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State weighing options for extinguishing mine fire

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — State officials hope to use money set aside to repair mining damage to extinguish an underground fire that has been burning in the Letcher County community of Carbon Glow since May.

The fire was only recently reported to the Kentucky Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Steve Hohman, director of the Kentucky Abandoned Mine Lands Program, said inspectors don't know how the fire started.

"It is remote, so I assume it was either accidentally set by someone camping or intentionally set," Hohman said.

The fire began in an airway leading into an abandoned mine. A charred pile of wood and other debris is just inside the opening.

Delana Banks of Jeremiah said she and her husband walked their dog in the area and first saw smoke churning from the mine in May.

State officials say the fire is not a threat to neighbors, but it needs to be extinguished before it can spread deeper.

Such fires "can burn for years and years and years," Hohman said. "If they get out of hand and get too far underground, they're very hard to deal with."

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Son says shooting victim was unarmed

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jason Aaron Tackett, the man for whom police have been searching since he fled on foot Tuesday following a traffic stop that resulted in a state trooper shooting and

killing his father, contends that neither he nor his father, Aaron Tackett, were armed at the time of the incident, according to his attorney.

Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who informed state police the day following the incident that he was representing Tackett, also relayed that Tackett admits he

didn't see the shooting, but did hear a single gunshot as he fled the scene.

Pillersdorf has not said if he has knowledge of where Tackett is, but asked state police, who have insisted they intend only to question Tackett, to work through his office during any further efforts.

"If you need any information from

Jason Aaron Tackett, feel free to contact my office," Pillersdorf wrote in a letter Wednesday to Pikeville's KSP Post 9. "However at this point, I am requesting that you not interview my client without making prior arrangements with my

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Nearly an entire block along Graham street is still blocked off Thursday while a crew worked to replace water, gas and sewer lines as part of the new Town Branch Bridge construction contract. The street will remain blocked off until construction is finished, which construction officials believe will likely be this fall or winter.

Bridge work should be done by year's end

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Continued construction on the new Town Branch Bridge has spread onto Graham and Front streets and effectively closed the intersection of those two roads to traffic, but is unavoidable, says state inspector Chris Fannin.

According to Fannin, the work, which has been undertaken to replace water, gas and sewer lines affected during construction, is part of the overall contract.

Portions of the two streets fall into the plans as workers intend to lay new pavement and grades coming from the bridge itself, something Fannin says will widen the streets and entrance onto the

bridge.

"It's going to widen the street and also open up the entrance," said Fannin. "The work is part of the bridge contract and we're moving ahead, but the road'll stay closed until the bridge is open to transportation."

Fannin says according to the

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Tourism panel delays selecting new director

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission met in special session Thursday and officially regained some autonomy, a goal the seven-member board has sought since the Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin fired its director and took control of finances earlier this year.

Five of the seven members voted yesterday to change the commission's bylaws and introduce a vice-chairman to the board. Additionally, the vice-chairman was written into the bylaws as a co-signer effectively able to write checks and deal with the commission's bank account.

Just prior to the move, member David Tackett, a representative from Community Trust Bank, was voted as the commission's new chairman, with Comfort

Suites and Super 8's Jim Ousley maintaining his position as the newly empowered vice-chair.

"We should have our bonding issue ready to look at before next meeting and take care of the signature card," Tackett told members Wednesday, referring to the commission's requirement to change its bank account's signature list.

However, one thing that wasn't decided upon during the special meeting was the hiring of a new director, a position vacant since Carmalee Cramer's dismissal.

With roughly 10 applicants reviewed in closed session, the commission returned without announcing a successor, opting instead to set a July 17 session meeting to continue with planning and perhaps a final decision.

The commission's next regular meeting will be held Aug. 13.

Pepsi pulls out of golf tournament

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Despite recently attracting a total of 93 golfers for the state women's amateur golf tournament, Stonecrest golf course has lost sponsorship for its invitational tournament scheduled for next weekend, Paul Hughes told tourism commission mem-

bers Thursday.

What had been touted for the past several weeks as the Stonecrest Pepsi Invitational golf tournament, will now be the Stonecrest Prestonsburg Tourism Commission invitational golf tournament.

Commission members agreed to sponsor the tournament following a brief dis-

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Volunteer seeks to increase water awareness

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

BIG SANDY REGION — With Martin County's 2000 coal slurry spill not far from memory and following June flooding and subsequent efforts from water districts to make sure drinking water was brought back to affected areas, another element for increasing

water quality has recently been undertaken.

Since 1999, Americorps, in cooperation with the Office of Surface Mining, has encouraged volunteers, known as VISTA, or Volunteers In Service To America, with background or education in fields such as sociology, biology and chemistry to enter into areas such as the Big Sandy region to ini-

tiate water testing.

One such volunteer is Adrienne Freed, who will be based with the Big Sandy Area Development District for the next year as a volunteer for the Big Sandy watershed. Freed, a Virginia native and recent graduate of Mary Washington College in

(See VOLUNTEER, page three)

June flooding declared disaster

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Less than one month after receiving its last declaration, the state recently received notification that President Bush has announced another major disas-

(See DISASTER, page three)



Victims of last month's flash flooding could qualify for personal assistance recovering from damages, following a presidential disaster declaration.

photo by Kim Lewis

Women in Business

Due to complications related to last week's press breakdown, an unedited version of last week's Women in Business special section was printed inadvertently. The correct version of the section is being included in today's issue.

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Odds and Ends

■ **BOCA RATON, Fla.** — A new kind of Krispy Kreme shop is coming this way, but it might not be as easy to be first in line for those tasty pastries.

It'll be the franchise's first without the trademark neon sign telling customers when fresh doughnuts emerge.

The 66-year-old company was forced to forego its neon sign in deference to a long-standing city law that prohibits exposed neon signs.

Instead, Krispy Kreme, based

in Winston-Salem, N.C., is designing its first non-neon illuminated sign to light up when doughnuts are rolled out.

"This one will be different," Krispy Kreme spokeswoman Ann Urban said. "As far as we're aware, we can't discover any other 'hot' lights that are not neon."

The city's decades-old sign code requires commercial signs be approved by the Community Appearance Board, well-known for its fastidiousness. The city's

only McDonald's went up without its trademark golden arches because they were regarded as improper signs.

Krispy Kreme officials expect to start building this fall — without the neon sign.

■ **LA CROSSE, Wis.** — A man has sold what he billed as the world's largest french fry for more than \$200 on the Internet auction-house eBay.

Simon Holland found the 6 3/4-inch fry during a meal at a Wisconsin Rapids Culver's on June 24. Instead of eating the spud, he immediately froze it and put it up for auction on eBay.

The winning bid — \$202.50 from a bidder known only as "Culver's Fan" — was announced Wednesday afternoon. Restaurant owners Greg Giese and Brad Prohl celebrated by giving patrons complimentary pieces of custard cake.

"I could probably write the book, 'How to Sell a French Fry on eBay,'" Holland said, laughing.

The fry's claim as the world's largest has not gone undisputed.

Two restaurant employees at Chips of Wisconsin Rapids found one fry last week that was about 8 inches. On June 29, a second french fry from Wisconsin Rapids that's allegedly longer than 7 inches also went on sale on eBay.

■ **BAY CITY, Mich.** — Sylvia Linton finds plenty of fodder for her night job while serving as staff attorney for a local judge.

When she isn't researching and writing legal opinions for Bay County Circuit Judge Lawrence M. Bielawski, Linton is brainstorming and writing

jokes.

She made her third local appearance Saturday at the Split-a-Gut Comedy Club, across from the county courthouse.

"People just connect with her," club manager Lee Reardon told The Bay City Times for a Wednesday story. "She's got the Polish humor, the local jokes, and people just love her."

While there's no shortage of lawyer jokes out there, Linton also mines the crime docket for material.

On Saturday, she poked fun at the would-be robber who held up the business where he worked. While his face was masked, he wore his uniform — complete with name tag — during the heist.

Then there was the bank robber who targeted his local branch, and wrote the stickup note on his own deposit slip.

"It's all true," Linton shrugs.

Linton, 43, first took her knack for humorous storytelling before an audience in February at a talent night event put on by the Bay County Bar Association.

"I love telling jokes, and I've done it for years," Linton said. "I kind of had a reputation among the Bar Association of being the person to come to if you want to hear a good joke."

■ **NORTH PLATTE, Neb.** — Unless the judge asks you to speak up, it's best to keep quiet in Lincoln County District

Court.

Judge John Murphy enforced the court's no-talking rule Tuesday by ordering three men back to jail after they were caught chatting in a jury box while waiting for their cases to be called up.

Murphy told the men they could wait in jail until they learned to behave themselves in a courtroom.

Two of the men will now have to wait until July 14 before their cases are heard in court. One is suspected of carrying drugs, while the other is charged in a local burglary.

The third man, who earlier pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine, will be sentenced later this month.

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Senate hears testimony about JobSight network

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A U.S. Senate subcommittee learned about promising practices in the JobSight network during testimony about WIA one-stop centers on June 18.

The Pike County JobSight was one of 14 exemplary one-stop centers nationwide selected for examination by the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), which conducted the study at the request of Sen. Ted Kennedy, Rep. John Boehner, and Rep. Howard McKeon. While in eastern Kentucky, GAO analysts studied accomplishments of several JobSight comprehensive centers, including the Perry County

JobSight's role in helping attract a major manufacturing facility to the area.

The results of the nationwide study were presented to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training, in oral testimony and a written report.

"States and localities are learning how to use the flexibility afforded by WIA to develop systems that work for their local areas and that implement WIA's vision of a customer-focused system," the GAO told the subcommittee.

During testimony, the

Senators learned that "... when one of the nation's largest cabinet manufacturers was considering opening a new facility in the Eastern Kentucky area, the one-stop ... offered a tailored set of services to attract the employer to the area. The services included assisting the company with pre-screening and interviewing applicants and establishing an on-the-job training package that used WIA funding to offset up to 50 percent of each new hire's wages during the 90-day training period. According to a company representative, the incentive package offered by the one-stop was the primary reason the company chose to build a new facility in eastern Kentucky instead of another location."

Throughout the testimony, GAO praised the JobSight network for its initiatives in cross-training and collaboration among one-stop center workers, participating in coordinated economic development activities, dedicating staff to business outreach,

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 6, the 187th day of 2003. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1923, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed.

On this date:

■ In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason.

■ In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Ticonderoga.

■ In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks.

■ In 1928, a preview was held in New York of the first all-talking feature, "The Lights of New York."

■ In 1933, the first All-Star baseball game was played, at Chicago's Comiskey Park; the American League defeated the National League 4-2.

■ In 1944, 169 people died

in a fire that broke out in the main tent of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum-and-Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut.

■ In 1945, President Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

■ In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

■ In 1967, the Biafran War erupted. The war, which lasted 2 1/2 years, claimed some 600,000 lives.

■ In 1989, the U.S. Army destroyed its last Pershing 1-A missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Ten years ago:

On the eve of the Group of Seven summit in Tokyo, President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa expressed optimism about resolving a contentious trade dispute between their countries.

Five years ago:

Protestants rioted in many parts of Northern Ireland after British authorities blocked an Orange Order march in Portadown. Singing cowboy star Roy Rogers died in Apple Valley, Calif., at age 86. Se Ri Pak, a 20-year-old rookie from South Korea, became the youngest winner of the U.S. Women's Open, defeating American amateur Jenny Chuasiriporn in sudden death.

One year ago:

Gunmen assassinated Afghan Vice President Abdul Qadir, who was considered key to U.S.-backed efforts to stabilize the war-fractured nation. Serena Williams beat older sister Venus 7-6 (4), 6-3 to win her first Wimbledon title and second straight Grand Slam tournament. Movie director John Frankenheimer died in Los Angeles; he was 72.

Today's Birthdays:

Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 82. Actor William Schallert is 81. Talk show host

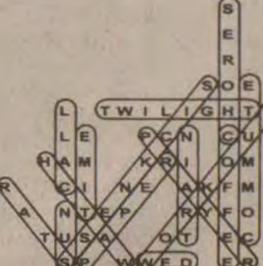
Merv Griffin is 78. Actress Janet Leigh is 76. Actor Donal Donnelly is 72. Singer-actress Della Reese is 72. Actor Ned Beatty is 66. Singer Gene Chandler is 66. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 63. President Bush is 57. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 57. Actor Fred Dryer is 57. Actress Nathalie Baye is 55. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 52. Rock musician John Bazz (The Blasters) is 51. Actress Shelley Hack is 51. Actor Grant Goodeve is 51. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 50. Actress Allyce Beasley is 49. Jazz musician Rick Braun is 48. Country musician John Jorgenson is 47. Hockey player Ron Duguay is 46. Rapper 50 Cent is 27. Actress Tia Mowry is 25. Actress Tamera Mowry is 25. Actor Gregory Smith is 20. Actor Jeremy Suarez ("Bernie Mac") is 13.

Thought for Today:

"Freedom is always and exclusively freedom for the one who thinks differently." — Rosa Luxemburg, Polish-German revolutionary (1871-1919).

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Cabinet immune from lawsuit in child's death

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT — The state's Cabinet for Families and Children may not be sued for alleged negligence leading up to the 1994 death of 2-year-old Sabrina Felts, the Kentucky Court of Appeals has ruled.

In a 3-0 decision, the court agreed with the state Board of

Claims' earlier ruling that the cabinet had immunity in the case.

"Arbitrariness has many facets, but relevant to this appeal is a question of law — whether the Board of Claims correctly determined that the cabinet's immunity was preserved ...," Judge Matthew J. Baker wrote in the court's opinion. "Although based upon dif-

ferent reasoning, we must agree with the Board of Claims that the cabinet may not be sued."

Sabrina Felts' mother's boyfriend, Sherman Dejuan Davis, was found guilty of murdering and criminally abusing

her. The mother, Melissa Felts, was convicted of criminal abuse for leaving Sabrina alone with Davis despite signs he was hurting her.

She was killed in May 1994. Dejuan Stratton, Sabrina's

natural father and administrator of her estate, had argued the cabinet did not do enough to prevent his daughter's death.

Before she was killed, Sabrina's maternal grandmother told the cabinet that she suspected abuse. Sabrina's caseworker investigated the claim and found it was substantiated.

The caseworker then petitioned Jefferson County Family Court and alleged the child was being abused.

In February 1994, the youngster went to live with Stratton. By late April, Sabrina returned to live with her mother. She died less than a month

later. Stratton pursued a claim against the cabinet in the Board of Claims, which concluded the cabinet was entitled to immunity. Stratton appealed to Franklin County Circuit Court, which overturned the board's decision in May.

The cabinet appealed to the state appeals court. In its ruling Thursday, the appellate court ruled the cabinet's actions in the case were discretionary, thus giving it immunity.

In cases of alleged negligence, only ministerial duties do not have immunity, according to Baker's opinion.

Shooting

office." Pillersdorf also asked that no effort be made to contact his new client until after Tackett's funeral, which was held Friday afternoon at Hi Hat.

Aaron Tackett was shot once in the left upper chest by Trooper Kerry White during a struggle on Watergap road Tuesday afternoon

and later died at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin.

Police have not said what might have caused the traffic stop for speeding to result in a shooting death, only offering that White "had to resort to lethal force to protect himself" during the course of his struggle with Tackett.

Bridge

contract, workers have until spring of next year to finish the project, but he doesn't expect it should take that long.

"If we don't have it done by

Christmas, we'll all be fired," Fannin joked. "The contract says we have until spring, but I think by fall or winter we should be finished up."

Disaster

ter declaration for Kentucky. Gov. Paul Patton requested further federal disaster aid last month.

The declaration came after the commonwealth was again struck by severe storms, flooding, mud and rockslides and tornadoes that started on June 14.

The decision will ensure that those in need will have an opportunity to private and public assistance to cover and repair damages caused during the battering weather conditions.

Michael D. Brown, director for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, designated Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Knott, Perry, Martin, Lawrence, Magoffin, Letcher, Breathitt,

Carter, Clay, Elliott, Greenup, Harlan, Leslie, Lewis, Owsley and Rowan Counties as eligible for private assistance and aid, as well as public assistance, immediately following the announcement.

Other counties already designated for public assistance, which will be used to repair or replace public roads, buildings and utilities, and to cover portions of cleanup costs and related services, are: Knox, Monroe, Montgomery and Washington counties. Private assistance goes to families and individuals, according to FEMA guidelines.

Victims of the flooding may register with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-3362.

Volunteer

Fredricksburg, says she hopes to bring attention to both general and professional locals about how to perform water testing and, as a result, help nurture awareness of some regional quality issues.

"I'm just trying to help people learn how to help themselves," Freed said. "I'm not trying to fix everything, I just want to teach people how to do water testing and to learn from that what they can do to make things better."

Freed, a holder of both sociology and anthropology degrees, says one of the more prominent problems across the coalfields of the Big Sandy has always been acid mine drainage. This problem occurs when mining waste is left behind after a site is abandoned, Freed said.

"The waste that is there is generally in the state it was in when the people left," she said. "They don't come back and fix it and it makes a big wastepile just laying there. When it rains, all

the iron and different metals are coming from that wastepile and going into the streams around."

When "orange" or rust colored water is found in local streams, it has developed as a result of runoff from these wastepiles, Freed said.

The watershed area Freed will be examining through her work extends into 19 counties across three states, including Kentucky, but Freed won't be alone in her efforts. Other volunteers, all funded through the Department of the Interior of Surface Mining and Reclamation, will also be in the area, she said.

Freed said she learned of the opportunity from friends who had taken part in the process and was now hoping to recruit others to join her in learning more about how to ensure water quality for the area.

Those interested in taking part as a volunteer or who have questions have been asked to contact Freed at (606) 886-2374.

Tourney

he said would go primarily to fulfilling prize money awards.

Hughes said Pepsi pulled sponsorship after citing "miscommunication" between former Stonecrest golf pro Larry Ward and current golf pro Jason Crum, who worked under Ward at the course last year.

Ward, who left Stonecrest to work at Paintsville Country Club, initiated the deal that was left to Crum to finalize.

Hughes asked the commission to offer a \$5,000 sponsorship for the tournament, which

he said would go primarily to fulfilling prize money awards.

"In order to keep this golf course, I'm going to have to promote it," Hughes told members. "We have to have it or we have to call the tournament off next week, not to put any pressure on you."

Commission members agreed to the sponsorship, asking Hughes if \$5,000 would be enough to cover both prize money commitments and costs of creating signs to promote the event.

Fire

Hohman said an underground fire at Haymond has been burning uncontrollably for decades.

The Kentucky Abandoned Mine Lands Program runs on money from a tax of 35 cents a ton on surface mined coal, 15 cents a ton on coal mined underground and 10 cents a ton on lignite.

Hohman said the money can only be used to correct problems with mines that were aban-

doned before 1982. The Abandoned Mine Lands Program is investigating the age of the mine at Carbon Glow to determine whether it is old enough to qualify for the money.

The fire, Hohman said, appears to be very close to the opening of the mine. If that is the case, the burning coal can simply be dug out of the mine and buried.



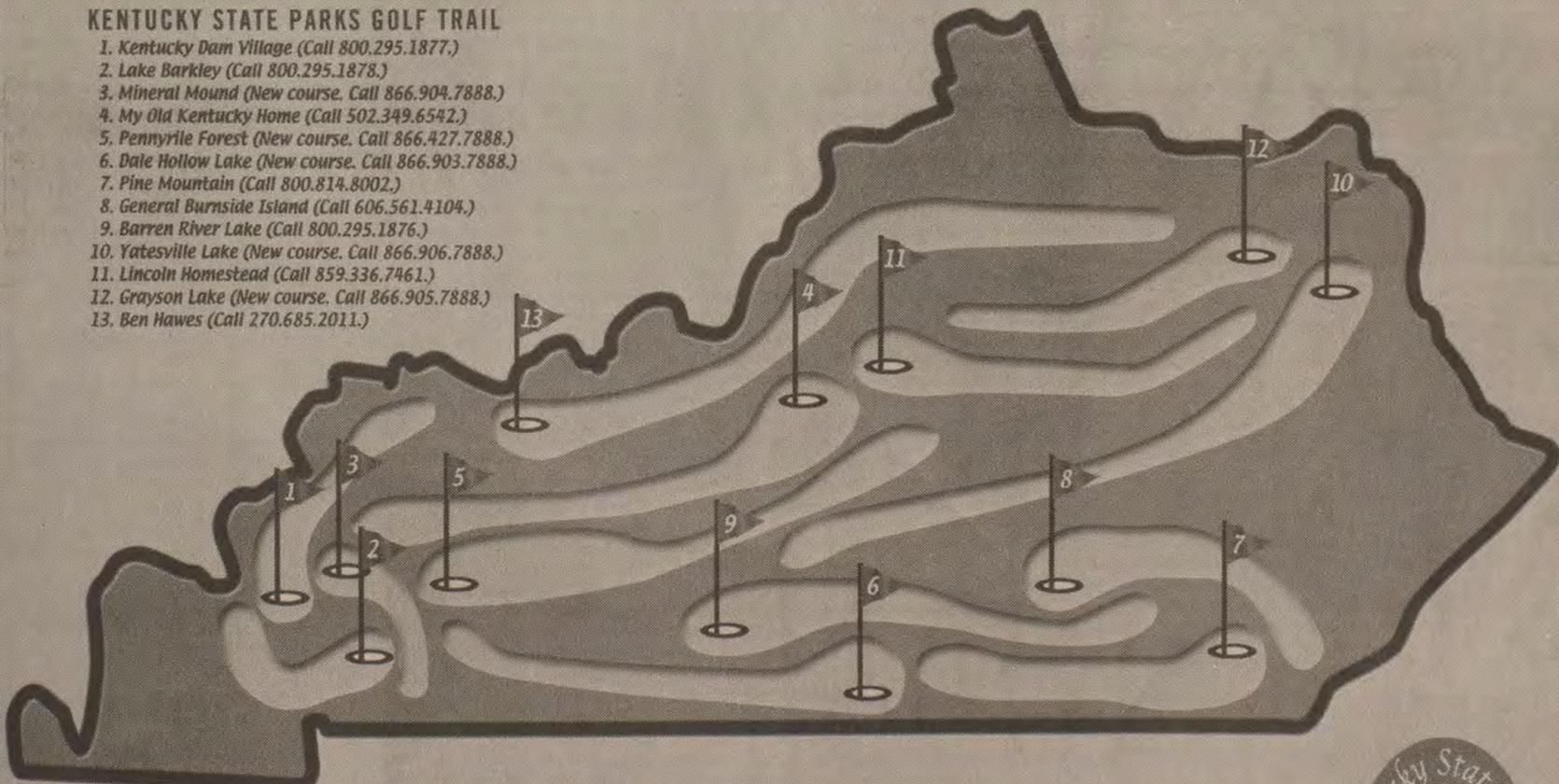
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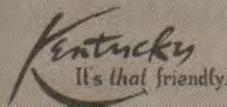
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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

Editorial roundup

Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on libraries policing the Internet:

The U.S. Supreme Court said Monday that Congress can require adults who want to read on the Internet about testicular cancer — or look at sex sites — to get a librarian's OK. According to a majority of the justices, Congress was within its rights to limit adult access to on-line pornography in order to protect children from it.

The court held that legislation requiring libraries that get federal funds to install Internet filters doesn't interfere with First Amendment rights because librarians could disable the filters at an adult's request. That it may be a problem for an adult to ask, for fear he will be viewed as a pervert even if he's merely researching a health concern, did not figure in. ...

There are other problems with the legislation, beginning with the fact that filters are imprecise. While blocking sex sites, they may also limit access to educational information, medical research or avant-garde art. Teenagers may need these materials for homework assignments. Adults may miss legitimate information out of reluctance to approach Madame Librarian. ...

A better alternative is to trust the locals to do their own policing. Local libraries, including those in Peoria, already are watchful for abuses; some in nearby communities have moved on their own to install filters. Community standards and common sense are better at filtering sex-related filth than Congress ever will be.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, on Katharine Hepburn:

Katharine Hepburn seemed forever young — both as the beauty who took 1940s Hollywood by storm and later as the crotchety old aunt who could endure anything.

But Sunday, at age 96, she died. Ten years ago, she said she didn't fear death; after all, "it's how you live that really counts." And live, she did.

In her 1992 autobiography, "Me," Miss Hepburn accurately credited her stardom to a unique combination of breeding, egotism and luck.

She became the model for the modern independent woman, even when that image didn't necessarily translate to success at the box office. In 1934, new in Hollywood, Miss Hepburn dared to share the politics of her crusading mother, an advocate for birth control. She eschewed Hollywood glamour for turtlenecks and trousers. To get good roles, she bought film rights or worked for union wages.

But her most notable local connection is her career-turning portrayal of the patrician Tracy Lord, modeled after Hope Montgomery Scott, in "The Philadelphia Story," in 1940. Until then, her career had alternated between instant hits and incredible flops.

She could play almost any character: debutante, queen, athlete, dope fiend, attorney, office manager, spinster missionaries (twice), and devoted aging wife. She won four Oscars and an Emmy. ...

For all her confidence, Miss Hepburn was best when she revealed insecurity behind the brashness. In interviews about "The African Queen," Miss Hepburn, then 45, reflected, "I became a star before my experience and talent merited it." On film and in life, she had an endearing way of mixing vulnerability and self-confidence. No wonder America loved her.

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— Jim Davidson

Are you a quick quitter?

Here is a question I hope you will ponder with me for about the next 20 years. Have you ever seen a car with square wheels? Of course, the answer to this ridiculous question is "no." The reason is because someone figured out centuries ago that a wheel rolls much better if it's round. This simple truth has given rise to one of the most often used clichés in the English language. "It's not necessary to reinvent the wheel."

What I have just shared is almost too elementary to waste your time, but often the most obvious turns out to provide the greatest rewards. Let me say it again. In the vast majority of cases, for whatever you want in life or for whatever you wish to achieve, the odds are great that many other people have already been there and done that. In a very real sense, all we need to do is take advantage of their experience. In other words, don't try to reinvent the wheel, because you would be wasting a lot of your precious time.

I have found in a lifetime of trying to

help other people achieve personal success, for whatever that means to them, the greatest deterrent is something called "The Fear Of Failure." In the vast majority of cases when people fail, they simply quit too soon. If you happen to be a QUICK QUITTER and have missed many of the rewards that you have desired, I want to give you a new way of looking at failure that could result in far greater success than you have ever known before.

The starting point to being able to always overcome failure is to realize that failure is just a learning experience and not something that anyone should fear. Every truly successful person has failed thousands of times and they know that each failure brings them that much closer to success. Have you ever known of a football quarterback who completed every pass? That is what I mean.

The greatest example of what I am saying is embodied in a man who is world-renowned but who also failed more often than any other person in history. This man's name is Thomas Alva

Edison (1847-1931), the American inventor who was also known as the Wizard Of Menlo Park. During his lifetime he patented 1,093 inventions and accomplished this in spite of the fact that he only had six months of formal schooling.



Early in his career he invented and patented the stock ticker and printer and sold it for \$40,000. He used this money to hire a staff of like-minded individuals to help him and subsequently invented the phonograph, the incandescent light bulb, the microphone, the movies and the medical fluoroscope, just to mention a few.

When it comes to your own personal success or failure here is something I hope you will really think about. Thomas Edison and his staff classified and tested 17,000 plants before he discovered that "latex" could be extracted from one of them.

Thomas Edison literally failed his way to success, and so can we. The big problem for most people who fail is that they do not want to change. They want to rail against or change the system. The same system incidentally, where mil

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— beyond the beltway

Clarence Thomas — hypocrisy runs rampant

by DONALD KAUL

I'm with Clarence Thomas on affirmative action. Like him, I'm against it. Mr. Justice Thomas made his position quite clear the other day when he delivered a 31-page dissent in the affirmative action case involving the University of Michigan Law School. (The prestigious, highly selective school gives special consideration — it's not precise about how much — to black, Hispanic and Native American applicants.)

Justice Thomas dismissed Michigan's attempt at achieving ethnic diversity as "racial aesthetics," saying:

"I must contest the notion that the law school's discrimination benefits those admitted as a result of it ... The law school tantalizes unprepared students with the promise of a University of Michigan degree and all of the opportunities that it offers. These over-matched students take the bait, only to find that they cannot succeed in the cauldron of competition ... I believe blacks can achieve in every avenue of American life without the meddling of university administrators."

Right on, Clarence! For too long has this society coddled African-Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans.

I mean, we've stopped buying and selling black people and using them as slaves, haven't we? What more do they want?

We allow Hispanic women into our homes to clean up after us, do our laundry, and care for our children, don't we? We give their husbands and brothers free access to the grounds so that they can tend our lawns and gardens, don't we? But does this make them grateful? No. Now they want to go to law school.

Talk about being given an inch and taking a mile ...

And don't even mention Native Americans. To find them greedy for more after all we've given them — large, beautiful reservations, some of them with actual trees — is very disappointing.

Mr. Thomas speaks for those of us who are just about fed up.

Yet, of all the sterling qualities I admire in Mr. Thomas, the one that impresses me most is his remarkable objectivity. Thomas, you see, is a child of affirmative action. He got into Yale Law on an affirmative action ticket and his career in the federal government (assistant secretary of education, chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) has the look of someone who profited from being black.

His record as a legal scholar was far from prepossessing when Bush the Elder nominated him to the Supreme Court, so one can presume he was chosen to occupy the Court's "black seat," vacated by Thurgood Marshall.

Then, when his nomination by the Senate hit a rock after a former colleague, a young woman, accused him of sexual harassment, he did not hesitate to play the "race card," charging that the proceedings constituted a "high-tech lynching."

But does Mr. Thomas allow any of that to color his judgment? Not a whit. Not a tittle. Not a jot. It's as though he never heard of it. He said, in his dissent:

"The majority of blacks are admitted to the law school because of discrimination, and because of this policy all are tarred as undeserving ... When blacks take positions in the highest places of government, industry or academia, it is an open question today whether their skin color played a part in their advancement."

"The question itself is the stigma...."

Good point. Too bad Clarence apparently thought of it after he'd already gone to Yale Law. If he'd turned down Yale's affirmative action offer he probably could have gotten into someplace like the Akron School of Law and Storm Door Technology strictly on merit and been a lot happier. He is now trying to save others from a life of similar heartache.

That's objectivity. It is also chutzpah. (Chutzpah is a Yiddish word that has been described as the quality embodied by a man who, having murdered his mother and father, asks the court for leniency because he is an orphan.)

A couple more justices like Clarence Thomas on the Court and we'll put an end to this affirmative action nonsense once and for all. And if President Bush has his way, we'll get them.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. His e-mail is donaldkaul2@verizon.net.



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Minister's Moment: Blessings of liberty

by PASTOR GEORGE LOVE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Fourth of July is once more upon us and with it the celebration of the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States. These freedoms did not come without hard work, the effort and, in many cases, the great personal sacrifices of those who have gone before us. As a pastor, and more fun-

damentally as a Christian, one of the freedoms I cherish most is the religious freedom that allows us to practice our faith without fear of persecution. In fact, our communities are dotted with places of worship. Churches are plentiful. Billboards with religious messages pop up with regularity. Turn on the television and one can find not only programs devoted to Christian faith, but

entire networks with 24-hour-a-day programming.

I sometimes fear that we have become so complacent in our expectation that freedom of religion will be available that we have failed to recognize the immense value of this gift.

Several years ago, I was attending a youth conference where a young woman from another country was relating her story of how she had come

to be in attendance at the conference.

Most of us had arrived by way of plane, train or automobile. The most we had to contend with was a long ride to reach our destination. The young woman who spoke to us explained that her trip to the conference began with a boat ride to the airport. Taking the boat allowed her to stay far enough away from land that if

she and her companions were shot at, which they were, they would have a fairly good chance of not being hit, which indeed they were not.

The place where she lived was in the throes of a conflict between religious groups. She was shot at because of her faith and because of her desire to go somewhere to practice her faith. She appealed to us to pray for her as she returned home, as more of the same

would be waiting for her upon her return.

It is my hope that on this Fourth of July weekend, people of faith around our country will truly celebrate the freedom to practice our faith where and how we choose. It is easy to take for granted what seems so plentiful and takes so little effort to enjoy. The reality that it is not so everywhere should remind us of how truly blessed we have been.

Roman Catholic minority finding acceptance in central Appalachia

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

McROBERTS — Worshippers gather each Sunday morning at Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church in what must be one of the smallest sanctuaries in the nation.

But, then, a huge cathedral isn't necessary for a congregation of 10 people.

The outer walls of the church are plain, gray concrete blocks. The parking lot is grass and scattered gravel. There's no steeple pointing heavenward. No gymnasium. Only the quaint, square building.

This is Catholicism, Appalachian style, where the faithful few have labored for generations among a predominantly Protestant population that wasn't always welcoming.

After a century of mistrust, even persecution, Catholics in mountain communities across central Appalachia are seeing a level of acceptance among Protestant neighbors like never before, said Robbie Pentecost, a nun who serves as executive director of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia.

"There are still some preachers who will tell their congregations that we worship idols, that we have horns, that we're not Christians," Pentecost said. "But for the most part, we have been accepted."

In most rural communities in central Appalachia, Catholics make up less than 1 percent of the population. Some priests travel

like old-time circuit riders from one small church to the next. Congregations typically are made up of descendants of immigrants who came to the coalfields in the early 1900s to work in the mines alongside their Protestant neighbors.

Pentecost said newcomers, especially those from cities with large Catholic communities, find central Appalachia an unusual place.

"At first, it's culture shock," said Rosalyn Soller, a nun who came to the McRoberts area from Pittsburgh about five years ago to care for the sick in the rural communities of eastern Kentucky. "It seemed there was not another Catholic for miles around."

Beth Carrender, a nun who attends the McRoberts church, said when her order of Benedictine Sisters first moved into the community 30 years ago,

people would throw dead animals onto their porch, which they took as a sign of intolerance.

"A lot of barriers have been broken down," Carrender said. "It has come simply from working with the people. It initially was

Catholics and didn't want them living in their neighborhoods, Davies said.

"For the first several years, we had a Baptist minister in the community who would actually walk on the other side of the street so he wouldn't have to talk to us," she said. "It was a new experience for me to be in a minority."

St. Charles had no Catholics before Davies and two other nuns arrived.

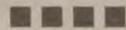
"One woman did share with me that if a Catholic had come into her home it would be a sign the devil could take over the house," she said. "There was a real fear, a genuine fear."

Despite such negative attitudes, the Catholic church has continued to minister to the people of the central Appalachians, providing everything from food to free medical care. They've opened child-care centers for single mothers and shelters for battered spouses. They've built hospitals and clinics. They've provided clothing and housing to the poor.

In just about every area of need, Pentecost said, Catholics have stepped forward to meet it, despite being a fraction of 1 percent of the population in the small towns.

"There's a realization that even if there's not a great number of our own, we have a message to live and a message to preach," said Rev. Steve Gallenstein, a priest in Frankfort who, until last week, served three churches in Pike County. "Hopefully we preach it by the way we live."

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very difficult."

The Rev. John Rausch, an itinerant priest based in Stanton who came to the region from Philadelphia some 25 years ago, said the attitudes have softened considerably after a century of Catholic ministry in the region. Even conservative Protestant ministers, he said, have become more accepting.

The Rev. Paul Badgett, pastor of First Baptist Church in Pikeville and president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said Catholics and Baptists have a civil coexistence in the mountains.

"From a theological stand point, we're not together," he said. "But there are many things we do stand together on. They take a strong stand for life. We do, too. They take a strong stand on morality. We do, too. We both have a strong concern for social justice."

Even so, it's the rare occasion when the two religious groups share a pulpit in central Appalachia. That happened in Letcher County earlier this year, when Rausch and the Rev. Steve Peake, a Baptist pastor, led an ecumenical prayer service for environmentally active Catholics and Protestants.

Rausch recognized the significance of the event. When he first came to region, he said, many Protestants preached against Catholicism from their pulpits and on the radio.

"The walls of prejudice are being torn down, brick by brick, little by little," said the Rev. Bob Damron, a Catholic priest in Prestonsburg who grew up a Baptist in a small Eastern Kentucky community. "All the myths about Catholics are being eroded."

Damron said devout Catholics who reflect the love of God are making the difference.

"Because we have such a small number of Catholics, your faith is going to be forever challenged," he said. "You're going to live your life under a microscope. People are watching you. And they're seeing that the Catholic Church is reaching out to help people."

Beth Davies, a nun who moved from New York City to St. Charles, Va., 30 years ago, said she has witnessed the change in the religious atmosphere. She said she has found acceptance in the coalfields after a difficult start.

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responding to the needs of specific industries, marketing, and creating a shared identity for the partner agencies.

GAO analysts visited eastern Kentucky for two days in October 2002 to interview the management and staff of JobSight and Eastern Kentucky C.E.P., Inc., and to study many aspects of JobSight operations.

JobSight is the brand name for the one-stop centers operated by EKCEP under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, which mandated the creation of one-stop workforce centers where customers can get access to the fully array of federal employment and training services at a single location. EKCEP's network of JobSight centers includes four current

comprehensive one-stop centers (in Bell, Clay, Perry and Pike counties), two pending comprehensive one-stop centers in the Rocky J. Adkins Elliott County Public Library in Sandy Hook and the under-construction Lawrence County Fiscal Court Community Development Building in Louisa, three JobSight Affiliate Sites and a host of Access Points.

More information about the JobSight network is available at www.jobsight.org.

The full text of the report on WIA one-stop centers is available on the GAO website (www.gao.gov). To view the report, go to the GAO website, select "GAO Reports," and find report number GAO-03-725, published June 18.

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Auditor criticizes planned Transportation Cabinet kitchen deal

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State Auditor Ed Hatchett criticized plans for an estimated \$1.13 million cafeteria at the unfinished Transportation Cabinet Office building in downtown Frankfort.

Hatchett said the state's Finance and Administration Cabinet did not do enough in trying to attract more suitors to operate the 9,000-square-foot cafeteria. Under the current proposal, the company that eventually operates the cafeteria will not pay for rent, utilities or equipment, Hatchett said.

"I don't think that's good stewardship of tax-payer dollars," Hatchett said Tuesday.

Transportation Cabinet officials are planning to open the new 420,000-square-foot Frankfort office building in October. It should house about 1,400 state workers, Finance and Administration Cabinet spokeswoman Jill Midkiff said.

The building's planned restaurant is supposed to have an espresso bar, French baked goods and indoor and outdoor seating for more than 350 people. It's also going to have 18-foot ceilings in the dining area, according to a statement from the auditor's office.

The state still hasn't finished

negotiations, she said. But, state officials are working on a 10-year deal that would have to be renewed annually after the first three years.

Midkiff said the deal would not be unlike other cafeterias in state buildings and the state would maintain ownership of the equipment.

The cabinet posted all three requests for proposals on its Web site.

Only one company, Pennsylvania-based Acorn Food Services Inc., responded to the Finance Cabinet's three attempts to find companies willing to bid for the contract, Hatchett said. Instead, cabinet officials should have solicited restaurants in the Kentucky Restaurant Association and other local restaurant owners, Hatchett said.

However, Midkiff said the state did actively shop for companies willing to pay for the cafeteria's construction but was unsuccessful.

Hatchett's questions about the cafeteria project were first reported Tuesday by The State Journal of Frankfort.

Harold McKinney, an attorney in the auditor's office, echoed Hatchett's concerns.

"The state is in essence paying someone to put a restaurant in there," McKinney said. "We don't think that's a very good marshaling of state resources."

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Floyd County

Estill Adams, age 59, of Wooster, Ohio, formerly of Grethel, died Monday, June 30, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

William "Billy" Blankenship, age 21, of Ligon, died Saturday, June 28, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ethel Frazier, age 89, of Martin, died Tuesday, July 1, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Dorothy Newman Hall, age 85, of Allen, died Sunday, June 29, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 2, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Evelyn Samons Hall, age 66, of West Liberty, formerly of Melvin, died Tuesday, July 1, 2003. She is survived by her husband, Logan Hall. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 4, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gladys Hall Hamilton, age 76, of Union City, Tennessee, formerly of Melvin, died Saturday, June 28, 2003. She is survived by her husband, Ray Hamilton. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, July 1, at the Tackett Cemetery, at Melvin.

Mable Cooley Hensley, age 97, of Langley, died Sunday, June 29, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 2, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Macie L. Hunt, age 80, of Hunter, died Friday, June 27, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 30, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Marie Akers Kirby, age 95, of Banner, died Saturday, June 28, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 1, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Smitty Joe Mitchell, age 62,

of Hi Hat, died Sunday, June 29, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 2, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Aaron Tackett, age 57, of Prestonsburg, died on Tuesday, July 1, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Scheryl Moore Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 4, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kathleen Thomas, age 63, of Red Fox, died Monday, June 30, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Billy Reed Abshire, age 68, died Thursday, June 26, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Violet Weaver Abshire. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Gelain Baldrige, age 81, died Monday, June 9, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Arbutus Louis Burgess Baldrige. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Paul Edward Blair, age 21, died Friday, June 13, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Angela Lynn Eppembaugh Blair. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 16, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

James Ernest Boyd, age 83, died Saturday, June 14, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 18, under the direction of the Schoedinger Funeral Chapel, in Ohio.

Beatrice Wells Childers, age 83, died Monday, June 30, 2003. She is survived by her husband, Clifford P. Childers. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Gary Phillip Clark, age 68, died Wednesday, June 25, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Myrna Evans Clark. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 28, under the

direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Cora Mae Moore Conley, age 78. She is survived by her husband, Oral Conley. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mable Crisp, age 73, died Monday, June 16, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 18, under the direction of the Burke Funeral Home.

Lora Ruth Daniel, age 65, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 20, in Ohio.

Vivian O. Davis, age 87, died Wednesday, June 11, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 14, under the direction of the Handley Funeral Home, in West Virginia.

Myrtle Marie Staniford Dorton, age 67, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Loretta Gillispie, age 73, died Thursday, June 5, 2003. She is survived by her husband, James Gillispie. Memorial services were conducted Friday, June 13, at Preston Funeral Home.

Lizzie Smith, age 80, died Monday, June 23, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 26, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Eleanor Spurlock Horn, age 88, died Sunday, June 15, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 18, under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home.

Anna Mae Salyers King, age 66, died Tuesday, June 10, 2003. She is survived by her husband, William R. King. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ralph Thomas Rorrer, age 69, died Saturday, June 21, 2003. He is survived by his

wife, Judy Allen Rorrer. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 23, under the direction of the Burke Funeral Home.

Billy Allen Salyer, age 63, died Thursday, June 12, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Salyer. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 17, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

John Russell Ward, age 71, died Friday, June 20, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Wilcox Ward. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Pike County

Frank J. Forsyth Jr., age 87, died Saturday, June 28, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Lucy Dolores Webber Forsyth. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 1, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Nora Damron James, age 65, died Monday, June 30, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 4, under the direction of the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Lula Phillips, age 81, died Wednesday, June 18, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 5, under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Duffy Wolford, age 59, died Saturday, June 28, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Casey Wolford. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 2, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Knott County

Mary Ruth Tidwell Amburgey, age 68, died Wednesday, June 25, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Anna Louise Fuller, age 65, died Sunday, June 29, 2003. She is survived by her husband, Fred Fuller. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Donnie Edward Fletcher, age 28, died Wednesday, June 25, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Kristy Cole Fletcher. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 28, under the direction of the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Martin county

Amanda Dawn Maynard, age 21, died Sunday, June 29, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 1, under the direction of the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Leonard Runyons Jr., age 60, died Friday, June 27, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Janice Carroll Runyons. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 29, under the direction of the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Louise Muncy Hale, age 85, died Sunday, June 29, 2003. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 1, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Davidson

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lions and millions of people have already succeeded.

It may not be necessary to say this, but I am going to say it anyway and hope it soaks in for those who will read the column and may be failing in some job or project they have started. It is much easier for the individual to change than it is to change the system.

Please remember what I said earlier. Failure is not something to fear because it is just a learning experience and each failure will bring us that much closer to success. It was this same Thomas Edison who said, "Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." In short, don't be a QUICK QUITTER, but stay the course.

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Railroad closed over holiday for massive maintenance effort

The Associated Press

GRAY, Tenn. — Railroad workers plan to accomplish two months of maintenance in eight days this holiday weekend, as CSX Transportation closes down 300 miles of railway in five states. "No matter if it's hot or rainy, we're here driving away," said Alvin Stinson, a CSX foreman. "This is really a moving assembly line."

Stinson said only the danger of lightning would stop the 1,200 workers from striving to get all the work done by the Tuesday deadline.

The "maintenance blitz" includes reworking 153 private rail crossings, replacing 172,000 cross ties, driving more than 2 million rail spikes and completing repairs to four bridges and 18 tunnels.

The railway being worked on stretches from Elkhorn City to Laurens, S.C., and also touches Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina.

CSX Chief Regional Engineer Ken Wilson calls the operation "unprecedented in the company's history."

Supplies began being delivered in all five states in January to get prepared, he said.

Replacing a couple of miles of ties is an arduous process involving about 35 pieces of equipment, Stinson said.

"It starts with a front tie han-

dlar laying the ties out to be replaced from these piles. A machine comes along and lays the tie down," he said.

"Then another group will come along and pull out the old spikes and ties, more will come and lay new ties, then a rail lifter machine comes and lifts the rail and puts the plate in place under the rail."

"Then spike crews and dressers come in and finish the work up. We put in about 1,200 ties per mile. It's a process that keeps you going, and these crews are the best at rebuilding these tracks to be their safest."

Since most corporate customers shut down over the Fourth of July holiday, CSX officials selected it as a time to get a lot of work done with less inconvenience.

Effort has gone into accommodating property owners in affected areas, as well, said David Hall, spokesman for CSX.

"We have really tried to go out and make the impact on the property owner as minimal as possible," Hall said. "Our folks have spoken with the majority of the owners, and we have worked out something that will enable them to access their property while we have to repair things."

CSX, based in Jacksonville, Fla., owns the largest rail network in the eastern United States, with 23,000 miles of network in 23 states, the District of Columbia and two Canadian provinces.

Obituaries

Aaron Tackett

Aaron Tackett, age 57, of Prestonsburg, passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital emergency room, in Martin, as a result of injuries sustained from a gunshot wound.

Born May 19, 1946, at Mud Creek, he was the son of the late Hampton and Mirty Nunnery Tackett. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Scheryl Moore Tackett.

Other survivors include a son, Jason Aaron Tackett, of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Genia (Jeff) Hall, and Samantha (Ronnie) Terry, both of Richmond; four brothers, Robert Tackett, of Grethel, Jay Tackett, of Ohio, Eurie Tackett, of London, and Hazle Tackett, of West Virginia; a sister, Beatrice Tackett, of Grethel; and four grandchildren, Billy Aaron Hall, Staci Hall, Siera Hall, and Justin Bailey Terry.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Azzle Tackett, and three sisters, Sylvia Tackett, Ossie Paige, and Jettie Tackett.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, July 4, at the Church of God of Prophecy, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Tom Nelson officiated.

Burial followed in the Elliott Cemetery, at Beaver.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Evelyn Samons Hall

Evelyn Samons Hall, age 66, of West Liberty, formerly of Melvin, passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born December 16, 1936, at Martin, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Shirley Crum Samons.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, in West Liberty.

She is survived by her husband, Logan Hall.

Other survivors include a son, Hershel Hall, of Bevinville; a daughter, Carol Sue Hall, of West Liberty; a brother, Richard Samons Jr., of Martin; four sisters, Nancy Jean Amburgey, Lori Samons, and Betty Lou Dutton, all of Martin, and Louvnia Samons, of Indiana; and five grandchildren, Keith, Dwayne, Holly, Tina, and Jacob.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Anna Mae Miller, and a grandson, Michael Gene Reynolds.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 4, at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Old Regular Baptist ministers officiated.

Burial followed in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Bevinville.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Gladys Hall Hamilton

Gladys Hall Hamilton, age 76, of Union City, Tennessee, passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at her residence, following a short illness.

Born September 26, 1926, in Melvin, she was the daughter of the late Oliver "Connie" Conwell and Victoria Hall.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Hamilton; one step-daughter, Brenda Patrick, of Fulton, Mississippi; one step-son, Anthony Walker Hamilton, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; four sisters, Pearl Berger, of Bevinville, Roberta Reeves, of Melvin, Beulah Collins, of Kenova, West Virginia, and Nancy Tipton, of Pikeville; two brothers, Jesse E. Hall, of Syracuse, New York, and John D. Hall, of River Rouge, Michigan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Katherine Wilson.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 1, at the Tackett Cemetery, at Melvin.

(Paid obituary)

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COMMENTARY

No ordinary Joe; Nuxhall will be missed

by **BILLY REED**
TIMES COLUMNIST

The old left-hander is truly rounding third and heading for home. Joe Nuxhall turned 75 years old on July 30. He's in his final season as Marty Brennaman's full-time sidekick



on the Cincinnati Reds' radio network that blankets Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana.

He's not in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., but he should be. He wasn't a great pitcher, at least in the sense that left-handers such as Warren Spahn and Sandy Koufax were great, but that's not the point.

Statistics are only one way to measure a person's career. In Nux's case, the stat doesn't exist that can measure his love and passion for baseball, his

kindness and simple goodness, or his devotion to a franchise and a region.

To this day, Joe's main claim to fame is that he's the youngest person to appear in a major-league game. On June 10, 1944, he was 15 years old when he entered a game against the St. Louis Cardinals in the eighth inning.

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AUTO RACING

NASCAR

WC: Part 2

by **JENNA FRYER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Matt Kenseth was steady, Dale Earnhardt Jr. a surprise. Dale Jarrett and Tony Stewart were downright disappointing.

Winston is out, Nextel is in and Toyota is coming. Then there's the infighting between teammates Kevin Harvick and Robby Gordon.

The first half of the NASCAR season was full of ups and downs — just ask Ryan Newman, who flipped, flopped and almost caught fire.

Now the second half is here, starting with the Pepsi 400 last night at Daytona International Speedway that begins 20-straight weeks of racing.

"It's been an entertaining first half of the season," Jarrett said. "We had some really good races,

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UPDATE

No appeals allowed in Earnhardt autopsy case

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The state Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to consider whether the law restricting access to autopsy photos is constitutional, letting stand a decision stemming from Dale Earnhardt's death.

The publisher of the Independent Florida Alligator was seeking to have the law overturned, but the Supreme Court, in a 4-3 decision, declined to take up the case. The court did not comment on its decision.

The law generally bars public access to autopsy materials.

Campus Communications asked the high court a year ago to

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file photo by Steve LeMaster

Becky Thomas is one of the leading players returning for new Allen Central girls coach Mark Martin.

AC girls: Mark Martin gets official nod

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — A new coach has been officially named to take control of the Allen Central High School girls' basket-

ball program. Mark Martin, an alumnus of Allen Central, who played basketball for the Rebels, will make his first run as a girls coach, effective immediately. Martin will

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Players from the Prestonsburg and Paintsville 9-10 year-old All-Stars stood Tuesday as Sherry McDonald (not pictured), the widow of B.W. McDonald, threw out the first pitch to grandson Will Meek. The Minor League field at Paintsville is now named after B.W. McDonald.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Player with local ties attends EA Elite 11 tryouts

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

Boyd County quarterback Joe Mullins had a very important tryout last week. And the tryout wasn't held at a local facility.

The first of two back-to-back tryouts in Las Vegas for the national EA SPORTS Elite 11 QB Camp to be held in Southern California took place Friday afternoon, June 27 on the UNLV campus. Players came from as far away as Oregon and Florida will be considered for the final six spots for next month's event.

In temperatures ranging from 102 to 105 degrees, 59 quarterbacks from literally every corner of the nation worked out for two hours under the watchful eyes of Bob Johnson and Andy Bark, who will lead the selection of the

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ALLEN CENTRAL

Hall named new AC football coach

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Robert Mayton was notified before the end of the recent school year that he would not be back to coach the Allen Central High School football team. A new coach has been named, Jeremy Hall, who has logged time as the head coach at Allen Central Middle School, was recently picked to replace Mayton.

Despite changes with some Eastern Kentucky football teams, via KHSAA football realignment, Allen Central will remain in Class A, Region Four, District Eight. The 2003 schedule will

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Beaver Creek 15-16s take championship

by **RICK BENTLEY**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the 15-16-year-old all-stars from Beaver Creek, it boiled down to one thing: They took advantage of their scoring opportunities while their counterparts from Pikeville did not.

As a result, Beaver Creek won the area championship Wednesday

evening by a 7-2 final and will play in the state tournament when it begins next week.

Beaver Creek Coach Rex Music's team took full advantage of its limited opportunities. After five innings, his club had only one hit but led 5-1.

"We made a couple of little running mistakes, and we took advantage of some solid defense," he said.

Through their first three trips to

the plate, Beaver Creek's 1-2-3 hitters had combined to go only 1-for-9 with seven strikeouts. However, that one hit was a bases-clearing double off the bat of Nick Music with the bases loaded to make the score 4-0 in the second.

"It's kind of amazing that our first three hitters didn't come through for

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Jr. All-Star Game rolls up Saturday

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The second annual Kentucky High School Coaches Association East Kentucky Junior All-Star Game is scheduled for Saturday at the Pikeville College gym.

The girls game will be played at 5:30 p.m. with the boys game following at 7:30.

Coaches and players from the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th regions participate in the event.

The basketball event will feature some of the area's top talent. Seniors-to-be from across the area will be show-

cased. College coaches will be in attendance.

A breakdown of the teams follows. Thirteenth Region Girls — Coach: Chrysti Noble, Rockcastle County; Sarah Elliott, Jackson County; Natasha Boggs, Cawood; Lauren Clotz, Rockcastle County; Sheena Lee,

Cumberland; Whitney Moore, Jackson County; Amanda Miracle, Cawood. Fourteenth Region Girls — Coach: Dickie Adams, Whitesburg; Polly Sebastian, Perry Central; Heather Benton, Leslie County; Brittany Baker,

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Lykens

Pike players shine at Big Man Camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — During the week of June 22 the Cumberland College men's basketball program hosted its annual Big Man and Guard Play Camps. The events were open to young men ages 13-16 from throughout the southeast, from Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, and Virginia.

To host the event, Patriot headman Don Butcher enlisted

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Rick Bentley

BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

Recent baseball: Tragedies and Triumphs

by **RICK BENTLEY**
TIMES COLUMNIST

A terrific story surfaced this week from West Palm Beach, Fla., where writer Joe Capozzi told the account of a couple of pitchers who had all the promise in the world. In the end, one got a taste of the big time, albeit a brief

one, and the other probably never will.

At one end of Capozzi's tale is Florida Marlins pitcher A.J. Burnett, the 26-year-old former ace who entered the 2003 season with a 30-30 career record and a no-hitter on his resume, who

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became the latest in a long line of pitchers whose arm couldn't stand up to the mounting stress of pitching.

But at least Burnett realized his dream, and according to one Web site, has grossed more than \$1 million for his efforts. The same cannot be said of Joe Jennings.

A major-league prospect at Bishop Verot High in Fort Meyers, Fla., it all came crashing down on Jennings when he faced the knife for the surgery now known as Tommy John surgery — at only 16 years old.

Now, instead of a career of

professional baseball, Jennings is majoring in accounting, pitching at Palm Beach Atlantic University, an NAIA school, and holds down a job at Target.

Few people know more about the arm problems of pitchers than famed Birmingham orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews, who says Jennings is becoming the rule rather than the exception.

"The best pitchers in the country never make it to the majors," he said. "They're the ones in youth leagues and high school who are overused."

This trend figures to only get

worse thanks to two things: An increasing lack of youngsters interested in baseball because of its methodical, prodding pace, and the development by Little League Baseball of an all-star tournament for 9- and 10-year olds.

The "Minor League" tournament, as it is called by the Williamsport, Penn., based organization, began within the last half-dozen years, meaning those first few players are only now approaching high school.

My problem with all-stars at this level isn't necessarily the pressure of emphasizing talent

over development for this age group, although that case could fairly easily be made. The problem I have is when it comes to pitching children this age.

At 10 years old, very few children have developed enough physically to handle the stress and strain of throwing between 75 and 100 pitches. It's one reason that through two days of play in the Area One tournament in Pikeville, the scores of the six games were 22-2, 16-6, 5-0, 23-10, 6-0 and 12-5.

That's an average of 18 runs per game with half of them being stopped after the losing

team batted in the fourth inning.

These players are, in theory, the best in their league in their age bracket, yet on two occasions teams allowed more than 20 runs and another gave up 16.

In the 1990s, Andrews estimates he performed Tommy John surgery about 50 times a year. Now, he says that number has tripled. I'd be surprised if it didn't continue to swell over the next decade.

"The real problem comes from the number of injuries in youth baseball, all the way up from 10 to 11 years of age," says Andrews. "That's where the

overuse starts."

Perhaps the most horrifying story from Capozzi's piece came from Tampa Bay pitcher Devon Brazleton, who made it to the majors despite having Tommy John surgery at 15. But after posting a 1-6 record and a 6.89 ERA, he was sent back to the minors last week.

Brazleton told of going home to Tullahoma, Tenn., where he watched an 11-year-old throw more than 160 pitches in a Little League game. Despite not being related to the player, Brazleton

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At the time, the Reds were trailing, 13-1. When he left, they were trailing, 18-1. But Joe didn't fold. Sent to the minors, he came back to the big leagues in 1952 and posted a 135-117 record during a 16-year career that was spent almost exclusively with the Reds.

One of life's cruelties is that, after going 1-8 with the Reds in 1960, Joe was dealt to the Kansas City Athletics of the American League. In 1961, the first year that Joe was gone, the Reds shocked the baseball world by winning the National League pennant.

He came back to the Reds dur-

ing the 1962 season and finished his career with Cincinnati in 1966, when he had to retire because of arm problems. Sadly, however, he never got to pitch for a pennant-winning Reds team.

On July 30, 1966, which turned out to be Nuxxie's last year in the majors, the Reds held a party to celebrate his 38th birthday in their clubhouse at Crosley Field. There was a huge cake, provided by team owner Bill DeWitt.

Noting how voraciously teammate and fellow left-hander Jim O'Toole attacked his cake, Joe said, "No Irishmen, Tootie. Just Germans."

How did he feel?

"I'm really 30 years old," Joe said at the time. "My body is 20 and my mind is three. You never know how much you've got left, but I feel good."

As it turned out, he had a lot left.

He and Marty turned out to be one of baseball's all-time best duos.

Brennaman, the sometimes acerbic, always honest, Hall-of-Fame "Voice of the Reds." And

Nux, the old jock, pulling for his team to win, yet being honest in his own right.

With both, there was never any ambivalence or pretension. They were simply there for us, filling up our homes, night after night, in good times and bad, with talk about the Reds, the glue that has held many of our summers together.

During his early years of Marty's partner, Joe threw batting practice. The old-left-hander, still

showing the kids he had a little stuff.

He kept a locker in the Reds' clubhouse so he could still be one of the guys. It was his office, in a way. Young players could stop by to seek his counsel. Sports writers could stop by to say hello. Friends such as basketball coach Bob Knight could visit.

The old left-hander always found time for everyone.

When Joe was pitching, the Reds' play-by-play man was

Waite Hoyt, who was a pitching mainstay for the New York Yankees' immortal 1927 team. Waite was at his best, believe it or not, during rain delays, when he could spin yarns about Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig and Miller Huggins.

Maybe Joe learned something from Waite, maybe he didn't. But with Marty's encouragement and, yes, love, what Nux has done is entertain us, engage us, and pass along his passion for baseball.

He's a Cincinnati guy. He's Crosley Field and Hudepohl and the Sun/Moon Deck. He's hot dogs and scorecards and warm summer nights of stars and fireworks and disappointments where Reds' fans are unable to hear Marty say,

"And this one belongs to the Reds!" Mainly, he's just our Joe.

The old left-hander is leaving the broadcast booth on his own terms, while he's still on top of his game. No manager has to go to the mound and get the ball.

Joe Nuxhall, in his last start, has thrown a complete game.

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help from across the state including Jeff Walton (Cumberland College), Robbie Bates (Cumberland College), Mark Vernon (Cumberland College), Ivan Johnson (Cumberland College), Brent Vernon (Cumberland College), Doug Oak (Trimble County High School), Don Daniel (Rowan County High School), Stephen Butcher (Pulaski County High School), and Jason McDaniel (Corbin High School). Stephen Butcher is a Johnson County native.

Each morning the campers

participated in a group meeting and an organized warm-up. From there on out there was individual and small group instruction, daily lectures from the resident and guest staff, station instruction, and 5-on-5 and 3-on-3 league tournament play.

Locally, Pikeville Panthers Brad Lowe and Cory Thompson each brought home separate individual honors. Another Pike County player, John Williamson of Canada, also received an individual award for his efforts.

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side-by-side close finishes at the beginning, and I look for more of that in the second half."

What's next is the final stretch for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., which is ending its 33-year run as title sponsor of NASCAR's top series at the end of the season. The Winston Cup will be the Nextel Cup next season, when the wireless communications giant begins a 10-year, \$700 million deal.

RJR helped build NASCAR into the moneymaking machine it now is, and longtime competitors aren't looking forward to Winston's final days.

"I remember all the jokes my dad used to make when I was growing up about all the money he had won from Winston," said Kyle Petty, son of seven-time series champion Richard Petty.

"They used to say the house I grew up in and the land we lived on was all paid for by Winston."

But the sadness is lifted by the excitement over Nextel's arrival. Because RJR can't advertise or market to the young audience NASCAR is after, Nextel is expected to connect with more and more fans and help the series continue to grow.

The change in sponsorship is just one of many NASCAR is making in an attempt to change its face.

Darlington Raceway will host its final true Southern 500 this Labor Day weekend, then the date goes to California Speedway next season as NASCAR tried to spread out of the congested South and into bigger markets.

And, the sanctioning body is allowing Toyota to come into the sport next season when the Japanese automaker fields Tundras in the truck series.

But the drivers are thinking only about the task at hand — buckling in for a run at the final Winston Cup championship.

"I'd love to win the last ever," four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon said. "I won during RJR's 25th anniversary. I'm the only one who has a silver Cup. And I won during NASCAR's 50th anniversary."

But Kenseth looks to be the driver to beat, holding a 174-point lead over Jeff Gordon in the standings.

Coach

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pit Hall and his new team against district opponents Pikeville, Hazard, Paintsville, Fleming-Neon, South Floyd, Phelps, and Jenkins. Jenkins is a newcomer to District Eight. Non-district opponents for the Rebels include Betsy Layne, Magoffin County and Knott County Central.

Allen Central Rebels 2003: Aug. 22 at Betsy Layne; Sept. 5 at Magoffin County; Sept. 12 Jenkins; Sept. 19 at Fleming-Neon; Sept. 26 at Knott County Central; Oct. 3 Hazard; Oct. 10 at Phelps; Oct. 17 South Floyd; Oct. 24 at Pikeville.

With zero fanfare and a quiet confidence, Kenseth has been atop the standings since winning his only race of the year, in March at Las Vegas. He's finished out of the top 10 just three times this season and always seems to be in the hunt at the end of a race.

Lurking right behind Kenseth and Gordon is Earnhardt, who has finally started to live up to all expectations as the son of seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt.

Always good at Daytona and Talladega, the two restrictor-plate tracks on the NASCAR circuit, Earnhardt has figured out how to be competitive at the rest of the venues. He's in third in the standings and in contention for the championship for the first time in his four-year career.

"I take my job a lot more seriously now than when I started," he said. "I've matured a little bit, and I'm more focused."

He certainly was in April at Talladega, where he won for the fourth-consecutive time to score his only win of the season. But the victory was marred by a controversial move he used when he dipped his car below the yellow line on the race track as he appeared to take the lead.

Drivers aren't supposed to do that, but NASCAR didn't penalize him, leading many teams to demand clarification of the rule.

The yellow line rule will be back in effect Saturday at Daytona and everyone will be keeping a close eye on how its

Win

us, and still we were in the lead," said Coach Music. "But their pitcher walked a couple and then our leadoff hitter came through with a nice little double."

"We had the bases loaded there and couldn't drive the runs in," Pikeville Coach Ben Scott said about his team's only major scoring opportunity, which came in the bottom of the fourth. Four of Pikeville's first five batters had singles and the bases were jammed with one out, but the big hit wasn't in the cards.

"It's a helpless feeling standing out there at third base, pulling for somebody and it doesn't always work out. Sometimes the offense and defense doesn't click on the same night."

The four-run second began when Tyler Turner was safe on an infield error. Brock Kidd reached when he was hit by a pitch, and walks to Damon Spurlock and Ryan Collins produced the game's first run.

Nick Music followed with a double to make the count 4-0.

Pikeville hurler Chase Huffman was having a solid outing despite the two walks in the inning. He had recorded strikeouts on all six outs through two.

Beaver took advantage of another walk in the third, as Turner reached with one out and later scored on a passed ball to make it 5-0.

enforced.

All eyes will also be on the simmering feud between Harvick and Robby Gordon, teammates at Richard Childress Racing. Gordon took the lead en route to a win in California two weeks ago by passing Harvick as the two raced back to the caution flag.

That's frowned upon under a "gentleman's agreement" in NASCAR, especially between teammates. Jeff Gordon thought so, and criticized Robby after the race. Harvick kept quiet for two days, then released a statement independent of RCR criticizing his teammate.

"There's an unspoken code we all follow as race car drivers," he said. "You race hard under green, but you also have a mutual respect for each other. Robby didn't show that respect."

The gentleman's agreement came up once before this season, when Kenseth slowed in Texas to let some lapped cars by him and Jeff Gordon showed his objection by racing past Kenseth to the line.

Now it seems fewer drivers think the agreement should exist at all.

"I think the pressure of the sport has caused drivers to say, 'I agree, there is a gentleman's agreement.' Then we put our helmet on, we get in the car and say, 'To hell with the gentleman's agreement,'" Jimmy Spencer said. "It's the drivers' fault. Some guys push the limit and some guys don't."

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review a decision by the Fifth District Court of Appeal in Daytona Beach. The appellate court had upheld the law and said the unauthorized viewing of autopsy photos is a violation of privacy.

The law was passed in 2001 following Earnhardt's death in the Daytona 500. Newspapers sought access to the photos as questions arose over how the star driver died in a crash and whether better safety equipment might have saved him.

Earnhardt's widow, Teresa, obtained an injunction barring medical examiners from making the photos public, then asked the Florida Legislature to pass a bill sealing autopsy photos, which it did in March 2001.

News organizations had argued that inspecting the photos, but not publishing them, would not intrude on the privacy of the Earnhardt family. — The Associated Press

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Perry Central; Ashley Stidham, Whitesburg; Sarah Tipton, Powell County; LaTeisha Osley, Fleming-Neon. Fifteenth Region Girls — Coach: Cassandra Akers, Betsy Layne; Whitney Lykens, Betsy Layne; Vicki Hall, Belfry; Terri Mullins, Allen Central; Patience Hylton, East Ridge; Anna Bevins, Belfry; Savannah Howard, Magoffin County. Sixteenth Region Girls — Coach: John Hop Brown, West Carter; Jennifer Swan, Boyd County; Kim Stapleton, East Carter; Tasha Henry, Ashland; Stephanie Hall, West Carter; Ashley Caniff, Boyd County; Samantha Rice, Rowan County. Thirteenth Region Boys — Coach: Ed Whitaker, Bell County; Stephen Gabbard, Jackson County; David Vance, Barbourville; Brian Griffin, Clay County; Kris Mills, Knox Central; Chaz Bargo, Knox Central; Derek Reed, Evarts. Fourteenth Region Boys —

Coach: Larry Sparks, Leslie County; Bo Cook, Whitesburg; Tyler Halsey, Wolfe County; Lamar Williams, Hazard; Brandon Campbell, Perry Central; Steven Sizemore; Jared Baker, Powell County. Perry Central senior-to-be Al Holland Jr. was chosen for the 14th Region squad but could not attend due to a prior commitment. He was replaced by Powell County's Baker. Fifteenth Region Boys — Coach: Bill Mike Runyon, Paintsville; Chase Lyons, Pike Central; Shane Simpkins, Paintsville; Robbie Spears, East Ridge; Mike Walters, Johnson Central; Peyton Conley, Paintsville; Brandon Hall, Betsy Layne. Sixteenth Region Boys — Coach: Jeff Hall, Rose Hill; Tyler Clark, Lewis County; Adam Howard, Ashland; Ryan Phipps, Morgan County; Bradley Walker, West Carter; Matt Johnson, Ashland; Chris Jennings, Fairview.

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also coach softball at Allen Central.

Martin comes to Allen Central from Pikeville, where he served as a boys coach on the middle school level. This will be his first stint as a girls coach on the high school level. He is a graduate of Evangel College in Springfield, Mo.. Before returning to Kentucky, Martin coached high school basketball for five years in Missouri. At Pikeville High, he coached boys' and girls' cross country. His Pikeville cross country teams captured both individual and team regional championships.

Cindy Halbert accepted the top girls' basketball job at Pikeville late this past spring and with that, left the position open at Allen Central.

The cupboard is far from bare at Allen Central, with a host of contributors from last year's squad returning. Point guard Terri Mullins enters her senior year in the fall. Center Becky Thomas, one of the state's top

players in the middle, will be a junior. Jessica Isaac and Tab Caudill are two others back for the Lady Rebels. Amber Scott, who played one season at Allen Central, after a stay at June Buchanan, graduated.

The Lady Rebels got a boost in the spring with the transfer of Sharee Hopkins from South Floyd. Hopkins was the top rebounder and one of the leading scorers for the Lady Raiders last season. Hopkins became athletically eligible in late spring and promptly earned a starting spot at second base on the Allen Central softball team.

The 2002-03 season ended for the Allen Central girls when Johnson Central came from behind in the semifinals of the region** to win 64-63. Allen Central finished last season 19-11. Outside of the run in the region tournament, the top accomplishment for the Lady Rebels last season was a 58th District Championship.

Martin was unavailable for comment at press time.

the seventh when Travis Maynard led off with a single and scored with two outs.

Pikeville managed seven hits off Turner, who fanned eight in the win. Huffman had two singles while Matt Sexton, Hamilton, Johnson, Carter and Maynard added one.

Beaver Creek's four hits were three doubles, by Music, Hammonds and Turner, and a single by Kidd.

Huffman had a solid outing on the hill and had both coaches singing his praises after a 13-strikeout complete game.

"Chase Huffman had a heck of an outing," said Scott. "I don't know how he could have pitched much better. We just couldn't put the sticks together."

"(Huffman) did an excellent job and kept the ball down low," said Beaver Creek Coach Music. "He deserves a lot of credit."

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Player

remaining half-dozen signal-catchers to be picked for the prestigious event that will be aired this year on national TV.

According to Student Sports Director of Player Personnel Brian Stumpf, "There were a lot of good D-I players there."

Mullins was the only Eastern Kentucky player to take part in

the tryout.

Joe Mullins' parents, Rockie and Tammy Mullins, are originally from Paintsville.

Rockie played football at Johnson Central.

The Mullins family awaited word late this past week on whether or not the Boyd County quarterback made the cut.

Sports Illustrated to feature UVa-Wise's Moore

WISE, Va. — Former UVa-Wise basketball star Zack Moore became the Cavaliers' all-time

leading scorer this spring while leading his team to its first ever Appalachian Athletic Conference

regular season and tournament championships and to its maiden voyage into the NAIA national

tournament in March. This week, the Pound native will receive national recognition

for his many accomplishments when the latest issue of Sports Illustrated hits newsstands Wednesday.

Moore, who broke Nat Law's UVa-Wise career scoring record in February and went on to score 2,442 career points, will be one of about six amateur athletes fea-

tured in the national magazine's "Faces in the Crowd" section. In addition, Moore will be recognized on Sports Illustrated's Web site at www.sportsillustrated.com.

Moore's appearance in Faces in the Crowd is the first by a UVa-Wise athlete.

EQUESTRIAN

Five saddlebreds injured by deliberate injections

VERSAILLES — Five American saddlebreds, including former five-gaited world champion Wild Eyed and Wicked, suffered life-threatening injuries after an unknown substance was injected into their left front legs, farm officials said.

The horses showed severe swelling in their legs up to their shoulders when they were checked in their stalls at Double D Ranch on Monday morning, said Bridget Parker, an associate

of farm owners Dave and Dena Lopez.

Dr. Carol McLeod, one of the farm's two veterinarians, examined the horses on Monday and found nearly identical circular wounds on the backs of their left front pasterns — the short bone located between a horse's hoof and ankle.

"It was apparent this was not a random thing," McLeod said. "It appeared to have been deliberately applied."

Saddlebreds are well-trained,

muscular horses known for their distinctive walking styles, or gaits. Parker said the stricken horses will probably never again compete in shows.

"It's not a question now of whether they can show, but whether they'll live," she said.

The horses were stabled in the farm's only barn, which houses about 30 horses, McLeod said.

Kentucky State Police are investigating. The lead detective on the case, Sam Hawkins, was

not immediately available for comment on Wednesday night.

The injured horses include:

■ Wild Eyed and Wicked, owned by Joe and Sally Jackson, an 11-year-old gelding and the 2000 and 2001 five-gaited world champion.

■ Cats Don't Dance, also owned by the Jacksons, a 6-year-old gelding.

■ Kiss Me, a 4-year-old mare owned by Jane Burkhemper.

■ Meet Prince Charming, a 2-year-old gelding owned and trained by Dena Lopez.

■ Sassational, a 3-year-old mare, also owned and trained by Lopez.

McLeod said blood and tissue samples were taken from the horses and sent to Dr. George Maylin, of Cornell University. McLeod said Maylin is a leading expert on equine drug testing and pharmacology.

McLeod would not speculate on what the injected chemical might have been.

"It could be something as simple as 10th-grade chemistry sulfuric acid," she said. "Identifying the agent will be difficult. Our primary concern is the health of these horses."

McLeod said the horses' injuries were discovered in time to save their lives. She said they are bandaged but can walk and are taking antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medications.

"Their prognosis for life is good," she said. "We don't yet know how these injuries will heal. For the time being, these horses' athletic careers are on hold."

"But other than the fact that they have holes the size of my thumb in the backs of their pasterns, they're pretty happy." — The Associated Press

KENTUCKY

UK issues statement

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky President Lee Todd, Jr. issued a statement concerning the rumors of a possible conference switch. In recent days, the University of Kentucky has been linked to the ACC (Atlantic Coast

Conference).

"The University of Kentucky is a charter member of the Southeastern Conference and very proud of its partnership in the SEC," said Todd. "The University has no plans to change that relationship."

Miami and Virginia Tech have each accepted offers to join the conference.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Football Eagles named to Sports Network Preseason All-America Team

MOREHEAD — Three Morehead State University Football Eagles have been named to The Sports Network 2003 Division I-AA Mid-Major Preseason All-America Team. Honored were Charles Byrd, a junior defensive back from Oxford, Ohio, Ryan McKenzie, a junior defensive lineman from Crescent Springs, and Craig Unger, a junior linebacker from Greenfield, Ohio.

The Eagles, Pioneer Football League South Division Champions in 2002, will play a 10-game regular season schedule in 2003.

In an unusual scheduling situation, MSU will play Dayton for a third consecutive game to open the season. The Eagles also ended the 2002 regular season at Dayton, then played the Flyers in the PFL Championship Game.

MSU will play host to Dayton (Sept. 6, 1 p.m. EDT), Drake (Sept. 27, 1 p.m. EDT,

Family Weekend), Austin Peay (Oct. 11, 1 p.m. EDT), Davidson (Oct. 18, 1 p.m. EDT, Homecoming) and Duquesne (Nov. 1, 1 p.m. EST). The Eagles will travel to Coastal Carolina (Sept. 13, 7 p.m. EDT), NCAA Division I-AA power Appalachian State (Sept. 20, 2 p.m. EDT), Valparaiso (Oct. 4,

2:30 p.m. EDT), Jacksonville (Oct. 25, 12:30 p.m. EDT) and Charleston, W.Va., (Nov. 15, TBA). The PFL Championship Game will be played on Nov. 22 at the site of the North Division champion.

The 2002 Eagles finished the season at 9-3, tying the school record for wins in a season.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Thunder advances to round of 16 in AAU 15s

KINGSPORT, Tenn. — The Thunder is rolling in the 15-under-AAU national basketball tournament.

The Eastern Kentucky Thunder stunned defending national runner-up Wisconsin

71-59 in overtime Wednesday morning and then downed the Dallas Mustangs 70-62 to reach the round of 16.

"Nobody can believe they're getting beat by us," said Thunder coach Rob VanHoose. "It just goes to show you that looks can be deceiving."

At press time, the Thunder remained alive in the tournament.

After a 26 of 33 performance from the foul line against the Mustangs, the team is a combined 54 of 64 in the tournament.

P.J. Rase scored 15 points and Cam Thoroughman 14 against Dallas.

Dennis GaGai, who hit a 3-pointer and a driving layup to put the Thunder ahead by five early in overtime against Wisconsin, scored 29 in that win. He connected on seven 3-pointers in the win. Rase scored 13 while Thoroughman and Austin Blair added nine and eight points, respectively. Blake McGowan held his own inside against the taller Wisconsin team as well as Dallas.

The Thunder had a chance to win it in regulation after having a seven-point lead with two minutes remaining. However, Wisconsin rallied to force overtime.

However, the Thunder came out firing in the overtime and outscored Wisconsin 18-6. They were 17 of 23 from the free-throw line, including 12 of 14 from the foul line.

On Tuesday, the Thunder made 25 of 32 free throws in a 72-67 victory over the Charlotte Royals, the North Carolina gold medal champion.

GaGai led with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Rase and Nick Carrington added 19 points each.

FISHING

Tug Valley anglers take on Cave Run

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

On June 29, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its fourth tournament of the 2003 season at Cave Run Lake in Morehead. Seventeen boats with anglers onboard competed in the tournament.

Cave Run Lake has a slot limit, fish measuring under 13-inches and over 16-inches could be weighed in. That means a lot of fish were caught and weighed in. The fishing was not as good as it has been in the past. First, the lake had been up about 10 feet. On tournament day, it was still up about four-feet and the Corps was pulling it about a foot a day. Second, the grass that usually grows thick was not, there was still areas of grass but nothing like in the past. Third, the boat traffic was horrendous.

The weather for the tournament was sunny and hot with daytime temperatures in the mid 80s.

The water was clear except in the main back of the creeks where the water was slightly stained with a temperature in the mid to upper 70's.

The fishing for the tournament was pretty good with most everyone weighing in a fish. The fish were in a summer pattern. Most of the quality fish were out on deeper grass edges in about 10 feet of water on the main lake. Smaller fish were caught everywhere from the creeks to the main lake and mainly shallow. The main pattern was to work soft plastics around any grass or wood cover.

The club brought 61 legal fish to the scales, weighing 35.19-pounds.

The top finishers as follows.

Mo Collins - (5 bass) - 8.30 lbs.; Kevin Harper - (5 bass) - 6.48 lbs.; (Big Bass - 3.37 lbs.; Johnny Webb - (5 bass) - 5.92 lbs.; Ralph Taylor - (5 bass) - 3.51 lbs.; Tim Robinson - (5 bass) - 3.33 lbs.; Jack Collins - (4 bass) - 2.70 lbs.; Brian Compton - (3 bass) - 2.42 lbs.; Mike Johnson - (1 bass) - 2.34 lbs.; Scott Slone - (3 bass) - 1.92 lbs.; Donald Collins - (3 bass) - 1.90 lbs.

Comments

approached the coach after the game. "I told that coach, I'm a trained professional and they don't let me throw 120 pitches," he said. "So why let this kid who just got out of fifth grade throw 160 pitches?"

The coach's response? "He said it was his team and I didn't know what I was talking about," Brazleton said.

As a youth league coach myself, I'm sure I've been guilty of overextending pitchers. I

would hope now that I'm a little older and in theory wiser, I've learned. Our Senior Little League team just won the league tournament, giving us four titles in the last five seasons, and I'd about guarantee you could count the number of complete games one in that time on one hand.

I just hope other youth league coaches are showing discretion as well. One team in our league was denied a chance to compete for the league title because the

coaches, Todd May and Steve Priode, refused to use the best pitcher in the league on the mound. Instead, he played around the infield because he was also one of the top hurlers for the high school team.

Those two gentlemen proved they know that at this level there are still things more important than winning.

I just hope the rest of us will do the same thing when faced with that set of circumstances.

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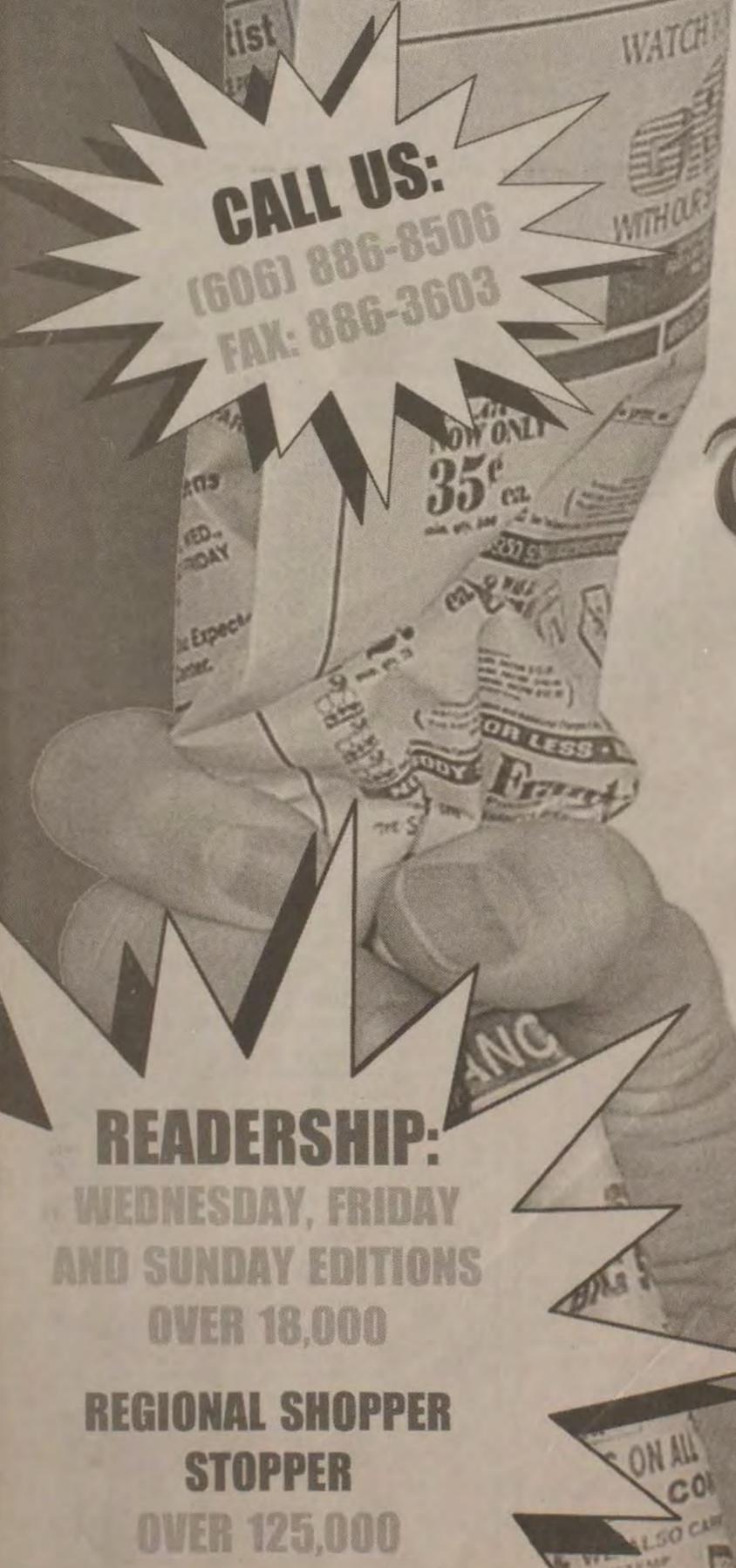
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Women mean business!

Those of us here at The Floyd County Times are excited to share with our readers the 2003 "Women In Business" special section. On the following pages the women featured are sure to bring an abundance of enlightenment into the world of business. It was such a pleasure and blessing to be able to share with you the lives of such "phenomenal women"! We look forward to continuing this "WIB" Special Section in the future. The impact and advice that flow from the experiences of each of these remarkable women is truly treasured. Our gratitude and appreciation go to each of the "Women In Business" featured, as well as to our advertisers for making it possible!

Kathy Stumbo - Our Lady of the Way Hospital



Kathy Stumbo

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE
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From 1996 to the present Kathy Stumbo has served as the vice president and chief operating officer of Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital was founded in 1947 and is located in Martin.

"I always wanted to work in the health care field", said Stumbo. "My mother and several siblings worked in health

care. It is a challenging but very rewarding experience. I think it is a unique business in that you can have a direct, positive impact on the lives of individuals and families at what is often the most difficult and venerable times in life.

Healthcare is a unique field as well because, unlike many services provided by other types of business, every person has a right to some basic level of care. This means that those of us who work in healthcare must advocate for those who are less fortunate," she added.

Stumbo has worked in health care for 13 years. She said, "Women have traditionally been the largest segment of the health care workforce.

However, the number of women in top leadership positions has only increased in recent years. I think there are more opportunities and options for women in business today than ever before."

Stumbo continued, "I do believe that a woman's ability to advance in business has

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Alys Fraley — Photographer

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Alys Fraley has lived in Prestonsburg all her life. Growing up on a farm, the abundance of landscapes to animals was available to photograph. And the love for photography was born.

"I would photograph anything from Marco with extremely unique lighting," said Fraley. "These things have always attracted my attention. Elements of water in some form can usually be found in my personal work."

Alys Fraley is owner of Alys Fraley Photography & Art Gallery, 256 West Court Street in Prestonsburg. A graduate of Paintsville Independent High School, Prestonsburg Community College and the University of Kentucky, Fraley holds bachelors degree in art education and art studio with a specialization in photography.

She also completed Larson-Juhl Framing School in Atlanta, Ga.

While attending school, Fraley says one of her favorite classes was non-silver photography. "This class focused on

photography processes like cyanotypes, van dyke brown, color xerox and Polaroid transfers and my personal favorite, platinum and pladdium processes."

While at the University of Kentucky, Fraley worked with DeWitt Photography as a photographer and a lab technician (printing photographs). "This is where I picked up much of my studio education. We worked extensively on location in over 40 countries in Central, Northern and the Louisville

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Janice Kidd & Peggy Steele — Cameo Cleaners

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Cameo Cleaners was established in 1986 at Weddington Square Plaza in Pikeville, Ky.

Peggy Steele opened the cleaning business and continues to contribute her services since selling the business two years ago to her friend Janice Kidd.

Steele shared the earlier days of operation. "Cameo Cleaners, was one of the first dry cleaners in this area to have the dry to dry

cleaning machine, where the complete dry cleaning process is contained in one machine". In the past the old machines were the transferable type and that was where cleaning was in one machine and then transferred clothes to a dryer to finish the process", she explained. "EPA, according to Steele has already done away with such a machine".

When Cameo Cleaners was established there was only one drop-off.

Now, as one of Weddington

Square's original businesses, Cameo Cleaners has seven drop-off locations. Those locations are Prestonsburg, Salyersville, West Liberty, Inez, Hindman, Hazard, Hyden and coming soon Garrett and Lousia.

"Janice has incorporated so many new services for the people such as, Checks 4 Cash, Western Union, Tanning Beds, with a large variety of tanning lotions, AEP, and accepts payments with most

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Peggy Steele



Janice Kidd

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Benita Riley — Riley & Allen

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Growing up in a coal camp of Wheelwright, Benita Riley, was taught by her parents, Niagara and Neil Riley, that she could do anything and be anything she wanted, if she worked for it.

"I did not know any attorneys, and I certainly did not know about any female attorneys," Riley said. "But my parents made sure that I was aware that I could do anything, and be anything I wanted as long as I worked for it. I still am not sure how my parents came to be so 'enlightened' but the way they lived showed me, by example, that men and women shared equal roles in the work place and the home."

From the very young age of 6, Benita Riley knew she wanted to become an attorney. She carried that dream and listed it underneath her ambition with her senior photo in 1974.

Graduating with distinction as valedictorian from Wheelwright High School in 1974 and she received her bachelor's degree, in 1978 from the University of Kentucky. Riley's hard work and determination to be an attorney came in 1982 when she graduated

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thought being female affected my career in either a positive or negative way."

Benita Riley owns the law firm "Riley & Allen, P.S.C." located at 106 West Graham Street, in Prestonsburg.

Riley shares her advice to any young women interested in venturing into the legal field.

"I would highly recommend that some business courses be taken in undergraduate school," Riley advised. "Law school prepares you to be a lawyer, but does not prepare you to run a business. All I ever wanted to do was practice law, and when I started my own firm there was so much I did not know from the business perspective. You have to deal with payrolls,

office equipment, real estate, day-to-day expenses, employees, keep an eye on the 'bottom line' and still, and most importantly, take care of your clients.

"The most important advice I can offer is to do something you enjoy and don't try to be all things to all people."

Riley has two children, Whitney Slone who will be a freshman at the UK this fall, and Lincoln Slone, who will be a freshman at Prestonsburg High School.

She is member of the Floyd County Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section, KBA and Kentucky Bar Foundation Fellow, has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court and the

United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and serves as Special Justice to the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

Riley's community involvement and memberships are: lifetime member of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association, Pursestrings Investment Club, former member of Mountain Christian Academy Board, former member Jenny Wiley Theater Advisory Board, as well as previously appointed by the governor to the Kentucky Charitable Gaming Advisory Commission.

Riley has marched forward and proven hard work and determination can indeed pay off.

"My parents made me strong and self-assured as a woman," Riley said. "In recent years, two things they have done have impressed upon me how much they understand the woman I am. When Gloria Steinem was in Lexington to sign copies of her new book, 'Moving Beyond Words,' my parents stood in line to have her autograph and inscribe a book for me, and when the Susan B. Anthony coins came out, they had a necklace made for me, with a note that said, 'You would have marched beside her.'"

"I give my parents all the credit for anything I may have accomplished."

from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

"My law school class had the greatest percentage of women to ever graduate from the UK college of Law," Riley recalled. "By the time we began practicing, many of the gender barriers had already been broken by our predecessors. Early in my career, I was sometimes mistaken for the court reporter when I would show up for depositions. That doesn't happen anymore. (And many of the court reporters are now male). To be honest, there have been very few times when I

Cheryl Little — Med-Zone Pharmacy

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Born and raised in Knott County, Cheryl Little graduated from Knott County Central, attended Alice Lloyd College for her pre-pharmacy curriculum and obtained a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1997 from the University of Kentucky.

She began her career working for several different chain stores and found she wanted more out of her work and decided to go into business herself.

"There were times in my career when I wanted to do something extra for a patient and was not able to," described Little. "I worked really hard to provide good pharmaceutical care as well as good customer service. I found that at times I was dissatisfied because I wanted to do more with my profession. I am truly a 'people person.' I finally decided that if I could work that hard for someone else I could surely do it for myself and feel more rewarded. I opened Med-Zone Pharmacy (along with a partner) in the winter of 1998 and have been there since," she stated.

Med-Zone Pharmacy is located on Route 321 just past Highlands Regional Hospital in the Riverview Complex.

Cheryl Little's determination and drive come from her parents, Barbara and Sheryl Cox.

"My parents have been excellent role models for me. They have always taught me that I can do and be anything that I want to be. They encouraged me to go the extra mile and to never settle for less than I was capable of achieving. Going to college and obtaining a degree was not a choice for me. They expected that from me. Now, I can

look back at all of my hard work and achievements and say that I love them more for it", she shared.

Being a woman in business Little explained, "I feel that any individual (male or female) is only as successful as the professional service he or she provides. I personally feel that people have become more receptive to me over the last few years because they know me and trust me as their pharmacist. It is a professional and often personal relationship that has evolved over time. I don't know that being female has had anything to do with

this I feel that being genuinely concerned for your patients and their care does. I do feel that by owning my own pharmacy, I am able to provide a higher level of service and go the extra mile for my customers. They appreciate that!"

Little's advice to those entering the world business, "Be prepared to work—anytime you own your own business you have to put in a lot of extra hard work to be successful. Don't give

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Susan Ellis — Highlands Regional Medical Center

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Susan Renee Ellis, director of educational services at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, began her career in the health care profession as a critical care nurse.

Ellis obtained a bachelor's degree in nursing from Marshall University while working full-time, and moved to the position of staff development nurse at HRMC. She continued to pursue higher education and received a master's degree in nursing and was promoted to her current position.

Ellis gives credit to Sherry Dingus, RN MSN, one of her first managers at Highlands. "She taught me that leadership is earned and you lead by example, always respect others' opinions and ideas, and last take responsibility for your actions and maintain

accountability," said Ellis.

"Second was the late Katie DeRossett, a dear friend and co-worker who through her years revealed hope and courage," Ellis said. "Katie was the embodiment of outstanding courage and compassion for others and hope for the future. Last, Margaret Petry my mother, a retired nurse. She always displayed her strong faith in God as well as her ability to balance career and family. She taught me to always allow God to be first in my life."

At Highlands, Ellis says women are respected for their individual accomplishments, not their gender. "Women predominately have been involved in health care over the years for many years and the nursing aspect of health care is still predominately women. However, over the past several years women

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Alicia Dawson — McDowell Professional Pharmacy



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Alicia Dawson, a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy was born and raised in Knott County.

"I always knew pharmacy was the career I was interested in, but the opportunity to become a businesswoman came a little sooner than expected after attaining my pharmacy degree," said Dawson.

Alicia and her husband, Steve, both chose the field of pharmacy as their

careers. They own and operate McDowell Professional Pharmacy, a Retail Independent Pharmacy located at 9549 KY Rt. 122, in McDowell.

Years ago, men dominated the field of pharmacy, Dawson said. "Seventy percent of graduating pharmacists are women and opportunities for women to own pharmacies have increased greatly since I graduated from pharmacy school."

"As with any profession that was mostly male dominated 30-50 years ago, there is still a stereotype of the 'male pharmacist.' This stereotype is easy to

overcome by female pharmacists because they tend to be more compassionate and better listeners of the problems and concerns of their patients," she added.

Dawson is a member of the McDowell First Baptist Church. "I look to Jesus Christ, my Savior, for my inspiration. I feel that God has led me to the place I am today and I will continue to look to Him for guidance in every aspect of my life and business. I know God will never leave me or forsake me," replied Dawson.

Alicia Dawson's advice to those considering entering the world of business,

"Let fear of failure drive you. Never be afraid to ask your peers questions. Treat your employees with respect and you will gain their respect. Never ask someone to do something you wouldn't do yourself. As always, the three most important factors in opening a business are location, location, location."

Alicia Dawson serves on the Kentucky Pharmacists Association, American Pharmacy Services Corp., American Pharmacists Association, National Community Pharmacists Association and Leadership team at First Baptist Church, McDowell.

Leigh Ann Maynard — First Commonwealth Bank



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You may have heard the radio advertisements for First Commonwealth Bank. The one's where the notorious "Munroe" has some peculiar questions for "Miss Leigh Ann".

Just who is this "Miss Leigh Ann" our hilariously most favorite Eastern Kentucky hillbilly refers to?

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Leigh Ann Maynard is a native of Wayland. Proud of her heritage and eager to share, Maynard shares her hometown with Kentucky basketball legend "King" Kelly Coleman. She attended Wayland Elementary and Allen Central High School. Maynard earned her bachelor's degree in English from Morehead State University.

The daughter of Bill and Phyllis Honshell, Leigh Ann is well aware of her family's historical background.

"Family and history are very important to me," she said. "Ultimately, I think that is what drew me to First

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Leigh Ann Maynard



Margo May Barber — Mill Branch Farm

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Margo May Barber recently decided to turn to her love of horses and share the large house barn and farm she and her husband, David Barber, own into Mill Branch Farm Boarding Stables.

"I became involved in the horse business through our daughter, Megan," said Barber. "We have traveled the

country showing and training horses."

With hundreds of acres and the huge barn, Barber had the facilities, knowledge and love of horses to care for those who needed boarding.

"With Megan away at college.

Megan attends Transylvania University, and Ryan, their son, attends Adams Middle.

I realized I now had the

time to work and care and open the business," she said.

A woman running and caring for these huge animals may seem quite unusual.

Margo Barber has had the influence of strong women in her life to give her the confidence, strength and wisdom she feels are needed to get the job done.

"My mother, who for a

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"My mother, who for a number of years was a single mother with four children to raise, made a major impact on my life," Barber said. "My grandmother, May, owned and operated her own laundry and dry-cleaning business in Pikeville, and was a true pioneer for women in the world of business. And I must add Boots Adams. Boots ran her own business, took care of all her household chores and raised two children and made it all seem so easy."

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Regina Becknell — Chamber of Commerce

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"My realization that business was the field for me was when I took my first management position," said Regina Becknell.

Becknell is the president of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. She is a graduate of Wheelwright High School and received her bachelor's degree from Berea College.

"Management allowed me an opportunity to more immediately effect the direction a business would take. To me, business is a science,

research and study is required to make the best decisions. That aspect became even clearer when I become involved in marketing, which is a specific part of business I very much enjoy. Marketing gives me a creative outlet and makes business visual. Another factor of the business setting, is working with people. I have met some amazing people and I always learn something from each person I meet", she said.

"Women in business have evolved, explained Becknell. "I see more women taking on those higher-level positions and receiving the acknowl-

edgement. Women are voicing their opinions on the direction their lives go and what they choose to do with it. The economy has forced us to build families around our careers, so why not have the career you want. But overall, I think society no longer places stipulations on what women can do. Women have a tendency to be their own worst critics", she added.

Becknell shared how she felt society has lessened its stipulations, but continues to hang on to the gender problem when it comes to wages. "Women are still expected to do more for less compared to what a man

would take to do the same job. Statistics show it is improving. Women comprise a large portion of the work force and deserve equal wages", she said.

Regina Becknell serves on numerous committees — the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center Community Advisory Council Center for Economic Innovation, CEO Roundtable (Prestonsburg Community College), Central Kentucky Blood Center Community Advisory Council, Community

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Regina Becknell

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Marsha Anderson & Dee Dee Potter — Wee Miracles

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It was during lunch one afternoon, when Marsha Brafford Anderson and Djuena (Dee Dee) Crum Potter realized they shared a dream of owning a business. This dream is not the only thing the two shared. Both Marsha and Dee Dee have experienced the horrible tragedy of losing a child.

"After the tragic death of my only daughter, Lyndel, my business partner Marsha took me under her wing and helped me through the first year. Marsha also tragically lost a son, Jeremy, one and half years ago. We both learned through our tragedies that you have to live life to its fullest everyday. So, we started by following our dream of being entrepreneurs. As luck would

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Dee Dee Potter



Marsha Anderson

Deborah Trimble — Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center

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Deborah Trimble is chief executive officer for Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. A lifelong resident of Paintsville, she graduated from Paintsville High School in 1971. Trimble became a registered nurse in 1974 and began working in the health care field at the old Paintsville Hospital.

Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center replaced the

old Paintsville Hospital in 1979. Trimble became director of nurses in 1984 and three years later was promoted to the position of chief executive officer.

"During the years I have been a CEO for my company, I have seen a big increase in the number of women in the CEO role," Trimble said. "In 1987, I was one of the only women in the CEO position in the company and now there are

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Lane Dutton — Big Sandy Two-Way Communications

Lane Dutton is a transplant from Alabama, having come to Prestonsburg on May 12, 1982. She and her husband, Johnny, started their business on Monday, May 14, 1982, and she has been a big part of Big Sandy Two-Way Communications Inc. since that time.

During 1999, the company became a woman-owned business. She has managed the company since it began in 1982 and it has grown to 10 times its original sales. She is quick to tell you that the employees are the reason for the company's growth.

Lane was a legal secretary in Birmingham, Ala., for 18 years prior to moving to Kentucky. She and her husband saw an opportunity to own their own business and work for themselves and moved to Kentucky to purchase a Motorola two-way radio shop.

Dutton is one of four children, three of which are boys who continue to reside in Alabama. She and Johnny sold their home, quit their

jobs and moved to Kentucky and the rest is history.

The only role model she thinks of was her father, Leon Hoyle. He was a simple textile worker and farmer. He always encouraged her and her brothers to work hard and to do a good job. He encouraged them to try new things and his "well-worn"



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advice was, "You never know what you can do until you try." All of his children grew up confident and knew they could do whatever they put their minds to.

Big Sandy Two-Way Communications is a two-way radio system dealer and service provider and its product is Motorola radios and systems. The company covers all of Eastern Kentucky, southern Ohio, several counties in West

Virginia and Virginia. It has many customers who have been happily associated with it for 10-20 years.

In the past, she has served in several capacities. Several years ago, she served two terms as Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club president, being the first woman ever elected to that position. During the

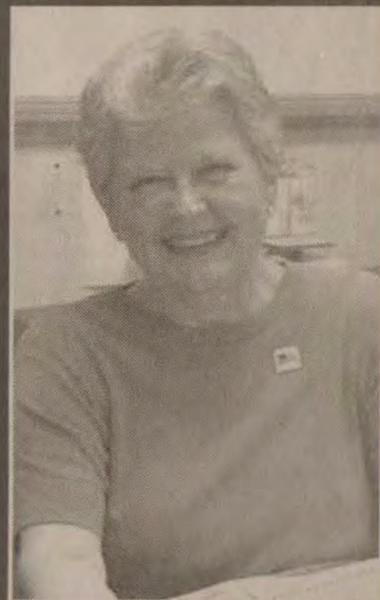
1990s Lane and Johnny, along with a partner, built a paging service and she was elected to the office of secretary and board of directors of the sixteenth largest paging network in the country. In the late 1980s, she decided to prove to one of her brothers that she could do anything he could do, so she learned to fly an airplane and received her private pilot's license.

The evolution of women in busi-

ness has been a slow one. In the early days of Big Sandy Two-Way Communications, Lane had a little trouble with a few people, who had a problem accepting her as the person to deal with in the office. However, these were very few and after proving herself to her customers, over the years, many customers ask for her specifically.

Lane's advice to anyone getting into the business world would be to do their homework, manage their money well, know their product or service, provide fast, honest service or delivery, and if their product is something the public needs, they can't fail. As her father told her, you can do anything you want to do.

Her employees hold her in the highest regard. She is a fair, honest and her first concern is always her employees. She is always there for her employees whether it is in position as a boss, friend or confidant. She loves her community, job and employees and in this day and age that is a rare find.



Cheryl Robinette — Morgan Stanley

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE
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Planner in southeast Kentucky. Robinette describes her approach to financial planning as a realistic one that has been developed through years of experience in both life and business.

Cheryl Robinette thrives on hard work and loves to tackle complex and challenging financial problems, and feels that professional expertise must be combined with honesty and integrity and the ability to really care about a client.

With an intelligent and hard working mother as her role model, Robinette shared, "There are very few women in this typically male-oriented business, Morgan Stanley is very supportive of women in this business. Once a year they have a meeting called the "Women's Business Exchange."

Cheryl Robinette's advice to women entering the world of business, "Always try to improve and never stop learning."

After several years of being a "stay-at-home" mom, and chief financial officer of a family-owned business, Cheryl Robinette began working for an accounting and tax preparation firm in 1981. It was then Robinette served individual and business clients, as well as holding the positions of manager and income tax instructor.

Cheryl Robinette is a vice president and financial advisor who joined Morgan Stanley at the Pikeville office in 1997. She holds Series 7-General Securities Representative, Series 8-Securities Sales Supervisor, Series 31, 63 and 65, Securities licenses in approximately a dozen states, life, health and variable insurance licenses.

Robinette believes that a financial advisor must always be educating herself to improve her professional competency. She has earned



Kirby Walters

Kirby Walters — Walters Automotive Group

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Kirby Lynn Walters serves as vice president of the Walters Automotive Group in Pikeville.

Born and raised in Eastern Kentucky, Walters resides in Pikeville with her child.

It was during her college years Kirby Walters realized the world of business would be her choice of careers.

The automotive business for the Walters has been a family continued business for many years.

When asked if she felt being a woman in the business world had changed from society's standpoint, Walters explained, "No, I feel that regardless of gender one is treated much as

they view themselves being treated."

She credits her father as making a major impact on her life and considers him her most treasured role model.

Walters' advice to women entering the world of business, "Be passionate, but not emotional, be strong, but not inflexible, and willing to give more of one's self than what you ask of others."

Kirby Walters serves as the Pike County Chamber of Commerce director and vice chair for the National Auto Dealers 20 Group.

The Walters Automotive Group, includes Walters Toyota, Bruce Walters Ford, Lincoln, Mercury and Walters Mazda Mitsubishi.

Suzanne Porter — Lay Speaker

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Suzanne Porter, an industrial hygienist with the U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA and lay speaker/lay leader for the Emma United Methodist Church, has served the role of a woman in business in two extremely male-dominated arenas.

"Being a woman in ministry has been interesting, to say the least," comments Porter. "There have been moments of

rejection and moments of great satisfaction, satisfaction of knowing you are a vessel for His use."

Porter expressed the Methodist Church has been very supportive in acknowledging women in ministry. She told she had never been made to feel that the call on her life was invalid because she was a woman. "My Pastor Paul Aiken is so open and willing to support any woman who wants to serve God in any capacity within our congregation, he opens up the opportunity

without hesitation," she added.

Porter explained because of her Pastor's openness and willingness it has allowed her to become more electric as a teacher, preacher, and leader within the kingdom, and made her a better person "on the job" as well.

"I have a purpose in my position and my vocation, the purpose being to point others to Jesus. In the secular realm, to live and conduct my professional life in a manner no different than my personal/faith life," she said. Porter continued,

"To live seamless, making them one in the same not compartmentalized-but the whole me - the whole me in Christ. We can live our lives before people and influence them for Christ better than any sermon we can preach."

Suzanne Porter grew up in Middlesboro, attended Pikeville College and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a minor in biology. She is married to Clyde Porter and they

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Suzanne Porter

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Bank's spokesperson for 15 years.

Leigh Ann Maynard and the management of First Commonwealth Bank found themselves in a harried situation upon the death of Cawood Ledford.

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"I in no way feel I was capable of filling Cawood's shoes" expressed Maynard. "He was such a tremendous loss, not only to the bank, but to the entire state of Kentucky."

As discussions were taking place to replace the radio advertisements for the 4 p.m. slot, Maynard happened to mention to bank President Greg Wilson, her background in radio. And the rest, as they say is history!

Maynard had done radio spots for Appalachian Regional Health Care, as well as others while employed at WMDJ radio. "I just feel so appreciative that First Commonwealth Bank felt I was worthy enough to follow Cawood," she said.

Maynard attributes much of her delivery and pronunciation to WYMT's infamous Tony Turner. "The difference he made in my professional life is overwhelming," she explained. Maynard learned a tremendous amount during her internship with Turner.

"You have to believe in what you're selling to sell it," she said. "I couldn't work for an institute I didn't believe in. First Commonwealth Bank is such a solid formation, probably the strongest employee-based than any business in Floyd County. We have an outstanding management staff. It's easy to promote a business like First Commonwealth Bank, when you're happy and satisfied. Satisfaction is a big word that means that all your needs and wants are met. And I am sure there are not a lot of people that can actually say they are satisfied. I feel blessed to be able to say that."

Leigh Ann Maynard, her husband, Todd, and daughters, Grace and Kathryn Rose, reside in Prestonsburg. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she is a morning worship leader, and serves on the

nurture and care committee.

"Creative writing, dealing with the public, understanding people's needs, have never

been difficult for me," shared Maynard, "because I believe those are the talents God gave me."

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Chamber

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Economic Development Strategy (BSADD), Early Childhood Council, Floyd County Board of Education Community Advisory Council, PRIDE, Regional Entrepreneurial Conference Committee, T-Gift (2003) Technology Gift Incentive Foundation Team, and the Transportation Safety Committee.

She holds memberships in the Floyd County Homemakers, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives Board Member, Kentucky Industrial Development Council, and the Prestonsburg Rotary.

Becknell attributes without doubt her mother as her role model. "She is the most positive person I know," she told.

"No matter what the situation she always sees a good side and

believes that doing your best will win out. My mother builds her support system on God and He has never failed her", she continued.

Becknell's parents are Billy and Betty Messer of Melvin. Regina and her husband Darrell and their two children, Hunter and Sydney reside in Price.

Becknell's advice to women entering the workforce, "don't cut yourself short".

"More and more women are becoming less timid about their needs, but still allowing others to make many decisions or being manipulated by the system. There is no theory to building a career; you just have to want it bad enough. Businesses need to see the human side, which has proven to make a business more efficient and effective over the long run."

Little

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up-always think of the rewards waiting at the end of the road when you accomplish what you set out to."

Cheryl Little and her husband Scott, a physician's assistant, reside in Prestonsburg with their two children, Colby and

Kennedy. They are members of the Garrett First Baptist Church where Cheryl serves as Treasurer. She is a member of the Kentucky Pharmacists Association and also member of American Pharmaceutical Services Committee.

Ellis

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have begun to move from the 'bedside' to the office to allow their influences in the business decisions", explained Ellis.

Ellis currently lives in Prestonsburg with her husband David and two children. They attend the Little Paint Church of God.

She is certified as a NALS Instructor, ACLS Instructor, BLS Instructor, has Certification in Critical Care Nursing, PALS Instructor, AED Trainer and Heartsaver FACTS Instructor.

"Always remember the

choice you make in your business life also affects your family life. It is sometimes difficult to balance between work and family, especially as demands grow at work with increased responsibilities. One must remember, to grow professionally you must grow personally", shared Ellis.

Susan Ellis is a member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, ECC AHA Regional Committee, American Heart Association ACLS Regional Faculty and the American Heart Association PALS Regional Faculty.

Fraley

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areas of Kentucky. DeWitt Photography is the official photographer of the Bluegrass State Games, which I continue to help photograph," she explained.

Fraley told she always knew someday she would own her own business. She jokingly adds, "Veterinarian was always a pos-

sibility. Needless to say, I just enjoy art too much."

Fraley has taken photographs in San Antonio, Texas, Mexico, Oklahoma City, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Alabama, Ohio, and of course, Kentucky.

Stumbo

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improved over the years. I have been fortunate in my career to have never felt that being a

woman was a factor influencing how I was treated in the business community."

Kathy Stumbo, MPA, CPHQ, has a bachelor's degree in business administration, and master's degree in health administration from the University of Kentucky.

She works closely with president and chief executive officer, chief financial officer and vice president of patient care services to assist in planning and coordinating the internal operations of Our Lady of the Way. She assists in long and short range planning for the hospital, ensures patient care is of the highest professional level and complies with requirements of authorized regulatory and inspecting agencies.

Stumbo shares, "I have been fortunate enough to have had several positive role models during my life. The most significant role model for me was my mother. I think she instilled in me the importance of being honest and having a strong work ethic. It is our responsibility as members of society to use our God given talents and abilities to make a positive contribution. We make this contribution through the impact we as women have on our families as well s through our business and civic activities. Mom also taught me to have a strong positive self-image."

Kathy Stumbo and her husband, Anthony Stumbo, M.D., have two children, Taylor and Tyler, ages 2 and 6.

Stumbo advises those entering into the world of business, "Reverence, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence are the core values of my organization and they are the values I apply to all my business dealings and professional relationships. Know your values and apply them consistently to all your decisions. Do not compromise your values or your code of ethics. I firmly believe this course will serve you well and lead to success."

Barber

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number of years was a single mother with four children to raise, made a major impact on my life," Barber said. "My grandmother, May, owned and operated her own laundry and dry-cleaning business in Pikeville, and was a true pioneer for women in the world of business. And I must add Boots Adams. Boots ran her own business, took care of all her household chores and raised two children and made it all seem so easy.

"Society seems to encourage women to get involved more in today's world. I believe in the past women were simply ignored or tolerated when it came to women being in business.

"If I had to give someone advice on venturing into the world of business today, I would

have to say, 'Be very familiar with the business you are interested in. See how much of a demand there is in your area, for your business venture and finally, and most importantly, work hard at making it a success.'"

Margo May Barber has been involved in the Junior Women's Club, Democratic Women's Club and Democratic Executive Committee in the past. Now she currently serves on the Troop 27 Boy Scouts.

An avid lover of the outdoors, Barber was previously employed by the city of Prestonsburg as a landscaper.

Now her efforts will be spent caring for the horses she will board at her newly established business on Mill Branch Farm off Route 114 on the Mountain Parkway in Floyd County.

Cleaners

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major credit cards", says Steele. "From home mortgage, automobile, credit cards, to your utilities, easy access payments takes the envelopes, money orders, and stamps out of the way. For its all available now at Cameo Cleaners", she continued.

Steele shares, "I feel Janice has brought many new ideas and quicker ways to get the job done more efficiently."

Janice comments, "To me, Peggy is everything, my best friend, sister, and my family. She will always be 'Cameo,'" she said.

The two women are quick to give one another praise. Their relationship has proven to be exceptional during hours of work and after.

Janice and her husband Donald Kidd, whom is employed by Eagle Coal, reside in Auxier. They have five beautiful daughters, Amber Rae, Felicia, Megan, Tina, and Andrea.

Amber and Felicia work the business when school is not in session.

Peggy and her husband Lowell Steele, share one son, Joe H. Steele, a marketing director for Cooley Medical. Lowell is retired from Kentucky-West Virginia Gas while Peggy is also retired from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. Somehow retiring from Cameo Cleaners just doesn't seem to be in the near future. Peggy still continues to help in anyway she can.



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Trimble

approximately 15 in the 46 hospitals owned by Health Management Associates. I was never treated any differently

than the men in the company and always have felt I received fair and equal treatment." Today's society, Trimble

Miracles

have it, we realized we shared the same dream of owning a "Baby store", said Dee Dee.

"We felt God had given us a small miracle by bringing us together," said Martha. "Our business has only been opened one month, so we are learning something new about the business world every day. Several businesswomen have contacted us to give us support and encouragement. We appreciated this very much," she added.

Both women attribute their mothers with being their role models throughout life.

"It's great to be able to have the freedom to be a woman in business. However, I feel equal rights aren't observed in the business world. Women have to work harder than men in order to prove their ability to succeed. Often women aren't taken seriously in the business world. Therefore, forcing them to become more aggressive and goal oriented. I'm very proud to be a part of the ever-changing business world and look forward to the day that women have equal rights for success," said Dee Dee.

Both Marsha and Dee Dee, agree determination, dedica-

tion, patience and lots of hard work will eventually make your business a reality. They suggest to mesh your well developed business skills to create a business that represents what you're all about. To most off all allow God to direct your business path, as well as your personal life. Be assertive when necessary and be kind always. And follow your dreams!

Marsha is a member of Vogel Day Methodist Church and Mountain Area Photo Society. Dee Dee has been employed by the Pike County Board of Education as a Title I Nurse for the past ten years. Both have two sons, Jason and Jared (Marsha's) and Paul and Joseph (Dee Dee's).

Wee Miracles, chosen for the name by Marsha and Dee Dee because they feel babies truly are "small miracles" from God, is located at 43 Tolie Lane, in Pikeville, one mile south of Weddington Plaza on US 23.

The business specializes in Nursery and Children's furniture. Cradles, bassinets, bedding, accessories and gifts.

"Opening a business has been a very rewarding experience," said Marsha.

feels, doesn't look upon women in business differently than when she first began. "I do think they are more used to dealing with women today," she stated.

Trimble has had several role models throughout her life —

her parents, whom she shared made a major impact on her life, as well as several other family members, especially, her grandmothers and aunts, schoolteachers and Sunday school teachers.

"However, my Grandmother

Fyffe always stands out in my mind, as she was truly a woman before her time," Trimble said. "She worked outside the home, teaching school, while having young children still at home, at a time most women did not leave the farm, except for supplies. She also had a car and could drive, when other women had to stay home or be dependent on their husbands to drive them.

"She was skilled in almost any kind of work to be done around the house, could perform her own mechanic work, and could drive anything from a tool truck to a bulldozer. She also thought she was licensed veterinarian, and often had some homemade remedies she tried out on her friends and family. With all of this, she could also sew the most delicate fabrics, making dresses without a pattern, only a picture from a catalog.

"She was not ashamed to admit that she did not like housework and wasn't too interested in cooking, so from an early age, she was a role model for me, as I too would rather work outside the home. She taught us other things of greater importance, and assured us the housework would be there whenever we decided we had time to do it.

"She also taught me not to be dependent on anyone else for my livelihood or happiness. Thanks to her pioneering efforts, I never had the dream of being a stay-at-home woman nor have any of my female cousins, and always just knew I

needed a career outside the home."

Trimble's advice to those women entering the world of business today is, "Keep your work ethic above reproach and never compromise yourself for a business deal. Know the rules and keep one step ahead of the wolves."

Trimble is a member and pianist of the First Baptist Church, she serves on the budget and personnel committees, a member of the Paintsville Chamber of Commerce, has served three terms on the Paintsville City Council, she is a member of the Board of Directors at Classic Bank, the Board of the Paintsville Police Department, and serves on the Board of the Osteopathic School of Medicine in Pikeville.

Deborah Trimble carries the role of women in business forward in leaps and bounds, just as her Grandmother Fyffe did years ago!

Porter

reside in Prestonsburg.

Suzanne gives her mother and grandmother the credit for keeping her and her sisters in church from a very young age. "I began to work in church helping my mother teach children's church," she said.

"I couldn't fail to mention that my Great-grandmother Julia was one of the greatest influences of my life, even though she died when I was only four years old. My earliest memories were of her. She was a praying woman and my grandmother always told me that the prayers that Grandma Julia prayed over me have kept me, and were coming to pass in me to this day."

Porter's vision is to help people know and to serve God better. "To find their 'destiny' in Him." She stated, "He is not a character in a novel or History book, but a real living God who has a purpose for each of us."

Her favorite book of the Bible is Ephesians. And Ephesians 5:14 states: "Awake, oh sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and

give you light."

Porter says, "so much of our time is spent in the 'dark' problems, pain, and just everyday stress. We go for years without ever looking up or realizing there is more to life, we can get help and we can have more purpose than 'mere existence' till we die. Today, I feel He is calling me and us to 'AWAKE' and see that He loves us and wants to give us peace and direction in our 'dark' times, bringing us to 'Light' in Him. That is the direction of ministry at this moment. I have faith that it will grow and change as the Lord directs — in time."

Suzanne Porter will be speaking at this year's "Fire on the Mountain" to be held at the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg Sept. 24-27.

Joel prophesies in 2:28-29 "God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and that He will pour out His Spirit upon His servants and handmaids!"

According to Suzanne Porter, "That's enough for me"! I believe it and want to live in that promise everyday."

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JoAnn Anderson — Pikeville Methodist Hospital



JoAnn Anderson

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE
ADVERTISING MANAGER

JoAnn Anderson is the chief executive officer for Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing.

"Being a woman in business has certainly changed throughout my career," Anderson said. "The health care arena has traditionally been dominated by males in the administrative spots. I have seen a significant change in that in the past few years. It has become increasingly more acceptable to have women executives. While they are still in the minority, the percentages are changing. The Kentucky Hospital Association had its first female president last year. This was a major step in recognizing the talents of women in this industry. I would like to note that this woman, Sue Stout Tamme, chief

executive officer of Baptist East Hospital in Louisville, is also a nurse.

"Societal changes over the past 5-10 years have certainly shown a willingness to accept women at the helm. The presence of a woman at a male-dominated meeting today is much more comfortable than it was 10 years ago. The opinion of women leaders is welcomed and respect is more freely offered. There continues to be some moments of awkwardness because it is still a male-dominated environment. I do feel that my opinion counts and is wanted. I do not feel subservient or forced to discuss sports or traditional male topics."

Anderson has worked with many individuals throughout her career that have major impacts upon her life. She credited her first experience with someone making an impression upon her as her advanced math teacher at Clay

County High School, Stanley Abner.

Abner gave Anderson the advice not to limit herself. He encouraged her to believe she could go as far as she wanted to go.

"The farther I went," said Anderson, "the more people I could help."

Anderson credits Mabel Spell and Elise Meyers, of Frontier Nursing Service, for teaching her the value of caring for people and the true satisfaction that comes from it. She also credits Dianna Weaver, a nursing instructor at EKU, her thesis advisor at Bellarmine, Maggie Miller and Walter E. May, president of the board of Pikeville Methodist. "He has encouraged, mentored and cheered me along in my career," Anderson said.

Anderson and her husband Terry have two sons, Chad and Joshua. She is a member of Rotary, the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, the Pike

County Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, Leadership East Kentucky, the Kentucky Hospital Association, the Kentucky Hospital Association PAC, the Pike County Substance Abuse Task Force and Kentucky Senior Games.

Anderson's advice to women considering getting into the business world is to "Go for it!"

"The more women we have who are willing to tackle the tasks associated with being in business, the more it will be accepted. Do not shy away from an opportunity just because you are female and are considering going into a 'male' world. Women have a lot to offer to the business world. Our skill sets may differ slightly, our approaches maybe varied, but then if the outcome is a positive one, the gender of the individual should not be a determining factor."

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