wasn't physically able to participate in on-field team activities during the offseason.

He and the team remain cautious when it comes to his health. After practicing twice Friday, he sat out practice on Saturday and Sunday before returning Monday morning. Perry estimated that he's at about 80 percent physically.

He's made some nifty plays in practice. On Monday, he caught a flare pass and juiced two defend-

ers on the sideline. On Friday, he twisted to snag an errant pitch and took a huge hit from safety Kevin Kaesviharn on a pass play. Perry dropped the football but bounced up after the collision.

"There are a few times out there when I hesitated a little bit," Perry said Friday. "Hopefully I can get over that."

"A few cuts out there, I felt a little bit of something, but it wasn't anything debilitating. The doctor told me I was going to have some tenderness sometime, so I've got to work with that and tough it out but not be stupid about it."

Perry has described the

injury as feeling like a knife was in his pelvis.

"As long as it doesn't hurt like it did last year, I'll be just fine," Perry said. "I can take a little bit of pain."

Perry wanted to wear jersey No. 23 last year, but cornerback Dennis Weathersby didn't want to give it up, so Perry wore No. 26. The Bengals waived Weathersby during the offseason, and Perry asked Lewis to change numbers.

"Me wearing 26, that was the first time I couldn't play a season," Perry said. "So maybe it is a little bit superstitious."

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POISON OAK

The return of the paddle

"We're all in our places, with bright, shiny faces, good morning to you, good morning to you."

When I was in Miss Angie Ward's second-grade class at the H. S. Howes Community School at Muddy Branch, I sang that little ditty practically every morning that school was in session. Don't know if teachers still have their classes sing at the beginning of the

school day, but beginning today, August 3, students in Johnson County will find out. Paintsville Independent will ring its first bell for the new school year in just a couple of weeks.

With that in mind, the other day, discussion here in the office turned to rumors that corporal punishment (a.k.a. the paddle) was making a return to a lot of school systems. Most likely, the fact that practically a whole generation grew up during its absence, with the idea that no matter what they did in school, nobody was allowed to do anything about it, has caused education policy makers to see the light.

Quite naturally, most students have been happy the way things have been over the past eight or 10 years.

Having been on the receiving end of the "board of education" a dozen or so times during my grade-school days. I guess there was a time when I felt the same way. But although I was paddled by several teachers, I never ever got the feeling that a single one of them was having fun. And, I might add, never did I get a paddling that, even then, I felt I didn't deserve.

Yet, as an adult, and even though I

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Learn how to prevent osteoporosis Aug. 3, at Co-Op Ext. office

A program concerning the prevention of osteoporosis and women's health issues will be presented on Wednesday, August 3, from 1-2:30 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office. The public is invited to attend this free meeting.

To register, or for more information, contact Theresa Scott, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences at 886-2668 or by email to: ces-floyd@uky.edu.

Celebrating 55 years of conservation in Floyd County

The Floyd County Conservation District would like to cordially invite the residents of Floyd County to an open house to be held on August 18, at the District Office located at the entrance of Brandykeg traveling toward Jenny Wiley State Park. The open house will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Floyd County Conservation District. FCCD supervisors and staff would like to thank everyone for their efforts and support over the years. For more information, email us at conserve@mikrotec.com or call us at 889-9800.

Drift Woman's Club sponsors Bike-a-Thon

The GFWC-KFWC Drift Woman's Club recently helped sponsor a "Bike-a-Thon" for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A total of \$516 was collected for the worthy cause. Winners of the Bike-a-Thon were: Eric Reid and Stacy Fraley, top winners; and Cameron Hamilton and Nathan Littleton who each won \$25 for winning in their respective age categories.

At the July meeting of the Woman's Club, President Alice Osborne called the meeting to order and the devotional was given by Ruby Akers with the blessing offered by Tootsie Akers. Following, the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all. Woman's Club Secretary, Celia Little,

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Pictured are members of the Drift Woman's Club with some of the children who participated in the "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-Thon, sponsored by the Woman's Club in May. From left to right, front row, are: Maranda Jarrell, Tootsie Akers, Nathan Littleton, Britany Dye, Seth Turner, Blazie Stumbo, Carmen Hamilton. Back row: Roney Clark, Alice Osborne, Laura Leigh Johnson, and Johna Pack.

Recovering women's voices in Appalachia

Spirit of Appalachia revealed in new book released this month

Writings of Floyd County women featured

Lexington "Trying to separate a writer's work from his background is a little like trying to separate a turtle from shell...Remove home and its influence from my back, and I will have lost not just shelter but an essential part of me." Lisa Koger, Appalachian writer

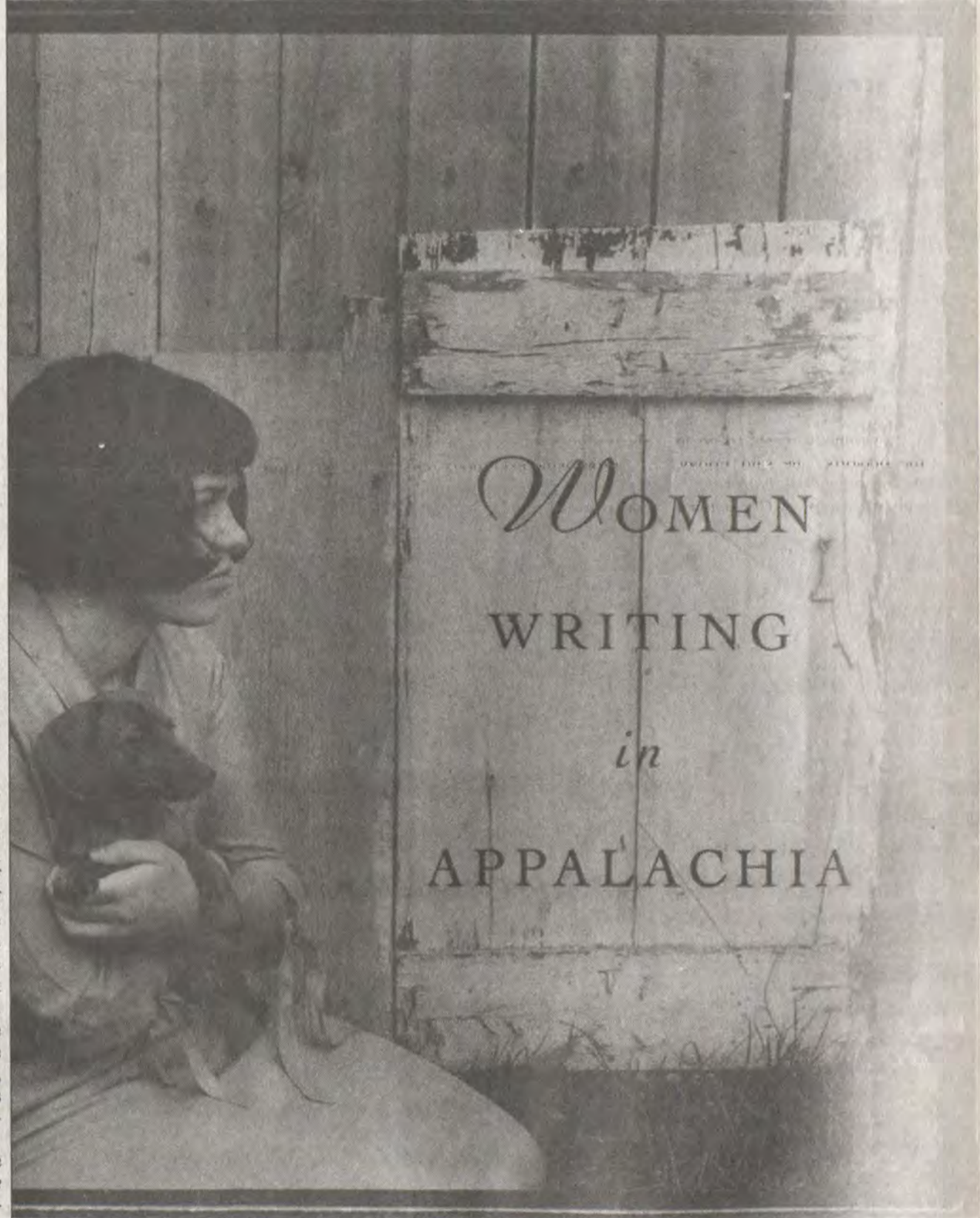
The absence of Appalachian women's voices in American literature, though lamentable, is understandable when one realizes that much of the work by these writers has fallen out of print. Most of the material that remains available is scattered in innumerable unrelated anthologies. To fill this hole in American literature, editors Sandra L. Ballard and Patricia L. Hudson have compiled *Listen Here: Women Writing in Appalachia*. Collectively, the 105 writers featured in *Listen Here* prove themselves, and their region, worthy of the wide recognition that has historically eluded them.

The spirit of Appalachia both infuses the lives of these women and informs their art. Whether she hails from eastern Kentucky, northern Georgia, the mountains of Pennsylvania, or some point of Appalachia in between, the female Appalachian writer brings a unique sensibility to her craft that reflects the shared experiences and the deepest truths of her region's people. Biographies and bibliographies of the authors reveal the influence of time and place on their lives and works, while the editors' commentary helps clarify each author's place in the pantheon of Appalachian writers.

Sampling a wide array of time periods and genres, *Listen Here* stands as the first and only comprehensive gathering of literature by Appalachian women. Ballard's and Hudson's anthology features both established writers - such as Dorothy

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Edited by Sandra L. Ballard and Patricia L. Hudson

CRITTER CORNER

Scratching Posts Part I

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

I've been asked quite a few questions lately about dealing with cat claws. The questions include how to trim nails, how to stop cats from clawing inappropriate objects (furniture, draperies, people), what my opinion is on declawing, and alternatives to declawing surgery.

Cats can do some major damage with their claws, but it is important to understand that they are not on an intentional mission of destruction. As with many other behaviors, the use of claws is an instinct that may not have an appropriate outlet in the home environment. Let's start at the beginning. Why do cats have claws? (1) They allow the cat to capture and hold prey. (2) They are a defense mechanism (3) They allow cats to climb,

so they have more access to prey and to escape enemies (4) They are used to mark territory. Obviously, claws are very important to cats, so it is in his best interest to keep them in good shape.

Claws are modified nails, and like our nails, they grow from the end of the digits (fingers and toes, to us). Tendons allow cats to retract their claws when not in use; otherwise they would wear smooth like dogs' nails and lose their usefulness. The only cat species that does not have the ability to retract its claws is the cheetah; they bring down their prey in high-speed chases, and like dogs, they use their nails mostly for traction. The ends of the claws, like our nails, are essentially made of dead

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Yorkshire terriers, Brittany and Brandy, recently enjoyed an outing at the park with "Mom" and "Dad," Rita and Lowell Brock, of Prestonsburg. Brittany, age 4, and Brandy, 1 and 1/2 yrs., are a major part of the Brock family and they manage to keep "Mom and Dad" busy. The "girls," who were asking "When are we going to eat?" when this picture was snapped, also enjoy it when "Big Brother," Lowell Jr., and "Big Sister," Sheena, come home for a visit!

School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.

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.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

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

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

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.

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

Walking track open to public.

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

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

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

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.

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.

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and
60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

August 2 and 4, 1995

Floyd County School Board members will likely look outside the system for a temporary replacement for outgoing superintendent Steve Towler, paving the way for eligible candidates within the system to seek the full-time job...Prestonsburg City Council has agreed to purchase a lot on North Lake Drive for \$315,000 as the site for a new municipal parking lot. Council members met Friday, in a special meeting to discuss the acquisition of property, located between North Lake Drive and North Arnold Avenue, owned by the Spurlock family...Vowing to get tough on delinquent solid waste customers, Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond issued 24 criminal summonses, Tuesday morning, which included one for a Martin man who died in 1987. The City of Prestonsburg, through the Main Street program, has been awarded \$23,000 by the Department of Interior's National Park Service for the construction of two city parks...Terri LaSha Jarvis, a Floyd County toddler who is in need of a liver and bowel transplant, is in serious condition at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. The one-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Terry and Tammy Jarvis of Banner, has been a patient at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, awaiting a donor for a transplant...Members of the Allen Volunteer Fire Department hosed down a gas leak from a truck that was involved in an accident, Tuesday morning, near Ivel on U.S. 23. One of the vehicles drivers, Estil Moore, 81, of Grethel, was transported to the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He was listed in fair condition. The other vehicle's driver, Gertrude Meade, 54, of Prestonsburg, was treated and released at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Meade's passenger, Vonnie B. Thacker, 35, of Tram, was transported to UK Medical Center. Thacker was listed in serious but stable condition...Floyd County Sheriff's deputies and State Police troopers confiscated almost 200 marijuana plants, Monday evening, and arrested Price Hall, 52, of McDowell, in connection with the find...Congressman Hal Rogers is working to locate a federal prison in the Martin, Johnson, or Floyd County area, and it appears that Martin County may get the nod for the project...A Floyd County Grand Jury will hear cases

assault after an alleged altercation last month that left Jay Dee Spears, of West Prestonsburg with his throat cut. During a preliminary hearing, Wednesday, in Floyd District Court, deputy-sheriff Bob Hackworth Jr., described the investigation which led to assault charges against Karen Waugh, 34, of Maytown and Gary E. Prater, 40, of Hueysville...Timothy Toler, 26, of Logan, West Virginia, was seriously injured when he got caught between two one-ton flat bed trucks about 10:28 a.m., Thursday, in the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn parking lot...A false report, Tuesday evening, that a dam had collapsed in the Grethel area, created a period of panic for local officials and residents in the area...The U.S. House of Representatives has approved \$50 million in funding for wastewater treatment facilities in poor, rural areas, including southern and eastern Kentucky... There died: Robert Baldrige, 60, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Warco, Sunday, July 30, at the Hospice of the Valley, Scottsdale, Arizona; Ocie Collins, 89, of Lackey, July 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Goldie McKinney Spurlock, 68, of Printer, Sunday, July 30, at her residence; Paris Goble, 93, of Auxier, Saturday, July 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Billy Francis Patrick, 43, of Vest, July 25, at his home; Edwin Everidge, 75, of Garrett, July 26, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Ella Bentley, 86, of Bypro, formerly of Dorton, July 28, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Christine Bentley Hall, 51, of Galveston, Saturday, July 29, at her residence; Clemit Damron, 67, of McDowell, Monday, July 31, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; June B. Hall, 75, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Wheelwright, Monday, July 31, at her residence; Cami Leigh Moore Greer, 29, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Sunday, July 23, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital; Dolores Messer, 61, of Garrett, Saturday, July 29, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Martha Lafferty, 80, of Water Gap, Sunday, July 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Essie Lee Fairchild, 88, of Clarksville, Tennessee, Monday, July 24, at Clarksville Memorial Hospital; Bobby James Short, 50, of Wayland, Tuesday, August 1, at his residence; Charles Goble, 72, of Betsy Layne, Sunday, July 30, at the Veterans Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia; Kenneth Avery Campbell, 35, of Abbott Creek Road, Prestonsburg, Friday, July 28, from injuries he received in an accident; LUIS

Eugene Hall, 73, of Ivel, August 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Alice Raines, 74, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, Wednesday, July 26, in St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington.

Twenty Years Ago

July 31, 1985

Ed Caudill, magistrate, became the first of the Floyd Countians accused in the Kentucky State Police investigation of county officials and others, to be convicted when a jury in the Pike Circuit Court adjudged him guilty of the possession of a forged instrument...Allen residents voiced their opposition to a proposed fire tax...Superintendent E.P. Grigsby Jr., denied rumors that the opening of the new school year was delayed because of work to remove asbestos in six of the schools...The Mountain Parkway toll ended at midnight...A Floyd County audit praised this county for its gains made last year...There died: Cassie Salisbury Hall, 71, of Hi Hat, Monday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Jessie J. Branham, 87, of Wheelwright, Saturday, at the McDowell Hospital; Ballard Clinton Herald, 63, formerly of Prestonsburg, July 25, in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Cecil Clyde Adkins, 65, of Langley, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Emma Tackett, 83, of Harold, Monday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

July 30, 1975

Magoffin County authorities, Monday afternoon, began transferring prisoners from the Floyd County jail to the Magoffin jail, which had been closed since a fire damaged the facility at Salyersville...The body of Lester Howard, about 19, of Martin County, who drowned in the German area of Dewey Lake, shortly after 1 p.m., Sunday, was recovered through dragging operations by the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad...Almost half the population of Floyd County is eligible to receive food stamps, the Department for Human Resources announced this week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. May, of Lexington, a son, Christopher Mathew, July 23. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manis

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. May, all of Prestonsburg; to Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer, a daughter, Angela Dawn, July 4, at the Carbondale Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois. Mrs. Brewer is the former Barbara Ousley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ousley...There died: Emmitt Tackett, 90, at his home at Grethel, last Wednesday, July 23; Otis Howard Bussey, 64, of Prestonsburg, last Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Pete Dawson, 70, Tuesday, July 22, at his home at Hi Hat.

Forty Years Ago

July 29, 1965

Martin's new, air-conditioned post office building will be dedicated at 2 p.m., August 7...Jenny Wiley State Park's new amphitheatre may, next year, become the scene of a regional folk festival, staged under the auspices of the National Folk Festival Association...Prestonsburg's two urban renewal projects—the Courthouse Square and Central Business District parking areas—are expected to be completed within the next two weeks...The City Council of Martin, voted the adoption of a 20-year \$164,000 bond issue to finance construction of the town's sewer system and sewage disposal plant...Although America's commitment in Viet Nam is growing greater, and President Johnson, has indicated that Selective Service will increase its demands, the urgency of the situation was not reflected in Floyd County draft figures...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon, of a Hershey, Pennsylvania, a son, Kenneth James, July 12, at a Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, hospital. Mrs. Lyon is formerly of David...There died: William Grant Goble of the Auxier road, Monday, at the Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ballard Scalf, 77, of Tram, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Oid Thomas, 52, last Thursday, at his home at Water Gap; Whitt Martin, 93, July 26, at his home at Dema; Lora Spriggs, 71, of Auxier, Tuesday, at the Paintsville Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

July 28, 1955

Bloodhounds were sought, Monday, to help in the attempt to fix the blame for the

Yesterdays

dynamiting, late Sunday afternoon, of an electric power transmission pole and a casing-conduit for power from the surface into the No. 1 mine of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company...Four cabin sites in the Clark Branch area of Dewey Lake are being offered to bidders on a 20-year lease...The Farm Talent Round-up amateur contest, sponsored annually by Southern States Cooperative, will be held September 15, at the grade school here...The Air Defense Command, has notified Tom James, supervisor of the Ground Observers Corps observation post here, that a test exercise has been set for Sunday...The office of Pike County Sheriff Alex Blackburn failed, this week, when contacted by The Times, to confirm the story that a human leg was found in the Big Sandy River at Boldman, Thursday, of last week...The annual REA meet held at the new Prestonsburg High School grounds, here, last Thursday, attracted more than 3,500 persons...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Astor Meade, a son, Michael, July 22, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buchanan, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, July 19, at Dania, Florida...There died: Mrs. Mary Ann Harrington Mandt, 79, widow of W. F. Mandt, founder of the Stephens Elkhorn Fuel Corporation at Manton, Monday, at her home at Water Park, Florida; Joseph Lee Woods, eight-month-old son of Wesley and Donna Colver Woods, of Cow Creek, last Thursday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Gratz H. Elkins, 55, Tuesday, near his home at Little Paint; Mrs. Rhoda Ann Clifton, 66, Tuesday, at her home at Dwale.

Sixty Years Ago

July 26, 1945

Charles Chumley, new president of the Kiwanis Club, here, said last week, that

soon after the present political campaign is over, the Floyd County Club will be organized with a membership of 10,000 the goal...James Johns, 46, was critically wounded, Friday night, at Mare Creek by a shotgun blast...A.J. Martin has purchased the Court Street restaurant opened by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Goble, and Worley Boyd has begun operation of the restaurant adjoining the bus station which he has leased from J. M. Hall...There died: Frances E. Henderson, 75, pastor, of Mt. Zion Chapel at Justell, Friday, at Pikeville; George W. Copley, 69, Sunday, at Wayland; Mrs. Farmer Howell, 61, of Mossy Bottom, formerly of this county, Sunday, at Pikeville; Thomas Pennington, 31, Sunday, on Arkansas Creek; Flem Maynard, 75, near Thomas, Tuesday, of last week; Jim Ratliff, 80, also of Thomas, last Wednesday.

Seventy Years Ago

July 26, 1935

Body of nine-year-old Thomas James Hyden was found on a hillside, near Weeksbury, Friday morning, a day after he had almost been decapitated by the slash of a knife...The Court of Appeal, this week, ruled on a Floyd County case, and its opinion virtually ousted 5,000 school subdistrict trustees from office...David D. May, of Prestonsburg, was sworn in July 1, at a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y...First of the new WPA projects approved in this county, is the road from Harold to Branham's Creek...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Horner, of Langley, a son...There died: G. M. Elder, of Wayland, victim of a truck-auto collision, Saturday, near Emma; Mrs. Patsy Bolen, 106, on Rock Fork Creek, near Garrett; Clara Jean Childers, 8 months, Saturday, at Martin; Mrs. Bruce Blair, about 40, Friday, at Water Gap.

Critter

modified skin cells, but near the base there is a blood supply and nerve endings. This is the "quick" of the nail. As the claw grows out, the old outer cells loosen and fall off, almost like a snake shedding its skin. Owners sometimes find these old claw sheaths and think the cat has broken off a claw. Look closely, however, and you will see that these are hollow and papery, with no sign of blood. So, in a sense, cats really are "sharpening their claws" when they scratch surfaces, but not in the same way we would hone a knife.

Scratching serves other purposes as well; it exercises the tendons that control the claws, and it leaves behind "cat graffiti" that tells other cats it was there. So, knowing that scratching is an instinctive and necessary behavior in the wild state, doesn't it seem much more logical to give the cat an acceptable outlet for the activity than to try to stop it completely? Sure, you say; it makes perfect sense on paper. Trouble is, I already went that route. I bought him a scratching post and he won't use it. Generally, if a cat won't use a scratching post, there is a reason. Here's where you do a little detective work.

What is the cat destroying in

the house? The couch? The door frame? What makes these different from the scratching post? Most likely texture and location. If the sofa is upholstered in chintz and the post is covered with sisal, maybe Tiger is trying to tell you that he just doesn't like the feel of the rough covering against his feet. There's no law that says you can't re-cover the post. You may have to experiment with several types of fabrics and surfaces to find one he really likes. To keep him away from the furniture while trying to redirect his scratching, try covering it with heavy plastic, placing double-sided tape on the corners, or applying an indoor pet repellent spray. You don't have to limit the cat to one alternative scratching site. If you provide several different possibilities, sort of a scratching post smorgasbord, you may find out more quickly what he prefers. Some things to try are a variety of fabrics, posts of different heights, commercial scratching pads made of corrugated cardboard, and logs with the bark still attached. (Make sure these are not harboring insects or have been sprayed with any pesticides, fungicides, etc. before bringing them inside). Also try placing them in different loca-

tions. Notice how the scratching activity seems to be the worst on corners of furniture and near doors? Feral cats mark things that protrude out into the environment and near heavily traveled areas. Scratching leaves both a visual mark and a scent, which is unnoticeable to us, from glands in the footpads. So even if you'd prefer to have the post back in a corner, it may do a better job near the door, and it's less of an eyesore than a shredded sofa. This is another important point to remember: don't throw a well-used post away when it becomes worn and frayed. The cat has worked hard to get it to this point. He obviously likes the texture and the clawed surface reassures him that his territory is well marked.

Of course, there will always be a few cats that just refuse to give up shredding furniture, and, even worse, some that prefer to shred their owners, whether aggressively, or in play. Providing acceptable toys as targets of active play as well as using behavior modification techniques may curb these problems.

If you have a cat bent on destruction despite your best efforts to redirect his activities, what are your options? I'll discuss some of these next week.

Drift

served as hostess at the meeting, providing refreshments to fellow members Alice Osborne, Roney

Clark, Ruby Akers, Alma Mosley, Tootsie Akers, Sheila Pack and Jan Galenitta.

The next scheduled meeting of the GFWC-KFWC Drift Woman's Club is August 16.

'Red Hatters' enjoy Caribbean cruise

The "Seventies Sisters" of the Red Hat Society recently embarked upon a Royal Caribbean Cruise, June 25-30, to celebrate their 50th birthdays. Group members include: Betty Tackett, Rita Allen, Gwen Hamilton, Cheryl Hale, Debbie Hardee, Linda Shanault, and Connie Hubbard. Hats off, to you, ladies!



Appalachia

Allison, Barbara Kingsolver, Janice Holt Giles, Nikki Giovanni, and Annie Dillard - and powerful new voices. Authentic, vivid stories relate rich details of life in Appalachia: the cicada's song, homemade ice cream at church picnics, swimming in as-yet unspoiled waters, and quilts touched by the hands of several generations. Though each

author's firm sense of place is clear, the works collected in *Listen Here* also manage to transcend regional boundaries and offer universal insights into both the joys and the difficulties of life.

Sandra L. Ballard is editor of the *Appalachian Journal* and professor of English at Appalachian State University. Patricia L. Hudson, a former ref-

erence librarian at the University of Tennessee, is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in numerous national magazines.

The selected writings of Floyd Countians, Leatha Kendrick, of East Point, and Kathy L. May, of Charlottesville, Virginia, formerly of Prestonsburg, are included in the *Listen Here* anthology. Following are excerpts:

Refusing a Spinal from *Heart Cake* (2000) Leatha Kendrick

Six years old and pale that night, I was already experienced in surgery - days in my father's clinic, evenings when he let me ride along. This night the cow stood quiet, straining and backside bulging as if to split. I screeched, "Something's wrong!" I knew something had to be sideways when she hadn't waited for Dad to cut the clean window in her side and pull out the soaking calf and neatly sew the edges like two halves of a blanket hem-stitched. Not this mix of shit and straw, cobwebs greasy with old dust the one raw bulb hanging brown with fly droppings, the baby falling finally onto the slime.

No wonder the doctor said to me twenty-one years later when I requested natural childbirth (me in the chair and him behind the square expanse of desk in the right angles of his well-lit office, walls blazing with white rectangles) — no wonder he said to me that he could not understand why some women wanted to have their babies like cows in a barn. It was then I saw again the liquid gleaming globe of the cow's eye, the patient rhythm squeezing her sides, the calm heaving and the pale tips of the calf's hoofs tender as tulips as he left her, the swell and rush of water, the newborn swimming out into the half-dark of the barn.

I could not speak in that white room, was sobbing so hard as I left that my friend had to ask, "What's wrong? Did the baby die?" I could see my father watching from the shadows,

hear the rough scraping of the cow's tongue, regular as a heart urging the newborn onto his feet, her sudden lowing, so loud it startled me. My father loved to blast our ignorance, loved to laugh at any fear whitening our eyes. Running his hand along the sharp ridge of her spine, he said, "This is how things get born."

Rain from *Door to the River* (1991) Kathy L. May

The wooden barrel at the corner of the house spilled rain in storms and my mother washed her brown hair softer.

Cool and wet, she listened from the window. Her eyes were brown as the river while the barrel drowned in silver light.

I was five when my father stacked our beds on towers of blocks, hoisted tables to the ceiling and we left the house riding in a boat.

But we could have perched on the roof and floated downriver, water rushing wide and high, to the top of a mountain where the house would tangle sideways in the trees.

For years the scent of rain flooded my mother's house. In a dream we swam from room to room when she opened the door to the river.

Oak

was a teacher for 33 years. I can see how it must look to some people for a grown-up to inflict pain on a youngster's bottom with such a weapon.

I can't help but wonder, however, how I'd have fared educationally if corporal punishment had been banned when I went to grade school from 1945-53.

There's little doubt in my mind that had Walter Clay VanHoose not kept his paddle on top of his desk, in plain view, I may never have learned my multiplication tables. Had not Flora Adams backed up her words with a swat or two to my behind, I doubt I'd ever have learned the state capitals.

All I know is, the dread of the paddle kept this coal-camp kid on the straight and narrow. And, the few swats I received left no scars, either physically or emotionally. Even though it was rumored that Mr. Garfield Chandler, our principal, kept an electric paddle locked up in his office for use in extreme cases; all I know for sure is, the paddle, whether it was real or imagined, kept me focused, and did me no harm whatsoever.

As more and more school systems bring corporal punishment back into the classrooms across the country, we just might see fewer and fewer young people getting into serious trouble. After all, a slap on the bottom is a lot better than the sound of a judge's gavel, followed by a sen-

Weddings



Spurlock-Fredricks

Ricky and Cheryl Spurlock, of Printer, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jeni Jo Spurlock, to Jeffery Bruce Fredricks, the son of Bruce and Susan Fredricks, of London. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on August 6, 2005, at twelve o'clock in the afternoon, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort Hotel, in Lexington.

Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family is having a reunion, the Times will publish a picture, along with basic information, about the happy gathering. Stop by the Times office, located on 263 South Central Avenue (across from Ray Howard Furniture), or send info. to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com.



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CAR FOR SALE: 1998 Toyota Corolla LE, AT, AC, PS, cruise, side airbags, 112,000 miles. \$4500. 606-874-3999 Please leave message.

FOR SALE: 1988 Pontiac Bonneville, no title, good for parts. \$600 obo. Call 874-4094.

160-Motorcycles

FOR SALE: Two fully loaded Yamaha V-Star Classic Bikes. 03 650 Indigo Blue 370 miles, '02 1100 Titanium Silver 1980 miles. Priced together \$10,500. Sold separately 1100-\$5800 and 650-\$4700. Reason for selling: Wanting to upgrade. Must see to appreciate. Call 606-297-1667.

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

180-Trucks

Wanted used full size pick-ups 1998 thru 2003, will pay cash call 800-789-5301

FOR SALE: 1975 Ford dump truck, tilt front end, 12' bed. For more info call 606-478-9150.

EMPLOYMENT

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205-Bus. Opp.

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210-Job Listing

COST CUTTERS HAIR CARE FT/PT hair stylists needed in Pikeville WalMart Super Center. Great pay & benefits. Call or see Stephanie at 606-432-6629.

HELP WANTED: Appalachian Transportation Drivers Needed. 25 years old or older. must be able to pass drug test and must have clean driving record/criminal background check. Call 285-3140

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HELP WANTED: Welding position available. Call between 8 am to 5pm M-F. 285-9358.

HELP WANTED: Brash-N-Sassy, located in Prestonsburg, is now accepting applications for a licensed cosmetologist. All interested applicants please come by or call 886-0204 for more information.

WANTED: Land Agents needed to acquire oil and gas leases and perform title abstract work in local area. Experience preferred. Send resume and salary requirements to: Mason Dixon Energy, Inc., 101 Cambridge Place, Bridgeport, WV 26330 or email to cmurphy@mdenergy.com

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.

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Big Sandy Community & Technical College
Manager of Adult Education Programs (Grant Funded)
Job Description: This individual will assist in developing and implementing the Adult Education and Family Literacy initiatives, assist in establishing and maintaining performance reporting procedures and information to ensure adherence to local, state and federal policies and procedures, oversee program and recruitment/retention efforts, provide instruction in literacy, GED/ABE and developmental courses at the Prestonsburg campus, Floyd County Detention Center and at Adult Education sites in Floyd County, participate in required professional development activities and use technology resources to engage in ongoing development and lifelong learning. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's degree (education, counseling or related field) and three years of related work experience or equivalent. **Minimum Monthly Salary:** \$2,904.00
Adult Education Specialist II (Grant Funded)—4 Positions
Job Description: These individuals will provide instruction in literacy GED/ABE and developmental courses, assess and monitor learning, maintain knowledge of program regulations, policies and procedures, participate in required professional development activities, use technology resources to engage in ongoing professional development and lifelong learning and provide instruction on the Prestonsburg campus, off campus, Adult Ed sites in Floyd County and the Floyd County Detention Center. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's degree (education, counseling or related field) and three years of related work experience, or equivalent. **Minimum Monthly Salary:** \$2,597.00
Division Assistant (Grant Funded)
Job Description: This individual will perform data entry in AERIN database, schedule students for Pre-GED, TABE and ASSET testing as well as scheduling classes on the Prestonsburg campus and off campus sites, administer and score Pre-GED, TABE and ASSET tests, regularly update and maintain files with all new test scores and attend professional development activities. **Minimum Requirements:** High School Diploma/GED and one year related work experience, or equivalent. **Minimum Monthly Salary:** \$1,710.00
Procedure: Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110, or via email request: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863, Ext. 67370. Review of applications will begin August 10, 2005. Applications accepted until positions are filled. Applicants must submit a completed application, current resume with list of references, and three current letters of recommendation to: **Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.**

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Big Sandy Community & Technical College
Program Facilitator-Coal Careers (Grant Funded)
Job Description: This individual will market and promote the Coal Careers Program, establish and maintain a working relationship with the coal community leaders, serve as a liaison with other agencies to include KCTCS and other partner colleges, recruit, orient and register students, counseling and placement of students and recruit and hire adjunct faculty. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in education, business management, marketing, human resources or related field and three years of experience, or equivalent. Current certification in either underground or surface mining or both is a plus. **Minimum Monthly Salary:** \$2,904.00
Office Support Assistant—Coal Careers (Grant Funded)
Job Description: This individual will provide general clerical support for the Coal Careers Program to include: greeting public, answering telephone, organizing classes and scheduling facilities, performing budget and bookkeeping duties, ordering supplies, maintaining schedules, organizing and maintaining payroll assignment forms for all adjunct instructors with the program. **Minimum Requirements:** High school diploma and two years of related experience or equivalent. An associate degree or diploma is preferred. **Minimum Monthly Salary:** \$1,710.00
Student Affairs Assistant II (Anticipated Opening)
Job Description: This position will generate, perform general education certification, and send student transcripts of grades upon student request, participate in the registration and drop/add process each semester, and also in the grade entry process at the end of each semester, enter applications for Admissions and produce and mail acceptance letters for those students, work with other areas within the institution in the correction of problems and the fulfillment of any requests for information, complete verifications of enrollment, insurance forms and other miscellaneous forms, responsible for updating and maintenance of student records, work with coordinators and selection committees of three Allied Health programs by maintaining all paperwork for admittance and subsequent acceptance into the programs and attend all committee meetings. **Minimum Requirements:** Associate degree (related field) and one year related work experience, or equivalent. **Minimum Monthly Salary:** \$2,096.00
Procedure: Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110, or via email request: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863, Ext. 67370. Review of applications will begin August 8, 2005. Applications accepted until positions are filled. Applicants must submit a completed application, current resume with list of references, and three current letters of recommendation to: **Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.**

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HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 BR \$500 month & \$500 deposit. Call 478-5403.

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NOTICES

815- Lost & Found

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 877-0165 AMENDMENT 4

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 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, John Arnett 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, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127, South, Frankfort, Ky, 40601.

This is the final advertisement for this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

The proposed operation will disturb 11.4 surface acres, and will underlie 3816.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 3827.4 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from S.R. 7's junction with S.R. 2029, and located near the head of Raccoon Branch. The latitude is 37°30'50". The longitude is 82°53'40".

INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5306 MAJOR REVISION NO. 12

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO, INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.50 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The major revision will add an additional 8.56 acres of underground mining area making the total area within the revised boundary 1952.56 acres.

The operation is located 0.50 miles northeast of Emma in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.25 miles north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194 and located 0.30 miles northeast of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°38'31" and the longitude is 82°41'00".

The proposed major revision is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The major revision will underlie land owned by Brodis Gobel, Ed & Bertha Cline, J.G. Porter, and Forrest Burchett.

The major revision proposes to add an additional 8.56 underground acres to the existing permit.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement for this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5327 RENEWAL

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a renewal for an underground coal mining operation, located 4.6 miles northwest of Bosco, in Floyd and Magoffin Counties.

The proposed operation will disturb 11.4 surface acres, and will underlie 3816.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 3827.4 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from S.R. 7's junction with S.R. 2029, and located near the head of Raccoon Branch. The latitude is 37°30'50". The longitude is 82°53'40".

The proposed operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix. The operation will underlie land owned by Ellis Shepherd, Lindburg Hale, Artie Shepherd, Russell Shepherd, Elizabeth Howard Heirs, Reggie Shepherd, Opal Hale, Hayes Vanderpool, Silas Howard Heirs, Andy Osborne, Harold Wireman, Virgil Handshoe, Graydon Howard Jr., Nora Howard, Della Shepherd, Haley Whitaker, Virgie Shepherd, Ethel Vanderpool, Delphia and Norman Hale, Randal Risner, Jay Handshoe, Monroe Vanderpool, Robie Shepherd, Fred Shepherd, Eli Howard, Delphia

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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Allen and Glenn David May. The operation will underlie land owned by James Allen and Glenn David May. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road 1210. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources Mining Division, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5238 AMENDMENT NO. 3

1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Ky, 41839, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.9 mile northeast of Handshoe, in Knott and Floyd Counties. This amendment will not add any surface disturbance, but will underlie an additional 1992.0 acres, making a total area of 3595.7 acres within the amended permit boundary.

2) The proposed amendment is approximately 0.2 mile west from County Road 1280's junction with Ky. Hwy. 2029, and located along Lick Fork.

3) The proposed amendment is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., and Leslie Bradley. The amendment area will underlie land owned by Kentucky Department of Transportation, CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Mitchell Stephens, Leslie Bradley, Floyd Co. Fiscal Court, Johnny Hoover Heirs, First Commonwealth Bank, Lindburg Hale, Nadene Howard, Gary Handshoe, Pheba Handshoe Bryan, Clinton Handshoe, Eldree Handshoe, Ratliff Turner, Hershel and Margaret Handshoe, Bessie Conley, Lois

INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0311

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Noble Coal LLC, P.O. Box 489, Allen, KY 41601, has applied for a permit for surface and underground/auger coal mining operation, located 2.00 miles southeast of Blue River, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 68.45 surface acres and will underlie 28.50 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 96.95 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.50 mile southeast of KY Route 404's junction with KY Route 1210, and located 0.20 mile east of the Caney Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by James

Conley, Oakley Conley, Bradford Handshoe, Cletis Howard, Kirstina Strohschein and Beulah Leitch, Sharon Chaffins, Michael Crager, Wanda Hutchinson, Marvin and Janet Shepherd, Levisa Coburn Estate, Western Pocahontas Properties Ltd., Rex and Madge Hicks, Rosa Oney, Velton Prater, Charles and Becky Howard, Kenneth Bailey, Clyde Bailey, D.D. Compton and Betty Compton. The operation will affect an area within 100' of public road Ky. Hwy. 2029 and Lick Fork Road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public roads.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Floyd Circuit Court 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 Thursday, 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,

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WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-2812

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.

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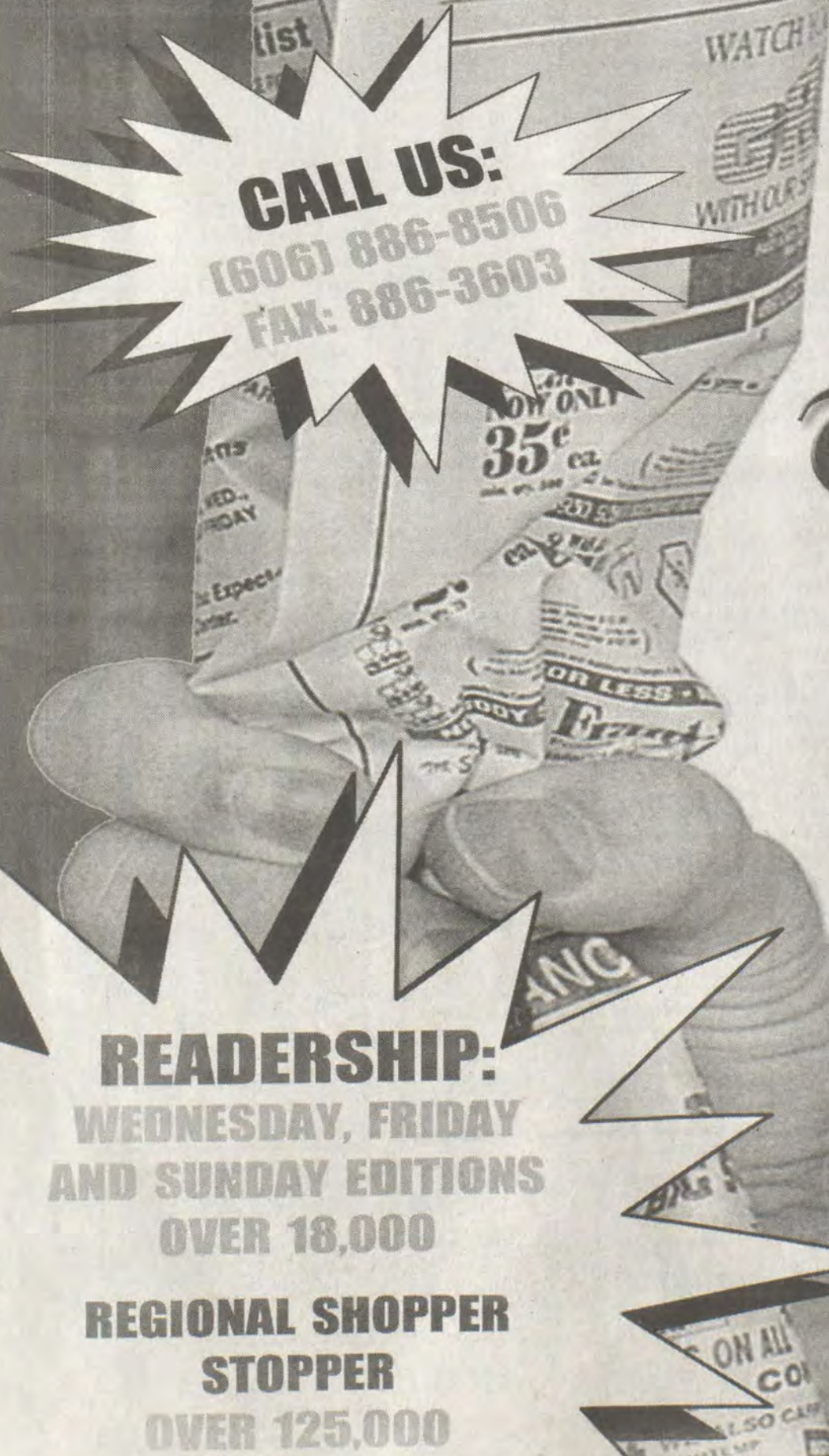
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This Week: Tide Pools

SMART FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME

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Tide Pools

Twice each day the ocean water rises and falls along the coastline. This is called the **tide**. At high tide, the ocean water covers the seashore. At low tide, the water recedes and much of the shoreline is left exposed. But not all of it. As the tide goes out, pools of water are left behind. These pools, called **tide pools**, shelter many living creatures from the hot sun.



Standards Link: Life Science: Different animals inhabit different kinds of environments.

Weekly Writing Corner

Tidepool Treasures

One day I was exploring the tide pools and I saw a shark jaw and I took it to a marine biologist. Then I told him that I thought it was a shark jaw, he said, "Yes it is!"

Melissa
4th grade

One day I was exploring tide pools along the shore and I discovered a beautiful mermaid.

Grecia
4th grade

One day I was exploring tide pools along the shore and I discovered a family of crabs, a large crab, medium crab, small crab, and a baby crab. A four-crab family and they lived happily ever after. The End.

Marissa
5th grade

One day I was exploring tide pools along the shore and discovered a rare species of a starfish and then realized it had wings. It was fascinating to research it — how it moved. Until one day I accidentally left the window open and all of a sudden the flying starfish flew out of the window and was never seen ever again.

Jerri
6th grade

One day I was exploring tide pools, I discovered my long lost math homework that had been due in second grade. I kept it for memories instead of turning it in.

Katrina
6th grade

One day, I was exploring the tide pools along the shore and discovered a talking crab! It told me that it did not like to live in the ocean, because the ocean was getting more and more polluted. I told everyone to pick up their trash and not pollute the ocean, and now the crab is happily living underneath the waves!

Dariella
6th grade

One day I was exploring along the shore and discovered a lot of little animals. Some were slimy and some were rough. Some were small and some were smaller. But the one that caught my attention was a weird thing with little hands sticking out of it and squirting water. And that is what I discovered along the shore.

Miguel
6th grade

Tide Pool Creatures Memory Game

- Cut out each of the playing cards and glue them to some heavier paper, such as construction paper.
- Shuffle the cards and lay them face down on a table. Make four rows with five cards in each row as shown here:

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- With one or more friends, take turns flipping over two cards at a time. If you match two creature cards, keep the cards. If you don't get a match, flip the cards back over but leave in the same position.
- The game ends when all of the matches have been taken. The person with the most pairs wins.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions. Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in different kinds of places; there is variation among individuals of one kind within a population; students know examples of diverse life forms in different environments.





















Extra! Extra!

Perfect Pairs

Look through the newspaper to find two things that go together. Explain why the two things belong together.

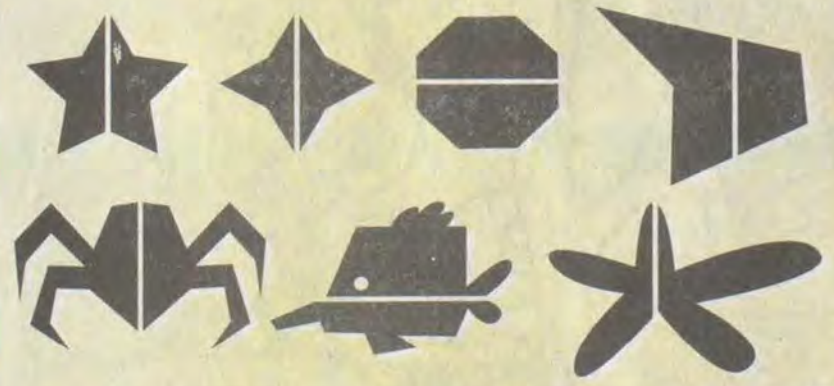
Standards Link: Investigation: Students recognize similarities and difference in common objects.



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|  The hermit crab is a type of crab that doesn't have a hard shell. It uses other animals' old shells for protection. |  When a hermit crab grows, it must find and move into a larger shell. |  The biggest crab is the Japanese spider crab. It has a 12 foot (3.7 meter) leg span. |  Crabs are 10-legged animals that walk sideways. There are nearly 5,000 different species of crabs. |
|  Limpets cling to rocks using their muscular "foot." They scrape off and eat algae as they crawl slowly along rocks. |  No one knows how they do this, but limpets return each night to the same place on their rock. |  A clam is an animal that has two shells to protect its soft body. There are more than 15,000 species of clams worldwide. |  The biggest clam is the giant clam, which grows up to 4.8 feet (1.5 meters) long and weighs up to 550 pounds (250 kilograms). |
|  Barnacles start life as tiny shrimp-like animals. They attach themselves head first to a solid surface such as a rock, dock or ship. |  Some barnacles have been found attached to whales. Once attached, a barnacle forms a hard shell around its body. |  Sea anemones look like flowers, but they are predatory animals. The anemone uses its tentacles to capture and sting prey. |  Once a sea anemone's food is caught, it closes its body around it and digests its meal within 15 minutes. |
|  A sea urchin is a spiny animal that has teeth on its bottom side. It uses its teeth to scrape algae from rocks. |  Some sea urchins have poison in their spines. Urchins use their spines to dig holes for burrowing and as protection from attackers. |  Living sand dollars are brown and are covered with short spines that feel like velvet. Sand dollars burrow into the sand to hide from predators. |  It takes a sand dollar one to three minutes to cover itself. That is fast enough to escape from a slow-moving sea star. |
|  The sand castle worm builds a tubular home for itself with sand and a sticky mucus it makes with its own body. |  When under water, sand castle worms extend tentacles from the tube to trap tiny bits of food. |  The sea cucumber may look like the vegetable cucumber, but it is an animal that is related to the sea star. |  To escape attackers, a sea cucumber turns itself inside out and throws its internal organs at the enemy. The organs grow back. |

SYMMETRICAL CHALLENGE

Some shapes can be split into two identical parts. Things with matching halves are said to be "symmetrical." Circle the shapes that are symmetrical.



Standards Link: Math/Geometry: Identify figures that have bilateral symmetry.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Times Two

Search through the newspaper for 20 numbers that are multiples of 2. Clip and glue the numbers on a sheet of paper in order from smallest to largest.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Recognize and know multiples.

What is The best way To catch a fish?

ANSWER: Have someone throw one to you.

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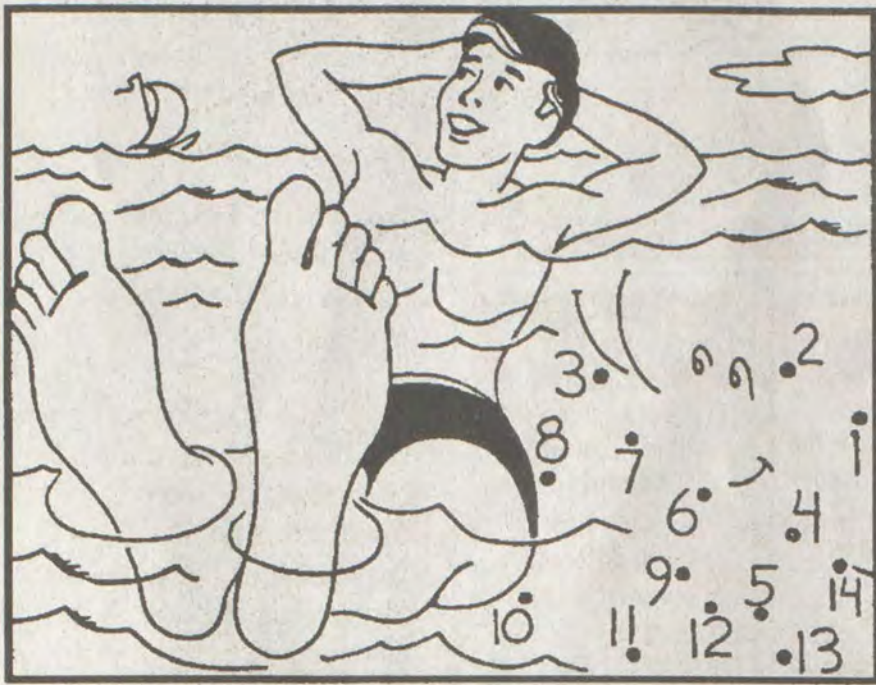
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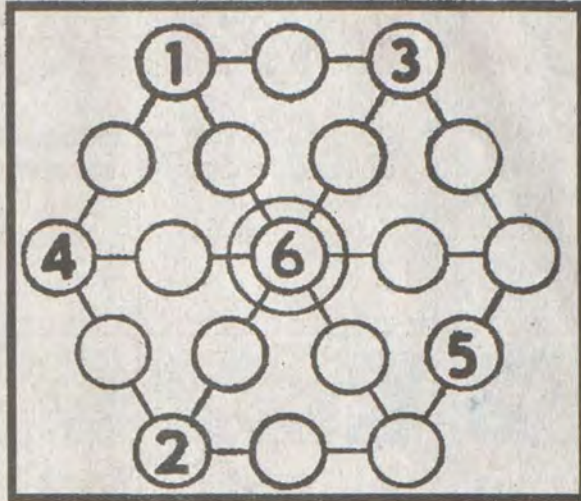
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NUMERICAL 6-PACK PUZZLEMENT

NUMBER six inserted at center of diagram, left, is a reminder that the overall figure is a hexagon, and it is also an indicator that radiating from it are six equilateral triangles.

You are asked to arrange missing numbers 1-19 in these triangles so that the sum of each three-number side is 23.

Numbers appearing in some triangles make this an easy enough task, but others demand some juggling.

Remember, missing numbers are between 1 and 19; three-number sides total 23.

See if you can work it out.

Top, across—1,19,3; next row—18,16,14,12; then—4,13,6,9,8; next—17,15,7,5; bottom—2,11,10.

WHA DOT! Let's face it, our swimmer friend is not alone. What can you draw dot-to-dot to complete the picture?

ROYAL FLUSH! Try matching old-time kings with their countries. Kings: Harold Fairhair, Harold Bluetooth, Harold Harefoot. Countries: England, Norway, Denmark.

Fairhair—Norway, Bluetooth—Denmark, Harefoot—England.

IN CROWD! Welcome, Mr. Balloonist. Thank you for dropping IN on our word test. Object here is to find progressively longer words beginning with IN, in accord with the following definitions:

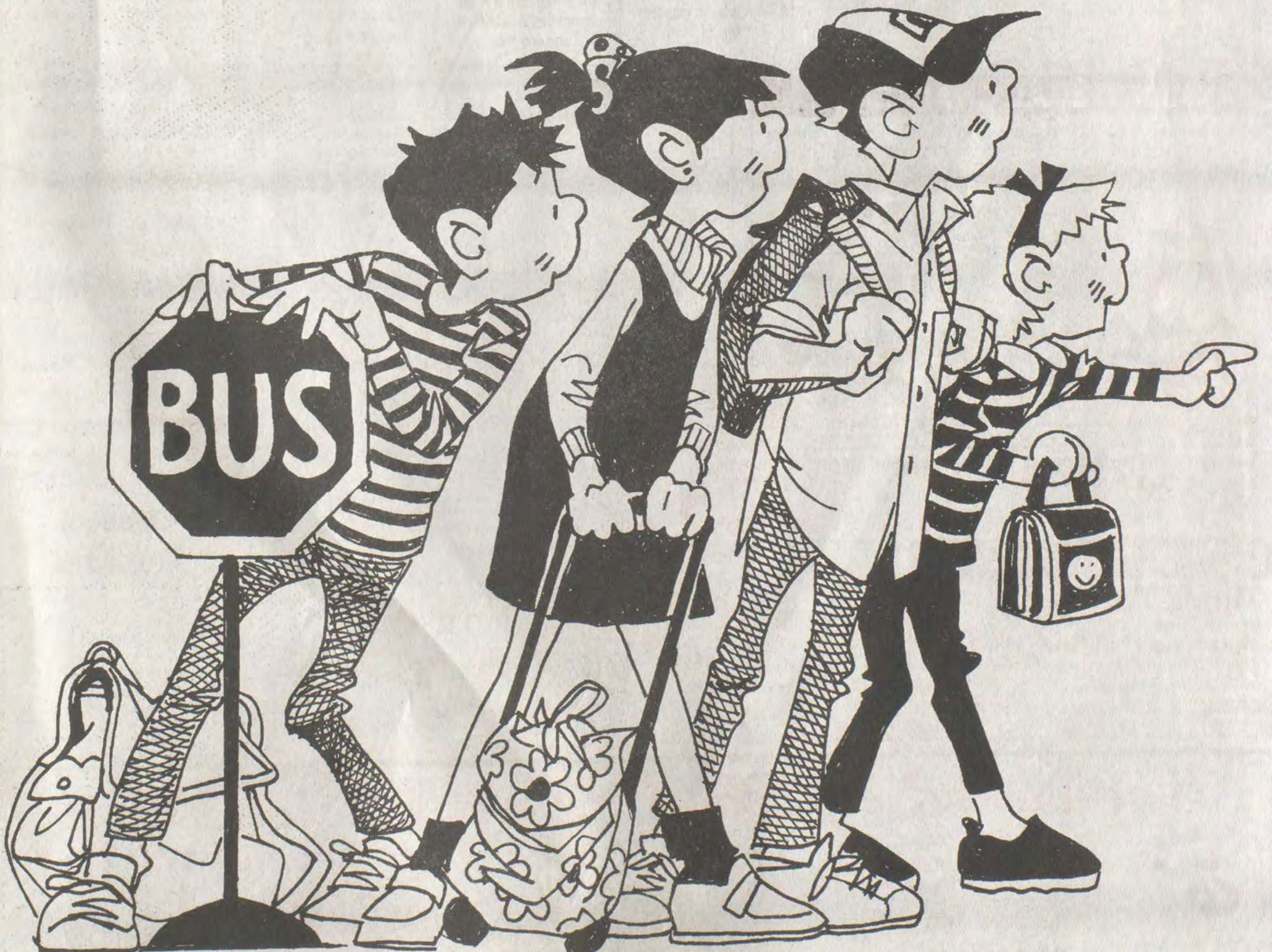
- 1. Opposite of out.
- 2. Writing fluid.
- 3. Drag in traffic.
- 4. Gandhi's country.
- 5. Ant, for instance.
- 6. Quick-fix coffee.
- 7. Casual dress mode.

How quickly can you answer?

1. In. 2. Ink. 3. Inch. 4. India. 5. Insect. 6. Instant. 7. Informal.

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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name: _____

My Kid Scoop™

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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Swimming Seal

Seal plays in the sun! Seal gets warm and wants to cool off. Help seal find his way to the sea.



My Letters

S is for Sun

s is for sun



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter S. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the S sound like the word sun?

My Numbers

How many stars?

How many spaceships?

How many spoons?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

The sun was shining on the sea,
Shining with all his might:
He did his very best to make
The billows smooth and bright—
And this was odd, because it was
The middle of the night.

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.



On sunny days



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter S in the word sun.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 5 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Day or Night?
With your child, look at pictures in the newspaper. Ask, "Was this picture taken during the **daytime** or the **night**?" Discuss which clues in a picture tell whether it is day or night.

Wednesday

What's the weather?
Show your child the weather page in the newspaper. Talk about what the symbols mean. Ask your child which symbol shows today's weather. Ask what he/she thinks the weather will be tomorrow.

Thursday

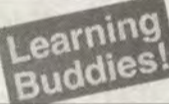
Things To Do On Sunny Days
Look through the newspaper for things you can do with your family on a sunny day. Turn to today's weather page. Show your child the weather forecast and see how many sunny days are expected this week.

Friday

Before and After
Look at a picture in the newspaper. Ask your child what he/she thinks happened before the picture was taken. What might have happened after?

Saturday

Circle Time
With your child, look through the newspaper for things that are in the shape of a circle. Help your child trace the shape of the circle and name it as you are tracing it. For example, "This is a circle. An orange is round like a circle."



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Rational Numbers

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**
- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
 - One-half of 12-Down
 - One-half of 7-Down
 - 9-Down minus 16-Down
 - 4-Across plus 11-Across
 - Four less than 11-Down
 - Two times 15-Across
 - Three times 8-Across
 - Consecutive digits in descending order
 - The last digit is the sum of the other digits
 - The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- DOWN**
- One-third of 17-Across
 - Forty more than 7-Down
 - 10-Across times 10-Down
 - Nine less than 2-Down



Rational Numbers answers

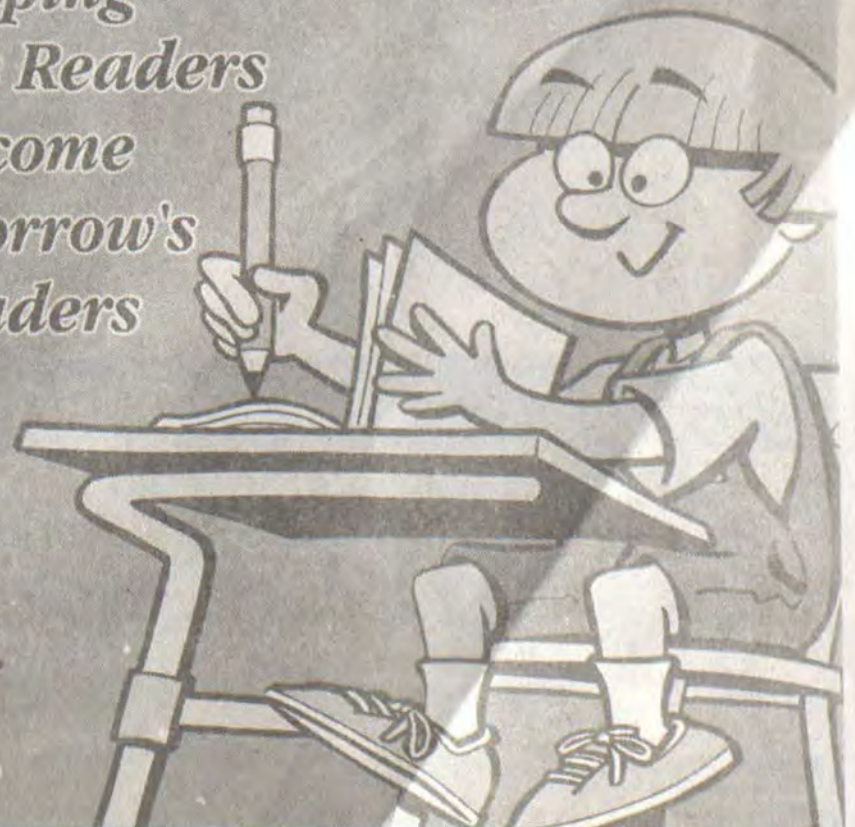


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PANDAS

A taste for bamboo

Pandas are picky eaters and live almost exclusively on bamboo. If the bamboo forests disappear the panda would die of starvation. (This bear eats a lot!) At least 12 hours of every day are spent eating. The giant panda consumes up to 40 percent of its weight (up to 85 pounds, or 38.5 kg) every day. In the spring, it feasts on young bamboo shoots, in the summer bamboo leaves make the meal, and in the dead of winter, the bear lives on the stems of the bamboo tree.

In the forests of China there are many kinds of bamboo, but only a few species grow in the mountains where pandas live. Every 10 or 12 years, bamboo plants flower and die off. This forces the pandas to migrate to a new area. It is becoming more and more difficult for the panda to find suitable bamboo forests.

Location, location

Wild pandas can only be found in **China**. They prefer the lush, rainy mountains of the southwest and live at altitudes between 3,000 and 10,000 feet.

In addition to poaching and a low birth rate, one of the main threats to the giant panda is habitat destruction and fragmentation. To address habitat loss, the Chinese government has created 12 nature preserves where **bamboo** is plentiful and giant pandas are known to roam. Strips of land, called "bamboo corridors," are being planted to help the pandas migrate when they need to.



Range of the giant panda

What's in a name?

In China, the giant panda is a symbol of **peace** and is called "da xiong mao," which means "giant bear cat." The scientific or Latin name for the giant panda is *Ailuropoda melanoleuca*. Female pandas are called sows, males are called boars, and the young are called cubs.

Characteristics

The giant panda can grow 5 to 6 feet (1.5 to 1.8 m) long. An adult weighs 150 to 275 pounds (68 to 125 kg). For many years scientists debated whether pandas are bears, **raccoons** or in a special group of their own. DNA tests have indicated that the giant panda is related to bears.

Close relatives

The red panda (also known as the **lesser panda**) is a close relative of the giant panda. Scientists once thought the red panda was related to the raccoon (which it resembles), but DNA tests have shown that it is genetically similar to the giant panda. This shy and solitary creature can be found in southern Asia. Red pandas are listed as endangered.



Red Panda
Ailurus fulgens

The red panda is about the size of a cat. It is primarily nocturnal, and feeds on bamboo and fruit.

Despite efforts to protect it, the giant panda is still in danger of extinction. Habitat destruction and hunting have taken a toll on populations. Only about 1,600 of these black-and-white bears remain in the wild.

Besides being adorable, the giant panda has many interesting and unique characteristics.



Panda molars

Molars are teeth used for grinding food.



Human molars

Bamboo is a very sinewy and tough plant, and strong jaws are needed to chew it. The panda has large teeth and well-developed muscles to make eating easier.

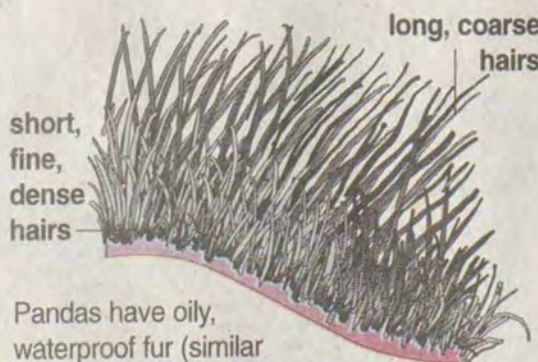


Pandas tend to eat in a seated position. Their front paws have adapted to help them hold bamboo. Their paws have five clawed fingers, plus a bone on each palm that looks and acts much like a thumb. Unlike other bears, pandas do not walk on their hind legs.



Giant panda Other bears

The giant panda has excellent eyesight, but it has unusual eyes for a bear. Most bears have round pupils, but the panda has vertical slits, like a cat's pupil.



Pandas have oily, waterproof fur (similar to seal fur) with a dense undercoat that protects them from the wet and cold.

Having babies

The giant panda breeds from March to May and gives birth in August or September. The female can give birth to one, two or three cubs, but usually only one cub will survive. At birth, the cubs are white, furless and blind. They are exceptionally tiny, weighing about 3 to 5 ounces (85 to 141 g). The cubs will develop their black and white coloring at about 4 weeks old. They open their eyes at 6 to 7 weeks and become mobile at 3 to 4 months. They begin to eat bamboo at around 6 months. Cubs nurse for about nine months and often remain with the mother for one or two years. They are not considered fully grown until they are 4 to 6 years old. In captivity, giant pandas have been known to live for more than 30 years.

Captive breeding

In 1955, China began attempts to breed the giant panda in captivity. But it was eight years before they succeeded. On Sept. 9, 1963, a giant panda named Li Li gave birth to Ming Ming at the Beijing Zoo. In general, giant pandas do not breed well in captivity. There are about 110 to 120 giant pandas in captivity. Most of these are in China. In North America, giant pandas can be found at the Memphis Zoo in Tennessee, the San Diego Zoo in California, the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and Zoo Atlanta in Georgia.

Did you know?

Giant pandas are technically carnivores (meat eaters). Despite the fact that they live almost exclusively on bamboo, they will eat small mammals if they can catch them. Giant pandas have unusually thick and heavy bones for their size. They are also very flexible.



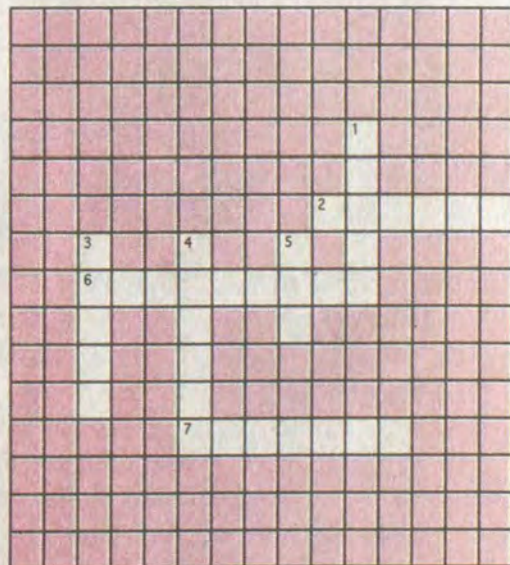
Because bamboo is not highly nutritious and pandas do not have very efficient digestive systems, they need to eat large amounts in order to stay healthy.

Shy and solitary

Giant pandas are not social creatures and prefer to live alone. Small groups may share a feeding range, but they only get together to breed. Because this animal is very shy, scientists know very little about its habits in the wild. Giant pandas do not live in a permanent den, but take shelter wherever it is convenient. In winter, they do not **hibernate**, but move to lower altitudes where it is warmer and food is more plentiful.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Main food of the giant panda
 - Giant pandas do not do this in winter.
 - Scientists once thought pandas were related to this animal.
- DOWN**
- In its homeland, the giant panda is a symbol of this.
 - Where wild giant pandas live
 - The red panda is also known as this.
 - The red panda is about the size of this animal.



- ANSWERS**
- ACROSS**
- BAMBOO
 - HIBERNATE
 - RACCOON
- DOWN**
- PEACE
 - CHINA
 - LESSER CAT

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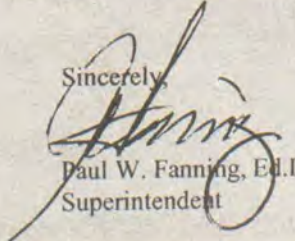
We welcome you to the 2005-2006 school year. While extending our best wishes for the future success to the Class of 2005, we also welcome the new students and their families entering our district in August 2005.

The Kentucky Board of Education has released the district from state management and assistance due to progress made at the district and school levels and we must continue the progress to benefit students. Parents and citizens are invited to visit our schools and become a part of plans to seek the fulfillment of our mission to educate all students for proficiency as lifelong learners. Accomplishment of proficiency requires the helpful involvement of parents and communities who desire to build a future for their children in partnership with schools.

While the school board provides general governance of the school system through its policies, students and parents must also realize that each school has a legally established school council (SBDM), which has a large responsibility in determining programs and services at the school level. The school board encourages you to attend the council meetings along with issuing an invitation to attend board meetings that are scheduled throughout the year in different school locations. We also encourage you to volunteer for service on school committees and other support groups for the varied curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities that may be a part of the school. Telephone numbers of school board offices and schools are included in this "Back to School" edition.

Students and parents will receive a **2005-2006 Student Handbook and Code of Conduct** in August which will be provided by our school board. The school where your child attends will also distribute information to help you assist the school in educating your child. We ask you to review these documents and make yourself, along with your child, familiar with the expectations we have of you and your child. Mutual understanding of these expectations will be supportive of your child's progress in becoming a proficient student.

Sincerely,


Paul W. Fanning, Ed.D.
Superintendent

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Floyd County, Kentucky



DISTRICT MOTTO

"Building Proficiency TOGETHER"

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

Floyd County Schools strive to develop learning communities of excellence.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Floyd County Schools is to educate all students to become proficient life-long learners.

DISTRICT BELIEFS

- All students will be provided equitable opportunities to achieve at high levels, through appropriate, efficient and effective resources.
- Planning for success at all levels is essential.
- School-community collaboration and communication among all stakeholders (parents, students, educators, and community leaders) are essential for proficient learning communities of excellence.
- All students deserve to attend schools that are safe and clean.
- All students deserve to be treated with courtesy and respect.
- Floyd County students deserve to be taught by well-trained, qualified, and caring professionals, who expect high performance from all students.
- All students can learn at high levels.
- Higher expectations for students, schools, and community, lead to higher performance.

Adopted by Floyd County Board of Education, June 24, 2002

Alert! Alert! Alert! Alert! Alert! Alert! Alert! Alert!

Is Your Child Ready For School?

State law requires all students to have certain records on file at school.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Pre-School and Kindergarten (3-year-old special needs, 4-year-old special needs and income eligible)

1. Children attending kindergarten must be 5 years old by October 1, 2005
2. Must have an official birth certificate. (Must be full-size.)
3. Valid Kentucky immunization certificate.
4. Medical examination (KDE-dated December, 1999).

YOUR CHILD CANNOT ENROLL INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR, UNLESS THEY HAVE MET THESE REQUIREMENTS.

These items must be completed and the proper certificate for each item submitted to the school principal, prior to, or on the opening day of school.

Kentucky Eye Examination form for school entry dated 8/2000.
The Early Childhood Development law, requires all children entering public preschool, public school headstart or public school for the first time this fall, to have evidence of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

6th Grade

1. Hepatitis B vaccines.
2. A medical examination on KDE approved form-dated December, 1999.

***NEW REQUIREMENT—One (1) dose of Td given at thirteen (13) years of age, if at least five (5) years have elapsed since the last dose of Dtap, DTP, or DT.**

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact your local health department or your private physician.

High School—Parents, check your child's immunization cert. (shot) record for expiration date.

TD (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccination needed in high school when immunization certificate has expired. ALL SHOTS must be listed on the immunization certification to be valid.

Students who fail to meet these requirements cannot be allowed to enroll in school or begin classes.

For further information, contact
Jennifer C. Martin,
District Health Coordinator/School Nurse
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GEAR-UP will serve students in 7th-10th grades for the 2005-2006 academic year.



For more information on these and other activities, contact the GEAR-UP Student Facilitator for your school.

- Betty Davis: Allen Elementary, Adams Middle School & Prestonsburg High School
- John Little: Allen Central Middle & High schools & South Floyd Middle & High schools.
- Vicki Preston: Betsy Layne Elementary, Betsy Layne High School & Stumbo Elementary.

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2005-06 Floyd County school calendar

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|----------------------|--|
| August 5 | Professional Day - Teachers |
| August 8 | Professional Day - Teachers |
| August 9 | Opening Day - Teachers |
| August 10 | First Day of School for Students |
| September 5 | Labor Day - 1st Holiday - No School |
| October 5-7 | Fall Break - No School |
| October 7 | E.K.E.A. - No School |
| November 23-25 | Thanksgiving Break - No School |
| November 23 | Professional Day - No School |
| November 24 | Thanksgiving Day - 2nd Holiday - No School |
| December 16 | Last Day of School Before Christmas Break |
| December 22-30 | Christmas Break - No School |
| December 23 | Professional Development Day - No School |
| December 26 | Christmas - 3rd Holiday - No School |
| December 30 | New Year's - 4th Holiday - No School |
| January 2 | First Day of School After Christmas Break |
| January 16 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School |
| February 20 | Professional (and President's) Day - No School |
| March 27-31 | Spring Break - No School |
| May 10 | Last Day of School for Students |
| May 11 | Closing Day - Teachers |

NOTES:

- KEA Days - April 6-7
- CATS testing window - April 17-28
- Calendar includes 6.5-hour instructional day to bank time (13 days banked). Banked time will be used as make-up time for days missed to to weather, emergency, illness, etc.
- Calendar subject to change due to inclement weather. Fall, Christmas and Spring Breaks will not be changed.
- May 16 is Primary Election Day. Since SB 7 prohibits students from being in attendance on that day, May 16 will be crossed out if days missed must be added to the calendar.

Calendar Construction: 175 Instructional Days, 4 Professional Development Days, 4 Holidays, 1 Opening Day, 1 Closing Day for a total of 185 Days.

All 240-day employees will have two additional holidays: May 29 and July 4.

Extended School Services (ESS) — a valuable resource for students

What is Extended School Services (ESS)?

Extended School Services or ESS is a program designed to allow schools to provide extra time and help for students from the primary grades through high school that may be having problems with their schoolwork. This is not a detention after school program. This is designed to support and assist students in the learning process. Extended School Services (ESS) is an opportunity for students during all phases of learning. ESS does not interfere with regular classes since it is offered outside the normal school hours. ESS supports the regular academic program; it does not replace it. It is not a separate program—it is a continuation of the regular classroom program. There is a carefully coordinated effort between teacher and the ESS teacher to find the study option that is right for each student. Student learning in an ESS classroom concentrates on the subject or study skill that is causing the student difficulty in the regular classroom.

Who needs ESS?

A student does not have to be failing a subject or class to be helped by the many ESS offerings. ESS can solve minor study troubles before they become major problems. There is rarely a student who, at some time or other, doesn't need extra help with his or her homework. Extended School Services offers different types of help for all students—extra time to complete a class project, the opportunity to brush up on study skills, time to complete assignments after an extended illness or help understanding concepts. Students who face these difficulties are candidates for help through ESS. Extra time and assistance are available to help students master material rather than them simply floundering and possibly dropping out of school. Help includes peer tutoring, small class instruction, homework support and improvement of study skills. Students enter and exit ESS courses on referrals from their regular classroom teacher(s), their parent or by students themselves. ESS is rarely a long-term effort, although the amount of time is flexible to serve the needs of each student. ESS is not just for a student who may be failing. ESS is for students who may have short-term problems with studies. Even students who usually perform at average levels may occasionally encounter problems with their schoolwork. For example, if a student is enrolled in a required science class and experiences problems, her or she may request extra help through an ESS program. Students are referred to ESS when they are not meeting academic expectations of their instructional programs. **Due to limited funds however, a district may not be able to serve all students at the time of their initial referral.**

What services may students receive?

Common services include tutoring and small class instruction. Many schools provide homework assistance and instruction for study skills improvement. Support services such as parent training, transportation, and school-based counseling may also be provided to enhance the program. Each district determines the services to be provided in its ESS programs based upon student needs.

ESS classes offer students:

- smaller class size and more personalized attention,
- more time for learning important ideas and study skills,
- teachers who understand the different ways each student learns the best,
- personal confidence building and success in school work, and, last but not least,
- ESS is there to HELP STUDENTS in many different ways!

Look into your school's ESS program to see if it can be of help. Contact the ESS coordinator or talk with your child's teacher and ask if ESS would help your child sharpen study skills.

ESS Coordinators

in Floyd County Schools:

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| Adams Middle..... | Pat Dye |
| Allen Central High | Charlotte Moore |
| Allen Cental Middle | Pam Combs |
| Allen Elementary | Tammy Noble |
| Betsy Layne Elem..... | Kathy Wagner, |
| | Katrina Davis |
| Betsy Layne High..... | Brenda Porter |
| Clark Elementar | Emily Campbell |
| Duff | Beverly Scott |
| May Valley Elem..... | Virginia Martin |
| McDowell Elem..... | Stacy Shannon |
| Osborne Elem..... | Jan Akers |
| Opportunities Unlimited | Mitzi Crisp |
| Prestonsburg Elem. | Bobby Hackworth |
| Prestonsburg High | Tommy Poe |
| South Floyd High | To Be Announced |
| South Floyd Middle..... | Connie Jackson |
| Stumbo Elem. School..... | Suzanne Spencer |

Home-schooling statistics

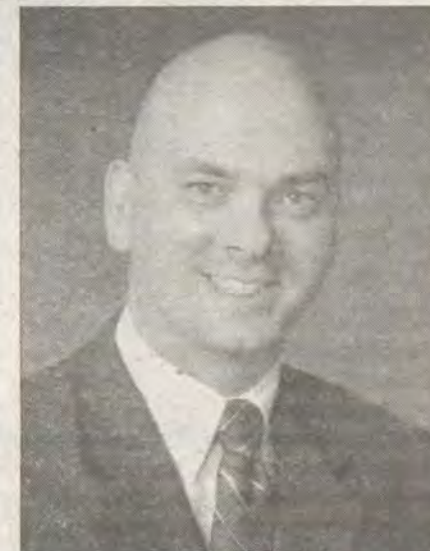
According to the National Home Education Research Institute, 1 to 2 million students were home schooled during the 2003-04 school year. That accounts for approximately 2 to 4 percent of the school-age population of the United States. The numbers have increased considerably since a 1999 U.S. Census report that indicated 850,000 children were home schooled that year. Although reasons for home schooling vary, some attribute it to overcrowding in traditional schools, increased outbreaks of school violence, or a general dissatisfaction with public schools. Home schooling is legal in all 50 states; however, each state varies in its requirements for teacher certification and administrative duties.



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Backpack basics: Picking the perfect pack



Walk around a schoolyard, and you are guaranteed to see one thing — backpacks. The backpack has become a popular and practical way for children of all ages to tote their books, pencils and more. But you can't just choose the coolest-looking one in the store — you have to make sure it fits properly so that you don't end up hurting yourself.

When back-to-school shopping for a new backpack, it's important to look for the right size bag for you. Bigger is not always better. The bag should fit your body size. You can find these recommendations on the manufacturer's tag.

You also want to make sure the bag can hold what you need. So bring along some books, binders and other school supplies so you can simulate what will go into the bag. You don't want to overstuff it. If it gets too heavy, not only will it ruin the bag, but it also will injure your spine, muscles and joints, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, which can lead to severe back, neck and shoulder pains as well as posture problems.

When trying on a backpack, check the waist belt and shoulder straps. The bag should have two wide, padded shoulder straps to distribute weight evenly. Narrow straps can dig into shoulders, and backpacks with one shoulder strap don't allow for even weight distribution. These straps should rest equally on the shoulders, allowing the pack to sit comfortably on the back. It's too low if it hangs down and hits your rear, and it's too high if it rests on your neck. Use shoulder straps to adjust the height to 2 inches above your waist. If you can't adjust the height to this level, search for a another backpack.

Also look for a bag with a waist belt, which can help distribute the weight of the load more evenly. It should buckle and adjust like a regular belt. Make it snug enough to keep the pack from moving but loose enough that you can breathe comfortably.

The backpack should also have a padded back and be lightweight. The padding makes it more comfortable and protects you from the protruding sharp edges of any objects inside. And a lightweight backpack ensures that you aren't carrying unnecessary extra weight from the bag itself.

Pack it right. Overall, you should be comfortable and balanced when you wear it. You

shouldn't have to lean forward; that means it's overloaded. According to Backpack Safety America (www.backpacksafe.com), an online resource for backpack safety, the maximum weight of a loaded backpack should not exceed 15 percent of your body weight. For example, a child who weighs 100 pounds shouldn't wear a loaded backpack heavier than 15 pounds. If the backpack exceeds 15 percent of your body weight, take some unnecessary items out and reorganize them, using all compartments and placing heavier items near the center of the bag. Pack items neatly so that they stay in place and don't slide around, shifting weight from side to side.

The right backpack is not a surefire guarantee to bring you to the head of the class, but it definitely can help bring your supplies to class!

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Floyd County schools policy on dispensing medications

Except for prescription medication that is delivered to school by the parent(s)/guardian(s), internal medicine (including aspirin) shall not be kept at school for the purpose of administering to pupils. Antiseptic and appropriate other emergency medications shall be maintained in the first-aid kit. Upon written parental request, pupils may take medicine that is brought from home and is specifically prescribed/ordered for the pupil by the pupil's personal physician. The request shall be in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Written documentation from the physician must be obtained prior to the school personnel witnessing students taking medication at school or at school-related events.

2. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and school administrators shall meet to discuss the student's medication needs prior to any school personnel witnessing students taking medication at school or at school-related events.

3. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must sign an authorization card in order for school per-

sonnel to witness a student's taking medication. Schools shall accept only those medications that shall be administered for at least a two-week period or longer and only those medications brought to school by parent(s)/guardian(s). Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are encouraged to schedule times of administration so that a minimum of doses shall be given during the school day.

4. Medication shall be brought to school in the original prescription container, which shall include the student's name and prescribed dosage of the medicine. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) shall bring to school only the amount of medication needed during school hours, and the school shall accept only a month's supply of medication for any student

5. All medication brought to school by parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be left in the Principal's office and kept under lock and key in a secure location designated by the Principal. Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, a student may be permitted to carry medication that has

been prescribed or ordered by a physician to stay on or with the pupil due to a pressing medical need i.e., an asthma inhaler).

6 Two (2) designated school personnel shall witness students taking medication. A log containing date, time, amount, student's name, etc. shall be kept.

7. Students shall not share any prescription or over-the-counter medication with another student. Each year, the District shall notify students in writing of this prohibition and that violations shall result in appropriate disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion.

8. If prescribed medication must be taken during a school trip, a school staff member trained to administer the medication must have the following items in his/her possession: authorization to give medication, medication log, and the medication in its original container labeled with all necessary information. The medication and authorization must have been provided by the parent/guardian according to district policy for dispensing medication.

Floyd County schools lice policy

School personnel shall actively pursue the prevention and control of head lice in the District's schools by developing a consistent screening and follow-up program for all students. Principals and other designated school personnel shall screen students by using the following guidelines:

1. When students are observed/reported to have head lice anytime during the school year:

a. The entire class/classes shall be checked for lice infestation as soon as possible.

b. Students with an active case of head lice shall be discretely isolated while the parent(s)/guardian(s) or designee is notified to immediately pick them up from the school

c. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the students within that class shall be sent a note by each student that a case of head lice has been detected in the class.

2. Principals or designated school person-

nel shall offer parent(s)/guardian(s) of infected students:

a. Visual evidence of lice and/or nits in the student's hair

b. Verbal and/or pamphlet information/direction for hair treatment and household disinfection.

3. Students may return to school when:

a. One (1) application of a special lice-treatment shampoo has been applied to the student's hair, which may be the same day and no later than the next day.

b. He/she returns to school after treatment and has a thorough head check by designated school personnel before returning to the classroom.

c. If successful treatment is not evident, the Principal/Designee shall discretely isolate the student, shall immediately notify the par-

(See LICE, page eleven)

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Dr. Bill Webb

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School phone numbers

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| Allen Central High School | Lorena Hall, Principal | 606-358-9543 |
| Allen Central Middle School | Davida Bickford, Principal | 606-358-0110 |
| Allen Elementary | Linda Gearheart, Principal | 606-874-2165 |
| Betsy Layne Elementary | Sheila Calhoun, Principal | 606-478-9755 |
| Betsy Layne High School | Sean Ousley, Principal | 606-478-9138 |
| Clark Elementary | Wayne Combs, Principal | 606-886-2487 |
| Duff Elementary | Elizabeth Allen, Principal | 606-358-9420 |
| May Valley Elementary | Tonya Horne-Williams, Principal | 606-285-0883 |
| McDowell Elementary | Jerri Turner, Principal | 606-377-6640 |
| Opportunities Unlimited | Bonita Compton, Principal | 606-285-3634 |
| Osborne Elementary | Paul Tackett, Principal | 606-452-2131 |
| Prestonsburg Elementary | Gwen Hale-Frazier, Principal | 606-886-3891 |
| Prestonsburg High School | Ted George, Principal | 606-886-2252 |
| South Floyd High School | Keith Henry, Principal | 606-452-9600 |
| South Floyd Middle School | Zenith Hall, Principal | 606-452-9607 |
| Stumbo Elementary | Deresa Ray, Principal | 606-587-2212 |
| Floyd Co. Area Technology Center | Lenville Martin, Principal | 606-285-3088 |

Board phone numbers

Athletics & Title IX.....(606) 285-3634

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Finance

Director.....(606) 886-4534
 Payroll.....(606) 886-4558
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 Special Revenue(606) 886-4528

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 Personnel (Classified)(606) 886-4520
 Worker's Compensation(606) 886-4523

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Assessment ... (606) 886-4541 or 886-4506
 Community Relations/Communications
(606) 886-4547
 Exceptional Children Programs (Special Education, Section 504, Talented & Gifted)
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or (606) 886-4507
 Federal Programs (Titles I, II, IV, V and VI)
(606) 886-4541 or 886-4507
 Head Start & Preschool.....(606) 886-4516
 Parental Involvement/Volunteer Coordinator
(606) 886-4513
 Professional Development .(606) 886-4531
or (606) 886-4506
 Vocational Education.....(606) 886-4531
or (606) 886-4506

Receptionist/Operator.....(606) 886-2354
or (606) 437-9797

School Nutrition Services (606) 886-4556
or (606) 886-4545

School Safety

Discipline, Emergency Management
(606) 886-4512
 Drug & Alcohol Education ..(606) 886-4557

Student Services

Attendance/Tuancy, Home/Hospital Instruction, Family Resource & Youth Service Centers, GED Information, School Records
(606) 886-4524 or 886-4519
 Health Services(606) 886-4518

Superintendent.....(606) 886-4502

Transportation(606) 285-9443

Private schools

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| The David School..... | (606) 886-7323 |
| Mountain Christian Academy | (606) 285-5141 |
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Private school information

The David School

Calendar:

Sept. 1, professional day - teachers
 Sept. 2, opening day - teachers
 Sept. 5, Labor Day, first holiday, no school
 Sept. 6, first day of school for students
 Nov. 3-4, professional days, no school
 Nov. 23-25, Thanksgiving break, no school
 Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day - second holiday, no school
 Dec. 21, last day of school before Christmas break
 Dec. 26, Christmas, third holiday, no school
 Dec. 30, New Year's Day, fourth holiday, no school
 Jan. 2, first day of school after Christmas break
 Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school
 Feb. 20, Professional (and President's) Day, no school
 April 13-14, spring break, no school
 May 16, primary election day, no school
 May 26, graduation
 May 29, Memorial Day, fifth holiday, no school
 May 31, last day of school for students
 June 1-2, closing day, teachers
Notes:

■ Calendar subject to change due to inclement weather. Any/all classes cancelled will be added to the end of school or taken from spring break.

■ Calendar construction: 175 instructional days, three professional development days, five holidays, one opening day, two closing days, for a total of 186 days.

■ Dress code: A student has the right to choose his/her manner of dress or otherwise arrange his/her own personal appearance in accordance with good taste, decency, safety and sanitation. The wearing of any attire that interrupts scholastic endeavors or threatens the health of other pupils is prohibited. Students may not wear any clothing that draws attention either to his/her race or gender or by its nature is offensive to another's race or gender.

■ For registration and information, contact Principal Marilyn Huegerich, (606) 886-7323.

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■ Address: Hwy. 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

■ Phone: (606) 285-3950.

■ Email: piarist@bellsouth.net

■ Web: www.geocities.com/piarist

■ Opening day of school: Aug. 16.

■ Classes resume: Aug. 17.

■ Dress code of school shirts and navy blue or black pants, skirts or shorts is mandatory. Students wishing to enroll in the Piarist School are required to pass an entrance exam.

■ For more information, contact Fr. Thomas Carroll, (606) 285-3950.

Wesley Christian School

K-4:

■ \$50 registration fee (non-refundable)
 ■ \$30 supply fee.
 ■ \$75 K-4 book fee.
 ■ \$1,800 yearly tuition, or \$180 a month (10-month plan).

Elementary:

■ \$75 registration fee (non-refundable).
 ■ \$30 supply fee.

■ \$20 testing fee.
 ■ \$110 kindergarten book fee.
 ■ \$236 first-grade book fee.
 ■ \$216 second-grade book fee.
 ■ \$210 third-grade book fee.
 ■ \$215 fourth-grade book fee.
 ■ \$210 fifth- through eighth-grade book fee.

■ \$2,650 yearly tuition, or \$265 per month (10-month plan).

Extended care:

■ \$8 afterschool care for all students.
 ■ \$15 per day for snow day care.

Preschool center:

■ \$30 registration fee, \$30 book fee, \$30 supply fee (non-refundable).

■ \$8 per day afterschool care (Wesley Christian student).

■ \$8 per half-day afterschool care for WCS K-4 students.

■ \$15 summer-care supply fee (payable each summer session) new students and Floyd County students.

Preschool weekly fees:

■ \$75 for 2- to 5-year-olds
 ■ \$15 for single-day temporary care for WCS students during holidays and snow days.

■ \$105 for infants.

■ Additional preschool classroom policies may apply. A copy of preschool classroom policy will be provided for each parent.

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Safety tips for latchkey kids

The cost of living comfortably these days often makes a two-income household a necessity for middle-class families. And many women and men both want to maintain their careers, even if kids are in the picture. That leaves many children in the position of looking after themselves until mom or dad comes home from work.

The term latchkey dates back to the 1800s when children who were responsible for caring for themselves would wear a key to their home around their necks. Today, the term is often used for children who are coming home to an empty house after school or when they have finished their activities. How do you know if your child is ready for this responsibility? And if you do think he or she is ready, what safety lessons should you instill before the back-to-school season begins anew?

IS YOUR CHILD RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH?

Unfortunately, there is no magic formula to determine if your child is ready to stay home unattended or to look after younger siblings. What it comes down to is knowing the maturity level of your son or daughter and how responsible he or she is on a daily basis. Some experts feel the best way to ascertain the readiness of your child is to ask the child out-

right. Your child will likely be honest about his or her feelings. A worrier, one who has nightmares, or is nervous or anxious when he or she is alone might not be ready to stay alone. Some children are naturally independent and mature enough to handle the situation and will be anxious to prove it to you.

MAKE SAFETY A PRIORITY

No child should be left alone without prior safety training. In addition, you might want to check with your local law enforcement about the rules of leaving children home alone. Your state may set an age limit — and you don't want to break the law.

■ You may want to childproof your home, much like you did when your children were younger. Lock up alcoholic beverages and prescription drugs, and set firm rules about appliance usage. If cooking on the stove is off-limits, have snacks on hand that don't require heating, like fruit, veggies, lunch meats or good old peanut butter and jelly. If cooking is permissible, you may want to limit it to microwave use, which may be safer than using an electric or gas stove.

■ Keep a first-aid kit handy and go

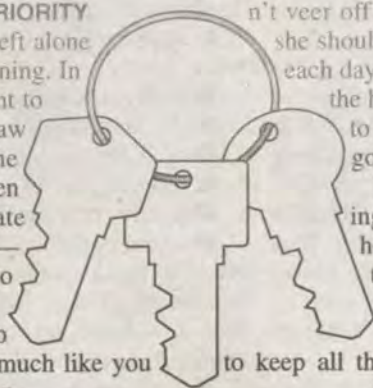
over the items inside with your child. Be sure to post important phone numbers in an easily accessible location. And, of course, teaching your child to dial 911 in case of an emergency is imperative!

■ If your child walks or bikes home, make sure he takes the same route from school with a sibling or friend and doesn't veer off on any detours. He or she should be at home promptly each day. You may want to ring the house at a specific time to make sure your child got home safely.

■ Set rules about having friends over so your house doesn't end up as the local after-school hangout. Also instruct your son or daughter to keep all the windows and doors locked when home alone. Should anyone call on the phone or ring the doorbell asking for a parent, instruct them that the response should be, "They're not able to come to the phone/door right now," without letting the caller know they are home alone.

■ Establish rules and post them, like those for homework and chores.

■ Each morning or the night before, discuss the plans for the day, scheduling, transportation and other variables.



Floyd County Head Start welcomes students

The Floyd County Head Start/Preschool program will continue to take applications for the 2005-2006 school year. If your child will be three or four years of age on or before October 1, 2005, please call 886-4514 for an appointment to fill out an application.

Open House for all Floyd County Head Start/Preschool centers will be August 9, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The hours for attendance will be Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Opening day for students will be the same as the Floyd County School district, which is August 10.

The Floyd County Head Start program parents and staff would like to extend congratulations to Christine Chaffins, Floyd County Head Start Parent of the Year.

STUDENT DROP OFF POLICY

A change in student drop off procedures was adopted by the Board of Education at the February, 2005 Board meeting. This new policy, which became effective March 3, 2005 is as follows:

All students will be dropped off at the designated bus stop UNLESS the parent and/or guardian submits in writing permission for the students to be returned to the school if the parent and/or guardian is not at the designated bus stop, excepting required state standards for Head Start/Pre-School program students.

This note is to be given to the bus driver, who will then leave a copy at the school and a copy in the Transportation Department office, as well as keep a copy on the bus. If you have any questions concerning this policy you may call the Bus Garage, 285-9443.

Diet can correlate with children's behavior

Excessive fidgeting, difficulty concentrating, impulsivity. Manifesting these symptoms, millions of children have been diagnosed with an attention disorder. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, four percent of school-age children meet the criteria for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) each year. However, many of these children do not have any disorder at all.

"Before you conclude that your child has a disorder," says Kathy Bratby, M.S.N., R.N., a clinical assistant professor at Stony Brook University School of

Nursing, in New York, "take a look at what he or she is eating."

When a child is evaluated for attention and behavior problems, a key factor is often overlooked — diet. Many studies show that a child's diet can directly correlate to his behavior and learning capabilities.

Parents may notice that their child behaves differently after consuming brightly colored cereals, certain soft drinks or candy. Assuming that their child is on a "sugar high," they overlook the real culprits — artificial food dyes and flavorings.

"Food dyes are synthesized from petroleum, just like gasoline," Bratby explains, "and it doesn't take much to set off a sensitive child. Artificial flavorings can be made from thousands of synthetic chemicals, and some people don't tolerate them."

The nonprofit Feingold Association of the United States assists families of children with learning and behavior problems. Parent volunteers show families how to find the foods they can enjoy without all the unwanted additives. For free information, call (800) 321-3287 or visit www.feingold.org.

How to choose the right private school

The majority of children across the country attend public schools. However, for a variety of reasons — proximity, social status, religious preference — approximately 10 percent of school-aged children attend a private school, according to the Council for American Private Education (CAPE). A majority of these private schools are Catholic, capturing approximately 50 percent of attendance.

If you are considering enrolling in a

private school, or you feel he or she would obtain a better education at such an institution, there are important steps to take before forging ahead. Review these steps for success:

■ Planning ahead is important. Most private schools create their attendance list and accept new students by the January prior to the next school year. That means you should begin researching schools and contacting their admissions personnel as

early as possible to meet this enrollment date.

■ Cost is a factor. Private schools can be pricey. According to the National Digest for Education Statistics (2002), the average cost of a private school is \$4,500 per year. You must determine whether your budget allows for such an expense.

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Floyd County Schools Start and End Times

| School | Start | End |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Adams Middle..... | 8:15 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Allen Central High | 8:15 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Allen Central Middle | 8 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
| Betsy Layne Elem. | 8 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
| Betsy Layne High | 8:15 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Clark Elem. | 8:15 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Duff Elem..... | 8 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
| May Valley Elem..... | 8 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
| McDowell Elem..... | 8 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
| Opportunities Unlimited | 8:15 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Osborne Elem. | 8 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
| Prestonsburg Elem..... | 8 a.m. | 3 p.m. |
| Prestonsburg High..... | 8:15 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| South Floyd High..... | 8:15 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| South Floyd Middle | 8:15 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Stumbo Elem..... | 8 a.m. | 3 p.m. |

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FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER GUIDE

The following is a list of the Family Resource/Youth Services Centers in the Floyd County School System:

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Michelle Keathley
Phone: 606-886-1297
Address: PO Box 938
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Sharon Collins
Phone: 606-358-3048
Address: PO Box 139
Eastern, KY 41622

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: LaDonna Patton
Phone: 606-358-0134

Address: PO Box 203
Eastern, KY 41622

ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Cathy Campbell
Phone: 606-874-0621
Address: 112 Eagle Lane
Allen, KY 41601

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Brian Akers
Phone: 606-478-5550
Address: PO Box 595
Betsy Layne, KY 41605

CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Pam Meyer
Phone: 606-886-0815

Address 2520 S. Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

DUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Judy Handshoe
Phone: 606-358-9878
Address: PO Box 129
Eastern, KY 41622

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Donna Samons-Bartrum
Phone: 606-285-0321
Address: PO Box 1422
Martin, KY 41649

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Coordinator: Clara Johnson
Phone: 606-377-2678
Address: PO Box 264
McDowell, KY 41647

MUD CREEK COMMUNITY (STUMBO ELEMENTARY) FAMILY RESOURCE/ YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Tristan Parsons
Phone: 606-587-2233
6945 KY 979
Grethel, KY 41631

NEW HORIZONS (BLHS) YOUTH SER-

VICE CENTER

Coordinator: Meredith Campbell
Phone: 606-478-3389
Address: PO Box 437
Betsy Layne, KY 41605

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Rebial Reynolds
Phone: 606-886-7088
Address: 236 N. Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Deedra Gearheart
Phone: 606-889-0134
Address: 825 Blackcat Blvd
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

RAINBOW JUNCTION (OSBORNE ELEMENTARY) FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Coordinator: O. Cissy Williams
Phone: 606-452-4553
Address: PO Box 70
Bevinsville, KY 41606

SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL/SOUTH FLOYD MIDDLE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Coordinator: Keith Smallwood
Phone: 606-452-9600
PO Box 310
Hi Hat, KY 41636

Lice

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ent/designee to pick up the student from school, shall disseminate to the parent/designee verbal and/or pamphlet information/direction for hair treatment and household disinfection, and shall notify the bus driver not to transport the student who has an active case of head lice.

d. He/she is accompanied by a parent(s)/guardian(s) who verifies that special shampoo treatment(s) and household disinfection requirements have been met.

4. Students found with a second infestation of head lice shall:

a. Return to school only after the student produces written certification from the Health Department that he/she is both lice and nit free.

b. Be accompanied by a parent(s)/guardian(s) upon returning to

school.

c. Be reported to appropriate school personnel/social workers.

5. The Superintendent/designee shall:

a. Establish education/information programs on head lice control methods for school personnel, students, and parents.

b. Provide each school with written materials on head lice control and prevention.

The day that a student is sent home with lice will be considered excused. An absence on the second day may be excused if determined by the principal to have been necessary for treatment. Students are expected to return to school 'nit free' on the second day (or no later than the third day if the second day was determined to be necessary for treatment). Any further absence will be unexcused.

Private

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■ Gather your information. Visit local school fairs, obtain references from children who attend the schools you're considering, and contact the Association of Independent Schools for a comprehensive list and general descriptions of private schools in your local area.

■ Set up appointments to visit select schools. Make a list of factors you want to consider, including class size, curriculum, teacher-student ratios, application

process, etc. Take special note of the appearance of the school and certification of teachers and staff.

■ Narrow down your prospective choices, and apply to the schools. Remember that each may have certain admission processes, including tests to be taken or essays to be written.

During this process, be sure to take into account the feelings of your child. Don't pressure him or her to attend a particular school just

because you want him or her to go there. Remember, ultimately your son or daughter is the one who must feel comfortable attending the school.

If you like a certain school but aren't sure you can manage the tuition, don't be embarrassed to ask about financial aid opportunities. Some schools offer grants, scholarships or payment plans. Research the options to find a solution that works best for your family.



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ALLEN CENTRAL AREA DIVISION BOUNDARIES:

Rt. 7 to Knott County line
 Rt. 1086 top of Sizemore Mountain
 Top of Raccoon Mountain (Magoffin County line)
 Rt. 850 Hippo (top of hill on Prater Fork side)
 Rt. 1210 top of Stephens Branch hill (Martin side)
 Rt. 122 top of Bucks Branch hill (Martin side)
 Rt. 80 top of Rock Quarry hill
 Rt. 1428 Stumbo Park (Allen) to Martin
 Rt. 2030 top of Spurlock hill (Martin side)

ALLEN CENTRAL INTERNAL BOUNDARIES:

Boundary including Wilson Creek (Southwest on Rt.777) to Duff Elementary
 All of Turkey Creek to Duff Elementary
 Boundary Rt. 777 North (excluding Wilson Creek) to May Valley Elementary

BETSY LAYNE AREA DIVISION BOUNDARIES:

Rt. 979 top of Ligon (Beaver) to mouth of Harold
 US 23 South - Harold to Boldman (Pike County line)
 Daniels Creek - US 23 South
 Rt. 2030 top of Spurlock hill (little Mud side)
 Rt. 680 top of John Hall Branch (Big Mud side)

BETSY LAYNE INTERNAL BOUNDARIES:

Boundary at Toler Creek (including Toler Creek) to Betsy Layne Elementary
 Mouth of Toler Creek (Southwest up Rt. 979) to Stumbo Elementary

PRESTONSBURG AREA DIVISION BOUNDARIES

Rt. 1428 Stumbo Park (Allen) to Prestonsburg
 Rt. 1428 to Auxier
 Rt. 80 top of Rock Quarry hill
 Rt. 3 to Martin County line
 Rt. 122 top of Spurlock hill (Prestonsburg side)
 Rt. 194 to Pike County line
 Rt. 1210 top of Stephens Branch hill (Caney side)
 (German Bridge area)
 Rt. 850 top of Hippo hill
 Rt. 404 David (Magoffin County line)
 Rt. 114 State Road Fork
 US 23 to Johnson County line

PRESTONSBURG INTERNAL BOUNDARIES:

Boundary on Prater (Orchard Branch - down Prater) to US 23 to Allen Elementary
 Intersection of US 23 and Rt. 80=North to Prestonsburg Elementary and South to Allen Elementary
 Boundary at Worldwide Equipment on Rt.1428 = North to Prestonsburg Elementary and South to Allen Elementary
 Intersection Rt. 122 and Rt. 114 South (including Spurlock to Clark Elementary
 Rt. 114 West to Magoffin County line
 All of West Prestonsburg to Prestonsburg Elementary

SOUTH FLOYD AREA DIVISION BOUNDARIES:

Rt. 680 top of hill (back toward Minnie)
 Rt. 122 top of Abner down Rt. 122 to Printer (mouth of Spurlock)
 Rt. 979 top of Ligon hill (McDowell side) to Hi Hat post office
 Rt. 680 top of Bill Hall Branch (McDowell side)
 Rt. 1086 top of Sizemore Mountain (Minnie side)

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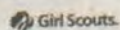
Boundary at Hi Hat post office on Rt. 122 (excluding Ligon) to Osborne Elementary
 Boundary at Hi Hat post office on Rt. 122 (including Ligon) to McDowell Elementary



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Tickets for this show will be: \$6. students, \$8. teachers

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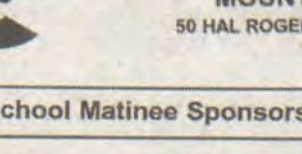
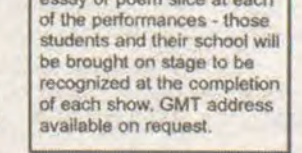
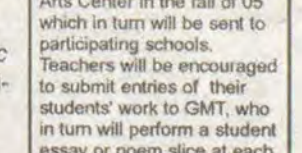
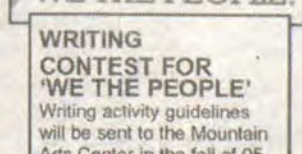
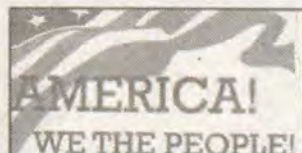
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| Arkansas..... | 7:05 | 100 | Mike Conn |
| Beaver Valley Rd..... | 7:05 | 1496 | Dwayne Dawson |
| Bluegrass Hollow..... | 7:45 | 1496 | Dwayne Dawson |
| Buck's Branch(top of hill)..... | 6:50 | 301 | Keith Frasure |
| Butler Br.-Spurlock (mouth)..... | 7:15 | 1102 | Charlie Collins |
| Camp Br. Rd..... | 7:25 | 1496 | Dwayne Dawson |
| Car Wash Rd..... | 7:05 | 301 | Keith Frasure |
| Cases Furniture..... | 7:30 | 1004 | Jeffery Allen |
| Churchhouse Hol..... | 6:55 | 1102 | Charlie Collins |
| Cracker Bottom..... | 6:35 | 301 | Keith Frasure |
| Dinwood..... | 7:15 | 1496 | Dwayne Dawson |
| Eastern..... | 7:25 | 1103 | Steve Frasure |
| Fisher Hollow..... | 6:50 | 505 | Gloria Turner |
| Frogtown..... | 7:20 | 200 | Dana Spurlock |
| Garth Hollow..... | 6:55 | 1496 | Dwayne Dawson |
| Garrett..... | 7:20 | 904 | John Martin |
| Goose Creek..... | 7:40 | 1204 | Beverly Collins |
| Grigsby Heights..... | 7:00 | 301 | Keith Frasure |
| Gunstock Hollow..... | 7:10 | 1102 | Charlie Collins |
| Henry's Br..... | 6:30 | 1103 | Steve Frasure |
| Hippo Hill (top)..... | 7:10 | 905 | Angie Campbell |
| John's Br..... | 6:45 | 1103 | Steve Frasure |
| Knott County line..... | 6:45 | 1204 | Beverly Collins |
| Lick Fork..... | 7:00 | 1004 | Jeffery Allen |
| Madison Tyler..... | 6:55 | 905 | Angie Campbell |
| Martin (town)..... | 7:20 | 100 | Mike Conn |
| Maytown..... | 7:10 | 1103 | Steve Frasure |
| Mill Creek..... | 7:00 | 1204 | Beverly Collins |
| Nelson-Frasure..... | 7:25 | 100 | Mike Conn |
| Old Bosco..... | 7:35 | 1004 | Jeffery Allen |
| Old Hite Rd..... | 7:20 | 200 | Dana Spurlock |
| Owsley Rd..... | 7:35 | 1496 | Dwayne Dawson |
| Pageant Hills..... | 7:25 | 1102 | Charlie Collins |
| Patton Fork..... | 6:45 | 1004 | Jeffery Allen |
| Pickle Bean..... | 7:00 | 505 | Gloria Turner |
| Prater Fork..... | 6:50 | 905 | Angie Campbell |
| Rock Fork..... | 7:05 | 703 | Leigh Prater |
| Rt. 1086 (Wayland)..... | 6:55 | 904 | John Martin |
| Rt.122 from Fisher Hollow..... | 6:50 | 505 | Gloria Turner |
| Rt.122 to mouth of Spurlock..... | 6:45 | 200 | Dana Spurlock |
| Rt 550 (main)..... | 7:20 | 703 | Leigh Prater |
| Rt.7 (Wayland-Exaco)..... | 7:12 | 904 | John Martin |
| Rt.850..... | 7:15 | 905 | Angie Campbell |
| Sage Allen Branch..... | 7:30 | 1004 | Jeffery Allen |
| Salyers Branch..... | 7:10 | 1004 | Jeffery Allen |
| Shepherds Fork..... | 7:15 | 905 | Angie Campbell |
| Shop Branch..... | 6:40 | 200 | Dana Spurlock |
| Shop Fork (Wayland)..... | 7:15 | 304 | Greg Cooley |
| Sizemore hill (top)Wayland side..... | 6:55 | 904 | John Martin |

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| Smackey Bottom..... | 7:25 | 304 | Greg Cooley |
| Spurlock (head)..... | 6:50 | 1102 | Charlie Collins |
| Stamper Br..... | 7:05 | 904 | John Martin |
| Steeles Creek..... | 7:05 | 304 | Greg Cooley |
| Stephens Branch..... | 7:35 | 304 | Greg Cooley |
| Stone Coal (high)..... | 7:00 | 598 | Ivan Gunnells |
| Stone Coal (elem & middle)..... | 7:30 | 301 | Keith Frasure |
| Stumbo Park..... | 7:00 | 100 | Mike Conn |
| Turkey Creek..... | 7:30 | 402 | Shannon Wallen |
| Turner Branch..... | 7:25 | 703 | Leigh Prater |
| Turner Branch..... | 7:20 | 905 | Angie Campbell |
| Warco Housing (elem)..... | 7:40 | 1103 | Steve Frasure |
| Warco Housing (mid & high)..... | 7:08 | 301 | Keith Frasure |
| West Garrett..... | 7:00 | 703 | Leigh Prater |
| Wilson Creek..... | 7:25 | 1103 | Steve Frasure |

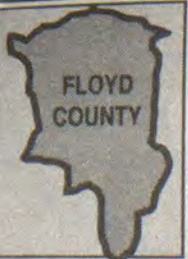
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| Bill Hall Branch (halfway)..... | 7:15 | 804 | Carol Cook |
| Cedar Crest Lane..... | 7:35 | 203 | Daryl Damron |
| Cherokee Road (head)..... | 7:20 | 202 | James Hunt |
| Cow Hollow..... | 7:30 | 201 | John Stumbo |
| Cow Hollow (elem)..... | 6:48 | 603 | Danny Bryant |
| Doty Creek..... | 7:15 | 602/1105 | Darrell Platkus |
| Drift Hollow..... | 7:20 | 201 | John Stumbo |
| Frasure's Creek (head)..... | 6:50 | 804 | Carol Cook |
| Frogtown (McDowell)..... | 7:05 | 202 | James Hunt |
| Hamilton's Trailer Court (elem)..... | 7:20 | 603 | Danny Bryant |
| Hi Hat Post Office (elem)..... | 7:00 | 602/1105 | Darrell Platkus |
| Hoods Fork..... | 6:40 | 202 | James Hunt |
| Hunter..... | 7:00 | 203 | Daryl Damron |
| Ligon Camp Road (elem)..... | 6:30 | 602/1105 | Darrell Platkus |
| Martin Drive..... | 7:30 | 203 | Daryl Damron |
| McDowell Curve..... | 6:50 | 201 | John Stumbo |
| McDowell Bridge to SFM&SFH..... | 7:45 | 203 | Daryl Damron |
| Middle Branch Road..... | 7:00 | 202 | James Hunt |
| Minnie Townhouses(mid & High)..... | 7:40 | 201 | John Stumbo |
| Minnie Townhouses(elem)..... | 7:00 | 603 | Danny Bryant |
| Ned's Fork..... | 7:00 | 70/1604 | Phillip Caudill |
| Osborne Branch (elem)..... | 6:40 | 1105 | Darrell Platkus |
| Rt. 122 (Drift to McDowell) (elem)..... | 6:50 | 603 | Danny Bryant |
| Rt. 122 (Drift to McDowell)(mid & High)..... | 7:30 | 201 | John Stumbo |
| Rt. 680 Sizemore..... | 7:40 | 201 | John Stumbo |
| McDowell Elem.to Rt.122) (mid & high)..... | 7:20 | 1604 | Phillip Caudill |
| Shop Branch..... | 6:55 | 203 | Daryl Damron |
| Short Branch..... | 6:55 | 202 | James Hunt |
| Simpson Branch..... | 7:20 | 203 | Daryl Damron |
| Spewing Camp..... | 7:30 | 602/1105 | Darrell Platkus |
| Spurlock (mouth)..... | 6:40 | 203 | Daryl Damron |
| Stumbo Hollow..... | 7:10 | 201 | John Stumbo |

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SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULES, CONT.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH, CLARK, ADAMS MIDDLE, ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND PRESONSBURG ELEMENTARY

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| Abbott (Left Fork)..... | 6:40 | 801 | Mike Welch | Haus Br. (Allen & PHS)..... | 7:25 | 702 | Paul Grainger |
| Allen Banner Road..... | 7:00 | 700 | Mark Salyer | Highlands Hospital Rd..... | 7:37 | 1904 | Ella Burke |
| Alum Lick..... | 6:40 | 701 | Scott Lemaster | Hollybush..... | 6:50 | 299 | James Ramey |
| Andy Allen Br..... | 7:15 | 502 | Paul Burke | Home Br. (Allen & PHS)..... | 6:40 | 303 | Markiuta Jarvis |
| AutoBahn..... | 7:35 | 1904 | Ella Burke | Indian Hills..... | 6:55 | 1104 | Rhonda Ousley |
| Auxier Road(1428 to Pburg)..... | 7:40 | 1904 | Ella Burke | Jack Arnett Br..... | 7:15 | 903 | Calvin Miller |
| Auxier Road..... | 7:30 | 1904 | Ella Burke | Jockey Hollow..... | 7:00 | 1904 | Ella Burke |
| Banner Post Office..... | 6:55 | 702 | Paul Grainger | Johnson Fork..... | 6:55 | 701 | Scott Lemaster |
| Bear Hollow..... | 6:45 | 803 | Debbie Waddles | Lake Road..... | 6:50 | 1904 | Ella Burke |
| Big Branch Bull Creek..... | 7:15 | 404 | Jana Couch | Little Paint..... | 7:00 | 803 | Debbie Waddles |
| Blue River Br.(mouth)..... | 7:35 | 502 | Paul Burke | Mark Meade Br..... | 7:25 | 801 | Mike Welch |
| Bob White Lane..... | 6:50 | 1104 | Rhonda Ousley | Mays Branch..... | 6:55 | 1104 | Rhonda Ousley |
| Brush Creek Hill (top)..... | 6:40 | 504 | Steve Daniels | Meade Br..... | 7:30 | 801 | Mike Welch |
| Buckeye..... | 7:15 | 504 | Steve Daniels | Meadows Br..... | 6:53 | 3196 | Lester Jarvis |
| Bull Creek (Left Fork)..... | 7:10 | 204 | Doug Derossett | New Allen (elem & high)..... | 6:50 | 702 | Paul Grainger |
| Bull Creek (Right Fork)..... | 6:50 | 204 | Doug Derossett | Official Hollow (mid & high)..... | 7:03 | 1304 | Joe Miller |
| Calf Creek (left fork)..... | 7:30 | 700 | Mark Salyer | Oklahoma Hollow..... | 6:35 | 700 | Mark Salyer |
| Calf Creek (long fork)..... | 7:20 | 700 | Mark Salyer | Old Allen (Allen & PHS)..... | 6:40 | 702 | Paul Grainger |
| Calf Creek (right fork)..... | 7:35 | 700 | Mark Salyer | Open Fork..... | 6:55 | 502 | Paul Burke |
| Campbell Branch..... | 6:45 | 3196 | Lester Jarvis | Orchard Branch..... | 7:10 | 702 | Paul Grainger |
| Caney..... | 7:00 | 701 | Scott Lemaster | Ousley Branch..... | 6:43 | 299 | James Ramey |
| Cardinal Dr.(Abbott)..... | 7:38 | 801 | Mike Welch | Parkway Connection..... | 7:20 | 903 | Calvin Miller |
| Clark Br.(Allen & Pburg High)..... | 6:45 | 1205 | Christina Reed | Pitts Fork..... | 7:20 | 504 | Steve Daniels |
| Cliffside..... | 7:30 | 1104 | Rhonda Ousley | Poplar Branch (mid & high)..... | 7:10 | 1304 | Joe Miller |
| Conley Fork..... | 6:30 | 801 | Mike Welch | Potters Branch..... | 7:20 | 299 | James Ramey |
| Conley Motel(Allen & PHS)..... | 6:35 | 702 | Paul Grainger | Prater Crk.(Allen & PHS)..... | 7:15 | 702 | Paul Grainger |
| Conn Branch..... | 7:20 | 204 | Doug Derossett | Reynolds Hill..... | 7:05 | 700 | Mark Salyer |
| Corn Fork..... | 6:45 | 404 | Jana Couch | River Plains..... | 7:25 | 1904 | Ella Burke |
| Cow Creek..... | 6:40 | 1305 | Norma Tackett | Rough & Tough..... | 7:00 | 903 | Calvin Miller |
| Cow Mtn.(foot)(Allen & PHS)..... | 7:00 | 1205 | Christina Reed | Rt.404 (Buckeye on)..... | 7:30 | 504 | Steve Daniels |
| Daniels Creek..... | 6:20 | 700 | Mark Salyer | Rt.404 Slone's (mid & high)..... | 7:20 | 1304 | Joe Miller |
| David (bottom hill)(elem)..... | 6:30 | 701 | Scott Lemaster | Rt.1428 thru town (elem)..... | 6:50 | 900 | Bee Hall |
| David Post Office(mid & high)..... | 7:00 | 1304 | Joe Miller | Rt. 1428 thru town (mid & high)..... | 7:35 | 900 | Bee Hall |
| Dodson Branch..... | 7:05 | 404 | Jana Couch | Rt.1428 (Worldwide to PHS)..... | 7:25 | 1205 | Christina Reed |
| Dwale (high)..... | 7:45 | 1305 | Norma Tackett | Rt.1428 (Worldwide to Allen)..... | 7:25 | 1305 | Norma Tackett |
| Emma (Allen & PHS)..... | 7:15 | 702 | Paul Grainger | Rt. 404 David to Caney (elem)..... | 6:45 | 701 | Scott Lemaster |
| Endicott (Allen & PHS)..... | 6:50 | 1205 | Christina Reed | Rt. 80 (gravel pit)..... | 7:30 | 204 | Doug Derossett |
| Fitzpatrick..... | 7:40 | 903 | Calvin Miller | Rt. 850..... | 6:40 | 504 | Steve Daniels |
| Ford Gap..... | 7:15 | 1904 | Ella Burke | Slick Rock (elem & High)..... | 6:30 | 1305 | Norma Tackett |
| Frasure Apts..... | 7:15 | 903 | Calvin Miller | Spradlin Branch..... | 7:25 | 3196 | Lester Jarvis |
| Gas Fork..... | 6:50 | 700 | Mark Salyer | Spurlock Hill (bottom)..... | 6:40 | 299 | James Ramey |
| Goble Roberts (elem)..... | 7:10 | 900 | Bee Hall | State Road Frk..... | 6:45 | 903 | Calvin Miller |
| Goble Roberts (mid & high)..... | 7:55 | 900 | Bee Hall | Station Branch..... | 7:30 | 903 | Calvin Miller |
| Goebel Branch (elem & high)..... | 7:40 | 1305 | Norma Tackett | Stephens Branch..... | 7:20 | 1104 | Rhonda Ousley |
| Granny Fitch Hollow..... | 6:40 | 1996 | Patty Julian | Sugarloaf..... | 7:00 | 900 | Bee Hall |
| Green Acres..... | 7:00 | 1104 | Rhonda Ousley | Sugarloaf (mid & high)..... | 7:45 | 900 | Bee Hall |
| Green Hall Br. (Allen & PHS)..... | 7:20 | 702 | Paul Grainger | Town Branch..... | 7:25 | 404 | Jana Couch |
| Gunnells Br.(Allen & PHS)..... | 7:30 | 702 | Paul Grainger | Triple S Road (mid & high)..... | 7:05 | 1304 | Joe Miller |
| | | | | Twin Branch (Allen & PHS)..... | 6:45 | 1305 | Norma Tackett |
| | | | | University Drive..... | 7:05 | 1104 | Rhonda Ousley |
| | | | | Upper Cow Hollow (elem & high)..... | 7:00 | 1305 | Norma Tackett |
| | | | | West Prestonsburg..... | 7:30 | 1002 | Dwayne Salyer |



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| Akers Branch-Prater | 6:45 | 705 | Richard Hall |
| Akers Branch-Rt.979 | 7:15 | 1296 | Glendia Mitchell |
| Alpike Trailer Park | 6:45 | 601 | Staff/Hal Duncan |
| Andy Branch (elem) | 6:50 | 503 | Donna Hall |
| Andy Branch(high) | 7:15 | 1704 | Sabrenia Martin |
| Banner Post Office | 6:30 | 1404 | Deanna Boyd |
| Barn Branch(elem) | 6:50 | 301 | Victor Harper |
| Barn Branch (high) | 6:45 | 1504 | Charlene Brewer |
| Big Branch (Left) | 6:45 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |
| Big Branch (Right) | 6:30 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |
| Branhams Creek(head)(elem) | 6:45 | 401 | Victor Harper |
| Branhams Creek(head)(high) | 7:00 | 1504 | Charlene Brewer |
| Buckhorn Branch (elem) | 7:12 | 1005 | Mickey Newsome |
| Buckhorn Branch(high) | 6:40 | 1704 | Sabrenia Martin |
| Cager Branch | 7:05 | 900/1804 | Anthony Bolden |
| Church of Christ Bottom | 7:20 | 901 | Staff |
| Coldwater | 7:10 | 901 | Staff |
| Conn Street | 7:20 | 697/601 | Staff/Hal Duncan |
| Daniels Creek | 6:30 | 697/601 | Staff/Hal Duncan |
| Eagle Trace | 7:45 | 901 | Staff |
| Evergreen | 7:10 | 901 | Staff |
| Fox Bottom | 7:20 | 1504 | Charlene Brewer |
| Frasure Branch (elem) | 7:30 | 1296 | Glendia Mitchell |
| Frasure Branch(high) | 7:30 | 902 | Ike Spears |
| Frog Branch | 6:55 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |
| George Rd. | 7:33 | 501 | Larry Huff |
| Green Hall Branch | 6:55 | 902/1404 | Deanna Boyd |
| Gunnells Branch | 6:50 | 902/1404 | Deanna Boyd |
| Hall Cemetery Rd | 6:50 | 302 | Amos Hamilton |
| Harold Bottom | 7:20 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |
| Harold Hill | 7:35 | 600/705 | Richard Hall |
| Haus Branch | 6:40 | 902/1404 | Deanna Boyd |
| Hunts Fork | 7:15 | 902/1404 | Deanna Boyd |
| Ivy Bottom | 7:10 | 697/601 | Staff/Hal Duncan |
| Ivy Creek | 6:50 | 697/601 | Staff/Hal Duncan |
| Jarrell Branch Rd | 7:10 | 600/705 | Richard Hall |
| Justell | 7:50 | 102 | Charles Crum/Staff |
| Justice Branch | 7:05 | 600/705 | Richard Hall |
| Keathley Fork | 6:45 | 900/1804 | Anthony Bolden |
| Ky Oil Village | 7:30 | 1504 | Charlene Brewer |
| Ligon Hill (top) (elem) | 7:05 | 497/1005 | Mickey Newsome |
| Ligon Hill (top)(high) | 6:30 | 197/1704 | Sabrenia Martin |
| Little Mud (head) | 6:45 | 704 | Mike Whitaker |
| Little Salem Church Rd | 7:25 | 600/705 | Richard Hall |
| Lower Adkins Hollow (elem) | 7:00 | 401 | Victor Harper |
| Lower Adkins Hollow (high) | 6:40 | 1504 | Charlene Brewer |
| Mare Creek (head) | 6:45 | 501 | Larry Huff |
| Mink Branch (mouth) | 6:45 | 902 | Ike Spears |
| Moore Branch(elem) | 7:08 | 497/705 | Mickey Newsome |
| Morg Branch(high) | 7:20 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |
| Morg Branch (elem) | 7:30 | 503 | Donna Hall |
| Morgan Fork | 7:05 | 704 | Mike Whitaker |
| Mouth of Tinker to Morg Br.(elem) | 7:20 | 503 | Donna Hall |
| Old Mare Creek Rd | 6:50 | 501 | Larry Huff |
| Orchard Branch | 7:05 | 902/1404 | Deanna Boyd |
| Pike-Floyd Hollow | 7:40 | 501 | Larry Huff |
| Pin Hook (left) | 7:35 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |
| Pin Hook (right) | 7:30 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |

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| Pine Ridge | 7:25 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |
| Pizza Den | 6:50 | 102 | Charles Crum/Staff |
| Red Town | 7:25 | 501 | Larry Huff |
| Rollingstone Br | 6:40 | 302 | Amos Hamilton |
| Rt.979-Darvine's Trailer Ct.(elem) | 7:25 | 497/705 | Mickey Newsome |
| Rt.979-mouth Dry Br. (high) | 7:30 | 197/1704 | Sabrenia Martin |
| Rt. 979 Ermal Tackett's to SES | 7:45 | 302 | Amos Hamilton |
| Rt. 979 from Toler to US23 | 7:30 | 1804 | Anthony Bolden |
| Rt. 979 Stumbo to mouth Toler (high) | 7:40 | 1704 | Sabrenia Martin |
| Sansom Branch | 7:25 | 902/1404 | Deanna Boyd |
| Shop Branch | 7:40 | 102 | Charles Crum/Staff |
| Spider Branch/John Hall Br | 7:00 | 302 | Amos Hamilton |
| Store Hollow | 7:30 | 501 | Larry Huff |
| Tackett Branch (elem) | 7:45 | 1296 | Glendia Mitchell |
| Tackett Branch(high) | 7:20 | 302 | Amos Hamilton |
| Tackett Fork (elem) | 7:20 | 497/705 | Mickey Newsome |
| Tackett Fork (high) | 6:50 | 197/1704 | Sabrenia Martin |
| Tanyard Branch | 7:00 | 901 | Allyson Barton/Staff |
| Tinker Fork (left) (elem) | 6:40 | 503 | Donna Hall |
| Tinker Fork (left) (high) | 7:10 | 197/1704 | Sabrenia Martin |
| Tinker Fork (right) (elem) | 6:43 | 503 | Donna Hall |
| Tinker Fork (right) (high) | 7:05 | 197/1704 | Sabrenia Martin |
| Toler (head) | 6:30 | 900/1804 | Anthony Bolden |
| Toler (left) | 7:25 | 900/1804 | Anthony Bolden |
| Tom's Creek | 6:30 | 102 | Charles Crum/Staff |
| Tram | 7:35 | 697/601 | Staff/Hal Duncan |
| Tram (across tracks) | 7:10 | 102 | Charles Crum/Staff |
| Water Birch Rd | 6:35 | 600/705 | Richard Hall |

OSBORNE ELEMENTARY, SOUTH FLOYD HIGH AND SOUTH FLOYD MIDDLE

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|-----------------------------------|------|----------|--------------------|
| Abe Fork | 7:00 | 199 | Hershell Slone Jr. |
| Abner Mountain (elem) | 7:25 | 604 | Carolyn Hall |
| Branham Hollow (elem) | 6:50 | 1003 | Eddie Berger |
| Buckingham Hollow | 6:35 | 104 | William Slone |
| Burton (Lower) | 7:07 | 398/104 | William Slone |
| Burton (Upper) | 7:05 | 398/104 | William Slone |
| Caleb Fork (elem) | 6:55 | 1092/604 | Carolyn Hall |
| Caleb Fork (mid & high) | TBA | 300 | Belinda Hall |
| Frozen | 6:45 | 398/104 | William Slone |
| Golf Course Rd | TBA | 300 | Belinda Hall |
| Hall Hollow (elem) | 6:57 | 1003 | Eddie Berger |
| Hall Hollow (mid & high) | TBA | 300 | Belinda Hall |
| Hen Pen | 7:15 | 199 | Hershell Slone Jr. |
| Jack's Creek (midway hill) | 7:20 | 1003 | Eddie Berger |
| Melvin Y(main) (elem) | 7:05 | 1092/604 | Carolyn Hall |
| Melvin Y (mid & high) | TBA | 300 | Belinda Hall |
| Osborne Branch | 7:18 | 403 | Hershell Slone Sr. |
| Poplar Grove | 6:55 | 199 | Hershell Slone Jr. |
| Riley's Branch | 7:00 | 104 | William Slone |
| Rt. 122 from Abner to WW Junction | 7:32 | 604 | Carolyn Hall |
| Rt.979 & 122 to SFH | 7:35 | 403 | Hershell Slone Sr. |
| Skull (mouth) (elem) | 6:40 | 604 | Carolyn Hall |
| Skull (head) | 6:55 | 199 | Hershell Slone Jr. |
| Stoney Newsome Bottom | 6:35 | 398/104 | William Slone |
| Tackett Fork (Bagley) | 7:40 | 1796 | Duwanna Johnson |
| Tucker Hollow (mouth) | 6:45 | 403 | Hershell Slone Sr. |
| Weeksbury Number 1 (mid & high) | TBA | 300 | Belinda Hall |
| Wheelwright main rd.(elem) | 7:10 | 1003 | Eddie Berger |

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