

All homes to be billed for garbage pickup in Floyd

by RALPH B. DAVIS MANAGING EDITOR

As in several other counties around the state, it is already mandatory for Floyd County residents to have their trash disposed of in a proper manner.

On July 1, County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson plans to make sure that payment for that service is mandatory, too.

Thompson announced his plan just prior to Friday's meeting of the fiscal court. Under the new requirement, all Floyd County households will begin receiving bills for garbage service, either on their monthly water bills or on a separate bill.

"Every citizen will be expected to pay the bill and anyone who falls behind will be reported to the codes enforcement officer, who will investigate and will seek necessary arrangements for non-payers to comply with mandatory payment for garbage service," Thompson said. "In any event, garbage

pickup will be universal. Every household will be picked up every week."

The change will only effect residential customers outside of the city of Prestonsburg. Commercial customers will continue to receive bills from Waste Management.

Currently, Floyd County employs a sticker method to collecting trash. Residents pay \$30 for three months of garbage service and receive a sticker to place with their cans so that garbage trucks know where to stop.

results at best. Thompson said, and has yielded only about a 75-percent collection rate

Part of the problem has been that the stickers currently provided can be stolen and placed at another residence, leaving those who paid for garbage service quite literally holding the bag, while those who hadn't paid have their trash picked up for free

That will all change July 1. Stickers will no longer be employed and every

But that method has produced mixed residence will have its trash picked up. By the same token, every residence will also receive a bill for \$10 each month.

Expecting some backlash from a few who oppose mandatory garbage collection. Thompson said the county will make one concession. Those who currently have have outstanding garbage bills will have their debts forgiven and will be allowed to begin garbage service July 1

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Bond issue needed for second year of water plan

by RALPH B. DAVIS MANAGING EDITOR

Entering into the second year of his five-year plan to extend water lines to 95 percent of Floyd County homes, County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson is seeking fiscal court approval of a \$2 million bond issue.

The bond issue is necessary, Thompson said, in order to help pay for over \$7.2 million worth of water line extensions in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Rather than having the Southern Water District obtain the funding, which Thompson said would cause the state Public Service Commission to force the utility to raise its bills by about a dollar a month, the judge is seeking to sell the bonds through the fis-

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Bickford pays visit to middle school students

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER



photos by Sheldon Compton Above, one of many friendly groups of hillbillies gathered on Main Street in **Pikeville Friday.** This group seemed content to celebrate Hillbilly Days by "laying low" and "chewing the fat."

At right, streets were choked and clogged with droves of people during Friday's Hillbilly Days festivities, but few seemed to mind as the celebration lended a calm sense of polite toleration throughout the crowd.



Family seeks help in finding missing man

Times Herald Staff Report

Tracy Compton, 44, of Bevinsville has been missing since April 13.

On Wednesday, April 11, Compton was taken into police

custody after being charged with alcohol intoxication. The next morning, Judge Eric C. Hall found him in contempt of court and released him into family custody. ordering Compton to receive a medical evaluation.



According to his

sister, Rosalee Stanley of Bevinsville, Compton was allegedly suffering from withdrawal.

Brandon Deaton, of Wheelwright, met with family members at Highlands Regional Medical Center, where Compton was evaluated and admitted on April 12.

Stanley said she spoke with Compton at 11:30 a.m. on Friday morning and that he seemed to be confused.

Environmental Protection, Gen. James Bickford made a special appearance at Allen Central Middle School Friday morning.

The appearance was the result of hard work that a group of students displayed in writing letters to the Bickford, asking him to visit the school.

The letters began as transition pieces for portfolios in which the students were asked to write people of their choice letters about making a move toward

(See BICKFORD, page three)



photo by Greta Fields

Blue balloons to draw attention to child abuse were released at the Children's Advocacy Center in Hazard April 16. Agencies which work with abused children use blue balloons and blue ribbons in memory of a baby boy who was found murdered, covered in blue bruises, Michael Dickerson of North Point, Va.



93rd District Rep. W. Keith Hall "served" the people Friday during the Hillbilly Days Festival in Pikeville from his booth on Main Street. Hall gathered approximately 300 signatures on Thursday in his campaign against Blue Flame Energy's plans to drill gas wells in Potter Flats of the Breaks Interstate Park.

Pike state rep uses festival to lobby against drilling in Breaks

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

Sometimes the profitable thing to do is not the right thing to do.

This is what 93rd District Rep. W. Keith Hall would tell you if you sat and talked with him any length of time about Blue Flame Energy and the company's plans to drill gas wells in Breaks Interstate Park.

Hall, who has presented many plans for the Breaks Park which he affectionately calls the "Grand Canyon of the South." will remind you that it is only one of two interstate parks in the United States. He also reminded the House of Representative in a resolution presented on March 8 of this year - a resolution which passed as a statement but then fell dead and was rejected as a law.

This development now has Hall working even harder to present his case to Gov. Paul

Patton and anyone else he feels can help.

And this hard work does not come from someone who has no stake in gas wells himself.

Owning 3 percent stock in gas wells in Kentucky has not changed Hall's reaction.

"It's a good investment somewhere in Pike County," Hall said. "But I'm not going to do it on a state park property. Anywhere else in Kentucky, that's fine, to cure our energy problems, sure. But you've seen what's been done at Jenny Wiley [State Resort Park]. That big gas well fenced in there, it's an eyesore. I don't want the Breaks to turn into that.

This viewpoint and the plans Hall expresses have been supported by citing examples of recent instances in which areas were saved. from drilling and strip mining by the same efforts

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Volunteers from three counties clean up Buckhorn Lake

by GRETA FIELDS EDITOR

PRIDE volunteers, working with state and county officials, have made Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park the cleanest it's been in years.

"It's getting better and better and better," said Susan least 10 years, and statistics

Thomas, activities director at prove they are making a difthe park.

Thomas met last week with Perry County PRIDE coordinator Tony Lewis to make park cleanup.

Volunteers have been cleaning up the lake for at

ference.

Last year, the cleanup was smaller than usual because it was held the day before Easter and because it rained. However, many sections of the

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Tom McAfoose maps trash sites to prepare for the annual volunteer cleanup at Buckhorn Lake. Tom is a park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who is stationed at the lake.

photo by Greta Fields



Bonds

cal court.

Thompson said Southern Water customers are already likely facing an increase in the monthly water bills this year, and that he wants the fiscal court to issue the bonds in order to keep that increase from growing. He said that he expects to see the average bill rise by about 80 cents

Missing

"He wasn't paying much sleeves, tan pants and boots. attention to what I was saying," said Stanley. "He was delusional."

Compton walked out of the hospital on that day, and he hasn't been seen since.

Compton is 6-foot-1, 150 to 160 pounds, and has brown hair. At the time of his disappearance, he was wearing a white t-shirt with cut-off at 1-800-222-5555.

Hall

According to Hall, \$4.2 million was spent to keep drilling out of Black Mountain just last year. Hall said that was a good and noble effort, but he hopes to highlight that Black Mountain, although respectfully the highest mountain in Kentucky, is not a state park - not a "pristine" property.

In the resolution Hall presented this past March, he stated that the Breaks Interstate Park is a "place of extraordinary beauty" and also a destination for 400,000 tourists every year as well as an important source of jobs and income for Pike County.

Hall has pressed with a "firm and steady hand" that the area in which drilling has been proposed, Potter Flats, which rests on the Kentucky side of the park, is "central" to future expansion

Answers

CITIES IN TIME-ZONE ORDER



a month, but that might not happen if the county is able to provide additional labor in laying water lines.

Over the course of the next fiscal year, the county plans to step up its efforts to extend water lines, spending double what is being spent in the current fiscal year.

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Compton has a tattoo on his left arm that reads "Vicky."

Trooper J. King, Kentucky State Police, is currently investigating the disappearance.

The family asks anyone information with OIL Compton's whereabouts to call Kentucky State Police toll-free

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and development plans.

Most expressively, Hall mentions that the scenic beauty of the park as well as historic heritage will be forever changed if Blue Flame is given rights to drill. Blue Flame will apply for permits soon, according to Hall, and after that is done, there will remain only 150 days before drilling would begin.

"In 1750, Daniel Boone came up the Cumberland Gap and explored this Big Sandy region," Hall said on Friday. "He stood and looked out over the Breaks Interstate Park. It's our heritage and I don't want to look out and see a gas well in the middle of it

Hall is so passionate about the goal to keep drilling away from the Breaks that he took the opportunity to set up a booth during Hillbilly Days weekend.

Hall's trailer sat just outside the courthouse and it was here passersby were asked to sign a petition supporting the rejection of gas drilling within the park.

Along with buttons and bumper stickers, Hall also handed out copies of the March resolution.

Hall has said he hopes to get a few thousand and then take the results of the petition to Patton to further illustrate what the people are saying about the issue.

T'm just afraid if we don't

In the last half of 2001 and first half of 2002, Thompson said the county plans to extend water service to the following areas:

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- and Abe forks
 - Trace Branch Spurlock and Gunstock
- Cleanup

lake still look clean from last towards Leatherwood and year's work. That really cheered up Lewis, who saw that PRIDE really does make a difference.

In addition to meeting with Thomas, Lewis got to take a tour of the lake April 21 with Buckhorn Park's new ranger, Thomas A. McAfoose.

Lewis, who is just a volunteer, was pretty worn out from getting ready for the PRIDE cleanups. The day before the boat trip, he made 16 stops in his truck and took 113 calls, including some unpleasant complaints in the middle of the night.

"I receive over 100 calls every day, 24 hours a day, seven days a week!" he said. "I've put 18,000 miles on my truck.

He added about 40 more miles, pulling into the Buckhorn Marina. At the marina, he climbed into a boat with McAfoose and Ken White. White, who is from Yerkes, is a maintenance supervisor and a boat captain.

Captain White steered the boat away from the park lodge in Perry County and headed north, towards Gay's Creek and the dam.

When the boat passed a trashy spot, Lewis looked unhappy.

"You know, it's really sad, Perry County only has one lake, and we have stuff like that," Lewis said.

"It washes down from Leslie County." McAfoose

Frasure's Creek

In addition, the county also plans to upgrade the main storage tank at Martin from 400,000 gallons to 1 million and to upgrade pump stations and install additional telemetry to the system.

Once those extensions are completed, Thompson said that Southern Water expects to add 600 homes and businesses to its list of customers.

"From July 1 to June 30, we're going to lay some water line," Thompson said with emphasis.

In addition to the anticipated bond issue, next year's extensions will be paid with \$550,000 in direct construction from the fiscal court, a \$300,000 grant from the General Assembly, a \$434,000

The banks in Leslie County

were still clean from last year's

current fiscal year.

The prizes are \$300, \$200 and \$100. Volunteers also get bounties for tires (50 cents), trash bags (\$1), and appliances (\$3).

teers worked at both Buckhorn Marina and Recreation area. Plus, 15 state parks employees worked.

ROTC groups, church groups, schools groups and some hard workers from Thousandsticks Fire Department.

Buckhorn children's center had the most," McAfoose said.

pick up. You get a chance to win a prize, and plus, we feed you."

grant from the Appalachian

\$450,000 grant from the United

Agriculture's Rural Development

Service, a \$1 million grant from the Kentucky Infrastructure

Authority and a \$2.5 million loan

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Last year, 25 to 30 volun-Confluence

The volunteers included two the

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Beaver Elkhorn and Mud Creek water districts, the utility has received 806 requests for service from homes and businesses along existing water mains, of which 650 have already been added.

In addition, 24 miles of new lines has been laid at Jack's Creek, Abner Mountain, Branham Creek, Henry's Branch and Turkey Creek/Hayes Branch, bringing in another 430 customers. Those extensions have come at a cost of \$3.7 million.

The district has also replaced 3,000 old meters, tightened up water loss, installed a new customer billing system and made improvements at its water treat-

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But they did not win the grand prize, he added. "They were mad as hornets. The group that beat them was three high school boys. These boys really hustled. They brought out appliances!"

"The state parks people are a big help: They provide the boats," McAfoose said, "They have the trucks and we just load it right in. They take people out, drop them off and go back and get them."

Last year, volunteers collected about 100 appliances, 200 tires, and 400 to 500 bags .

People really are making a difference, Lewis said. "Just think. If everybody in Perry County would just pick up one bag of garbage ...'



cleanup effort, and this encouraged everyone. White pointed out a bank on Turkey's Branch that juts out into the water and used to be covered with trash. It's still clean from last year's

Leslie County.

efforts. On the trip back to the lodge, the boat only passed one

or two tires. After the trip, Lewis went up to the lodge and told

Thomas how good the lake looked. 'Tom said it's the best it's

ever been," Lewis said. Thomas said she also

noticed that the volunteers are making a difference. "When it floods, not so

much washes up," Thomas said. "Now that we've got Leslie County involved, it's not so bad.'

A lot of the garbage on the lake used to wash down from Leslie County, she said.

"At Confluence and Trace, there are low water bridges where people were notorious for dumping things over," Thomas explained. "They've got mandatory garbage pickup there now, and we've got Leslie County people cleaning up the head of the lake now, so

it's not so bad." Leslie County Judge-Executive Onzie Sizemore is very supportive of the cleanup, she said, adding that he donated \$500.

nearly \$7.25 million. On Friday, commissioners voted to give Thompson authority to begin exploring the county's options for a bond sale. In addition to talking about next year's plans, Thompson also noted the extensions which have been accomplished during the

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bring some attention to this thing, whether it's state attention or national, it's going to happen and we'll have lost even more of the pristine beauty of our coun- map for volunteers to clean.

"The governor is very close to this situation he's a very studious engineer, so he's going to look at things close and not make any quick decisions. I believe Paul is going to step up to the plate and do what's right on behalf of the people of Pike County and the state of Kentucky."

remarked.

Lewis photographed the trashy spots and McAfoose marked the places down on a

The boat turned around near the Gay's Creek area and headed south, past the lodge, and

These donations are important, because they pay for money prizes and the prizes definitely attract volunteers, according to McAfoose.

"You get kind of a good deal," McAfoose explained.

photo by Greta Fields

Rayma West, left, and Leshia Napier released balloons, in memory of abused children, during the opening ceremonies April 16 for the regional Children's Advocacy Center in Hazard. April is "You get money for trash you Child Abuse Awareness Month.

National Teacher Day 2001 is time to give praise and take pause

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quets and flowers. Messages on billboards and banners in the sky. For the past 16 years, communities have found countless ways to shower teachers with thanks and recognition in celebration of National Teacher Day. On May 8, parents, students, and businesses will once again present gift certificates, sponsor luncheons, and generally show teachers they are honored and valued.

But beyond the gifts and hoopla, National Education Association President Bob Chase says National Teacher Day, celebrated annually on the second Tuesday in May, is an opportunity to express concern about the nation's current teacher shortage and stress the need to make teaching a viable career option for the next generation

"Of all the ingredients for good schools, a sufficient quancannot afford to allow the trend to continue where newly minted college graduates ignore the teaching profession or leave it altogether."

To their credit, today's teachers are better educated and more experienced than at any time in history. According to NEA's research report, Status of the Public School American Teacher, more than half of teachers nationwide (56.2 percent) hold one or more advanced degrees. About half (52.4 percent) have been educators for at least 15 years, and more than a third (38.1 percent) have two decades of teaching under their belts.

Yet with this level of education and experience comes a troublesome fact. The median age of teachers is 42 years oldglaring evidence that new graduates are not entering the teaching field. Even more disturbing tity of talented teachers is the is the poor retention rate for new

new hires leave teaching within three years, and only half of new teaches in urban public schools are still teaching after five years.

'There are everyday heroes classrooms throughout in America," Chase said, "but we must face the fact that our current teachers are getting olde,r and our newcomers are leaving the profession too early. We have to make sure that our top graduates enter the teaching profession and stay in teaching so the heroic acts will continue and multiply." ÷.,

In partnership with the National PTA, NEA has celebrated National Teacher Day snce 1985. It is the signature event of Teacher Appreciation Week, designated as the first full week in May.

"No other professionals touch so many lives in such a lasting way," said Chase. "We owe teachers our gratitude every day. National Teacher Day is

Fruit baskets. Balloon bou- most basic," said Chase. "We teachers. Twenty percent of all simply a special time to show our appreciation for their dedication and commitment."

> This year's National Teacher theme, "Quality Day Teachers ... Achieving Students ... Outstanding Classrooms," salutes teachers for their role in the nation's academic success: dropout rates are down, SAT and ACT scores are rising, and more young people are going on to college and earning four-year degrees.

For more good news about teachers, students and public schools in your state, go to www.nea.org/publiced/goodnews/

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Bickford

Kentucky to, once again, nity by offering a formatted return it to a state of beauty.

The letters were written and the response was successful as one letter written to 29th District Sen. Johnny Ray Turner from Kelly Allen made it to Frankfort and into the hands of Bickford. So, as a bonus. Turner was also on hand to assist Bickford in addressing the excited middle school students.

The students did not just ask Bickford to come for the sake of coming - they had other plans. They intended to

cleaning up the state of make the most of the opportupresentation of steps they had detailed for improvements that could be made to the community.

> The presentation was given in the gymnasium and as the students filed in and Bickford and Turner took their seats. the students who had written the letters took to the podium to explain their presentation.

> After a brief explanation of what was about to be shown, the screen was turned on behind them and a very professional overview was dis-



photo by Sheldon Compto

Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet Secretary Gen. James Blokford chatted with students and school personnel Friday prior to giving a speech at Allen Central Middle School.

played with a continuing explanation of what was being seen.

The presentation was brief and to the point and touched on many cleanup efforts. which the students urged the Bickford to take notice of as he returned to Frankfort.

Bickford was listening and made that perfectly clear as he took the podium himself.

Bickford, a former brigadier general in the U.S. Army, stepped to the podium greeted by applause and then respectful silence as he commended the students for their persistent efforts in writing letters.

"We need your help." Bickford stressed as he gazed across the bleachers Friday morning. "We need you to get behind this group and help clean up this state."

group huddled close to the secretary at the podium and smiled broadly as Bickford shook each of their hands and again reminded the rest of the students to follow their lead in getting involved at a level where things can be done with determination and persistence.

"This is a very important issue," Turner said after a brief introduction. "Secretary Bickford and I. I'm sure, will be working hard on this issue. Anything worth doing is worth starting at home, so we'll be starting here in Floyd County and then we'll branch on out to the rest of my district and on out into the rest of Kentucky assisting Secretary Bickford so that it can get to all of Kentucky. Then, hopefully, the rest of the United States will catch on and it'll go all the way up.

During his speech, Turner assured Bickford that he would to anything he could to help with any plans, saying it was a "priority" for him at a high level.

Also, Turner made refer-

Garbage

"If you owe \$150 for garbage service, we're going to give you amnesty, as long as you start with us July 1." Thompson said. Thompson said the change in

garbage service is intended to bring the county to a collection rate of at least 95 percent. Once



Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson signed papers Tuesday afternoon proclaiming the week of April 22-28 as National Infant Immunization Week. Carrie Branham, LPN, Floyd County Health Department, and Brian Holbrook, Kentucky Immunization Program, look on. Kentucky Immunization Program officials say that almost 1 million children in this country live without the benefits of full immunizations. For these children, serious illness, and the threat of loss of life from vaccine-preventable disease is great. Health department officials remind all parents that by working together and ensuring timely immunizations, they are taking the best steps toward giving their children a healthy start

ence to the recent hidden camera techniques that had just lately brought several people. in Johnson county under the watchful eyes of the law. Bickford had also explained to the students about the hidden cameras that had been placed at illegal dump sites across Kentucky, It was, as Bickford stated, a way to "take care" of those who would simply never find the urge to make an environmentally sound change in habits. 'I'm just real pleased to be

here today." Bickford said as the assembly came to a close.

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that happens, the fiscal court will be eligible to take part in Gov. Paul Pation's recentlyannounced Certified Clean Counties program, which provides 75-percent of the cost of cleaning up illegal dumps in the county





PCC professor attends conference

Eileen Lewandowski, Associate Professor of communications at Prestonsburg Community College, recently participated in two panel discussions at the Southern States Communication Association's 71st Annual Conference held in Lexington on April 5-8.

She chaired and participated in a panel discussion of "Debating the Debates: Assessing the Value of **Televised** Presidential Debates in Producing an Informed Electorate," sponsored by the Southern Forensics Association.

Lewandowski also served on the "Tiptoeing Across Electric Avenue: Debating the Merits of Distance Learning in the Communication Classroom" panel, sponsored by the Community College Division. The Community College

Division elected Lewandowski as its representative to the SSCA's nominaring commuce.

"Attending regional communication conferences enables me to keep up to date on the most current classroom instruction strategies and, as a result, my communication students reap the benefit."

History Center's second birthday What began two years ago facts and collections, music, with pomp and circumstance. and a parade through downtown Frankfort, has turned into another variety of parade-of people perusing the culture and history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky through the collections of the Kentucky History Center, headquarters of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Officially opened April 10, 1999, and speeches by such dignitaries as Gov. Paul Patton and Thomas D. Clark, the two-yearold Kentucky History Center to date has welcomed more than 442,000 visitors through its doors on Broadway and Ann and March 31, 2001, there were

craft performances and a performance by the Lexington Philharmonic, accompanied by a high-tech laser show.

Numbers tell story of Kentucky

"Compared to that celebration, our second birthday is a little more subdued," said Graffagnino. "But we are meeting, even exceeding, our goals, drawing more and more people each year. And not only through the front doors, but through outreach and through electronic doors that also welcome visitors to the Kentucky History Center and the Historical Society."

Between January 1, 1999. Streets. Offsite attendance at 442,828 visitors' to the and cultorally." said Graffagnino. "Clearly our primary audience is within the borders of Kentucky, but ties to Kentucky spread far and wide across America, and we have an interest in all of those stories and lives.

Kentucky Journey," has won accolades from our visitors, but we also have been very pleased by the attendance and comments we have gotten for our changing exhibits." These have included "A Kentucky Master: John James Audubon," "Requiem: The Vietnam Collection," "The Weapon as Art," and the current changing

"The permanent exhibit, 'A in life.

The children within the

ber more than 336,000 people. That totals nearly 800,000 people. Add to that the web visits to www.kyhistory.org, and the skyrockets number to 1.349.779.

"We are very proud of these said numbers," Keith Graffagnino, executive director of the society. "As the 'home' to Kentucky's history, we see visitors from all of Kentucky's 120 counties and beyond. There is a piece of every Kentuckian's story here in the center. People from Paducah to Pikeville can certainly find their heritage within these walls, but more that that, given Kentucky's role as a pivotal player in American history, many people from other states can also trace some of their roots within our collections.

The \$29-million, 167,000 square foot center is the heart of Kentucky Historical Society campus, which also includes the Old State Capitol and Kentucky Military History Museum. The opening, in April 1999, included the parade, a ribbon cutting, displays of arti-

events through the period num- in 1999, the Society provided or review of 1950s Kentucky participated in programs-KHS-sponsored workshops, conferences, training sessions. etc .- that included nearly 150,000 additional people across the state. By the end of 2000, that number climbed to 163,212. Electronic visitors to KHS totaled 180,000 in 1999. By 2000, that had climbed to more than 285,000 "hits," and the site is on a record pace again this year (with 105,000 "hits" through March 31), said Assistant Director James Wallace.

> Kentucky schoolchildren who visited the Kentucky History Center totaled more than 71,600 in 2000, Wallace added. And these numbers do not reflect the people who attended the 1999 or 2000 Kentucky Folklife Festivals, sponsored by the Kentucky Historical Society and Kentucky Heritage Council. held annually in September, between the Old State Capitol and the Kentucky River.

> "Our goal is to touch people from all walks of life, from all areas of life-geographically

KHS-sponsored programs and Kentucky History Center. But exhibit, "Front Page Fifties," a style.

> Future exhibits in the Changing Exhibit Gallery include "In the Dark, a display from the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History that explores the intriguing qualities of darkness and unravels some mysteries of nature, which opens October 6, and runs through January 13, 2002. "Two Centuries of Clothing," 19th and 20th century clothing featuring everyday garments and Worth designs, opens in February 2202 and runs through June.

> There also will be a "Kentucky Women in Politics" conference at the center in April 2002, and a Paul Sawyier exhibit showing some of his stunning landscapes and portraits, will open in July 2002. and run through September.

> The Kentucky Historical Society, its museums and facilities, are agents of the Education, Arts & Humanities Cabinet, The Kentucky History Center is the headquarters of the Society, and is located in downtown Frankfort.

Tax deadline no worry for \$200,000 lottery winner!

Many Kentuckians who've procrastinated in getting their taxes done are scrambling to meet tonight's filing deadline. And there's extra anxiety for people who owe taxes. That's not a worry for Steve Bugg, 38, of Harrodsburg. He won \$200,000 in the Kentucky Lottery's Kentucky Cash Ball game over the weekend. He's the game's first top prizewinner.

"My taxes are done and sent in, and I know there'll be taxes taken out of this prize money, but I guess I can live with that," Bugg told Lottery officials.

That's for sure. Even after federal and state taxes were withheld, Bugg took home \$136,0001

"I don't know what I'm going to do with it," he said. "I haven't had much chance to think about it."

Bugg played his own numbers to win the \$200,000 Kentucky Cash Ball prize. He says his wife picked the numbers on the ticket they bought at Minit Mart Foods #43 on US 127 & North Lane in Harrodsburg. The store will receive a \$2,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Kentucky Cash Ball is the newest on-line game from the Kentucky Lottery. It has eight ways to win a prize. In addition to Bugg's \$200,000 top prize won on Saturday, 11,647 other players shared in \$47,949 in prizes.

\$83.9 million POWERBALL® Jackpot Hit!

The state that sold the winning \$83.9 million POWER-BALL® ticket was Arizona, but Kentucky had one lucky

\$100,000 winner. The \$100,000 winning ticket was sold at Minit Mart Foods #96 in Franklin. There were 55 tickets sold that won the third prize of \$5,000. The winning numbers were: 3-8-16-29-30 and the Powerball was 4.

Lotto Kentucky Jackpot up to \$3 million!

The Lotto Kentucky jackpot has climbed to \$3 million after no one matched all six numbers in Saturday's drawing.

Paid over 20 years, the \$3 million jackpot is worth \$150,000 per year. In one lump sum, the Lotto Kentucky jackpot would pay \$1.9 million.

Tickets for the \$3 million jackpot can be purchased for \$1 at any Kentucky Lottery on-line retailer.

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ourview **East Kentucky** must focus on infrastructure

n an interview with this newspaper two weeks ago, Paintsville Mayor Robin Cooper pointed out how local governments have evolved in their approach to recruiting new employers to the area, and his words were borne out during an announcement last week.

In the interview, Cooper noted that he hoped Eastern Kentucky's public officials had learned that a wide expanse of flat land is not necessarily an industrial park. Instead, he said, such land must also have the infrastructure necessary - such as gas, water and sewer lines - to support industry.

Fast forward a couple of weeks to a press conference at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville, where the Christian Appalachian Project announced it would be relocating its headquarters from Central Kentucky to Johnson County.

During that press conference, CAP President Michael Sanders noted that one important factor which led to the decision was the presence of, you guessed it, gas, water and sewer lines already at the site.

Of course, other considerations also played a role, such as the site's central location and the fact that CAP already owns the land where the new headquarters will be constructed.

But in order to achieve everything CAP wanted - namely, an education center within the building to promote tourism and local pride --- it was necessary to have those amenities already in place.

While such a limited example is hardly conclusive, it certainly provides evidence to settle a long-standing chickenand-egg debate: whether infrastructure leads to development, or development leads to infrastructure.

Of course, there are examples to the contrary, the most notable being Toyota's announcement to build a manufacturing plant in Georgetown in the 1980s. At that time, officials in Georgetown were somewhat taken by surprise, spending much of the next decade rebuilding their city to handle the increased demands of both the new factory and the population growth which accompanied it.



uest column

Kentucky's children deserve fair taxes

by DEBRA MILLER

When I talk about taxes and their importance for the well-being of Kentucky children, many people give me a confused look and ask, "Shouldn't you be more concerned about issues like child abuse, hunger, poor schools and health insurance?"

The fact is, it's easier for most people to make the connection between children and health care than between children and tax rates, exemptions, credits and

deductions. The reality is that all children and virtually all child advocacy issues are directly affected by taxes.

Taxes provide the revenue for public services that support families with children --services such as child care, health care, public education and recreation programs.

It's a mistake, however, to think that government programs benefit only poor children. Whether or not we as parents have children participating in government programs, we all benefit from public services through reduced crime, increased health and safety and a civil society. In fact, investing in child care and after-school programs is considered the most effective crime-fighting

other important resources for support - the faith community, the business community and the volunteer efforts of private citizens. The reality is that such resources have never come close to meeting the needs of Kentucky's children. While private sector efforts are both significant and growing, taxes generate the long-term, consistent and dependable source of revenue needed to provide services to Kentucky's children.

Less obvious is the connection between taxes and the income and resources low-income families have available to spend on their children's basic needs. Many families in Kentucky need each and every dollar they earn to meet their family budgets. Fully one in three Kentucky workers earns wages so low that working full time, year round does not enable them to lift a family of four out of poverty.

On top of that, state taxes on Kentucky's poorest working citizens are among the highest in the country.

A recent study by Kentucky Youth Advocates found that it takes about \$29,400 in annual income to meet the basic needs of a Lexington or Louisville family of three without any assistance. In a family living within this budget, there is nothing left over for telephone service, savings for the children's college education or even an occasional dinner and movie. And yet, this same family would owe over \$1,250 in state income taxes.

Taxing low-income families, especially the poorest

While it seems that infrastructure can follow development, it is a much more painful process than having the right facilities already in place.

All across Eastern Kennucky, local officials are wrestling to find ways to develop their communities, searching for the proper recipe to insure economic success. Certainly, a good part of that mixture includes doing everything possible to build the services which industry requires ahead of time, rather than trying to play catch-up in the unlikely event a business decides to relocate regardless of a lack of infrastructure.

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NAFTA threatens environment

In 1993 when NAFTA was adopted, Chapter 11 of that agreement established a new system of private arbitration for foreign investors to bring injury claims against governments. NAFTA has enabled multinational corporations to usurp the sovereign powers of government and the rights of citizens and communities,

Now the heads of 34 countries in this hemisphere are meeting in Quebec to expand NAFTA's rules to the entire western hemisphere. The Bush administration and others will try to portray free trade as democracy.

Under NAFTA's Chapter 11, foreign-based companies are given more rights than domestic businesses operating in their home countries. For instance, California banned a methanol-based gasoline additive, MTBE, after the EPA reported potential cancer risk and found 10,000 groundwater sites contaminated by the substance. Methanex, of Vancouver, British Columbia, the world's largest methanol producer, filed a \$970 million claim against the U.S. If the

NAFTA panel rules for the company, there are 10 other states in line for suit and damages and the federal government would have to pay the awards with our tax dollars. How does this square with a state's right to protect the health and safety of its citizens?

In Mexico, a U.S waste disposal company, Metalelad, was awarded \$16.7 million in damages after the state of San Luis blocked its waste site in the village of Guadalcazar. Local residents complained the Mexican government was not enforcing environmental standards and that the project threatened their water supply.

In Canada, the government banned another gasoline additive, MMT, as a suspected health hazard and one that damages catalytic converters. according to auto makers. The Ethyl Corporation of Virginia, producer of MMT, filed a \$250 million claim but settled for \$13 million after Canada agreed to withdraw its ban and apologized.

Expanding NAFTA to cover the entire western hemisphere has nothing to do with promoting democracy, The Bush Administration will put in language where they can threaten trade sanctions if they feel countries are not

practicing good environmental standards or labor standards. So what is that worth?

Look at our trade deals with China . How many times have we heard hollow rhetoric about cutting trade to pressure China to observe human rights. What NAFTA is all about is expanding a system where multinational corporations can usurp democratically-passed environmental laws and that has nothing to do with promoting democracy in the western hemisphere.

John Burgess Louisa

Chapel is blatantly unconstitutional

I've said for a long time that those who wish to post the Ten Commandments in public schools wouldn't be happy until our public schools are turned into churches, or at least into Christian recruitment centers. The best evidence for this trend was revealed just weeks ago at Cumberland High School in Harlan County. A former storage room of the high school has been redesigned into a chapel, complete with padded pews,

a hand-made pulpit, an altar, angels, crosses and a framed copy of the Lord's Prayer.

The principal, Edward Clem, apparently winking at the flagrant constitutional violation, called it, "a quiet room, a chapel or Room 38." Like calling the Ten Commandments "historical documents," I sincerely doubt calling a chapel by any other name is going to fool a federal judge. Calling cow manure "a sweet-smelling rose" doesn't change the smell. It still stinks. And it's still manure.

Children shouldn't be taught by idiots, but if the teachers and administrators of Cumberland High School don't recognize that enshrining Christianity at a public school trods on the religious freedoms of the non-Christian minority and is a blatant violation of church and state separation, then what else could they be?

I wonder, did any staff member voice objections, or even reservations, when Don Disney, whose granddaughter, attends the school and who is a member of the committee that makes decisions about the use of school space, came forward with his plan to renovate the space? According to

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When I first started, I copied

knew, all we ever heard about. I

quickly realized that you don't

of us here together.

you'll see there's a

conflict between the

social self and the artistic self.

The social self is telling you to

do those things that the society

will accept, that they will be

proud of. The artistic side tells

you to go in to that other side. I

do both, and it's something I've

been able to get away with. If I

didn't do paintings like "Dead

Rat in the Trap," I couldn't paint

those flowers. I couldn't paint

"The Baptizing." In other

words, we're all things. If I only

let out the beautiful qualities.

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need to let out all the aspects of

Tom Whitaker, not just the side

STH: Of all the pieces you

TW: I think you have to see

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this as like your children.

They're all important. Some

better because your mother

thinks it is important. Others are

more nostalgic. Others have bet-

ter color. There are better ones

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better composition. Some, bet-

ter illusions, some are more per-

sonal. Some should be burnt

because they mean nothing. I

would like to buy some that I

I view as a positive piece.

favorite?

with artist and professor Tom Whitaker

Art filled a need for PCC's Whitaker

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

Tom J. Whitaker spent his youth at the head of Puncheon Creek in Magoffin County. Growing up among the hills of Appalachia, he feels he has been greatly influenced by his childhood experiences.

Whitaker graduated from Eastern University and received his master's degree in art from Morehead State University. He is now a professor of art at Prestonsburg Community College.

Whitaker has been a major influence on Eastern Kentucky's perception of art. In his classes at the college and in his workshops, he presents around the state, Whitaker stresses the importance of being one's self rather than relying on public opinion.

Whitaker's gallery, the Parkway Gallery, is located 10 miles about from Prestonsburg. It is a cross between an abandoned warehouse and an art museum.

Whitaker is a two-sided coin. At times, he is the stereotypical artist who moves easily in elite social circles, but at other times. he is torn. Called "America's Greatest Appalachian Artist" by Al Stuart, beloved poet and writer from Knott County, Whitaker's strengths lie in the simplicity of his subjects and insensitive treatment of everyday life in Appalachia.

The Sunday Times Herald: Let me begin by asking you a bit about your history as an artist.

Tom Whitaker: I grew up in Magoffin County in the head of a holler, a place called Puncheon Creek. We had a large family. My grandmother on my dad's side had 12 children three sets of twins - and so than some I do enjoy. A lot of were a lot of Whitakers on Puncheon Creek. We had a lot of chores to do. Feeding the pigs. Milking the cow. Getting wood in. Helping Mom get water. Many times I go to bed at night thinking that I still have some chores that I need to do. We went to a one-room school for six or seven years. For a long time, the only world I knew was family. And then you learn the world of Puncheon Creek. And then you learn the world of Magoffin County. Finally, you learn the world of Floyd, Pike and Johnson Counties. Then you learn there is an Ohio River, And you learn there are other countries. And you learn there are other planets. And then you learn there are other universes. Finally, you become cosmic! (laughing) Now, what I'm saying is this: Many of us are local minded. I'm not saying that's good or bad, but maybe that's one of the illusions subjected by our moms, or dads, or brothers and sisters, but many people still have limited their look of life, from Magoffin County, to Pike County, to Lexington. We see what's around us. You can't see it until you pass through it. You know Appalachia is a beautiful place to live. We have many great values. We love the land. We are very family oriented. We're very clannish. But to be honest, we have some weak values as well. If everything we said was false, that would be meaningless. I have a friend, if he gets out of Puncheon Creek, he's paranoid. He said, "I'd rather be on Puncheon Creek." He says he loves the country and didn't want to be in the city. Well, that's the next stroke. We're glad he's proud of his heritage, but we don't want to use that to hold us back. See what I'm saying? I went off to school at an early age, to Eastern [Kentucky University]. I graduated from Eastern down at Richmond. I was very insecure as an artist, 1 never had an art class, and in

the teacher told me I couldn't draw worth a lick. She probably wanted to force me out of art. I dropped her class, but she probably helped me more than any teacher I ever had, because she was honest. She would say, "This is work. This is not for fun. You have to desire it. You have to work." I think she helped me realize that I had to become serious.

one of the first art classes I had,

1 had this need, even as a child, to say something from in here (pointing to his chest). Maybe we all have that need. Nothing would satisfy that need. Drinking beer wouldn't. Bowling wouldn't. Fighting chickens wouldn't. Making love came close one time (laughing). So, I think if you have that need, and it's strong enough, it will find a way to get out. Art is a vehicle to help get that need out. Teachers can't make you an artist. You can learn techniques from teachers, but I tell my students it's up to you. We head down a bridge. It's up to you to follow.

STH: Art has many forms, from drawing and paintings to sculpting. Some people even consider music to be an art form. What do you consider to be art?

TW: I think you reach a point in life when you're not concerned with that. You say, "This is what I do." When you get up in the middle of the night. at 3 o'clock in the morning, and you have to dance, you don't say. "Is this dance?" You just do what you have to do. You don't have a choice. And if you don't do it, you will smother. You reach a point that you don't even question it.

In fact, a lot of things I do, I don't like, maybe even stronger times, students get discouraged. Just because you don't like it doesn't mean it's not a strong work. Many pieces you don't like touch people more deeply than those that do. For example, a painting of Greuler's Christ on the cross you won't like because there is vomit and blood and gore. But it would touch you more deeply than a painting of something of nature. I think really what happens is that you don't question whether or not it is art. It's just something that you know you need to do. You look inside. You know you have something to say that's worthwhile. You use the things that are around you and things that are inside to do your work. 1 do this with my own artwork. I tell students in class to look inside, and to use the thing around them to say what's inside. If there's nothing inside, then you're just going through the motions. But, chances are, you do have something inside. Many times, the hardest thing is getting the student to overcome the fear of saying what they want to, or the fear of being exposed. When you do a painting, you are putting your ideas, your mind, on the wall. You're taking a chance to be rejected and also for your painting to be rejected. You'll reach a point where it doesn't matter. If the public likes it, fine. If they don't like it, it's still fine. Regardless of what I tell you about this painting, it's still about you, the viewer. You asked me about "Tuesday Morning" (Whitaker is referring to a painting of a child.) It's as much about the viewer as it is about me. Some will look at that and feel nothing, so that tells me something about them. Others will look at it and say that it is just an old junk dumpsite where someone has thrown away a doll. So, you see, it's as much about the viewer. And that's good. If you look at my work called, "Have you slept here?", which is my bed on Puncheon Creek, and you don't get what I

mean, then that's okay because "Hey, this is what I need to do." there is no wrong meaning to the painting. Russell May. He was all we ever

Don't you wish English teachers had been like that? Don't you wish they'd let you get your own interpretation of it? Truthfully, there's only one interpretation you can get out of a poem, and that's the one you got. They tell you got the wrong interpretation, but you didn't. You have to relate your life experiences and your genetic makeup. Therefore, you get what you get. There is no wrong interpretation.

(Whitaker points to a painting of some crows sitting in a line.) This one I call "The Faculty." If you've been to a lot of meetings, you know what I'm talking about. (laughing)

I think your subjects choose you. They are those things that upset you. Those things that haunt you. Those things that move you. Now, I have never considered my work pretty. To me, pretty is such a "surface" term. I know when society tells me it's pretty, they don't mean to offend me. It means they like it. Pretty has one the least emotional involvements of any word. If you only like pretty artwork, you deny yourself the beauty of a changed world, a savage world, a primitive type world, the world of folk art or modern art.

To me, if there is anything about artwork, it needs to be genuine. As long it's genuine, even if I don't like it, I still have a lot of respect for it because I realize it's pure. I don't have to like it for it to be beautiful.

STH: Where do you find inspiration for your work?

TW: The things that move you. A black cat in a white snow. The things that have character. People that are humble, that are genuine, and who are not artificial.

There's an old expression here in Appalachia - a person can puke a dog. To me, that person is so stuck up that if a dog saw them, he'd turn around and start vomiting. And that's what I try to get away from.

In your work, if you're not true to yourself, your work is artificial because it's not something that's inside your heart. "Real" is inside. Real is not outside

This is going to sound harsh, but it's really not. I don't believe what people tell me. I believe what I feel about what they tell me. We, in Appalachia, we re mai way, 1 hat's the reason, in politics, we like to eyeball people. We want to get the vibe. We want to see what's real

sold earlier and burn them.

But, we don't need to second guess ourselves. We needed to go through those steps to get to the level we are in. Each of them are a reflection of our-



Tom Whitaker

selves, even those early works that I feel aren't worthy of Tom Whitaker's name. Sometimes you lose because you learn to make it more subtle or more sensual. Even in those early crude ones there a streak of the boldness that you will lose later on. So I really think we really shouldn't second guess ourselves.

I really don't look at painting as a painting. I look at them as a history of my life, of what I was going through at this particular stage, I've done as many as 65 self-portraits. It wasn't because I wanted a pretty face, but because, when you step back to look at something you've painted or written, you see changes in yourself. I get inspiration everywhere. As an artist, you're looking, you're searching, you're hungry for that.

I have a painting here you'd think was abstract. In church, I heard the word "chicana." The word means "a light so bright you can't see it." It really means the Lord, the truth so pure you couldn't handle it. When I hear that word, something inside me clicks. I've got to see if I can capture that in paint. You're constantly watching, listening, alert for those things that speak

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to you. I have a little cabin I use as a retreat. The real me is hiding, there peeping out the door

watching the visitors go on

home. I did a painting called Neither Social Life Nor Outcast." To me, as I said, there's a touch of good in all of us, a touch of had in all of us. and a touch of jealousy in all of us. We just have to figure out how to make both sides equal. Hopefully, it will all be positive. I don't even look at jealousy as being negative. 1 think it gives variety. It gives you incentive and it makes you more cautious.

> To me, an artist is like education. It's like change. It's like growth. So many artists start doing something widely accepted and that's all they do the rest of their lives. But there should be room for growth and change because that what's life is about.

If there is a key word for painting, it would be "mystery." I expect you to remain a mystery. I don't want to ever know you and, if you continue learning, you will remain a mystery to me because you're continually growing and changing.

I have found that the best painting is the one you're going to do. I have a painting here I call "Close to Truth." It's an old man out in the street and he's blocking out the sign that tells how great I am. I call myself "America's great Appalachian artist," and I'm saying he's more real than I am. He knows where truth is. He knows what's in store for all people. He has traveled a road that I have yet to travel. That's the reason I call it "Close to Truth," because he knows.

If you want a lesson in what's real, go into the rest home. I went into the rest home to do an art workshop once. I was in there a while when I looked around the room, one was snoring and one was sticking food in another's ear (laughing). I realized these people are more real than I am. So, I went out and got my guitar and we

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I'll give you an example. A student the other day missed class and she said, "I'm sorry I missed classed." Well, we all have this little thing inside of us that says "Truth/not truth." You want it to hush, but it won't. I said, "You are? How many classes have you missed?" She said, Well, about 10 times." I said, "Do you have a reason at all?" She said, "Yes, my aunt died." I said, "Well, it must have been a long funeral." Ten classes is almost a month, and it hurts me that she didn't tell me the real reason.

STH: Many people consider you to be an Appalachian artist, but a lot of your work portrays an abstract view. Do you consider yourself to be an Appalachian artist?

TW: Well, I think a rose is a rose is a rose and a pig is a pig is a pig. You know that the simple design that our grandmothers had in their crazy quilts is beautiful whether it's in New York, China or here in Kentucky. You asked me a little bit ago about inspiration. To me, this is inspiration.

Al Stuart called me America's greatest Appalachian artist. Now, you know that's hype, but I thought of it first. Who's to say I'm not?

Al, a great writer in Knott County who just recently died, was a sort of a mentor of mine because Al was real. I asked him who I should read to learn about Appalachia, He said, "Tom, read yourself. You've lived it. You know it. You don't need to read anybody.

Growing up in Appalachia, the things I experienced as a child, are a lot of the same subjects that I use now. I don't know that I choose them because they are Appalachian. I think I choose them because, to be the artist - the pure artist you have to keep some of the child in you. You have to say,

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sang "Amazing Grace" and a lot of other songs, and we had a real art lesson. It's a lesson to all of us. Our grandparents had their own concert when they were in the garden in the afternoon. That was their concert, and that concert in that garden was just as great as the concert we have over at the [Mountain Arts Center] or that concert we have in here. It brings as much pleasure and culture as these other things.

STH: There are many ways of self-expression and art is certainly a wonderful outlet for people to express their feelings or emotions. What is your voice as an artist? What story are you trying to tell?

TW: I think the answer to that is I don't know. If I start with this painting and I know what's going to happen, that's bogus. It has a life of its own. If you try to control it, it wouldn't be as strong.

Can you explain your mom? No. Can she explain you? No, she has to let you grow. That's the way a painting is. It has it's control it, it gets weaker.

I visited my dad's grave. It had two roses on it. One was dirty and the other was clean. I of the roses had, and I grabbed a cigarette pack that someone had thrown on the ground. I wrote, "Even a dirty rose casts a clean shadow." In other words, you have to just go with what's genuine and what's real.

As I said, no matter what I think about that painting, it speaks for itself. Many artists won't tell their intentions for a painting because they're afraid it may destroy what you felt, and that's just as important or even more important. The work is as much about you as it is about me.

STH: How has being an art professor at PCC helped you or influenced your artistic work?

TW: It's been a good patron. It pays the bills and it helps inspire me a little bit. I don't necessarily teach, I just lay out a bridge. I think it's helped me to be a stronger painter. Having the job gives me the freedom to be around art. It doesn't matter how many classes you take to learn something, you still have to work it out on your own.

Many artists won't watch or own direction, and if you try to be around anybody when they work, because they're afraid they will lose it. They're afraid they will be influenced by them. and I think you have to be looked at the shadows that each strong enough to be able to be

around everybody.

Appalachia has a richness that nowhere else on the earth has. The genuineness is here. The beauty is here. The appreciation isn't. We are not an artinfluenced society. We didn't grow up with galleries, but that doesn't make any difference. The beauty's here, the traditions are here, my boots are here, my values are here. We love the land. We love the family. I don't know anywhere else you'd find the closeness of the people of Appalachia. We do have a balance here, but if you're from here, many times it's hard to understand it.

In fact, I did a recent painting called "Appalachian American." There is Spanish American, African American, Native American. We also have Appalachian American. In the painting, I've got two chairs on the front porch, a Bible in one chair, moonshine in the other. Somebody said I should have put 'em both in the same chair.

STH: What do you think of art education programs in Eastern Kentucky? Could there be any improvements?

TW: We have a lot of strengths in education. We're getting stronger all the time. But, somewhere along the line, we need to go into the third grade and say, "Look, I know your dad's a drunk, I know your mom went away. But you're responsible. You can't use that as an excuse. You are responsi-

ble for what happens to you the rest of your life." We should tell them not use that as a crutch, and we should tell the teachers not to use that as a crutch either. We have to be honest and we have to be genuine. We have a thing called tough love.

I knew a school in Appalachia which had 27 valedictorians one year. I think a lot of times we are deceiving youths when we do this. We need to tell them that they are responsible. It's not hate. It's an act of love. It's like that teacher that told me I couldn't draw a lick. I don't look at her as being evil. She was saying that I was responsible for what happens to me

Also, there's a lack of passion in our schools, and we are not learning self-discipline. I was a guest lecturer at Notre Dame and I watched this woman who didn't move for an hour and 15 minutes. 1 thought she had died. Afterwards, I went over to her and told her that I had been worried about her and she asked me why. I said, "You didn't move for an hour and 15 minutes, and I was rolling in my seat." She said. "I went to a Catholic school. I learned discipline." That's one of the things we're weak on. Do the work first. This means that if you don't have your work, you're not admitted back to class. Sympathy is not what they need. They need genuineness and truth.

STH: I imagine that being an artist is extremely hard work. What would you say to someone who is pursuing or hopes to begin a career in art?

TW: Have passion. Pour your heart into it and go with it. I think the reason a lot of us fail is that we don't know what we want. We're out of focus. Once you know what you want, then you're in focus. When you're out of focus, you're just mumbling around.

We have to have a passion for learning. Learning not to make an "A," but learning because it will give us more options. Learning is an opportunity, and if we don't take advantage of it, we lose that potential. Work every day toward your passion. Postpone instant gratification. Play after you work. When you work, really work, and when you play, really play.

STH: How would you like to be remembered as an artist?

TW: I would like to be remembered as someone who got close to the truth, as close as I possibly could in a genuine manner.

Certainly, I feel there a spiritual part of us all. I am a Christian. I am not what you'd consider a typical Christian. I do things that Christians would put me down for. There's some devil in me, even though I am a Christian. I do some evil things. I'm still a sinner, you see what I'm saying? I need an outlet for those things. Keep your maker

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in mind and listen to the spirit that tells you what to do, and you won't go wrong.

I think it's like the Virgin Mary. When the angel appeared and told her she would have a child, she could have refused. She could have said, "I've got a boyfriend. He won't like that, Mom and Dad are gonna kill me." She listened to her inner self, instead, and I think that's what we need to do. Just listen to the inner self and you won't go wrong.

Don't be afraid of what other people say. Take jobs that you don't even like because you'll grow from them. I did a painting of the Mayo Mansion. That's a lot different from someone who grew up in the head of a hollow and slept in an old woodshed. Even though I didn't know that kind of work, I grew. People do grow by doing things like this. Don't be afraid to be yourself.

To sum it up, it's like this: Don't try to be like others. Let others try to be like you, if they want to. If they don't, it's still okay. And, to me, the strength in Appalachia is not how we're alike. It's how we're different. There's not many places you have the chance to be that way. People may call you insane, but we grow through our differences in shame.

(Whitaker's work is currently on display at the art gallery at Prestonsburg Community College.)

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These are just a few items on the agenda of Kentucky's

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This week, April 16-22, is designed National Community Development Week.

In Kentucky, many community development projects begin with funding through the federal Housing and Urban Development's CDBG program. which is administered by the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG).

DLG Commissioner Jody Lassiter says that Kentucky's CDBG program offers communities many opportunities that may and other community-type projects. Jobs have been created, and Kentuckians have been trained for those jobs. The laundry list of benefits is amazing," said Lassiter.

States share \$4.3 billion in CDBG funds this fiscal year, Kentucky's allocation totals \$34.2 million.

Kentucky's portion of the funds are used in seven areas:

Economic Development, \$5 million

Public Facilities, \$12 million

Ventra Mapp, director of DLG's Division of Community Development, says cities and counties compete for grant funds through an intense application process.

"Local governments complete an application process that includes the total project funding package, engineering plans, proof of local commitment to completing the project, and a host of other requirements.

"It really is a competitive process and DLG staff labor over reveiwing and scoring the applications. But it is a labor of love, because we know CDBG program takes care of many community development needs in the state," added Mapp. DLG is taking applications for fiscal year 2002 funds, now through February 1, 2002.

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not otherwise exist. "The CDBG program in Kentucky has been operating since 1982. In the past 20 years, thousands of Kentuckians have benefited.

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Guest

parents to meet the basic needs of their children. Families with young children are especially vulnerable. They tend to be at a stage in their work lives when they are earning lower incomes, but their young children are at an especially critical point in terms of physical. emotional and intellectual development. These children have important needs that must be met either through family income or public services.

The taxes we impose on low-income families are symbolic of our public priorities. It is morally unconscionable that our state places such a high tax burden on working families with children - the group least able to pay taxes.

Does it make sense to financially punish low-income families who are working and doing everything they can to support their children?

Approximately 63,000

Letters

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reports, no. The measure had the unanimous support of the other five members of the committee. And, so far, no teacher or administrator, to the best of my knowledge, has come forward to denounce this ill-conceived attempt at influencing the religious views of children.

What on earth were the staff and administration of Cumberland High School thinking when they allowed ... no, not allowed ... when they approved of this?

James L. Hartley Henderson

Housing, \$8 million Community Emergency

Relief Fund, \$1 million Community Projects, \$8

million =

Development, \$250,000 Renaissance Kentucky Set-Aside, \$2 million

Kentuckians are trying to live

on minimum wages. The gap

between the richest and poor-

est families in Kentucky is one

of the 10 largest in the nation.

The average income of the

Kentuckians is \$125,797 a

year, but the poorest one-fifth

of Kentuckians earns an aver-

wealthiest one-fifth

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the poorest workers, offer a refundable credit to supplement earned wages.

Kentucky's hard-working families deserve tax relief in order to lift themselves out of poverty and help them meet the basic needs of their children. We must provide hope for the future for our working families and send the message that children are the real resources of the commonwealth.

Miller is executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates.

age of only \$11,365 a year. The best way to provide tax relief to these working families is a state Earned Income Tax Credit. A Kentucky EITC would both offset taxes that reduce take-home pay and, for BARRELS OF BARGAINS **BEST FLEA MARKET IN TOWN** "You'll get a barrel full of deals for a

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

John Bizzack Sr., 81, of Lexington, native of Fairpoint, Ohio, died Thursday, April 12, at the St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington, following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Geneva Mae Wilkinson Bizzack. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Harrod Bros. Memorial Chapel, Frankfort.

Burta Link, 96, of Attica, Ohio, died Friday, March 16, at Oak Grove Manor Nursing Home, Mansfield, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 20, under the direction of Lindsey-Foos-Kocher Funeral Service.

Joe Brown, 76, of Mousie, died Saturday, April 14, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Helen Louise May Burke, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, April 15, at the Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, John W. Burke Sr. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Gracie Hicks, 63, of Sturgis, Michigan, died Thursday, April 12, at the Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, Michigan.

Ishmeal Caudill, 68, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Hi Hat, died Friday, April 13, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jacqueline Martin, 70, of Drift, died Friday, April 13, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral serDawsie Handshoe, 78, of Hueysville, died Friday, April 13, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Michael Joe Lewis, 37, of Van Lear, died Sunday, April 15, at Shelbyville, following an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Diana Belcher Lewis, 28, of Van Lear, died Sunday, April 15, at Shelbyville, following an automobile accident. She is survived by her husband, Michael Joe Lewis. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

George Frederick King Jr., 38, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Buckingham, died Saturday, April 14, at the University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ollie Wallen, 77, of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 17, at University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Emmel Grace Jarrell Wallen. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Doyle Glenn Adkins, 59, died March 7, at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Janet Smith Adkins. Funeral services were conducted at Lima Missonary Baptist Church, and burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Ruby Marie Wells, 79, of Auxier, died Tuesday, April 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel. 84, of Lowmansville, died Wednesday, April 11, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa.

Daisy Meek, 87, of Stanford, died Tuesday. April 10, at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

James Ronnie Osborne, 52, died Wednesday, April 11, at his Beauty residence. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Alley Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Valeria B. Tackett, 83, died Monday, April 9, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 12, under the direction of Choedinger North Chapel, Columbus.

Juanita Hitchcock, 46, died Friday, April 13, at her Staffordsville residence. She is survived by her husband, John Daniel "Dan" Hitchcock Sr. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Verlin Murray Sr., 93, native of Kerz, died Thursday, April 12, at Mount Pleasant Retirement Village, Monroe, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of Baker-Stevens Funeral Home.

Loucina Pennington, 86, died Saturday, April 14. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Pike County

Barbara Blackburn, 87, of Johns Creek, died Saturday, April 14, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Nancy Slone Chaney, 70, of

April 15, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Creacy Varney Chaffin, 87, of Sidney, died Tuesday, April 10, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Charles Edward Billiter, 79, of Christiansburg, Virginia, formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, April 9, at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Billiter. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Emogene P. "Granny" Hensley, 74, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Tuesday, April 10, in the intensive care unit at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Johnny B. Arvin, 72, of Vansant, Virginia, died Sunday, April 15, at Russell County Medical Center, Lebanon, Virginia, Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Elmer Blankenship, 64, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Phelps, died Monday, April 16, at Mt. Carmel West Hospital in Columbus. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Jessie May Damron Compton, 89, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were condcted Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Earl Ray Good, 67, of Mouthcard, died Sunday, April 15, at Lick Creek, Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

John Daniel Hall, 27, of Mt.

Lillian E. Shortridge Ramey, 87, Fremont, Ohio, died Friday, April 13, at Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Wonderly-Horvath Funeral Home.

Kermit Smith, 87, of Raccoon, died Friday, April 13. He is suvived by his wife, Lacy Carter Smith. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Juanita Murphy Stepp, 80, of Delbarton, West Virginia, formerly of Williamson, West Virginia, died Sunday, April 15, at Williamson Memorial Hospial, Williamson, Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Mazie McCown Tackett, 87, of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, April 14, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Harry C. "Buddy" Ward, 73, of Gainesville, Florida, died Sunday, april 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Ward. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

David L. Wheeler, 53, of Clyde, Ohio, died Friday, April 13, in Bellevue Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Patrick. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Nopper-Veh Funeral Home.

Authelia , Bartley, 64, of Bryan, Ohio, native of Pike County, died Wednesday, April 18, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Grisier Funeral Home.

Nettie Bee Wright, 71, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, April 18, at St. Josephs Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home. wife, Peggy Jo Dotson Blankenship, Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 20, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Raymond Wilson Hunt, 84, of Hardy, died Thursday, April 17, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Stanley Hunt, Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Noble Trivette, 77, of Williamson, West Virginia, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, April 13, at Mingo Manor, Williamson, Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ray Mullins, 28, of Cocoa Beach, Florida, formerly of Virgie, died Sunday, April 15, in West Palm Beach, Florida. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Knott County

Hobert Couch, 77, of Anco. died Friday, April 13, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Hamilton Couch. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Laura Breeding, 96, of Fisty, died Friday, April 13, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Michael Jeffery Moore, 26, of Hindman, died Wednesday, April 11, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Juliah Cornett Parks, 82, of Mallie, died Tuesday, April 10, at St. Joseph Hospital at Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

vices were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Juanita Hitchcock, 46, of Staffordsville, died Friday, April 13, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, John Daniel "Dan" Hitchcock Sr. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home. Chester Gearheart, 71, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, April 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mavis Stone Gearheart. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County Elsie "Tommie" Vanhoose,

In Memory Of James E. "Jim Ed" Allen August 31, 1947-April 23, 1998

"If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane; we'd walk right up to heaven, and bring you home again...

> Foreber in our hearts Shawn, Philip, Jeff Allen Erelene and Scott Collins



Red Creek, died Friday, April 13, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Pine Crest Funeral Home.

Dock Estep, 85, of Phelps, died Thursday, April 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Magaline Estep. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Nora Justice, 97, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Kermit Smith, 87, of Raccoon, died Friday, April 13. He is survived by his wife, Lacy Carter Smith. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Lena May Bevins, 98, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 11, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Tackett, 72, of Sevierville, Tennesee, formerly of Virgie, died Tuesday, April 10, at the Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center, Sevierville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Bobby J. Fuller, 60, of Grundy, Virginia, formerly of Steele, died Wednesday, April 11, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Myra Olive Cool, 87, of Sidney, died Wednesday, April 11, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Clemens, Michigan, formerly of Toler, died Sunday, April 15, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Eugene Maynard, 68, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 17, at his home. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Maggie Meade, 85, of Phyllis, died Sunday, April 15, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the dirction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Ray Mullins, 28, of Cocoa Beach, Florida, formerly of Virgie, died Sunday, April 15, in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Misty Griffith Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 20, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home. Eugene Maynard, 68, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 17. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 20, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Elmer Blankenship, 64, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Phelps, died Monday, April 16, at Mount Carmel Hospital, Columbus. He is survived by his William (Bill) Perciful, 77, of Hindman, died April 6, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rudy "Doppy" Hensley, 77, of Paint Lick, died Sunday, April 15, after being a patient at the V.A. Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Belva Calico Hensley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday,

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Something to Sing About

Pastor James Hamblin and the congregation of Airport Gardens Baptist Church would like you to attend their showing of this outstanding new film. Something to Sing About will show on Sunday April 29th at 6:00pm at the Airport Gardens Baptist Church, 32 Sumac Ave, Hazard. For more information, please call the church office at 436-3625.



Obits

Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home.

Alex Fields, 45. of Jackhorn, died Saturday, April 14, at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Somerset, Funeral ser-Were conducted VICES Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Gregory Galen Mitchell, of Nasville, North Carolina, died Monday, at the Nash General Hospital, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted April 13, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Hassie Smith, 73, of Isom, died Saturday, April 14, at the Appalachian Whitesburg Regional Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Tressie Trusty Combs, 69, of Waldo, died Sunday, April 4, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 7, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Cletis Holderby, 73, of Salyersville, died Friday, April 6, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Cochran conducted Monday, April 9, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Eugene Banks, 61, of Salversville, died Monday, April at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday. April 12, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Dorsie Meade, 75, of Ashland, died Thursday, April 5, at Bellefonte Hospital. He is survived by his wife, June Carter Meade. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 8, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Gene Ross Patrick, 55, of Salyersville, died Saturday, April 7, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 10, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home:

Martin County

James Ronnie Osborne, 52, of Beauty, died Wednesday, April 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Alley Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home,

Glenn Windell Preece, 65, of Pilgrim, died Monday, April 16, at Highlands Regional Hospital in Prestonsburg. He is

April 17, under the direction of Holderby, Funeral services were survived by his wife, Judy Howard Preece. Funeral serwere conducted vices Thursday, April 17, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

> Chester D. Norton, Sr., 60. of Inez, died Saturday, April 14, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 17, under the direction of Richmond Callaham Funeral Home.

> Audrey Clay Sammons, 74. of Warfield, died Friday, April 13, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Aileen Hinkle, 73, of Inez, died Monday, April 16, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 18, under the direction of Richmond Callaham Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Homer Hughes, 90, of Louisa, died Tuesday, April 10, at Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Eula Mae Compton Hughes. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Elsie "Tommie" Vanhoose,

84, of Lowmansville, died Thursday April 12, 2001, at the Wednesday, April 11, at J. J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 13, under the direction of Wilson charge of arrangements. Funeral Home.

Jimmie Lee Copley, 69, of Sikeston, Missouri, formerly of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Friday, March 16, at Missouri Delta Medical Center, Sikeston. He is survived by his wife, Alta Jean McClaine Copley.

Harvey Parsons Jr., 48, of Grayson, died Wednesday, April 11. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 14, under the direction of Young Funeral Home,

Alta Mae Fitzpatrick, 52, of Louisa, died Sunday, April 15. She is survived by her husband, James H. Fitzpatrick. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 19, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Louise Clark Thompson, 89, formerly of Louisa, died Monday, April 16, at the Clermont County Retirement Home in Milford, Ohio. Arrangements are under the direction of Somerset Undertaking.

Perry County

Bobbie Walker Combs, age 18, of Hazard, Ky, died

University of Louisville Hospital. Services were held Saturday April 14, 2001 Engle-Walker Funeral Home in

Doris Bernard Tayloe, age 75, of Gahanna, OH, died Saturday, April 7, 2001, at Sunrise of Gahanna in Gahanna, OH. Services were held Saturday, April 14, 2001. Engle-Walker Perry County Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Johnny Miller, age 77, of Hazard, died Thursday, March 22, 2001, at the Mercy North Hospice.Services were held Monday, March 26, 2001. Maggard Brothers Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. John Bizzack, Sr., age 81, a resident of Lexington, Ky. died at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington at 11:30 p.m. Thursday following a short illness. Services were held at the Harrod Bros. Memorial Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Monday. Harrod Brothers Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pearl Fugate Childers, age 92, formerly of Bulan, died Saturday, April 7, 2001, a the Hindman Nursing Home. Services were held Tuesday. April 10, 2001. Maggard Brothers Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Helen M. Hughes, age 56, of Erlanger, Ky. died Thursday, April 11, 2001, at the Florence Park Care Center, Services were held Tuesday April 17, 2001.

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Place of burial is the St. Andrews Cemetery, Dexter, Michigan.

Effie H. Begley, age 69, of Jamestown, Ohio, formerly of Busy, Ky, died Saturday April 14, 2001 at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday April 17, 2001. Engle-Walker Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

James F. Hammonds, age 78, of Sassafras, died Sunday April 8, 2001, at the VA in Lexington. Hospital Services were held Tuesday April 10, 2001. Maggard Brothers Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Sylvia Mae Allen, age 88, of Hazard, Ky, died Monday April 9, 2001 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Services were held Friday April 12, 2001. Maggard Brothers Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Malvery Allen Watts, age 96. of Lexington, Ky died Thursday April , 5, 2001. Services were held Saturday April 7, 2001. Watts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Prior to Friday's meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and commissioners took a moment to pass out nearly half a million dollars. Above, Thompson presented the Southern Water District with a \$400,000 check to help pay for water line extensions. At right, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin received a \$50,000 check to help with a project to extend water lines to Whitaker. Both amounts were grants, with the fiscal court acting as a conduit.



Cancer Network team up to strengthen cancer programs

The American Caneer Society and the Appalachian Caneer Network at the University of Kentucky Markey Caneer Center, Caneer Control Program, announce new projects targeted at reducing cancer related health disparities of rural Appalachian communities in Kentucky and Tennessee. These pro-jects are being made possible by a \$120,000 grant from the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society. While the number of Americans dying of cancer each year is decreasing, Kentucky and Tennessee still show higher percentages of mortality among Appalachian people who have been diagnosed with cancer. Mortality rates are well above the U.S. rate in both states for lung, cervical and colorectal cancer. In Kentucky alone, more than 3,200 people will die from lung cancer this year. more than 3/200 people will die from lung cancer this year.

Specialized eating and swallowing clinic to open at Cardinal Hill's pediatric center, May 1

Speech-Language pathologists at Cardinal Hill's Pediatric Center will open a special eating and swallowing evaluation clinic for kids of all ages beginning May 1. The clinic is designed for children who suffer from medical conditions like a cleft palate, cerebral palsy or Down syndrome. Children who become distressed and experience anxiety while eating are prime candidates for an evaluation, as are children who drool excessively, have trouble with simple tasks like drinking from a bottle, eating with a spoon or chewing their food

this specialized service," said these to the evaluation. It is Julie Stoeckinger, a speech-language pathologist at Cardinal "Many times an Hill eating/swallowing evaluation is part of an all-inclusive speech/language evaluation. This program allows us to dedicate our efforts to finding specific solutions to a child's eating needs."

"We really want the program to be an educational experience for parents," said Dawn Cooper, a speech-language pathologist at Cardinal Hill. "Most children have a favorite utensil, favorite food or a particular bottle they "We are really excited about like, so we ask parents to bring upper respiratory infections.

amazing how changing the shape of a spoon or the size of the nipple on a bottle can make a world of difference."

And making a difference in the life of a child is the goal of the program. Cooper and Stoeckinger agree that children with eating and swallowing disorders are susceptible to poor nutrition and dehydration. They also risk food entering their airway causing them to choke. On a greater level, eating and swallowing disorders can cause a child to suffer from pneumonia, as well as an increased number of

The clinic features a team approach to evaluations, and includes physical, occupational and speech therapists, along with a registered dietician and a physiatrist who specializes in rehabilitative medicine. Other services include diet and equipment recommendations; physical, sensory and behavioral suggestions, and modified barium swallow tests for children over the age of two.

For more information about the eating and swallowing clinic, contact Julie Stoeckinger or Dawn Cooper at Cardinal Hill Hospital's Rehabilitation Pediatric Center at 859-367-7133.

educated, and are more likely to be uninsured than their urban counterparts. To better educate and serve individuals living in rural areas of Kentucky and Tennessee, the American Cancer Society and the Appalachia Cancer Network have developed four projects: Collaboration on a process that will facilitate and assure a comprehensive integrated database for rural, underserved popula-

factors and community resources. Collaboration on the promotion of effective tobacco cessation programs that will meet the needs of rural, poor Appalachians. Current programs and policies favor urban populations. Collaboration on the fusion of effective programs such as Breast Health Outreach Education and the American Cancer

Society's Tell A Friend program, to increase the utilization of screening services by rural Appalachian women.

Collaboration on a program that would modify the education component utilized to recruit persons in to elinical trials to include the promotion of other American Cancer Society community cancer services

1-800-ACS-2345, or visit www.cancer.org.

Governor Patton awards Education Pays writing contest winners

Governor Paul Patton awarded 32 seventh graders from across the state with savings bonds for their winning entries in the 2000 Governor Paul Patton Education Pays Writing Contest at an awards ceremony at the Kentucky History Center today.

The 16 first place regional winners received \$100 savings bonds and the 16 second place regional winners received \$50 savings bonds. Governor Patton also announced the top three entries from the first place regional entries: 1st place and a \$500 savings bond

Adult children use internet to help parents cut Rx drug bills

Thousands of adult children of U.S. seniors are now using the Internet to have their parent's prescriptions filled by licensed pharmacies abroad. Prevously, seniors had to personally travel to Canada or Mexico to obtain their prescription medicines at fair prices-until now.

"U.S. consumers of all ages are now able to legally use the Internet to fill their (and other family members as well) U.S. prescriptions abroad according to longstanding FDA guidelines," says M. J. McCormick, developer of www.Medicines.MD.

www.Medicines.MD is a consumer focused website offering free quotes and full access to regularly updated international price lists for more than 800 popular brand name prescription drugs, as well as more than 1300 generic medicines. Visitors are able to compare their U.S. prescription costs when the same medications are purchased from abroad, using the Internet. Complete ordering information is available by visiting www.Medicines.MD.

went to Victoria Christine Crowell of Broadway Elementary School(Providence Independent District); 2nd place and a \$200 savings bond went to Joshua Michael Ratliff of Millard Jr./Sr. High in Pike County; and 3rd place and a \$100 savings bond went to Hannah Lee Johnson of Clark Middle School in Clark County.

Governor Patton said, Im proud of each one of these outstanding young people for demonstrating that they understand the value of education. These are our leaders of tomorrow, and I have no doubt they will greatly impact the future success of this Commonwealth as they continue their own educations.

The contest was open for all seventh graders and required students to convince a real-world audience (in 250 words or less) that education is important for all young people. There were more than 100 entries in the 2000 Education Pays Writing Contest.

First-place winner Crowell used a fable to make her case for education; 2nd-place winner Ratliff wrote a letter to his teacher; and 3rd-place winner Johnson wrote an essay.

Crowell also received the Liberty Bell Award from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. A list of regional winners is attached.

2000 EDUCATION PAYS WRITING CONTEST FIRST PLACE REGIONAL WINNERS

(AWARD: \$100 SAVINGS BONDS)

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	Russell Middle School (Russell Ind.)

Matthew John Hlinka Benton Middle School (Marshall Co.)
Hannah Lee JohnsonClark Middle School (Clark Co.)
Victoria Kane Crosby Middle School (Jefferson Co.)
Katisha Ann PickrellA.J. Lloyd Middle School (Wayne C.)
Joshua Michael Ratliff Millard Jr./Sr. High School (Pike Co.)
Jacob Arthur Rebholz Sts. Peter and Paul (Covington Diocese)
Whitney Nicole ShirleyGlasgow Middle School (Glasgow Ind.)
Jason ShultzJohnson Traditional Middle (Jefferson Co.)
Joshua StrunkLost Creek Elementary (Perry Co.)
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SECOND PLACE REGIONAL WINNERS (AWARD: \$50 SAVINGS BONDS)

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Bentley's Comments

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

NASHVILLE, Tenn -Musical notes

Most people I know aren't fans of Barry Bonds, and while I wouldn't be ready to accept a position as the head of his fan club, I have admired him during his career.

On Tuesday night, the 36-year-old hit his 500th career home run off Terry Adams of the Dodgers, and it gave his Giants a 3-2 win. Only seven of the 16 other Major Leaguers to reach the milestone have done it faster, as Bonds needed only 7,501 at bats. The record, by the way, belongs to Mark McGwire, who reached it in 5,487 at bats.

Part of me has followed Bonds, career because in the early stages in

Pittsburgh, he contributed as much to the success of the Atlanta Braves as did Tom Glavine or Dave Justice. Bonds absolutely couldn't buy a post-season hit, and the Braves were the

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PC Softball

Perry Central, others get votes in KSCA poll

TIMES HERALD STAFF REPORT

he Kentucky Softball Coaches Association (KSCA) poll came out on Wednesday with the North Laurel Lady Jaguars holding a firm grip on the number-one ranking. Owensboro Catholic, Manual, Christian County and North Hardin, Greenwood, Daviess County, Ballard, Reidland and Louisville Mercy rounded out the top 10. The Perry County Central Lady Commodores got six votes in the poll while Pikeville and Shelby Valley got four and two votes respectively.

NAIA Tennis: Pikeville wins MSC

TIMES HERALD STAFF REPORT

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The Pikeville College men's tennis team ended its first year in the Mid-South Conference unbeaten with a 9-0 win over No. 3 Cumberland (Tenn.) University in the championship game of the league tournament.

Pikeville (17-2) was a perfect 7-0 in league play, and cruised past No. 4 Georgetown in Wednesday's semifinals before pitching a shutout yesterday

morning at The Centennial Sportsplex. The Bears lost only three points to league foes all season.

"This is the way we expected to play when we left Pikeville," said John Kitchen, who picked up conference Coach of the Year honors for the third straight season. He was KIAC Coach of the Year the last two years. "We played pretty well today, and that should give us a lot of momentum going into the regional tournament

next weekend."

The six-team Region XI tournament will be played in Birmingham. Ala., on Friday and Saturday. By virtue of their regular-season title, Pikeville had already secured a spot in the regional tournament. The win gives Cumberland University a slot in the event as well.

Dist track racing is heating

up as several tracks

throughout the area

Pikeville opened strong, winning all three doubles matches to open Thursday's play. David Martin and Renzo Lopez, an all-conference doubles team, beat Pieter Faasen and Daniel Friel 8-3. Another all-conference doubles team, Cristian Lopez and Rodrigo Puebla, got the best of Glen Kitner and

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UK's tougher approach fine with Caudill

by RICK GREENE OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

When University of Kentucky defensive tackle Jeremy Candill was playing high school ball at Prestonsburg, he was used to John DeRossett's punishing practices.

But when he began practice at UK last fall he noticed a more casual approach from head coach Hal Mumme and defensive coordinator Mike Major.

Now, with those two and several other members of the coaching staff gone in the wake of a recruiting scandal that is still unfolding, Caudill has noticed some changes with the new blood.

Newcomer John Goodner, the defensive coordinator, has the defensive players making more contact in practice. It's something Caudill not only is used to, but enjoys.

"I love this," Caudill said giddily during spring practice this week. "I'm used to physical practices. When I was in high

KENTUCKY "Llove this," Caudill

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photo by Steve LeMaster Floyd County school board member Jeff Stumbo was on hand to cut the ribbon at the new softball field on the campus of Betsy Layne High School.

Betsy Layne opens new

field with win

Ousley, Jessica Paige and senior

pitcher Minnie Tackett, went

the first inning.

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With two outs and third-place

hitter Brandi Bentley at the plate,

offering over the fence. The home

South Floyd went quietly again

in the second inning. Betsy Layne

added a run in the home half of

Betsy Layne got on the board.

Bentley sent a Minnie Tackett

run was the historic first on the



KCSA poll

The top 25 high school girls softball teams as voted on by the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association, with first-place votes in parenthesis:

- 1. North Laurel (13)
- Owensboro Catholic (2) 2,
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- 6. Greenwood
- 7. **Daviess** County
- 8. Ballard
- 9. Reidland
- 10. Louisville Mercy
- 11. Allen County
- 11. Caldwell County
- 13. Butler
- 14. Lafayette
- 15. Elizabethtown
- 16. Boone County
- 17. South Laurel
- 18. South Oldham
- 19. Conner
- 20. Presentation
- 21. Clark County
- 22. Meade County
- 23. Dunbar
- 24. Assumption
- 25. Lexington Catholic

Others receiving votes: Madison Central 49, Eastern 45, Male 44, Seneca 43, PRP 39, Marshall County 36, Lone Oak 34, Western Hills 33, Jefferstown 32, Bryan Station 30, Henderson County 29, Oldham County 26, Sacred Heart 10, Trimble County 6, Russell County 6, Perry County Central 6, Whitley County 6, Grayson County 6, Larue County 5, Campbellsville 5, Montgomery County 4, Pikeville 4. Middlesboro 4. Warren East 3, Shelby Valley 2, Shelby County 2, Simon Kenton 2.



Sizemore to sign to play college hoops at Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

A Lady Rebel is set to become a Lady Eagle. And it will happen in the very near future

Allen Central senior Shannon Sizemore will sign to play college basketball at Alice Lloyd College sometime during the

upcoming week.

Sizemore will become the first Lady Rebel under new coach Cindy Halbert to sign to play college basketball. Halbert, former girl's basketball coach at Belfry High School, has sent several Lady Pirates on to play basketball on the collegiate

(See SIZEMORE, page five)

the second to make it a 2-0 game after two innings were put to rest in the books.

South Floyd closed the deficit down to a 3-2 Betsy Layne advantage with a pair of runs in the fourth inning. A pair of Tacketts, Minnie and Tab, came around to score, South Floyd's two FUDS

Betsy Layne's big offensive outburst came in the fourth inning

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school I was used to that and when I came down here last year it. wasn't really like that.'

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Caudill said Goodner demands a much more intense regimen.

"He's all about intensity. The tempo of the practices has changed a lot," said Caudill, who was named All-American in high school by Parade Magazine and Street and Smith Magazine.

"We're not taking people down, we're wrapping them up. But we're hitting a lot more, we're doing everything except getting people hurt."

Caudill teamed with fellow freshman Dewayne Robertson to form one of the country's best young interior combinations last season. Robertson was named to the Freshman All-SEC team

Caudill said he thought his performance a year ago was adequate.

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Skeans one-hits Prestonsburg in win

TIMES HERALD STAFF REPORT

Junior Joe Skeans led the South Floyd Raiders to an 11-0 shutout win over Prestonsburg Wednesday night in a 58th District contest at Archer Park. Skeans limited the host Blackcats to just one hit in the contest,

South Floyd Coach Barry Hall was pleased with his team's shutout win. The progress of his team is also something Hall is very pleased with. Add Skeans' strong pitching and it made for a good night for the Raiders on Wednesday.

"We are ahead of where I thought we would be at this time." said Coach Hall. "When Joe Skeans has his good stuff on the mound, he can cause some problems for other teams. Our defense is solid and our hitting should continue to improve."

Skeans put South Floyd on the

scoreboard in the first inning when he crossed the plate with a run. South Floyd led 1-0 at the end of the first inning, before exploding for six big runs in the top half of the second frame.

The Raiders had eleven hits in the game. Skeans and cleanup hitter Rusty Tackett each had two-hit games at the plate. Skeans, helping his cause, came around to score twice in the contest. South Floyd leadoff hitter Michael Hall also scored twice.

The district win over Prestonsburg could be a momentum builder as the Raiders head into the heart of their schedule.

"We are a very young team, as is Prestonsburg," added Hall. "And I believe we will be a contender for the district. That is our goal, to repeat as district champions. We have a great group of student-athletes on this team.

Shannon Sizemore

by STEVE LeMASTER

SPORTS EDITOR

The Betsy Layne Lady Cats

broke their new softball field in

right on Monday night by down-

Betsy Layne pitcher Kim

Tackett took to the mound and

The top three batters in the

South Floyd batting order; Megan

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1st Place-\$2,000. Sponsored by Food City and Pepsi. 2nd Place \$900 Sponsored by Budweiser and Big Sandy

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The weigh-in show will be held at the Food City store in the Town and Country Shopping Center in Pikeville. When the tournament is concluded police escort will lead the anglers from the take to the weigh-in site. In order to make the anglers the stars of the show, both anglers will be placed in the boat and driven up to the weigh in stage. The anglers will get their catch out of the boat in front of the crowd and welk up on stage, similar to the Base Manters Classic. The fish will be chemically treated in aerated tanks and transported back to the lake for release.

Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. Some of the best regional fishermen will be in competition. Free lood and soft drinks will be available.

For sponsors, additional information and entry form visit the club's web site at www.se-tel.com/-tugvalleyanglers

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etails, call Janet Carroll at 606/663-4957 or Pamele Lopez at 63-6506

Pikeville YMCA to hold camp Pikeville YMCA is currently holding registration for tennis camp ges 5-17 through June 11. The fee is \$50 for members and \$75 ion-members. For more information, call the YMCA at 433-9622

Hillbilly Shootout **Golf Scramble**

filibilly Shootout Golf Scramble will be held April 20 at 9 a.m. Mountain Pub-Links Golf Course at Johns Creek. The cost of vent is \$50 and is being hosted by the Pikeville High School all Boosters Club. For more information, contact Jason Howell 6/432-0185

YMCA

offering classes. Pikeville YMCA will hold gymnastics classes instructed by Jodi ce every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the YMCA. Age groups will 3 years old, 4-5 years old, and 6-10 years old. For more inforon, call the YMCA at 606/433-9622.

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Christ Central

School Horse Show se show will be held at Archer Park in Prestonsburg to benefit hrist Central School on Thursday, May 12, at 5 p.m.

T. Valley Bass Anglers

to hold open tourney Tug Valley Bass Anglers will be holding the "Food Ony Open" pen bass tournament at Fishtrap Lake, on Saturday, April 28, tournament will be a one-day event starting at 7 a.m. and nuing until 3 p.m., when weigh-in will be held.

Fishtrap Lake

information ally information on Fishtrap Lake call 606/437-9426. If you to talk to the ranger staff call 606/437-7496.

Softball

Floyd County Men's Softball League will hold a managers' ing at Archer Park Softball Field, lonight at 7 p.m. For more nation, contact Cory Vicars at 606/874-2121 or 6706/874-

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Fitness

Pro-Fitness Outdoor Events

April 29 - Dewey Lake Kayak Tour; convention center, 9 a.m. May 27 - German Bridge Mountain Trail Bike Ride; German Bridge Campground, 9 a.m.

June 24 - Sandy Valley Century, Pro-Fitness, 7 a.m.

July 29 - Little Shepherd Mountain Trail Bike Ride; Whitesburg McDonalds, 8 a.m.

August 26 - Jenny Wiley Mountain Trail Bike Festival, Jenny Wiley Mountain Trail Bile Trails, 10 a.m.

September 26 - Mountain Trail Bike Tour of Prestonaburg: Pro-Fitness, 1 p.m.

October 7 - Levise Gup river race: Prestonsburg River Park, 9 a.m. November 25 - Turkey Trot Mountain Trail Bike Ride; Pro-Fitness, 1

December 23 - Christmas Trail Run; Convention Center, 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Don Fields at (606) 886-8604 or at profitness@multisports.net.

Sports Briefs...

Basketball

Signs Illinois player

Illinois prepistandout Ramon Kelly has signed a national letter of intent with Morehead State University. The 8-4, 185-pound guard averaged 19 points, five rebounds and four assists as a senior at Belleville West High School in Balleville, III.

VanHoose named Marshall MVP

Paintsville's J.R. VanHoose was named Marshall's most valuable player for the 2000-01 season at the team's recent banquet. VanHoose, a junior center, averaged 16.6 points and 11.1 rebounds. His 11.1 boards per game ranked him at the top of the list in the conference. He also had 20 double-doubles on the season

UC assistant Cronin leaves for Louisville

Mark Cronin resigned as an assistant men's basketball coach with the University of Cincinnati this past week to take a similar position with new coach Rick Pitino's staff at Louisville.

Cronin, a Cincinnati native, had been a part of Coach Bob Huggins' staff at Cincinnati the last five years.

Heath hired at Kent State

Stan Heath, an assistant at Michigan State the last five seasons, has been hired to succeed Gary Masters as Kent State's head coach

Heath's hinng was formally announced at a news conference held Thursday,

White House to honor Duke

National champion Duke will be honored by President Bush at the White House on Monday,

The Blue Devils, who beat Arizona for the crown April 2, will participate in a ceremony in the Rose Garden, then take a tour of the White House.

Football

East Carter hires Damron

East Carter High School has hired Donald Damron as its new football coach. He replaces Tim Baldwin, who had a lumultuous two-year record of 1-19. Damron has been a varsity assistant or middle school coach in the East Carter system since 1990.

MAC added to GMAC Bowl

- The Mid-American Conference will send a learn to the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala.
- The bowl, which will pit teams from the MAC and Conference USA on Dec. 19. civil

Coaches reminder

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nwegmann verbally commits

TIMES HERALD STAFF REPORT

igh school girl's basketball season has ended the verbal commitments and signings have

Brossart High School girl's basketball standout hwegmann has verbally committed to the of Miami (Ohio), and will sign a national letter the very near future.

igmann was heavily recruited by Indiana, Northern Kentucky and Kent State along with several other small colleges, before deciding on Miami.

Tennis

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ars shine on the Kentucky Derby r the 5th Annual Mint Jubilee

The night before the Kentucky Derby has become as much of a tradition as the famous race itself. Since 1997, the Mint Jubilee, a charity fund-raiser to benefit Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center and the Mint Jubilee Cancer Resource Center. has been a star-studded kickoff for the Southern festivities.

The 5th Annual Mint Jubilee, hosted by celebrity founder and former U of L All-American, Matt Battaglia, former U of L All-American and real estate developer, Chris Thieneman, and his brother. Tommy Thieneman, who is also a prominent real estate developer in Louisville, will be held on Friday, May 4. This year over 1200 guests will be dinning and dancing in what has become the Derby tradition, Hollywood style.

Each year the Mint Jubilee has had a great amount of support from the entenainment industry. Once again, many celebrities will be there to help create this exciting event. This year's famous supporters include Chloe Sevingy (Oscar nominee for "Boys Don't Cry"), Portia de Rossi (Ally McBeal), Wendie Malick (Just Shoot Me), French Stewart (3rd Rock From the Sun), Melissa Joan Hart (Sabrina, the Teenage Witch), Katherine LaNasa (Three Sisters), Leslie Bibb (Popular), Ty Hemdon, Uncle Kracker, Suzanne Sena (El Entertainment Television), Sean Young, Loni Anderson, Krista Allen (CSI), Shayne Seilars, Chris Redman, Holly Robinson Peete (For Your Love), Rodney Peete (Oakland Raiders) and many others.

Special musical performances will be given by Uncle Kracker and Ty Herndon, making this a truly spectacular night.

The gala event will be held in the Cascade Ballroom of the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Sponsors include Aegon Insurance, LG&E, Churchill Downs, Redken, Insight Communications, Papa John's Pizza and Cobalt Ventures.

Tickets for the evening of dinner and dancing are available for \$300.00 per person. Dance-only tickets are available for \$150.00 per person. To purchase tickets, please call 502/961-0588 or visit the Mint Jubilee website at www.mintjubilee.org

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years, the winner of the MAC fitle game went to the Motor City Bowl, Under the one-year renewable agreement, the Motor City Bowl will allow the GMAC Bowl to make the first selection from the MAC in 2001.

Maddox wins XFL player award

Los Angeles Xtreme quarterback Tommy Maddox was picked as the XFL's inaugural Player of the Year on Wednesday, The former UCLA star, who had three stints in the NFL, led the XFL with 2,186 passing yards and 18 touchdown passes.

Bengals waive Jackson

Defensive tackle Keith Jackson, who played five games in the Canadian Football League last season, was waived Wednesday by **Cincinnal**

Brevard Mountain High School Running Camp to be held in June

A camp for high school track & cross country numers in the rountains of North Carolina, June 18-23. The camp is directed by to elife coaches. US Olympians and Kenyan ostaince runners ool temperatures and great mountain scenery in Brevant. NC take for an exciting week of trail running, tubing and two. For torie information, end a registration form go to the unformation and a registration form go to the unformation and

Around the corner

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8th Annual Kids Day in the Park Saturday, April 28

The 8th Annual Kids Day in the Park will be held at Archer Park on Saturday. April 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The popular event is sponsored by Food City and WMDU.

Competitions for kids ages nine and under include:

- Hot Shot basketball
- Sack race
- # Kickball
- Hole-in-one goit Football toss
- 50-yard dash
- Big Wheel race

Trophies will be awarded in every event. Free snackdrink stops will be available for kids ages nine and under

Other attractions include:

- The Prestonsburg Fire Dept. Little Pumper
- Giant Three Story High Food City Shopping Cart The KFC Chicken
- Army Corp of Engineers Safety Squirrel
- Smokey the Bear
- III UK Medical Transport Helicopter Respond Ambulance

Free goodie bags will be available for all kids ages nine and under.

Free pony rides and a petting zoo will also be available for children ages nine and under from 10 a.m. to noon.

After noon, kids may ride ponies for \$2 per ride

Everyone over nine years of age is asked to support the Allen Central Jr. ROTC by making food and drink purchases from their concession stands. If it rains, or if inclement weather occurs April 28, Kids Day in the Park will be held May 5.

Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event

The Rolex Kentucky Three-day Event, presented by Bayer, attract more than the world's best horses and riders. North America's only four-star competition out of a total of four competitions worldwide, April 26-29 at Lexington Horse Park, attracts more than 2.000 volunteers from all over the United states. Volunteers from Utah, California and Texas, to Ohio and New Hampshire come to work the event!

. Karen Kallmeyer. Kentucky native and chief steward for the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, is responsible for finding volunteers for crowd control, crossover gates and mandatory flags. Kallmeyer, a Rolex Kentucky Three-Day

Volunteer since inception, has been recruiting people from year to year ever since." Often times colleges supply volunteers. Recruiting comes from a combination of word of mouth to people contacting the Equestrian Events, Inc. office, she explained.

"There's a celebrity aspect of the competition, an Olympic quality that comes with it," Kallmeyer said. " Many people enjoy that feeling of being needed, and volunteers are definitely needed!"

The Rolex Kentucky Three-Day event will host a record international field of competitors including members of the 2000 Olympic Gold,

Silver and Bronze medal teams. Australian Gold Medalist Phillip Dutton will lead the slate of Rolex Kentucky entries. Ian Stark, a 2000 Olympic team Silver Medalist from Great Britain, who also finished 10th individually, will challenge for the Rolex crown as will US Olympic team Bronze Medalists David O' Conner, Nina Fout and Linden Wiesman. O' Conner, a seasoned Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event competitor, is expected to be crowd favorite after winning the individual Gold Medal during the 2000 Sydney Olympics with the best in Olympic history.

All potential volunteers who are at least 16

years old are eligible to apply, whether they are equestrians or not, volunteering is open to just about anyone who has an interest. When screening volunteers, organizers look for people who are responsible and alert. This is a great opportunity for parents to spend time with their teens!

Volunteers will receive an official four-day free admission pass, a \$7 lunch ticket for each day they volunteer, a commemorative cup and pin, and admission to the event party which included complimentary food and a limited number of vouchers for beverages.

"The crossover gates are in the heart of action during the cross-country phase of the event," said Kallmeyer. This is where the galloping lanes cross the road, so the volunteers at the crossover gates are responsible for stopping traffic for the

(See ROLEX, page five)

Bentley

better for it.

Bonds has had his moments of diarrhea of the mouth, but for the most part, particularly the last several years under Dusty Baker's influence in San Francisco, he has been a fairly model citizen. And he has been a steady performer. A couple of years ago I saw him hit two mammoth home runs on a blistering hot night in Cincinnati.

In the end, Bonds will go down as one of the best players to ever suit up in the big leagues. His lack of post-season

Tennis

vided the sweep in doubles. winning 8-3 over the team of Christian Martinez and John McElroy.

Cristian Lopez moved the Bears to within a game of the crown with a win over Daniel Friel 6-3, 6-0, and the title was secured when David Martin, the MSC Player of the Year, beat Faasen 6-0, 6-4.

Puebla closed out Tsangamwe 6-2, 6-0, while Kitchen used three sets to beat McElroy 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Two other matches were split at a set each, and played only a tie-breaker to decide the third set. Both went Pikeville's way: Renzo Lopez beat Kitner 5-7, 6-1 and then 7-0 in the tiebreaker, while Leo Lopez secured the sweep when he pulled out a 4-6, 6-4, 7-4 win over Martinez.

success and his poor attitude in and Willie McCovey, both with of knees somewhere to do that. his early years in the majors will hurt him some, but won't keep him from being a first-ballot Hall of Famer.

By the end of the season, Bonds could be as high as No. 11 on the home run list. On Wednesday, he inched closer to that title with his 501st long ball, another game-winner. He will likely pass Eddie Murray (504), Mel Ott (511) and Ernie Banks and Eddie Matthews (both with 512) this season.

Next up are Ted Williams

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"We wanted to play our best tennis, and by winning 9-0 in the finals we did just that," said Coach Kitchen, "Our goal is still to compete in the national lournament in Lexington, and we aren't there yet. But if we can continue to play as we did today, we're well on our way."

All-Conference: John Kitchen was league coach of the year, while David Martin, a freshman from Cannes, France, was player of the year. Martin was joined by teammates Renzo Lopez and Cristian Lopez on the first-team singles. Rodrigo Puebla was honorable mention singles.

The same four were honored for their doubles play. Martin and Renzo Lopez formed one team, while Puebla and Cristian Lopez were the other.

521

To reach the Top 10 this year, he'd have to finish with 45 to reach Jimmie Foxx at 534. It is very possible.

A closer look at the list finds McGwire within striking distance of some lofty company

Big Mac is already seventh. with 555 big flies. Reggie Jackson is next. Mr. October connected 563 times. He struck out a lot more than that.

Fifth on the list is Harmon Killabrew, who hit 573 in an amazing career.

Frank Robinson is next, and McGwire would only need 31 this year to catch him.

That would leave McGwire left chasing the only three men in baseball history to reach 600 home runs: Willie Mays at 660, Babe Ruth at 714, and of course, Hank Aaron at 755.

Because he still needs 200 to catch Aaron, I don't think it will happen.

McGwire can't stay healthy enough in my opinion. He hit about 200 in the last three years, but last year his numbers really fell off because of his bad knees and chronic back pain, and I don't see either getting a lot better in 2001, especially in light of him being placed back on the disabled list on Wednesday.

I'd say 600 is a realistic goal, and that would be a terrific accomplishment for the former Bash Brother. But 7557 He'd need to borrow a couple

Wednesday was the 20th anniversary of a milestone that isn't likely to be challenged anytime soon, which will thrill

sports writers and sportscasters across the nation. It was April 18, 1981, when the Pawtucket Red Sox and the Rochester Red Wings began what would be the longest game of professional baseball

ever. The Triple-A contest was stopped after 32 innings (32 innings!) with the score tied at

It was completed on June 23, with Pawtucket pulling out a 3-2 decision in a game clocked at a relatively brisk - considering the 33 innings of play

eight hours, seven minutes.

Oh, and for the record, he was the iron man then too: Rochester had a young man by the name of Cal Ripken Jr. log all 33 innings.

Now that's what Marty Brennamen would call a titanic struggle.

Here's a situation 1 don't like.

Monday saw Greg Maddux pitch eight innings and allow only one earned run, but he was denied his third win of the young season because - prepare for a surprise here - John Rocker couldn't save the deci-

Then, in the bottom of the ninth, Rico Brogna bailed his # Continued from p1

teammate out by driving in the winning run.

For his efforts, and they weren't good. Rocker got the win. In my estimation, that decision should be given to Maddux, Rocker was bad, and while he does get a blown save, he also picks up an undeserved win.

I know I shouldn't complain. One of my favorite teams got a win. But if Greg Maddux finishes his career with 299 wins, I'll really be upset with Rocker's ninth-inning antics on a chilly April night in 2001.

Rick Bentley is the sports information director at Pikeville College.



Dirt track racing is heating up as several tracks throughout the area are getting race season's started.

have been fortunate to have spent a great deal of my adult life outdoors and on the water with most of the brightest minds in professional fishing. Those countless hours have produced some wonderful, poignant, funny, embarrassing and even breathtaking moments that will be with me always. For almost two decades. I've had the pleasure to make a living that revolves around covering the BASSMASTER Tournament Trail.

After being exposed to professional athletes in the sports of baseball, football, basketball, golf and tennis as a sports writer, I find it refreshing to cover the pro bass scene. In the world of casting for cash, the spoiled athlete is practically nonexistent. These pro athletes have always been cooperative - even eager - to share their best-kept secrets with the weekend angler who can only dream of fishing on their level.

Former BASSMASTER Magazine editor Bob Cobb has long referred to their willingness to share information as a giant information funnel that is exclusive to professional fishing among the sports world. He is right.

And "athletes" is a proper description for these vagabond bass pros whose job - catching a limit of bass in every conceivable condition and situation - is every bit as difficult as hitting a 100-mph fastball. I'll never forget my friend Tim Goad, then a veteran NFL defensive lineman masquerading as a

Tim Tucker's Pro Tour

Pro Fishing Is Dream Beat

comparing them favorably with job these men and women operate certainly ranks on a big-league level. Cobb used to say that

Notebook

5-pound bass with five minutes remaining in order to earn a check to get enough money to get back home.

I guess you can tell by now that these men have my admiration and respect. I feel privileged to work side by side with them to fashion the stories that help satisfy your thirst for knowledge about this great sport.

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of tournament fishing and

amateur, discussing the rigors

pressure wasn't standing over a 5-foot putt with \$100,000 on

the line. Pressure is facing the

challenge of needing to catch a

And the sport has certainly changed over the past 20 years. A new breed of well-educated, sharp-minded young pros has infiltrated the professional bass ranks - an occurrence that has certainly helped me and others like me do our jobs even better. With bigger payouts, more exposure and tougher competition, our sport is maturing to a major-league level that rivals the socalled "ball sports."

I have enjoyed so many good times, so much fine fellowship and so many memorable moments following in the wake of the BASSMASTER circuit as it has crisscrossed the country. I am living my dream job.

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Pros Hooked on High Tech

By TIM TUCKER

n the last few years, the use of high-tech replacement treble hooks has become almost a religion among the nation's

top tournament pros - a trend that has filtered down to serious bass fishermen at all levels.

Today, almost all of the most accomplished pros replace the factory books supplied on crankbaits, topwater plugs and jerkbaits with high-performance versions that have carved out a significant niche in the marketplace. In the process, they are taking full advantage of the recent technological advancements that provide a decided superiority over the trebles of yesteryear.

Premium replacement trebles have definitely claimed a place in the tackle boxes of those who fish for a living. But that same technology is increasingly finding its way into the packages of factory lures (particularly crankbaits), a development that can be enjoyed by the weekend angler as well.

A result of this industrywide improvement in hook technology can be seen in the growing number of hard-plastic baits that are now packaged with trebles that are lighter, smaller in diameter and stronger than ever.

And that has undoubtedly increased the hooking percentage among all levels of fishermen across the country.

For years, one hook seemed as good as another. But that is no longer true. In addition to the exceptional quality, some of these newer trebles also feature some unique design characteristics that are worth exploring.

technology.

"Treble hooks have come a long way," said Rick Clunn, a four-time BASS Masters Classic champion and cranking expert. "I just believe that the round bend (design) and the quality of the metal make these the finest hooks that we've ever had. I fish a lot of baits that are prone to hook fish on



Alabama pro Tim Horton pulls in a bass caught

on a crankbait armed with the latest in hook

the outside and Hose very, very few fish. That's a tribute to several things, and hooks is one of them.

"I rarely fish what comes in the package, but that's because a lot of companies don't use the heavy-duty hook that I prefer. But for the average guy, the hooks that come out of the package are fishable and far superior to the pathetic hooks that we used to have.

Even with the introduction of superior hooks, most of the pros change trebles often, and with a definite purpose.

"I change hooks a lot. especially if I'm fishing rocks and things like that which tend to dull them," Clunn said. "And hook points can get dull after you catch a lot of fish on them.

"Nowadays, we're so conscious about sharpening hooks that our hooks are very delicate. So even a big fish hitting it or the hook hitting a limb or rock can bend the point back. You can only sharpen them so many times until you get sort of a blunt point. So it's better just to change them."

Clunn often substitutes a larger replacement treble for the factory hook when fishing heavy line and searching for big bass. He occasionally downsizes the hooks for fishing vegetation.

"We have more choices in hook-shank length than ever, which is important," added Oklahoma pro Kenyon Hill, a past Classic contender. "That has really helped us fish baits more effectively. With various shank lengths, we're freed up to fish harder, especially in shallow water.

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Hill prefers longer-shanked trebles on jerkbaits (which are not likely to be fished through cover), as well as topwater lures (the longer shank enhances its hooking ability and provides room for adding a feather teaser). Short-shanked trebles are better suited for crankbaits, which often target weedy or brushy habitat.

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or the average angler, it is not unusual to make several hundred casts and retrieves during a day spent fishing with fastmoving lures like crankbaits and spinnerbaits. That is one reason why serious fishermen will appreciate Shimano's new Chronarch 100 MB baitcasting reel.

The Chronarch has a magnesium frame and side plates that help the full-sized reel weigh less than 7 ounces. That makes it among the lightest casting reels on the market.

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features that anglers expect from today's baitcaster, including the Super Free pinion gear system, which virtually eliminates friction against the spool shaft for longer casts with less effort. Other features include a Variable Brake System. Super Stopper anti-reverse system, fast 6.2:1 gear ratio and five stainlesssteel ball bearings. The Chronarch 100MG holds 140 yards of 10-pound test line and 100 yards of 14-pound. Try the new Chronarch and

you might just do away with casting fatigue.

- Tim Tucker

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Tennis Bears advance to MSC finals

TIMES HERALD STAFF REPORT

For John Kitchen's top-seeded Pikeville College men's tennis team, there was good news and not-as-good news in Wednesday's opener of the Mid-South Conference Tournament.

The good news was it was a semifinal win over No. 4 Georgetown College. The notas-good news was for the first time this season, a MSC match ended without a 9-0 sweep.

However, the 6-3 win was good enough to earn the Bears a ular-season title, Pikeville spot in the championship game of their first MSC tournament,

really matters.

"We were disappointed in the way we played, but that's because we've come to expect perfection," said Kitchen. "Because we won the regularseason title, we already have a spot in the regional tournament next week. But we don't want to look at it that way. We feel we've been the best team in this league this year, and we want to come down here and close it out."

By virtue of winning the regearned the only bye in the seven-team field. That put

Caudill

"I was happy with the way 1 played, but not satisfied," he said. "Me and Dewayne pretty much took care of what we were supposed to do, but neither one of us are satisfied. We think we can do more."

Caudill started all 11 games last season and had 20 tackles. seven for loss. He also recorded two sacks and had a fumble recovery.

Goodner said it's rare for a true freshman to come in and play on the major college level right away, and that in itself says a lot about Caudill.

Anytime you're a true freshman and you play in this league (the Southeastern Conference) you have to be a pretty good athlete," Goodner said. "He has

he has good feet and those are the things you have to have. So if you take a strong person who has speed and quickness then you really have a chance."

And make no mistake. Caudill is strong. He has impressed his teammates since his arrival a year ago.

"He just does a great job with the weights," Goodner said of Caudill, who stands 6-foot-3 and weighs 296-pounds. "He could probably lift the weight room if you put it on a bar. He's made himself a physical specimen."

This article originally ran in the Saturday, April 15 edition of the The Daily Independent.

Rolex

oncoming horses and riders.

The Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event is growing in popularity due to the success of the United States 2000 Sydney Olympic team. With O' Conner Gold medal winning performance, the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event is expected to draw even larger crowds this year than the 80,000 plus spectators it drew in 2000.

The sport of eventing evolved from calvary competi-

tions around the world used to test the training and fitness of calvary mounts. The competition consists of three distinct elements: dressage, crosscountry and show jumping. The horse-and-rider combination with the lowest overall score from the three tests is the winner.

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and in the end, that's all that Pikeville into the semifinals of match. Renzo Lopez trailed well the two-day event, being held at The Centennial Sports Complex.

The match began with the three doubles matches, with Pikeville winning two of them. David Martin and Renzo Lopez, named all-conference in doubles just prior to taking the court, defeated Michael Cunningham and Edgar Saborit 8-3.

In the No. 2 doubles matchup, pitting two all-conference teams against each other, Georgetown scored the first point of the season against Pikeville by a league team when Clayton Hall and Anthony Miller defeated Rodrigo Puebla and Cristian Lopez 8-6.

Pikeville won the third doubles match, as Leo Lopez and Todd Kitchen beat Craig Campbell and Jeff Richeson 8-

The teams split the first two singles matches completed, as Mid-South Martin. the Conference Player of the Year, defeated Cunningham 6-1, 6-2.

However, Hall beating Leo Lopez 6-3, 6-1 followed that.

The score was 3-2, but the tide turned in Pikeville's favor with a rally in the No. 2 singles

into the second set, but turned a 4-5 deficit to Edgar Saborit into a win by rallying to tie at 6-6.

He then won the tiebreaker 7-4, to win the match 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

"That was a big point, because it gave us a 4-2 lead and let our guys who were still playing breath a little easier." said Kitchen.

Cristian Lopez gave Pikeville the win minutes later, closing out a 6-3, 6-2 win over Anthony Miller in the No. 4 singles match.

The teams split the remaining two singles matches, with Puebla beating Campbell 6-1, 6-I, and Richeson knocking off Todd Kitchen 8-5 in a match played pro-set because Pikeville had sealed the win.

The win put Pikeville in the finals against No. 3 Cumberland University, which upset No. 2 Cumberland College 6-3 in the other semifinal matchup.

"We're happy to get the win and start the post-season, but if we're going to accomplish what we want to this spring, we're going to have to play better than we did today," said Coach John Kitchen.

Football combine set for May 11 in Hazard

TIMES HERALD STAFF REPORT

oach Maurice Dixon and Hazard High School will host the Southeast Kentucky High School Football Combine on Friday, May 11. The combine will begin at 4 p.m.

All players who will be juniors and seniors at the start of the 2001 school year are eligible to participate in the combine. Cost is \$5 per player. Players participating need to wear running shoes, their dark colored jerseys and shorts. Coaches from in-state, SEC and Big Ten schools are expected to attend.

"We've sent fliers out to nearly every school this side of the Mississippi," stated Hazard's Dixon.

Players will be asked to do the following four things: Bench reps with 185 pounds Forty-yard dash Vertical jump Pro shuttle run For more information, call 606/436-5789.



photo by Steve LeMaste

Shannon Sizemore defended a Betsy Layne player's shot during a 58th District game this past season. Sizemore is expected to sign to play basketball for Alice Lloyd College this next week.

Jamison named Pitcher of the Week

Ryan Jamison was named the Pitcher of the Week in the South Atlantic League today by SportsTicker, the instant total sports news service from ESPN. During two starts from April 13-19, the 23-year old right-hander struck out 20 batters and gave up only one earned run. His ERA during the week was a microscopic 0.61 over 14-innings.

Thursday, Jamison struck out 11 while throwing seven and twothirds innings of shutout baseball at Lakewood, New Jersey in a no. decision outing. The Legends beat the BlueClaws 4-3 in ten innings. On the season, Jamison is 2-0 with a 0.83 earned run average to go along with a team leading 28 strikeouts. He has walked only two batters all season over 21.2 innings of work.

The 6-3, 183-pound Jamison was a 17th round pick of the Houston Astros in 1999. Last sea-

Lexington Legends pitcher son he led all Astros Minor Leaguers with a 2.10 ERA while pitching for the Midwest League Champion Michigan Battle Cats,

Sizemore

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level. Sizemore, after signing, will

join Johnson Central's Becky Williams and Belfry's Samantha Hackney as first-year players at Alice Lloyd next season.

Denise Campbell is coach of the Alice Lloyd Lady Eagles women's basketball team.

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when seven runs came across to score. The Lady Raiders managed two runs in the top half of the fifth before host Betsy Layne ended the contest with three runs. in the bottom of the sixth imning-

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3.	Sterling Marlin, 1,049	Greg Biffle, 1,156
4,	Johnny Benson, 1.049	Jeff Green, 1,070
5.	Steve Park, 1.039	Mike McLaughlin, 1,013
6.	Rusty Wallace, 1,008	limmie Johnson, 996
7.	Bobby Hamilton, 990	Jeff Purvis, 979
8.	Ricky Rudo, 970	Todd Bodine, 943
9.	Bill Elliott, 943	Soott Wimmer, 935
0.	Elliott Sadler, 924	Randy LaJole, 935

Scott Riggs, 675 loe Ruttman, 648 Ricky Hendrick, 610 lerry Cook, 600 Randy Tolsma, 599 lack Sprague, 575 fed Musgrave, 569 Travis Kvapil, 563 Rick Crawford, 543 Coy Gibbs, 485

TOP TEN

NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton ranks the top 10 drivers heading into this weekend's race. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1.	(1)	Dale Jarrett	Tough with restrictor plates
2.	(2)	Jeff Gordon	Defending champion at Talladega
з.	(3)	Steve Park	Seems to be a factor every week
4.	(4)	Sterling Marlin	Could be primed for Dodge breakthrough
5.	(5)	Johnny Benson	Also has high hopes for Talladega
6.	(6)	Ricky Rudd	Overdue for a victory
7.	(7)	Kevin Harvick	Where Earnhardt was the master
8,	(8)	Bobby Hamilton	Quite an improvement for this team
9.	(9)	Rusty Wallace	Not a great year, but not that bad
10.	(10)	Jeff Burton	Has to sustain a turnaround

FROM LAST WEEK

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

LEBANON, Tenn. - A tired old slogan from a million high-school locker rooms comes to mind when referring to Saturday's Pepsi 300: "When the going gets tough, the tough get

going.

as the survivor of the spirited fray that opened NASCAR's newest track. A near-capacity crowd of about 45,000 watched Biffle win for the first time. He led 133 of the 225 laps around the 1.33-mile, D-shaped track.

"Probably my first impression of the track was

COMING UP ON THE CIRCUIT

WINSTON CUP

What: Talladega 500 Where: Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway (2.666-mile track), 188 laps/501.288 miles

When: 1 p.m., Sunday Defending champion: Jeff Gordon

Track qualifying record: Bill Elliott, Ford, 212.809 mph, April 30, 1987 Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 188.354 mph, May 10,

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

Buckshot Jones (whose

actual first name is Roy)

made an abortive attempt

to compete full-time in the

National veteran made his

return this year when Petty

Jones is a graduate of

the University of Georgia

excelled as an equestrian

football player. He began

short tracks of his native

through NASCAR's All Pro

Series en route to Busch

Hometown: Tucker, Ga.

Crew chief: Bryant

Car: No. 44 Georgia

Pacific Dodge Intrepid,

entered by Petty

Enterprises

his racing career on the

Enterprises hired him to

drive its third car.

who, earlier in life,

and as a high-school

state and moved up

Grand National.

Age: 30

Frazier

Wife: Jina

Children: None

Winston Cup Series in

1999, The Busch Grand

1997 Notable: Dale Earnhardt won the final race of his career at Talladega, and he collected 10 of his 76 career victories at the track. .. Gordon won this race last year after starting 36th.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

What: Subway 300 Where: Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway (2.666-mile track), 113 laps/301.258 miles

Buckshot Jones

Whit Camp, NASCAR They Week

After a failed attempt in Winston Cup in 1999, **Budishot Jones went back to the Busch Series last** season. He ran well enough to catch the eye of and land a ride with Potty Enterprises in 2001.

the rear spoilers on the rules changed conditions? Winston Cup cars. That's all different. "It's amazing how much I How does the new have learned and what a Dodge factor into all of driver needs to learn to run this? "Talladega is going to good at Talladega, but the new rules change has be not only another test for thrown a curve ball into the this team, but also another racing here. There are tons one for Dodge. I think the of drag on the cars now. Dodges have been getting. You almost feel like you're better and better each driving a tugboat pushing race, and with the disparity in the tracks we have been all this weight in front of going to, it's a good sign. you. It's just air, but it You really can't say that seems like tons of air. Almost everything I had the Dodges have been off learned in the Busch because every week there is always a Dodge in the Series can be thrown out top 10 and usually one in the window when racing a the top five. Some people Cup car there. Drafting Isdrafting and that will never might feel that others have change. But everything an advantage at large else has changed, from the tracks, but that's just a strips across the roof to part of racing.

When: 1 p.m., Saturday Defending champion: Joe

Nemechek Track qualifying record: Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet. 193.517 mph. April 24. 1997

Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 168.937 mph, April 26, 1997

Notable: Nemechek has won two of the last three Talladega BGN races, and Chevrolets have won three in a row. ... This marks the

10th BGN appearance at Talladega.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

What: Ram Tough 200 by Pepsi

Where: Gateway International Raceway, Madison, III. (1.25-mile track), 160 laps/200 miles

When: 4 p.m., May 6 Defending champion: Jack Sprague

Notable: Dodge Rams have won all four races in 2001.

Your Turn Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week.

I would like to see a black No. 3 used as a pace car to start every race as a tribute to Dale Earnhardt for at least the rest of the season.

Ken Quiggines Radcliff, Ky. Thanks for sharing your sug-

gestion with us.

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Dear NASCAR This Week. How do you get your name in the drawing for the No Bull Five \$1 million bonus?

Luther Deans Kenly, N.C. You must find a retail store that features the No Bull Five display provided by Winston. This display has entry blanks for fans to enter the drawings.

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Dear NASCAR This Week, How do Winston Cup drivers get paid? Do they get a salary or

get paid by percentage? Do they get a bonus if they win the race? **Bill Briles** Lakes Charles, La.

Each driver negotiates a contract with his team. That contract stipulates the terms of his employment. Most drivers have contracts that include a base salary, a percentage of earnings and bonus clauses, but they do not take any standard form.

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Dear NASCAR This Work, I would like to know if any drier had a record as good as Jeff

How have the current

Winston Cup Series

The unfamiliar concrete of Nashville Superspeedway seemed as alien as the lunar surface to many socalled veterans in NASCAR's Busch Series, and turn two might as well have been coated with ice the way some drivers skittered through there.

A rookle, though, had no problems.

Greg Biffle, from Vancouver, Wash., emerged that it was nice, but green, Biffle said. "It was brand new and never raced on, and that had a lot to do with the problems that some of the guys had.

It was an entertaining race, however, as Biffle dueled for nearly three hours against the likes of runner-up Jason Keller, pole winner Kevin Harvick. reigning series champion Jeff Green and Bobby

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Jeff Green vs. Tim Fedewa

Fedewa had a particularly difficult afternoon during the Pepsi 300, Nashville Superspeedway's inaugural event. A driver making his Busch Grand National debut, David Donohue, bitterly blamed Fedewa for one of the 11 crashes that occurred during the day, and Green, the reigning Busch Grand National champion, blamed Fedewa's III-handling Chevrolet for a near-crash in which Green's Ford lost numerous positions on a restart. Green told his spotter via radio to deliver a message that it was the last time Green was going to give Fedewa a break in an attempt to get back on the lead lap.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Tim Fedewa is a veteran Busch Grand National driver who is neither rash nor unskilled. The first race at the new track was particularly difficult. however, for everyone on the series and particularly those who, like Fedewa, experienced handling problems with their cars on the concrete surface. Time will heal these wounds.

finishes, 1 top-10 finish, just over \$1 million in money earnings

Career statistics: 25

starts, 0 wins, 0 top-5

Firsts: Start (Nov. 16. 1997. at Atlanta), pole (none), win (none)

Are you ready for Talladega? "You have to be prepared going into a place like Talladega, You have to be ready to run two, three and four wide all day. Talladega is not a handling track like Daytona is. We can stack these cars like sardines in a can in the corners at Tailadega and still come out running wide open. This is a horsepower track and you need to be running wide-open to keep your momentum."

Who's Hot Who's Not

HOT : Bobby Hamilton led the most laps at Martinsville and seems ready to become a more consistent contender. MOT : Jeremy Mayfield still seems unable to find any consistency.

🛛 Treckside Trivia 💻

1. What is Ken Schrader's hometown? 2. What was Lake Speed's only Winston Cup victory?

3. When Dale Jarrett won his first race, at Michigan in 1991, by inches, who finished second?

3. Davey Allison. 2. The 1988 Transouth 500 at Darlington Raceway; L. Fenton, Mo. **VINSMERS**

Gordon has in eight years of racing Winston Cup: 52 wins, three championships. John H. Anderson

Carmi, Ill. Richard Petty won 75 races in his first eight full seasons, but he competed in a few races in 1958-'59. No other driver has ever won three championships in his first eight seasons.

........... **Fan Tips**

A racing Web site is attempting to help the Eel River Racing team and driver Kenny Wallace. Frontstretch.com editor Dennis Michelson is attempting to raise enough money to provide Wallace's No. 27 Pontiac with a onerace sponsorship.

If you're interested in making a donation, visit the Web site (www.frontstretch.com) or write Michelson (e-mail address: dennis@ frontstretch.com). He is setting up a bank account to handle the funds. The goal is to raise \$150,000. According to Michelson, if the effort falls short, the money will be donated to a racing-affiliated charity.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Talladega races have been noted for surprises, and none was more so than the Tailadega 500 (then held in the summer) of 1981. Buicks took the first five positions, and Ron Bouchard swept into the lead in the final 100 yards of the last lap to surprise Darrell Waitrip, Terry Labonte, Harry Gant and Bobby Allison, With Waltrip and Labonte racing side by side, Bouchard slipped ahead of both of them in a side-by-side finish.

Doctor says Earnhardt died from violent head movement By Monte Dutton NASCAR This Week

NASCAR's announcement that it would need a minimum of four more months to issue a report on the fatal crash of Dale Earnhardt occurred just hours before its prime journalistic nemesis. The Orlando Sentinel, announced the results of an examination of Earnhardt's autopsy photos by a courtappointed expert.

Dr. Barry Myers, a Duke University expert on crash injuries, said Earnhardt's death occurred because his head whipped violently forward when his Chevrolet hit the fourthturn wall at Daytona and that any seat-belt failure had very little to restraint system. do with it.

The game of one-upsmanship leading, however, continued when NASCAR president Mike Helton responded with another statement

the media, this report is not an opposing theory to anything NAS-CAR has presented." Helton said. "Since the Daytona 500, NASCAR has made clear that we will not suggest or speculate on the circumstances surrounding Dale Earnhardt's accident until our study is complete. No one from NASCAR has ever suggested what may have happened in this accident other than to say in our preliminary investigation we found issues of concern involving the occupant

Helton's words were a bit mis-

AROUND THE GARAGE

While Dr. Steve Bohannon does not hold a formal position with NASCAR, he was the medical "Contrary to several reports in expert NASCAR used in the days. following Earnhardt's death, and Dr. Bohannon did offer opinions that seat-belt failure led to the tragedy.

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LOST AMID ALL THE OTHER FUN: One rather interesting fact from Martinsville's Virginia 500 was that Bobby Hamilton led the most laps, 130 out of \$00, in one of Andy Petree's two Chevrolets. Hamilton's fourth-place finish was his best of the season.

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HALLEY'S COMET VISITS:

Mark the date on a calendar. On April 11, the National Stock

Following the March 25 Food City 500 at Bristol, the crew chief of the second-place car, Greg Steadman, was fined \$20,000. The finish was easily John Andretti's best of the year.

The three commissioners present George Silbermann, Les Richter and Gary Bahre - sided with Steadman, who contended that the No. 43 Dodge flunked post-race inspection because of a crack in the chassis, "one that could not have occurred by design." The makeshift judges also suled that the slightly lower cool height did not give Andretti any advantage

First-time track,

CREW OF THE WEEK

first-time winner. **Obviously it speaks** well for rookle Greg Biffle's crew that the former SuperTrucks champion could win the first race ever held at the new Nashville Superspeedway. The Grainger crew kept Biffle exactly where he was supposed to be, i.e., at or near the front of the field.

Biffle is no ordinary rookie. He won the **Craftsman Truck title** last season.

Car Racing Commission actually overturned a NASCAR penalty.

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New election process approved for directors at April co-op board meeting

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Board of Directors April meeting proved to be a productive one for burley growers. The 30-member board discussed many tobacco issues and took action that would help tobacco growers of the five represented burley states. One of the main issues discussed and decided upon was a new election process for directors to the board.

The board voted to adopt a new election process that would include a secret ballot voting procedure to all eligible voters. The past election process involved county delegates voting on

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behalf of the county at a district meeting. The new process would include a ballot sent to all eligible voters by mail whereupon the voter will have one vote for the candidate of his or her choice. The new process would open the nomination process to any eligible candidate.

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"This new system is more democratic and equal," said Rusty Thompson, director and chair of the elections committee. "This way all members of the Burley Co-op will have an equal vote for who they want to represent them on the board."

Elections for director are held in a

three-year rotation. The districts participating in the election this year will receive a notice about the election, its procedures, and who can run for director by June 1.

Nomination applications will be due by July 1 and ballots will be sent to all eligible voters by September 1. The voting process will use the three-envelope secret ballot system similar to what is used in the tobacco program referendum vote

Other points of interest at the Burley Co-op board meeting were the continued discussion of the board's confidence that

there will be warehouses open for business this fall despite the fact that all major companies and leaf dealers are contracting.

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The board intends to reevaluate the market situation at the close of designation on August 1. If at that point there are markets without an auction, the board will consider setting up receiving stations for auctions in that area.

Rod Kuegel, president of the Burley Co-op, reported on his meeting with Dr. Keith Collins, undersecretary of the

(See ELECTION, page two)

Laughter is good medicine at Kosair Children's

Children undergoing treatment at Kosair Children's Hospital are smiling and laughing a little more these days, thanks to the recent addition of a mobile multi-media Fun Center donated by Kroger, Colgate-Palmolive, Nintendo of America and Starlight Children's Foundation.

The Fun Center was dedicated on Monday, April 16, at Kosair Children's Hospital.

The Fun Center is a brightly colored, mobile entertainment unit containing a VCR, television, videocassettes and a Nintendo 64 game system. The multi-media unit is specially designed to roll up to kids wherever they are in the hospital.

The Fun Center helps kids escape the stress of treatment for a little while and just be kids. In the past, it was found that while children are engaged and playing with the Fun Center, their requests for pain medication actually decreased. The Fun Center is valued at approximately \$3,000.

"It really is true that laughter is the best medicine. We love to see the kids smiling and having a good time.

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YOUR MUMBERS

TIMES HERALD STAFF REPORT

rentucky Lottery officials are excited to announce a new scratch-off ticket that has been designed through a partnership with Pepsi-Cola. Inc. According to Ann Damron, training coordinator for the Lottery's Prestonsburg office, "we are all just really excited about this opportunity to work with Pepsi-Cola. We just know that this is going to be a great game, and that people are going to love playing. For one thing, no one will ever walk away without at least a 20 ounce pepsi product in their hand; and you know the folks in eastern Kentucky love thier pepsi

> While the Kentucky Lottery has partnered with other companies in the past, this marks the first time a corporate partner has offered instant prizes on a scratch-off ticket. "This is a great way for us to use partnerships with other companies," said Kentucky Lottery Scratch-Off Product Manager Rhonda Goodwin.

Pepsi will provide the free products and share in the cost of advertising material expenses. With this venture, Pepsi now

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pays first in these two situations.

I will be turning 65 soon and eligible for Medicare. How will Medicare know that I have group health insurance or other coverage?

Medicare does not automatically know if you have other insurance or coverage. Medicare sends you a questionnaire form called the Initial Enrollment Questionnaire about three months before you are eligible for Medicare. The form will ask you if you have and plan to keep your group health insurance through your work or that of a family member. The answers you give on the form are used to help Medicare set up your file. and make sure that claims are paid by the right insurance.

What happens if my health insurance or coverage changes after I fill out the Initial Enrollment Questionnaire?

> There are two things you should do.

Tell your doctor and other health care providers about the change in your insurance or coverage when you get care.

Call the Medicare Coordination of Benefits Contractor at 1-800-999-1118. Give the Contractor the name and address of your health plan, your policy number, the date coverage changed or stopped, and why.

Who should I call if I have a general question about which insurance pays first?

(See CARE, page two)

TO \$10,000 teams with cold pepsi products for a hot new game

joins an elite group of past corporate Lottery partners such as Churchill Downs, Valvoline, and H.H. Gregg

The "Cold Cash" game offers a \$2 ticket that in turn offers the chance to win cash prizes with the additional guarantee of a pepsi-cola prod-

uct win each time on non-cash winning tickets.

The top prize on "Cold Cash" is \$10,000. Thousands of other prizes ranging from \$2 to \$1,000 are also possible wins. Additionally, players can also win up to 10 times on a "Cold Cash" scratch-off ticket.

The Kentucky Lottery's "Cold Cash" game began on April 16, so look for tickets now at your favorite Kentucky Lottery retailer.

We just love the fact that each player in this game is a winner; no one will walk away empty-handed. We believe that regular players are going to love this opportunity and with the way Kentucky loves pepsi. we believe a lot of people who have not played in the past, will begin to play now." Damron said.

it helps them escape the stress of treatment for a little while," said Joe Ullrich, for Kroger,

This is the third year that Colgate-Palmolive has donated a Fun Center to Kosair Children's Hospital on behalf of Kroger, through the Children's Hospital Foundation.



April 2001 Ghostwriting program 10 reasons to begin financial planning

PRIZE

by J.R. BLACKBURN

Everyone has their own set of individual financial goals. Yours may include funding a child's college education, enjoying a comfortable retirement, purchasing a home, starting your own business, minimizing your tax costs or any combination thereof. But, no matter which financial goals you have chosen, developing a comprehensive financial plan is one of the most important steps you can take toward achieving them.

A comprehensive financial plan offers many significant benefits-10 of the most important of which are listed below:

Americans are living longer, healthier and more active lives than ever before. time in our retirement as we did in our working careers. if you're looking forward to a lengthy and rewarding retirement, it's likely that you'll need significant financial resources. Financial planning can help you make the most of the money you earn during your working system

Higher education costs continue to outpace inflation at a time when the need for a higher education has never been more pronounced. By beginning to create your financial plan today, you'll be better prepared for the educational expenses of tomorrow

More and more Americans are being asked to take responsibility for their own

Many of us will spend nearly as much health care. In fact, you may already be choosing your long-term care and disability coverage from a pre-established menu of options and funding all over a part of your health insurance on your own. A comprehensive financial plan can help you meet the increasing cost of medical insurance.

Estate taxes can possibly consume as much as 55% of your estate within nine months of your death. Financial planning can result in a larger legacy for your heirs by helping to minimize your estate tax bill

A sound financial plan provides a complete assessment of your current financial status-including your net worth, cash flow and debt management

practices. It can also help identify ways of improving your financial situation.

Financial planning helps you take a comprehensive look at your future financial needs and goals, such as eash flow and debt management and how to get the most out of your investment portfolio.

A comprehensive financial plan identifies specific strategies and opportunities for actively working toward meeting your financial objectives.

By examining the amounts and types of insurance that may be right for you, a financial plan can help protect your family, your business interests and your assets

As you work to create your financial plan, you'll be organizing your financial information, as well as your own personal network of professional legal, tax and investment professionals.

As changes occur in your financial and personal situations over time, a financial plan can help you measure the impact of these changes and help keep you on

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Creating an effective plan means working with your financial advisor to weigh a number of critical factors. These include, among others, your individual objectives, time frames and tolerance for investment risk. If you haven't already done so, now may be the perfect time to establish a comprehensive plan that can help you gain control of your financial future.

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USDA. Kuegel and several sentatives, plan to take another producers. directors and staff met with Collins to discuss federal tobacco issues including grading of all tobacco and contracting. The Co-op is continuing to work with Collins and the USDA on these projects.

Danny McKinney, CEO of the Burley Co-op reported that the Co-op was still pursuing the Chinese market as a new customer of U.S. burley, despite the recent tension between U.S. and China. He, along with other Co-op repre-

Care

You may call the benefits administrator at your health insurance plan or the Medicare Coordination of Benefits Contractor at 1-800-999-1118.

Has there been a change in the Medicare guideline for coverage of immunosuppressive drugs?

Yes. Immunosuppressive drugs are medications that people who have had organ transplants use. Until December 21, 2000

trip to China in May to solidify some relationships with Chinese officials.

There was long discussion about the President's Tobacco Commission and its work. The commission has completed a draft of the final report which includes three recommendations to the president. One of the recommendations is the Tobacco Equity Reduction Program that would create a buyout of all quota and put production rights in the hands of

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Other recommendations include establishing Economic Development Centers for tobacco dependent communities and FDA regulation of tobacco products. The Commission plans on holding hearings in Raleigh, N.C., and Louisville, Ky., in May to hear comments on the final report.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Burley Co-op is Wednesday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at 620 South Broadway, Lexington.

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Medicare only helped pay for the drugs for a limited time after the date of the patient's transplant. The guideline change eliminates the time limit for coverage of immunosuppressive drugs. This change applies to all people with Medicare who meet all of the other requirements for coverage of

Have questions about Medicare? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY/TDD 1-877-486-2048 (toll free for the hearing impaired) or visit www.medicare.gov on the internet.

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What can you do in retirement? Just about anything you want. But make sure you've got the income you need to live the life you choose.

Today's retirees are opening their own businesses, consulting, traveling, pursuing their hobbies, and even going back to school. And with advances in health care and an increased awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles, many of us can now expect to live two, or even three, decades in retire-

To support your chosen lifestyle for all those years, you'll need to look at how you can turn your retirement savings into retirement income. Let's consider some of the options you have available. First if you do open a new business or do some consulting, you will receive earned income. How much you earn

depends, of course, on what you do and how much you plan to work. But even many "working retirees" find that they still have to draw on their retirement plans, such as their 401(k) or IRA, to supplement their income. So, let's take a look at some ways you can get

When you leave your job or retire, you can get instant access to your 401(k). But if you take this money in a lump sum, you'll face a big tax hit. It may be a better idea to roll your 401(k) money over to an IRA administered by a brokerage firm. You won't have to

your monthly expenses and your expected rate of return. In other words, this type of 401(k) rollover gives you a great deal of flexibility.

What if you don't need your 401(k) or traditional IRA funds right away? You can delay taking withdrawals until you reach 70-1/2, when the government requires you to start taking minimum distributions. (This rule does not apply to Roth IRAs.) Of course, the longer you wait before you start tapping into your 401(k) or traditional IRA, the larger your account may grow. In fact, it might grow so large that you pay immediate taxes, and you can't use it all during your life-

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Apple Fruit Market..

olden Apple Fruit Market & Greenhouses, of Ermine, has enrolled in the 2001 Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Farm Market Program. In joining the Kentucky Farm Bureau program, Golden Apple is committed to quality and service. Its acceptance into the Farm Bureau Certified Program assures the customer of meeting the highest standards in production and marketing of products.

Located on US 119, between Whitesburg and Ermine, Jeff and Wanda Hubbard grow and sell a wide variety of bedding plants, including geraniums, impatiens, petunias, and marigolds, as well as fresh produce. "Gardening has become the nation's number one outdoor leisure activity," Hubbard said.

Hubbards' sales staff will be available to advise on proper plant selection, planting tips, and garden management practices. They offer planting demonstrations and school tours to help educate customers on proper growing techniques. School tours provide educational opportunities in the field of agriculture for young children.

The weather can be unpredictable this time of year, but Hubbard advises, "Buying several days prior to planting allows plants to 'harden' in their new location which reduces transplant shock and loss."

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Markets Program is expecting one of its best seasons. "With a combination of an excellent growing season and the markets becoming more well-known, sales of plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables are increasing," said Kentucky Farm Bereau President, Sam Moore.

ties. You'll also gain more investment options and more control over the size of your eventual withdrawals. You can choose an amount to withdraw based on your life expectancy,

Brochures which list all of the participating markets, and include a map pinpointing their locations, are available in local tourism offices, county Farm Bureau offices, Interstate rest areas, and State Park gift shops. For more information, con-

tact Golden Apple Fruit Market & Greenhouses at (606) 633-9763 or Kentucky Farm Bureau, Commodity Relations Department, P.O. Box 20700, Louisville, KY 40250-0700, (502) 495-5000, web site: www.kyfb.com.

ful, though-this type of transfer could have estate-tax consequences, so discuss this option with your tax adviser. This estate-tax issue highlights the need for you to do some serious planning regarding your retirement income. If you have too much income.

you could get bumped into a higher tax bracket. But if you take too little income, you could end up fattening your taxable estate. So look at all your funding sources: Social Security, 401(k), pensions, IRAs and personal investments. Then, see how you can get all these sources to work together to provide you with the "Goldilocks" level of retirement income-not too much, not too little, but just right.

Greater Louisville convention and visitors bureau offers online booking

The Greater Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau has made it easier for a visitor to the city to book a hotel room. Beginning April 2, hotel reservations can be made by individual travelers and families through the Bureau's web site. www.gotolouisville.com. If no access to a computer is available, the customer can call the Bureau's call center and make a reservation by phone at 888-LOUISVILLE (568-4784).

Web site booking is provided through Passkey.com. Convention delegates have been able to book their hotel accommodations online through Passkey, an Internet housing provider, since August 2000. There has been such success with the convention reservations, it has now been extended to the individual trav-

By going to the Bureau's web site, a reservation can be made at one of 23 hotels participating with rates ranging from \$49.00 to \$109.00. Other pertinent information can be obtained from the web site, including the most recent package information available.

If Internet access is not available, reservations can be made by calling the center, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Extended hours, to include weekends, will be added for convenience by the end of the month. The call center's number is 888-LOUISVILLE (568-4784).

Ron Scott, Bureau president and CEO said, "Today's smart consumer wants to be able to make travel arrangements with the least amount of hassles. Without leaving their desks, the buyer can visit our web site to get information and book their hotel rooms in one stop." He added, "The changes made in combining our housing department and visitor information services is part of our ongoing effort to remain competitive in the marketplace-to make doing business in Louisville easier."



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