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Court seeks participation in bicentennial celebration

by RANDELL RENO
STAFF WRITER

A celebration of the county's roots will be held this summer as Floyd County commemorates its bicentennial.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is asking that all citizens join in the party.

All 80 of the county's communities are encouraged to plan local celebrations of the county's birthday and then to assemble together for a grand birthday bash.

Four days of festivities are planned to consolidate the bash inside Prestonsburg beginning Saturday, July 1.

That afternoon, a welcoming ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the residents of the various communities at the Mountain Arts Center. Officials are expected to make welcome not only the residents of the county but also representatives from the 14 daughter counties created from Floyd.

As each community winds down its separate celebration, they are invited to convene in Prestonsburg

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The Big Story: Election Day

Time to decide is near

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

Floyd County voters will go to the polls Tuesday to make their selections on a ballot which is light in weight, but heavy in competitiveness in at least two races.

Democrats will face the bulk of choices in Kentucky's closed primary, which only allows voters to vote for candidates in the party to which they belong.

Republicans can cast their votes in only one race, for president, and that race has long been decided with the withdrawal of all candidates except presumed nominee George W. Bush, Texas governor and son of former President George Bush.

Withdrawn candidates in that race whose names still appear on the ballot include Kentucky native Gary Bauer, Arizona Sen. John McCain, Alan Keyes and Steve Forbes.

The Democratic side of the ticket in that race is much the same, with Vice President Al Gore the presumed nominee. New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley has dropped out of the race and endorsed Gore, Perennial candidate Lyndon LaRouche's name will also appear on the ballot.

In both races, voters also have the option of making an "uncommitted" choice.

With the presidential race a formality, two local races will be the primary's main drawing card — the races for state senator and commonwealth's attorney.

In the race for 29th district state senator, 20-year incumbent Sen. Benny Ray Bailey is facing a challenge from Drift resident and Johnson Central High School basketball coach Johnny Ray Turner.

Although the race started out and remained low key, it began heating up over the past two weeks when Turner launched a series of ads criticizing Bailey for supporting projects in Hazard and Perry



Benny Ray Bailey



Johnny Ray Turner



Jerry Patton



Arnold Brent Turner

County, an area not in the 29th district.

Bailey, meanwhile, has largely ignored the charges and has focused his advertising on touting projects the senator says he has won for his district.

Whoever wins the race will most likely be state senator. Barring a late third-party challenge, there is no opposition to Democrats in the fall.

The 29th district comprises Floyd, Johnson, Knott and Breathitt counties.

In the other high-profile race, assistant prosecutor Arnold Brent Turner faces former prosecutor Jerry Patton in a battle for the position being vacated by Commonwealth's Attorney John Earl Hunt.

The race has seen the two candidates attempt to bruise each other with a mounting series of attacks which reached their pinnacle in the last week.

On Wednesday, Turner published a 32-page supplement inserted in The Floyd County

Times, showing what he claims is Patton's entire trial record from his stint as Commonwealth's Attorney from 1988 to 1993. The insert challenges Patton's assertion that he had a 95-percent conviction rate by alleging that Patton dismissed over half of his cases.

In response, Patton countered that Turner used "fake numbers" in making the claim. Patton then launched an offensive of his own, claiming Turner "has never tried a case in his life."

The race has also spilled over into the board of education. After Turner began publicizing an \$800,000 judgment against the school system while Patton was board attorney, Patton alleged that board chairman Terry Dotson and Turner's father, Arnold Turner, who he said are next-door neighbors and political allies, were trying to shift the blame for the judgment to Patton. Patton also publicized an endorsement from another school board member, Jody

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Court approves budget

by RANDELL RENO
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court gave final approval to the county's budget for 2000-2001 Friday as they met in a regularly scheduled meeting.

Projected appropriations for the court total \$12,084,576 for the coming year.

That total translates \$4,753,261 for the general fund, \$1,632,047 for the road fund, \$1,807,202 for the jail fund, \$1,645,527 for the Local Government Emergency Assistance Fund, and \$2,246,539 for other funds.

The major receipts for the 2000-2001 fiscal year include \$890,000 in real property taxes, \$639,948 in coal severance tax, and \$800,000 for state prisoners.

The court passed the county tax rates for the new fiscal year. Real property tax will be 14.7 percent, personal property was set at 19.68 percent, and motor vehicle and watercraft tax will be set at 19.7 percent.

The court is expected to enter the 2000-2001 fiscal year with \$37,989,040 in outstanding debts.

Grant to buy 60 fire hydrants

by RANDELL RENO
STAFF WRITER

Residents looking for relief in homeowner's insurance may be glad to know the Big Sandy Area Development District has received a grant to purchase fire hydrants for the county. That announcement was made during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Floyd Fiscal Court on Friday.

Plagued by calls and letters requesting fire hydrants, the court plans to meet with local fire districts to discuss sharing further purchases.

The grant received by the ADD will pay for 60 hydrants. In the last fiscal court meeting, County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said, "We will match up to 10 fire hydrants. If they buy five we will buy five."

He continued by saying "The fiscal court cannot afford to furnish everyone with fire hydrants by itself. It is financially impossible for the Fiscal Court to supply fire hydrants throughout the county."

The more hydrants that can be ordered, the

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Story of headstone comes to light

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF WRITER

Two events have transpired to help solve the mystery of the grave marker about which the Times reported April 30, and the story crosses county lines

Alan and Beth Speidlitz, of Goebel Branch, found the stone and began trying to find the origin of the stone. Shortly after the article ran in the Times, Danese Amburgey, who sold the house to the Speidlitzs, came home from Florida and saw the article.

Amburgey explained that her husband, William Harris Amburgey, replaced several markers at Carr Fork Memorial Cemetery when graves were moved for the construction of Carr Dam. Amburgey said she didn't know for sure what her husband was planning to do with the marker unless he wanted to save it as a sample of old-time markers.

In the meantime, David Smith of the Knott County Historical Society, saw the article and provided the Times informa-

tion on Thomas Francis Jr.

It turns out that Francis was a well-to-do citizen of the area, being at one time the richest man and landowner in Knott, Floyd and Breathitt counties.

Francis' homeplace has been moved and reassembled at the Pioneer Village in Red Fox, which is near Carr Fork on the Knott-Letcher county line.

An invitation in a brochure about the village reads, "Please feel free to visit us, sit in the rocking chair on the porch, tour the other homes in the hollow and spend a part of your day with us."

For more information about the Francis home and Pioneer Village, call (606) 642-3650 or visit the website at www.inter.t.com/pioneer_village.

Smith has done extensive research on the Francis family, and he asked Amburgey if she would either sell or donate the marker to the Society so it could be on display for all family members to see.

Amburgey had promised the stone to a nephew, J.B. Amburgey, but in light of



The mystery surrounding this unearthed grave marker has been solved.

the request she said she was leaning toward giving the stone to the Society.

She said she had to speak with J.B. first.

Amburgey did say that if she gave the marker to the Society, she would request that a plaque stating that it was a gift from her and the Sandy Valley Monument Company.

It appears that the Francis family in Floyd County may have been related to Thomas. Some of the male members of the family include Gordon, Paul, Robert, Fred and Huck Francis. William Gordon Francis, who practices law in Prestonsburg, says that Thomas Francis Jr. may be his great grandfather.

Readers can get more information by visiting the Knott County Historical Society which is located on the mountain behind the Knott County Library. Visitors will be treated to the Society, which is undergoing major improvements, and the site of the Smith Home, which is being turned into a bed and breakfast by Smith. This home also has much historical heritage as Carl D. Perkins was part of the family and often stayed there during visits to Hindman.

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Bicentennial

via a grand caravan Saturday, July 1, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Bicentennial coordinator Fred James asks that at 4 p.m. sharp Saturday, July 1, residents begin to converge in Prestonsburg via community caravans. Residents are encouraged to come to the county seat in their classic cars or the like.

In a haunting declaration, church leaders across the region will be asked to ring their church bells precisely at 4 p.m. when these caravans are to begin. This event will hopefully make the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest simultaneous ringing of church bells ever to occur.

As the festivities transpire, residents are asked to document their celebrations by photographing the many ways they are united together. Those pictures will be gathered for a memorial pictorial to be published celebrating the historic event.

Church pastors will be asked to flavor their Sunday, July 2, meetings with recognition of the county's birth. Afterwards, pastors are encouraged to photograph their congregations for the pictorial, permanently marking the churches' membership and fellowship.

Between 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening, a Bicentennial Gospel Festival is tentatively planned to be

held at the Jenny Wiley Theatre, located just outside of Prestonsburg.

On Monday, July 3, the revelry will focus on the annual carnival exhibition of the James H. Drew Exposition and activities inside Prestonsburg's Archer Park. Picnics, cookouts, and various foods will be available for all to enjoy.

Around 5 p.m. in downtown Prestonsburg, James hopes to assemble musicians from the area for a once-in-a-lifetime concert performance. He hopes to attract Floyd County performers, past and present.

Civic clubs and organizations are encouraged to participate in the bicentennial by having activities and cere-

monies portraying the history of the region. James has tentative plans to give each group an opportunity to express its recognition of the bicentennial.

Tuesday, July 4, the Independence Day celebrations will wind up the bicentennial festivities with a blast. City leaders in the incorporated townships of Allen, Wayland, Martin and Wheelwright are encouraged to continue their local festivities by donating period floats for the Fourth of July parade.

Local high schools and middle schools are invited to march along a parade route in a patriotic display cele-

brating the birth of the nation and county. Further plans to involve the elementary schools are also being made.

James expects to offer commemorative pieces as a memorial to the festivities. Plans are for local specialty shops to offer medallions, plates, cof-

fee cups and mugs among many things to visitors and locals alike.

The fiscal court encourages every one to participate in this once in a life time event, which will give all the residents a chance to wish Floyd County a Happy 200th Birthday.

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Election

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Mullins.

As in the state Senate race, who ever wins between Patton and Turner will likely be the next commonwealth's attorney, as Republicans have fielded no candidates in the contest.

The only other race on Tuesday's ballot is a Democratic face-off between Langley resident Sidney Jane Bailey and New York transplant Michael Vincent Vacca Jr. The two are competing for the dubious honor of going head-to-head this fall against Kentucky's senior congressman, 5th district Rep. Hal Rogers.

Bailey is making her second run for the job and has said she is run-

ning primarily to call attention to the lack of a children's hospital in Eastern Kentucky.

Vacca, of Shelbyville, is a teacher of deaf students in the Pike County school system who is mounting a conservative campaign. His previous political experience includes an unsuccessful run for New York's State Assembly as a candidate of the Right-to-Life Party.

Neither Bailey nor Vacca is given much chance to unseat Rogers, who is running unopposed in the primary.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday. Voters are required to bring identification when going to vote.

Court

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cheaper they will be, said Thompson.

In other news, the proposed two-week PRIDE cleanup has once again been stretched far and beyond, according to Deputy Judge-Executive Brett Davis. The cleanup efforts are now at six weeks, preventing county workers from addressing needed road work and grass cleaning.

Thompson asked that residents of Floyd County be patient, said Davis. He said crews will be back at moving and paving as soon as possible.

The court was told of a new

business venture in the county. Johnny Collins of Mountain Heritage Flooring has established a wood mulch business in the Lackey area.

Collins moved his business from Knott County. The business uses scrap wood and lumber from the production of flooring materials. Collins is expected to employ as many as 30 people in the coming year.

The court opened the single bid submitted for the construction of the Bosco Bridge. Bush & Burchett Inc. was awarded the contract at \$29,282.

Tackett returns from Mediterranean

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Don Tackett, son of Mary and James D. Tackett of Hi Hat, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious transport dock ship USS Shreveport, home port in Norfolk, Virginia.

During deployment, Tackett's ship served as the strategic reserve force for the Balkans, and participated in several multi-national exercises including Bright Star, Noble Shirley and Infinite Moonlight.

These exercises focused on developing friendship, trust and teamwork by coalition nations and increased their combined military readiness for contingency operations.

Additionally, Tackett had the opportunity to visit several ports of call including Palamos, Spain. During these visits sailors participated in community relations projects.

USS Trenton supports amphibious operations using Landing Craft Air Cushions, which are specially-designed Hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces and deliver vehicles and equipment.

The ship also has conventional landing craft and helicopters embarked, and equipped with medical facilities staffed by Navy doctor corpsmen.

Tackett, a 1996 graduate of South Floyd High School, joined the Navy in August 1999.

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EKU summer term begins June 13

RICHMOND— Summer is traditionally a time for vacations and recreation. For many college students, however, it also is a great time to get an early start or get ahead in their studies. It's not too late to register for the

summer term at Eastern Kentucky University, which begins Tuesday, June 13 at the Richmond campus and at the university's extended centers in Corbin, Danville and Manchester. All undergraduate students who

were not enrolled during the Spring 2000 semester at EKU must first apply for admission at the Admissions Office, Jones Room 203, 859/622-2106 or, toll-free, 1-800-465-9191. Graduate students should contact the Graduate School, Jones Room 414, 859/622-1742.

The admission deadline is Monday, June 12.

Previously admitted students can use the Colonel Connection, 606/622-2020, to register for summer classes by telephone. They also may register in person at the Registration Center in Combs Room 218 on the Richmond campus or at any of the extended campus centers.

Students registering on or after Tuesday, June 13 must pay a \$50 late registration fee.

The summer session is an attractive option for many college students and recent high school graduates.

"Summer provides a great opportunity to get ahead, catch up or explore different academic fields," said Stephen Bym, director of admissions at EKU. "It also is a good time for our students to focus more attention on their studies in a more relaxed setting."

The tuition cost is \$100 per credit hour for undergraduate Kentucky residents and \$145 for graduate Kentucky residents.

"The combination of low tuition and excellent classroom instruction from a faculty that cares about our students' success continues to make Eastern a tremendous educational value," Bym said.

For more information about EKU, visit the university's web site, www.eku.edu.

How your screensaver can earn you cash

There are several companies out there paying consumers just for surfing the Web. Now, there's a new company that's paying consumers just for having a screensaver on their computer.

AdSavers.com, a Washington, D.C.-based firm launched earlier this year, is offering a new product that pays users to use their full-screen, rich-media animated screensavers.

Users simply log on to www.AdSavers.com, select the categories they're interested in and download the free screensaver software. When their computer goes idle, an AdSaver will appear on their screen and play until the user clicks anywhere on the ad to dismiss it. Then, the next time the computer goes idle, a different AdSaver appears assuring advertisers that their messages are not missed.

Meanwhile, the software comes with a counter that tracks the number of AdSavers that appear. Users receive credits for up to \$30 or more per month for using the screensaver, and they can earn up to \$10 for every person they refer to the program.

These credits can be redeemed for cash or donated to a charity of the user's choice. Users are also rewarded with occasional Lucky Savers, which are randomly inserted screensavers that offer cash and prizes.

Shaurav Sen, CEO of AdSavers.com, came up with the idea for AdSavers while walking

past the cubicle of a co-worker at the management consulting firm where he used to work. He noticed his co-worker's cartoon screensaver and that's when he realized that this is what advertisers are looking for - a non-intrusive format that gets noticed.

"We believe that by tailoring our product to the consumer, we'll generate a more dynamic relationship between advertisers and their target audiences, which will translate into higher sales and a more lucrative return on advertising dollars," says Sen.

Because screensavers are currently installed in four out of five computers and have long been one of the most popular Internet downloads, the company says it expects the demand for AdSavers to increase, particularly because it's been so successful in the few months since its inception.

Plus, unlike other opt-in marketing models where consumers have to check e-mails and read text messages, AdSavers are targeted animated ads that only appear on the computer screen as non-intrusive screensavers. AdSavers also offer the consumers various cool features to fully interact with the screensaver to show interest and learn more about the product and services being displayed.

To find out how you can earn money just by using animated screensavers, just log on to www.AdSavers.com on the Internet.

Community featured on CNN

The Hindman/Knott County Community Development Initiative (CDI) recently received national news coverage by a television crew from CNN Financial Network.

The story will air on Thursday, May 25, from 9:30 to 10 p.m. on the CNNfn program, "Entrepreneurs Only."

The segment will feature Hindman CDI projects such as the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center, Kentucky School of Craft, Knott County Branch of Hazard Community College, and the public library.

The segment will also feature area artisans such as author James Still, potter Michael Ware, woodworker Terry Ratliff, crafters Robin and Mary Reed, and Ruth Ann Iwanski of David Appalachian Crafts.

The Hindman segment will be one of three features on the Appalachian region and how these rural areas are approaching economic development by helping to establish small businesses.

Athens, Ohio, was featured on May 18, and Asheville, North Carolina, will be the focus of the June 1 segment.

"Entrepreneurs Only" is a nightly business program dedicated to news, topical issues, innovations and personalities that constitute the entrepreneurial landscape of America.

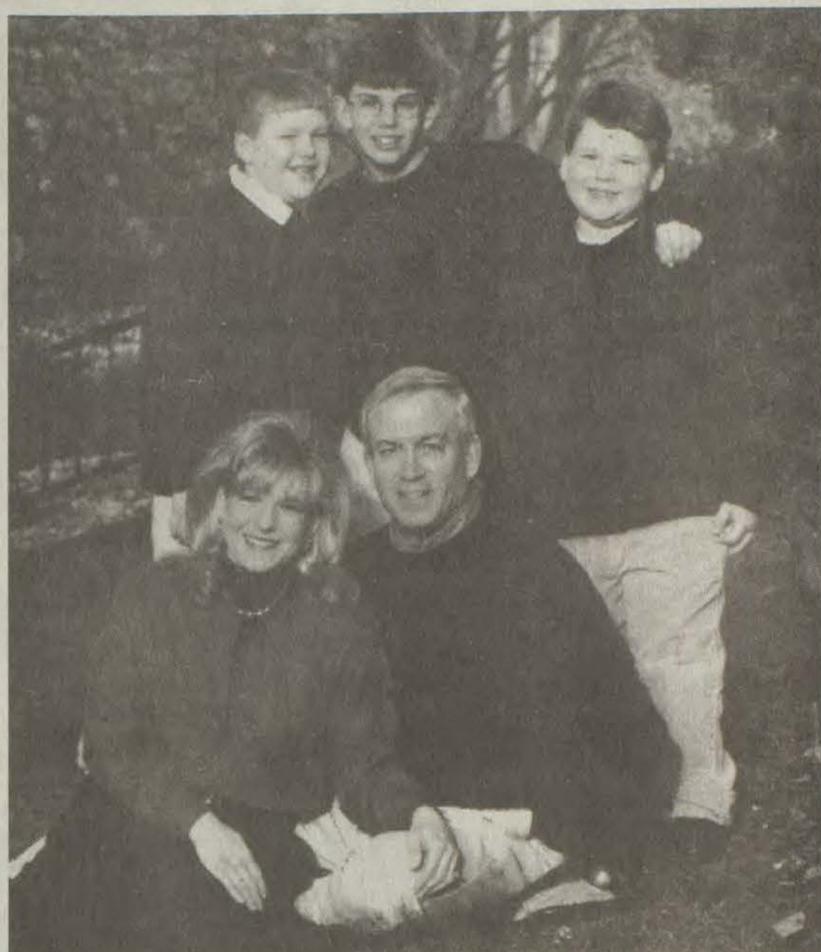
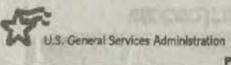
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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Parting is all we know of heaven, And all we need of hell.

— Emily Dickinson

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Editorial

Short and sweet: Get out and vote

Before every election, newspapers and others make sentimental appeals for citizens to get out and vote.

Consider this our offering:

Go vote. Despite what you're thinking, it is important. You may think one vote doesn't matter, but the fact is that the millions upon millions of "one votes" who choose to sit home on Election Day have become the overwhelming majority. Do you really think things would be the same if all of those people decided to vote? But it all begins with you. Now, go do it. And while you're at it, convince a buddy to go with you.

Now that that's done, we'll ask you to forgive us for being brief. Fact is, we editorial writers are getting just a wee bit frustrated with the whole thing.

It's the same thing, year after year. Every election, we ask you to vote. Every year, a few more of you decide not to. We are beginning to wonder if anybody really cares anymore.

Consider this: In 1960, nearly 64 percent of the American public cast a vote in that year's election, which featured the down-to-the-wire race between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.

Sounds impressive, huh? Especially by today's standards. Still, you have to keep in mind that, for whatever reason, one out of every three people that year did not vote.

It's been all downhill from there. These days, getting half the people off their cans and into a voting booth is considered a modern-day miracle. More often than not, electoral participation falls in the 20- to 30-percent range.

How pathetic is that? What does it say about us as a nation that more of us can name the current wrestling champion than can describe the inside of a voting booth from personal experience?

And how's this for a self-fulfilling prophecy — "I don't vote because those guys in government don't represent me."

Of course they don't! You're not voting! They represent the people who vote. That's the way the game is played, folks. Since you don't bother showing up when it really counts, they could care less about you or your problems. You're just another phone call they're going to put on hold while they take care of the people who are voting.

But now we're getting into reasons why you should be voting, and as we've already shown, there's not much point in that. Most of you won't listen anyway.

We dare you to prove us wrong.

— Ralph B. Davis

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Letters to the Editor

Writer urges those with water trouble to take action

Editor:

Attention residents of Floyd County with water problems, my name is Terrie Woods. I and my family are residents of Floyd County. We've lived here for four years with our two sons. My husband was born here and we enjoy living here. We have but one major problem.

In an article dated March 17 in The Floyd County Times, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson stated he wanted, and I quote, "to bring water to all Floyd County residents." This means your family and my family.

I have a water line which ends on my property. The problem is, they will not put in a pump to receive the water. The reason I was given by Seldon Horn at Prestonsburg Utilities for this excuse for no pump is because I'm the only home up here. "Here" is at the top of Abbott Mountain, State Road Fork.

I met with Judge Thompson and Commissioner Gerald Derossot on Friday, May 19. Gerald did his best to help me speak, but the response we got from Judge Thompson was that there was nothing he could

do, that it is a utility company decision. In other words, I'm not a priority.

Soon, there will be an addition to the fee on our telephone bill to pay for 911, which I do have but cannot use simply because I'm not a Prestonsburg resident. Police and fire departments in Prestonsburg do not come up here.

So you see, the situation I'm in is political. The reason for this letter is to suggest other Floyd County residents in similar situations to write to the local utility companies and county politicians, and let them know how you feel.

If you have no city water and want it, as a team we can work together to get water to all Floyd County residents. We must work together on this and not sit back and be shuffled from one desk to another. Please be heard. I am simply a resident trying to make a difference, not a politician making empty promises.

Terrie Woods
Prestonsburg
P.S. Don't forget to vote.

Reader applauds staff of Riverview

Editor:

This week the nation honored nursing homes with National Nursing Home Week. Last Sunday the nation also observed Mother's Day.

Both of these events have special meaning to me and my family this year. My mother was admitted to Riverview Manor Nursing Home and became part of their family in August 1995. She was there until her death in April of this year.

Placing a relative in the nursing home is a very painful process for any family. It is a decision that is not made without a great deal of thought and concern.

A major concern is the quality of care that the resident will receive. Every so often, horror stories are presented on TV or in the press, of nursing home residents (in other parts of the country) being mistreated and abused.

Fortunately this area is blessed with excellent long term care facilities, (including the adult day care center). I have spent many hours in the facility during the past 4 1/2 years.

I am amazed at the patience and kindness employees exhibit toward the residents. If I started to list names, I would forget someone, so this is my opportunity to say a special "thanks."

Over the years my mom, as a RN, took care of a lot of people who needed her special care. I am glad she had the same care when she needed others to care for her.

The employees of Riverview have my respect and admiration for a job "well done!"

Jenny Meece Bottoms
Prestonsburg

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Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



Down to the wire

I have to admit, I'm puzzled. Three days prior to the primary, I have no earthly idea who will win the two hottest races on the ballot here in Floyd County — state senator and commonwealth's attorney.

There was a time when I used to pride myself on being able to pick out the winner in any race, whether I liked the favorite or not.

Over the past couple of years, though, I've found myself increasingly befuddled when trying to handicap the match-ups. The heart of the problem, I think, is that I've developed the tendency to over-analyze the races.

Consider the state senate race, for example. Looking at other races on the ballot, it's perhaps safe to say that this campaign will be decided in Floyd County. Problem is, I don't know who necessarily gets the advantage in that situation.

You could make arguments for both sides. Benny Ray Bailey will most likely run well in Knott and Breathitt counties, while Johnny Ray Turner will enjoy his best success in Johnson County, where he has a certain amount of popularity from rebuilding the Johnson Central High School basketball team.

But Johnson County has about a third of the Democratic voters of Knott and Breathitt, and that gives Bailey an edge coming into Floyd. And it's in Floyd County where the race will get interesting.

For one, both men have their roots here and, when they've pursued different careers, they've both enjoyed a fair amount of popularity.

When it's all said and done, the man who does the best job of getting his voters in Floyd County to the polls will win, but Turner will have to carry Floyd in commanding fashion if he hopes to unseat Bailey. Anything less and Bailey will be returning to Frankfort.

As I switch gears, I find myself stalling out when trying to consider the commonwealth's attorney's race.

Back when Jerry Patton and Brent Turner filed to get in the race, I said Patton likely had the early advantage, but that four months is a long time and anything could happen.

As it turned out, I was right. The past four months have been an eternity and anything has happened.

I would be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed in both men for the overwhelmingly negative tone of the race. Knowing them both, I know they're better than this. But I also know how a campaign can take hold of a person and make him do things he might regret later.

Having got that off my chest, I find it difficult to predict a winner. Most folks with whom I've talked about the race have said it will come down to the wire, and I tend to agree.

Of course, my thoughts on the races don't amount to much. I've already admitted to being clueless this year.

What is important, however, is that the power to make the decision is in your hands. Get out and vote.



This Tuesday, May 23rd, you the voters in the Democratic Primary election will choose Floyd County's first full-time Commonwealth Attorney. I ask for your vote, having both the ability and desire to serve. I've practiced law five years, and served two years as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney. Not one person can be found who can honestly say I've failed to protect them, or do my duty.

With all due respect, I must say my opponent has held this office before, from 1998 until his defeat in 1993. Our county was no safer then than now. I am asking you to support me, believing that we should not be content with the way things are. I want the opportunity to invest the next six years of my life serving as your Commonwealth's Attorney. I intend to prove that our county can become a better, more decent place if the Commonwealth's Attorney will work hard and do what's right, everyday. That is my one ambition.

To my opponent, I say I consider no man my enemy. I seek only to win this important office and then serve effectively and with honor. This campaign has been harsher than I would have preferred, but I make no apologies. I will not stand in silence and allow falsehoods to go unchallenged or mediocrity to be presented as if it were high achievement. The stakes are too high. The Commonwealth's Attorney office is too important to the safety of us all. Straight talk, sticking to the facts and issues, has been necessary. I have done my best to do this in a responsible way, speaking only of my opponent and his past record of service.

Finally, to every voter, I remind you we have an opportunity for something new – a full-time Commonwealth's Attorney. Let's not lose it by returning to the ways of the past. Let's bring a new level of commitment to do this job right. If you give me this chance, I will give you hard work, enforcement of the law, all tempered with decency and fairness. We can do better, if only we have the courage to try.

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Location information crucial step in national Call to Protect Program

The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International is joining forces with the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Wireless Foundation and wireless carriers in the nationwide "Call to Protect" program, which helps victims of domestic violence.

APCO, the world's oldest and largest public safety communications organization, commends the program, which provides used cell phones, free airtime and a direct 911 connection to

these victims.

APCO is advising participants of this and similar programs to immediately identify their location to 911 call takers when they place an emergency call. Even though these preprogrammed phones have automatic-dial buttons that call 911, the majority of public safety answering points (PSAPs), or 911 centers, do not have the technology to identify a caller's location when the call is made from a cell phone.

It is therefore imperative callers identify where they are before they say anything else to the 911 operator. This should include an address and/or any nearby landmarks to help speed assistance to them.

Many citizens may not be aware most PSAPs currently do not have the capability to identify the location of a cellular call, unless the caller verbally provides that information. Women who are given these cell phones must be informed of this before or when they receive them. This valuable information is as important to a caller's safety as having a cell phone to call for help. It could save countless

lives.

The Wireless Foundation's executive director, Michael Evans, acknowledged the importance of location identification, saying it should be stressed even further to victims who receive these phones.

"We tell the shelters about this, but they sometimes don't think to tell the individual. So we're trying to make that information available," Evans said. "One of the things we're developing is a brochure that will be given out with each phone that goes to an individual victim."

Evans added the foundation also is considering placing stickers on indi-

vidual phones, reminding users to reveal their location first when they call 911.

APCO President Joe Hanna commended the organizations taking the initiative to use wireless technology to curb the growing problem of domestic violence. He cautioned, however, citizens should be sensitive to the fact these programs represent a two-edged sword.

Hanna added, "While wireless technology will provide potential victims with immediate access to public safety services, it is imperative users of these programs be informed of the limitations of this technology to avoid

creating unrealistic expectations."

APCO believes this vital issue deserves national media attention. It is necessary not only for participants in "Call to Protect" programs, but for anyone who places an emergency call from a wireless phone.

About 300,000 emergency calls are made daily in the United States. With nearly 90 million cell-phone subscribers, the number of wireless calls is expected to soon exceed the number of calls made from wireline phones. Therefore, it is important all cell phone users understand the facts about wireless E911. www.apco911.org

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Safety tips from electricians

(NUE) - If you're a homeowner, you've no doubt learned there's always something to do around a house to keep it in top condition.

Whether it's repairing the plumbing system, maintaining the heating and cooling system or coping with an electrical emergency, it's important to know what to do.

Electrical systems are especially challenging to new homeowners. One reason they appear complex is that they're mostly hidden behind walls. There's also the fear of getting a shock.

While major-electrical work is best handled by a licensed electrician, even a novice can safely replace cords and plugs, change fuses and repair light fixtures.

the electricity.

■ You probably have the basic tools you'll need to work on your electrical system - pliers, screw drivers and Allen wrenches. But look into the cost of buying specialized tools.

Professional electricians recommend purchase of a staple gun, such as the Arrow company's innovative T59 staple gun. It can be used on both inside and outdoor jobs since the insulated staples are made of either galvanized or stainless steel and have UV resistant insulators. The gun features a jam-proof mechanism, protective chrome plating and the only insulated staples shot from a staple gun that meet the Underwriters Laboratories' safety standards.

repair an electrical problem after you've read up on it, seek professional help. Ask friends for recommendations.

■ Keep a supply of fuses on hand so you can replace any that may have blown. Also, have flash-

lights, candles and matches handy in case of a power failure.

■ If the electrical cords on your appliances appear a little ragged, replace them. Do not attempt to repair any cord with broken wires or brittle, worn insulation.

Here are some safety tips from professional electricians:

■ Working with electricity can be dangerous unless you stick to certain rules. The first rule: Never work on any live circuit, fixture, receptacle or switch. Shut off power to the electrical system at the main circuit breaker.

■ Tape over the main switch, empty fuse socket or circuit breaker when you're working; leave a note so no one will accidentally turn on

The gun is made of stainless steel so it's durable year after year, and it provides unique speed and accuracy. Plus, because of its curved nose, it will not damage cable and wire. You'll also reduce your risk of impeding electrical flow because its unique design won't fray your wires.

■ Always unplug any appliance before attempting to repair it.

■ If you aren't sure how to



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Changes at EKU's Hummel Planetarium

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University's Hummel Planetarium has announced changes in its schedule and admission costs.

The planetarium's schedule of public programs will change, effective Thursday, June 1. The main feature program, currently "Clouds of Fire: The Origin of Stars," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

A program especially suited for elementary and middle school children and their families will be shown at 6 p.m. each Thursday and Friday and at 2 and 6 p.m. each Saturday. The Sunday matinee has been discontinued.

Beginning July 1, admission for the public programs will increase slightly for the first time since the planetarium opened in 1988. Admission will increase 50 cents for adults, senior citizens and students and 25 cents for children under 12.

Adults will now pay \$4, senior citizens and students \$3.50 and children 12 and under \$3.

Admission to school programs

Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will remain the same at \$2.50 per student.

The planetarium will be closed July 6-23 for major scheduled maintenance to projection equipment. The work is expected to restore the planetarium's sky to its original brilliance, according to Director Dr. Jack Fletcher.

Beginning in 2001, the Planetarium's public shows will be changed twice each year, with new feature programs beginning each March and August. Special holiday programs will continue to be presented each December.

Hummel Planetarium, the 13th largest planetarium in the United States and third largest on a college or university campus in the world, attracted about 40,000 visitors in 1999.

Its gift shop, open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and for each show, features an assortment of items related to astronomy, space science and the physical sciences.

For more information about the planetarium, call 859/622-1547 or visit www.planetarium.eku.edu.

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Kentucky firefighters moved to Arizona blaze

The Kentucky Division of Forestry firefighters who went west to help battle fires in New Mexico are now attacking a blaze in Arizona. The U.S. Forest Service has reassigned them to a blaze in the Grand Canyon National Park.

The fire in the canyon has been burning since April 25, when a controlled burn got out of hand. The Kentucky crews are stationed about two miles from the northern rim of the Grand Canyon.

Chuck Wilburn, a crew boss for the Kentucky crews, reports that everyone is doing fine, but the conditions are less than desirable.

"We are camping at 9,000 feet above sea level, and we woke up to nearly an inch of snow and below zero wind chill factors yesterday," Wilburn said.

"Very little progress has been made in containing this fire. High winds have hampered firefighter efforts. Air attacks were suspended Tuesday, and firefighters were pulled from the lines due to the danger of fallen snags (dangling tree limbs). We hope we can get back out there today and begin to control

this fire," Wilburn said.

The firefighters went to the Western fires Friday as part of a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to provide assistance during forest fire emergencies. The federal agency assisted Kentucky last fall when the state had its largest number of fires in a decade.

The state employees volunteer for this opportunity and are on leave from the division. The U.S. Forest Service pays their salary during this time. Fourteen days plus travel time is the maximum number of days the firefighters will be away from home.

The Kentucky firefighters are expected to remain in Arizona for at least another week. To find out more about the fire they are battling, go to www.nps.gov/groa/fire/.

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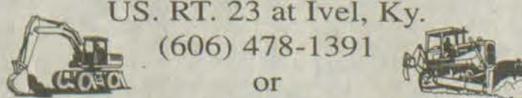
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Kentucky adult education expert to lead strategic planning, expansion

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton and Dr. Gordon K. Davies, president of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), have jointly announced the appointment of Dr. Cheryl King as associate vice president for adult education at CPE and commissioner of the Department for Adult Education and Literacy.

The department is a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

King is currently a deputy secretary and chief information officer in the Cabinet for Workforce Development.

She is a former Department for Adult Education and Literacy com-

missioner. She was a member of the Task Force on Adult Education whose recommendations led to the recently passed Senate Bill 1, which provides \$19 million in new state funding for adult education and literacy over the next two years.

In announcing this joint appointment, Gov. Patton noted that the move complies with the intent of Senate Bill 1.

"The legislation, which I heartily supported, calls for CPE and Workforce Development to jointly develop and implement a 20-year strategic agenda for adult education and literacy in Kentucky," he said. "With shared leadership in both

agencies, we can better coordinate the expansion and improvement of services for our citizens.

"I'm delighted to join in appointing a person of Dr. King's caliber and expertise to these two critical posts," he said. "She is certainly the key to making adult education work for Kentucky."

King, an Owensboro native who has a doctorate in administrative leadership from Vanderbilt University, joined state government in 1996 after a 25-year career in education.

"In Kentucky, we have committed an unprecedented level of funding and support for adult education

for the citizens of the commonwealth," King said. "With funding doubling over the next two years, it's critical that we use our best thinking and resources to expand services for the many Kentuckians who need them."

Kentucky ranks last in the nation in the percentage of adults, age 25 and older, who have a high school diploma. Currently, adult education programs in Kentucky serve about 50,000 people annually — about five percent of the population in need of such services.

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An early pioneer, having established the first "interactive agency" five years ago, Winders and iAgency

are again at the forefront of a new wave on the Internet.

The company recently announced it received funding to build out a rich media advertising studio to develop emerging forms of advertising for delivery via the Internet and broadband and wireless delivery systems.

Winders sees the convergence of today's online advertising such as banner ads and direct e-mail marketing, with a more robust media experience in the next two years using animation and video combined with sophisticated tracking and measurement features - broadband advertising.

Closer to television than most people realize, Winders says, broadband will be more accessible, more targeted and more consumer friendly.

Says Winders, "Imagine all the interactivity of the Internet combined with the broadcast quality of television and you can begin to imagine what broadband will be like." His formidable Internet experience lends itself to this type of prediction.

"Agency was at the forefront of public relations on the Internet in 1995 (with early clients like Warner Bros. Online, the Writers Guild of America and Hollywood Online) and again at the forefront of advertising in 1998, having created the online ads that launched eToys and

campaigns for Cathay Pacific Airways, Qualcomm and others.

Now iAgency is staking its claim as the broadband and wireless ad agency of the future by capitalizing on its existing capabilities in online advertising. Today, iAgency represents entertainment and media clients like FastBand GlobalCast, NBC, NetVideo Networks.com, FansRULE.com and FX Networks, and e-commerce clients like Warner Bros. Studio Store and Clicksure.

What other issues might we expect to confront in the future? Privacy issues, for one, notes Winders. While companies will be able to target consumers more directly, the privacy rights of users must be protected.

But one thing is certain: The evolution of Internet advertising is moving at lightning speed. For more information, visit www.iagency.com.



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Gas prices down

Nationwide gas prices continued to fall in May, down an average of 2.4 cents per gallon since mid-April, and are now 7.8 cents below the record high reached in March, says AAA.

AAA's Fuel Gauge report shows self-serve regular gasoline averages \$1.465 per gallon across the U.S. May's average is the third highest monthly price ever recorded by AAA. In April the average was \$1.489. The average national price for gas in May 1999 was \$1.157.

Two factors have lowered prices. One is the industry's switch from winter to summer inventories, which usually means a slight drop in prices. The other is the end of a six-day strike by Norwegian oil tanker workers. Norway is the world's second largest oil exporter after Saudi Arabia.

In Kentucky, May gas prices remained the same as April after a 12-cent drop the month before. The average price is now \$1.36. Kentucky has the nation's seventh cheapest gas prices.

"The leveling off of gas prices is good news for drivers since we are

entering the busy summer driving season," said Dan Dickson, public relations manager for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. "As high as prices have been in other parts of the country, Kentucky is doing relatively well."

In Lexington, the up and down gas price cycle continues. The average price for regular gas in May is \$1.46 per gallon, the same as in March. However, in April gas sold for an average of \$1.33. "This trend has been ongoing for a year and a half. One day, Lexington's gas prices will shoot up 10-12 cents per gallon, then fall a penny or two every few days, then jump up again," said Dickson.

Oklahoma has the nation's cheapest gas at \$1.30, followed by Missouri at \$1.32 and Georgia at \$1.33. The most expensive gas is in Hawaii at \$1.84, California at \$1.72 and Nevada at \$1.71.

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This past weekend, I was directly defamed and falsely accused by someone running for a political office in Floyd County. My goal with this response is strictly to set the record straight for our school board and our school system, which does not deserve any involvement, in any political arena, for any reason!

First, upon competent legal advice, our board voted by a majority, to bring suit against a former board attorney for malpractice in an effort to regain funds paid out in a court decision which cost your schools over \$800,000. This vote was taken months before anyone filed for any political office, and was done solely for the purpose of recovering funds which we were advised were lost because of improper representation by the board attorney at the time. These facts are readily available for anyone as a matter of public record. Our job as school board members is to do what we think to be in the best interest of your children, without malice to anyone. It is my opinion, and that of other legal counsel, that the Federal Judge's ruling in this matter is an indictment of malpractice against the attorney who was paid tens of thousands of dollars to properly represent your children's well being.

As far as any friends I may have earned, they are just that, earned friendships. My friendships with anyone have never been used for any reason other than to help our schools and our area. For this, I am very proud. My friend who was mentioned in the political ad, is my next-door neighbor, and is not seeking any political office. His son, a young man I have only met a few times, is the one seeking office.

Folks, this week I am considering a personal lawsuit against the very unscrupulous person or persons who have defamed both my name and the work we have accomplished in this community with our many personal and corporate contributions. I have worked hard in every facet of this community for many years and will not tolerate such an unsolicited, unprovoked, and unprofessional attack. I endorse no candidate with this open letter, but do ask you to look simply at open facts and records available to you. Our children and this school system have been harmed enough by people who have used it for their personal gain. Our school system does not need to be the subject of any political candidate's attempt to defame the people working hard to make it better.

I apologize to each of you and your children for the way your school system has been attacked by someone whose motive is obviously selfish and against your best interests. Most of us have worked very hard to make our schools a good place for our young people. Let's keep it that way.

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Prestonsburg Community College Student Health Service no longer will see patients as of May 31, 2000. The Clinic will remain open for administrative purposes until June 30, 2000. If you would like a copy of your medical records transferred to another health care provider, please notify us prior to June 30. Provide a letter with your signed consent, and the name and specific address of your health care provider.

After June 30, all records will be returned to University Health Service at the University of Kentucky for permanent storage. After June 30, any requests for information contained in the records should be addressed to Director of Medical Records, University Health Service, University of Kentucky, B-163 Kentucky Clinic, Lexington, KY 40536-0284.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Rummage sale on election day

A Hot Dog and Bake Sale, along with a rummage sale, will take place at the New Salem Association building at Minnie on Tuesday, May 23, beginning at 8 a.m. Call Bonnie Osborne, 606/377-6887.

Piarist School to hold entrance examination

The Piarist School, a tuition-free, private, college preparatory high school, will hold an entrance

examination for students entering the freshman or sophomore year of high school in the fall. The school offers small class sizes, weeklong field trips, individual attention, full lab science classes, athletic opportunities, and strong moral values. A high school placement test will be given on Saturday, May 20, at 9 a.m. at the school, which is located on KY 80 in Martin. To register or to request more information, call 606/285-3950 or e-mail the school at: piarist@kih.net.

Williams & Moore reunion

The Williams and Moore family reunion will be held Saturday, May 27, at Jenny Wiley State Park, Shelter No. 3. It begins at 11 a.m. and lasts all day. Bring a covered dish.

Clark FRC lists activities

Appointments are being scheduled for physicals for children entering kindergarten next year and for fifth graders entering sixth grade.

- May 24 & 31 — In-school Girl Scouts, K-3
- May 22 — Corps of Engineers, "Water Safety," K-5

• May 24 — Department of Transportation, "Drive Smart, Buckle Up," Head Start-5

• May 24 — Adams Middle School orientation for fifth graders

• May 26 — 5th Dinner and Dance

• June 2 — 5th grade DARE picnic

Fridays: GED classes, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Full-time summer child care program. Call 886-0815.

Woodcarvers plan club

Plans are underway for starting a woodcarvers club in eastern Kentucky. The purposes would be to share ideas on marketing, materials and tools. There would be a chance to learn other types of carving and to organize a yearly show. If you are interested, call Sr. Judy Yunker, at 606/886-9624, and leave name and number.

Memorial service

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will hold its annual memorial service for deceased retired teachers Thursday, June 1, at the Josie Harkins schoolhouse at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. This service is open to the public.

SBDM meeting

The SBDM council at Clark Elementary School will have its regular monthly meeting on May 18, at 6 p.m., in the school library.

P'burg Elementary

schedules SBDM meet
Prestonsburg Elementary School will hold its regularly scheduled SBDM council meeting in the school auditorium on Monday, June 5, at 6 p.m.

Kindergarten registration

Charles Clark Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration on Friday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. New students need birth certificate, social security card, immunization certificate, and physical. Call 886-2487 if you have questions or need more information about this registration process. Students not registered on May 19, can be registered any

time before school starts by coming by or calling school.

McDowell FRC activities

GED classes are offered each Monday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the McDowell Family Resource Center. These classes are free and are taught by Linda Wallen with the David School.

Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the Center each Monday to see patients. If you have a child enrolled in the fifth grade at McDowell Elementary and have not scheduled an appointment for a physical, call 377-2678. Your child cannot go into the sixth grade without this physical.

Parent Support Group meeting will be May 23, from noon to 1:30 p.m. The Center will host an ice cream party for the classroom that has the most parents to attend. At least three parents must represent a room for it to qualify. Join other parents to discuss topics relating to your children and to learn more about how to help your child and gain useful information to help raise your child.

Lola Ratiliff with the Safe and Drug Free Schools, Kim Blocker with Our Lady of the Way Hospital, and Ann Hamilton with the Floyd County Head Start will be on hand to answer questions you may have.

Health Fair for McDowell Elementary will be May 26.

Parents interested in any or all these programs and would like more information, call the 377-2678.

South Floyd High School SBDM election

Election of parent members to the SBDM council will be held on Wednesday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the school. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the school office by 3 p.m. on Friday, May 19. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent.

Computer classes offered

The Adams Middle School Youth Services Center and Clark Family Resource Center are offering free computer classes for any parent or community member who would be

interested in attending. Call 886-9812 for more information.

Mental health is conference topic

Kentucky River Community Care will host the fourth annual Mental Health Consumer Conference on June 15, at Knott County Central High School in Hindman. Speakers will include representatives from Mental Health Advocacy Groups and Sen. Benny Ray Bailey. For more information and registration form, call 606/785-0961 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Monday-Friday). Pre-register by June 5.

Support group forming

Persons interested in starting a Scleroderma support group may call Phyllis Centers at 606/285-3437.

Support for former addicts

As recovering addicts, we have found it is possible to live without the use of drugs with the help of Narcotics Anonymous. If you are still using and can't stop, we can help. Give yourself a break. Call 886-6760, 886-9167 or 1-888-987-7700 for more information.

Martin High alumni

Mark your calendar now for Martin Purple Flash Bash, 2000 on Memorial Day weekend, 2000. This will be perhaps the last Martin Purple Flash Homecoming. The event will begin on Friday evening and end Saturday night with the alumni dance.

You or someone you know can not stop drinking

Alcoholics Anonymous is willing to help. For more information, call 1-800-467-8019.

Al Anon: For support and understanding of the disease—meets, 8 p.m., Saturdays, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. (Alanon is for family members of alcoholics).

Depressed

Anonymous

Are you feeling lonely, hopeless, and trapped in a self-constructed prison and can't overcome it or get out? This support group is not for those people who need it but for those people who want it. We understand. For more information, call: Randall, 886-0483; Jim, 886-3027; Jane—886-8219; Sue—789-8712.

G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of the David School will teach GED classes at the James A. Duff Family Resource Center each Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Classes are free. If you need more information, call Judy Handshoe, at 358-9878.

SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special event). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects. The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite. This is available to the community as well as to the students. Feel free to stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Education contact the center.

The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 242 or ext. 243.

Earn while you learn

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Agency is taking applications for the senior training program. You must be 55 years old, or older to apply. For further information, call 606/886-2929. Ask for Tammy Jervis.

The program's primary goal is to create employment for those 55 and over. SCSEP helps prepare older workers to compete for jobs by providing minimal training and placing eligible applicants into permanent employment. Training sites are expected to develop the participant's skill and hire or

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-NOTICE-

Due to the Memorial Day Weekend, The Floyd County Times will be temporarily adjusting deadlines for the Sunday Paper, 5/28 and the Wednesday Paper 5/31.

SUNDAY'S PAPER:

Line Ads and Classified Display
Thurs. May, 25 at Noon

WEDNESDAY'S PAPER:

Classifieds, Legal and Real Estate
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REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Darrell Hurley, 60, of Phyllis, died Tuesday, May 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Beulah Funk Hurley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 19, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Mable Prater, 77, of Phelps, formerly of Paw Paw, died Tuesday, May 16, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 20, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Darlene Carter Given, 44, of South Williamson, died Wednesday, May 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Jeffrey William Given. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 20, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Virgie "Bee" Wagner, 76, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Virgie, died Monday, May 15, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 19, under the direction of Sloans Funeral Home.

Clayton William Harmon, 85, of Rockhouse, died Tuesday, May 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ollie Coleman Harmon. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 19, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ruby L. Hopkins, 60, of Detroit, formerly of Bowling Fork, died Tuesday, May 16, at the Henry Ford Hospital in Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 20, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Virgie Williams Sheppard, 93, of West Portsmouth, Ohio, formerly of Salyersville, died Friday, May 12, at the Golden Years Convalescent Health Care Center,

in Portsmouth, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 15, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Henderson Perkins, 66, of

Salyersville, died Friday, May 12, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville, after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 15, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Luna E. Rose

Luna E. Rose, 61, of Elkhart, Indiana, died Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend, Indiana.

Born on July 28, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Spears and Margaret Crum. She was employed at Millers Merry Manor East, and also other nursing homes in Wabash, Indiana.

She was a member of the Grand Street Baptist Church in Wabash, Indiana.

She is survived by husband, Darwin L. Rose.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas A. Rose of Edwardsburg, Michigan, Mark D. Rose of Elkhart, Indiana; two brothers, Chadwick Spears of Prestonsburg, Thomas Spears of Michigan; five sisters, Dorothy Saxton of Wabash, Indiana, Georgia Campbell of Prestonsburg, Hester Wills of Oak Hill, Ohio, Carmella McConnel and Ruth Mirtle, both of Sebring, Florida; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m., at McDonald Funeral Home Eppingfield Chapel, Wabash, Indiana, with Rev. John Denniston officiating.

Burial will be in the Falls Cemetery, in Wabash, Indiana, under the direction of McDonald Funeral Home.

Carl J. Moore

Carl J. Moore, 62, of Tipp City, Ohio, died suddenly Wednesday, May 17, at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy, Ohio.

Born on November 27, 1937, in Price, he was the son of the late Marson and Virgie Gayheart Moore. He retired after 26 years as street superintendent for the city of Tipp City, he was a member of the American Legion and the VFW, and a former fireman for 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis J. Rozman Moore.

He is survived by one son, C. Brian Moore of Tipp City, Ohio; three daughters, Sherri Moore, Kim Slifer, Amy McKinney all of Tipp City, Ohio; three sisters, Shirley Little and Patsy Mullins, both of Floyd County, Verlia Gregory of Covington, Ohio; one brother, Clenis Moore, of Floyd County; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m., at Frings and Bayliff Funeral Home, Tipp City, with Pastor Dan Williams officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Hill Cemetery, Tipp City, under the direction of Frings and Bayliff Funeral Home.

Brandi Lynn Mosley

Brandi Lynn Mosley, 14, of Allen, died Thursday, May 18, 2000, at UK Medical Center, Lexington, following an auto accident.

Born on August 14, 1985, in Lexington, she was the daughter of Michael Slone of Bevinville, and Tena Rena Mosley of Allen. She was a freshman at Prestonsburg High School.

Survivors, other than her parents, include two sisters, Krystal Rena Layne and April Dawn Layne, both of Allen, and one-half-sister, Stephanie Johnson of Auxier.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 21, at 12 noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Brian Carter and other Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Cook Cemetery, Frozen, at Bevinville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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Beware the bite...

It's important for kids to ask the owner for permission before petting the dog.

With the good weather, people are spending more time outdoors, and so are their dogs. No matter how friendly, every dog has the capacity to bite - and many do. Nearly five million people in

this country are bitten by dogs every year, and about 800,000 of those injuries require medical treatment. Most dog bites happen to dog owners and their family and friends, particularly children. Not

only do children make up 60 percent of dog bite victims, they also suffer greater injuries and more fatalities than adults.

"Parents need to know how to safeguard their family against dog bites and what to do if a dog attacks," says C. Lin Puckett, M.D., president of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Board-certified plastic surgeons treat many of the wounds caused by dog attacks, performing thousands of reconstructive surgeries for animal bite injuries each year.

In an effort to reduce the number of dog attack casualties, the ASPS is sponsoring the "Beware the Bite!" public education campaign. The society offers these suggestions for preventing dog bites:

- Dog owners should not let their pets run loose. Experts say a dog is less likely to bite if its owners train the dog to interact with people and take it to obedience classes.
- Don't leave infants or children alone with a dog.
- Teach your children to ask

permission from a dog's owner before petting the dog.

- Never disturb a dog that is eating, sleeping or caring for puppies.
- Don't tease or play too rough with a dog.

If you are attacked by a dog, there are ways to minimize your injuries. Put something between you and the dog, such as a jacket or purse. If the dog bites your arm, try to loosen its grip by pushing your arm against its throat. If you fall or if the dog knocks you to the ground, curl into a ball and cover your head and face with your arms. Stay that way until the dog leaves.

In the event of a bite, control the bleeding and wash with soap and water. Get medical help immediately to help determine the risk of infection and rabies.

For more information on how to protect against dog attacks and injuries, call ASPS at 847/ 228-9900 or visit www.plastic-surgery.org. Of course, there are times when a dog's bark is worse than its bite. But do you really want to find out the hard way?

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The "Word" for the Week...

Leaving room for God

by DR. DENNIS J. PRUTOW
STERLING, KANSAS

I'll get you for that. Sounds like something a kid would say. Could be something a grown up person might think. A co-worker undercuts your position. All it takes is one well-placed remark. It's gossip. It's unfounded rumor. It's a lie. Now she gets the promotion, the raise, and the new opportunities. I'll get her for that.

How did Jesus react? "While being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:23). Jesus was unjustly maligned. The suffering He endured was totally unjustified. He did not return the favor

with unkind words. He did not threaten retaliation. He trusted God the Father to render the proper judgment at the proper time.

Jesus remembered the words of the ancient text of Deuteronomy 32:35. God declares, "Vengeance is Mine." The New Testament also reminds us of this. "Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:19).

Don't take things into your own hands in order to get even. Leave room for God. Remember Jesus. "You have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps" (1 Peter 1:21).

Calendar

release them.

Social Security rep on Mud Creek

A Social Security Representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, each Tuesday, during the month of May.

The Representative will be in the Clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and a Social Security number. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered.

Clark Family Resource Center

We are now scheduling appointments for physicals for children entering kindergarten in the next school year. Also, we have appointments available for 5th grade students entering 6th grade. Call the center at 886-0815 for more information.

GED Classes: Fridays, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

4-H judging teams to hold orientation

Orientation sessions are scheduled for Thursday, May 22, for the 4-H Horticulture Judging Team and for the Poultry Judging Team. Both sessions are at 6 p.m. at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg. All participants are to bring a parent or guardian. For more information, call 606/886-2668.

Food pantry open in Auxier

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center has opened a food pantry, sponsored by the Voice of Victory Church. According to Rev. Junior Hayton, the food pantry will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays in the second week of each month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mercy calls will be accepted. Call 606/886-6009.

Child abuse prevention

When children witness the abuse

of a parent, they are more likely to repeat the behaviors in their own relationships. If you are being abused, think of who may be affected the most by the abuse, you or your children? "Love Doesn't Have To Hurt," call the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center at 886-6025 or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605. There are options available to you to stop the abuse.

Floyd County 4-H programs 2000 summer camp

Floyd County 4-H'ers will be camping at the Diederich 4-H Camp, July 24-28. Fee is \$80. Camp applications have been distributed during club meetings, but can be obtained by calling the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 606-886-2668. Registration deadline is July 15.

Little Rosa Church asks for yard sale items

Little Rosa Church of New Salem Association is asking for re-usable yard sale items, for their ongoing rummage sale. Benefits go to building a church building. Call 377-6887, 377-2056, 377-6418 or 377-6076.

Pikeville High School announces 85th reunion

The Pikeville High School Alumni Board has announced "Celebration 2000," the 85th Reunion for PHS Alumni and Friends. The 85th Reunion will be held on July 28-30, at Pikeville High School. The centerpiece of Celebration 2000 will be a musical depiction of the changes over the decades at PHS. If you are interested in working in this musical production, contact Modena Sallee, Pikeville High School, 120 Championship Dr., Pikeville, KY 41501 or call 606/432-0185 and ask for Sandra Branham. Assistance in developing sets/costumes/music and acting parts is needed.

Mission statement

The SBDM council of Clark

Elementary School accept that all children can learn. We endeavor to make our school the focus of our community and to make our children the focus of our school. Through nurturing love of learning and respect for individuals, we hope to prepare our students to become contributing members for the community.

Domestic violence

Domestic violence tends to be a pattern within a relationship, rather than something that only happens once. If you are being abused by an intimate partner, or if you know of someone who is, give them this number 886-6025 or 1-800-649-6605, call and discuss ways to break the pattern of domestic violence, don't become just another statistic.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital

May 1-31—Free Speech and Hearing Screening all month long during Pikeville Methodist Hospital's celebration of "Better Hearing and Speech Month". Call 437-3507, ext. 3444 to schedule your appointment.

May 19—The American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" will be held at Bob Amos Park from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Join the Leonard Lawson Cancer Care Team! Call 437-3500, ext. 3822 for more details.

May 23—Prepared Childbirth Classes will be offered from 7-9 p.m. at the Education Center. Call 437-3938 to register.

May 25—Survivors of Suicide support group will meet at the Flat Iron Building, located on Hambley Boulevard, at 6 p.m. For more information, call 437-3963.

May 30—Pikeville Methodist Hospital will host an educational meeting for area Medicare beneficiaries addressing major issues such as health care availability, quality of care, Social Security issues, Long Term Care, durable medical equipment and other areas in which Seniors may be experiencing difficulty. The Medicare Partners meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., include lunch for participants, and end at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Pikeville Methodist Hospital's

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health educator at 606-437-3525.

June 2—The Leonard Lawson Cancer Care Center would like to invite you to the National Cancer Survivor's Day celebration to be held in the Pikeville City Park from 2 until 4 p.m. A cancer survivor is anyone who is living with a history of cancer from the time of diagnosis through the remainder of life. For more information, contact the Leonard Lawson Cancer Care Center at 437-3500, ext. 3822.

June 6—Learn more about epidural anesthesia during an Epidural Class at 7 p.m. at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register by calling 437-3938.

June 14—A Sibling Class will be offered from 6-7 p.m. at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Participants meet in the hospital lobby. For more information on the Sibling Class, call 437-3938.

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KCTCS appoints vice president to oversee finance, facilities

Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), has appointed J. Kenneth Walker as a system vice president.

Walker will begin work with KCTCS on June 1. He has worked for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education for nearly 24 years, serving at various times as vice president for finance; acting chief operating officer, deputy executive director for finance, facilities and data management, director for finance; and director for financial planning.

At KCTCS, Walker will have primary responsibility for finance and facilities management. "He has

detailed knowledge of postsecondary education, and he is intimately familiar with how the budget and legislative processes operate in Kentucky."

Walker earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and his master's degree in statistics, both from the University of Kentucky. He lives in Bloomfield in Nelson County.

"I have spent my professional career with the Council on Postsecondary Education and its predecessor agency, the Council on Higher Education," Walker said. "I have witnessed much change during my tenure with the council. Clearly, the most significant change

was the passage of the Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1997. I had the good fortune of participating in its passage and supporting the creation of KCTCS as an autonomous institution.

"KCTCS has gotten a running start, but the next few years will be critical in further establishing KCTCS as a full partner in Kentucky's system of postsecondary education. I look forward to serving on the administrative team that accomplishes this objective," Walker said.

Walker replaces Sandy Gubser, who retired at the end of 1999. Jim Byford has served as interim vice president since then.

FOR THE RECORD

Restaurant, school, and mobile home inspections

Opportunities Unlimited, Martin, 96; Covers are needed on waste receptacles in girls' restroom, lights were out in various rooms and light shield was missing in computer room.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, 99; Ceiling in area where mechanical dishwasher is has a hole in back right corner.

Mountain Christian Academy, Martin, 96; Shelves in reach-in refrigerator are rusted in places, pipes under both three-compartment sinks are leaking - duct tape not an approved repair material, outside garbage receptacles are not provided with proper lids.

May Valley Elementary School, Martin, 95; Unlabeled bottle in dry food storage room - stored next to chemicals, there is food residue/buildup on meat slicer, no towels at hand washing lavatory, no lid on garbage receptacle in restroom in the kitchen.

Care-A-Lot Day Care, Martin, 98; No drain plugs in dumpster - needs two plugs.

Marriage licenses

Misty Rachelle Slone, 22, to Thomas Howard Goble, 29, both of Prestonsburg.

Dianna Lynn Martin, 40, Michigan City, Ind., to Richard O. Jimenez, 42, of Fort Worth, Texas.

Jami Michelle Campbell, 30, of Lexington to Stephen Michael Cole, 30, of Berea.

Amanda Lynn Mullins, 20, to Jesse Lee Lemaster, 19, both of Volga.

Penny Ann Boyd, 25, to Gregory Neil Clifton, 32, both of Banner.

Jenifer Dawn Landrum, 28, to Thomas Ray Biddle Jr., 37, both of Prestonsburg.

Pamela Marie Kendrick, 18, of Martin to Joshua David Mullins, 18, of Bevinville.

Pamela Kay Robinson, 35, to Delmonte Dante Robert, 34, both of Prestonsburg.

Suits filed

Miranda L. Henderson vs. Roger D. Henderson, petition for health care insurance.

Floyd County Newspapers Inc. vs. Tradin Post, et al, petition for debt collection.

Eric Conn and Lorie Conn, petition for dissolution of marriage.

McGuire Motor Sales vs. Debbie Burke, et al, petition for debt collection.

Rodney Brown vs. Tonia Brown Ousley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Johnny Ray Harris vs. Marna Belle Spears Harris, petition for dissolution of marriage.

First Deposit National Bank vs. Deborah A. Rice, petition for debt collection.

First Commonwealth Bank vs. Christopher Click, petition for debt collection.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Sherry Clifton, petition for debt collection.

Randall D. King vs. Ralph Bryant, et al, petition for compensatory damages from injury due to accident.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Billy Osborne, et al, petition for debt collection.

Community Trust Bank vs. Virgil Lee Hunt, petition for debt collection. Rasser Salisbury vs. Lana Stumbo Smith, et al, petition for partition of real property.

Kathy A. Gayheart vs. Jeffrey Spriggs, petition for health care insurance.

Danny T. Hart vs. Tina A. Malley, petition for health care insurance.

Merlin D. Osborne vs. Sherry D. Osborne, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Christopher Carroll vs. Jennie Lynn Honeycutt Carroll, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Eula N. Conley vs. Dalton Ray Conley, petition of dissolution of marriage.

Edgar Crucey, et al, vs. First America Flood Data Services.

District Court

Gregory Thacker, 24, of Harold; fourth-degree assault.

Henry Clifton Jr., 30, of Prestonsburg; violation of emergency protective order.

Ron Shortridge, 46, of Prestonsburg; three counts of terroristic threatening, fourth-degree assault, criminal possession of forged instrument.

Rodney Clyde Bates, 20, of Warsaw, Ind.; attempted murder, auto theft.

Michael Jackson of Garrett; three counts of third-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking over \$300.

Jason Tackett, 20, of Tram; alcohol intoxication.

Jeremy Thacker, 23, of Harold; second-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension, fourth-degree assault.

Melinda Nelson, 28, of Blue River; alcohol intoxication, carrying concealed weapon.

Timothy D. Hall, 28, of McDowell; public intoxication.

Joseph A. Collins, 29, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Lisa A. Collins, 34, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Dale Slone, 30, of Hueysville; terroristic threatening.

Delmas Slone, Jr., 30, of Hueysville; terroristic threatening.

Sherman R. Poston, 41, of McDowell; alcohol intoxication.

Pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$83.50 court cost.

Opal B. Smith, 32, of Phelps; alcohol intoxication. Pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$83.50 court cost.

Barbara A. Green, 27, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, second-degree bail jumping.

Ricky Lee Shepherd, 31, of Langley; fourth-degree assault - spouse abuse.

Henry C. Williams III, 18, of Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.

Andy Hall, 45, of Galveston; alcohol intoxication.

Timothy Williams, 38, of Salyersville; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Connie Clark, 41, of Blue River; alcohol intoxication.

Timmy Rowe, 20, of Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.

Jack Patton, 20, of Wayland; theft by deception.

Thomas E. Fairchild, 26, of East Point; theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Ronnie Newsome, 30, of Hi Hat; purse snatching.

Shawn Hall, 30, of Wayland; theft by deception.

Eric T. Vanderpool, 26, of Prestonsburg; flagrant non-support.

Property transfers

Charles Jeff and Beverly Faye Hall of Bevinville, Lanny Paul and Debbie Hall of Bevinville, Linda Carol and Greg DeRossett of Morehead and Morgan Rae Hall of Morehead to Hall's Community Market of Bypro, Left Beaver Creek.

William James May of Prestonsburg to Hope Whitten and Janet Whitten of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg.

Mark A. McGuire of Prestonsburg to Yvette M. and Mark A. McGuire of Prestonsburg, Goble Roberts subdivision in Prestonsburg.

The First Baptist Church of Martin Inc. to Frankie D. Webb and Terry L. Howell, of Prestonsburg, property location not listed.

Ralph N. Clark of Prestonsburg to Stephen A. and Susan R. Sanders of Blue River, Blue River.

Earl and Ruby Hughes of Weeksbury to Billy Joe and Patricia S. Roop of Weeksbury, Rick and Amber Anderson of Weeksbury, and Frank R. and Thesa Rhnea Scott of Weeksbury, Caleb Fork of Left Beaver.

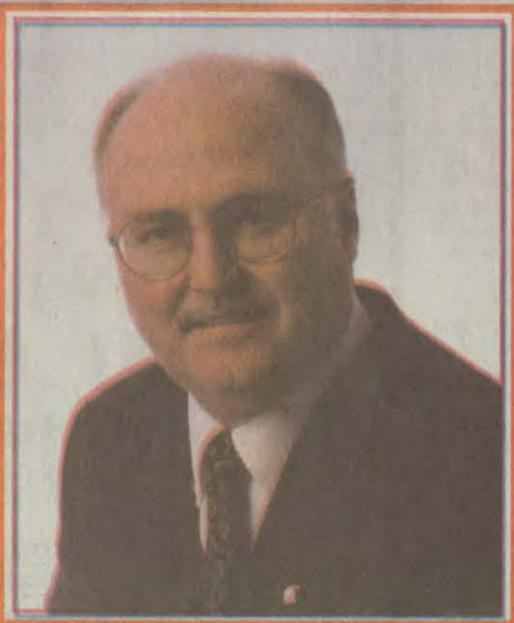
Don and Charlotte Branham of Prestonsburg to Gene Schifle of Prestonsburg, property location not listed.

Greg and Carol Goble of Prestonsburg to Michael Brandon Jarell of Prestonsburg, Hurricane Branch.

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Kentucky high school students can register now through June 13 for online summer school courses through their local public schools and the Kentucky Virtual High School (KVHS).

Twenty courses are being offered as part of KVHS's second semester. Summer session opens June 12 and ends August 20. All courses are taught by certified Kentucky teachers and are available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The online courses being offered for summer 2000 include oceanography, health, Spanish, English literature, English as a Second Language, chemistry, study skills, algebra and geometry.

Linda Pittenger, project director for KVHS, said the online courses appeal to a wide range of students. "Online summer school is an excellent opportunity for students who work, for those who want to get ahead or make-up missed credits, and for students who want to take courses for enrichment.

"The benefit of online summer school is that a student can study any time of day from anywhere there is Internet access and proceed through the course at their own pace. This means that students can take courses without giving up a summer job or a vacation."

Pittenger said the on-line courses are high in quality, meet Kentucky curriculum standards, and are taught by exceptional teachers who have received special training about how to teach online.

KVHS faculty teaching in the spring semester average 16 years of teaching experience. All have master's degrees, seven hold Rank One certifications, and two have completed doctoral work.

KVHS is not a school—it is a statewide service through the Kentucky Department of Education that districts may offer as a way for students to earn high school credit online. Students must be approached for KVHS participation and register for the on-line courses through their high schools. Students interested in a KVHS course should first consult with their schools, and there are fees associated with the courses.

"KVHS partners with local districts to provide students with access to courses that may not be taught in their own high school or may not be taught at a time when the student is free," said Pittenger.

"The partnership between KVHS and the local schools benefits the students academically. It also allows the schools to expand the choices they offer. We also find that many parents want their chil-

dren to have the experience of taking an online course before they get to college or go into the world of work."

The KVHS was officially launched in January. The KVHS also is being used to provide training and support to teachers as well as delivering online courses.

For more information, visit <http://www.kvhs.org>. Specific questions about KVHS may be submitted through the online inquiry form on the KVHS homepage.

Education

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About 40 percent of working-age Kentuckians function at the lowest levels of literacy, and a third of those lack minimal skills needed to function effectively at home, in the community and on the job.

King said that work on the 20-year strategic plan will begin immediately by bringing together a group of adult education experts from across Kentucky to provide input.

King will officially be an employee of the Council on Postsecondary Education and will share her time between the two agencies. Her salary will be jointly funded. King's appointment is effective June 1.

Reecie Stagnolia, who has served as acting commissioner of the Department for Adult Education and Literacy, has been named deputy commissioner of the department.

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In 9 innings...

Prestonsburg edges Johnson Central

Coleman drives in winning run in victory

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Brook Coleman's bouncing ball to the infield drove in Angela Howell with what proved to be the winning run in an exciting nine inning girls softball game at Johnson Central Thursday night.

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats won for the 10th time this season against four losses en route to a 10-9 win over the host team.

It was the fourth straight win for the Lady Blackcats since the return of their coach, Bridget Clay. Clay missed two weeks of the season because of sickness.

The two teams played to a 8-8 tie after the seven inning regulation game and were tied 9-9 after each team scored in the eighth inning.

In the Prestonsburg ninth, Whitney Parsons opened

the frame with a base hit and moved to second when Howell reached on an error at third base with Parsons moving to third base on the miscue.

Margaret Damron ground to third base and some ill-advised base running, Parson was nailed at the plate in attempting to score. Howell stood on third base and Damron had moved to second with Coleman coming to the plate. Coleman grounded to second base but the attempt to get Howell at the plate failed giving Prestonsburg a 10-9 lead after eight and half innings.

In the bottom of the ninth, Johnson Central put the tying run on base but with two out. Parsons, who got the win, got Amanda Griffith on a fly ball to Coleman in centerfield to end the game.

It was a wild third inning for Johnson Central as they pushed home seven runs in the frame to take a 7-4 lead. Parsons walked eight batters in the inning and Prestonsburg committed one error.

Parsons had kept the Lady Eagles off the base paths through the first two innings. She did walk two in the first but retired the side in order in the second.

Prestonsburg left the bases loaded in their half of the second inning. Stacy Goble, who had two hits in the game, singled with one out with two batters walking to fill the bases. Parsons then fanned to end the threat.

In the bottom of the third, Parsons could not locate the strike zone as Johnson Central sent 12 batters to the plate.

Prestonsburg had taken a 4-0 lead with four in the third inning. Consecutive one out walks to Damron and Coleman set the stage for RBI singles for Goble and Megan Hyden. An error on Brittany Carey's fly ball to right aided in the scoring spree.

Prestonsburg made it a 7-5 game with a fourth inning run on three walks and a wild pitch. Johnson

Central made it a 8-5 game with a run in the fifth but the Lady Blackcats rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh to tie the game at 8-8. Carey reached on a walk with one out. Goble was safe on an error and Parsons singled home Goble. With the bases loaded, Coleman ripped a base hit to center scoring both Goble and Parsons. Damron, who walked, tried to score on the hit but was tagged out at the plate.

Prestonsburg led 9-8 with a run in the top half of the eighth inning. Amelia Conley led off the inning with a single, stole second and scored on a wild pitch later.

Johnson Central tied the game in the bottom of the inning.

Brianne Daniels suffered the loss for Johnson Central.

Prestonsburg will face Allen Central in Monday's 58th District softball tournament at Garrett Park.



(photo by Ed Taylor)

PRESTONSBURG'S BROOKE HICKS cleared the hurdles in he girls 100-meter low hurdles and placed first in the conference meet at Allen Central Thursday evening.

■ South Floyd girls repeat

South Floyd girls repeat as conference champions

Betsy Layne's Mitchell MVP in girls track meet

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Keith Smallwood's girls track and field team did Thursday night what they have done all the past years, win another Floyd County Conference championship.

But this time it was a little closer as they just edged Prestonsburg 66-63 in points. Betsy Layne finished third and Allen Central fourth in the meet held at Allen Central.

Tabitha Mitchell, a sophomore at Betsy Layne High School was named the meets Most Valuable Performer. She had 13 track points for the top point getter in the meet.

Mitchell won the girls 100-meter dash with a time of 14.01 finishing in front of Prestonsburg junior Tara Ortega. Ortega had a time of 14.77. Third place went to Clarissa Parker of South Floyd at 14.90.

Ashley Sexton, Allen Central; Courtney Reitz, Prestonsburg; Erica Sexton, Allen Central; and Brittany Mitchell, Betsy Layne rounded out the top seven finishers.

Mitchell also captured the girls 400-meter dash after placing second in the 200-meter run. She had a time of 1:10.18, just short of Lyndsey Hall's track record of 1:06.49.

Allen Central's Johnna Ison placed second in the 400 with South Floyd's Amanda Johnson running third. Fourth place went to Prestonsburg's Lindsey Stewart.

Lindsey Hall, who holds the 400-meter record did not run the event but did take first place in the girls 200-meter run. Hall bettered her own record of 28.91 and set a new one at 28.85 in winning first place. Mitchell finished second at 29.47 with Ortega placing third and Brittany Mitchell fourth.

Monica McKinney ran a 3:10.14 to win the 800-meter run followed by Prestonsburg's Bridgette Bellamy. Brittany Bailey, South Floyd, placed third and Betsy Layne's Trish Robinson finished fourth.

Just a sophomore, Prestonsburg's Kristina Combs raced ahead of the rest of the field in winning the mile run with a time of 8:02.41 and the five points. Second place went to

(See SOUTH FLOYD, page two)

Allen Central's Hunter MVP as Rebels wins conference title

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Allen Central's James Hunter scored 16 points and helped the Allen Central boys track and field team in capturing the Floyd County Conference Track and Field Meet at Allen Central last Thursday. Hunter

was named the meet's Most Valuable Performer.

Allen Central edged out Prestonsburg for the championship scoring 60.50 points. South Floyd finished third and Betsy Layne fourth.

Prestonsburg's Kevin Jervis won the boy's 100-meter dash with a time of 11.85 over Mark Dunfee of Allen

Central who finished at 11.90. Actually, Ryan Shannon, of South Floyd, crossed the finish line with identical times for second place. Austin Clark of Prestonsburg took fourth place and Michael Hall finished fifth. James Prater, Adam Collins and Brett Steele rounded out the top eight.

Jervis continued his success by winning the boys 200-meter dash with a time of 24.10. Austin Clark, also of Prestonsburg, was a very close second with a time of 24.11. Paul David Francis of Allen Central took third place and fourth place went to Betsy Layne's Matt Williams. Jarrod Hall, South Floyd placed fifth.

In the boys 400-meter dash, Clark placed first at 57.87 distancing the rest of the field. Hunter placed second with a 1:00.07 while Travis Francis, Allen Central, took third place.

Tristin Keathley, Jordan Compton, Daniel Knausz, Ryan Johnson and Gabe Stewart made up the rest of the field.

James Slone of South Floyd ran a 2:25.28 for first place in the boys 800-meter run. Betsy Layne's Barrett Blankenship placed second and Wes Meade, Betsy Layne took third place. Travis Francis, Wes Bradley, Chris Jervis, Charles Ray, and Andrew Howell finished out the field.

First place in the boys 1,600 meter run went to Betsy Layne's Barrett with a time of 5:42.66 followed by

South Floyd's Kevin Lester. Matt Hamilton finished third and Jarrod Hall fourth. Rob Murray and Tony White went fifth and sixth.

(See MVP, page two)

Rally falls short as Allen Central falls at South Floyd

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

For two innings Josh Yates held the hard-hitting South Floyd Raiders hitless and scoreless while his Allen Central team tried to come back from a 10-5 deficit and pull out a conference win on the road.

The Rebels almost did what they hoped to do but fell a run short in dropping a 10-9 decision to the Raiders at the Drift Park.

Joe Skeans picked up the win for the Raiders but needed some relief help from Nick Moore in securing the victory. Moore got credit for the save.

The loss was pinned on Brandon Sizemore who worked the first four innings for Allen Central. He allowed all 10 runs on 10 hits while striking out three. He did not walk a batter.

(See RALLY, page two)



(photo by Ed Taylor)

SOUTH FLOYD'S FOURSOME OF Amanda Johnson, Kayla McGuire, Brittany Bailey and Monica McKinney placed first in the girls 3200 meter relays at Allen Central Thursday.

South Floyd

Kayla McGuire of South Floyd and Vicky Bowling of Prestonsburg took third place.

Brook Hamilton of South Floyd holds the record for the event with a time of 6:36.20.

South Floyd's Tiffany Gregory posted a time of 17:22.23 to win the two-mile (3200) run over Combs of Prestonsburg. Combs, a sophomore, had a time of 19:48.12.

One Prestonsburg runner who has a chance to going to the state meet is Brooke Hicks and she proved that by winning the girls 100-meter low hurdles with a time of 19.25. Rachel Mitchell was a close second and Sara Johnson of

South Floyd finished third.

In the girls 300-meter intermediate hurdles, Rachel Mitchell had a time of 1:02.03 for first place. Allen Central's Erica Sexton finished second followed by Betsy Layne freshman, Tarra Mullins.

Prestonsburg won the girls 400-meter relay with a time of 58.04. The foursome included Hicks, Ortega, Mitchell and Courtney Reitz.

South Floyd placed second and Allen Central ran third.

South Floyd did have the best time in winning the girls 800-meter relays. The Lady Raiders had a time of 2:08.00 for first place. Allen Central finished second.

In a close one, South Floyd continued to dominate the relays with a time of 5:07.36 in winning the 1600-meter relays. Prestonsburg placed second.

South Floyd also won the 3200-meter relays to make it a clean sweep of the events. The foursome of Amanda Johnson, Kayla McGuire, Brittany Bailey and Monica McKinney had a time of 13:03.47.

In the field events, Tabitha Berger cleared the high jump bar at 4-feet, 6-inches for first place. Rachel Mitchell of Prestonsburg took second place and Allen Central's Shauna Case finished third. Lindsey Stewart of Prestonsburg was fourth.

Allen Central's Johnna Ison placed first in winning the girls long jump with a leap of 14-feet, 5-inches. Second place went to Toni Little of South Floyd while Prestonsburg's Courtney Reitz placed third. Natasha Stratton, Betsy Layne; Heather Watkins, Allen Central; and Kacri Little of

South Floyd rounded out the top six finishers.

Brooke Hicks won the girls triple jump being measured at 31-feet, 2-inches. The jump set a new conference record beating Brandy Scott's jump of 27-feet, 1-inch. Tabitha Trammel also broke the record but had to settle for first place behind Hicks. Trammel was measured at 28-feet, 11-inches.

Prestonsburg's Bethany Joseph captured the girls shot put with a throw of 25-feet, 7-inches. Stephanie Skeans of South Floyd, placed second and Amber Smith of South Floyd finished third. Vicky Bowling, Natasha Stratton and Lyndsey Frazier rounded out the top six. Thirty feet even is the conference record held by former Allen Central thrower Jenny Wells.

In the girls discus, Sonya Tackett captured first place with a toss of 82-feet, 2-inches. Betsy Layne's Lyndsey Frazier had a throw of 67-feet, 1-inch for second place. Joseph placed third and Vicky Bowling fourth.



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PRESTONBURG'S BETHANY JOSEPH TOOK HER turn in throwing the discus. Joseph also competed in the shot put where she placed first in the conference meet at Allen Central.

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MVP

In the two-mile run, Gary Stratton of Prestonsburg, just an eighth grader, ran a 12:37.49 for first place. Allen Central's Nathan Goble placed second with a time of 13:32.74.

Third place went to Allen Central's Daniel Sazabo followed by South Floyd's Joe Skeans. Nat Blackburn, Matt Hamilton, both from Betsy Layne, finished fifth and sixth.

Hunter was clocked at 19.29 in winning the boys 110-meter high hurdles. South Floyd's Leon Brown placed second at 19.39. Kevin Woods took third place followed by Nicholas Jamerson and Josh Allen.

Hunter came back and had a time of 42.99 in winning the boys 300-meter intermediate hurdles and setting a new conference record. The time bettered the old record of 43.43 set by Matt Rose of Betsy Layne in 1998. Prestonsburg's Matt Clay finished second at 46.44 with Brown taking third place. Jamerson, Marcus Allen and Nat Blackburn finished out the field.

The 400-meter relays was won by Prestonsburg over second place finisher South Floyd. The foursome

of Clark, Jervis, Clay and Slone had a time of 48.53. Allen Central took third place and Betsy Layne fourth.

Allen Central won the 800-meter relays in a close finish over Betsy Layne. The Rebels had a time of 1:47.16. Betsy Layne finished at 1:51.58. Both South Floyd and Prestonsburg were disqualified for running in the wrong lanes.

In the 1600-meter relays, Prestonsburg just edged South Floyd for first place. Prestonsburg had a time of 4:13.19 to South Floyd's 4:13.88. Betsy Layne finished third.

Marcus Allen, Daniel Knausz, Wes Meade and Barrett Blankenship posted a time of 9:53.12 in winning the 3200-meter relays. South Floyd placed second, Allen Central third and Prestonsburg fourth.

Barrett Blankenship was measured at 5-feet, 10-inches for first place in the boys high jump. Derek Kennedy of Allen Central cleared

the bar at 5-feet, 8-inches for second place. Kyle Tackett of South Floyd and Josh Allen of Betsy Layne finished third and fourth respectively.

Pole vaulting is making its way back in the conference meet and Allen Central's Nathan Goble vaulted 7-feet even for first place. Derek Kennedy also had a clearance of 7-feet, but first place went to Goble on a tie breaker. Tony White of Prestonsburg finished fourth.

In the boys long jump, South Floyd's Kyle Tackett was measured at 18-feet, 7-inches for first place winning over Allen Central's Hunter. Dunfee placed third ahead of Kevin Woods of Prestonsburg. The rest of the field included Matt Slone, Josh Johnson, Wes Meade, and Marcus Allen.

Allen Central's Goble placed first in the difficult triple jump. Goble was measured at 37-feet, 2-inches. South Floyd's Michael Hall

placed second with Jamerson of Prestonsburg taking third place. Jamerson is an eighth grader at Allen Elementary.

Leon Brown placed fourth, Josh Allen fifth, Gary Stratton sixth and Matt Hamilton seventh.

Kevin Younce kept the conference shot put title at Prestonsburg with a throw of 39-feet, 8-inches. Jeremy Caudill, who did not compete this year, holds the conference record of 43-feet, 4-inches.

South Floyd's Jimmy Stumbo was second with a throw of 38-feet, 5-inches. Chris Spriggs placed third and fourth place went to South Floyd's Jody Hall.

Zach Chaffins of Allen Central was measured at 111-feet, 5-inches in winning the discus event. Josh Allen of Betsy Layne placed second at 107-feet, 6-inches. Matt Williams, Jimmy Stumbo, Chris Spriggs, and Kevin Younce rounded out the field.

Rally

Yates retired all six batters he faced in the two innings he worked.

Skeans yielded five runs on three hits, walked three and fanned three. Moore was shaky in the final three for the Raiders but kept the tying run stranded at second base in recording the final out.

Timmy Davis homered for Allen Central while Moore had a roundtripper for the Raiders.

Ryan Shannon led the Raiders from the plate with three hits that included a second inning triple and a double in the fourth. Byron Hall and Moore had two hits apiece.

Sizemore, while he struggled from the mound, was hot from the plate collecting four hits in as many plate appearances. Jeremy Hayes and Davis had two hits each.

Trailing the Raiders 10-5, Allen Central scored twice in the sixth inning and plated two more in the seventh.

Allen Central put the first two runners on base in the fifth inning against Skeans but Moore came on to get the next three on fly balls leaving the two runners on base.

Yates struck out the side in the Raider half of the fifth and the Rebels made it a 10-7 game with two in the sixth. Hayes started the rally with a lead off single and Moore walked Dwight McKinney. After Davis went out on a fly ball to center, Yates followed suit but an error allowed one run to come in and Sizemore's fourth hit scored McKinney.

Yates got a pitcher-friendly double play ball to retire the Raiders in the bottom of the sixth.

Allen Central rallied for two more in the top of the seventh after the first two batters had been retired by Moore. Allen and Davis coaxed Moore for consecutive walks and Yates doubled both runners home. With Yates representing the tying run, he was left stranded when Brandon Hansford hit a fly ball to Shannon in centerfield for the final out.

South Floyd took a 1-0 lead in the first on a single by Shannon who moved to second on an error and came home on Mike Hall's RBI single.

The Raiders made it a 4-0 game with three runs in the second base hits by Kyle Tackett and Kevin McKinney and Shannon's two run triple.

Two runs scored for Allen Central in the third inning on base hits by Davis and Sizemore's sec-

ond hit of the game. The Rebels were aided by a South Floyd error making one run unearned.

South Floyd's third inning unfolded with Byron Hall getting a triple and Moore following with his home run that gave the Raiders a 6-2 lead.

In the fourth, Allen Central pulled to within a run with three in the inning. All three runs scored on Davis' three-run home run. Bentley walked to start the inning and Hayes singled in front of Davis.

A four run fourth for South Floyd gave the Raiders a 10-5 lead, with one out, Shannon doubled and

scored on Mike Hall's second hit of the game. Hall came home when Byron Hall singled and Moore drove in Mike Hall with a base hit. Nick Moore singled home Hall and he came home with the fourth run on Kyle Tackett's base hit.

The two teams will return to the diamond this Monday evening in the first round of the 58th District baseball tournament. Allen Central, the one seed, will meet fourth seed Prestonsburg Monday night. Tuesday night, the third seed Raiders will take on second seed Betsy Layne. Game time is set for 5 p.m. at the Garrett Park.

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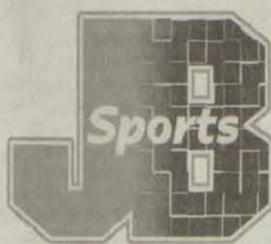
ALLEN CENTRAL'S DEREK KENNEDY placed second in conference pole vaulting at Allen Central Thursday evening.



(photo by Ed Taylor)

THIS SOUTH FLOYD JUMPER COMPETED in the long jump event at Allen Central. All four high schools converged on the Allen Central track and field facility for the annual meet.

If sports could have season



by Jason Blanton

Over the past couple weeks, the television networks have been battling for rating with its season ending cliffhangers.

We've all been glued to our seats about how our favorite shows will end. Will the show answer the big questions or leave us wondering until the next TV season?

Covering sports for the past 18 years, I have been lucky enough to cover some great local and state events.

With the networks battling for ratings, I kept thinking this week, what if the television sports departments could do the same thing.

Mark McGuire getting ready for home run number 62. He is in the on-deck circle when the game stops. And an announcement is made over the public address system, "Will he hit his 62nd home run? Find out next season."

Right as Fusaichi Pegasus was about to win the Kentucky Derby, the TV you are watching went black

and on the screen it says "Tune in next season." You know, the people who had money on the race wouldn't mind waiting for the fall season to see if they've won.

The point is, we are lucky to have sports but it seems it is getting more and more difficult to tell sports from regular television programming.

Between the killings and other crimes committed by athletes these days, it is hard to tell if you are watching SportsCenter or Cops.

Most of the athletes shouldn't and don't want to be role models. They blame the parents and the parents blame them. I think it is both the athlete and the parents' responsibility.

Parents should take more of an involvement in raising their own children. Don't just send them to the grandparents. Don't just let them watch 100 hours of TV or play 100 hours of video games a week. Get to know your kids.

Kids used to like to play outside until dark. I know because I used to ride my bike down to our local school and play baseball, football and basketball until just about dark and we would have between 15 and 20 kids a day. It's sometime hard to even get the kids to play in P.E. class or recess now days.

Athletes should take enough pride in the fact that they are the lucky ones who have made it to the professional levels that they act like grown ups. I not saying that all of

them have to be saints, but they should act professional.

I guess I just living in my own TV world.

Right, Beav?
Stay tuned.

Proposed alignment offers little change

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association released its proposed football alignment for the 2000-2001 season this week. Locally, at first look, it appears that things won't change that much.

In Class A, Allen Central, Elkhorn City, Fleming-Neon, Hazard, Jenkins, Paintsville, Phelps, Pikeville and South Floyd will be in Semi-State 2, Region 4, District 8.

In Class AA, Belfry, Betsy Layne, Pike County Central, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley and Whitesburg will be in Semi-State 2, Region 4, District 8.

One change that might occur will be Johnson Central dropping from AAAA to AAA. The Golden Eagles along with Boyd County will move into (Semi-State 2) Region 4, District 8. Ashland, Boyd County, Greenup County, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Rowan County and Sheldon Clark should make it a great district.

The KHSAA Board of Control approved a draft of the realignment and the schools have until June 30 to replay. The board will finalize the

Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

While things are reaching the quarter-pole in Major League Baseball, its time to wind down the diamond sports on the high school level.

Next week, district tournaments in baseball and softball will begin across the Commonwealth. Only two teams will advance from each district to the regional tournaments.

This means some pretty good athletes will have their careers come to an end next week. Some of the area's most gifted baseball and softball players will find their team on the short end of the scoreboard, while some very good football and basketball players, who are playing baseball to help out and be role-players in many circumstances, will play for the final time as representatives of their school.

This is never an easy time. It's a sign that things are winding down. Graduation is on the horizon, and soon, the only lifestyle these young men and women have ever known will be gone.

It's been 15 years since I played my last baseball game. It was our only trip to the regional tournament in my four years, and was easily the worst of the four teams I played on. Charlie Adkins and the Paintsville Tigers — with three young sophomores named John Pelphrey (the basketball star), Joey Couch (the football prodigy) and Mike Minix (the baseball stud) — beat the life out of us.

It was bittersweet. We'd realized the dream of the regional tournament, but it all came crashing down on us once we got there.

Be mindful of these seniors this week. If you've followed a particular school, be sure to pat these young people on the back and thank them for representing you, for the time and dedication it took.

They'll remember it for a lot longer than you will.

As most of you who regularly read this space know, I'm an avid horse-racing enthusiast. In fact, many nights I've spent lying in bed trying to decide whether to turn the ol' Box into an equestrian-only space.

I mean, T.J. pretty well sticks to hunting and the like. My buddy Steve Mickey never talks about how badly his Pirates are whipping on people, always sticking to NASCAR.

Anyway, I can honestly say when I flipped the tele to the Kentucky Derby two weeks ago, I had no earthly idea as to any horse. Not one name. No clue.

But as they loaded them up, the winner became clear to me. One horse wore No. 12, which was the number I wore in my previously-mentioned days as a big-time high school athlete. And then there was the name: Fusaichi Pegasus.

This meant something to me because one of my favorite wrestlers, Chris Benoit, uses the

name Wild Pegasus when grappling in Japan.

Anyway, for my long-awaited prediction for tomorrow's Preakness: Yep, give me Fusaichi Pegasus. For starters, it's still the only horse I know that is competing in this race.

And if he/she/it wins, maybe, just maybe, before the Belmont I'll find out what the heck "Fusaichi Pegasus" means, and share it with the class.

You're welcome, Herbst.

And with a mention of Chicago-native Herbst, my favorite news/sports writer in all of Winchester, how about those Cub fans, huh?

You know ol' Harry was rolling in his grave when a fellow Bud Man jumped Dodger pitcher Chad Kreuter and stole his hat during a rare night game at Wrigley Field.

It just goes to show what's been said a lot in recent years. Fans have forgotten their roles in this whole mess. They're there to see the show, not be a part of it. Of course,

in this era of modern technology, it's amazing that major league baseball can't figure out a way to limit patrons to, say, two beers a game instead of eight.

But that begs this question — if a park is owned by the city, as so many seem to be these days, how do you tell the city how it can handle what it sells in the concession stand?

And finally...

This is a big week for my family. Of course, Mother's Day was last Sunday, and this week, in addition to a prom for my niece, there are three birthdays in my immediate family.

I want to borrow a little space here to wish my parents a happy birthday. Mom celebrated Tuesday and Dad moves up a notch Sunday. They're special people, and are responsible for making me the person I am today.

They're the reason I'm opinionated, I have morals and am bull-headed in many instances.

And I thank them for all of it.

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Seed 4: Prestonsburg

May 24, 2000
5 p.m.

CHAMPIONS

Seed 2: Betsy Layne

May 23, 2000 – 5 p.m.

Seed 3: South Floyd



GIRLS 58TH DISTRICT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT Garrett Park, May 22-24

Seed 1: Allen Central

May 22, 2000 – 5 p.m.

Seed 4: Prestonsburg

May 24, 2000
5 p.m.

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2000 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Bobby Labonte, 1,601	Jeff Green, 1,793	Mike Wallace, 1,314
2. Ward Burton, 1,598	Todd Bodine, 1,710	Jack Sprague, 1,274
3. Mark Martin, 1,568	Matt Kenseth, 1,540	Andy Houston, 1,183
4. Jeff Burton, 1,542	Randy LaJoie, 1,474	Steve Grissom, 1,182
5. Dale Earnhardt, 1,523	Ron Hornaday, 1,456	Greg Biffle, 1,177
6. Dale Jarrett, 1,470	Jason Keller, 1,431	Dennis Setzer, 1,126
7. Rusty Wallace, 1,436	David Green, 1,396	Kurt Busch, 1,106
8. Ricky Rudd, 1,411	Kevin Harvick, 1,371	Joe Ruttman, 1,094
9. Jeff Gordon, 1,400	Elton Sawyer, 1,311	Jimmy Hensley, 1,035
10. Terry Labonte, 1,357	Hank Parker Jr., 1,275	Rick Crawford, 1,029

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. (1) Bobby Labonte | Has never won The Winston |
| 2. (2) Jeff Burton | Nor has Burton |
| 3. (3) Mark Martin | Won it in 1998 |
| 4. (4) Ward Burton | Mr. Consistency so far |
| 5. (5) Dale Earnhardt | Has most wins at Winston |
| 6. (6) Rusty Wallace | Bumped DW in 1989 |
| 7. (7) Dale Jarrett | Twice won first segment |
| 8. (8) Dale Earnhardt Jr. | In the field for first time |
| 9. (9) Jeff Gordon | Victories in '95 and '97 |
| 10. (10) Tony Stewart | Second last year |

2000 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
May 20	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
May 28	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 4	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 11	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 18	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 25	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 1	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 9	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 23	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 5	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Indianapolis
Aug. 13	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 20	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 26	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 3	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 9	Richmond International Speedway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 17	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 24	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 1	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 8	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 15	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 22	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 5	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 12	Homestead-Miami Speedway	Homestead, Fla.

FROM LAST WEEK

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

LOUDON, N.H. — Tim Fedewa swept both the pole and the victory in the Busch 200 at New Hampshire International Speedway. The annual stand-alone BGN event was marred by the tragic death of fourth-generation driver Adam Petty, who crashed in practice at noon on May 12, the day before the event. Jeff Green finished second, followed in order by Jason Keller, Todd Bodine and Hank Parker Jr.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

MILLINGTON, Tenn. — Jack Sprague made it two in a row, capturing the Quaker State 200 at the 0.75-mile track near Memphis. Sprague called the victory "a gift" because he took advantage of a slipup by Ford driver Greg Biffle on the final lap. Sprague managed to pull to within 40 points of Mike Wallace, who finished fourth, in the season standings. It was Sprague's seventh consecutive finish of third or better.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Dale Earnhardt Jr. vs. Tony Stewart

At Richmond, a pit-road bump from Earnhardt Jr.'s Chevy prevented Stewart from winning the Pontiac Excitement 400. Earnhardt Jr. went on to win the second race of his rookie season.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Was the bump intentional? No. Does that make it any easier for Stewart to accept? No. Is the 1999 rookie of the year overdue for a 2000 victory? Yes."

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

What: The Winston
Where: Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C. (1.5-mile track)
Format: 70 green flag laps/105 miles in three segments
When: Saturday, May 20
Defending champion: Terry Labonte
Event qualifying record: Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 146.830 mph (qualifying run includes a pit stop), 1999

Drivers in the field: Jeff Gordon, Mark Martin, Jeff Burton, Terry Labonte, Rusty Wallace, John Andretti, Dale Earnhardt, Dale Jarrett, Bobby Labonte, Tony Stewart, Joe Nemechek, Ward Burton, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeremy Mayfield, Kenny Irwin, Bill Elliott, Darrell Waltrip, Michael Waltrip, winner of Winston Open, winner of No Bull Sprint
Race record: The three-segment format makes an overall average speed impossible to determine, since different drivers

may win each segment. Last year's event was run in a total elapsed time of 34 minutes, 20 seconds.
Notable: Dale Earnhardt is the only three-time winner of The Winston.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

What: Grainger.com 200
Where: Pikes Peak International Raceway (1-mile track)
Format: 186 laps/miles
When: Sunday, May 21

Defending champion: Mike Wallace

Track qualifying record: Mike Bliss, Ford, 132.827 mph, May 15, 1999

Race record: Mike Wallace, Ford, 107.777 mph, May 16, 1999

Notable: Ron Hornaday won the first SuperTruck race at Pikes Peak in 1998. ... Bliss has won both poles. ... Jimmy Hensley finished fifth in both previous events.

PROFILE

Adam Petty

IN MEMORY: 1980-2000
By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Everyone who knew Adam Petty feels a sense of loss at his passing. Many who never knew him felt like they did. He was a warm, personable young man who carried the great legacy of his family with grace and dignity.

The 19-year-old driver, who on April 2 became the only fourth-generation driver in the history of NASCAR's top series, had his promising career cut tragically short when he was killed in a May 12 practice crash before Busch Grand National qualifying at New Hampshire International Speedway.

In the autumn of 1998, when Adam won an ARCA race at what was then known as Charlotte Motor Speedway, among the words I wrote were these:

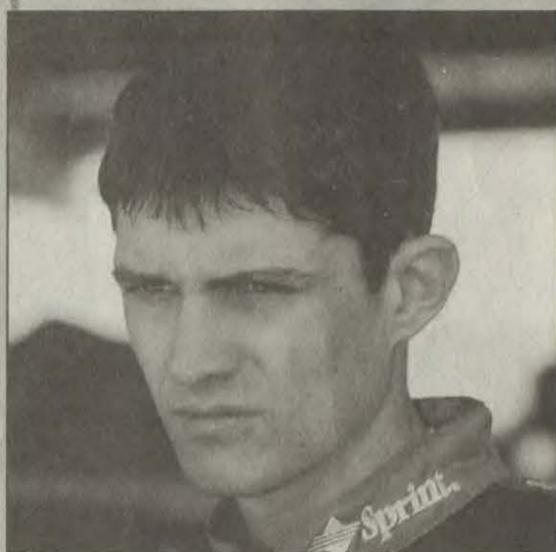
"The mission of Adam, like the crew of the starship Enterprise, is apparently to go where no man has gone before."

"Adam Petty is tall, skinny and using Clearasil, and he could sub for David Letterman right now."

"On Wednesday night at Charlotte Motor Speedway, he won the very first Automobile Racing Club of America race in which he ever competed. By family standards, this is nothing new. Kyle was also 18 when he won the ARCA 200 at Daytona in 1979."

"After Adam's victory, all the kid needed was a guy sitting nearby with a snare drum."

"Of his dad's victorious ARCA debut, Adam said, 'He told me when he won his, he was out of control. Was he 18? Same age as me. He was an 18-year-old kid, and they turned him loose going



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Adam Petty was killed during practice May 12.

200 miles an hour. What else is an 18-year-old kid going to do? He's going to 'mat it and go.'"

No one ever met Adam without thinking to himself, what a great kid. He was happy-go-lucky, hopelessly cheerful, so full of life that he lit up a room when he walked into it.

Perhaps it only seems like to borrow a cliché that Billy Joel also borrowed, "only the good die young." Perhaps they shine with such bright, unfulfilled promise in our memories that their image lingers.

Dead at 19. How harsh can three words be? Forget about what records Adam might have set. What hurts is the great loss of his vitality.

Born: July 10, 1980, in High Point, N.C.

Family: His great-grandfather, Lee Petty, who died on April 5, won 54 races and three

championships. His grandfather, Richard, is the sport's winningest driver with 200 career victories and seven championships. His father, Kyle, is the winner of eight Winston Cup races. In addition to his mother and father, he is survived by a brother, Austin (18), and a sister, Montgomery Lee (14).

Car: No. 45 Sprint Chevrolet, owned by Petty Enterprises

Career statistics: In his only Winston Cup race, Adam Petty started 33rd and placed 40th, earning \$38,675. He was in his second season in the Busch Series, where his best finish was fourth at California Speedway in 1999. For his BGN career, Adam made 40 starts, finished in the top five three times and in the top 10 four times. He finished 20th in the 1999 point standings and ranked 24th in 2000 at the time of his death.

Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I have been watching NASCAR racing since day one and can tell an accidental bump in the rear from an intentional bump in the left rear to cause a spinout or a very serious accident. It may not happen real often, but it does happen. The pros know just how to do it. I think NASCAR should keep a closer eye on it, especially in the closing laps of a race. Let's keep it clean.

Vern Oiler
Watertown, Wis.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
My husband and I are just furious after watching the DirecTV 500 race all day on CBS. They just can't take a minute or two to put the standings up. Everyone's favorite driver doesn't always end up in the top 10. After all, there are 43 cars in the race.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary King
Canton, Ohio

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I have a concern for the short thinking of NASCAR toward (its) Craftsman Truck Series. They seem to be concerned about how well it is doing. Well, why don't they help them out? If my figures are right, Winston Cup has 34 races, Busch has 32 races and the trucks have 24 races. Busch draws a lot of its fans because of having 21 of its 32 races on the Saturday before a Sunday Winston Cup race at the same track. Both Winston Cup and Busch Series field 43 cars for a race. Why have only 36 for a Craftsman Truck field on those same tracks and send trucks home without letting them race? If NASCAR wants to make the Craftsman Truck Series a success, then help them out a little more!

Larry Parke
Benton, Ky.

Thanks for your comments.

Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Dale Earnhardt Jr., the Winston Cup Series' only two-time winner.

■ **NOT:** Ricky Rudd, the highest-ranked driver in the point standings without a

Trackside Trivia

1. Who was the car owner when Dale Earnhardt won his first Winston Cup championship?
2. Who succeeded David Pearson as driver of the Wood Brothers Ford?
3. Where did Buddy Baker win for the first time?

ANSWERS
1. Rod Osterlund. 2. Neil Bonnett. 3. Charlotte Motor Speedway, on Oct. 15, 1967.

Fan Tips

■ Fans who want to offer their personal condolences to the Petty family in the aftermath of Adam Petty's tragic death may e-mail the family at a special address (adamcondolencescybertrack.com). More than 12,000 messages had been received as of the morning of May 15, the day of Adam's funeral in High Point, N.C.

AROUND THE GARAGE

Winston Cup, BGN headed to Chicagoland, Kansas City

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

NASCAR will take its Winston Cup and Busch Grand National series to two more major markets in 2001. The addition of Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., and Kansas Speedway, just across the Missouri River from Kansas City, Mo., were officially announced May 8 in separate press conferences.

"By bringing our competitors to these major markets, we are creating the greatest overall awareness and enthusiasm for our sport," said NASCAR's chief operating officer, Mike Helton.

"We hope even more new fans will join with existing fans to enjoy

another breakthrough year," he added.

The announcement brought generally positive reviews, but some question the wisdom of stretching an already crowded schedule from 34 to 36 races, the most in 30 years, and from 36 to 38 weekends when the two annual all-star events are added in.

The Chicagoland track, located about 30 miles southwest of downtown Chicago, will hold a BGN/Cup doubleheader on July 14-15, 2001. Kansas Speedway will get its debut weekend with the same two series on Sept. 29-30, 2001.

SHORT-TRACK PIONEER

DIES: Arthur H. (Pete) Blackwell, who had owned Greenville-Pickens (S.C.) Speedway along with brother Tom for the past 43 years, died of lung cancer in Greenville on the afternoon of May 11.

The half-mile track is the longest continually sanctioned NASCAR track, having been in operation for 55 years. The predecessor to today's Winston Cup Series held races at Greenville-Pickens from 1951 through 1971. ABC's "Wide World of Sports" televised the first live, flag-to-flag broadcast of a NASCAR event at Greenville-Pickens on April 10, 1971, won by the late Bobby Isaac.

Blackwell, who was 73, is survived by wife Lenore and sons Craig

and Gary.

SALUTING THE YOUNG FARMERS: Chad Little's Ford, sponsored by John Deere, will feature the Future Farmers of America logo on its hood in the Coca-Cola 600. Little's sponsor has supported "FFA initiatives for 57 ... of the organization's 72-year history," according to a news release.

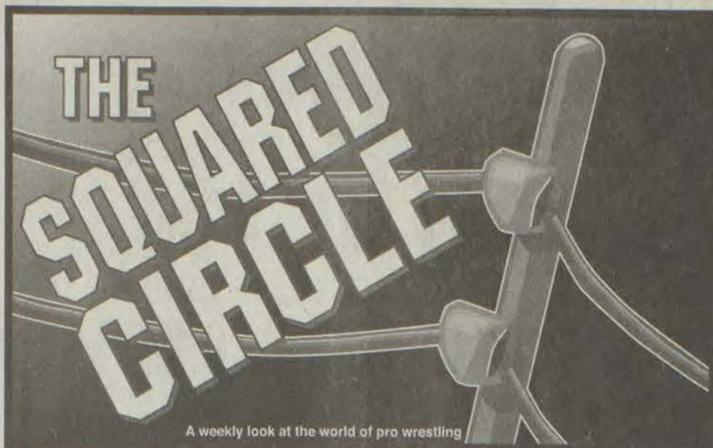
NEW SEATS: Martinsville (Va.) Speedway will open 5,000 new seats in turn one and two for the Oct. 1 Winston Cup race. Tickets in the Old Dominion Tower will go on sale on Wednesday, June 14.

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ **Busch Grand National driver Tim Fedewa took part in the annual charity motorcycle ride founded by Kyle Petty, and Fedewa was greatly affected by the tragic death of Petty's 19-year-old son Adam in a Friday practice crash at New Hampshire International Speedway. Fedewa and crew chief Billy Nacewicz stole their resolve, however, and the driver's victory in the Busch 200 was dedicated to Adam's memory.**

FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ **The first NASCAR driver to win four races in a row in the Grand National Division (now known as Winston Cup) was Billy Wade, who drove Bud Moore's Mercury to that feat in a series of races on the circuit's old "Northern Tour" in 1964. Tragically, Wade's promising career was snuffed out at the age of 34. He was killed in a tire test at Daytona on Jan. 5, 1965.**



A weekly look at the world of pro wrestling

TOP 10

1. The Rock, WWF
2. Jeff Jarrett, WCW
3. Justin Credible, ECW
4. Chris Benoit, WWF
5. Scott Steiner, WCW
6. Chris Jericho, WWF
7. Rhino, ECW
8. Rikishi Phatu, WWF
9. Raven, ECW



■ JUSTIN CREDIBLE



■ SCOTT STEINER

Look for: Tajiri to feud with some larger opponents in ECW.

PAY-PER-VIEW

- WWF, Judgment Day, Louisville, Ky., May 21
- WCW, Great American Bash, Baltimore, June 11
- WWF, King of the Ring, Boston, June 25

MAILBAG

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines.

Also, if you have a question or comment about a subject, write to us at The Squared Circle, c/o Sports, News Journal, 70 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. You can fax it to us at 419-521-7415 or e-mail to aconchel@thornnews.com. Please include your hometown along with this information.

Dear Squared Circle, Here are my top tag teams:

1. The Outsiders
2. Hardy Boyz
3. Dudley Boyz
4. Buff Bagwell & Shane Douglas
5. X-Pac and Road Dogg
6. Test and Albert
7. Kane and Rikishi
8. Head Cheese (Al Snow and Steve Blackman)
9. Too Cool

— Chris Rowland, Weymouth, Mass.

Dear Squared Circle, Here are my favorite wrestlers:

1. Mick Foley
2. Edge
3. The Rock
4. Jeff Hardy
5. Kane
6. Tazz
7. Chris Jericho
8. Rikishi
9. Undertaker
10. Crash Holly

Also, are other WWF wrestlers coming out with books?

— Pat Leonard, Canton, Mass.

A: It seems almost everyone in the WWF is planning on writing a book, but right now only a few have publishers lined up. Watch the WWF's Web site for updates.

Dear Squared Circle, Just what the hell is wrong with WCW? They got that screwball Vince Russo and nut Eric Bischoff running things. It's not wrestling like it used to be. Put Russo and Bischoff in a cage and let them two kill each other. I used to think a lot of WCW, but it stinks now.

— Paul Wollman, Yankton, S.D.

A: Paul has some serious issues with the new powers that be in WCW.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Chris Candido vs. Crowbar, WCW

CATCH PHRASES

"Big Poppa Pump is your hook-up. Holler if you hear me."

— Scott Steiner

REAL NAMES

Balls Mahoney
Jonathan Richner

6-2, 335

Hometown:
Cateret, N.J.

Birthday: April 11, 1972

Pro debut: 1987

MAT MEMORIES

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ April 27, 1962: Dick Beyer dons The Destroyer mask for the first time, beating Seymour Koenig in San Diego.

■ Jan. 23, 1978: Tatsumi Fujinami beats Jose Estrada to win the WWWF junior heavyweight title in Madison Square Garden.

WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT

ON THE RISE



Mike Awesome: The big man bolted ECW and is feuding with Hulk Hogan. With his size (6-6, 292) and agility, WCW should keep him in the spotlight all year.

TAKING A FALL



Mark Henry: After receiving pushes early in his WWF career, management became disenchanted with his work ethic. Now he's seldom given TV time.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



■ Road Dogg is scheduled to be at Pillman 2000 in Cincinnati on May 25.

PILLMAN'S FRIENDS REUNITE AGAIN

By Anthony Conchel
Squared Circle Editor

CINCINNATI — I still see the tears well up in Melanie's eyes as she speaks to other wrestlers about her husband, the late Brian Pillman.

I still see images of Chris Benoit, Ric Flair and Ricky Steamboat fighting back tears as they speak of their fallen comrade and friend.

And I'll never forget the image of Brian Jr. jumping off the tumbuckle like his daddy used to do.

I can't believe it's been a year since the Brian Pillman Memorial, and that the third annual event is right around the corner. Brian Pillman Memorial, Pillman 2000, set for May 25 in Cincinnati, offers another chance for fans and wrestlers alike to pay tribute to Pillman, who died Oct. 5, 1997, in a hotel room in Bloomington, Minn., from an enlarged heart. Pillman had become addicted to painkillers prior to his death, reports indicated.

All proceeds from the event benefit Melanie and her children. Last year more than \$35,000 was raised through ticket sales, a silent auction and autographed photos of wrestlers from all three major promotions.

Headlining the card will be Raven and Justin Credible for the ECW world title. A tag team bout featuring Dean Malenko and Chris Benoit (along with Woman) against fellow WWF Radicalz Eddy Guerrero and Perry Saturn also will take place.

A strong supporting card is planned as well, with about 10 matches booked.

But what makes this show special isn't just what goes on in the ring. It's what takes place throughout the day and evening in Pillman's hometown.

I arrived early last year, about 3 p.m., because I wanted to get some photos of the wrestlers mingling with fans and talk to a few stars prior to their matches.

What I witnessed was nothing short of spectacular.

I saw Ric Flair putting down his cell phone to take photos with youngsters.

I saw fans wait in line for nearly two hours to get their pictures taken with top stars like Flair, Mankind, Road Dogg and Al Snow.

I saw wrestlers from the WWF and WCW exchange laughs, tell stories and shed a few tears for colleagues who died too soon like Pillman, Rick Rude and (just a few days later) Owen Hart.

I saw a blind man and his guide dog brought to the show just so he could be a part of the event, even though he never saw a single minute of it.

I saw Missy Hyatt fight back tears as she spoke of Pillman.

I saw guys with tough exteriors like Dean Malenko suddenly soften at the mention of Pillman's name.

I saw Les Thatcher, a veteran promoter and organizer of this event, get choked up talking about Flyin' Brian, the former Cincinnati Bengal who went on to a great, albeit short, career in the squared circle.

And I witnessed a community of wrestlers donate their time, their talents and even their personal effects so that Melanie Pillman and her children would have financial security.

What I saw mostly was caring. I saw men who are as tough as they come, like The Crippler, talk about Pillman's contribution to the sport.

And I saw a widow and her children genuinely touched by the emotional outpouring of several thousand fans and a roomful of wrestlers. This is a special night in wrestling, honoring a unique performer.

This is the night that politics doesn't matter. Titles don't matter. Egos and differences are easily put aside.

This night's about Brian Pillman, his legacy and his enduring friendships.

AFTER THE BELL

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ Joey Abs, Rodney and Pete Gas, collectively known as the WWF's Mean Street Posse, have been sent down to Memphis Championship Wrestling to work on their ring skills. Several wrestlers who are under WWF contract currently compete in MCW.

■ The World Wrestling Council, based in Puerto Rico, is planning a partnership with WCW. It will likely be similar to what ECW and the WWF have done in trading talent.

■ There has been much talk about Shawn Michaels returning to the WWF. If he does, it'll be in a commissioner's role, not as an active wrestler. Look for his return soon.

■ Billy Gunn, after meeting with his doctors, began rehab on his shoulder. He had surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff a while back.

■ Raven is back to a full schedule after taking it easy for a few weeks.

■ WCW has brought in indy star Christopher Daniels, but hasn't yet decided how best to use him.

■ Mick Foley has been touring the country promoting his book. He's also going to Asia this summer. Despite rumors to the contrary, Foley insists he's not interested in getting back into the ring ... at least not yet.

■ There are rumors of a ladder match between Chris Jericho and Chris Benoit for the Intercontinental Title at WWF Judgment Day or at a later time. The main event for Judgment Day is an iron man match between The Rock and Triple H for the WWF title. The last WWF iron man match was between Shawn Michaels and Bret Hart.

■ Canyon practiced his flying bump three times the day before Slamboree on a stack of cardboard boxes with stunt coordinators present to oversee him. He wasn't seriously hurt during the stunt at the pay-per-view, but did get the wind knocked out of him.

■ Contrary to earlier reports, Tazz will not be needing surgery on his torn bicep after MRI results showed that the tear was not as bad as first thought. The physical therapy and rehab will cut recovery time down to six weeks, putting him back in action by late June or early July.

■ The Blue Meanie has left the WWF's Memphis farm promotion to concentrate on family matters. No word on whether the WWF will give Da Blue Guy another shot.

■ The Springfield (Illinois) State Journal-Register reported that Buff Bagwell was arrested after allegedly striking a WCW employee at the "Thunder" tapings last week. The employee, a crew member, suffered swelling to his neck after Bagwell allegedly struck him backstage. Bagwell, who spent the night in lockup, faces a possible charge of battery.

COMING TO YOUR TOWN

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

- WWF...
May 22, "Raw Is War," Indianapolis
- May 23, "Smackdown!" Evansville, Ind.
- May 27, Calgary, Alberta

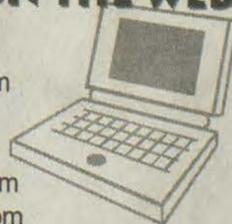
- WCW...
May 21, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- May 22, "Nitro," Grand Rapids, Mich.



- ECW...
May 26, Toledo, Ohio
- May 27, Columbus, Ohio
- June 2, New Orleans
- June 3, Philadelphia

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by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

South Floyd's Shannon inks with Alice Lloyd

to be a talented team, but losing such an individual as Ryan, who is a vocal leader, is going to be tough.

"He set the example in practice. He is the hardest worker of any individual I have been associated with," said the South Floyd coach.

some very productive years for us," said Coach Stepp. "The freshman season is always a learning season. When we have out best teams, our national teams, freshmen hardly played, Last year we had some freshmen who did contribute."

Alice Lloyd finished 16-15 this past season after going 15-17 the year before that. Coach Stepp is hoping the program can return to the championship seasons.

How much playing time Shannon will get with the Eagles will depend on Ryan, according to Coach Stepp.

"If Ryan comes in next year ready and is better than someone else who got time last season, he could get a chance at some minutes. In fact, I am hoping that will happen."

Shannon said that the two coaches mirror each other and they should. Webb played for Stepp at Alice Lloyd.

"Both of them are a lot like," said Shannon. "You work hard our you don't play."

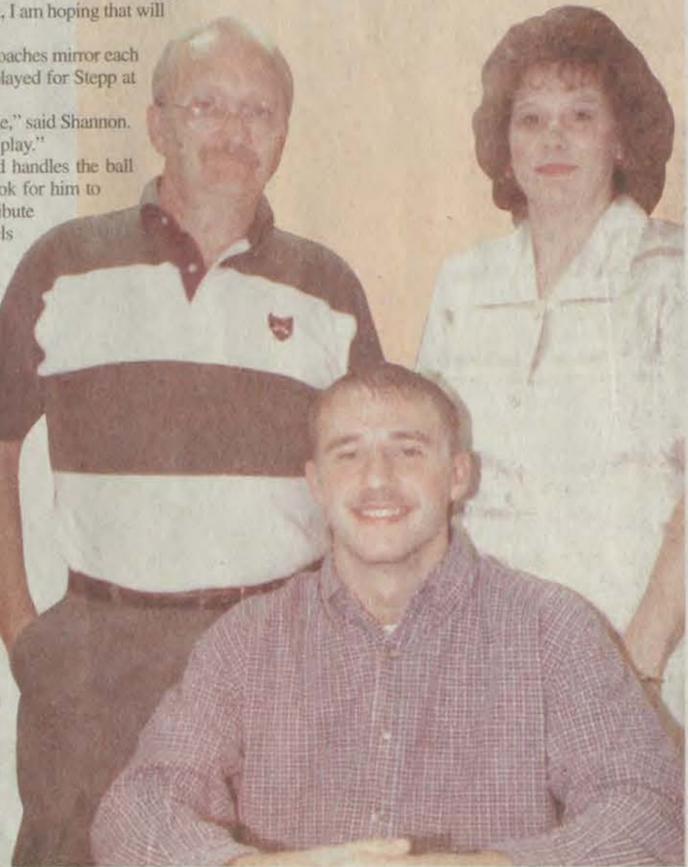
"Ryan is a quick guard and handles the ball well," said Coach Webb. "I look for him to go to Alice Lloyd and contribute right away. Coach Stepp feels like he can step in and contribute. I look for him to be a leader over there. His biggest asset will be his quickness."

Shannon recalled his four seasons at South Floyd and the turn the program took when Coach Webb arrived.

"The first two years were down hill for us," said Shannon. "We didn't know how were going to do. Coach Webb came in and told us to work hard. Every night we knew if we played hard good things were going to happen. It is going to be tough to leave but it is something you have to do."

Coach Stepp said he views Shannon with a bright future in Eagle basketball.

"I look at Ryan as someone who has the potential to have



South Floyd point guard Ryan Shannon signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Alice Lloyd College for the 2000-2001 season.

Shannon lettered four years for the Raider basketball team and averaged just over 13 points per game his senior year. He handed out almost five assists per game.

Shannon was the floor general for Coach Henry Webb and instrumental in leading the South Floyd team to their best ever season where they finished 26-6, a season that included winning the All-A regional tournament as well as their first-ever 58th District tournament.

Shannon said he hopes to make a contribution as a freshman in Coach Jim Stepp's Eagle program but knows much will be required as a frosh.

"I hope to be able to contribute in my first year," said Shannon. "But I also know that I will have to go over there and work very hard if I expect to play."

Shannon said he is also aware that nothing is going to be handed to him, but it all will come through working hard.

"I have to give 110 percent and I know that it is not going to be easy," he said. "But also, I know that I intend to work very hard and do the best I can."

Shannon was like another coach on the floor for the Raiders and was a very vocal person, leading by example. Sometimes he played so hard, it affected his game on the court.

Coach Webb said enough good things could not be said about Shannon.

"I have been coaching him since he was in the seventh grade," said Coach Webb. "I am very proud of Ryan. He was a tremendous leader for us."

Alice Lloyd coach, Jim Stepp, said he was impressed

with the lefthanded guard when he first saw him.

"I really like Ryan," he said. "He is a go-getter a very vocal guard which you want in your point guard."

Coach Stepp said the potential to be a solid player in the Eagle program is there in Shannon.

"He has the potential to be a very nice player for us," said the Eagle mentor. "He is the type of player you like to see pick up full court or pick up straight man."

"Ryan really developed in that area this past year in the system they played in breaking down the defense. His decision making is going to improve because he is going against some bigger people."

Both Donnie and Linda Shannon said they were very pleased with the Ryan's decision to sign on with Alice Lloyd.

"I am real pleased with the decision he made," said Donnie. "It is closer to home for us and we can go over and watch him play ball. I think he can be a big help over at Alice Lloyd."

Mothers are always the worst ones to see their children leave home. Linda Shannon is no different, but she is acceptable of the fact he will be leaving.

"I am real proud of him and I think the decision he made was a good one for all of us," she said. "At Alice Lloyd I can be there for him if I need to be. Really, it will still be like he is still here."

Linda didn't want to even think of his leaving high school, saying it would be different.

"It is going to be different for him going to college," she said. "It will be like he is grown up and I don't have him anymore. But he is still mine and it will be a little bit different."

Coach Webb said losing a player the caliber of Shannon will be missed next season.

"My biggest concern about next year, and we are going

Raider star inks with Eagles in basketball

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

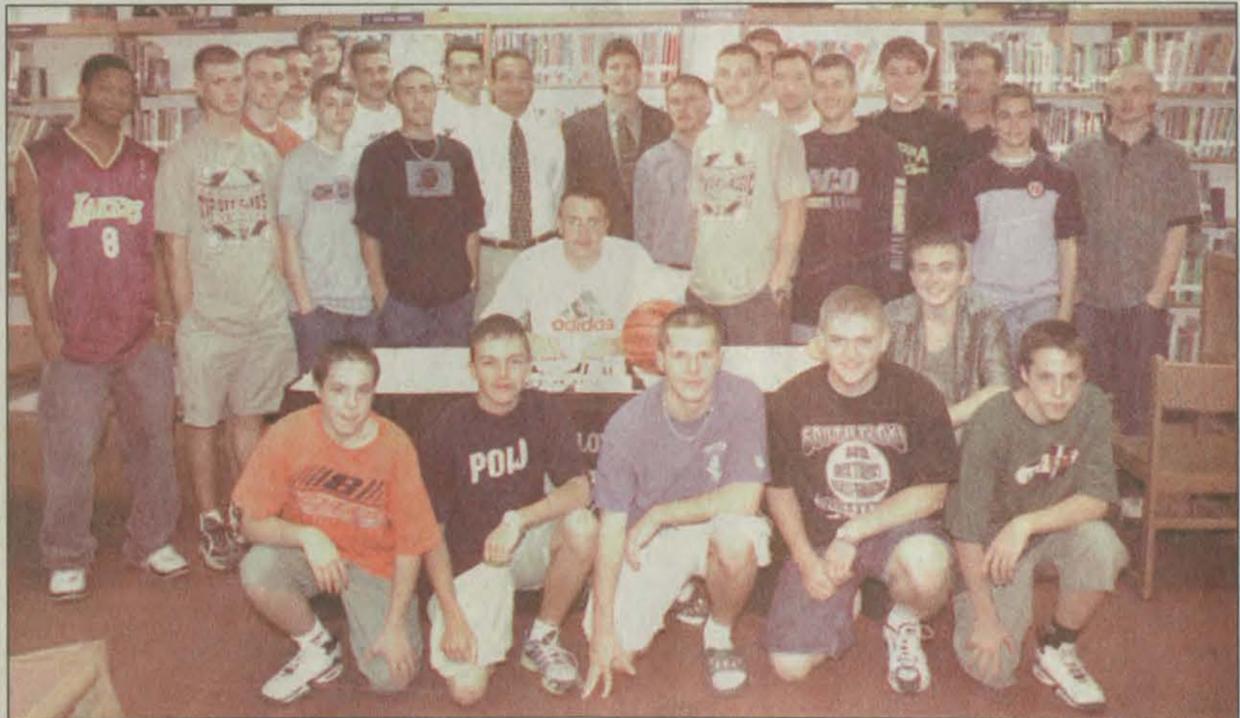
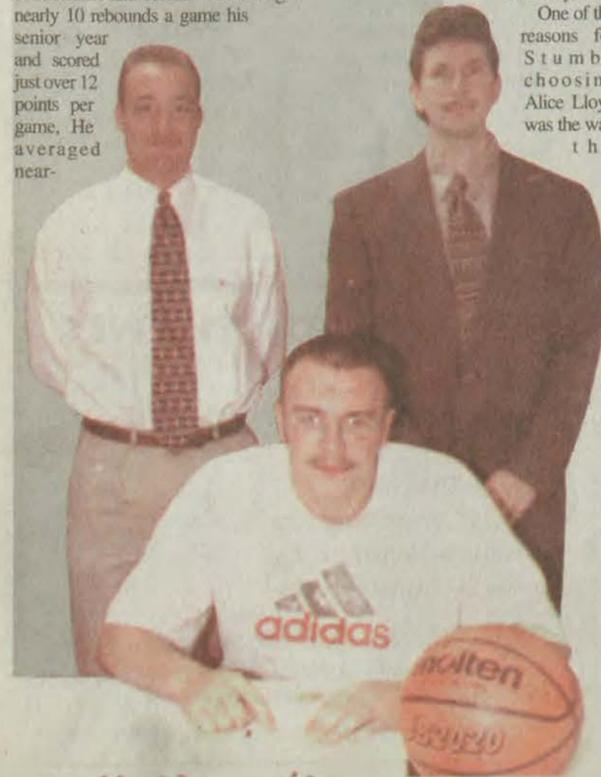
Alice Lloyd College head basketball coach Jim Stepp has visions of his Eagles soaring higher than they have in the past two seasons and he took a step to fill a void in the middle by signing former South Floyd center, Jimmy Stumbo to a letter of intent.

Stumbo had a solid senior season on both offense and defense. He averaged nearly 10 rebounds a game his senior year and scored just over 12 points per game. He averaged near-

ly five block shots per game. He was named Conference Player of the Year in Floyd County this past basketball season, help leading South Floyd to their first-ever 58th District title.

The 6'5" Stumbo signed with the Eagles Thursday afternoon in the presence of teammates in the school's library and was the second from Floyd County to sign with the Eagles. Temmate Ryan Shannon signed the same day.

One of the reasons for Stumbo choosing Alice Lloyd was the way



program has come along since Stepp's return to the helm two seasons ago.

"They (Alice Lloyd) are on the uprise in basketball," said Stumbo, "and they have been getting better every year. It is a good academic school. After visiting there I like the classes, people and coaching staff."

Stumbo said he plans to major in physical education while at Alice Lloyd. South Floyd coach Henry Webb said Stumbo was one of the most improved players in the state this past year.

"I am proud of Jimmy. He has come a long ways," said the South Floyd coach. "Jimmy has worked hard all year, extremely hard. He deserves this today."

Stumbo said his improvement as a basketball player goes back to always working hard.

"I have always worked hard," he said. "You have to go out and build your confidence, that is a big thing in playing basketball or in anything you do. I worked hard as I could every day."

Stumbo became a feared inside player but was just as dangerous, or more so, outside because of his ability to shoot the three-pointer.

"Shooting from the outside and shooting the three-point shot just seemed to come natural to me," said Stumbo. "I am not afraid to take the shot if I have it."

One of the set plays for

the Raiders was to make Stumbo the trial man on the break, feed him the ball at the top of the key for the trey.

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Alice Lloyd coach Jim Stepp said looking at Stumbo could be deceiving at first.

"When you first look at Jimmy and everything, the question mark I had was, can he move well enough and his he mobile enough to play," said Stepp. "He fools you. He is a surprising type of player. He has two good things going for him: one, he has very soft hands,

second, he has a very nice touch. Combined with that, he understands the game."

Stumbo hopes to make some kind of contribution as a freshman at Alice Lloyd, but he realizes it is going to be a challenge for him.

"Yeah, it is going to be a challenge," he said. "A challenge for me to go against players my own size or bigger.

But it will also be fun. I will go in and work just as hard there as I did here and hope everything works out."

The Alice Lloyd coach said while Stumbo has the talent, still there are areas he needs to improve on, like most freshmen.

"Jimmy biggest need for the college level is his body," said coach Stepp. "He is going have to get stronger and quick-

er. He knows that and we have discussed it."

Coach Stepp said Stumbo is coming into a situation to where he has to be ready.

"He may take a year or so," said Coach Stepp. "He does have some good things going for him. He is a kid who plays very hard and he has a lot of fight in him."

Coach Webb said Stumbo's competitiveness as a senior surprised him this past season.

"Physically, Jim has a lot to work on and he knows that," said Webb. "He is a big boy, strong and has a good head on his shoulders. He finds ways to win."

Coach Webb said he only has to look back at the Betsy Layne game and see that.

"We struggled but Jim stepped up his game and carried us," he said. "From that game he was a leader and winner."

Stumbo recalled his first year at South Floyd.

"When we first got to South Floyd, it was a down program," said Stumbo. "We had a couple of bad seasons but the last two were great years, South Floyd can still be a winning program if the players work hard."

"One thing I have seen out of Jimmy is he has a strong desire to work hard," said Coach Stepp. "If he has that kind of desire and works hard, he will develop into a good player."



'Blessid' concert aimed at youth

by RANDELL RENO
 STAFF WRITER

One of pop music's most talented and beloved bands will perform at the Mountain Arts Center, May 26.

Blessid Union of Souls - the name is misspelled, the group claims, so that people will pronounce it "the right way" - will make an out-of-the-way stop along its southern states tour.

The band is the hottest pop music act to come to the MAC. The members are Eliot Sloan, lead vocals and piano; Jeff Pence, guitars; C.P. Roth, keyboards, bass and harmonica; Eddie Hedges, drums and percussion; and Tony Clark, bass and guitars.

The band's name and a few of its songs might lead you to believe it's a contemporary Christian band, but drummer Eddie Hedges says that is not the case.

"People find strength in our music," says Hedges, "and that makes us feel good. We're not Christian rock. Nothing is further from the truth."

"We're not demons either, though," he adds. "We're a pop band with a soulful rock sound."

In fact, the band's name came from a less than inspirational source.

"Before we'd even completed our first demo for Blessid Union of Souls, I was watching a rerun of M*A*S*H," recalls Sloan, the band's vocalist, "and you know how Frank was always hitting on Hot Lips Hoolihan? Well, he was doing everything he could to get her into his bunk, saying

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stuff like 'I need you, Margaret, I can't stand for us to be apart.'

"Then he blurted out something like, 'Be with me tonight, Margaret. I need to feel the blessed union of our souls or I'm going to break out in hives.' I was laughing," says Sloan, "but I was also thinking what a cool name for a band. And that's where we got the name from."

Blessid Union has seven singles and three albums (one platinum), including the hit single "I Believe" that went to number one in 1995 and was the fourth most played song of the year.

The success of that single and follow up hit "Let Me Be The One" helped to push the band's debut album to platinum status.

Their second album was also a success with more than 400,000 sold.

The band's success is a story that almost wasn't. The group suffered from a lack of airtime. Slow moving sales almost cost the band its label.

"At first, we were having real problems getting airplay," Hedges says. "We were ready to get dropped from our record label, but then a local Cincinnati station started to play 'I Believe.'"

Since then the five-man band from Cincinnati has survived the nail-biting trauma of the record label shuffle. They have been shifted from SBK to EMI and then to Capitol.

They finally settled with Push/V2 Records for their latest release "Walking Off The Buzz."

As the band's following continues to grow, the group's sound has also evolved. "As we've played out more, the band has

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- Spreading the wealth -

McDowell

NATIVE



Russell Anderson

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
 STAFF WRITER

When Russell "Cotton" Anderson was working in the coal mines at night and during the summer and attending McDowell High School, few would have tagged him "most likely to succeed," but in terms of material and spiritual wealth, today you would have to label him a success.

Anderson, who by his own admission was "kind of wild," graduated from McDowell in 1950 and spent the next six years working in the coal mines.

In 1957, he had had enough of mining and moved north to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where another McDowell graduate, "Wild" Bill Stumbo, gave Anderson a job with his construction company and taught him the art of dry walling.

Anderson's tone signifies that he is appreciative of Stumbo's help. Anderson says it takes at least a year to learn the basics of dry walling.

He must have been a good student, for he opened his own dry walling business, the first of many businesses he would establish.

makes money and gives it away

The dry walling company did so well that Anderson opened a supply store, trucking company, apartments and other businesses using the capital from his initial company.

At the age of 28 in 1959, Anderson said he found the real meaning of life when he was "forgiven of my sins" and became a Christian. He says his favorite verse is John 14:6 - "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Any employee who gets a check from Anderson will be reminded of the teachings of the Bible. The boss prints a biblical passage on his payroll checks.

Recalling his conversion, Anderson said that at the age of 28 he told the Lord "if He would give me 28 more years, I would live them honoring God." After the 28 years were up, Anderson said he asked God to "renegotiate the contract."

What part did his conversion have in his success? Anderson is quick to answer with one word: ALL. (Anderson doesn't answer many questions with one word.)

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Russell "Cotton" Anderson (center) with Lester Breeding and Trish Cieslak during the McDowell High School reunion in 1994.

This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

Somebody said the most interesting thing about Tuesday's election was the lack of interest. But just you wait till November! Good, old Floyd will get back in the groove. We only hope we don't get in the gutter.

■ WHAT'S GOOD FOR COMPLICATIONS

Special cases require special measures. If Eastern Kentucky isn't in a special fix, we don't know our symptoms. Doc Eisenhower seems, however, to have some mighty sick patients elsewhere who demand most of the stock from his pharmacopia.

■ REMEMBER?

A newspaper story reminds us that if it was 25 years ago yesterday that Babe Ruth hit his last home run. Could it be that long? Where have all the years gone? Answer: They went thataway.

■ GOING MY WAY, GOVERNOR

Bob Marshall is a talented hitchhiker. He has an educated thumb which has been known to thumb at the same time two cars traveling in opposite directions.

A car approached the traffic light at Court and Lake Drive this week, and the Marshall thumb went into action. A door popped open, and Bob climbed into a rear seat.

The driver was Bert Combs. It is reported that his passenger "charged" the Governor a dollar for the ride. And collected.

■ A CLOSED SHOP—ON SUNDAYS

Times do change don't they? But this has always been the land of opportunity, as witness the following office rules in effect less than 100 years ago at the Mount Cory Carriage & Wagon Works:

1. Office employees will daily sweep the floors, dust the furniture, shelves and showcases.
2. Each day fill lamps, clean chimneys, and trim wicks. Wash the wind dows once a week.
3. Each clerk will bring in a bucket of water and scuttle of coal for the day's business.
4. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to your individual taste.
5. This office will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. daily, except on the Sabbath, on which day it will remain closed.
6. Men employees will be given the evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go regularly to church.
7. Every employee should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefits during his declining years, so that he will not become a burden upon the charity of his betters.

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(photo by Willie Elliott)

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Week, Drift Postmaster Vickie Boyd presents Betty Tackett, with a plaque of the breast cancer stamp that is being sold to help in fight against the disease. Tackett, of Drift, is a breast cancer survivor, having had the disease detected and eliminated more than 10 years ago. To date, Tackett remains cancer free. Delores Carpenter of the Floyd County Health Department was at the presentation.

Sharing an important message

The mail (whichever kind) is not always good. Sometimes, it's bad. Most times it's neutral.

This week, one note, in particular, was very good.

Imogene Caldwell of Prestonsburg sent a short essay that touches my soul. It's one of those pieces where I say, "I wish I'd said that."

With Imogene's permission, I'm sharing her words and message.

"I was sitting in my chair by the window, in my family room, looking at the bird feeder that hangs from a limb of my dogwood tree, just outside the window. As I was watching the birds come to eat, I noticed something that should teach us all a great lesson.

"On one side of the seed holder sat a tiny bird, no bigger than a thumb. It was emerald green with a yellow bill. Beside it was a small brown bird with

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



tan stripes. On the right side of the brown and tan bird sat a big, bright-red Cardinal, hard at work picking up the seeds.

"On the other side of the feeder sat a black bird with an orange bill. Next to him was a very plump, gray dove. On the other end was a tiny bluebird, no bigger than a mouse.

"On the chain that holds the feeder and lets it swing back and forth sat a huge blue jay with a black crown on its head. He was waiting for his turn on the shelf of the feeder.

"The lesson to be learned? "Size doesn't count and color doesn't matter."

Imogene's message is something I'm passionate about, and water is

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Postscript

something else about which I feel strongly, so it's time for a commercial.

Prestonsburg Community College is hosting a Watershed Watch Training Session on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Having received the instruction, participants will get the chance to monitor the water quality of a river, creek or stream of their choice, as part of the Big Sandy River Watershed Watch.

I was fortunate to take part in

the training last year. It was frightening to begin, since I have some grades on my transcripts that indicate how intimidated I am by things scientific.

It was slow-going at the start, with my little monitoring kit of chemicals, but it's become easier each time. If I can do it, you can.

None of us water watchers will "save" our waterways, but we will provide an ongoing record to Frankfort of the condition of our water.

Of course, most of us know

the general condition of the water in these parts. We can smell and we can see.

But our individual monitoring offers proof that may have some impact on funding for water and sewer systems and other types of cleanup.

I urge you to consider this small effort. Call Dr. Tom Vierheller at 606/886-3863, ext. 316; e-mail him at Thomas.Vierheller@kctcs.net; or visit the website <http://kywater.org/watch/bsr.htm>.

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The workshop and everything you need to be a water watcher are free, thanks to a PRIDE grant.

I have a vision of seeing our creeks flow clean and clear over rocks and sand, unhindered by litter and free of the stench and danger of sewer pipes. The water watch program is the one way I keep from feeling the situation is totally hopeless.

Greetings to subscriber Zettie Snyder of Lexington. Thanks for reading the Times.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



June wedding planned

Regina Dawn Spears of Prestonsburg and Gary Michael Reed of Ft. Mitchell announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Donald and Deborah Spears of Prestonsburg, and the prospective groom is the son of Gary and Diana Reed of Pikeville. The wedding will be at Endicott Freewill Baptist Church on June 10 at 1:30 p.m.



Paintsville couple wed

Escom Chandler and Emogene Puckett Burton were united in marriage on Saturday, May 6, at the Hager Hill Freewill Baptist Church.

The bride's nephew, Mike Puckett, officiated at the double-ring ceremony, which featured an original song composed and sung by her pastor, Ronnie Spriggs.

The bride wore a long, ivory, two-piece gown, trimmed with seed pearls and accented by a lovely ivory chin length veil, edged in pearls and secured by a tiara of silk roses. Her bouquet was a cascade of ivory and peach roses. The bridesmaids wore ivory and carried roses.

Given in marriage by her son, Roger Burton, the bride was attended by her daughter-in-law, Debbie Burton, and by Dawn Stocker, the bride's granddaughter. The Bible bearer was Darcy Porter, great-niece of the groom. She was escorted by Johnny Porter, great-nephew of the groom.

The groom's attendants were Joe Porter and Tyler Puckett. Morris Conley and Clifford Boyd seated the guests, about 250 family and close friends. Soloists were Jim Martin and Diana Harmon.

The reception was held at the Senior Citizens Center in Paintsville and was hosted by family members and friends.

After a short wedding trip to Tavares, Florida, the couple are at home at 813 Walnut Ave., Paintsville.

Chandler is a former mayor of Paintsville and has been a prominent businessman for many years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Paintsville.

Mrs. Chandler is a retired Paintsville Independent School teacher and is curriculum director of the Johnson County Christian School. She is a member of the Hager Hill Freewill Baptist Church.

Native

Despite his wealth, Anderson never forgets his roots. In a Lexington Herald-Leader story, Anderson is quoted as saying, "Kentucky people are very dear to me. I was Kentuckian born and I was Kentuckian-bred and when I die, I'll be Kentuckian dead."

He made the news recently by giving a million dollars for the start-up of a Bible college in Lexington.

Anderson gives money to churches all over the world, and he chooses places that have a population of poor people much like the conditions of McDowell and surrounding communities in his youth.

Anderson remembers many of his teachers, but he holds George L. Moore in very high esteem. Moore was the principal at McDowell High during Anderson's high school days.

Moore, he said, "ran a tight ship," and that discipline has paid off for Anderson through the years. To show his respect for Moore, Anderson donated the money to have the library at South Floyd

automated.

He also commissioned a portrait of Moore by local artist Johnny Stumbo to be placed in the library at the school.

Anderson keeps in touch with his friends and classmates. At least three couples from his high school days have enjoyed a visit to Hawaii. Hugo and Sally Miller, Raymond and Anna Rae Ward and Homer and Eloise Hall were treated to a trip to the islands as guests of Anderson, who owns property there.

Anderson has attended the McDowell reunion and contributes to its success. While home for the reunion, he is as likely to talk about what happened in the boiler room or how Nick Cooley got him in trouble as he is to mention his latest attempt at founding a Bible School.

Violet Moore, who was teaching at McDowell High School when Anderson was a student, remembers him as an "average" student.

But this formerly average student has spent \$1.5 million building a church and university in Mexico,

and he supports the missionaries who conduct business at the college.

Overall, Anderson has contributed more than \$11 million to church-related activities.

A couple of weeks ago, Anderson spoke in Lexington and one of his sermons was attended by one of his former teachers at McDowell — Palestine Vanderpool.

He quipped to Vanderpool, "You taught me many subjects, but the two that I embraced were addition and multiplication," in reference to his good business fortune.

Another of his teachers, Octavia Clark, was in attendance at one of his recent sermons.

The latter part of last week found Anderson in Somerset where he was taking part in an old-time revival. He said it was the kind where sawdust is on the floor.

An observer might be likely to take Anderson for a jet-setter, rather than a man spreading the word of God, by looking at his itinerary.

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But all is not fun and games, he insists — Anderson spends four months of the year in Hawaii where he owns a condominium.

Raymond (Peck) Ward and his wife, Anna Rae, talked about their friendship with Anderson and their all expenses-paid trip to Hawaii, courtesy of Anderson. Raymond said Anderson, who was best man at the Wards' wedding, told him, "This (the trip) is a belated wedding present."

The Wards said Anderson and his wife Maxine went out with them during the trip and showed them the sights. Ward said he was taken by the beauty and cleanliness of the island.

The Wards keep in touch with Anderson via cards and calls.

Anderson is scheduled to be in Hazard on August 14-18 at the First Baptist Church, and he is tentatively scheduled to be in Floyd County August 14-18 for a tent meeting.

Depending on his schedule, Anderson will be at the McDowell Reunion on Labor Day weekend.

Free prescription medicine available to those who qualify

Washington, DC — Are you one of the financially challenged individuals who is choosing daily between buying food or prescription medication? If so, a new service from the Patient Assistance Network may help.

The Patient Assistance Network helps people to apply for enrollment in one or more of the many patient assistance programs now available. This process is accomplished with the cooperation of the applicant's

physician.

The majority of these programs provide prescription medication free of charge to individuals in need regardless of age, if they meet the sponsor's criteria.

Some of the primary requirements for the applicant to qualify are:

- The applicant does not have insurance coverage for outpatient prescription drugs.
- The applicant's income is at a

level which causes a hardship when the patient is required to purchase the medication at retail.

- The applicant does not qualify for a government or third party program which provides for prescription medications.

"Many drug manufacturers have patient assistance programs that provide free or low cost medication for qualified individuals, but they rarely, if ever publicize the programs," says Paul Richard, a volunteer staff member at the organization.

"The majority of our applicants are individuals living on retirement income, welfare checks, disability or are among the working low to middle income. Most of our clients have too much income to qualify for government assistance with their medication but not enough to purchase private prescription drug insurance coverage."

Provide general guidance in the application and enrollment process.

The specific steps that Patient Assistance Network takes to assist an applicant are:

1. Each applicant will receive a customized packet designed to assist in applying to the appropriate manufacturer for help with his or her particular medications.
2. The packet will also contain a letter addressed to the applicant's doctor asking for the participation of the physician's office in the application process. The cooperation and the favorable recommendation of the applicant's physician have a significant bearing on the patient's approval and enrollment into a patient assistance program.
3. The customized packet provided by the Patient Assistance Network describes the specific steps to be taken by the patient and doctor to proceed with the application process. When these steps have

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Reunion Calendar

- The Johns Creek DeLong-Hyden reunion, Sunday, May 28, beginning at 11 a.m., at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Call 606/886-3944 or 789-5024.
- The 2000 Dee and Matilda (Dutch) Branham reunion, Saturday, May 27, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Pines Building, JWSRP. Contact Connie Branham Estep, 606/874-8334.
- 16th annual Bartley Reunion, May 28, G.F. Johnson Elementary School, Virgie, 10 a.m.; dinner at 1 p.m. Bring cov-

- ered dish. For information, call 606/639-6341, 639-6624, or 432-6538.
- Henry Moore Family Reunion, May 27-28, JWSRP.
- DeLong Reunion, Saturday, May 27, noon to 4 p.m., Lawrence County Senior Citizens Center, 101 W. Pike St., Louisa. Contact Freda Brown, 606/638-4803, or Arland DeLong, 606/673-3236.
- Hughes-Laferty Reunion, Saturday, June 10, Shelter 4 at Dewey Lake, JWSRP; lunch 12:30 p.m. Relatives of Joe Hughes and Hiram Laferty.

The objectives of the Patient Assistance Network are:

- Inform the potentially qualified applicants.
- Simplify the application procedural problems.

Things to Ponder

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

Society so values its toys, such as fast cars, golf, three-wheelers, TV sports, and obtaining them seems to rule the world.

However, they all go to the bottom shelf when our kids become sick or might be in danger. Most folks treat youngsters as if they were precious gems or metals—"golden" ones. In our eyesight that cannot be allowed to tarnish.

As is well known, but not always addressed, efforts to protect children are not completely followed through or, perhaps, elements remain unseen.

Such is the situation with lead poisoning in children. You probably remember that lead was banned from paint and gasoline in 1978. Yet, the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated that 899,000 children in the USA between 1 and 5 years of age, have elevated blood levels for lead.

Would you believe that 694 blood samples, collected by the Floyd County Health Department, were positive for lead, from July 1998 through June 1999, while the Commonwealth of Kentucky had 25,730 during the same time, according to Kentucky's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program? Do you know if traces of lead still haunt your children's environment?

A lot of us say that our long-term goal is to help young ones be the very best they can be. So, it is not surprising that I was side-tracked recently, when the results of a study, given at the joint meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies and the American Academy of Pediatrics, caught my eye.

According to the major author, a professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh, lead is considered a "brain poison." His research compared the lead levels in two groups of young people, 216 teenagers found guilty of crimes versus 201 non-delinquent teenagers.

The youths involved in the legal system generally had higher lead levels than those who were not. There were no differences as to race or gender. Another source suggested that 20 percent of delinquency is lead-associated.

This discussion of lead poisoning recalled the concerns a client, who is a grandfather, had been expressing at times as to his fear that his pre-school grandchildren were possibly exposed to lead when they play with certain friends.

Even though I believe he was upset, I guess I just did not want to admit there was the possibility that such dangerous conditions still exist for our children, especially in our beautiful area with its hills, trees, and flowers.

In contrast, I also accept that we do not always know what lurks in the old houses, the ground, etc. Even though the use of lead was banned in common products more than 20 years ago, information obtained from Kentucky's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program give numerous ways by which our children can be contaminated.

(1) Usually the No. 1 hazard is living in an old home built prior to 1978 with peeling and chipping paint. A major culprit is kids inhaling the dust from deteriorat-

ing lead paint, while others eat paint chips.

(2) Then, there is exposure to lead in food, water, soil, lead fishing sinkers, and family members' employment involving lead and lead dust. Precautions, such as immediately showering after work, helps prevent dust being brought home.

(3) Other sources of lead may include old toys, painted baby beds, remodeling efforts in the home, working with stained glass as a hobby, imported crayons that do not follow lead limits, and imported, non-glossy, mini-blinds.

Also imported jewelry, the burning of painted wood in wood burning stoves, and the burning of comics and colored advertisement found in the newspaper are potential sources of lead.

Since lead poisoning can cause brain damage, it is not surprising that children with lead poisoning tend to have learning disabilities, attention problems, and the inability to control themselves from the inside out. They often have trouble being able to resist their impulses; thus this may add to their tendency to get into trouble.

In addition, lead poisoning is associated with decreased IQ, behavior disorders, slowed growth, and impaired hearing. This unwanted metal compound can also cause anemia and kidney diseases in children.

In adults, lead poisoning has been associated to kidney disease, dental problems, and high blood pressure.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has lowered the blood level at which lead poisoning occurs from 60ug/dL in the early 1960s to 25ug/dL in 1985. Since then, the CDC lowered the con-

cern level to 10ug/dL with intervention levels being 15-19ug/dL.

Presently, the Kentucky childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program considers a child to be lead poisoned when there are confirmed levels of >20ug/dL.

The American Academy of Pediatrics now accepts that impairment of cognitive functions begin to occur at levels greater than 10ug/dL, although clinical indicators are not evident.

Based on statistics provided by the Kentucky Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for Floyd County for the last fiscal year, the number of children having positive blood results for lead were: (1) less than 10 ug/dL—650; (2) 10-14ug—35; (3) 15-19ug/dL—7; and (4) 20-44ug/dL—2, without any for higher levels.

We all can agree that one case at any level is just too much for what is known today about preventing lead poisoning.

Think of this. A lesser number than expected, 2 of 10 percent, of our children have had the opportunity to be evaluated for possible learning disabilities; maybe some of the unidentified children with school problems had been exposed to lead unnecessarily, but family and community were not aware and/or did not do what was needed to prevent lead poisoning.

Then there are the youngsters with behavioral problems, who eventually become involved with the legal system. How about all of the money and effort that are utilized in such circumstances or the money needed and is not available?

In either situation, more finances are probably needed to care for the children with complications of exposure to lead than the money needed to prevent lead poisoning happening in the first place, such as making sure old buildings are painted as necessary and other lead by-products are not around when the children are.

Wouldn't it be great for our children if volunteers were willing to investigate all buildings beyond 20 years of age? Wouldn't it be great to remove all unhealthy elements within our environment, especially where children are?

Like so many things in life, if you have a concern that the children's situation is not acceptable, speak up. If we don't do for our children, who is going to? It's so much better to be safe than be sorry.

Golden angels tarnished by lead

Blame it on the Russians

by BILL FRANCIS

Many of you are suffering from allergies, and they seem to get worse each year. And many of your suffer due to the pollen from plants. The pollen comes from the male part of the

plant, and believe you me, the male part of a flower is loaded with pollen. For example, the male part of a Catskill plant has millions of grains of pollen that are blown through the air. The Canadian thistle flower head has around 10,000

seeds. If you have a prolonged bout with a runny nose, itchy eyes, sneezing and scratchy throat, you might blame it on the Russians. The Russian I am referring to is a small shrub or tree called the Russian Olive.

The best ways to find them this time of the year is with your nose. The trees were introduced in our area eastern Kentucky by the Soil Conservation Service to aid or help control erosion on strip mine land.

It was also recommended to homeowners to help control hill slides. Many agencies encourage the use of this plant that originated in Russia.

It may have helped solve some problems of windbreaks and slides, but I don't think the Officialdom of these agencies gave any thought or consideration about individuals who suffer from allergies, as most of us do in eastern Kentucky.

The hillside of the old William Terry farm on Jones Fork Mountain is covered with Russian olives, as are many hillside of eastern Kentucky.

The pollen from the Russian olive can float through the air for miles, due to their light weight, and be carried to every section of the region. The trees have dusty, olive-colored leaves and bark the color of tea.



Their yellow blossoms are about the size of the split pea and smell very sweet. Many people like the scent; others find it almost overpoweringly sugary. They grow packed tightly, their thorny limbs interlocking into an almost impenetrable thicket.

They are a very invasive species and they are not true olives, but belong to the oleaster family.

I can tell you now they have made a big landing and are winning the battle. I have seen them plentiful all over eastern Kentucky this spring.

They have very hard wood, hard to cut and hard to kill. They can be killed, but they're like kudzu. Japanese knotweed, and multiflora rose, all introduced by these same Officialdoms.

The same holds true for the vin-

ing wisteria plant with its beautiful flowers and fragrant odor. The wisteria is very invasive, brought in by homeowners, and, like ground moles, once you have them it's almost impossible to get rid of them.

The Russian olive has invaded every county in eastern Kentucky and sheds a tremendous amount of pollen. This new wind-borne pollen begins in February and lasts until around October. I don't think many doctors and allergy sufferers are aware of this plant with its powerful and potent reaction.

I think it is causing individuals who never suffered from allergies to now be plagued with this new pollen from the Russian olive. I much prefer the native trees and plants, and that we not be a testing ground for these "brought on plants."

Maybe we shouldn't blame it on the Russian, but on our Officialdom.

Be an Angel. Be an organ donor. Talk with your family and sign the back of your drivers licenses. Remember this could be the last day of your life. Be happy that you are alive, and give thanks from the heart and not the lips.

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Blessid

solidified," says Tony Clark. "At this point in time, the music isn't just influenced by one or two band members, it's influenced by all of us. Some people will probably say that 'Walking Off The Buzz' is a new sound for Blessid Union.

"But those are the people who have never seen the band live. We're still the same band as we've always been, it's just that if you hadn't seen our show, you might not be aware of it."

"In the past, people who had just heard our records were always surprised by our energy on stage," Clark continued. "They'd come up to us after a show and say 'I didn't know you guys could rock like that.' With this album, I expect the public to be saying, 'Hey, you guys rock just as hard as your CD.'"

Music critics have referred to the band as modern soul/rock. Comparisons have been made to Hootie and the Blowfish, Green Day, Third Eye Blind, or Match Box Twenty.

In either case, Blessid Union of

Souls is a mix of very talented musicians.

"We don't mind being called a pop band, whatever that means," says Roth. "We take from so many different sounds, and I guess that's what pop is."

The band credits personal experiences for the success they have had thus far. The signature song "I Believe" is based on the experiences of lead singer Sloan, who is black, and his white girlfriend.

"Everything we write is personal," says Hedges, who explains how the band received a lot of positive feedback from that song.

"When people heard it, they said the song gave them inspiration to continue with their relationship — be it interracial, homosexual, or (characterized by) a large difference in age."

"Hey Leonardo" was grounded in another relationship of Sloan's. While visiting a friend, he said he suddenly realized their friendship had nothing to do with his new found fame.

"It occurred to me," says Sloan,

"that this girl just liked me for me — for the indecisive knucklehead I am — and that I didn't have to know or be a big star to win her affections.

"And then Leonardo DiCaprio's name plugged in because whenever I'd go on tour, the young girls down the street would ask me to say 'hi' to Leonardo or Hanson because they figured I knew them.

"So that was the genesis of the song. Later, band member Jeff Pence and producer Emosia got a hold of it and whacked it out even further."

Like all musicians, Blessid Union of Souls' songs touch lives and whether the relationship is intended or not, the quintet has gained a devoted audience

"If people get anything from our music — cool," Hedges says. "If they don't, that's still OK."

But fan or not, Hedges says he has some words of wisdom and inspiration for aspiring musicians: "Follow your heart in whatever you do," he says. "If you give up your dream, you die."

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Blessid Union of Souls

Organizations

May is DAR Good Citizen



Sara May

by FRANCES BRACKETT

The John Graham DAR Good Citizen is a senior at Prestonsburg High School, who

exemplifies the qualities of leadership, scholarship, patriotism, and a love of history.

Chosen by the faculty and her fellow seniors, the DAR Good Citizen pin was awarded to Sara Virginia Ashley May, daughter of Gary and Linda May.

May is a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students, has received the World Conservation Award, and is a member of FBLA, Yearbook, Champions Against Drugs, Ambassador Club, Student Technology Leadership Program, Technology Help Desk, Science Olympiad, and Pep Club.

She has served as drum major in the marching band for two years, has been a member of the marching and concert bands for five years, was Eastern Kentucky University Marching Colonel for

a day, was named Henry Clay Festival Band best drum major, and is a member of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pro Orchestra.

May was PHS football homecoming queen for the 1999 season. Her hobbies are running, long drives, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Her maternal grandmother, Goldia Music Baldrige, was a John Graham member under the lineage of Revolutionary Soldier Samuel Auxier I, who married Sarah Brown.

She is also a lineal granddaughter of Samuel and Sarah May through her paternal side. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. May Jr., Clifford Baldrige, and Goldia Collins, all of Prestonsburg.

Karen Ousley, DAR Good Citizen Chairman, also presented May with a certificate at the joint SAR-DAR luncheon at May

Prescription

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been accomplished, the completed applications are sent to the appropriate manufacturer to be considered.

4. If the patient is approved, within two to three weeks the medications are normally sent out directly to the physician's office to be dispensed.

To be accepted into a patient assistance program, the applicant's income must fall within the limits established by his or her particular sponsors.

The household income limit requirement varies with each manufacturer. Decisions concerning which medications are provided free of charge and which individuals are accepted into the program are made solely by the various program sponsors.

Each manufacturer has established specific criteria to determine

an applicant's eligibility. Examples listed in a sponsor's recent report outlining sponsors' criteria for approval and enrollment relate that individuals with family incomes ranging from below the national poverty level up to \$50,000 dollars annually can qualify. Those qualifying at the highest income are generally patients requiring very expensive drugs.

The funds necessary to support the Patient Assistance Program and distribute these prescription drug information packets are provided by the \$5 processing fee contributed by the applicants.

The Patient Assistance Network guarantees a full processing fee refund upon written request to any applicant who is determined to be ineligible for assistance by all applicable manufacturer assistance programs and therefore receives no

medications. Although the Patient Assistance Network cannot guarantee approval, if patients believe that they may qualify to participate, the Patient Assistance Network will assist the patient.

To get a customized drug information packet, write a letter with the following information:

(A) The name, address and phone number of the person taking the medication.

(B) The name of the medication(s)

(C) The name and address of the physician who prescribes the medication.

Include \$5 for each medication, to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Patient Assistance Network, Customized Prescription Drug Information - Dept. E0501, PO Box 60382, Washington, DC 20039-0382.

Anniversaries



Mark one year

On May 22, 2000, Leslie and Shawn Hughes will celebrate their one-year wedding anniversary. The bride is the daughter of Debbie Martin of Teaberry and Eddie Martin of Harold. She is employed by JC Penney and will attend Indiana University in the fall. The groom is the son of Rob and Brenda Hughes of Prater. He is an engineer with CSX Railroad.

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8. Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, gets shaved at a barber shop, or frequents pool or public halls, will give me good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

9. The employee who has performed his labors faithfully and without faults for a period of five years in my service and who has been thrifty and attentive to his religion duties, is looked upon by

his fellowmen as a substantial and law abiding citizen, will be given an increase of five cents per day in his pay, providing a just return in profits from the business permits it.

Could Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev have glanced at the sky shortly after the sky-spying incident and muttered to himself? —"Et tu, U-2?"

One stop fitness shop on the Web

(NU) - Summer is almost here and you know what that means. Time to start shedding all those extra layers of clothing and pounds that you accumulated over the winter.

If you're like most people, fitting into last year's bathing suit and shorts is an impossible feat after winter. What you need most is to get yourself back into shape and buy yourself a new wardrobe.

The best way to keep up with the latest trends is by visiting the virtual mall at www.mall.com, an Internet super site. Here, you will find links to numerous brand name merchandisers.

Categories include apparel and shoes, books and music, computers and software, department stores, electronics, gifts and specialty, health, beauty and pharmacy, home and family, sports and outdoors, toys and games, and office and travel.

Don't forget to keep your skin healthy. Visit the health and beauty section at Mall.com where you'll find Avon, CVS Pharmacy, Garden Botanika, GNC, Origins, Neiman Marcus, Perfumania and lbeauty.com.

At CVS Pharmacy, you can take a survey that asks, "How healthy are you?" Next, pick out a multivitamin. The CVS brand multivitamin plus iron is \$7.69 for 365 tablets. Later, click over to GNC where you can get sports nutrition advice and pick out a box of Iron Man Triathlon bars, 12 for \$15.49.

Next, visit sports and outdoors where you'll find stores like the Sports Authority, Dsports.com, REI, World Foot Locker, Bass Pro Shop, the NFL Shop and ESPN. Or for fitness advice, click on REI for a physical fitness index that can tell you how in shape you are.

If you're looking to spice up your exercise routine, add a little music. At the electronics section, you'll find Best Buy, Brookstone, Circuit City, Cool Audio, Dell, Ritz Camera, Sharper Image, TSR Wireless and Tweeter Etc.

For a fresh, healthy meal or an after workout snack that can be delivered to your door, visit Mall.com's Food Court that includes Chili's, Food.com, Starbucks, Mrs. Fields, Peapod, Greatfood.com, Netgrocer.com and Whole Foods.

To start shopping now for all your fitness needs, visit www.mall.com.

BENNY RAY BAILEY TAKES CREDIT FOR EVERYTHING EVERYONE ELSE HAS DONE ... HERE'S WHAT HE'S REALLY DONE.



- **\$200 Million Tax INCREASE**
- **Voted With Paul Patton Against Allowing Our Churches To Lease Property To Only Those Who Share Their Beliefs**
- **Voted for Huge Legislative Pension Increase**

Now, more than ever, we need a new generation of leadership; not the same old excuses we've been hearing for years. It's time for the citizens of Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson and Knott counties to elect Johnny Ray Turner. On Tuesday, May 23, vote Johnny Ray Turner for state Senator for real results and real leadership.

Working For You.

Johnny Ray Turner has a strong vision for the future to enable Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson and Knott counties to grow stronger, and that means:

- **Good jobs**, so our young people can stay in Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson and Knott counties, where their families are.
- **Economic development** in Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson and Knott counties.
- **Workman's Compensation/Black Lung reform** which will increase benefits for our workers.
- **Veteran's programs** to help those who have served our country.
- **Improved senior citizens programs**
- **Improving our water and sewer systems.**
- **Medical reform** to make sure everyone's prescription and health care needs are met.

It's time to put the full court press on Frankfort. Join the team and fight for what's right for the citizens of Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson and Knott counties!

May 23, elect Johnny Ray Turner Senator!

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Children's music interest can be nurtured at birth

The hand that rocks the cradle may rule the world, but the voice that sings to the baby in that cradle may literally set the tenor and tone of that child's lifetime development.

At least that's how Harry Clarke, who was band director at the University of Kentucky for more than 20 years, and now directs the university's School of Music, feels.

Clarke, who has helped set the musical direction for more than 3,000 student charges during his career, also is of the opinion that not enough parents and grandparents are singing and playing music to the youngsters in their homes today.

"Development in music should start at birth, and, somehow, we've lost the art of singing to our children," Clarke said. "Properly exposed to music, children can develop tremendously in the first few months of their lives and by age three, they should show signs of

meaningful musical growth," Clarke advised.

Clarke, whose efforts support several early childhood musical programs at UK, has some advice for parents and grandparents for stimulating and cultivating children's musical interests:

- Sing to your child beginning with the very earliest opportunity and find ways to engage the youngster in other musical experiences;

- By the time the child is age two or three, find an early childhood music group in which to enroll the child;

- By age four or five, consider Suzuki musical instrument training that uses smaller stringed instruments that the children can hold easier and encourages parent participation, and

- Encourage and help children choose the musical experience that best suits them as they begin elementary education.

Clarke is a virtual evangelist for early childhood music teacher training. He cites the research and writings of Harvard education and neurophysiology professor Howard Gardner as proof of the need to nourish children's music interests at the very beginning of their lives.

"In his book 'Frames of Mind,' Professor Gardner said that the neural fiber in a developing human reaches its peak at ages one and two and is fully intact when it is stimulated (including music stimulation). When it is not stimulated by sight and hearing, Gardner contends that part of the brain atrophies," Clarke said.

"I am convinced that if we do it right, music will do more to develop the whole child than almost anything else we can do for them," Clarke said. "We just need to incorporate music in the process of developing children at all levels and if we do, we can change society."

Web site helps resolve issues for teens facing crisis



(NAPSA)-Feedback. Getting information on important issues and finding out how other kids handled similar situations can make all the difference for a teenager in the middle of a crisis.

To offer this kind of feedback, KidsPeace, the 118-year-old National Center for Kids Overcoming Crisis, has created an online problem-solving web site that teens can visit 24-hours-a-day.

The new site, TeenCentral.Net, offers teens a place to discuss issues, share stories and solve problems with their peers.

The site features real-life case studies, interviews and stories from other teens, advice from business leaders, sports figures and celebrities and an interactive section that lets visitors share their own stories and validate concerns anonymously.

Through a revolutionary "profile builder," the site identifies kids' personal information, demographics and problem issues, using a non-traceable code name.

The site then selectively identifies appropriate resources, information and stories to help kids with their unique issues.

"This is a very useful tool for America's kids that can help them work through concerns and problems before they become overwhelming," said C.T. O'Donnell II, KidsPeace president and CEO.

Helpful information is available on topics from losing someone close to alcohol and drugs to peer pressure, bullies and school violence to depression and personal and family prob-

lems. To ensure a safe, productive experience for site visitors, all information and stories posted have been cleared by KidsPeace and its experts.

"TeenCentral.Net is crisis intervention at its best," said renowned Brown University Child Study Center founder Dr. Lewis Lipsitt. "It's immediately responsive and immediately available."

Teens from all 50 states have already used the site as a sounding board for problems ranging from being isolated or teased in school to dealing with depression, death and suicidal impulses.

Kids from around the nation are also responding to the distress of other kids online, posting support, advice (screened by experts at KidsPeace) and stories of how they have overcome similar situations—a new high-tech take on positive peer counseling.

These may be tough times for teens but help is available by visiting www.TeenCentral.Net.

Win the best for the life of your cat



Imagine your cat playing and scratching in this luxurious cat tower.

(NAPSA)-Imagine good nutrition, great taste and feline fitness all combined into one ultimate prize package. Through an exciting new sweepstakes, five lucky felines and their owners will win just about everything a cat needs to keep him or her active and full of life: a lifetime supply of canned and dry cat food, a cat's lifetime of veterinary visits and a custom-designed cat tower.

Cat owners across the country can enter to win one of five grand-prize packages. In addition, ten first-prize winners will also receive a one-year supply of canned and dry cat food.

Offering vital nutrition and superior taste, a lifetime supply of Friskies canned and dry cat food is at the top of the prize list. Adding to this excitement, the company is also awarding a lifetime of veterinary visits—an invaluable component of responsible pet care—to help cat owners keep their loved ones healthy every day of the year. A custom-made, six-foot-tall cat tower offers the ultimate in feline fitness for each lucky grand-prize winner. Designed by renowned cat enthusiast Bob Walker, author of *The Cat's House and Cats Into Everything*, the towers have irresistible scratching posts, playful cat toys, comfortable cubby holes and even a spiral staircase for climbing.

"Friskies wants cats to be healthy and happy throughout their entire lives," said Barbara Royer, Manager of Professional Communications, Friskies PetCare Company. "Proper nutrition, exercise and regular veterinary visits are essential to a cat's well-being, and we're excited to offer a prize package that will help a feline friend enjoy an active life."

Cat owners can find sweepstakes

entry forms at selected Friskies & Cat Fanciers' Association Cat Shows. Entry forms, rules and cat show locations can also be found by logging onto www.Friskies.com. In addition, cat owners can mail a 3" x 5" card with their name, address and daytime

phone number to: Friskies Sweepstakes, P.O. Box 1246, Young America, MN, 55594-1246 to request an entry form and sweepstakes rules. All requests must be postmarked by May 31, 2000 and received no later than June 16, 2000.

Colors bloom for kids



Nike's nylon and mesh cargo shorts and matching screened T-shirt and sandals in navy and bright "grasshopper" green add color to any child's wardrobe this season.

shirt in eye-catching navy and "grasshopper" green available in boys sizes 2T-16.

Girls will be pretty in pink in sporty styles that are functional, yet feminine. Your child will be set in Nike's two-piece French terry tennis dress in lipstick pink exclusively at Kids Foot Locker or Reebok's pink nylon pleated skirt with matching logo tee available in girls sizes infant to 6X. Finish up the look with Reebok's Oasis court shoe in matching pink and white.

Athletic footwear completes any casual outfit and this spring season is no exception. Nike's Tuned Air Max Plus running shoe with Kids Foot Locker's exclusive wave design in bright navy, green and gray will have your child racing into spring in style or Nike's Sunray Sandal in navy and green will create a more contemporary look.

Reebok's "Gauntlet" cross-training shoe is sure to get your kid's attention playing up color in white, navy and light-blue only at Kids Foot Locker.

If your child is a little color shy, the New Balance 803 running shoe in navy, gray and white creates a more subdued look.

Kids Foot Locker, with more than 400 stores in the United States, is the leading athletic footwear and apparel retailer exclusively for children. Visit www.kidsfootlocker.com or call 1-800-613-KIDS for store locations.

(NAPSA)-This season, colors bloom like flowers. Brilliant shades of yellow, green, orange and pink turn up on everything from T-shirts and shorts to sporty dresses and skirts to athletic footwear.

"Color has a prevalent influence on athletic footwear and apparel for kids this spring," said Bill Wyatt, vice president, general merchandise manager of footwear for Kids Foot Locker. "Look for bright hues peeking out of even the most classic styles to invigorate your child's wardrobe from head-to-toe."

For boys, the utilitarian influence dominates with pockets popping up all over. Cargo shorts and T-shirts with hints of bright color are "must-haves" this spring. Kids should have no trouble storing game cards or any new gadget in Nike's nylon and mesh cargo shorts and matching screened T-shirt in eye-catching navy and "grasshopper" green available in boys sizes 2T-16.



Kids will be steppin' into spring in style and ready-to-go in Reebok's Oasis court shoe in white and pink or Nike's Tuned Air Max Plus running shoe in vivid shades of navy, green and gray.

Youth News



Local students join drama production at Centre

Les and Wes Fugate, both of Prestonsburg, were involved with Centre College's spring drama production of the Broadway musical "A Little Night Music."

Les was in charge of publicity and Wes filled the role of Count Carl-Magnus Malcolm.

Created by Stephen Sondheim, probably best-known for his lyrics for "West Side Story" and the lyrics and music for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "A Little Night Music" is a tangled web of love triangles and self-discovery, based on Ingmar Bergman's movie, "Smiles of a Summer Night."

The musical won five Tony Awards in 1973, including Best Musical. Drama professor Sarah Standing directs Centre's production.

Centre students were to present

the musical in three nightly performances May 10, 11, 13 and one matinee on May 14. The performance featured a live student orchestra directed by Vince DiMartino and a cast and crew of nearly 50 students.

The Fugates are the sons of Marshall and Jackie Fugate of Prestonsburg and are graduates of Prestonsburg High School.

Centre is a coeducational college currently cited by U.S. News and World Report as one of the nation's 50 best liberal arts colleges. The school's theater program is based in the Norton Center for the Arts, a regional performing arts center that annually brings Broadway plays, symphony orchestras, individual performers to the campus and will host the vice presidential debate on October 5.



Local student wins award

During the recent Academic Awards Week, Morehead State University honored outstanding students in the various departments. Barbara Spradlin, Prestonsburg senior, was recognized as the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Paralegal Studies in the Department of Geography, Government and History. Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, right, department chair, made the presentation at the Caudill College of Humanities Honors Luncheon. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)



Wins award

Lakita Faith Lykins of Auxier has been named a United States National Award Winner in mathematics. A student at Our Lady of the Mountain School in Paintsville, she is the daughter of Chicita Callihan of Auxier and David Lykins of Morehead. Her grandparents are Van and Faye Slone of Auxier and Louedith Litton of Morehead. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook.

In April Rhonda Tackett's P3 social studies class at Betsy Layne Elementary enjoyed learning about the 50 states. A family project involved the students in baking state cookies and sharing them with the class.



ACHS art students shine



Academic achievement award

Rebecca L. Patton of Garrett, receives the radiography award at Hazard Community College presented by Homer Terry, radiography program coordinator. She was given the award for her high level of academic achievement.



In March, Dr. Donald Frazier from the University of Kentucky Outreach Center visited Karen DeRossett's anatomy classes at Prestonsburg High School. Dr. Frazier brought along with him some interesting specimens from humans and other animals. The students were able to compare healthy lungs with those lungs of a person who smoke and were astounded at the differences, and the damage smoking does to the lung tissue. The students were also amazed at the electrical activity present in the body. They were able to view different tissue and do comparisons between human organs and other animals.



Leslie Slone

Drew Petry of Allen Central High School recently placed first in two areas of competition at the Kentucky All-State High School Art Exhibit. He also came in second in a third area.

The show was held at Morehead State University and was judged by staff members and members of the Kentucky Art Education Association.

His work is part of the All-State Exhibit now on display in Maysville. The winning entries were done in Computer Drawing and Manipulated Images. He received a cash prize, as well as ribbons in recognition of his work.

Petry is a senior at Allen Central, where he is a member of the Advanced Art Class and TAG Art under the direction of Caralita O'Quinn. He is the son of Randy and Tina Petry of Prestonsburg.

Also recognized for his artwork was Leslie Slone. He is a member of the Advanced Art Class and TAG Art and the son of Jackie and Lisa Slone of Garrett.



Drew Petry

Donna Collins' primary class from Allen Elementary participated in Science Day at Prestonsburg Community College. The teacher said the students had "a wonderful experience."



Ramey on Dean's list

Vernon G. Miles, vice president for academic affairs at Union College, has placed Ashley Ramey on the Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 Dean's List. A biology major, she will be a junior in the fall. The 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School is the daughter of Henry and Kathy Ramey, and the granddaughter of Don and Faye Shepherd of Allen.

Youth News



MOUNTAIN HOMEPLACE

Teresa Campbell's Headstart Class at Allen visited the Mountain HomePlace in Paintsville recently. The class learned how people lived years ago. They saw an old one-room schoolhouse and church. They saw goats, pigs, and other animals. They visited a blacksmith who showed them how they made such things as tools, nails, and horseshoes. They ended the trip with a picnic.



Kimberlee Collins, a fourth-grade student at Prestonsburg Elementary, was the winner in the Math-a-thon. She collected more than \$300 for the St. Jude Math-a-thon program. She won a CD player for her efforts. Prestonsburg Elementary's total contribution was more than \$1,000.



Amanda McDonald of Prestonsburg, was honored during Parents' weekend at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia. Major General Henry M. Hobgood, USAF ret., academy president, presented her with a National Honor Society certificate, signifying her high academic average and leadership. McDonald also received the Military Order of World Wars Award, which consists of a bronze medal, a ribbon, and certificate. It recognizes an Air Force Junior ROTC cadet who excels in all aspects of academics and leadership. The cadet is the daughter of Donna Vanover and the late J.D. McDonald. (Photo by Cindy Rodney)

Multiply your child's math skills

In 1998, the Third International Mathematics and Science Study reported disturbing findings about the performance of America's secondary-school students in science and mathematics, ranking them well below the international average.

To help reverse that trend, parents may want to consider becoming involved in their children's math education, acting in complement to math teachers. This can be as simple as counting peas on a plate or taking a walk in the park. You needn't invest in expensive software or put your child through boring math drills.

"Ask them to add the number of vegetables they're eating, or take a walk and show them the geometric shapes that appear in nature," said professor Bill Bush of the University of Kentucky. "The important thing is to get children to think mathematically. Math doesn't occur just in school. It's everywhere."

To be on track for college and the workforce, children should begin early mastering fundamental math skills, said Bush, whose specialty in the UK College of Education is preparing undergraduates to teach math to elementary and high school students.

Parents can, and should, play a vital role in their children's math education, Bush said.

"By the time children enter school, they have number concepts and concepts of geometry," he said. "One of the things we're trying to do in math now is build upon what they already know mathematically."

Good reading skills also can jump-start your child's mathematical journey, said UK math professor Paul Eakin.

"The most important early start is reading," Eakin said. "People who can't read well can't learn or use mathematics well."

Calling math "organized common sense," Eakin recommended encouraging children to write multiple-page essays as soon as they are able and to attempt crossword puzzles.

"Mathematics is about understanding the way things are organized, making observations about the implications of their organization, and communicating it," he said. "Parents need to understand that encouraging their children to read and ponder editorials and attempt the crossword puzzle can contribute to their ability to master mathematics to a far greater extent than excessive, mind-numbing, repetitious calculation."

Speaking as a parent and a professor, Eakin said uninterrupted classroom time also is essential in math education.

"The only thing known to work in mathematics or any other discipline is well-prepared, well-supported teachers who have enough time to spend on each child. Parents need to know that a trained mathematics teacher doing bus duty or hall duty or whose classes are interrupted by non-critical announcements is a resource being wasted," he said.

Eakin cautioned against relying too heavily on instructional computer programs.

"I can safely say that I have never observed a student learn any serious mathematics simply by interacting with a computer program," he said. "On the other hand, I have watched hundreds of students use a computer to exercise and communicate the mathematics they do know in ways at which my generation can only marvel."

Parents who would like more information on how best to become involved in their children's education may contact the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, a non-profit advocacy group for education based in Lexington, at 859-233-9849. The committee conducts the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership, which each year selects 200 parents statewide who, after six days of instruction and under the supervision of Prichard personnel, take special projects into their children's schools.

Respect Society



The Allen Elementary Family Resource Center staff, with 17 sixth grade girls, participated in the Respect Society (an abstinence club) at Allen Elementary. This nine-week program was sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital, with Neva Francis as the weekly facilitator.



Prestonsburg Elementary School and the Floyd County Bar Association celebrated Law Day, on May 5, in the school auditorium. Judge Danny Caudill and Attorney Tom Smith spoke to students in grades four and five. Here, with Smith, are Zack Hicks and Holly Lafferty.



Pride at Opportunities Unlimited

On May 4, the students of Opportunities Unlimited went to the Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park to participate in environmental activities organized by Wal-Mart. Many stations were set up with a variety of activities focusing on different environmental issues. High school seniors from a school in Western Kentucky performed a puppet show. The students enjoyed a day of hands-on activities followed by lunch at Wendy's.

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Covered Bridge Celebration—

Elizabethton, June 8-11

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Food

Grill Secret: Dry Rub

A master barbecuer's best flavored friend

by MINDY MERRELL

A real Southern barbecue is an art form involving wood, smoke, slow heat, and plenty of time. But if you've ever tasted meat or fish grilled by a master and wondered what made it so flavorful, the answer probably lies in dry rub.

This is no secret blend of exotic seasonings: dry rub is simply a mixture of salt, pepper, paprika, and garlic powder. Rubbed well into your meat before barbecuing or grilling, it imparts a punch that makes even basting sauce optional.

The basic recipe is so simple, and will prove so indispensable to the summer griller, that you may want to make up a batch in quantity. It will last indefinitely. Many a pit master accustomed to barbecuing whole hogs will have 50 pounds of dry rub on hand. You'll need a tablespoon or two for every pound of beef, pork, poultry, or fish to be cooked. Rub this into all sides of each piece.

RECIPE:

- 1/4 cup paprika
- 1/4 cup salt (coarse kosher salt works great)
- 1/4 cup coarse black pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder

Combine all ingredients in a jar with a lid. Close and shake to blend the spices. Sprinkle over meat and rub lightly before grilling.



Photo by Mike Mitchell

For creativity, add other herbs and spices to the basic mixture to complement your menu. For instance, add a sprinkling of cumin and chili powder for seasoning a Tex-Mex style flank steak. Or, add a little sugar to the mix for pork ribs. Other favorite additions of mine include white pepper, cayenne pepper, onion powder, and dried lemon peel, as well as dried herbs such as thyme, oregano, rosemary, or marjoram.

Mindy Merrell is a food writer and author of two cookbooks.

Able County

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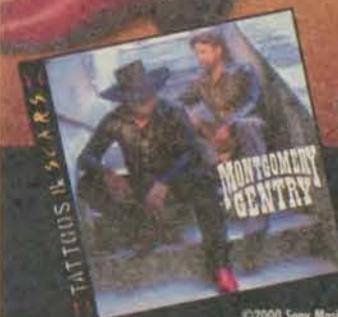


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When Bonnie Carroll's husband Tom—a U.S. Army general and Vietnam hero—was killed eight years ago in a Juneau, Alaska, plane crash, she learned the difference between a military and civilian death.

The military is a fraternity and after a death the family must leave it. This happens slowly, and often with compassion, but it always happens. The military primarily provides a family with death notification, burial, and death benefits. The military's job is to fight, and prepare to fight. Survivors are offered no formal counseling.

A military death compels most families to do something bereavement specialists say is wrong: that is, to make big decisions quickly, especially if they lived on base. "Civilians, following a death, don't have to move," says Carroll, 42. "They don't have to leave their support

■ What is Memorial Day?

Memorial Day was first observed in 1868 as Decoration Day, after the fashion of women decorating the graves of their fallen Civil War sons, brothers, and husbands. In a speech given in Keene, N.H., on May 30, 1884, Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. expressed the meaning of the occasion thusly:

"It is not of the dead alone that we think on this day. There are those still living whose sex forbade them to offer their lives, but who gave instead their happiness. Every year — in the full tide of spring, at the height of the symphony of flowers and love and life — there comes a pause, and through the silence we hear the lonely pipe of death.

Year after year, lovers wandering under the apple trees and through the clover and deep grass are sur-



The littlest survivors find kinship with military men, just as their fathers did.

groups, their friends. The kids don't have to leave school and change towns and change friends. When death occurs in the military, you lose everything."

Carroll was left with three teen-agers and a lot of questions which the military couldn't handle, despite its good intentions. After talking with other widows, she

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came to realize that misery doesn't love company; it needs company. So she founded the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors — TAPS — which delivers huge doses of compassion and healing after a military death. Her non-profit group relies on volunteers and donations and is always busy: some 2,000 armed forces members die each year, mostly in accidents. TAPS offers help to anyone affect-

ed: family, friends, loved ones, and colleagues. The military sends survivors to the TAPS group with confidence, knowing the ordeal of a military survivor differs from that of civilians, Carroll says.

TAPS operates around the clock, but it all comes into focus over the Memorial Day weekend during its annual survivor seminar, when grieving loved ones meet outside Washington, D.C., to talk with each other, and with professionals, so that healing can be advanced. Yes, they cry. They also laugh. Laughter is part of healing.

Children, at their specially designed kids' camp, learn to be even more proud of their fallen parent. They also learn that military life carries risk, that preparing for war is not always safe, and that those who give their lives died for something valuable.

Empathy, not sympathy

In Norwalk, Ohio, lives a family now composed of four daughters and a mother. The father and husband, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Chuck Sweet, was killed in the 1995 crash of an AWACS aircraft along with 23 others. His widow, Maggie Sweet, attended the TAPS seminar in 1996. In 1997, she brought her three oldest girls to attend the kids' camp, formally called the Youth Gathering (her youngest, Charlotte, nicknamed Charlie after her dad, was too young to go).

—The editors

"I certainly could see a difference in all of them," Sweet says. "The girls were always pretty open, but the way they connected with the other kids, I thought that was really interesting. There was an immediate comfortableness. It was special — you know? It kind of validated the loss. It wasn't that they all sat around and cried together — that was the grown-up part. It was being at ease with something they are familiar with: the military life. It takes you back to that comfortable feeling, what you were safe in. They didn't have to worry."

It was nice to not go through the terribly awkward ordeal of telling people what happened to her father, says Bethany Sweet, 16. "Most people, when they hear what happened, they automatically feel sympathy," she says. "But when you've been around people who have been through this, they feel empathy. That's a good feeling when you know they're not just feeling sorry for you."

Her sister, Laura, 15, remembers the tears. "A lot of us cried. One of the saddest parts was that there were a lot of little kids there (who) have lost a parent at such a young age." Stephanie, 13, found comfort from meeting children whose fathers died alongside her own. "It helps to know that other people went through the same (grief) and did OK," she says.

The Sweet girls still cry sometimes. It was difficult for them to talk about their loss. But they wanted to help get the word out about TAPS. For them, and for many others, the healing has started. They are grateful.

Building memories

The kids' camp, where youngsters spend four active days honoring their fallen parent, builds pride quickly and thoroughly. This year, the children will dine at the Fort Meyer mess hall. They'll have a formal picture taken in front of the Iwo Jima monument, outside Fort Meyer, after learning from Marines about the historic battle. They'll also deliver their own gifts, quiet offerings, to the Vietnam Memorial Wall. In past years, they've visited the White House, the Capitol, a Navy ship in the harbor, the Navy Memorial, the Fort Meyer Caisson horses (which pull the funeral carriages), and the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon.

Their workshops will include building "memory

The Sweet family, at rear from left: Bethany, 16; Maggie Sweet; Laura, 15; Stephanie, 13; In foreground: daughter Charlie, 8.



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Mentoring helps a child through the grieving process

books" — cutting pictures from magazines that remind them of the people they lost — thus honoring and sharpening their memory. They'll cut out paper hearts and be asked to show, without words, how they feel. In the past, some have torn the hearts in half. Others have stomped on them. Some have carefully put them in safe places for protection. These are moments that can change a young life in transition.

One of the most moving parts of the weekend will occur at the Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Two children from the TAPS group will be part of the parade of veterans groups entering the amphitheater before the president and chiefs of staff. The children, chosen by their peers and surrounded by aging veterans, many from World War II, are a poignant tribute to military families. Two other TAPS children will lay a handmade wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"They make them so proud"

Allison Burris, of Lawrenceville, Ga., was nearly 4 when her father, Army Maj. Andrew Scott Burris, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, was killed in a 1997 motor vehicle accident while evaluating Maryland National Guard training maneuvers. Mostly what she remembers is her daddy at home in Fort Bragg, N.C., pointing to a globe before he left on his last trip. The TAPS camp enhanced those memories, thanks to a happy coincidence. A soldier assigned as Allison's mentor had known her father and had served in his honor guard. The things he told her made her proud.

"The first day, I was sort of embarrassed," says Allison, now 6. "Like when you first go to school. Then I got used to it, and then I liked it. They were friendly, and they helped me with stuff. We learned how to fold the flag. I have one in my room that my dad used to have."

Her mother, Karen, appreciates what the TAPS kids camp has done for Allison. "They make them so proud of who their parents were," she says, "and what they did." ✨

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TAPS

To know why TAPS works, one must look to Bonnie Carroll. She founded TAPS in 1994 and holds it together today, recruiting bereavement professionals, scrounging for money, overseeing more than 120 volunteers, dispatching crisis intervention teams, personally visiting the sites of military tragedies, and successfully soliciting support from people like retired Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

'She has saved people's lives'



Bonnie Carroll

"The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors is a wonderful story of courage and commitment," Powell wrote in a letter to Carroll. "In its countless contributions, TAPS helps to deliver the triumph of tenderness and kindness over pain, suffering and loss."

When Carroll tells a widow she knows how she feels, it's the truth. But she managed to find strength and companionship with the seven other women suddenly widowed by the same crash that killed her husband. "We discovered that we shared identical patterns of pain, fear, sadness, and emptiness," she says.

Now she makes sure others like them can connect to those who understand their grief. "I'm sure she has saved people's lives," says Karen Burris of Lawrenceville, Ga., who first called the TAPS hotline at 2 a.m. after her husband's death. "There was Bonnie on the other end and she literally got me through the night," Burris says. "After talking to her, you walk away proud of yourself, proud of the military, and proud to be part of this group."

TAPS can be reached 24 hours a day at 1-800-959-TAPS or www.taps.org.

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Gardening

the NO-WORK Garden Bed

by ZACH THOMAS

Some insist that gardening is work. This is nonsense; gardening is a pastime, an escape, a hobby, and an art form. The work lies in spring tilling and summer weeding, so we eliminated those chores years ago. Here's how.

To create a new garden bed, spread out four to six sheets of newspaper over soil or a newly mown patch of lawn wherever you want the garden. Wet it down thoroughly, then spread more paper until the garden is the size you like. (Don't do this on a windy day, lest the paper blow away before you can wet it.) Atop the newsprint, put down a few inches of leaves, grass clippings, rotted manure, peat moss, or other organic matter. Wet this down also, until you have a sodden mess. On top of this, spread an inch or two of compost or topsoil. Now what you have is a garden ready for planting with seeds or live plants.

The wet newspaper makes perfect habitat for earthworms, which should arrive and multiply within weeks. They till up and aerate the sod with their endless tunneling, have babies, digest leaves and grass, and leave behind their fertile castings — which leave you with the most fertile little garden you can imagine. All of this occurs while you're taking a nap or making blueberry

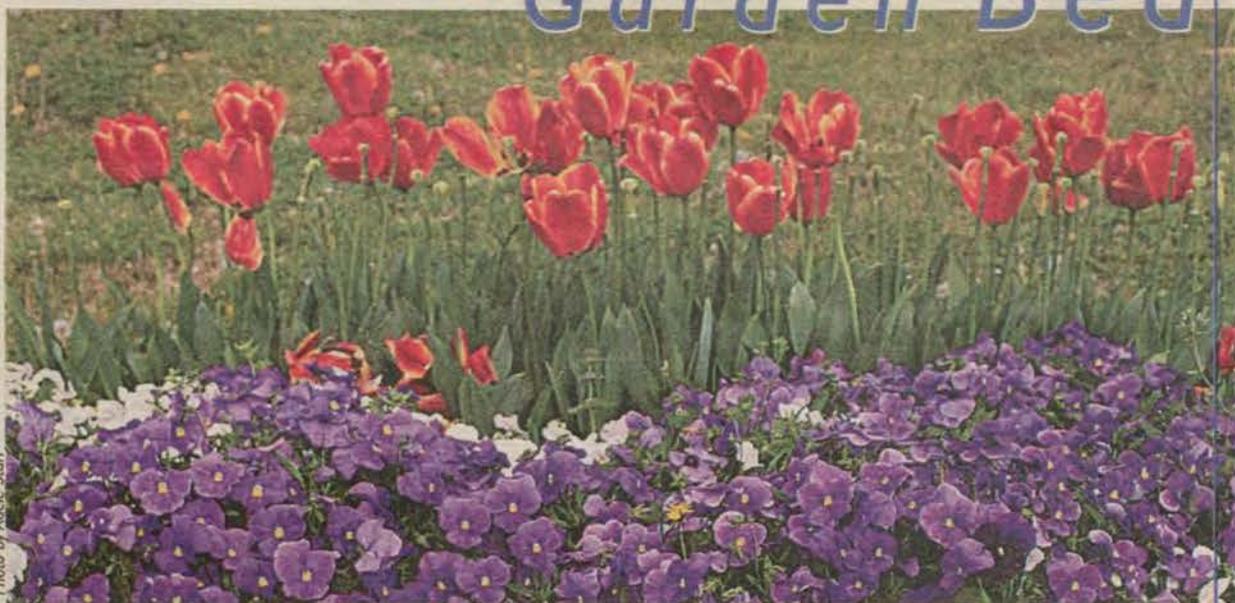


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pancakes. The newspaper decomposes innocently but not before smothering out grass and weeds below, and the organic matter you added acts like a sponge to retain soil moisture during dry spells. You'll rarely have to water and will have few, if any, weed problems.

To further eliminate weeds, and trap soil moisture, mulch all summer with grass clippings or leaf mold (decomposing tree leaves) — spreading these between plants or seeded rows. Mulch should be deep enough to

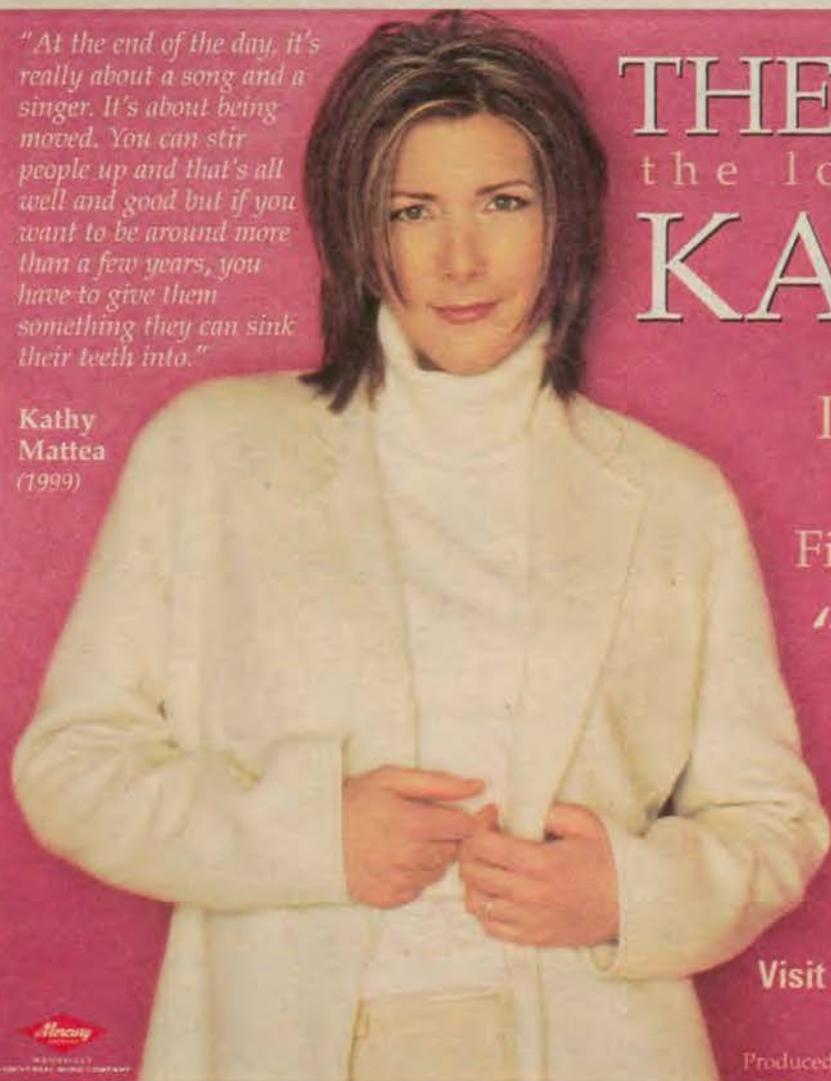
block sunlight and keep weed seeds from germinating. Grass and dead leaves also decompose quickly and give growing plants a good shot of nitrogen-rich fertilizer.

One could cultivate every few days, of course, and pull errant weeds by hand, but this strikes me as work. ✨

Zach Thomas has been growing organic produce in Duxbury, Mass., for 27 years.

"At the end of the day, it's really about a song and a singer. It's about being moved. You can stir people up and that's all well and good but if you want to be around more than a few years, you have to give them something they can sink their teeth into."

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Hometown Spotlight

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A MONUMENT to Persevera

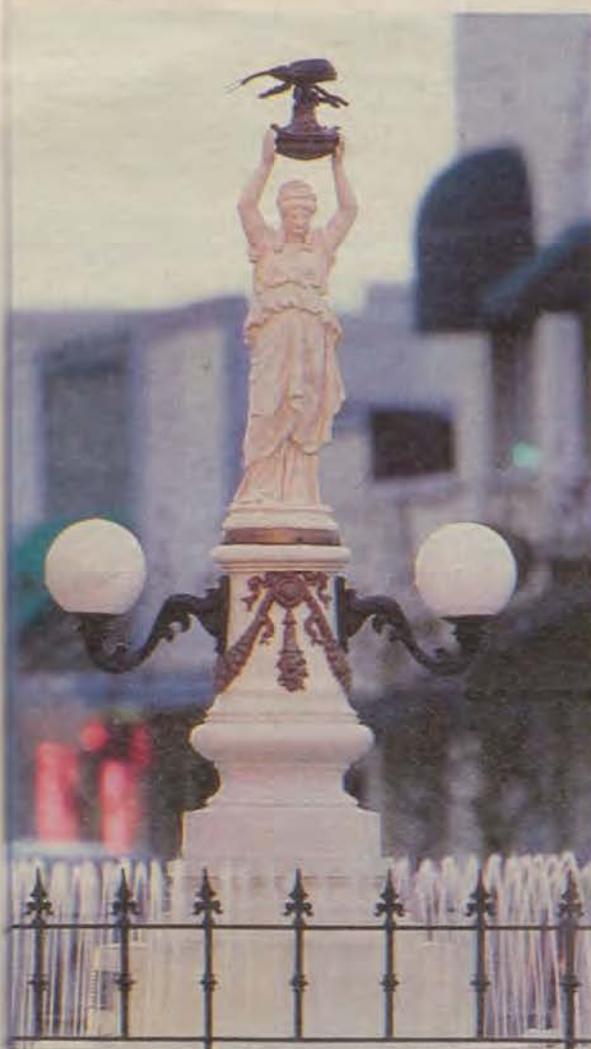


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The town of Enterprise's monument to a pest (held aloft, above)

Like the tough, resilient grass

of the land on which they live, the people of the Wire-grass region in Alabama's southeast corner know how to overcome adversity. The town of Enterprise has powerful evidence of this in the form of a 10-foot-tall marble statue of a woman in flowing robes holding one of the region's toughest foes, a boll weevil, high above her head.

The statue—The Boll Weevil Monument—stands in the center of this Coffee County town as a constant reminder of the community's perseverance.

Erecting a monument to a pest that has cost the U.S. cotton industry \$14 billion might seem a bit bizarre until you know the story of the Patterson family and others like them. Tales of the boll weevil are woven into the fabric of their agricultural heritage.

In 1939, Willie Pearl Patterson set up a farm with husband Clinton Cecil, who promptly joined other Coffee County farmers in declaring war on an already established invader, the boll weevil. Now, at age 78, she recalls the insects' destruction, including how they forced her grandfather off his farm in 1917.

"I knew of them (the weevils) all my life. People here worried about them coming back and tried to keep them away with poison for years," she says.

The Mexican boll weevil had marched across the border into Texas in 1892, entering Coffee County and southeast Alabama in the late summer of 1915. At the time,

cotton was still "king" in the region. Farmers relied on it as their main cash crop, harvesting an average of 35,000 bales a year in Coffee County alone.

The year the weevil arrived, production dropped to about 60 percent of the normal. Local farmers responded by planting more cotton than ever, dusting crops with calcium arsenate, DDT, and other pesticides. But none fazed the tenacious bug, which destroys the cotton plant by eating its internal fibers.

"Part of them (the farmers) believed that if you plowed the cotton plants under during the hot part of summer, it would get rid of them, but it didn't," says Henry Patterson, Willie's son. "People didn't worry a lot about starving—they just kept fighting and kept on going as best they could."

Then in October 1915, a local mule trader and businessman, H.M. Sessions, brought back a load of peanuts from a trip to Virginia and the Carolinas, promoting the plant's merits to Coffee County farmers.

The idea took root immediately, and within two years, local farmers were growing and harvesting more than a million bushels of peanuts for market—more than any other county in America.

A local city councilman, R.O. Bon Fleming, decided the boll weevil deserved credit for forcing the town to diversify, so he commissioned The Boll Weevil Monument, dedicated on Dec. 11, 1919.

With five sons working alongside their father, the Pattersons continued to diversify—growing hay, corn and other vegetables, and raising stock, in addition to growing peanuts. Henry Patterson now manages the 1,400-acre farm with help from his son, Clint. They took the farm full circle by planting cotton again in the



Tidbits

IN 1902, THE FIRST OPEN HEART SURGERY was performed by Dr. Luther Leonidas Hill in Montgomery, Ala. Dr. Hill sutured a stab wound in a young man's heart.

THREE WORLD-RECORD FISH CATCHES have occurred in Arkansas' lakes and rivers, including a 40 pound, 4 ounce brown trout caught in the Little Red River in 1992.

FLORIDA'S FIRST STATE FLAG consisted of a white field surrounding the centered state seal. It was changed in 1899 after Gov. Francis Fleming suggested a diagonal red cross be added, similar to the cross of St. David—one of three crosses that comprise Great Britain's Union Jack.

THE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CARVING is the world's largest relief sculpture, covering more than three acres on the face of Stone Mountain in Georgia. The carving depicts Civil War figures Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and "Stonewall" Jackson, and their horses. The sculpture, begun in 1923, was deserted and left unfinished for 36 years before it finally was completed in 1970.

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THE WORLD'S FIRST ROUND TRIP TRANSOCEANIC FLIGHT was made in 1928 by pilot H.T. Merrill of Iuka, Miss. He needed lightweight cargo to help fund the trip, and so loaded the plane with Ping-Pong balls.

IN 1995, STUDENTS AT A WILSON COUNTY, N.C., school successfully petitioned the state's General Assembly to establish the sweet potato as the official State Vegetable. North Carolina harvests up to 4 billion pounds of the vegetable per year.

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Boll weevils forced the Patterson family to diversify — and thereby save the farm. Shown above: Willy Patterson's son, Henry, and grandson, Clint

1990s and haven't had to spray for the boll weevil in four years. Intense pest management from California to Virginia, including sterilization, finally has yielded results.

Through the years, the Wiregrass region has added new businesses and industries, and witnessed the installation of Fort Rucker, a U.S. Army Aviation center. Farming remains important to the region, however, with poultry, peanuts, and produce still a substantial part of the local economy.

As difficult as it was to shell peanuts and wash clothes for five boys by hand, Willie Pearl Patterson says working together kept the family close. Despite the hard work and death of her husband in 1998, her blue eyes sparkle when she looks back in time.

"It's been a good life," she says. "I've got what I need. The wants don't hurt me—I can do without the wants. It made me appreciate the conveniences as we got them."

Linnea McClellan covers the Wiregrass region as a feature writer for The Dothan Eagle in Dothan, Ala.



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Clean debris from the gutters

Inside the house:

- Store paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils, unbreakable salt and pepper shakers, and a tray near the back door for quick table-setting outside.
- Keep a bag of ice in the freezer ready for company, outings, or a sudden urge for homemade ice cream.
- Stock your picnic basket with disposable dishes and utensils for impromptu picnics and outings.

Outside the house:

- Clean leaves and debris from gutters.
- Fertilize and mulch garden beds (with old leaves or lawn clippings as free mulch).
- Set up a porch swing or hammock, and use it.
- Use a wire brush and oven cleaner to prepare your grill for summer cooking.

Bugs begone

- Keep flies away from trash by gluing a pest strip to the lid of the garbage can.
- To cure a wasp problem, put 2 inches of vinegar in a long-necked bottle. Wasps will be attracted to the smell and crawl in, but they won't be able to exit.
- Eliminate even small pools of stagnant water—mosquito breeding grounds. These include backed-up gutters, the tire swing, flower vases, unused wading pools, and so forth.
- Put a layer of baking soda under sink-pipe openings to ward off roaches. They will eat the baking soda, dehydrate, then die. ✨



Store picnic items near the back door.

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John Elway, busy as ever

Q What is Super Bowl double-champion John Elway doing with his time these days now that he's retired?

— Caroline D., Tennessee

John Elway, the 16-year quarterback for the Denver Broncos, left the NFL after leading his team to Super Bowl titles in 1998 and 1999, catching Most Valuable Player honors in Super Bowl XXXIII. He's just as busy in retirement. With a degree in economics from Stanford, Elway turned the Elway Automotive Group in Denver from a single franchise into an industry powerhouse with annual auto sales of \$300 million. He's also a friend to charity, having created the John Elway Foundation to benefit nonprofit organizations, and the John Elway Drive for Education Scholarship Fund. Elway also has teamed with basketball star Michael Jordan and hockey legend Wayne Gretzky to form www.mvp.com, the premier source for sports, fitness and outdoor equipment and apparel on the Internet. Elway and his wife, Janet, have four children.

Q I hear Tom Hanks is leading an effort to fund a monument to Americans who served in World War II. Where do I write for information?

— Janet M., Massachusetts

Two-time Academy Award winner Tom Hanks has said that after filming the World War II epic "Saving Private Ryan," he was surprised to learn that no national memorial exists for the war's veterans. He quickly jumped on board the effort and filmed a television public service announcement in which he states, "They were ordinary people who, nearly half a century ago, did nothing less than help save the world. Millions served in uniform, millions more served at home, and nearly half a million gave their lives. And yet there is no national memorial to honor their sacrifice. It is time to

say thank you." America is doing just that. Of the \$100 million goal, more than \$80 million has been raised, says Betsy Glick, director of communications for the National World War II Memorial Project. For information, write The American Battle Monuments Commission, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 501, Arlington, VA 22201; call (800) 639-4WW2; or visit the website at www.wwiimemorial.com.

Q Is country artist/writer Paul Overstreet still recording? My husband and I really love his material — his songs are so positive and really tell a story.

— Dana G., Oregon



Paul Overstreet, known for his values

1," which features Top 10 hits he wrote or co-wrote for other artists, and "Living by the Book," a new Christian CD. Overstreet is known for the strong family values he incorporates into his lyrics.

Q Hannah Storm, one of the few women in sports broadcasting, seems to be at the top of her game. What does she say is the key to her success?

— Rick S., Minnesota

Self-confidence is a big key, says the NBC Sports broadcaster. "My parents always encouraged me, and made me honestly believe I could succeed at whatever I wanted to do," Storm says. As a woman in a predominantly male field, Storm has found that she is much more con-



Hanna Storm's success secret? Believe in yourself.

fidant when she is thoroughly prepared. "I do a lot of homework and research," she says. Storm recently was named the winner of a Gracie Allen Award by the Foundation of American Women in Radio and Television. The award was given for her outstanding achievement during NBC's coverage of the 1999 NBA finals and 1999 World Series.

Q Our family recently discovered the television show "7th Heaven." The actor who plays the father, Stephen Collins, has such a familiar face. Where else have we seen him?

— Henry C., Missouri

The question really is where haven't we seen him? Collins' official "7th Heaven" bio lists such television credits as "Sisters" (he played Sela Ward's love interest), "Tattlingers," and "Tales of the Gold Monkey." Television mini-series include "The Two Mrs. Grenvilles" (he earned an Emmy nomination), "A Woman Named Jackie" (he played JFK), and "Scarlett." Television movies include "The Betty Broderick Story," "Summer Solstice," and "Weekend War." Feature films include "Jumpin' Jack Flash," "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," "The First Wives Club," and "All the President's Men." He also has appeared on Broadway and written two books. ☆

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Hometown Heroes

by STEPHEN LEON ALLIGOOD

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Ann Ross and Alvin Richardson

The Ultimate Gift, Twice

In Madison, Ga., a small town 60 miles east of Atlanta, friendship is taken seriously. Farmers lend each other a hand at hay baling time, neighbors help neighbors repair their cars, and wives cook casseroles when someone is sick.

That's the way of survival in this town. But two women—one a preacher's wife, the other a court reporter—have redefined the word *friendship* for their town, their church ... and themselves.

Ann Ross and Jeannette Cathey, both of whom attend Madison Baptist Church, each donated one of their kidneys to

two other church members. Ross' recipient was high school teacher Alvin Richardson. Cathey's recipient was Lavonne Doty, a clerical worker with a local manufacturer.

Richardson's transplant from Ross in 1997 was his second, and the third in his family. His brother had donated a kidney to a third brother several years earlier. When Richardson's first transplant, from his mother, failed, he knew his family could not help.

"We were all out of kidneys in the family," he says, able now to joke about the dire situation.

He confided to his pastor, Rev. Jim Ross, how ambivalent he felt praying for a donor, but six congregation members—including the pastor's wife, Ann—soon allayed his worries when they stepped up and volunteered to donate. "How can you be willing to pray for a willing donor if you're not willing to be tested?" Mrs. Ross reasoned. Of the possible donors, her tissue was the most compatible.

Richardson wasn't surprised. "She's an angel that walks among us," he says.

Within weeks of surgery, their lives returned to normal, with one difference: Richardson now carried Ross' kidney beneath a 6-inch scar near his belly button. Church members rejoiced. Among them, Cathey, who marveled at Ross' gift—unaware she would soon make the same choice.

Cathey and Doty became good friends from the first day they met in Sunday school. "Our families went out to eat and we took trips. We just enjoyed being together," Cathey says.

Early on, Doty shared with her new friends that she had a congenital kidney disease. Just before her 40th birthday, she went on the transplant list.

As in Richardson's case, church friends rallied. Eight people, including Cathey, volunteered to be tested. For Cathey, the decision was easy because she saw Ross and Richardson in church every Sunday.

"Why not do the same for Lavonne?" she asked herself.

Doty remembered Cathey calling to say she was coming to visit. "She said she had something to give us. That's when she told me she was going to be my donor."

The two transplant recipients are humbled by, and grateful for, their second chance at life.

"What I've been shown is the ultimate example of love," Richardson says. "You find out in experiences like this that no one goes it alone. My community came to my rescue." Doty echoes the sentiment. "I've been given life," she says. "When I see Jeannette, that's what I think. It's an amazing thing."

Both donors also mark the experience as a spiritual milestone.

"It's very hard to make other people understand, but it's one of the most satisfying things I've ever done, or probably will do, in my life," Cathey says.

Ross shares her feelings and hopes their actions will encourage others to follow suit. "This was an honor," she says. "Organs are to be used here, they're not to be taken to heaven. It's really no sacrifice at all." ✨

Stephen Leon Alligood writes from his home in Tennessee.



Jeanette Cathey and Lavonne Doty

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