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briefs

Toler man killed in wreck

One man was killed and two juveniles were left hospitalized after an accident at Coal Run, just past Harold along U.S. 23 near Pikeville just after 9:30 p.m. Friday, according to reports from Kentucky State Police.

Police said Charles R. Francis was driving a 1999 Ford van north on U.S. 23 when he disregarded a traffic light just in front of the Kmart plaza.

Francis continued through the traffic light and struck the passenger side of a 1999 Chrysler driven by 70-year-old Leo Roberts, according to police.

Roberts, a resident of Toler Creek, was entering onto U.S. 23 when police said Francis struck his vehicle. Roberts was later pronounced dead by Pike County Coroner Charles Morris at Pikeville Methodist Hospital about one hour after the collision occurred.

A 15-year-old juvenile,

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Today



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Time running out for Auxier

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Only 80 of 250 easements obtained

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson is at a loss for words.

A project for Auxier and West Van Lear to improve sewer collection and conveyance systems for the area seemed, at first, to be another step along a path spanning several years of commitment to curing the county's water problems.

Now, \$3.5 million and countless hours into that effort, Thompson is worried the work and secured grants and hopes for the area will have been in vain.

The problem, according to Thompson, appears to be miscommunication. In January, Thompson and the fiscal court, noted a drastic increase in the number of

easements needed to initiate a start on the project, admitting clear reasons for the increase could not be quickly ascertained and expressing shock at the daunting figures.

At that time it was brought to the court's attention that what had originally been estimated to be 50 roadway ease-

ments needed before work could get underway had been refigured and found to be closer to 210 easements still needing to be obtained from residents of the area.

Plans were made then to increase the number of staff members working on the project for deed searches to get a final number of easements still remaining in the area.

(See SEWER, page nine)



photo by Sheldon Compton

Teachers, students, guests and visiting artists alike took a midday break during the Floyd County Art Show Tuesday at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center to view various pieces of work from county students. The event showcased talent from 15 county schools as well as providing teachers an opportunity to comment on the importance of art in the school system.

Art students compete while teachers worry

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

As approximately 250 elementary, high school and middle school students representing 15 schools from around the county took a noon lunch break during the annual Floyd County Art Show held Tuesday at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, the pause afforded teachers and artists the chance to reflect on the importance of the arts in the school system.

However, the gathering also allowed an airing of the dread that recent school board approvals for cut-backs could topple many art programs in their wake.

With three rooms packed with students and as many individual pieces of art, facilitators and teachers alike were kept busy moving students from area to area.

In one room, Prestonsburg Community College art professor

Tom J. Whitaker played guitar, exhibited his own pieces and accepted insight from grade school students while discussing the changes that the Kentucky Education Reform Act had, in his opinion, needlessly pushed toward a younger base of potential artists.

If more people came out here and viewed what these kids are able to produce from having been taught techniques and through learning, they would become more aware of just how much talent we really have in Floyd County through the visual art programs.

— PHS art teacher Ellen Trimble

"I'm a teacher, here's a teacher," Whitaker said, pointing to Osborne Elementary art teacher Kevin Slone. "I'm not going to teach a

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Art show winners chosen

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Art Show was held Tuesday at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

The event is an annual gathering in which county students are given the chance display their art work for judging.

Prestonsburg High School placed five students in the 10 pieces chosen during judging, followed by Allen Central High School with four students placing and Betsy Layne High School with one piece.

In the middle school category, five top place student pieces became six when judges came to

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Investigator suspects foul play

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

An investigation into the disappearance of a Bevensville man, Tracy Compton, on April 13, 2001, has revealed unexplained circumstances and still remains a mystery.

Following an arrest for alcohol intoxication on April 11, Compton had been released from custody by Judge Eric C. Hall on April 12, and ordered to receive a medical evaluation.

During an interview with The Floyd

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Tracy Compton

Stolen serpent returns home

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A ball python stolen from Penelope's Pet Store was returned on Sunday following the arrest of Robert L. Williamson of Inez on Friday.

Williamson has been charged with receiving stolen property.

The snake, a fish tank, and a heater were stolen from the pet shop on Feb. 2,

when former employee Beth Belcher, of Lancer, allegedly gave Williamson access to the shop.

Belcher, who had been entrusted with a key to the shop after working there for some time, was said to have opened the shop for Williamson.

Williamson allegedly took the items, which were valued at approximately

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Sheriff John K. Blackburn displays a computer received by his office. The sheriff's office spent Tuesday putting the final touches on installation of his department's newly aquired desktop computer, printer, digital camera and scanner equipment. The department will receive 10 units in all, said Blackburn, which will be placed in each police cruiser to help link information-sharing technologies among law enforcement agencies. Also Tuesday, the sheriff's office received nearly \$6,000 in connection to money seized during drug arrests since he took office.

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Odds and Ends

■ **NEDERLAND, Colo.** — Hungry for tourism, the Nederland Chamber of Commerce came up with an unusual attraction: "Frozen Dead Guy Days."

The weekend celebration will feature coffin races, a parade, a pancake breakfast and "Grandpa Tours," showcasing the town's only cryogenically frozen body — that of Bredo Morstoeil.

"It sure is nice that the town is finally showing goodwill toward Grandpa," said Bo Shaffer, who packs the 101-year-old body with dry ice every month for Morstoeil's grandson.

Morstoeil died in his native Norway in 1989 and has since been resting in an ice-encased box in a shed behind his grandson's former home.

The town of Nederland passed an ordinance outlawing keeping corpses on private property. But since a government cannot make a current situation illegal, "Grandpa Bredo" was grandfathered in.

Now the town has come full-circle, starting a festival for the man, beginning Saturday. On Sunday afternoon, Kathy and Robin Beeck will give a screening of their documentary on Morstoeil, "Grandpa's in the Tuff Shed."

"Grandpa is such a hero for the rights of the temporarily dead," Kathy Beeck said. "We think it's just hysterical."

■ **KELSO, Wash.** — It's rare

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the champion who can boast of winning every competition he's entered for 30 years.

Darwin Weber can: Over the weekend he swallowed 77 smelt in 30 minutes to win the Kelso Eagles' smelt-eating contest. Weber, 54, has won each time he's entered since 1972.

"I like fish, but I don't really care for smelt," admitted the 210-pound Weber, who won \$50 and the blue ribbon. "I'm waiting for someone to beat me so I can retire."

Weber's most formidable challenger was Jeff Deaver, who is 22 years younger and 140 pounds heavier. But Deaver appeared to slow as the time ticked away, finishing second with 70 smelt eaten.

"He was born with two stomachs," Deaver said of Weber. "Maybe a sea mammal can do it; I don't know."

Weber's consumption was not a personal best. He's twice eaten 106 smelt in the competition.

He capped off Sunday's triumph with a beer.

"We're going out for pizza after this," Deaver joked.

■ **SANTA CRUZ, Calif.** — For the bargain price of \$5,000, some lucky e-Bay shopper can buy the big blue welcome sign ditched by city officials and community members here as a massive eyesore.

City officials have been itching to get rid of the 15-by-30 foot sign since it was erected in September. But after spending six years and \$83,000 on the project, they couldn't justify spending another estimated \$20,000 to remove it.

So they did what many do

with unwanted junk: They listed it on e-Bay, the popular Internet auction site.

The sign, with yellow letters on a blue background, stands at the edge of town. It reads: "River Street. Welcome to Downtown Santa Cruz." After it was put up, hundreds of residents complained it was too ugly to welcome visitors to the quaint, coastal town.

The online advertisement suggests the sign is a "crown landmark" that would fit nicely in any town, especially one with a River Street.

The discounted price won't include any perks. Buyers must remove the sign themselves and no returns or refunds will be accepted.

■ **OVERLAND PARK, Kan.** — Mike Conley was about 8 years old when his parents bought him a 49-cent drugstore turtle.

Forty years later, Tiger could be the world's oldest Red-eared Slider. The record had been 37 years, 9 months, said Joseph T. Collins, herpetologist emeritus at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum.

Once about the size of a half dollar, Tiger has grown to measure about 8 inches by 10 inches and lives in a metal washtub at Conley's parents' suburban Kansas City home.

"It's really incredible," said Conley, 47, who now lives in Dallas. "I tell people — when it comes up in the conversation — 'Remember those itty-bitty, quarter-size turtles you got at the drugstore? I still have mine.'"

"Their jaws always drop." Tiger dines on dry turtle food, lettuce, raw hamburger and an occasional bug. When the weather is nice, the couple take Tiger's washtub onto the patio or let him wander in the grass.

"Everyone got turtles," Conley said. "They always died, or people would get tired of them and throw them in the lake. This one, we kept."

■ **KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — In a publicity gimmick that has generated genuine suspense, four Malaysians competing in an endurance test have lodged themselves in a car outside a shopping mall, battling boredom, body odor and bothersome pedestrians.

The radio-sponsored contest, which entered its second week Monday, forces strangers to live together in a car parked in public for as long as their sanity holds. The last person to leave gets the vehicle.

After seven days, Malaysians are now wondering who will budge first — the glamorous law student, the affable driving instructor, the plucky housewife, or the enthusiastic salesman?

"It gets tougher everyday," said contestant Wong Hsin Ee, 21, gobbling her breakfast of rice in the car. "The first week, we just ate and slept. Now, it's a miracle we're still here. I've missed all my classes."

Monitored round-the-clock since Feb. 25 by security cameras and guards, the four contestants are only allowed out of the

car once every three hours for 15 minutes to head for a nearby restroom.

Despite a current hot spell, the rules also forbid them to shower or shave. Once every two days, they can brush their teeth and change clothes, except for their underwear.

Magazines, mobile phones and other entertainment are banned. The contestants are only allowed to listen to the car radio, which is constantly tuned to the network organizing the challenge.

■ **COUPEVILLE, Wash.** — On your mark, get set, slurp.

Andy Elf won the heart of seafood lovers everywhere by gobbling 80 freshly steamed mussels in a minute during the 16th annual Penn Cover Mussel Festival.

Thousands of visitors sampled chowder from nine restaurants at the weekend festival in this town on Whidbey Island about 45 miles north of Seattle.

Seven eaters put their innards on the line for the contest Sunday at The Captain Whidbey Inn overlooking the cove where the succulent mollusks, typically no bigger than half the size of their Mediterranean and Maine cousins, are harvested.

Elf was nothing if not confident before the contest began.

"Andy's my name, and mussel's my game," he said in a pre-slurp interview with The Herald of Everett. "I'm going to crawl right inside that shell and become one with the mussels."

His effort won him a \$50 gift certificate to the Inn and a

Mussel Muncher sweat shirt. He said he would be back to defend his title next year.

■ **ELKHART, Ind.** — Taking your precious bundle of joy out for a spin in a carriage isn't just for babies anymore.

Jim Montgomery has designed a stroller for proud pet owners who want to take their favorite ferret or cat along for a jaunt.

Montgomery originally came up with the idea when his wife wanted to take her cats along on her walks while recuperating from surgery.

Because cats don't do well on leashes, Montgomery created the Kitty Kart.

Now, the contraption also has become popular among ferret owners.

The device, basically a detachable cage on a baby stroller chassis, is being sold online as the "Fur-by-Four."

Montgomery has sold his invention to pet owners as far away as New York and China.

Sue Koehler of New York bought one for her four ferrets last year. "They hang on to the bars on the cage and look out like, 'Oh, mom, where are we going?'" she said Monday.

■ **COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — For the first time, brothers have placed first in their grade-level competitions at the Pikes Peak Regional Spelling Bee. And English is their second language.

Akshay Buddiga, 11, won in

(See **ODDS**, page nine)

OSM supports earlier findings on coal impoundment failure

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A second federal investigation has concluded that a Kentucky coal operator could have prevented the October 2000 failure of a coal waste pond that released 306 million gallons of black goo into Kentucky and West Virginia waterways.

The U.S. Office of Surface Mine findings released Monday support a federal Mine Safety and Health Administration report on the failure of the 70-acre pond operated by Massey Energy subsidiary Martin County Coal Corp.

Investigators said the company failed to follow recommendations made in 1994 after a smaller breakthrough at the same pond.

A portion of the pond's floor collapsed on Oct. 11, 2000, into former underground mines. The sludge poured out of the mine openings and fouled 75 miles of waterways, killed fish and damaged drinking water supplies.

The state of West Virginia has sued Martin County Coal for violating water quality standards in the Tug Fork and Big Sandy rivers.

In its report, OSM concurred with MSHA findings that Martin County Coal had failed to spread a layer of fine coal particles around the perimeter of the impoundment when it was built to prevent water from seeping out. The company could be fined up to \$110,000 for the MSHA violations.

No additional citations were issued by OSM, said Bill Kovacic, director of the OSM's Lexington office.

Whether the barrier would have prevented the breakthrough will remain unknown. The 1994 plan did not contain a complete analysis of potential breakthroughs, preventative measures or an as-built stability analysis, OSM's report said.

The report also said Kentucky officials should have given the public a chance to comment on the 1994 plan.

"The report identifies the need for the routine monitoring of impoundments and improved technical prevention measures," OSM Director Jeff Jarrett said in a news release.

To prevent future breakthroughs, OSM said impoundments should be designed using the most conservative engineering standards, with monitors to warn of impending breakthroughs. States should coordi-

nate with MSHA on approving impoundment designs.

The agency said it would consider drafting national standards for emergency action plans. Martin County Coal's emergency plan discussed an embankment failure, but not an impoundment breakthrough.

Calls to both Martin County Coal's office and Massey's Charleston office were not immediately returned.

City may restrict political inquiries to employees

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A city government may restrict the time public employees have to spend in responding to inquiries from political candidates, according to an attorney general's opinion.

While the restriction may infringe somewhat on the freedom of speech, it is done to further the legitimate aim of the city to operate government efficiently, the opinion said.

The question was posed by state Rep. John Bowling, D-Danville, who is a candidate for mayor of Danville. The opinion, released Monday, does not indicate whether Bowling was also the individual seeking information from city employees.

In a January memo, Danville City Manager Steve Biven told

city employees to direct any inquiries they receive from candidates about their job duties to him. Biven said he would determine if the inquiries require a formal response under the Kentucky Open Records Law.

"I will try to keep you from having to be caught up in the middle of any political activity," Biven said in his memo.

While Biven said employees should be cooperative and polite, such inquiries could make their jobs more difficult.

"It is not your responsibility to educate candidates as to the function of city government or to accommodate them into your schedule," Biven said.

Assistant Attorney General Bill Pettus said the restrictions are reasonable because they apply only during work hours.

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House gives final passage to telemarketing bill

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky House gave final passage Monday to a bill aimed at protecting people from unwanted telemarketing calls.

The bill, sent to Gov. Paul Patton, would allow people to join a "zero call" list, meant to signify a no-trespass sign to prohibit telemarketers from interrupting family time.

A Patton spokesman said the governor has supported telemarketing legislation from the beginning and is expected to sign it into law.

Some House members had misgivings that in the zeal to cut off out-of-state telemarketing calls, the final product would hamper local merchants. But when the vote was taken, no one opposed it, and it passed 91-0.

"It's time for us to put this issue to rest and pass a bill," said Rep. Buddy Buckingham, a Democrat from Murray and the primary sponsor.

The measure had been lobbied intensely by the influential AARP and had sparked political bickering between Republicans and Democrats over who should get credit.

In rewriting the bill, the Senate narrowed the circumstances under which telephone solicitors could contact people on the zero call list. Buckingham said the intent was the same — to protect people from being bothered at home by telemarketing calls they don't want.

Rep. Bob Heleringer, R-Louisville, said the final product reflected the wishes of people across Kentucky. "Let's give the people the government they want," he said. "This is exactly what they want."

Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, said the bill would actually promote business efficiency by keeping telemarketers from calling people on the list who wouldn't have bought their products anyway.

But others worried the tough restrictions could unintentionally harm local businesses barred from calling people on the zero call list. The bill includes a handful of exemptions that would allow such calls.

Solicitors could contact people on the list if they had done business with them before, if the people gave permission or for bill collections. Calls from one business to another would also be exempt.

The attorney general's office would maintain the zero call list.

"This is a very strong bill that will eliminate the sales calls that people have been bothered by," Attorney General Ben Chandler said after the House vote. "It will still allow charitable solicitors to call as long as they are not selling something."

Chandler said his office would try to incorporate Kentuckians already on the current no-call list into the stricter zero call list. That no-call list has so many exemptions that it has been called ineffective.

Violators of the zero call list could face civil penalties up to \$5,000. Violations would rise to a felony after three offenses within a year. The felony charges are aimed at allowing the state to prosecute out-of-state telemarketers.

The original bill proposed by Buckingham included a less-restrictive "no-call" list that would have permitted telemarketing calls from school and civic groups along with a broader range of businesses.

Rep. Eddie Ballard, D-Madisonville, said the tighter restrictions passed by the Senate could be "a killer" for small businesses that rely on telephone calls to local residents to drum up more sales.

Ballard said he never heard complaints about solicitation calls from local businesses. The complaints dwell on the calls from professional telemarketers that come late into the night, he said.

Rep. Jim Gooch, D-Providence, said the bill had been overtaken by political gamesmanship. "There's enough shame to go around," he said.

Gooch said the Republican-led Senate passed a version so tough that it didn't think the Democratic House would accept

it. In doing so, Senate Republicans "completely turned their back" on small merchants, he said.

Gooch also lambasted a series of Democratic radio advertisements, some featuring Attorney General Ben Chandler, that had accused Senate Republicans of stonewalling the issue.

"I was appalled at the nature of those commercials," Gooch said. "They were so despicable."

Gooch said the House should have pushed for a change to relax the restrictions on the local merchants, and predicted the issue will resurface in the 2003 General Assembly.

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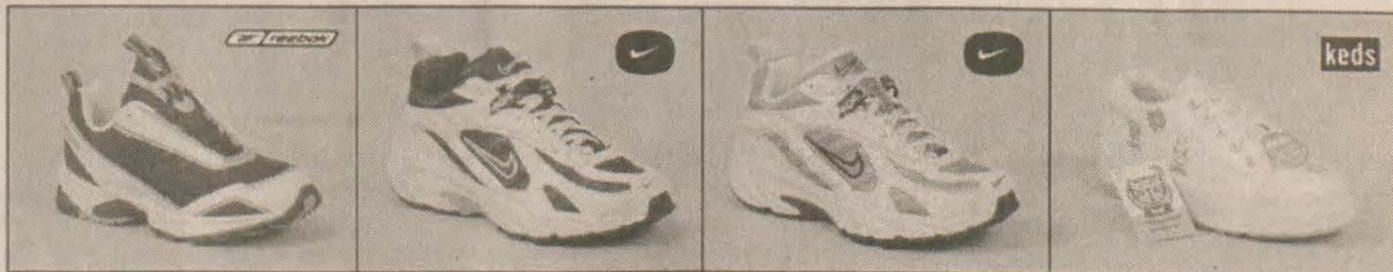
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Viewpoint

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Worth Repeating ...

"The only incurable troubles of the rich are the troubles that money can't cure, which is a kind of trouble that is even more troublesome if you are poor"

— Ogden Nash

Guest View

Puzzling Williams needs to cool it

State Senate President David Williams is a puzzle. He's shown considerable mastery of the legislative process in using a narrow Republican majority in the Senate to give his party a say in the General Assembly for virtually the first time in history.

And Williams has refused to toe the state government line that every crisis is a reason for a tax increase.

Asked about the possibility of an increase in the cigarette tax and the legalization of casino gambling in the state, Williams said Friday, "I don't think there's a crisis in revenue in this state. There is a crisis in spending and a crisis in management."

There's much truth to what Williams is saying.

Remember the \$100 million "surplus" Gov. Paul Patton so generously spread across the state in pork barrel projects and grants in the year leading up to his re-election.

Because Williams stands up for Kentucky taxpayers, we hesitate to criticize him. But there's another piece to the puzzle. Williams' sometimes bizarre behavior in presiding over the Senate is hurting his cause and the chances of the Republican Party for making more gains in Kentucky.

Earlier in the session, Williams threatened to censure Democratic Sen. Ernesto Scorsone for making a reference to the Enron scandal in criticizing the Senate Republican leadership. Apparently, the reference stung Williams, but it was a harmless analogy well within the bounds of partisan discourse.

More recently, Williams flew off the handle again after a vote on Medicaid funding. Williams had the Senate sergeant-at-arms remove Democratic Sen. David Boswell from the podium after Boswell had come to the front to speak to him. Perhaps what Boswell did was unusual, but Williams made the situation far worse by calling in the sergeant-at-arms. By losing his temper, Williams made a small spat into big news across the state.

With the General Assembly session half over, there's no reason for Williams to step down now. But his fellow Republicans in the Senate should put him on notice that if there's another incident this session, he won't be re-elected to his leadership post.

The Williams puzzle is no longer amusing. Williams shouldn't be allowed to blow the Republican Party's best shot in a long time at becoming a real player in Frankfort.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON RESEARCHERS SAY KIDS IN DAY CARE ARE BETTER OFF THAN THOSE BEING CARED FOR BY EXTENDED FAMILY OR FRIENDS.



Guest Column

'The truth is ...'

The Rev. Johnnie E. Ross
CHAIRMAN
FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

"The Truth will stand when the world's on fire," was one of the many sayings of my grandmother, and last week our world was on fire with rumors and misinformation of a school closing. So what's the truth?

The truth is that on February 19, at a meeting of the LPC, the board's architect discussed in detail at least four different (A-D) plans for renovation and new construction at Prestonsburg Elementary, construction that would occur on the current school site.

The truth is that after much discussion during the meeting, the Long-Range Planning Committee passed a resolution requesting that the Board allow them to seek the "thoughts and concerns... (of) the Mayor of Prestonsburg, other... public officials... the Chamber of Commerce, and community leaders."

The resolution passed by the LPC also sought Board approval to begin "a

'Community Discussion' ...in Prestonsburg" on these issues at a "site and date (by 3/15) for the 'Community Discussion' ...to be determined."

The truth is that there was only one vote registered against the resolution that called for community participation in this extremely important decision effecting our children and this community, and that vote belonged to Mrs. Gwen Hale-Fraizer, principal of Prestonsburg Elementary and member of the LPC.

So, was the spreading of these rumors and misinformation intentional? I believe that it was. Why else would the community not be told of the four plans to build a new school on the existing site in Prestonsburg? Why else would a copy of the LPC resolution be withheld from the community during a public meeting on Thursday, especially in light of all the other "information" that was being handed out during that meeting?

The truth is that the rumors and misinformation did nothing but cause children to cry and worry over their school, they did nothing but help sell a few papers, and gave at least one local politician a chance to make some political hay.

The truth is that prior to Monday night, the Floyd County Board of

Education had never discussed the closing Prestonsburg Elementary. But once the rumors and misinformation hit the street, it certainly made for good "political fodder," even to the point of our mayor calling for a question to be placed on the ballot to establish an independent school district in Prestonsburg. The truth is that the establishment of a new school district for Prestonsburg may not be legally possible. But what if it is? Then the truth about this proposal is that our property taxes would have to be increased to support such an idea. The truth is the citizens of Jenkins are taxed at a rate of 56.7 cents per \$100 of assessed property value and 69 cents per \$100 dollars for vehicles to support their independent school district. The truth is the citizens of Pikeville are assessed a tax rate of 67.5 cents per \$100 property and 79.3 cents per \$100 for vehicles and Paintsville citizens are taxed at a rate of 74.9 cents per \$100 property value and 72.7 cents per \$100 for vehicles.

Is this newest suggestion by our mayor a back door attempt to get the citizens of Prestonsburg to agree to raise their own taxes in fear of a school closing? The truth is, it certainly sounds that way to me!

Letters

Learning injustice at early age

As the parents of James Lafferty, Bobby Hughes and Mason Haywood, we would like to express our great disappointment with the way our boys have been treated.

They were singled out and stopped from participating in the Floyd County Basketball Tournament, even though almost every other school in the county had children playing under the same circumstances as our boys. We cannot help but believe that had our boys remained in the public school system, this would never have been an issue.

Now, granted, the school board was within its legal rights when it stopped our boys from playing, because we are from a private school — a school, I might add, which we as parents chose for our children because of its high academic standards, period.

We would like to know what happened to the day when people were worried about what was morally right. It is a sad day we live in when people such as our board members, superintendent, win-hungry coaches and jealous parents are willing to hurt three children just to sat-

isfy their own pettiness.

These three children had played all season looking forward to tournament time just like all of the children in this county. Unlike the other children, however, these three were pushed out when they did nothing wrong.

Our board of education needs to start practicing inclusion rather than exclusion where children are concerned. It tends to make one wonder what kind of people we have elected to run our school board, and if maybe we shouldn't do something about that problem come the next election.

We would like to let everyone know that the reason we did not pursue this matter further was because we did not want to hurt all of the other children in the county the way ours had been hurt. The hard part was explaining to ours that even though they were in the right, it was important to drop it for the sake of the others. Injustice is hard to understand at any age, but it is especially sad that these children have had to have a taste of it at such a young age. We decided that it would be best to let the tournament continue, even though our boys had been treated so badly.

We would also like to congratulate Mountain Christian Academy on its Floyd County C Team championship.

Pauletta Lafferty
Banner
Cheryl Hughes
Martin
Debbie Haywood
Prestonsburg

Death leaves a void

The recent passing of Dr. James A. Campbell leaves a void not soon to be filled in Eastern Kentucky.

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Dr. Campbell was concerned about every patient and although the wait was often long at his office, we all knew that once we were in his examining room, he would take the same measured care and time with us. That was his manner, whether in the hospital or in the office; lovingly caring for each of his patients.

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Healthbeat: Scientists try to develop blood test to back up mammograms

by LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — Scientists are testing blood from more than 1,000 women for a protein that might signal breast cancer, hoping to create for women the kind of blood test men have for prostate disease. It's too soon to know if the experiment will work. But the quest for new ways to catch early tumors or even precancerous cells — from blood testing to analyzing nipple fluid — is heating up amid controversy over mammograms. Proponents foresee a day when the X-ray routinely comes with a backup test.

"Mammography is not the end-all," says Dr. Alan Hollingsworth of Oklahoma City's Mercy Health Center, one of seven U.S. hospitals participating in Matritech Inc.'s blood-test research.

With a hint from another test that a tumor might be forming, "you could look harder. There are ways to look harder than just with mammography."

Mammograms can detect tumors when they're tiny, often meaning the difference between surgery that severs or spares the breast. Whether they also save lives is under hot debate. The U.S. government thinks so, and strongly urges women over age 40 to get one at least every other year. Regardless, an estimated third of women don't get regular mammograms.

Other scientists argue that studies backing mammograms are too flawed to determine if the procedure reduces death.

Mammograms are certainly not perfect. They can miss tumors or flag suspicious spots that turn out to be benign. More powerful imaging techniques, like ultrasound or MRI, can better pinpoint tumors but are too complex and expensive to use on everybody.

The presence of prostate-specific antigen (PSA) protein in men's blood suggests they may have either an enlarged or cancerous prostate. So why not a blood test for breast cancer?

Nuclear matrix proteins, or NMPs, help form the skeleton of cell nuclei as cells reproduce. Changes in nuclei size or shape can signal cancer. The theory: Different cells use different NMPs, so changes in the type or

amount of a certain NMP in the blood could signal cell changes that mean cancer.

Matritech Inc., which licensed rights to NMP research

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from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, already sells a test that helps diagnose bladder cancer by finding NMP-22 in urine.

Now Matritech says a related protein, NMP-66, appears specific to breast cancer. In a pre-

liminary study of blood samples from 78 women, NMP-66 was found in everyone with invasive cancer; four of five who had a noninvasive tumor of the milk ducts; and no one with a normal mammogram. The downside: It also was found in two of 24 women with benign breast conditions.

Matritech is looking for NMP-66 in 700 women who will receive biopsies to check for breast cancer, and another 400 women whose regular mammograms show nothing suspicious. Results are expected later this year.

Even if this first clinical trial of NMP-66 is promising, it will take much more research to prove the test works, Hollingsworth cautioned.

Researchers are concerned about those false positives — positive tests that turn out to be benign. It's not too hard to tell when a mammogram causes a

(See **TEST**, page seven)

Preventable cervical cancer continues to threaten impoverished

The Associated Press

WESLACO, Texas — Neighbors of Maria Guadalupe Hernandez call her "la flaquita," the thin one.

She was sick when she sneaked across the border from Mexico five years ago, penniless from paying doctors who misdiagnosed her cervical cancer.

"I had to sell my house to pay medical bills in Mexico," she said in Spanish during an interview in her hospital room. "The children were hungry."

Five years later, she is still battling the disease.

Hernandez represents a statistic that continues to baffle and shame health officials. At 35, the mother of eight and grandmother of two likely will die from a cancer that health officials say should have been eradicated decades ago.

For women around the world, the Pap smear has detected cell abnormalities that can be treated long before they develop into cancer.

But mortality rates have held frustratingly steady in some regions plagued by poverty, language barriers and young motherhood. The rates indicate that women are not getting the Pap test or are not pursuing follow-up care when the tests show abnormalities.

The 19-county U.S.-Mexico border area known as the Rio Grande Valley is one of those

regions. Other trouble spots include five counties in Maine; 14 counties in rural Alabama; a chunk of West Virginia; parts of California; and concentrations of Native Americans in the Southwest and Alaska.

Worldwide, almost 360,000 cases of cervical cancer were detected in 1990, with 190,000 women dying of the disease.

Women in Third World countries have relatively high incidences of sexually transmitted diseases, including the human papilloma virus that is a precursor to cervical cancer.

The Rio Grande is hardly a boundary when it comes to health issues. Young doctors training in crowded hospitals here may encounter diseases seen nowhere else in the country, including dengue fever and canine rabies.

Recognizing this, the federal health department is funding basic health needs including reproductive care, vaccinations for children and treatment for communicable diseases such as tuberculosis.

There also is a lack of education about preventive care. Women with no health insurance who are isolated by language and culture may go years without seeing a doctor.

"I saw one woman who was over 50 years old and having her first Pap," said Sister Mary

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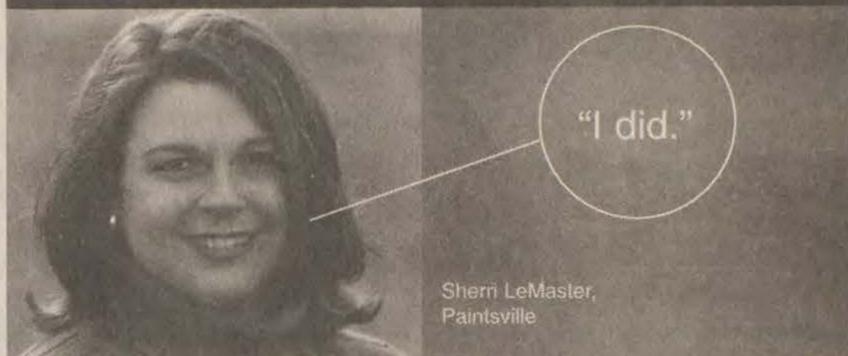
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Letters

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Delora Kraus
Prestonsburg

Unanswered questions

My daughter attended a private Christian school. I have a few unanswered questions about

things that happened there.

Why was my child given over-the-counter medications on two different occasions without getting any type of consent from her parents?

Why couldn't a receipt be viewed for the cost of the cheer-leading uniforms? Were the parents over-charged? Why weren't the school principal and the schoolmaster willing to help me get copies of the receipts? Why were the uniforms purchased with a personal credit card? Why were the uniforms not purchased through the school?

Why was my daughter slapped across the hand by a music

teacher?

Why was my daughter humiliated in front of her peers and parents over the color of the pop she was drinking?

Why does this private school have closed board meetings?

Why would the schoolmaster deny giving over-the-counter medications to my child when I had seen the log on several pages?

Why did the schoolmaster shove a child's school file across a desk during a meeting and say, "Look at the file and get out of here."? Is this a good role model for children to be around?

Why was the schoolmaster afraid to photocopy letters sent to the school about the medicine given to my child without consent?

Visit your child's school and ask questions. Your child is yours and you deserve to know things that go on with your child.

When your child cries not wanting to go to school and complains of older children bothering them, and the leaders of the school don't listen to you about things that you are concerned about with your child, this could be a red flag. Get out in the community and talk to people. Get references.

God knows the answers to all

these questions and that is all that matters.

My daughter is now back in the public school system and seems to be more stress-free. Children can attend public schools and have just as much closeness with the Lord.

Beth Meade
Allen

Bill

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In other action, the House passed 91-4 and sent to the Senate a bill that would keep farmers' water quality and conservation plans secret. The plans are submitted to local conservation offices.

Gooch, the bill's sponsor, said a lack of confidentiality would keep many farmers from submitting plans to conservation offices.

Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, who voted against the bill, said people have a right to know what's in their neighbors' plans since it might affect the waterways running through their property.

(The telemarketing legislation is House Bill 47; the water quality bill is HB367.)

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terms of what they do."

Until these experimental tests are better understood, the best advice is to get a regular mammogram from a radiologist who does lots of them — because more experience means more accuracy, says the cancer society's Smith.

Lauran Neergaard covers health and medicine for The Associated Press in Washington.

Test

scare, but it will probably take longer to tell if a blood test result is wrong, says Robert Smith of the American Cancer Society.

Ultimately, Matriech hopes to sell NMP-66 as a routine mammogram backup.

There is another breast test, called ductal lavage, that some women are clamoring to get. Doctors put an anesthetic on the nipple and insert a threadlike catheter to flush milk ducts with fluid that dislodges and draws out cells.

Ductal lavage is still experimental. It does not hunt for actual tumors but can detect abnormal cells that may signal precancerous changes. It is recommended only for women at high risk of getting breast cancer, to help them decide such things as how often to get mammograms or whether to try the drug tamoxifen in hopes of preventing tumors.

"We need to be responsible about how we integrate this into our practice," cautions Dr. Freya Schnabel of New York's Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. "The people for whom this technique is most helpful are people where the information is going to make a difference in

Study says middle-age Americans face 90 percent lifetime risk of high blood pressure

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — Middle-age Americans have a 90 percent chance of eventually developing high blood pressure, a new study estimates. But experts say many can still beat the odds with diet and exercise.

The study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, prompted warnings from the

nation's top health authorities, including Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and Dr. Claude Lenfant, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

"Ninety percent is a staggering statistic and cause for concern," Thompson said. "This finding should energize Americans to take steps to protect themselves against high blood pressure."

Lenfant, whose agency helped fund the study, said Americans "cannot adopt a wait-and-see approach. If they do, chances are they will find themselves with high blood pressure, and that puts them at increased risk for heart disease and stroke."

High blood pressure is estimated to affect 50 million Americans. The study, among the first to calculate the lifetime risk of developing the condition, involved mostly whites. Lifetime risks may be even higher for blacks, who are disproportionately affected by high blood pressure.

The findings are based on an analysis of 1,298 men and women taking part in the continuing Framingham Heart Study, which began in 1948 and has examined participants every two years.

The JAMA study involved participants who had not developed high blood pressure by 1975. The authors estimated the lifetime risk of developing high blood pressure among 55-year-olds and 65-year-olds over a follow-up period of 20 to 25 years. Nearly 85 percent of the par-

ticipants eventually developed at least mildly high blood pressure — readings of 140 over 90 or more. Thirty-five percent to 44 percent developed moderate or severe high blood pressure — 160 over 100 or higher.

After taking into account those patients taking medication that lowered their blood pressure, the researchers estimated the lifetime risk of developing high blood pressure at 90 percent.

Study co-author Dr. Ramachandran Vasan of Boston University noted that maintaining ideal body weight and getting adequate exercise and nutrition — including avoiding too much alcohol and salt — can help prevent high blood pressure.

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Gary Rose, Candidate for Sheriff of Floyd County, Answers questions and concerns of Floyd County Citizens

Gary Rose's reorganization plan continues in this edition, and will continue in future editions of the Floyd County Times. This reorganization will make the Floyd County Sheriff's Department more progressive, more professional and ultimately more efficient.

I. Floyd County School and Law Enforcement Interaction Committee.
Gary Rose will work closely with the Superintendent of Schools and the Floyd County Board of Education to form an Interaction Committee. This committee will be made up of representatives from each school in the county, the Retired Teacher's Association, the Board of Education, the four Police Departments in the county and the Kentucky State Police. Gary will personally represent the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

This committee will work to identify solutions to problems confronting our teachers on a daily basis, such as illegal drugs and violence in our schools.

This committee will assist Gary in formulating a plan to guide the Sheriff's Department in combating these problems.

Gary Rose is fully committed to the safety and welfare of our teachers and children of Floyd County.

II. Mandatory Training for Officers.
The Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond, KY, offers an excellent Basic Training School for Law Enforcement Officers. The School is sixteen (16) weeks long and only costs one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$181.00) per officer to attend. This is the total cost, and includes tuition, lodging and meals.

John K. Blackburn is now into his fourth (4th) year as Sheriff of Floyd County, and he has not chosen to send himself nor any deputy to this Basic Training School. He has fifty-seven (57) employees and only twelve (12) of these officers have received this training, and they were sent by the previous Sheriff, Paul Hunt Thompson.

In today's world, an educated and well trained Sheriff's Deputy ensures a professional Sheriff's Department which in turn helps to eliminate corruption, police brutality and lawsuits against the Sheriff's Department, and ultimately Floyd County.

When Gary is elected, all qualified deputies shall be required to attend this critically needed training school.

III. Federal and State Grants.
Gary Rose will research available resources in order to obtain Federal and State Grants. Grants are available that will supply funding to improve the Sheriff's Department through purchasing new innovative equipment and hiring more deputies. Gary is very familiar with the grant application process and will pursue all available grants.

Vote for Gary Rose for Sheriff. He will accept and meet his responsibility. He will prosecute drug dealers every day of every month of every year he is in office, and not just before his election. "The War on Drugs is a war we can't afford to lose."

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Obituaries

Betty J. Thompson

Betty J. Thompson, age 66, of East Point, Ky., formerly of Martin, Ky., wife of Ernest Thompson, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was born August 27, 1933, in Floyd County, Ky., the daughter of the late Johnnie Allen and Armina Conn Allen. Mrs. Thompson was a former seamstress for Chrysler Corporation.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Larry Brewer of Lexington, Ky., Jimmy Brewer of Spokane, Wa.; one daughter, Barbara Jean Hancock of Martin, Ky.; six brothers, Lonnie Allen of Stanville, Ky., John Allen of Mexico, David Allen of Minnie, Ky., Kenneth Allen of Lima, Oh., James Allen of Medford, Oregon, Herbert Salisbury of Wheelwright, Ky.; four sisters, Barbara Halbert of Lexington, Ky., Annette Miller of Detroit, Mi., Myrtle Lambert of Charleston, WV, Irene Horn of Norfolk, Va.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Betty J. Thompson will be conducted, Thursday, March 7, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky.

Burial will follow in the Salisbury-Allen Cemetery, Printer, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Bert T. Hall

Bert T. Hall, 47, of Beaver, Ky., died Saturday, March 2, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on October 16, 1954, in Floyd County, Ky., he was the son of Okey Hall and Ruby Hamilton Hall, both of Beaver, Ky. He was disabled.

Survivors, other than his parents, include, two brothers, Ralph Hall, and Jody Hall, both of Beaver, Ky.; four sisters, Mary Lou Tackett of Beaver, Ky., Joann Tackett of Grethel, Ky., Deloris Slone of Bevinsville, Ky., and Billie Joyce Stapleton of Harold, Ky.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Randy Hall.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Hall Cemetery, Beaver, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Dockie B. Pigman

Dockie B. Pigman, age 85, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Monday, March 4, 2002, at the Highland Regional Medical Center, after an illness of two years.

She was born November 12, 1916, at Dwale, Ky., a daughter of the late Jeff and Ada (Nelson) Prater. She was married to Hargis Pigman who preceded her in death. She was a member of the New Hope United Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons and four daughters, William Pigman, Johnny Pigman, both of Prestonsburg, Ky., Clarence Pigman of Warsaw, Ind.; Ora Lee Pigman, Audrey Pigman, and Ethel Pigman, all of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Ada Church of Hendersonville, N.C.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 7, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, Ky., with Bro. Don Neeley officiating.

Burial will follow in the Reynolds Cemetery at Prestonsburg, Ky.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Tilden Howard Jr.

Tilden Howard Jr., 53, of Garrett, Ky., died Monday, March 4, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on October 6, 1948, in Lackey, Ky., he was the son of Effie Hicks Howard of David, Ky., and the late Tilden Howard. He was a disabled welder.

He is survived by his wife, Burneda Chaffins Howard.

Other survivors include three sons, Jerry Donovan Howard of Hueysville, Ky., Glen Ramey of Weeksbury, Ky., and Daniel Ramey of Hindman, Ky.; one daughter, Effie Shannon Howard of Garrett, Ky.; two brothers, Jerry Howard of Garrett, Ky., and Douglas Howard of Topmost, Ky.; two sisters, Teresa Justice of David, Ky., and Edith Martin of Langley, Ky.; two grandchildren, Michael Howard and Joshua Ramey.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 7, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Howard Family Cemetery, Gunlock, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Alice Elizabeth Groeniger Garvey

Alice Elizabeth Groeniger Garvey, 92, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Saturday, March 2, 2002, at Riverview Manor Health Care Center, following an extended illness.

Born August 13, 1909, she was the daughter of the late Albert Peter Groeniger and Bessie Whitcomb Groeniger. She was a former printing press operator for Strobridge Lithographing Co./Gibson Art Co. She was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ, Norwood, Ohio, for 62 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Russell Garvey, on December 26, 1981.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Alice Garvey (Jim) Carter of Prestonsburg; two grandchildren, Aubrey James Odell (Carolyn) of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Cynthia Ann Branham (William) of Prestonsburg; two great-grandchildren, Jacob William Branham and Kaitlyn Moriah Branham.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Amelia Groeniger; and two brothers, Albert Groeniger and Edward Groeniger.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 1:30 p.m., at the Vorhis Funeral Home, Norwood, Ohio, with Rev. Howard Storm officiating.

Burial was in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Milford, Ohio.

Visitation was Sunday at the Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Donald Ray Hamilton

Donald Ray Hamilton, 60, of Teaberry, Ky., died Sunday, March 3, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on May 23, 1941, at Teaberry, Ky., he was the son of the late John Hamilton and Elizabeth Newsome Hamilton. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry, Ky.

He is survived by his wife, Alpha Hall Hamilton.

Other survivors include three daughters, Angelia Newsome of Grethel, Ky., Raylynn Chapman, and Wendy Conn, both of Kimper, Ky.; four brothers, Charles Dotson of Dayton, Ohio, Emmitt Eugene (Cat) Hamilton, and Bobby Hamilton, both of Teaberry, Ky., and Ricky Hamilton of Pikeville, Ky.; four sisters, Norma Perdue, and Aileen Tripodi, both of Michigan, Margie Castillo of Teaberry, Ky., and Christine Combs of Eastern, Ky.; and four grandchildren, Brittany (BB), Levi (Bo), Seth, and Chase.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Eddie, Gene, Estill, Jimmy, and Tolbie.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 12 noon, at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry, Ky., with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the John Hamilton Cemetery, Tinker Fork, Teaberry, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation will be at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church. (Paid obituary)

Dewey Hughes

Dewey Hughes, age 83, of Martin, Ky., husband of Effie Underpool Hughes, passed away, Sunday, March 3, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky.

He was born March 3, 1919, in Martin, Ky., the son of the late Malcom Hughes and Sally Johnson Hughes. Mr. Hughes was a retired coal miner, a member of the Cold Springs Regular Baptist Church, an U.S. Army, World War II veteran, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two brothers, Leonard Hughes of Lima, Oh., and Charlie Hughes of Claypool, In., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Ousley Cemetery, Caney Fork, Martin, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Phyllis Fraley Esham

Phyllis Fraley Esham, age 81, of Wayland, Ky., passed away on Friday, March 1, 2002, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness.

Phyllis was born, September 17, 1920, in Danville, Illinois, the daughter of the late Otto and Grace Webb Crawford.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her first husband, the late Sam Fraley.

She is survived by her husband, D.C. Esham; one son, Ronnie Fraley of Somerset, Ky.; three daughters, Barbara Finnerty of Canal Winchester, Ohio, Grace Taylor and Carolyn Puckett, both of Wayland, Ky.; two sisters, Sarah Brooks and Dorothy Lenover, both of Danville, Illinois.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 4, 2002, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, Ky., with Matthew Adams officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, Ky., under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Cory Howard, Larry Puckett, Sam Taylor, Tommy Taylor, Chis Bailey, Nick Northrup, and David Finnerty. (Paid obituary)

Walter C. Gunnell

Walter C. Gunnell, age 81, of Martin, Ky., husband of Audrey Stumbo Gunnell, passed away Friday, March 1, 2002, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, Ky., following a brief illness.

He was born November 14, 1920, in Emma, Ky., the son of the late James Walter Gunnell and Joda Stratton Gunnell. Mr. Gunnell was retired from Columbia Gas and Natural Resources as a field and office worker, he was an U.S. Air Force, World War II veteran, and a member of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

Survivors, other than his wife, include two sons, Winston J. Gunnell of Prestonsburg, Ky., and Anthony Lyle Gunnell of Martin, Ky.; one brother, Adrian Gunnell of Panama City, Fla.; and one grandchild, Ashley Nicole Gunnell.

Funeral services for Walter C. Gunnell were conducted Sunday, March 3, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Mark Tackett and Richard Ginn officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, Salisbury, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Leo Roberts

Leo Roberts, age 69, of Harold, Ky., husband of Hattie "Sue" Roberts, passed away Friday, March 1, 2002, at the Coal Run Village, Pike County, Ky.

Mr. Roberts was born July 13, 1932, the son of Lurie Salisbury Roberts of Harold, Ky., and the late Harmel Roberts. Mr. Roberts was a retired school teacher for the Floyd County School System, and a former road foreman for the Department of Transportation, an U.S. Army, Korean War veteran, a member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ, and a member of the Betsy Layne Chapter of the DAV.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by four sons, Stephen Lee Roberts of Betsy Layne, Ky., Timothy James Hatfield of Dana, Ky., Brian Keith Hatfield and Stephen Brent Hatfield, both of Harold, Ky.; one daughter, Teresa Monica Doss of Evansville, In.; four brothers, Charles Roberts of Lincoln Park, Mi., J.D. Roberts of Grethel, Ky., Jerry Roberts of Harold, Ky., Larry Roberts of Dana, Ky.; five sisters, Lydia Steele, Scarlet Stumbo and Tammy Jarrell, all of Harold, Ky., Thelma Spears and Patricia Layne, both of Betsy Layne, Ky., and eight grandchildren.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Lydia May Roberts; one son, Billy Roberts, and one daughter, Brenda Roberts.

Funeral services for Leo Roberts were conducted Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne, Ky., with the clergyman, Tommy Spears, officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. Pallbearers: Shannon Robinnette, Jeff Spears, Joy Roberts, Billie Roberts, Sheldon Roberts, Jody Roberts, Dwayne Roberts, Robin Roberts, Kevin Wagoneer, Ben Wagoneer, and Jeff Wagoneer.

Honorary: John K. Blackburn, Alvin Meade, Bobby Senters, Clarence Hayes, Johnny Ray Harris and Orris Hayes. (Paid obituary)

Sally Ellen Manns

Sally Ellen Manns, 88, of Allen, Ky., died Sunday, March 3, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on July 20, 1913, in Floyd County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Anderson Hicks and Sarah Jane Allen Hicks. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Time Baptist Church, Printer, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Manns.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth Manns of Allen, Ky.; three daughters, Verna Johnson, Deanna Reynolds and Deborah Stephens, all of Allen, Ky.; 15 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Mitchell Manns, James Manns, and Junior Manns; two brothers, Luther Hicks and Ed Hicks; three sisters, Ruth Hicks, Birdie Shepherd, and Alice Hicks; three daughters, Edna Blackburn, Anita Manns, and Ethel Manns.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Denzil Sexton and Denver Meade officiating.

Burial will be in the Hicks Cemetery, Hippo, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Oma T. Branham Newsome Reynolds

Oma T. Branham Newsome Reynolds, age 89, of Harold, Ky., wife of the late Oscar Reynolds, passed away Monday, March 4, 2002, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Ky.

She was born June 4, 1912, in Pike County, Ky., the daughter of the late Myles Branham and Dulcinea Martin.

Mrs. Reynolds was a homemaker, and a member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, Betsy Layne, Ky., since 1958.

Survivors include five sons, Minis Newsom of Stanville, Ky., Omer Reynolds of Lantana, Fl., Vernon Reynolds of Printer, Ky., Myles Jefferson Reynolds of Wyandotte, Mi., Kenneth Darrell Reynolds of Trenton, Mi.; four daughters, Dollie Ralph of Carleton, Mi., Thelma L. Clark and Wanda Patierno, both of Harold, Ky., Geneva Wright of Belleville, Mi.; one brother, Myles Branham Jr. of Pikeville, Ky.; three sisters, Faye Lesley of Pikeville, Ky., Ginger Branham of Ocean City, Md., Ann Trichlo of Fairfax, Va., Dinah Viers of Ypsilanti, Mi.; 40 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and second husband, Mrs. Reynolds was preceded in death by her first husband, Preston Newsom; one son, James C. Reynolds; one daughter, Christine Newsom; and one sister, Opal Parkhurst.

Funeral services for Oma T. Branham Newsome Reynolds will be conducted, Friday, March 8, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Clergyman Tracy Patton officiating.

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

Visitation is after 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Verna Edith Layne

Verna Edith Layne, age 70, of Harold, Ky., wife of Billy E. Layne, passed away, Friday, March 1, 2002, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Ky., following an extended illness.

She was born March 29, 1931, in Harold, Ky., the daughter of the late Lonnie Clark and Martha Conn Clark. Mrs. Layne was a homemaker and a member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, Harold, Ky.

Survivors, other than her husband, include three daughters, Brenda K. Castle of Banner, Ky., Nellie Jean Layne of Harold, Ky., and Gwendolyn Stratton of Ivel, Ky.; one brother, Bobby Jean Clark of Galion, Oh.; seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Verna Edith Layne were conducted Monday, March 4, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, Harold, Ky., with Belmont Johnson officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. Pallbearers: Barry Clark, Brandon Castle, Deannie Castle, Darell Castle, Larry Thompson, Devin Thompson, and Randy Smith. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of William Hite Martin would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Dan Heintzelman for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of William Hite Martin

Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

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Thompson explained at the time that Auxier in particular boasted several 50-foot lots of land, each one requiring an easement in connection to work to be done. That work would consist of alleviating low spots in current lines running beneath the community, which, at the present time, often causes lateral problems for a consistent flow. The old lines would be replaced with a new system aimed at fixing the flow problems.

Just after learning of the increased number of easements in January, the fiscal court, remaining optimistic about the project despite the setback, agreed to pay the Big Sandy Area Development District \$37,900 in payments not to

exceed \$7,500 for planning services for the project.

Thompson said Friday a looming deadline, coupled with a daunting number of easements still not secured, could find the court losing the project.

"We got \$3-and-a-half million for Auxier and West Van Lear, but we're still having trouble with the easements," said Thompson. "We have to have this by April 1, but he have 80 easements and need a total of 250."

The April 1 deadline date was, more or less, first mentioned by Thompson during the meeting in January when he gave this early date in April as an anticipated date for beginning construction on the project.

With a little over three weeks left until the project's timetable runs out, Thompson said he feels the problem is less about people who are unwilling to give up roadway easements to make way for these improvements, than it is a situation where people are simply unaware the project is underway.

"We've sent notices to the paper (The Floyd County Times) to have it advertised that we need these easements, but they haven't been in yet," said Thompson. "I don't think anybody in that area is against it, I just think they don't know about it."

Thompson's office released a statement of urgency to The Times Tuesday evening, hoping to call attention of the potential loss of the project's funding to Auxier and West Van Lear residents. The county needs signa-

tures for 250 easements in Auxier and an additional 90 signatures from residents of West Van Lear before the April 1 deadline, which was set in place by the Department for Local Government.

If work on the project, which has spanned three years, is halted by this failure to obtain the easements and therefore see the project go to bid, the fiscal court estimates that 303 homes in Auxier and 210 homes in West Van Lear could be at risk for impact.

Various public meetings were held in both Auxier and West Van Lear in early February, according to the judge-executive's office, at which time the residents in attendance expressed their interest in seeing the project get underway so that services could be available as soon as possible. However, in contrast to the enthusiasm offered at those meetings, only 80 of the 250 easements needed in Auxier have been secured and

only 10 of the 90 easements have been obtained from the West Van Lear area, Thompson's office said.

Thompson, Johnson County Judge-Executive R.T. "Tucker" Daniel, in conjunction with the city of Paintsville and Paintsville Utilities have planned a public meeting for March 9 from noon until 3 p.m. at the Auxier Fire Department and the West Van Lear Fire Department. Representatives from these offices, as well as members of Big Sandy ADD, plan to attend both locations to address residents posing questions and assist them in providing the necessary easements.

For residents who may be unable to attend these meetings, there will be a list of easements needed in each community on hand. To inquire about this list and for further information about how to get more information about the project, contact Paintsville Utilities at (606) 789-2630.

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Snake

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\$200, with the knowledge that they had not been paid for.

Belcher was arrested on Feb. 4, after Penelope Roberts, store owner, discovered that the items were missing.

Acting on an anonymous tip that Belcher was seen leaving the store that night with a couple driving a Ford Bronco, Roberts contacted police.

Williamson was arrested at his home in Inez by officer Arthur Maynard on behalf of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and has been charged with receiving stolen property under \$300.

Roberts traveled to Martin County on Sunday to retrieve the stolen items and has safely returned the snake to its tank.

Art

class exactly the way he does. We each have different ways that work for us. It should be this way in art."

Slone, who once looked to Whitaker as an instructor during his early days as a student at PCC, agreed with Whitaker and was quick to mention a growing dread among art professionals in the area.

"With the cutbacks that are coming, it could be that we'll see a lot of art teachers splitting their time between teaching high school and then another part of the day at a grade school," said Slone. "And then some, who may not have tenure, will just be forced to move away and try to find new jobs."

Although the Floyd County Board of Education's recent decision to cut 35 county teachers as part of an attempt to cure budget woes made no direct mention of art programs, Prestonsburg High School art instructor Ellen Trimble echoed Slone's concerns.

Flanked by a display of student artwork stretching across one full wall of the convention center lobby, Trimble said if cuts were made which included visual art classes, or art classes not required for graduation, her fear was losing sight of talented student artists who would be lost in a system which failed to offer them expressive options.

"People in the community are just not aware," said Trimble. "If more people came out here and viewed what these kids are able to produce from having been taught techniques and through learning, they would become more aware of just how much talent we really have in Floyd County through the visual art programs."

"If we take the cuts, we could lose our next Michaelangelo. The students' electives will be in

jeopardy and they will be made to take only required art classes. Where will they get release from the pressures of those classes and have a place to express themselves?"

Trimble, who participated in her fourth county art show Tuesday, said it was painfully logical to assume that art programs would be cut, adding she felt physical education and music classes were also probable targets.

School board central office administrator Debbie Daniels explained the usual custom of grouping the art and music shows together was altered this year to give each medium a fair share of attention to meet the growing interests in both subjects. But Daniels explained that the impending cutback issue which continued to prevail among those in attendance may not be without some substance,

Odds

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the fifth-sixth grade level and Pratyush, 12, won in the seventh-eighth grade event.

Both boys credit their mom, Rekha, as their biggest supporter and coach.

"From a very young age, both boys were good with spelling," she said. "I think we also encouraged them to think that spelling is important."

The two boys, along with the other four top finishers in each competition, will have the opportunity to compete in the state bee March 16 in Denver.

Pratyush, a seventh-grader, was the winner over 115 other competitors in his competition. His winning word was "entrechat," a type of ballet leap.

Akshay, a sixth-grader, beat

Winners

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a standstill. Of the six chosen, Betsy Layne came away with three students, while one piece each from South Floyd, John M. Stumbo and Allen Elementary completed the field.

The names of the county winners, in no particular order, were:

High School

- Brandy Parsons, Allen Central.
- Donald Bentley, Allen Central.

- Barry Justice, Betsy Layne.
- Jennifer Curnuette, Prestonsburg.
- Josh Conley, Allen Central.
- James F. Keathley, Prestonsburg.
- Brandon Blair, Prestonsburg.
- Amanda Keathley, Prestonsburg.
- Jeremy Back, Prestonsburg.
- Terry Moore, Allen Central.

Middle School

- Brandon Caudill, South Floyd.
- Kyle Hall, John M. Stumbo.
- Christina Robinette, Betsy Layne.
- Travis Hall, Betsy Layne.
- Jordan Collins, Betsy Layne.
- Kassie Prater, Allen.

in light of state funding priorities.

"With staff cuts in Kentucky, we first look at the basics — English, science, math. Those get funded first," said Daniels. "The arts are the area that seems to be cut most, however, it has taken a place in the curriculum now and is tested as part of the CATS (Commonwealth Accountability Testing System), which is important."

Daniels pointed to the fact that, in the past, the board has made allocations for the arts, adding the possibility of keeping some of the visual arts content could finally rest in the hands of those willing to commit themselves to seeing them remain in place.

"Schools will have to work together to be more creative in their approach so that these things will continue to be offered," Daniels said.

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House approves tax amnesty after letting bankers off the hook

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
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FRANKFORT — A House committee approved the Patton administration's tax amnesty program Tuesday after deleting a requirement on banks to cooperate in tracking down tax cheats.

Revenue Cabinet officials estimate the change will mean \$6 million less in collections from delinquent taxpayers, a relatively small but critical amount as legislators scramble to find money

to balance a precarious budget.

Banking lobbyists worked furiously to delete the requirement from the original bill that would have forced them to search their records for delinquent taxpayer names provided by the state.

And though the bill was approved unanimously by the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, some legislators were still wary of it, especially a provision to have the state publicize delinquent taxpayers.

Revenue Secretary Dana Mayton said additional safeguards and time for appeals and negotiations will be put in place before the publication. And if someone's name ends up on the list erroneously, he or she can seek compensation for actual damages from the Board of Claims.

Rep. John Vincent, R-Ashland, said damage to reputation and credit ratings could not be adequately compensated.

"It could do incredible harm

or damage," added Rep. Bob Damron, R-Nicholasville.

Under the amnesty proposal, people and companies that owe back taxes to the state could pay up without penalty or interest. Taxes on real property and some other property taxes collected by local government officials would not be included in the program.

Mayton said earlier the program would likely be held in the fall of 2002 and include a window of 60 to 120 days. The amnesty would cover taxes due from Dec. 1, 1987, when the last amnesty period ended, to Dec. 1, 2001.

After the amnesty ends, the cabinet proposes to increase its collection fee to 25 percent of the tax due, up from 20 percent, and begin publicizing delinquent taxpayers. In addition, the cabinet wants new enforcement authority to make some corporate officers and partners personally liable for some taxes.

The committee also approved a proposal that would create an exemption from the state's 6 percent sales tax on processed uranium. No uranium is shipped from Kentucky now, but the United States Enrichment Corp. plans to move its shipping operation from a plant in Portsmouth, Ohio to its Paducah enrichment

plant.

USEC official Charles Martin said the tax could mean as much as \$6 million a year but would really be less than one-tenth of that sum because the uranium could be shipped out of state to avoid the tax. Customers traditionally pick up their material, which would make it taxable.

Martin said the company wants the exemption so it can concentrate resources elsewhere.

But legislators are wary of the tax break and some lawmakers from eastern Kentucky are fighting it because some of their con-

stituents work at the Portsmouth plant, which is losing jobs.

Opponents largely represented eastern areas, where some Kentuckians also work at the Portsmouth plant.

Democratic Reps. Robin Webb of Grayson and Tanya Pullin of South Shore, the question is whether tax breaks should be given to a company already planning to relocate to the state.

"Where do we stop giving these breaks?" Webb said.

Webb said she did not want the disagreement to become a regional matter.



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Cancer

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Nicholas, a registered nurse with the Texas Department of Health's regional office.

By the time the cancer is caught, it's often far advanced. The incidence rate for cervical cancer in the Rio Grande between 1995 and 1997 was 13.6 per 100,000 women. From 1994 to 1998, that figure was 8.5 per 100,000 women nationwide.

Just as much a factor is a failure at continuing care. Even when a Pap smear comes back abnormal, a woman may forego the follow-up. The results are a regional mortality rate at 3.8 per 100,000, compared to 2.3 per 100,000 nationwide.

"They may be afraid; they don't want to know they're sick. But the message we have to convey is: 'Get that Pap,'" said Jane Delgado, president and CEO of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health and author of "Salud," a health guide

for Hispanic women.

The National Cancer Institute is generating a report on the disproportionate rates of cervical cancer around the United States and what can be done about them.

"Fifty years after the introduction of the Pap smear, which should eliminate cervical cancer, we still had these high rates in these counties," said NCI's Dr. Jon Kerner, who is working with several agencies to eradicate the disease.

Under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act passed by Congress last year, states are eligible for federal Medicaid matching funds to provide free medical care to low-income women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.

Texas plans to take advantage of the initiative. A state law that went into effect Sept. 1 provides free breast and cervical cancer treatment to women who have no insurance but whose incomes are too high for Medicaid.

The effort may come too late for Hernandez.

Tucked here and there along the border are "colonias" — settlements of mostly poor Mexican nationals that take root wherever a land owner allows trailers, old schoolbuses or flimsy shacks.

In recent years, community out-

reach workers known as "promotoras" have tried to get colonia residents in touch with health care and other services.

One such "promotora" found Hernandez in a cinderblock shack last May, lying nearly unconscious on the floor in a pool of blood.

"It was probably the most advanced cervical cancer any of us had seen," said Dr. Hhabib Ghaddar, an oncologist. "Frankly, any cervical cancer is advanced because we shouldn't be seeing invasive cervical cancer at all."

Media reports about Hernandez prompted an outpouring of donated clothes and toys for the children — the youngest is 3, the eldest 17. The county helped move the family into a rental house. Health officials saw to it that the children were immunized so they could attend school.

But within months, the money was running out and Hernandez moved the children into a trailer. The cost: roughly \$250 a month.

Today, the disease has left Hernandez weakened, often unable to eat. The children have been sent home from school with lice. They share one mattress on the floor. The only shower is an outside garden hose.

An account opened by Texas State Bank in Hernandez's name recently had a balance of \$6.

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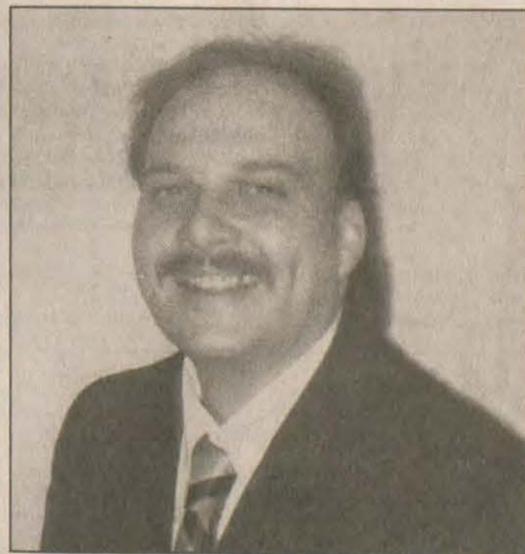
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the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

McDowell High Class of '92
A reunion of the McDowell High School Class of 1992 is currently being planned. Anyone who graduated from, or would have graduated from, MHS in '92 is welcome to become a part of the planning forum. All addresses are needed for each classmate. Send addresses and any suggestions to: Debbie (Fannin) Crum, P.O. Box 506, McDowell, KY 41647 or Misty Little, Unit 2, Box 4, Martin Drive, Minnie, KY 41651.

Class of '92 reunion
All Betsy Layne High School class of 1992 that are interested in attending the ten-year class reunion, contact Patty Williams Meade at 606-478-5740 or Tracy Kidd Young at 606-587-1320. Phone numbers and addresses needed.

Floyd County Conserveation district meet
The Floyd County Conservation District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday March 19th at 10 a.m. at the District Office located on Mayo Branch of Brandykeg. The public is welcome to attend. For more information please call 889-9800 or email conserve@east-ky.net

Maytown Homecoming 2002
The Maytown Homecoming week-end event will be held on May 24, 25, 26, and 27, at the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center (formerly Maytown High School). Registration will be held on Friday, May 24, along with a traditional Gospel Sing. Saturday, May 25, will be a fun-filled day of activity, among them a possible auction of donated items with proceeds going to support future homecomings. Sunday, May 26, will be set aside for church and visiting relatives and family cemeteries. Monday, May 27, will also be a day of visiting. All are encouraged to attend.

Piarist School to hold entrance exam
The Piarist School will hold an entrance examination for students entering their freshman or sophomore years of high school in the fall. The exam will be given on Saturday, March 9, at 9:00 a.m., at the school, which is located at the second traffic light on Route 80, in Martin. The Piarist School is a private, tuition-free, college preparatory high school. To register or to request more information, call 285-3950, or e-mail: piarist@kih.net or visit the school's website at www.geocities.com/piarist.

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The Floyd County Retired Teachers will meet at the May Lodge on Thursday, March 7, 2002, at 10 A.M.
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Detective
County Times last year, his sister, Rosalee Stanley of Bevinsville, said Compton was allegedly suffering from withdrawal, and was admitted to Highlands Regional Medical Center on April 12, and stayed overnight. She said that he appeared to be "confused and delusional" when she spoke with him at 11:30 the next morning.

Compton left the hospital April 13 and has not contacted his family since.
In interviews with The Times last year, Compton's mother, Linda Compton of Michigan, had said that she felt that something was wrong because he usually called bi-weekly and as of July she had not heard from him since April 10, when he had strangely stated that someone was trying to kill him. And he had failed to pick up any of his disability checks, which were his only source of income.
Compton's niece, Patty Loonesbury of Tiffin, Ohio, said that following an anonymous call in late September, Linda Compton had traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., in search of her son but had not found any evidence that he was there or had been there.

The family has recently retained the services of Hawk Private Investigations, of Hopkinsville, in the hope that some type of understanding can be obtained from the confusion that has plagued them since Compton's disappearance.
Terry Milan, private investigator, stated that after investigating the case he believed there is enough reasonable doubt as to what happened to Compton to suspect foul play. Milan said that from

by Ron Vanover.
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The information his investigation revealed, Compton was not a person to just walk away and at the time of his disappearance, he was in good physical and mental condition.
According to Milan, he is currently involved with placing Compton's information into a nationwide missing persons database, and is also working with the Kentucky State Police to have them reopen an active investigation.
According to Scott Hopkins of the Kentucky State Police Post 9, the status of the case is the same. He said that they were looking at leads but nothing new had developed.
Milan stated that his impression of the matter is that Compton never left the area, and must have been seen by someone.
Milan is urging anyone with information to contact Hawk Investigations at (270) 674-5900, or Officer Stuart Howard of the KSP at (606) 433-7711.

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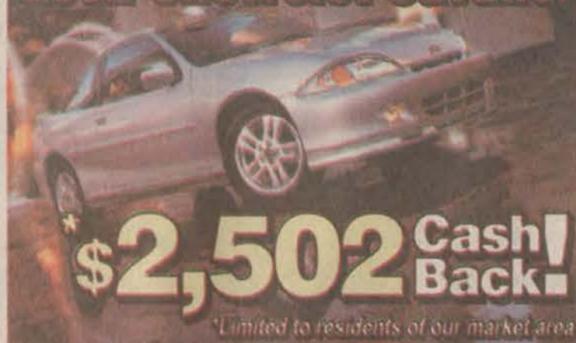
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by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

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As I was glancing through the matchups for this week's conference basketball tournaments, I almost gagged when I noticed the latest corporate encroachment on big-time college sports. We might as well go ahead and call the NCAA the National Commercial Ads Association.

The list of tournaments included the Atlantic Sun/Coca-Cola, the Verizon Atlantic 10, the ConAgra Foods Big East, the Advance Auto Parts Big South, the Phillips 66 Big 12, the First Energy Mid-American, the State Farm Missouri Valley, and the Mountain Dew Southern.

Is nothing sacred? Is everything for sale to the highest bidder?

Well, duh. Everybody who hasn't been living in a cave knows that the selling of "amateur" sports has become as big as Shaquille O'Neal's ego. Of course, the show's stars, the indentured servants who play, are still limited to room, board and tuition, which is hard to swallow when CBS is pay-

(See REED, page seven)

Sideline Shots

Honors come in for Cats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

University of Kentucky senior J.P. Blevins has been named to the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll, the lone Wildcat on the list of 21 released by Commissioner Roy Kramer earlier this week.



Blevins, who will graduate in May with a degree in communications, became the first Wildcat since Travis Ford (1992-94) to earn the honor three times.

Requirements for the award are a 3.0/4.0 GPA, a sophomore or higher in academic standing and have 24 semester hours toward a degree. Blevins owns a 3.67 GPA in communications.

Prince named All-American

The National Association of Basketball Coaches named Kentucky senior Tayshaun Prince a second-team All-American on Monday.

Prince, who leads the Wildcats in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots this season, earned All-American honors for the second consecutive year. As a junior, the 6-9 forward earned second-team honors by The Associated Press and the United States Basketball Writer's Association and was one of 10 members named to the Wooden All-American team. This past fall, the AP, among other publications and Web sites, named him a Preseason All-American.

NABC first-team honors went to Jason Williams (Duke), Drew Gooden (Kansas), Mike Dunleavy (Duke), Juan Dixon

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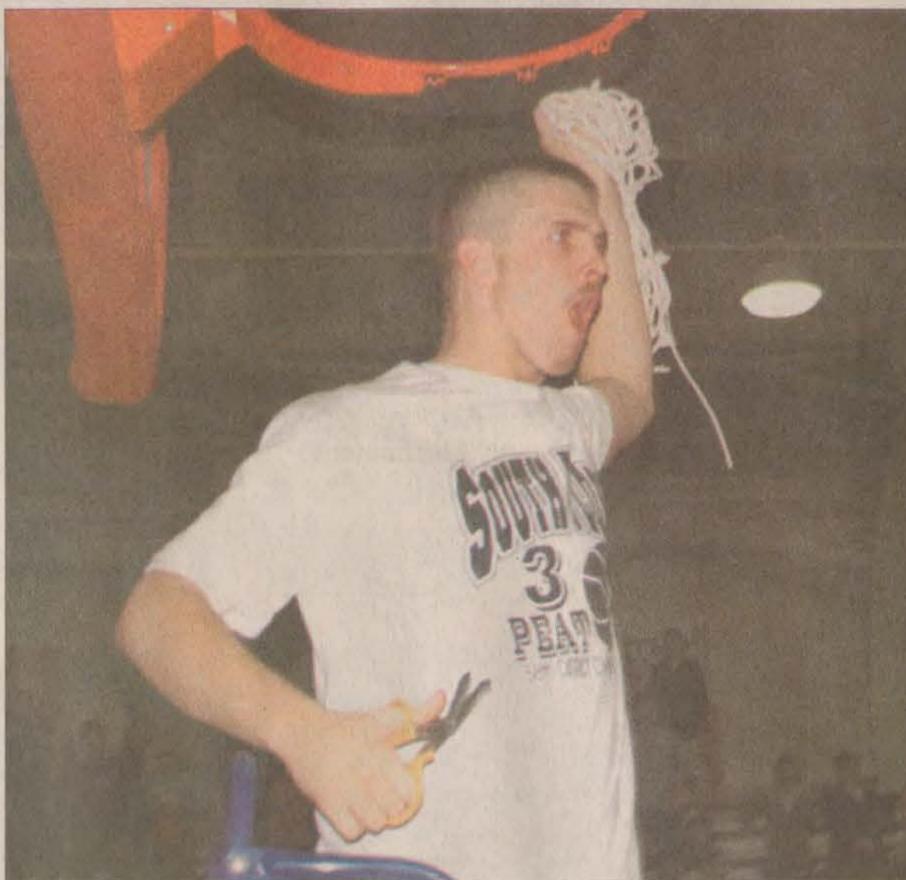
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South Floyd senior Rusty Tackett celebrated following his team's third straight 58th District championship game win.

photo by Steve LeMaster

3-PEAT

Raiders pull away from host Blackcats for third straight district title

CHEERLEADING WINNER

■ Prestonsburg

CHEERLEADING RUNNER-UP

■ South Floyd

ALL-FLOYD COUNTY CONFERENCE

- Robert Hall, Piarist
- Daniel Sazabo, Allen Central
- Shawn Newsome, Allen Central
- Wes Senters, Betsy Layne
- Jeremy Daniels, Betsy Layne
- Bobo Hamilton, Betsy Layne
- Joey Willis, Prestonsburg
- Chris Kidd, Prestonsburg
- Brad Bevens, Prestonsburg
- Charles Ray, South Floyd
- Rusty Tackett, South Floyd
- Michael Hall, South Floyd
- Tyler Hall, South Floyd
- Josh Johnson, South Floyd
- Coach-Henry Webb
- Player of the Year-Shawn Newsome

ALL-58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

- Shawn Rose, Piarist
- Daniel Sazabo, Allen Central
- Shawn Newsome, Allen Central
- Jeremy Daniels, Betsy Layne
- Wes Senters, Betsy Layne
- Chris Kidd, Prestonsburg
- Brad Bevens, Prestonsburg
- Nick Jamerson, Prestonsburg
- Charles Ray, South Floyd
- Tyler Hall, South Floyd
- Joe Skeans, South Floyd
- Michael Hall, South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

It certainly isn't every day a district champion is crowned for a third consecutive year. Such was the case Friday night as the South Floyd Raiders, one of the top teams in all of Eastern Kentucky, pulled away from the

homestanding Prestonsburg Blackcats, to capture their third 58th District championship in as many years. But it wouldn't come without a fight. Before scoring a 79-68 victory, visiting South Floyd, the home team on the scoreboard Friday night,

(See RAIDERS, page seven)



It was all South Floyd when the 58th District Tournament team trophy was handed out on Friday night.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Blackcats fall to Shelby Valley

Cold fourth quarter spells doom for 58th runner-up P'burg

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Prestonsburg Blackcats traveled to Pike Central High School on Monday night for a first round matchup with Shelby Valley

(See BLACKCATS, page eight)



photo by Jamie Howell

Jeremy Clark looked to pass the ball during Prestonsburg's 15th Region Tournament game against Shelby Valley Monday night.

SOCCER

Floyd County Youth Soccer registration set for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Youth Soccer will hold registration for the 2002 season on Saturday, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., at the Prestonsburg McDonald's. Interested parties may also register online at

(See YOUTH, page eight)



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Floyd County Youth Soccer will hold signups Saturday at the Prestonsburg McDonald's.

KABC

Coaches Court of Honor award winners announced

Inez's Williamson, Carr Creek's Combs, both members of inaugural class

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) has announced its 2002 Coaches Court of Honor winners. This new coaching award was developed to recognize and honor past and present Kentucky high school basketball coaches who have distinguished themselves in their high school basketball careers.

Among the first class are two area coaching legends - Inez head coach Russell Williamson and former Carr Creek head man Morton Combs. The entire list includes a who's who of Kentucky high school basketball coaches - from legends of an era long gone by, like the aforementioned duo - to modern day coaches at the head of the class like West Carter

(See HONOR, page eight)



photo by Jamie Howell

Whitney Lykens (5) dialed up a long-distance shot against Prestonsburg in the girls' 58th District championship game. Lykens and her Betsy Layne teammates take on Magoffin County Thursday night in the final opening round game of the 15th Region Tournament.

Betsy Layne-Magoffin girls could be best opening round game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEY'S CREEK - The Betsy Layne Ladycats are playing some of the best basketball in all of the 15th Region. Take away a debacle its last time out in the 57th District championship game,

Betsy Layne and Magoffin County will meet in the final opening round game Thursday night at 8 p.m.

and so is Magoffin County. This year's Magoffin County team has accomplished more than any other Lady Hornet team ever. This year's Magoffin County girls team was the first team to ever win 20 games in the history of the program. This year's Magoffin County team was the first such Lady Hornet team to record 20 victories in a single season. They have 21 wins. The Lady Hornets were looking to cap off a record-

(See BETSY LAYNE, page eight)

Briefs

BASKETBALL

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - Former NBA star Jayson Williams offered "heartfelt condolences" to the family of a Louisiana driver who he is accused of killing with a shotgun blast at his rural estate.

The former New Jersey Net spoke briefly before leaving the Hunterdon County courthouse, where he appeared for a five-minute hearing on the case. Williams is charged with second-degree manslaughter in the Feb. 14 shooting death of Costas Christof.

Williams, 34, did not enter a plea. He is not required to do so until a grand jury hands down an indictment.

NEW YORK - Keryon Martin of the New Jersey Nets was suspended for one game by the NBA after being called for his sixth flagrant foul of the season.

Six flagrant mean an automatic one-game suspension. Martin will miss Tuesday night's road game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

PORTLAND, Ore. - Portland Trail Blazers forward Shawn Kemp was reinstated by the NBA after serving a five-game suspension for violating the league's anti-drug agreement.

Kemp was suspended indefinitely on Feb. 22. At the time of his suspension, the league announced that Kemp would have to sit out until he resumed full compliance with his treatment program.

FOOTBALL

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - Safety Sam Games is changing teams without leaving New York after agreeing to contract terms with the New York Jets.

The hard-hitting Games, who expressed an interest in remaining in the area, agreed to a three-year deal worth \$2.7 million.

NEW YORK - The NFL will open its season on a weeknight for the first time.

The league confirmed that the 2002 season will start on Thursday night, Sept. 5, most likely with San Francisco at the New York Giants.

INDIANAPOLIS - The Miami Dolphins made an offer to trade for Ricky Williams, the former Heisman Trophy winner for whom the New Orleans Saints gave up their entire 1999 draft.

BALTIMORE - Elvis Grbac will retire from the NFL instead of attempt to play for another team, the quarterback's agent said.

Released by the Baltimore Ravens last week after rejecting a restructured contract, Grbac turned down a proposal from the Cincinnati Bengals over the weekend. He told his agent, Jim Steiner, he was ready to quit football.

IRVING, Texas - After five seasons with the St. Louis Rams, tight end and deep snapper Jeff Robinson agreed to a four-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

HOCKEY

TORONTO - Toronto defenseman Jyrki Lumme has been suspended for two games without pay for cross-checking Buffalo's J.P. Dumont on Saturday night.

BASEBALL

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. - The Texas Rangers were fined an undisclosed amount by the baseball commissioner's office for the hiring of Grady Fuson from Oakland as assistant general manager.

The ruling is the result of complaints filed by the Oakland Athletics and Cleveland Indians. The Athletics said the Rangers interviewed Fuson for the job of general manager, rather than the scouting position

for which he was hired.

NEW YORK - Paul Beeston, major league baseball's No. 2 official since July 1997, is leaving the commissioner's office later this month, according to a high-ranking official.

Beeston's departure was revealed after collective bargaining resumed in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., and management told the players' association that Beeston no longer was part of its negotiating team.

TENNIS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Fifth-seeded Alex Corretja ended a six-month drought with a 6-3, 7-5 first-round victory over Michael Kohlmann of Germany at the Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic.

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. - Michael Russell, ranked 92nd, upset third-seeded Stefan Koubek of Austria with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory in the first round of the International Championships.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - The U.S. Tennis Association selected the grass at the Westside Club in Houston to be the host site for a quarterfinal Davis Cup tie against Spain from April 5-7.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NEW YORK - Kansas, Maryland and Duke were 1-2-3 in the AP college basketball poll for the third consecutive week, while Oregon made its first Top Ten appearance in 26 years.

The top-ranked Jayhawks (27-2) completed the first perfect season in Big 12 history with their 95-92 victory over Missouri on Sunday and stretched their winning streak to 14 games.

NEW YORK - Upsets in conference tournaments triggered a shakeup in the AP women's basketball poll, even as Connecticut continued its season-long run at No. 1.

LSU, Penn State and Florida International all joined the poll, Florida International making it for the first time in three years and the two others returning after being ranked earlier this season.

Down to seven players because of injuries, LSU produced the biggest shock by knocking off Tennessee 81-80 in the Southeastern Conference tournament semifinals, a loss that dropped the Lady Vols from third to sixth.

OLYMPICS

NEW YORK - Olympic champion Sarah Hughes got the key to the city and rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange as part of the extended celebration of her surprise figure skating gold medal.

GOLF

LONDON - Two weeks after saying he would quit competing in the United States because of excessive heckling, Colin Montgomerie has changed his mind.

Montgomerie said he will compete in The Players Championship later this month and will not radically alter his PGA Tour schedule, which would include the major championships.

AUTO RACING

CHICAGO - The CART race in Chicago is back on.

Nearly a month after Chicago Motor Speedway suspended its auto racing schedule, CART said Monday it will lease the track and hold the Grand Prix of Chicago on June 30 as originally scheduled.

SPORTSBOARD

2002 15th Region Boys Basketball Tournament

| | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Johnson Central (15-11) 91 Mar 4, 6:30 p.m. Pike Co. Central Elkhorn City (7-20) 42 | Mar 8, 6:30 p.m. Pike Co. Central |
| Shelby Valley (22-6) 81 Mar 4, 8:00 p.m. Pike Co. Central Prestonsburg (10-18) 60 | |
| Belfry (18-9) Mar 6, 6:30 p.m. Pike Co. Central Paintsville (22-8) | Mar 8, 8:00 p.m. Pike Co. Central |
| South Floyd (20-9) Mar 6, 8:00 p.m. Pike Co. Central Pike Co. Central (15-13) | |

2002 15th Region Girls Basketball Tournament

| | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Johnson Central (20-10) Mar 5, 6:30 p.m. Pike Co. Central Pike Co. Central (10-19) | Mar 9, 1:00 p.m. Pike Co. Central |
| Belfry (16-12) Mar 5, 8:00 p.m. Pike Co. Central Prestonsburg (17-12) | |
| Shelby Valley (13-10) Mar 7, 6:30 p.m. Pike Co. Central Elkhorn City (12-14) | Mar 11, 8:00 p.m. Pike Co. Central |
| Betsy Layne (22-8) Mar 7, 8:00 p.m. Pike Co. Central Magoffin Co. (21-9) | |

Transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB - Fined the Texas Rangers an undisclosed amount for hiring Grady Fuson from the Oakland Athletics as assistant general manager.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX - Named Doug Melvin consultant.

National League

FLORIDA MARLINS - Signed RHP Brad Penny, RHP Vladimir Nunez, LHP Benito Baez and LHP Armando Almanza to one-year contracts.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA - Suspended New Jersey Nets F. Keryon Martin one game for receiving his sixth flagrant foul of the season during a game Sunday against the Chicago Bulls.

Reinstated Portland Trail Blazers F. Shawn Kemp from his suspension for violating the league's anti-drug agreement. Fined Portland G. Bonzi Wells \$7,500 for throwing a forearm to the neck of Milwaukee Bucks F. Darwin Ham in a game Saturday.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS - Placed G. Keyon Dooling on the injured list. Signed G. Doug Overton to a 10-day contract.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS - Activated F. Shawn Kemp from the suspended list. Placed G. Erick Barkley on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS - Claimed DT. Dameon Gregory off waivers from the Miami Dolphins.

DALLAS COWBOYS - Agreed to terms with C. Jeff Robinson on a four-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS - Agreed to terms with S. Sam Giamatti on a three-year contract.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS - Signed C. David Binn to a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS - Acquired QB. Darrel Wuerffel from the Houston Texans for DT. Jerry DeLoach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL - Suspended Toronto Maple Leafs D. Jyrki Lumme two games for a cross-checking incident in game Saturday against the Buffalo Sabres.

CALGARY FLAMES - Recalled F. Jamie Wright from Saint John of the AHL.

LOS ANGELES KINGS - Designated LW. Ted Donato for assignment.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS - Acquired D. Mike Rucinski from the Carolina Hurricanes for C. Ted Drury and assigned him to Albany of the AHL.

PHILADELPHIA - Recalled G. Neil Lither from Philadelphia of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES - Recalled C. Justin Papineau from Worcester of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS - Recalled D. Marc Moro and D. Karel Pilar from St. John's of the AHL.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLORADO RAPIDS - Signed D. Rick Titus.

DALLAS BURN - Received MF. Winston Griffith in a league lottery.

A-League

ROCHESTER RAGING RHINOS - Agreed to terms with F. Greg Simmonds on a two-year contract and MF. Tomoc Suarez on a three-year contract.

PORTLAND TIMBERS - Signed F. Chugger Adair, MF. Erik Ozimek and D. Sean McAuley.

COLLEGE

ARMY - Announced it will not extend the contract of Pat Harris, men's basketball coach.

Baseball

Spring Training

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---|-----|
| Anaheim | 3 | 1 | 750 |
| Tampa Bay | 2 | 1 | 667 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 3 | 625 |
| New York | 3 | 2 | 600 |
| Oakland | 3 | 2 | 600 |
| Detroit | 3 | 3 | 500 |
| Kansas City | 2 | 2 | 500 |
| Texas | 2 | 2 | 500 |
| Baltimore | 2 | 3 | 400 |
| Boston | 2 | 3 | 400 |

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|-----------|---|---|-----|
| Cleveland | 2 | 4 | 333 |
| Chicago | 1 | 3 | 250 |
| Seattle | 1 | 3 | 250 |
| Toronto | 1 | 3 | 250 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---|-----|
| Montreal | 4 | 1 | 800 |
| Arizona | 3 | 1 | 750 |
| Atlanta | 3 | 1 | 750 |
| Colorado | 3 | 1 | 750 |
| Houston | 3 | 1 | 750 |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 2 | 667 |
| St. Louis | 3 | 2 | 600 |
| Los Angeles | 2 | 2 | 500 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 2 | 500 |
| San Diego | 2 | 2 | 500 |
| Chicago | 2 | 3 | 400 |
| Milwaukee | 2 | 3 | 400 |
| New York | 2 | 3 | 400 |
| San Francisco | 2 | 3 | 400 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 5 | 286 |
| Florida | 0 | 4 | 000 |

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings games against non-major league teams do not.

Monday's games

Montreal 4, Florida 3
Atlanta 8, Houston 7
Toronto 15, Texas 5
Boston (ss) 7, Detroit 3
St. Louis 13, Baltimore 4
Boston (ss) 4, Minnesota (ss) 3
Kansas City 16, Cincinnati (ss) 6
Tampa Bay 7, Philadelphia (ss) 6
Pittsburgh (ss) 5, Cleveland (ss) 4
Philadelphia (ss) 7, Cleveland (ss) 6
Los Angeles 9, N.Y. Mets 4
Minnesota (ss) 7, NY Yankees 3
Anaheim 10, Chicago Cubs 9
Oakland 6, Seattle 5, 10 innings
Arizona 4, Milwaukee 2
Colorado 9, San Francisco 3
San Diego 14, Chicago White Sox 9
Pittsburgh (ss) 7, Cincinnati (ss) 1

Tuesday's games

Atlanta vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla.
Florida vs. Montreal at Jupiter, Fla.
Pittsburgh vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla.
Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla.
Houston vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla.
Cincinnati vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla.
St. Louis vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla.
St. Louis vs. Texas (ss) at Port Charlotte, Fla.
Kansas City vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla.
Texas (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Fla.
Seattle vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix
Oakland vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz.
San Francisco vs. Anaheim at Tempe, Ariz.
Colorado vs. Arizona (ss) at Tucson, Ariz.
Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz.
N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla.
Arizona (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Tucson, Ariz.

Today's games

Detroit vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. Florida at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
NY Yankees vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Montreal at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Thursday's games

Minnesota vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas (ss) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Kansas City at Davenport, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
NY Yankees vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) at Texas (ss), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Anaheim at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 7:10 p.m.

REDS NOTEBOOK

Pirates (ss) 7, Reds (ss) 1

SARASOTA, Fla. - Salomon Torres retired all nine batters he faced, and Wayne Gomes pitched two hitless innings as a split squad of Pittsburgh Pirates beat a Cincinnati Reds split squad 7-1 Monday night.

Humberto Cota hit a three-run homer for Pittsburgh, which also got an RBI single from Derek Bell and a sacrifice fly by Warren Morris.

Torres last pitched in the majors on July 20, 1997, while with Montreal. He spent last season with Samsung in the Korean League. His last big league win was Sept. 25, 1996, with Seattle.

The Pirates added two unearned runs when Reds second baseman Ranier Olmedo dropped a popup.

Olmedo had two of Cincinnati's four hits, including an RBI double.

Notes: The Reds designated nine players for assignment, sending them to their minor league camp. They included catcher Cesar King, and pitchers Justin Atchley, Chris Piersol, Scott MacRae, Mike Judd, Javier Martinez, Willie Martinez, Paul Darnell and Bennie Lowe. Cincinnati still has 27 pitchers in camp, along with 31 position players.

Royals 16, Reds (ss) 6

HAINES CITY, Fla. - Left-hander Jose Rosado, who missed all of last season, allowed one run in two innings Monday as he pitched for the first time this spring in the Kansas City Royals' 16-6 rout of a Cincinnati Reds split squad.

Rosado, who had two shoulder operations in the past two years, gave up a leadoff homer to Todd Walker and two singles, then got the victory. He walked one, struck out none and induced Kelly Stinnett to ground into a double play in the second inning.

Lance Davis, the Reds starter and losing pitcher, gave up three runs on two hits and three walks in the first inning.

The game included 13 hits by each team, a total of 17 walks and five errors.

Raul Ibanez hit a three-run double for the Royals in the second, while Dave McCarty singled and doubled and also drove in three runs. Chuck Knoblauch walked three times and scored two runs.

Walker, Ben Broussard and Anthony Sanders hit solo homers for the Reds. Sanders is 6-for-12 with three extra-base hits in six games.

Silva, Booker have arthroscopic surgery

CINCINNATI - Right-handers Jose Silva and Chris Booker underwent arthroscopic surgery Monday. Silva will be out about six weeks, and Booker will miss the entire season, the Cincinnati Reds said.

Team physician Timothy Kremchek removed bone chips and spurs from Silva's right elbow in a procedure that took about an hour.

Kremchek needed three hours to repair a torn labrum and rotator cuff in Booker's right shoulder.

Silva was expected to begin rehabilitation Tuesday at the Reds' training camp in Sarasota, Fla. Booker will be sidelined for nine to 12 months.

Silva's elbow problem was aggravated on the last day of Mexican Winter League competition. Booker apparently injured his shoulder during early workouts in training camp.

Auto racing

Bristol steps up security for March race

Fans still allowed to carry in coolers

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. - In the interest of providing fans the ability to enjoy "racin' the way it oughta be" in the safest and most comfortable environment possible, Speedway officials will implement a plan of increased security for the upcoming Food City 500-Charmelock 250 race weekend, March 22-24.

Upon arrival at BMS, fans will notice several changes in terms of security arrangements. In developing the security plan, Speedway officials met with local and national law enforcement agencies. The number of deputies, troopers and police officers on duty throughout the race weekend will increase.

The Speedway elected to continue its policy of allowing fans to bring carry-in items such as coolers

and scanner bags. "We recognize how important it is for fans to be able to bring personal items into the Speedway," said Jeff Byrd, BMS vice-president and general manager. "At this time, our primary concern is the complete safety of all who attend events at BMS. We believe that vastly improved security procedures will achieve both objectives."

As always, no glass containers will be permitted and coolers are limited to 14 inches in length. See-through bags will be helpful in the screening process and Bristol Motor Speedway officials ask fans to consult its Fan Info Guide available at all Guest Service tents as well as the Ticket Office for a complete list of prohibited items.

Among those prohibited items are umbrellas, weapons of any type and anything that may pose a safety hazard or diminish the enjoyment of the event by other fans.

HMS releases schedule for upcoming season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROYALTON - Half Mountain Speedway has released its 2002 race schedule. HMS has designated a tentative season-opener date for April 27. Included on the upcoming race season slate is a pair of Battle of Bluegrass Tour dates, and a \$5,000-to-win Late Model Special set for June 15. A Modified Special is tabbed for July 4, while a \$1,500-to-win Super Bomber Special is scheduled for July 20. A Bomber Special kicks things off on May 25. Several points races are scheduled for the upcoming season with the end season point championship races slated for Sept. 14.

During the 2001 season, many dirt track drivers made the pilgrimage from various locations to take on the Maggoffin County track. And several more are sure to follow again this season.

David Webb of Nicholasville, plans on racing his No. 13w ORS Motorsports BRC/Lazer GR2 modified at Half Mountain Speedway this coming season. He picked up his new car in mid-January from Bernheisel Race Cars in Jonestown, Pa. Sponsors of the No. 13w include BRC/Lazer Race Cars, Woodland Marine, Noble Racing Engines, PECCO and Rocky Top Furniture.

2002 HMS SCHEDULE

Apr. 27 Season opener (Tentative date due to wall problems)

May

- May 4 Regular show
- May 11 Regular show
- May 18 Points race
- May 25 Special (Bomber Special) \$1000 to win

June

- June 1 Points race
- June 8 Closed
- June 15 Special (Late Model Special) \$5000 to win
- June 22 Points race
- June 29 Points race

July

- July 4 Special (Modified Special) \$3000 to win (Late Model regular purse non-point race)
- July 6 Points race
- July 13 Points race
- July 20 Points race (Super Bomber Special) \$1500 to win
- July 27 Points race

August

- Aug. 3 Points race
- Aug. 10 Points race
- Aug. 17 Points race
- Aug. 24 Points race
- Aug. 30 Special (Battle of the Bluegrass \$3000-to-win)
- Aug. 31 Special (Battle of the Bluegrass \$4000-to-win)

September

- Sept. 7 Closed
- Sept. 14 End season point championship races
- Sept. 21 TBA
- Sept. 28 TBA

This schedule is subject to change.

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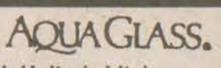


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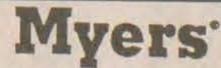
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■ 15TH REGION BOYS

JCHS pounds Elkhorn City

Twelve players
dent scoring
column for Eagles

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

BUCKLEY'S CREEK - The first round of the boys fifteenth region tournament got under way on Monday with the Johnson Central Golden Eagles taking on the Elkhorn City Cougars. The game was over as quickly as it started as the Golden Eagles raced out to a 24-4 lead and never looked back en route to a 91-42 win.

Johnson Central was led in scoring by Mike Walters with 22 points, followed closely by Dock Johnson with 18. Walters, only a sophomore, came in off the bench to get his high total.

The Eagle pressure caused Elkhorn City problems from the opening tip and the hot shooting of Johnson Central put the game out of reach for Elkhorn City in the first quarter.

T.R. Adkins scored 10 second quarter points for Elkhorn City, but it wasn't near enough as Johnson Central kept the

hammer down and took a 45-23 lead at the half.

Chris Hurt would lead the Eagles in scoring in the third quarter, scoring seven points in the period as the Eagles continued to build on their lead. Brandon Ratliff added seven points for Elkhorn City in the quarter, but Johnson Central led 66-35 after three quarters of play. Johnson Central would go on a 25-7 run in the fourth quarter as Elkhorn City would man-

age only two field goals over the final eight minutes.

The Golden Eagles would claim the easy win and move into the semifinals on Friday against Shelby Valley.

Leading Scorers:

Johnson Central
(Walters 22, Johnson 18).

Elkhorn City
(Ratliff 15, Adkins 17)

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Five rehired ump's resume careers at spring training

by BEN WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAINES CITY, Fla. - Bill Hohn joked with Kansas City manager Tony Muser at home plate, jogged past the pitcher's mound and took his position in the green grass just beyond second base.

With that simple trot in a spring training game Monday, Hohn was back in baseball, 21/2 years after losing his job as an umpire.

"It always feels good when you're on a big league field," he said.

Hohn was among 22 ump's let go on Sept. 2, 1999, after a mass resignation plan by their union failed. Last week, after lengthy legal proceedings, baseball rehired Hohn, Joe West, Larry Poncino, Gary Darling and Larry Vanover.

Poncino and West worked their first games Sunday.

"I'm just happy to be back umpiring," Poncino said following the Giants-Rockies game in Tucson, Ariz. "Maybe down the line I will have a little something to say."

A year ago, Hohn, 46, was at home with his wife and two children, installing fire alarms and security systems in Blue Bell, Pa.

On a cold, windy day in central Florida, he resumed his real career, the one he'd spent half his life doing.

"I never dreamed it would take this long," Hohn said.

Hohn's first day was pretty easy. He rotated on the bases

with Jerry Layne and newcomer Darren Spagnardi while veteran Randy Marsh worked the plate in the Royals' 16-6 romp over Cincinnati's split squad.

There were no close calls. In fact, Hohn's first play came in the top of the first inning on a stolen base where the runner was so safe there wasn't a tag.

Hohn's toughest chance came in the bottom of the eighth. He fielded a soft foul grounder and flipped it to a young fan sitting in the front row behind third base.

But Hohn didn't toss the ball hard enough, and it wedged between the rolled-up tarpaulin and a concrete wall. When the inning ended, he stretched headfirst over the tarp to retrieve the souvenir and give it to the boy.

"Those skills will come back to him," Muser kidded.

In-between innings, Hohn chatted with Layne, a former NL colleague, and Spagnardi.

"We were just talking about how we do some things now, like rotations," Layne said.

Along with the sage green uniforms they wear these days, instead of dark blue and gray in the past, the returning umpires will find other changes.

The NL and AL umpiring staffs have been merged and are run by the commissioner's office, and there's a new umpires' union.

There's a focus on calling

(See UMPIRES, page five)

Documentary to focus on Little League

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A 90-minute Public Broadcasting Service documentary will focus on Little League, and is due for completion by the spring of 2003.

Produced by the Center for New American Media, the project will follow along with several teams worldwide during the 2002 season, and will feature the recollections of former Little Leaguers. Louis Alvarez and Andrew Kolker are the producers, twice winners of the Peabody Award and the du Pont-Columbia Journalism Award.

Although Little League does not specifically endorse the project and is not involved in underwriting it, Little League is cooperating in its production. We hope it portrays an accurate representation of Little League baseball and softball in the U.S. and around the world.

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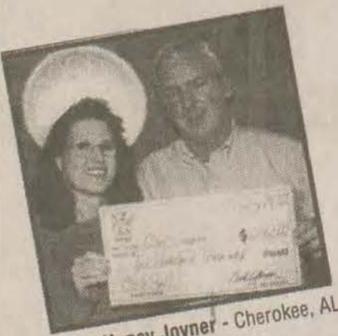
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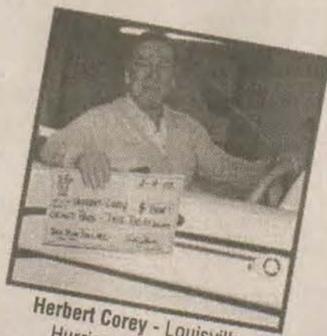
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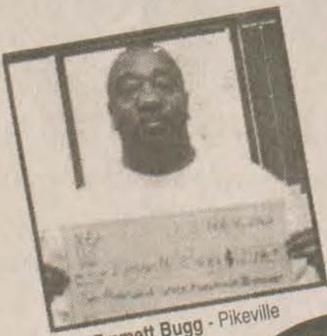
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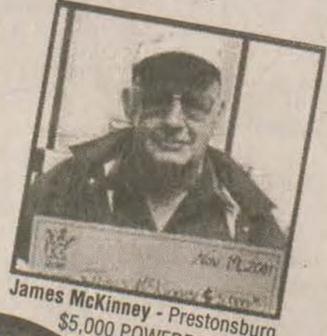
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■ 57TH DISTRICT BOYS

Trimble, Johnson Central take 57th

Golden Eagles
claim second
championship in
three seasons

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - When Johnny Ray Turner left the Johnson Central High School boys' basketball program in 2000, he left a team that was fresh off a run at a state championship. It was a run which took the Golden Eagles to the Elite Eight.

Les Trimble, a coach who enjoyed a very successful coaching career in the middle school ranks, took over for Turner and minus the nucleus of the talented State Tournament team, struggled through a losing season during the 2000-01 cam-

paign. This year, things are much different at Johnson Central. This was evident Friday night as the host Golden Eagles scored a sound 14-point victory en route to a 57th District title.

Host Johnson Central hit 13 of 19 free throws in the fourth quarter to beat nemesis Paintsville for the second time in a row, and the second time in three meetings this season.

Johnson Central outscored Paintsville 14-12 in the first quarter, but dropped the second period 14-13 to go into the intermission break leading 27-26.

Johnson Central, which beat Paintsville some two weeks ago, took the third period 14-12 and went off in the final period, outscoring Coach Bill Mike Runyon and the visiting Tigers 28-17 to post the double-digit win.

Johnson Central senior Dock Johnson led all scorers with 18 points. Mike Walters and Josh Keaton each had 12 points for the Golden Eagles in the win.

Chris Hurt and Brian McKenzie added eight points apiece, and Chad Carroll tallied six. Junior starting center Justin Woods rounded out the Johnson Central scoring with five points.

Stuart Rutledge led the way for Paintsville with a team-best 17-point performance. Chas Harmon and Brandon Gullett, a player who got into some early foul trouble for the Tigers, each had 10 points on the night.

Johnson Central returned to action on Monday night in the first round of the 15th Region Tournament in a game against the Elkhorn City Cougars. Paintsville is scheduled to take on Belfry tonight at Pike County Central High School as the first round of the 15th Region Tournament continues.

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Athletics director Ivy, former AD Newton out at UK

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky, on NCAA probation for violations by its football program, on Tuesday announced the resignation of its athletics director amid

a scathing university review of athletics department practices.

A statement from Larry Ivy, an employee of the school for more than three decades, said he had decided to retire and that his resignation as athletics director was effective immediately.

University President Lee

Todd appointed as interim athletics director Terry Mobley, the school's director of development and a former basketball player under coach Adolph Rupp.

Todd commissioned a five-member panel to review the embattled athletics department

following the NCAA investigation into the school's football program and disclosure of several questionable management practices by athletics officials.

The committee recommended that Ivy be removed from his position. It also recommended that former athletics director C.M. Newton give up a \$75,000 per year fee, promised upon his retirement in 2000. Todd announced Tuesday that Newton would fully retire from the school's athletic problem as of June 30.

The committee also recommended that the university reorganize the school's athletics board, reduce its size and convert it into a true governing body over the athletics department.

In January, Kentucky's athletic program was placed on

three years' probation by the NCAA and its football team was banned from a bowl appearance next season because of more than three dozen recruiting violations. The NCAA cited the school for a lack of institutional

control. Ivy, meanwhile, had received a 10 percent pay raise and contract extension from former president Charles Wethington while the school was being investigated by the NCAA.

Umpires

higher strikes and an emphasis on preventing beanball battles. Even the technology has changed — reports on ejections are e-mailed, not mailed.

"There are a lot of things that are different," Hohn said.

Baseball also is aware there's bound to be acrimony. The split among umpires in 1999 caused harsh feelings that may never heal, especially after several umpires who lost their jobs went through severe financial and personal problems.

While baseball hopes those troubles do not spill onto the field, former umpires' union president Jerry Crawford acknowledged, "It'll never be the same way as it was before."

Hohn's first regular-season

game will be April 1 at Busch Stadium when Colorado plays St. Louis. His crew will include Larry Young, a longtime acquaintance, and two umpires he has not yet met, Bill Miller and Fieldin Culbreth.

And there are legal battles ahead, particularly over the back pay the umpires are trying to regain. Plus, there are continuing efforts on behalf of Richie Garcia, Eric Gregg and the other umpires who are still out of jobs.

On this afternoon, a sparse crowd of 1,298 had no reason to notice the umpires. But Reds catcher Kelly Stinnett, who began his major league career in 1994 and has played only in the NL, thought he spotted someone familiar.

"A lot of the umpires, you know them by face and not by name," he said. "I was looking at one guy, thinking I knew him, but I wasn't sure. Then Marsh said it was Bill Hohn."

"I'm glad those guys are back. They're part of the game and they belong," Stinnett said. "You feel bad for an Eric Gregg, a Joe West."

Part of Stinnett's confusion was caused because Hohn had grown a bushy, black mustache. Muser, who knew Hohn long ago in Triple-A, jibed the umpire during the exchange of lineup cards.

"I said to him, 'Are you coloring that thing?'" Muser said. "He laughed and said, 'Yes, I am!'"

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photo by Steve LeMaster

The 2001-02 All-Floyd County Conference Team. Note: Not all team members are pictured.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE WOMEN

Crable Leads Lady Tigers past Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — Stephanie Crable led with 19 points as the No. 10 Georgetown Lady Tigers (25-7, 11-3 MSC) defeated Pikeville College (16-17, 4-10 MSC) in the semifinal game of the Mid-South Conference Tournament Friday night. The Lady Tigers cruised to a 93-60 victory to advance to the championship game on Monday.

Crable led the GC offense with 19 points on 9-of-11 shooting. The 6-0 senior brought down a game-high nine

rebounds and finished one shy of her third double-double of the season. She also dished out a career-high six assists in the game.

Four reached double figures for the Lady Tigers who shot well at 50-percent (30-of-60) on the night. The Lady Tigers won the battle of the boards, bringing down 45 to PC's 32.

Andi Johnson and Erin Young finished with 16 points each. Johnson also grabbed eight boards. Freshman Neeley Thomas had another nice performance with 13 points. Kristin Hutchinson had nine points and

five rebounds for GC.

Pikeville was led by Amanda Collins with 10 points. The Lady Bears scoring leader fought foul trouble all night and sat for much of the first half with three personals.

Tecco Gallion had nine points and eight rebounds for PC, and Selena Williams, a Johnson Central alumna, finished with eight points. The Lady Bears also shot well, knocking down 41-percent (22-of-53) from the field.

The Pikeville men were ousted in the first round of their tournament when they fell to Lambuth University.

Pikeville hung tough until midway of the opening half. With Georgetown up by two (17-15) at the 12:28-mark, the Lady Tigers sparked a 16-2 scoring run that included four from three-point land. Erin Young drained two treys in just under two minutes to put the lead at 16 (33-17) with 7:35 to go. Pikeville outscored GC 10-7 to close out the half and trailed by 13 points (40-27) at the break.

The Lady Tigers put the game away early in the second half, outscoring PC 24-6 in the first seven minutes of the half. Erin Young nailed two more threes in that span as Georgetown pushed its lead to 29 points (64-35) with 13:18 remaining.

The lead stretched to a game-high 41 points (87-46) at the 5:15-mark as Neeley Thomas drove in for a lay-up. The Lady Tigers held on for the 33-point victory, 93-60. This marks the fifth game of the season for Georgetown with 90 points or more.

Georgetown, the two-seed and defending MSC Tournament champ, went on to score a 74-60 MSC championship game win over the Campbellsville women on Monday night.

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by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR
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StoneCrest Golf Course enjoyed a very good opening year in 2001. PGA member Robert Damron, a native Eastern Kentuckian made a homecoming of sorts to help introduce the new course. Damron's grand-opening appearance, a stop he made just days after winning his first-ever PGA Tour event, seemed to set the tone for a very festive, highly successful year for one of the state's top courses, still, just in its infancy. According to course pro Larry L.G. Ward, the course met all of its goals. In golf terms, StoneCrest has pulled several strokes ahead of the rest of the field.

"We had a very successful year, last year," said Ward. "We

were able to meet of all our goals in 2001, and a lot of that had to do with the support we received from the community."

Ward sees the support of last year paying off as soon as this year, this summer, and future years, with the addition of the StoneCrest Invitational, which promises to be one of the best in-

state tournaments of its kind. The inaugural StoneCrest Invitational will take place July 27-28.

And that's not all for StoneCrest in 2002. Also slated is the Kentucky Invitational and the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) Tournament.

Looking ahead, 2003 looks

just as bright, if not brighter, as the Ladies State-Am is added to the mix at the Prestonsburg course located high atop Maggie Mountain.

"With all of the continued local support, we have yet to even begin to peak," Ward added.

A big part of the upcoming spring and summer months will be weekly and junior golfing. With the added events, course improvements will be there to greet all participants, thanks to time and support.

In its first year, StoneCrest hosted both a regional high school tournament, and a collegiate tourney, the NAIA's Mid-South Conference tourney.

One of the biggest commitments from StoneCrest early on has been its commitment and involvement with junior golfers

and junior golfing. Prestonsburg's Ryan Martin, Paintsville's Nathan Haney, and Johnson Central's Chad Carroll and Dustin Jones, all of whom have been offered college scholarships, and all of whom have been active in junior golfing and StoneCrest Golf Course. The Prestonsburg course will continue to offer junior golfing opportunities.

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Future AWF star Adams to compete in Canada

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Shawn Adams, who is scheduled to make his AWF debut in Ashland on March 23, has also signed a contract to compete in Canada.

"After long negotiations with a promotion in Winnipeg, Canada, I have signed a deal to go there and wrestle this summer for a month," said Adams. "Things seem to be looking promising, I hope anyway. The moment you think you are out of the loop, things take a different turn of events," Adams added.

Adams has also signed an agreement to return to APW, a promotion in Beckley, West Virginia. However, the date is unknown at this time. He will be wrestling in Floyd County on April 6 when the promotion invades the old Maytown High School gymnasium for Maytown Mayhem.

"We are very proud of Shawn and his accomplishments," said AWF promoter Joe Clark, a key player in independent professional wrestling in the state. "After five years of hard work, blood, sweat and tears, its starting to pay off for him; and there is no one more deserving than Shawn Adams."

Adams was trained by the legendary "Boogie Woogie Man" Jimmy Valiant, and has competed in several states since

entering the pro wrestling business. The Ashland show will be Adams' first in the state in quite some time.

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| Wolfe Co. (11-16) | | |
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lege entrance exams and cash for players who are, ah, intellectually challenged. We stand fully behind our motto: "Whatever it takes to win."

Now let's go back to today's sports column. You won't be able to watch a tournament game, either in person or on TV, without being pummeled by Corporate America. The Nike and Adidas logos are on the players' uniforms and shoes. Advertising billboards revolve at the scorer's table. The space on overhead electronic scoreboard is split evenly between ads and info, and timeouts are filled with commercials shown on the TV screens and broadcast over the arena sound system.

And, of course, the young professionals in the corporate suites will be thinking about new ways to use basketball to

sell a product and get into the fans' wallets and purses. Hey, maybe they can rent some space on the back of Rick Pitino's jacket. Maybe the players could be convinced that it's cool to have tattoos promoting a certain company or product. Maybe...well, you get the point.

Today's play-by-play announcers spend almost as much time promoting sponsors as they do calling the game. You might have the Ford Motor Company First Half and the Pepsi Second Half, the Chrysler-Plymouth Drive of the Game, the Kroger halftime show, the Snickers High-Energy High-lights, the Taco Bell First-Half Stats, the Budweiser Game Plan, the Caesar's Casino Player of the Game, and the Kodak Moment Play of the Game. Oops, it's

time for a break.

The closing paragraphs of today's sports column are sponsored by your local cinaplex. If you're not interested in, say, a particular Advance Auto Parts Big South tournament game, fast-break to the movies. We have sex, violence, and language that even Bob Knight has never used!

And we welcome rudeness! If you want to talk out loud whenever you feel like it or repeatedly kick the seat of the person in front of you or throw popcorn at your buddies, then be like the teams in the State Farm Missouri Valley and go for it!

Now here's the exciting end to today's sports column.

The commercialism of college sports reached an all-time low after the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in which Tennessee defeated Florida State for the 1998 national football championship.

In what will always be one of my all-time favorite sports moments, a Tostitos executive stood on the platform with a bag of chips in hand and thrust them toward Vol's coach Phil Fulmer - "Maybe you need a bag of chips, coach" - even before Fulmer could accept the trophy.

The day is coming, rest assured, when the San Diego

zoo will sponsor the "zebras," which is what gamblers call referees because of their black-and-white striped shirts, and the Final Four will be held in The Big Mac Dome, located next to the Clinton presidential library in Arkansas.

By the time it comes to that, the female cheerleaders and dance teams at every major university will perform with the Victoria's Secret logo on the backs of their increasingly skimpy outfits, a gold White Castle onion ring in their navels, and this sign plastered to their foreheads: "Space Available."

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Raiders

would lose its lead in the third quarter, before turning up the pressure and cruising to its third straight district crown.

Following the 11-point triumph, Coach Henry Webb, mentor of the defending 15th Region champs, was excited to see his team heading back to the 15th Region Tournament.

"How sweet is it to win three district championships in a row," questioned Webb. "How often does a team win three in a row?"

South Floyd got going early, leading 5-0 in the opening period, before Prestonsburg scored its first point of the game. Prestonsburg got on the scoreboard with a field goal from sophomore Nick Jamerson. South Floyd enjoyed as much as a six-point lead in the opening period before the Blackcats closed the gap to just two points (21-19) heading into the second quarter.

With his team leading by two, senior guard Joe Skeans netted two on a field goal to get things started for South Floyd in the second period. Heath Hall later extended the Raider lead back out to six points (27-21) on a three-pointer at the 5:38 mark.

South Floyd senior Rusty Tackett put the Raiders ahead by 11 points on a pair of field goals with 1:03 left to play in the sec-

ond frame. Justin Allen guided in a three-pointer for Prestonsburg just before the end of the half to make it a 40-32 game in South Floyd's advantage at the break.

The third quarter proved to be the best period of play for the Blackcats. The third quarter was the only period Prestonsburg was able to outscore South Floyd, nipping the Raiders 18-15, and going into the final period trailing by just five points, 55-50.

Prestonsburg freshman reserve Trevor Compton drilled a three-point shot to start the third quarter for the Blackcats, cutting the Raider lead to just two points, 55-53. The Raiders then answered by going on a 5-0 run. Prestonsburg would get no closer than five points of South Floyd in the game's final five minutes.

Prestonsburg, a team which with the runner-up finish earned its first trip to the 15th Region Tournament under head coach Jackie Day Crisp, received nothing but praise from the South Floyd's head mentor.

"I've said all year that this Prestonsburg team was a sleeper," said Webb. "Prestonsburg played us tough, but our kids were able to step up and accept the challenge."

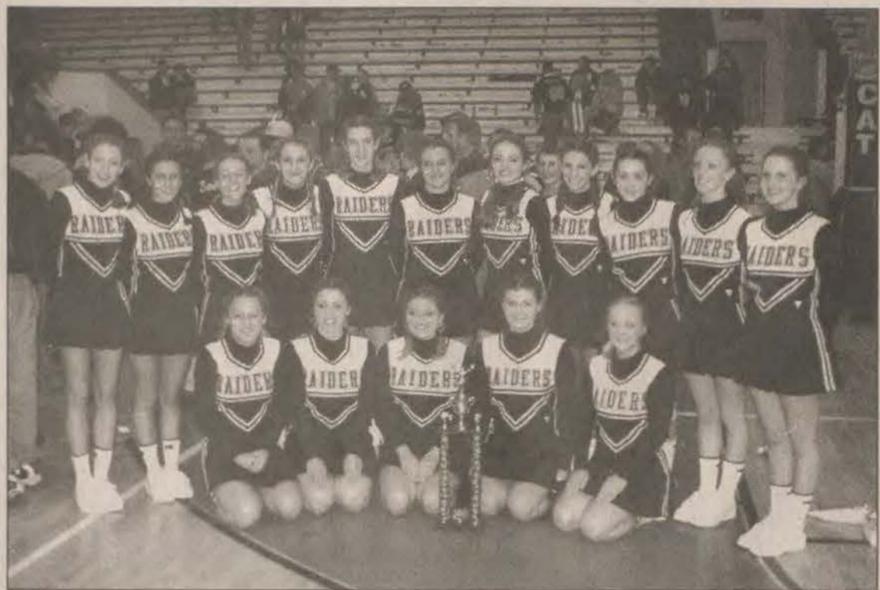
Tackett paced South Floyd

with 19 points. Michael Hall added 18 and Josh Johnson, off the bench, chipped in 12. Starting center Charles Ray, in one of his better all-around games of the season, finished with 11 points. Tyler Hall had seven points before fouling out, and Heath Hall flipped in five. Jack Slone had four points while Skeans and Brian Meade had two points apiece to round out the balanced offensive attack.

Chris Kidd tossed in a game-high 27 points to lead the Blackcats in scoring. Allen had 10, Compton seven and Jamerson six. Jeremy Clark added five, Joey Willis and Brandt Brooks four apiece, Brad Bevins three, and Josh Murdock two to round out the Blackcat scoring.

South Floyd begins its quest at a repeat 15th Region title showing tonight in the opening round against host Pike County Central in a contest slated for an 8 p.m. start.

Prestonsburg met Elkhorn City in the first round of the tournament on Monday night.



Members of the South Floyd's boys' varsity cheerleading team posed with their runner-up district tournament trophy. photo by Steve LeMaster

GRADE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

South Floyd, Adams get semifinal wins

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Floyd County Grade School Tournament resumed play late last week with the host South Floyd Middle School Raiders and the Betsy Layne Elementary Bobcats each scoring wins.

Betsy Layne scored a 57-47 victory over Adams Middle School, making it into the championship game.

Forward Patrick Stapleton helped get the Bobcats off to a good start against Adams, hitting a three-pointer in the opening quarter. Betsy Layne led AMS 23-20 at the break before going on for the 10-point victory. Stapleton and teammate Brandon Thacker each hit a pair of treys in the third period to lead the Bobcats to a 20-8 third quarter triumph. Adams battled back to outscore BLES 19-14 in the third quarter, but it wasn't nearly enough as the Bobcats held on to secure the win.

Thacker led the way for Betsy Layne with a team-high 21 points. Stapleton finished with 17 points, while center Colbert Craft added 10 points. Derek Case chipped in four points for the Bobcats.

Michael Stephens was the leading scorer for Adams with a team-best 11 points. He was the only Blackcat to score in double-digits. Nick McGuire scored nine points and Brooks Herrick netted seven. Andrew Shepherd added six points in the setback, while teammates Wesley Hall and Patrick Henderson tossed in three apiece.

After going into the half all knotted up at 17, South Floyd pulled away from Mountain Christian Academy, 56-32, in the other semifinal game.

Guard Ryan Johnson scored half of South Floyd's first quarter points, six, to lead the Raiders out to a 12-5 advantage at the end of the first quarter. MCA then equaled South Floyd's offensive output in the second period, and held the Raiders to just five points to go

into the half tied up.

Ethan Johnson netted three of South Floyd's third quarter points on a trey as the Raiders outscored the Falcons 16-10 in the third period. But that wasn't the best quarter of play for the Raiders. The best was the fourth and final quarter. The Raiders held MCA to just five points in the final period and scored 23 points themselves, thus rolling to the victory.

Ryan Johnson led South Floyd in the scoring column, netting 20 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Ryan Little added 10 points and forward Josh Johnson was just behind South Floyd's leading

scorer with 15 points. Ethan Johnson had seven points and a pair of Raider reserves, Dennis Matthews and Kyle Brown, added two points apiece, to round out the scoring.

Center Adam Milam led MCA offensively with eight points. Lincoln Slone netted seven while Matthew Potter and Landon Slone netted six apiece. Lewis Barnette scored four points on a field goal and a pair of free throws and Sean Leslie was held to just one point on a free throw to round out the scoring for MCA.

Results from Monday night's championship game will appear in Friday's edition.

JROTC

AWF announces card for Maytown Mayhem

AC JROTC selling tickets for event

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MAYTOWN - Officials with the Appalachian Wrestling Federation have announced the complete card for the upcoming Maytown Mayhem show on April 6 at the old high school gym. Highlighting the Floyd County wrestling card is a pair of championship matches - one for the tag team titles, the other for the brand new AWF belt.

In a match for the AWF heavyweight title, "Big Daddy Cool" Venus will battle Colt Steele. The first-ever Appalachian Wrestling Federation champ will be crowned in Ashland during a show at the National Guard Armory entitled Ashland Invasion. The Green Brothers, a team very familiar with several

pro wrestling fans throughout the state, will await the winners in the main event of the evening with the AWF tag straps on the line. Other tag team tournament bouts include Solid Steel versus Shane Parker & Ice Train, as well as Rodfather & Kid Apollo battling new AWF star Shawn Adams and Pike County's own Bobby Storm. Another tag team tournament match is also scheduled to be added. One thing for certain - new AWF tag team champs will be crowned in Floyd County in early April, regardless of which duos square off against one another in the final bout of the evening.

In another match, dubbed an AWF Street Fight, "Mean" Mark Wolf will grapple with J.T. Funk.

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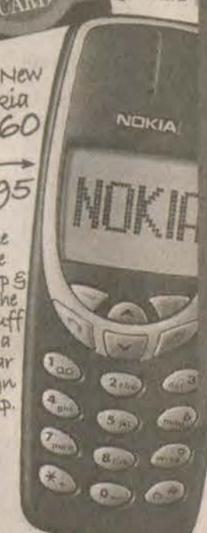
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Blackcats

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in the boys' 15th Region Tournament, but instead, came up short in their bid to upset the Wildcats.

The final score was not a good indicator of how close the game actually was, as the Blackcats trailed by only four at 56-52 after three quarters, before succumbing. Shelby Valley would go on a 25-8 run in the fourth quarter to win going away, 81-60. The Blackcats came to play on Monday as Shelby Valley was unable to pull away from Prestonsburg through three quarters, and led by only two at 56-54 with 7:46 left in the game. The opening stanza was a see-saw battle as the teams exchanged baskets in the first eight minutes.

Josh Goad helped Shelby Valley build an early lead, as the Wildcat big man scored seven first quarter points. Prestonsburg would battle back behind the shooting of Jeremy Clark. The Blackcat senior, ranked No. 2 in the state in tennis, connected on two treys late in the quarter to bring the

Blackcats within four after one at 22-18. Prestonsburg would continue to hang with the Wildcats in the second quarter as Justin Allen would begin to find the range from outside. Allen came off the Blackcat bench to score 15 points in the contest, connecting on two treys from at least 25-foot back.

The Blackcats would outscore Shelby Valley 17-16 in the second quarter and trailed only 38-35 at the half.

The second half began as the first half ended, with both teams exchanging baskets and neither team able to increase its lead. Brad Bevins helped to keep the cats close scoring six points in the quarter, on his way to fifteen points on the night.

The Wildcats began to increase their lead in the fourth quarter by way of the free throw stripe. Shelby Valley would go to the line 30 times in the contest compared to Prestonsburg's two.

The Wildcats scored 20 points from the line, shooting 20-of-30 for the game.

After three quarters, Prestonsburg trailed 56-52 and looked primed to pull off the upset. The fourth quarter belonged to Shelby Valley as Kelsey Friend connected on back-to-back three pointers which quickly built the Wildcat lead to double digits and the Blackcats could not recover.

Prestonsburg was held to three field goals over the final eight minutes and the Wildcats cashed in from the free throw line, going 11-of-18 in the fourth quarter.

Shelby Valley will advance

to Friday night's semifinal game against Johnson Central, a first round winner over Elkhorn City.

Willard

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compliment the town Willard, where the one-quarter-mile red clay track is located. Track owner Jim Allen, a Floyd Countian, decided to change the name of the track, and in the process, change some of the track's race procedures, while not changing the track's dynamics.

In one of the biggest changes for the upcoming Willard Speedway race season, qualifying will also be dropped from the weekly program. All classes will now draw for their heat starting positions, contrary to previous years when qualifying races were held to determine start positions. Willard Speedway management hopes this change will save 45-60 minutes off a race night letting the fans and drivers return home earlier than before. Other changes include the addition of the Road Hog class and more red clay surfacing in the spring.

Track champions for the 2001 season included Frank Porter-UMP Modified, Terry Hicks-Super Bomber, Paul Day-Bomber and Jack Clevenger and Arnie Fields in two separate 4-Cylinder classes.

Willard Speedway will continue to race on Friday nights. Classes for the 2002 season will consist of UMP sanctioned Modifieds, Super Bomber, Bomber, 4-Cylinder and Road Hog.

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Youth

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Registration fee for the 2002 season is \$35. Ages 5-18 are eligible for the league. For more information, call Sharon Patton at 886-1313, after 7 p.m.

Floyd County Youth Soccer has enjoyed much success in recent years. It joins with other surrounding county soccer groups to form the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association.

Betsy Layne

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breaking season with a win over rival Johnson Central in the finals of the 57th District Tournament. It didn't happen.

Johnson Central, which graduated five starters from last season's district championship team, beat the much-improved Magoffin County team 56-41. To its credit, though, Magoffin County managed to keep the game close at times, despite playing with some key players not performing to the best of their abilities. Senior Lady Hornet Whitney Lovely was held to just two point against Johnson Central.

Coach Cassandra Akers and the Betsy Layne Ladycats are looking to add to the hardware they've already captured this season. The Ladycats, 15th Region All "A" and 58th District champs, have had a tremendous season. Betsy Layne's stay in the All "A" Classic state tourney was short-lived, falling to eventual state champ Jackson County in the first round, but in this year's 15th Region Tournament, the Ladycats, also winners of 20 games, 22 to be exact, have the

best record of any 15th Region girls' team. The second best record? Magoffin County, 21-9. Johnson Central is the only other 20-win team with a record of 20 wins and 10 losses, head-

ing into last night's game versus Pike County Central (10-19).

Betsy Layne and Magoffin County will meet in the final opening round game Thursday night at 8 p.m.

Cats

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(Maryland) and Steve Logan (Cincinnati).

Prince Picked 1st Team All-SEC; Hayes Makes All-Freshman Squad

For the second consecutive season, Kentucky forward Tayshaun Prince was named first-team All-Southeastern Conference, the league announced Monday. League coaches voted on the honor.

The 6-9 senior has led the Wildcats in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots this season, averaging 17.0 points, 6.4 rebounds and 1.4 blocks per game. The league's Player of the Year in 2001, he was Kentucky's only student-athlete among the three teams. Joining Prince on the first-team were Erwin Dudley, the league's Player of

the Year from Alabama, Udonis Haslem (Florida), Jarvis Hayes (Georgia) and Vincent Yarbrough (Tennessee).

Teammate Chuck Hayes, who earned a starting role the past four games, was named to the All-Freshman team. Hayes is averaging 5.7 points and 4.2 rebounds per game, but those numbers improve considerably in his starting assignments to 9.6 and 6.0, respectively.

Duke's Dunleavy is a joy to watch play, regardless of whether you like or dislike the Blue Devils. He plays much like his father coaches.

Atlanta pep rally

The Atlanta UK Alumni Club will sponsor a Kentucky Wildcat pep rally on Friday prior to the Cats' game in the Southeastern Conference Tournament. The event will be held in the Georgia World Congress Center, which is adjacent to the Georgia Dome, in rooms 364-367.

The rally will feature the UK cheerleaders, the UK pep band, dignitaries, music and door prizes. Admission is \$10. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the pep rally will be held from 4-7 p.m. The Wildcats will play either Ole Miss or South Carolina at 9:45 p.m.

Newsome boos unwarranted

When Shawn Newsome had his name called as the recipient of the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year, he was met with a chorus of boos. This is sad. I repeat sad. Newsome, the state's leading scorer this season, does not deserve to hear a loud chorus of boos.

15th Region format

I like this year's 15th Region Tournament slate. The Pike County Central people have done a tremendous job in coordinating and planning the tourney. Athletic director Eugene Lyons and his associates are gracious hosts. It's Tournament Time, can't you tell?

Honor

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head mentor John "Hop" Brown.

These individual awards will be presented on Friday afternoon, March 15, during the semifinal games of the Boys' State Tournament. In addition, each coach will have a commemorative brick installed in the KHSAA courtyard in recognition of this accomplishment. The Coaches Court of Honor is the circular part of the courtyard near the middle of the state.

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| 4 | Bo Davenport | Edmonson County |
| 5 | Ron Bevars | North Hardin |
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| 7 | Gene Rhoades | Male |
| 8 | Bill Harrell | Shelby County |
| 9 | Reynolds Flynn | Covington Holmes |
| 10 | Earl Jones | Maysville |
| 11 | Ralph Carlisle | Lafayette |
| 12 | Joe Harper | Monticello |
| 13 | Bobby Keith | Clay County |
| 14 | Morton Combs | Carr Creek |
| 15 | Russell Williamson | Inez |
| 16 | Marvin Meredith | Russell |

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| Region | Coach | High school |
|--------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1/2 | Howard Beath | Marshall County |
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A history with a soul

by CLYDE PACK

As one who has had the opportunity over the past few years to interview and write the thoughts of dozens of the area's older citizens, I think I've gained a degree of personal insight as to just how much of a treasure these older people are.

I've found that whether I'm talking to a 90-year-old former Van Lear coal miner; a great-great-grandmother who has never been more than 50 miles from her birthplace and never worked a day in her life outside her home; or, listening to tales of a life-long foxhunter, what I'm hearing are genuinely honest slices of life.

Ironically, while many times the views of the older citizenry are in direct contradiction to what so-called

After becoming an adult I've wished dozens of times that I'd had sense enough to encourage my own parents to talk about their pasts.

scholars have recorded in history books, I find myself knowing, without doubt, that I'm listening to the true story of how it really was. The cold pages of some thick anthology can't possibly explain the humanity involved in trying to feed and clothe a large family during the Depression, or make you feel the heart-break of shipping sons and daughters off to war. As the voices of those who've lived the events of which they speak sometimes break and become almost a whisper, history itself becomes a living, breathing entity; a face with eyes that sometimes smile, sometimes cry; a history with a soul.

After becoming an adult I've wished dozens of times that I'd had sense enough to encourage my own parents to talk about their pasts. Even though I doubt I could ever have gotten them to actually write down their thoughts, as I look back I can now see how simple it would have been for me to tape them.

I know absolutely nothing of how they felt about anything when they were young. I know nothing of their courtship; how they coped during the early years of their marriage; even how they arrived at their religious and political preferences. (Free Will Baptist and Democrat).

Admittedly, knowing all this may not have made an iota of difference as to how I, or any of my six siblings turned out. But as I get older, I find myself wondering about Dad's and Mom's philosophies; about family traits that are exclusively ours; about any little quirks that set our family apart from all the other families that inhabited Muddy Branch during the 1940s.

I sorely regret not encouraging my folks to write their memoirs.

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Fool your palate with fake steak

submitted article

You're in the mood for a steak, but not for all the fat, cholesterol and calories. There is a solution: the mushroom.

Not just any mushroom, but an extremely large, dark brown mushroom now commonly

available in supermarkets.

Portobello mushrooms are really just grown-up brown cremini mushrooms, which are variations of the commonly cultivated, white button mushroom.

We began hearing about portobellos in the 1980s when these once ugly ducklings

underwent a glamorous makeover. The mature mushrooms often had to be thrown out because growers couldn't sell them, until marketing genius began promoting them as the exotically named "portobello" (or "portabella").

There are more than 35,000

varieties of mushrooms, and most are full of nutrients. Portobellos are a good source of copper, niacin, riboflavin, B vitamins and terpene, a phytochemical thought to fight cancer.

Portobellos are sold sliced as well as whole but make a

more dramatic main dish when served whole. They measure up to 6 inches across, so one makes a good-sized serving.

When cooked over high, relatively dry heat, moisture evaporates and leaves the mush

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submitted photo from early 70's

LEFT: Imogene Caldwell, "Grandma," making pizza and chocolate chip cookies for her granddaughter, Lorna.



submitted photo from early 70's

ABOVE: Lorna's "Grandpa," Kenneth Caldwell.

Pink RIBBONS

by IMOGENE CALDWELL

We put another log on the fire and as he poked up the embers, I watched them snap and sparkle in the big, hot fireplace. She pulled her rocker a bit closer to the hearth and held her shawl a bit tighter around her shoulders. He pulled his toboggan down a tad bit more over his graying hair, but yet a few curls still managed to stick out and show over his ears. As for me, she buttoned my

coat, wrapped my scarf around my face and nose and fitted my mittens snugly on my hands. She had knitted this red scarf and mittens just for me. The scarf all but covered my brown hair, only a tiny bit was showing, along with a pink ribbon she had earlier tied atop my head.

Today was my fifth birthday and he had now left the warm confines of the snug little home to go out and harness old Beauty, the horse, to the family buggy.

Once inside the buggy, he wrapped a blanket she had made around my feet

to keep me cozy and warm. He sat beside me with the reins held tight in his big, rough hands. Flakes of snow stuck to the few gray curls peeking from beneath the old blue toboggan, and a few flakes fell also on my own pink ribbon. She stood at the back door and watched us go. I saw a few scattered wisps of her gray hair blowing in the wind as a few snowflakes landed on her head.

We were going to Uncle Joe's. We wanted to get a fresh ham from him

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School HAPPENINGS

McDowell Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ AMS is looking to offer a beginner's computer class for AMS parents and community members. If interested, please call 886-9812 to register.

■ **Recycle and Earn Money for AMS** - AMS has implemented an inkjet cartridge recycling program. To help, save your empty inkjet cartridges and bring them to AMS, or give them to an AMS student or faculty member. (Businesses may call for pick-up.) For further information, call the school at 886-2671 and ask for Lana Wicker, or e-mail to lwicker@floyd.k12.ky.us Part-icipation in this program will help raise funds for our school.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m.

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ School Committee meetings schedule:

• Curriculum Committee - Every third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m.

• Budget Committee - Fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m.

• Attendance/Discipline Committee - First Thursday of each month at 4 p.m.

• Extra-Curricular Committee - First Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m.

• Public Relations Committee - First Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

• Consolidated Planning Committee - Fourth Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m.

■ School is currently collecting

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Small World

A Different World

Elaine Christina Coelho is a foreign exchange student who has been here since last August, living with Jim and Valerie Clark, of Harold, and their three children, Morgan, Logan and Regan.

Elaine hails from the tourist town of Fortaleza, Brazil, near the equator. When snows fell on Eastern Kentucky recently, it was the first she had ever seen. No doubt there will be many other strange and new things for her to tell about when she goes

home again in July. And she will miss the Clarks who have become her American family and who helped make her eighteenth birthday so special.

A student at Pike Central High School in Pikeville, she has adapted pretty well to the new and different surroundings. She does well with her studies and will be playing with the softball team of her school.

Of course adapting to a new language can be a real challenge, and sometimes she gets her words mixed up a little. During Christmas, the Clarks

had taken a lot of pictures and Elaine and Morgan took the film to Wal-Mart to be developed.

This was supposed to be a one day service so the girls went back the following day to pick up the pictures. The clerk couldn't find their prints right away and asked when they brought the film in. Searching for the right word, Elaine answered, "Tomorrow."

Another Wrong Word

My husband just spent another eight days at Central Baptist

Hospital in Lexington, being treated for complications of emphysema. (I could write a column on the hazards of having been a heavy smoker, but no one seems to believe until they learn, too late, for themselves.)

Anyway, he is usually a pleasant patient and the staff seems to enjoy giving him special treatment. The dietitian came by one day to ask if he had any comment about the food he was being given. He couldn't really complain as he always ate what they brought him, and he told her it was fine.

"Is your weight pretty stable?" she asked him. He smiled a little and said, "Not really."

"Why did you tell her that?" I asked. "Your weight hasn't changed much for several years."

"I'm sorry," he apologized, "I misunderstood you. I thought you were asking about my wife."

Overheard

"Men wake up as good-looking as when they went to bed, but women seem to deteriorate during the night."



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Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their homeroom teachers.

■ Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone: 874-0621

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale

through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

May Valley Family Resource Center

• Each Wednesday - Health

Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests, and Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and well-child physicals. Must call center at 285-0321 for appointment.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ Mar. 19 - Wulfe Bros. will perform "Reflections of the American Spirit" at 1 and 2 p.m.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Mar. 18 - Sexual Harassment Awareness classroom presentations.

■ Mar. 6, Mar. 13 - CPR classes.

■ Mar. 25, April 8 - Careers classroom presentations.

■ Child Abuse Awareness booth set up in school foyer for distribution of information to students, staff, employees and community.

■ Adult education classes available.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

• Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8 - 11 a.m. Call 377-2678.

• Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

• Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

• Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5 - 8 p.m. Call 886-9860.

• Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00

- 6 p.m.

• Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1 - 4 p.m. Call 886-0709.

• Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

• Friday - The David School, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks.

■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from *The Floyd County Times*, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago (March 4-6, 1992)

Kentucky's Civil Air Patrol has flown into the whirlwind controversy over the fate of the Paintsville-Prestonsburg airport, announcing Monday, that a volunteer squadron would be located at Combs Field. The announcement came from State Senator David LeMaster, D-Paintsville, in a press release, apparently issued from the office of Paintsville attorney C.K. Belhasen. Both Lemaster and Belhasen have been active opponents to a proposal to convert the Paintsville-Prestonsburg Airport into a site for industrial development...A Friday night stabbing incident at Wayland sent one man to the hospital and another to the Floyd County jail...Gary Hall, 35, of Wayland, was charged with first degree assault, after Jeffrey Murphy, 27, was stabbed twice in the upper right chest, authorities said...A legislative committee's refusal, Monday, to endorse a proposal to double-bunk state prison inmates, could pave the way for construction of a new, privately-operated prison, and Floyd County may be in the running as the site...Floyd County Circuit Judge Harold Stumbo issued an injunction, Tuesday, against the city of Pikeville, to prevent them from cutting off the water supply to the Mud Creek Water District. At Tuesday's hearing, Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, representing the water district, told Judge Stumbo the city had threatened to cut off the water supply because of an alleged \$150,000 debt...A Floyd County mother and daughter were tied up while armed thieves ransacked their home, Monday morning. The mother and her daughter, 22, were alone in their Lancer home when two males forced their way into the house through the back door, around 11 a.m...An appeal by an Adams Middle School principal, convicted last year of abuse of a teacher, was dismissed Tuesday. Boyd County Judge Kelley Asbury, who was named as special judge in the case, ruled, Tuesday, that the appeal of Thomas Tackett be dismissed "since no appeal was taken by filing a notice of appeal." A hearing on the issue was held February 28, in Boyd County...A May 6 preliminary hearing date has been set for a Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center counselor accused of soliciting an attack on a student at the center in January. Clarence Trammell Jr., 52, of Wheelwright, appeared before trial commissioner Jack Hyden, Wednesday, with his attorney, Keith Bartley. Trammell entered no formal plea during Wednesday's hearing, but Bartley said after the court appearance, his client would plead innocent...Prestonsburg Attorney Danny Caudill was appointed by Governor Brereton Jones, Wednesday, to fill the unexpired term of former District Judge Harold Stumbo. Floyd County has been without a district judge since January, when Stumbo was sworn in as circuit judge. Two names were submitted to the committee in February...Two men were arrested in Pike County, Thursday, and charged with robbing the home of Frank Adams in Prestonsburg, on Monday, March 2. Arrested were John A. Fletcher, 26, of

Marshalville, in Magoffin County, and Parker M. Parker, 20, of Pikeville...A mistrial was declared, Wednesday, and a change of venue was granted in a first degree rape case in Floyd Circuit Court, when a juror announced he could not render a fair verdict. Commonwealth Attorney Jerry Patton said, Wednesday, the juror informed the court Wednesday morning, of his decision after he witnessed the alleged victim talking with an investigator. It was not disclosed if the juror overheard the two talking...There died: Lula Mae "Vina" Prater, 63, of Langley, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mary Webb Martin, 100, of Ocala, Florida, formerly of Wayland, Tuesday; Alice Mae Prater Puckett, 86, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; John Buford Martin, 69, of Garden City, Michigan, formerly of Garrett, Wednesday, at the University of Michigan Hospital; A. L. "Bear" Davis, 50, of Langley, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Helen Hall Staples, 85, of Lowmansville, formerly of Honaker, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maude Grigsby Haddix, 89, of Fisty, Tuesday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Ted Bates, 78, of Staffordsville, Sunday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Dingus Pigman, 76, of Raven, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Josephine Brown, 42, of Allen, Friday, at U.K. Medical Center; Roman Tenziegloski, 78, of Battle Creek, Michigan, Saturday, at Battle Creek Health System Community Site; Juanita Ousley, 70, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi; Julia Mullins, 89, of Somerset, formerly of Elkhorn City, Thursday, at Humana Hospital in Somerset; Mallie Terry Slone, 95, of Dema, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Estill Meek, 76, of Betsy Layne, Wednesday, at his residence; Bertha Cumbo Spears, 101, of West Van Lear, Tuesday, at Riverview Nursing Home; Ralph Mullett, 77, of Auxier, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Charlie B. Hall, 78, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago (March 10, 1982)

A Circuit Court jury, Monday, convicted Olive Ann Meade, a Prestonsburg woman, of two counts of assaulting her infant daughter, age two...Arson is suspected after a Right Beaver Creek landmark, former home of Mrs. Beatrice Collins of Prestonsburg, was virtually destroyed by fire, early Monday night...Jeffrey Walter (Jeff) Cochran and his parents, have asked for more than \$1 million in a lawsuit for alleged injuries sustained in an explosion at Prestonsburg High School...District Judge Harold Stumbo has refused to lower a \$500,000 bond on Ray Newsome, of Melvin, for allegedly raping a 10-year-old girl...There died: Homer Neeley, 69, of Abbott Creek, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Henry D. Gibson, 59, of Tram, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; John C. Wakeland, 60, of

Pikeville, March 3, at his home; James Little, 58, of Bypro, last Wednesday, at Homestead Nursing Home in Lexington; Hazel T. Howell, 61, of Grethel, last Wednesday at McDowell Hospital; Anna L. Pittman, 98, of Estill, Saturday, February 27, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Wayne Conley, 61, of Mousie, February 27, at Potter Clinic; Fannie Bryant, 83, of Melvin, Monday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville; Jay Stephens, 75, Saturday, at home at Water Gap; Thelma Bragg Korowski, 67, of Green Acres, March 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Opal Stratton Todd, 73, of Ivel, Monday, at home; Benton Hall, 57, of Wayland, last Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; and Ike Slone, 59, of Middle Creek Road, last Friday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Thirty Years Ago (March 9, 1972)

Every coal-slag dam in Eastern Kentucky has been inspected by personnel of the U.S. Bureau of Mines since the Logan County, W.Va. disaster, and not one has been found to be unsafe...The designation of the consolidated high school at Eastern, as the Allen Central High School is in honor of Dr. J.H. Allen, of Langley, who has served a total of 32 years as a member of the Floyd County Board of Education...Betsy Layne High School's Bobcats, the winningest team in these parts, and Maytown's Wildcats will represent the 58th district in the 15th regional tournament, which begins tonight at the Prestonsburg High School gym...Craig Nelson Hall, 18-year-old Prestonsburg Community College student from Wheelwright, was killed in an auto accident near Martin, last Wednesday. He was a son of Belvie and Ella Jane Fain Hall...Doris Ann Wells, 21, daughter of Homer Wells Jr. and Ethel Bowling Wells, of Bonanza, and Damita Jo George, 17, daughter of James Earl George, of the Auxier Road, and Mrs. Pauline Lafferty, in Indiana, were killed last Saturday night in a head-on collision with a car driven by Lawrence Edward Little, 35, of Dayton, O., who also was killed...Others who died: Mrs. Myra Gayheart, 86, of McDowell, at the McDowell Hospital, last Wednesday; Mrs. Linda L. King, 30, of Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., Saturday, in a hospital there; Mrs. Alice Osborne, 88, of East Point, last Wednesday, at a nursing home here; Ernest J. (Whitey) Ratliff, 66, of Greenup, formerly of this county, Monday, in a Russell hospital; Watt Freeman, 86, of East Point, last Tuesday, in a Paintsville hospital; John Bascom Clark, 82, well-known Prestonsburg attorney, Saturday, at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville.

Forty Years Ago (March 8, 1962)

One of eastern Kentucky's prime assets—Jenny Wiley State Park, here—is currently undergoing a face-lifting which includes a new 36-room hilltop lodge, now about one-third complete...The new Garrett postoffice building will be dedicated,

Saturday at 2 p.m., it was announced this week by Bessie Draughn, postmaster...The Rev. Ira McMillen Jr., has asked the congregation of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church to accept his resignation as pastor, effective April 12...Gov. Bert T. Combs signed House Bill 234, Tuesday, establishing a system of state-supported community colleges with a two-year curriculum...State Highway Commissioner Henry Ward notified County Attorney Barkley J. Sturgill a few days ago, that he had approved the expenditure of \$45,000 for repair of the bridge across the river here, connecting Prestonsburg with Town Branch and the Bull Creek section...The administrator of the Small Business Administration has announced that nine Kentucky counties have been declared disaster areas due to last week's floods. These counties are Floyd, Whitley, Knox, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Rowan, Bath and Morgan...The Wheelwright High School Trojans won their third consecutive 58th district tournament, Saturday night...Born: a daughter, Janice Marie, on February 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honeycutt, of Elkhorn City; a daughter, Elissa Lynn, on March 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ellis, of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Julie Victoria, on March 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Osborne, of Prestonsburg...There died: Cecil Jacobs, 29, of Estill, Monday evening in a mining accident at the Maytown Mining Company at Eastern; Mrs. Ara M. Oney, 82, of Handshoe, Sunday, at the home of a son, Reece Oney, at Garrett; A. L. Fugate, 65, of Wayland, Feb. 26, in Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Lee Johnson, 73, of Melvin, Thursday, at the home of a sister, Mrs. Dolly Johnson, at Melvin; Mrs. Eliza P. Miller, 64, of West Prestonsburg, Monday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Woodrow Bayes, in Prestonsburg; Dan Hunter, 83, Friday, at his home in Garrett; Troy Reed, 59, of Hueysville; last Thursday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Betty Johnson, 23, of Shelbiana, formerly of Betsy Layne, Feb. 26, in a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Arminta G. Messer, 74, of Garrett, Feb. 26, at the home of her son, Truman Messer, at Martin; Mrs. Lula Banks, 78, of Water Gap, last Thursday, at a Prestonsburg hospital.

Fifty Years Ago (March 6, 1952)

The General Assembly, last week, approved a bill co-sponsored by Representatives Henry C. Hale, of this county, and Ray Holbrook, of Magoffin county, to require gas companies to sell natural gas to landowners over whose land their pipelines cross...Eighteen hours after the death in an Ashland hospital, yesterday (Wednesday), of the small daughter of Glenn Harold Hall, he and five family members were found unconscious in the home of his father, John Hall, at Wayland. They were overcome by fumes from a gas floor furnace...Dr. Marvin Ransdell, director of the Floyd County Health Department, has ordered four meat processors to halt the use of sodium sulphite as a

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Something different...

Celebrating March 19th

by DANA JACOBI

FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

St. Patrick's Day means boiled cabbage and corned beef—to say nothing of soda bread—to many. And just two days later, the Italian feast of San Giuseppe (St. Joseph) means a bowl of Maccu, a hearty vegetable stew that is healthy and easy to make.

Made differently in various parts of Italy, the Sicilian version is flavored with fennel and thick enough to support a spoon. Like most foods associated with a holiday, it serves both symbolic and practical ends.

St. Joseph's Day, falling two days before the Spring solstice, celebrates the new crops sprouting in the fields. Maccu—loaded with chickpeas, split peas, and lentils, borlotti (or kidney beans) and sometimes chestnuts—reminds everyone of last year's bountiful harvest, and they pray the new one will equal or surpass it.

On a practical level, Italians, who eat far more beans and legumes than we do, know that freshness matters. Beans from the most recent harvest cook more quickly and have a more velvety texture than they will after sitting around for a year or more. Making Maccu cleans out the current year's harvest, so these beans do not sit around unused during the roasting summer months when it is too hot to eat them. In autumn, the pantry is restocked with the new crop.

At first, Maccu probably resembled the puree of fava beans eaten by the ancient Romans, one of the many waves of foreign invaders who influenced Sicilian cooking. Later on, the puree was thinned enough to ladle over pasta and topped with sauteed onions and chopped tomatoes. Today, pasta is often included in the soup, along with fresh Swiss chard or spinach.

To season Maccu, Sicilians use

the intensely licorice-flavored wild fennel, which grows abundantly on this sunny island, and borage, a wild plant that tastes faintly of cucumber. Because our fennel is milder and sweeter, punch up its flavor by adding fennel seeds.

Using beans cooked from scratch is ideal, but this version uses some that are canned.

Maccu (Lentil and Bean Stew)

- 1/2 cup green lentils
- 1/2 cup green split peas
- 1 can (15-oz.) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 2 tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 medium bulb fennel, chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fennel leaves

- 1 tsp. fennel seeds
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, plus 4 tsp. for garnish
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup spaghetti, broken into 1/2-inch pieces

3 Swiss chard leaves, stemmed, cut in 1/2-inch strips
Place lentils and split peas in large Dutch oven. Add 4 cups cold water. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 30 minutes.

Add chickpeas, tomatoes, onion, fennel, fennel leaves, fennel seeds, red pepper and 2 Tbsp. oil. Cook uncovered until lentils are almost soft, 20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Add spaghetti and chard. Cook uncovered until pasta is soft and chard is tender, about 15 minutes. Divide soup among 8 bowls. Use remaining olive oil to drizzle over each for garnish.

Flavor improves when made ahead and reheated, but seasonings will need to be adjusted. Store covered in refrigerator up to 5 days. Reheat over medium-low heat in covered saucepan.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 202 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 32 g. carbohydrate, 10 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 108 mg. sodium.

Happy Birthday

Russ is "1" year old!



Russell Lee Colton Gibson

Russell Lee Colton Gibson, the son of Lanny and Wendy Gibson, turned one year old on March 5, 2002. Russ celebrated his special day with his parents, "Big Sister" Lanah, age 5, his grandparents, and several other family members and friends. A "Blue's Clues" theme birthday party was greatly enjoyed by the "Birthday Boy" and everyone in attendance. Russ is the grandson of Rodney and Pam Wiley, of Hippo, and Eva Gibson, of Langley, and the late Russell Gibson. He is the great-grandson of America Nichols and the late Mitchell Nichols, and Audrey Wiley and the late Roy Wiley. Russ and his family reside at Langley.

New Arrival



Devan Skylar Prater was born on January 19, 2002, at 1:52 p.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to Crystal and Brian Prater. She weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 19 inches in length. She is the granddaughter of Kenny and Pam Stumbo, and Janis Prater and the late Don Prater. She is the great-granddaughter of Janice Akers and the late Otis Akers, and Christine Stumbo and the late Bill Stumbo, Bernice Prater and the late Arnold Prater, and the late Sally and Henry Arnett. Devan Skylar has one big brother, Logan Grant.

Beauty Pageant

Crowned Jr. Miss Heart of Kentucky

De'Vaudrey Bixler, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bixler, of Martin, was crowned the 2002 Heart of Kentucky Jr. Miss at the "Heart of Kentucky" pageant held February 9 at the Nixon Gym in Leslie County. De'Vaudrey has also been named as the Young Miss Kentucky Calendar Girl for the month of July, 2002. De'Vaudrey is a third grade student at May Valley Elementary School.



Yesterdays

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preservative...Joseph D. Harkins Jr., has been elected a member of the State Bar Commissioners from the Seventh District...There died: Lee Yates, 73, March 3, at his home at Bonanza; Ruth Hicks Goble, 30, Feb. 29, at her home at Langley; Samuel Ratliff, 47, formerly of the Langley area, Feb. 29, at Sidney, Ohio; Gary Porter Brown, infant, March 2, at Dwale.

Sixty Years Ago (March 5, 1942)

Power and telephone lines were out, and traffic virtually at a standstill, Tuesday, as a result of snow, ranging from five inches here to 22 inches in the Elkhorn City section of the valley...Contract was awarded, Tuesday, by the Floyd County Board of Education, for the construction of a nine-room grade school building at Betsy Layne. The low bid, offered by Reynolds & Gunnels, was \$49,538...The Big Sandy-Elkhorn Mining Institute elected J. T. Parker, superintendent of Inland Steel's mines at Wheelwright, its president at the annual meeting at Pikeville, last Friday night...The Kiwanis Club honored coach Joe Taylor Hyden and his Prestonsburg High School basketball team last Friday night...There died: Frank Ellis, 62, at his home here, Friday; Sam Jarrell, 78, Feb. 26, at his home at Emma; Joel Martin, 63, of Drift, Tuesday, of a heart seizure at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Susan V. Laukon, 85, of Catlettsburg, Sunday; Mrs. George Owsley, of Garrett, Thursday, at a Martin hospital; Nannie Tackett Damron, 87, Saturday, at the Langley home of her son, Abel Tackett.

Ribbon

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before the winter snows hemmed us in.

As we traveled out of sight, she went to the kitchen, put another stick of wood in the stove and went to work to bake some gingerbread and a Johnny cake to go with the maple syrup he had made. It would be warm and ready to eat when we returned.

She held her shawl close around her shoulders as she went to draw a fresh bucket of water from the well. The snowflakes clung to her gray hair and nose, but quickly melted away.

She was my Grandma—he was my Grandpa, and they were my two best friends.

He turned the thermostat up a couple more degrees—the weather was turning colder—she turned up the television to watch another cartoon. I went and turned on my electric oven. I would bake something good for them to eat. I dressed her in her jeans, her dingo boots and her designer jacket. He pulled his old blue toboggan down over his ears and I noticed the few gray curls that dared to peek out. He went to warm up the car. I put the scarf around her neck and pulled it up over her nose and ears. I fitted the mittens snugly on her warm little hands. I had knitted the scarf and mittens just for her—they were red.

It was her fifth birthday. He tucked her in the car beside him. He held the steering wheel in his big, rough hands. I stood on the patio of our home and watched them go. Him, with gray hair stick-

ing out from beneath his toboggan, and her with a tiny bit of brown curls - and a pink ribbon - showing above her scarf.

Flakes of snow fell on my gray hair while scattered wisps blew in the wind. They were going to the corner market to get popcorn before the snow hemmed us in.

I baked chocolate chip cookies and made a pizza. It would be warm and ready to eat when they returned.

That night I told her a story as she sat with me in my big leather rocker. It went like this "He put another log on the fire..."

I am her Grandma. He is her Grandpa. She is our best friend.

Time passes all too quickly and the years slip away. Brown curls and pink ribbons change all too quickly into gray hair blowing in the scattered winds. Little girls fast become "Grandmas" with "Grandpas" by their side.

Love has no choice of colors, of age, or of time. It's there for them all. There for red scarves and mittens, for brown curls, for gray hair showing beneath blue toboggans, for wisps of gray blowing in the wind and for all the many-patterned white snowflakes that blow down throughout our years.

But, most of all, there is love for little granddaughters on their fifth birthdays, and—yes, for the sweet, pink ribbons that adorn their precious heads.

Editor's Note:

"Pink Ribbons" was written lovingly for Caldwell's granddaughter, Lorna C. Honeycutt.

Steak

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room with a richly concentrated, almost meaty flavor and texture. Grilled portobellos have become a popular vegetarian alternative to steak or hamburger, and grilling brings out the best in them.

Portobellos should be a light brown color, dry but not shriveled, slick, or rubbery, which could mean they've been stored too long. It's best to cook mushrooms within a few days of purchase. They should be stored in paper bags in the refrigerator—plastic retains too much moisture. If they are sold wrapped in plastic, remove it at home and wrap them loosely with paper towels. Do not wash mushrooms until ready to use, then wipe them gently with a soft, damp paper towel.

Grilling portobellos with a simple marinade, some garlic and herbs produces a meaty meal that should satisfy a craving for steak.

- ### Portobello Burgers
- 4 large Portobello mushrooms
 - 2 cloves garlic, sliced into very thin slivers
 - 1 tsp. fresh rosemary or 1/2 tsp. dried, (optional)
 - 1 tsp. fresh thyme or 1/2 tsp. dried, (optional)

- 3 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. balsamic or red wine vinegar

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preheat broiler or grill.

Wipe mushrooms with damp cloth. Remove stems. With paring knife, make slits in tops of caps. Stuff slivers of garlic and herbs (if using) into slits.

In small bowl, whisk together oil and vinegar with salt and pepper to taste. Brush mushrooms with oil mixture.

Place mushrooms, cap-side down, on pan and broil or grill until soft and brown, about 3 to 5 minutes per side.

Serve in place of a steak or with lettuce and tomato on toasted whole-grain buns.

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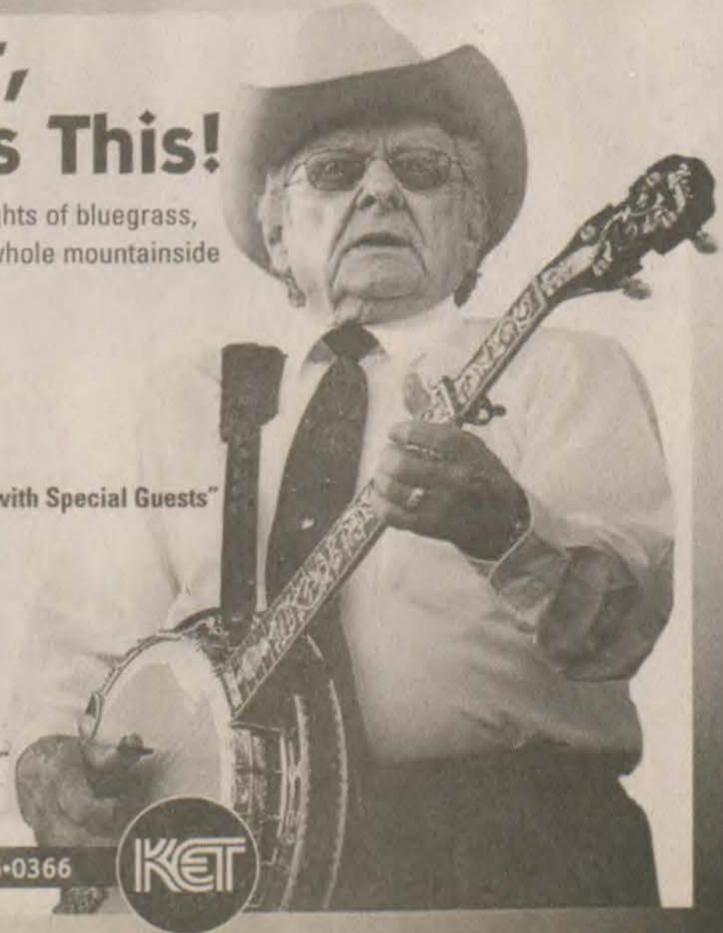
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The Mike Brown Companies appointed as Authorized American Builder

The Mike Brown Companies, Paintsville, have been appointed as an Authorized Builder for American Builders Company, according to Keith Fischer, president, American Buildings Company. Mike Brown, president of the local construction firm, said they would represent American throughout Johnson County and the surrounding trade area.

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For more information contact Mike Brown at (606) 789-2418.

SNOOP organizes Pet Photo Contest Fundraiser

The Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg (SNOOP) is currently organizing their first ever Pet Photo Contest. The Pet Photo contest follows on the heels of several other successful fundraising events that have resulted in the issuance of over one hundred "Spay and Neuter" certificates that have been issued to area low-income households or to those families currently suffering a financial burden due to taking care of stray animals.

For a cost of only \$3 (three) you may enter your favorite photo in the judging. "Munroe" will appear as "Judge Extraordinaire" at the photo judging that will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg.

You may bring along your pet to the event provided that the animal is on a leash or in a pet carrier. Munroe will be prepared to pose for pictures with you and your pet. SNOOP helped pay for over

200 spay and neuter surgeries in 2001 - this will go a long way toward solving the problem of unwanted animals in our area. The next planned meeting of the Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg (open to entire county) will be held on March 9, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, North Lake Drive.

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630-Houses

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0295

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located at Craynor in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 299.14 surface acres and will underlie 70.70 acres of overlying auger, all of which 50.97 acres are included in the surface area, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 240.80 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest from KY 680's junction with KY 979 and located on Hamilton Branch of Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Arnold Howell, R. S. Newsom Heirs, Curt Hall Heirs, Orvissie and Wanda Shepherd, Denzil Ray Hall, Hall Limited Partnership, Richard P. Hall Heirs, James K. Hall, Dorothy or Everett Blanton, Octavia Hall, Walker Tackett et al., Foster or Della Jones, Robert or Marlene Howell, Avery or Hannah Newsome, and Gustavia Howell Heirs. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Arnold Howell, Curt Hall Heirs, Octavia Hall, Walker Tackett et al., Foster and Della Jones, Avery and Hannah Newsome, and Gustavia Howell Heirs. The operation will use the mountaintop, area, contour, and auger methods of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit

Floyd County Public Library Prestonsburg, Kentucky

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Copies of the DEA and draft FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at 304-529-5712. Comments pertaining to the documents should be directed by letter to:

Ms. Lucile V. Mullins, Chief Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch Huntington District Corps of Engineers 502 Eighth Street Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville,

conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

EXHIBIT 2 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION AND INDUSTRIAL AREA SECTION 531 PRIDE PROJECT FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Rolling Acres Subdivision and Industrial Area Project is complete and available for public review. The project is located 8.2 miles southeast of the City of Prestonsburg, along the Levisa Fork and U.S. Route 23, Floyd County, Kentucky. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DEA for public review.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #2 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$7,800.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$7,800.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Bond Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #3 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$4,400.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$4,400.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #4 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,000.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,000.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #5 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,900.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,900.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #6 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$9,200.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$9,200.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #7 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,000.00. 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,000.00 is included in the application for Phase I, II & III Release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and the establishment of initial growth of vegetation, completed Spring, 1995.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 22, 2002, 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 19, 2002. Written comments, obligations, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 19, 2002.

NOTICE

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00022 BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. PLAINTIFF VS. GENE BLACKBURN AND TEEN BLACKBURN, HIS WIFE; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the June 22, 2001, and January 25, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$53,115.45, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the mouth of Payne Branch and running with the Dale Roberts' line up the left side of the branch to a maple and to a sycamore stump and a popular stump; thence running around the back side of the Dale Roberts' house down the creek to a popular; thence turning right and running up the hill to where a wire fence crosses the point; thence on up the point with the point and fence with Dale Roberts' line to the top of the ridge between the said Pike and Road Fork and the Deadening Fork; thence turning right up the ridge by the Payne Rocks and following the same ridge to lands of Richard Adkins; thence running down the point with the Adkins' line to the road and/or creek; thence down said road with rights of way line to the beginning. This conveyance includes the surface only, and all minerals are excepted and not conveyed. There is further excepted and excluded from this conveyance the following described tract, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Payne Branch and running with the Dale Roberts' line to a corner just back of his house aforementioned; thence turning right and running up said branch along the side of the hill approximately 255 feet to a double pine in a small ravine; thence turning a right angle down the hill and crossing the branch and up the other side and or the east side of hill approximately 115 feet to a Sweetgum; thence turning right and running down the branch along the hillside approximately 255 feet to a stake 25 feet above and east of a ditch line at back side of road; thence turning left and running around the hillside up the creek by

way of two large pines located about 15 feet above the persimmon tree and straight on around the hill to road; thence down said road to the beginning. Containing two acres more or less.

For reference of source of title, see deed to Gene Blackburn and Teen Blackburn, his wife, dated September 28, 1988, in Deed Book 322, Page 328, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, at if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 01-CI-00228 BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. (SUCCESSOR WITH MERGER WITH MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. TIM FERGUSON AND VIVIAN FERGUSON, HIS WIFE; CENTRAL FINANCE SERVICES;

FIRST UNION BANK OF FLORIDA; AND, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 17th day of January, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$63,812.60, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of March, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., that property set out in that certain mortgage of record in Mortgage Book 299, at Page 401, and said vacant tract or parcel of land located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows: to-wit:

TRACT 2
Beginning at a planted iron stake on the right-of-way line of Kentucky Highway No. 1428, the same being a corner of the property now owned by Dale Meade; thence with the said Dale Meade's line across the bottom to a planted iron stake on the bank of Little Paint Creek; thence continuing with the said Dale Meade line a straight line to the center of Little Paint Creek; thence with the center line of Little Paint Creek and the meanders thereof down said creek approximately 325 feet to a point opposite a planted iron stake on the right of way of Kentucky Highway No. 1428; thence a straight line from the center of said creek to said planted iron stake; thence with the right of way line of said Kentucky Highway No. 1428 to the planted iron stake, the beginning, which includes lots 5, 6, 7 and 8.

There is excepted from this conveyance that certain property conveyed by Joseph B. Sharp, III, and Deborah B. Sharp to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, dated March 29, 1990, and lodged for record in Deed Book 336, page 192, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Said Deed is referred to for a more complete description of this exception.

Being the same property conveyed to Tim and Vivian Ferguson by deed from Unisign Corp., dated September 14, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 441, Page 162, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent

(12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that FCDC COAL INC., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on Permit No. 836-9010, which was last issued on August 18, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 4.37 acres located 2.5 miles south of Banner in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.25 miles north from Water Birch Road's junction with KY Route 1426 and US 23, located 0.0 miles east of Prater Creek. The latitude is 37° 34' 28". The longitude is 82° 41' 34".

The bond now in effect for the permit is a Surety Bond of \$10,400.00 of which approximately 60% is included in this application for Release.

Reclamation work performed includes backfill and grading, soil sampling and testing, fertilization, seeding and mulching, completed during the summer of 2001.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by April 19, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has

been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., April 22, 2002, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, suite #6, Prestonsburg, Ky, 41653.

The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 19, 2002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Kenneth Leslie, 167 Walters Lane, Emma, KY 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a small fill for a house seat. The property is located approximately 300 feet from the junction of KY 1428 and KY 194, and is west of and adjacent to the west bank of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, in Emma.

Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: KY Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, phone (606)-564-3410.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Brass Ring Mining Co., Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY, 41101, has applied for Phase I and II bond release on Permit No. 836-5035, which was last issued on Sept. 28, 1998. The permit covers an area of approximately 2.00 surface acres, and underlies an additional 340.08 acres. The operation is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Blue Moon, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 mile west of the junction KY 2030 and the Mud Creek Road, and is 0.1 mile north of Morgan Fork.

The current bonds (Certificate of Deposit) is \$10,800.00. Approximately 80% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by April 19, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 22, 2002, at 9:00 am, at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 19, 2002.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that V and M Mining Company of Paintsville, Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY 41105, has applied for Phase II and III bond releases on Permit No. 836-5100, which was last issued on Nov. 22, 1999. The permit covers an area of approximately 1.75 surface acres, and underlies an additional 122.00 acres. The operation is located approximately 3.0 miles northwest of Harold, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles northwest of the junction of KY 987 and KY 1426, and located just north of Prater Creek.

The current bond (Letter of Credit) is \$6,900.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1991. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by April 19, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 22, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 19, 2002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Customers' bills will be mailed on the last business day of each month. Payment is due when bills are mailed. Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is not responsible for mail delivery. If payment is not received in our office by the 15th day of the following month, a 10% penalty will be added to the accounts of customers who have not paid their bills in full. On the 16th of the month, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission will mail a disconnect notice to those customers who have not paid their bills in full. The disconnect notice, mailed on the 16th, will be the only notice sent to delinquent customers, before their utilities services will be subject to disconnection for non-payment. Customers receiving disconnect notices will have five business days to bring or mail their payments to our office, located at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For the convenience of our customers, we

have a night deposit box, located at the front of our building. Meters will be scheduled for removal if payment is not received in our office within five business days of the date of the disconnect notice. If it is necessary to send a service representative to collect a bill, or remove the meter, a \$20.00 collection fee will be charged. If it is necessary to remove the meter for non-payment, customers will be required to pay their bills in full, plus \$25.00 reconnection fee, before service is restored. If utility service has been disconnected for non-payment, Prestonsburg City's Utilities cannot guarantee that service will be restored the same day. If customers' bills and/or notices are mailed late by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, the payment period will be extended the same amount of time the bill and/or notices were mailed late.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 01-CI-00627 FIRST COMMON-WEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. MILAM CARL ROBINSON; HOUSEHOLD INDUSTRIAL LOAN COMPANY OF KENTUCKY; ALL-STATES COLLECTION AGENCY, INC.; COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, N.A.; FAMILY BANK, FSB; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on February 8, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$31,096.88, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

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Beginning at a coal bank where the old Rice line meets the County Highway running 191' 6" along the highway to a stake; thence a right angle 68' 9" to a stake; thence a right angle 9' 5" to a stake; thence 76' 8" to a stake; thence parallel with the creek to the old Rice line; thence

with the old Rice Line to the beginning.
Tract II:
A certain tract or parcel of land located on Prater Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at an iron stake beside the State Road (Route 1426) thence running in a southerly direction a distance of 22 feet to an iron stake; thence in a southeasterly direction a distance of 126 1/2 feet to the natural draining system of Prater Creek (main water way); thence in an easterly direction following said creek a distance of 84 feet; thence in a northerly direction 16 feet to Hallard Hall's line and Mary Alice Blair's line; thence following Mary Alice Blair's line to the point of second mentioned stake.
Being the same property conveyed to Milam C. Robinson from Mary Alice Blair by deed dated July 30, 1997, and of record at Deed Book 409, Page 203, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

The mobile home located on this property shall be sold separately by the Plaintiff.
TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.
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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Southern Water and Sewer District (Owner) is accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified engineering firms for planning, design, construction, and other required engineering services associated with the Wayland Sewer Project. Sources of funding may include, but are not limited to PRIDE, ARC, K1A, RD, EPA, and local funds. An RFQ packet containing information about the project, and criteria that will be used to select the engineering firm may be obtained by contacting Bob Meyer, Southern Water and Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, KY 41647, or by calling (606) 377-9296. The Owner will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in working on this project, until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 25, 2002. All responses must be sealed, and should be clearly marked, "Wayland Sewer Project." Statements of Qualifications will be considered by a selection committee appointed by the Owner. Proposals will be ranked on the basis of written materials as set forth in the RFQ packet. The owner reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

This solicitation for Statements of Qualification is being conducted to fulfill funding agency procurement requirements, including RUS Instruction 1780.39. Attention to this RFQ is called to the following requirements: 1) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; 2) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 4) Executive Order 11246; 5) Certification of Non-segregated Facilities. All of these may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation. The Owner is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Emmitt Branham, 2136 KY Route 979, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.6 miles north of the community of Grethel, on Route 979 on Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

ATTENTION, LOCAL VENDORS

The Floyd County School District will be bidding out supplies and materials for the 2002-2003 Fiscal Year, utilizing the district's Cooperative bidding process. The Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative (KEDC) will be receiving bids on the following items until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2002. To receive requests for proposals or additional information regarding the bidding process, contact:

Terry Hoffman, KEDC, 904 West Rose Road, Ashland, KY 41102. Telephone: 606-928-0205 ext. 215. Fax 606-928-3785. Email: bidding@kcdc.coop.k12.ky.us

Or contact: Anita Robinson, Floyd Co. Board, 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Telephone: 606-886-2354. Fax: 606-886-4540. Email: arobinson@floyd.k12.ky.us

BID CATEGORIES: Bids are requested for one or more of the following:

- Athletic
- Athletic Reconditioning

- Audio Visual
- Band Supplies
- Band Uniforms
- Business Forms
- Computer Software
- Custodial
- Duplicating Supplies
- Fire Extinguisher
- Inspection Service
- Fire/Safety/Security Items
- First Aid
- Furniture
- Instructional Supplies
- Laminating & Binding Supplies
- Library & Textbooks
- Lumber & Garden Supplies
- Miscellaneous/Other
- Office Supplies
- Playground Equip. & Supplies
- Printing Services
- Specialty Items; Art, Math, Science, Special Edu, etc.
- Technology Repair & Supplies
- Toner
- Tools & Equipment
- Transportation
- Uniforms

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5425

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, KY 41101, has applied for permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 miles east of Betsy Layne in Floyd and Pike County. The pro-

posed operation will disturb 21.28 surface acres and will underlie 314.48 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 335.76 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.64 miles northwest from CR-1509's junction with CR-1510, and located along Pike-Floyd Hollow.

The proposed operation is located on the Broadbottom and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by the East Kentucky Energy Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation; Oakie & Eunice Lawson; Jeffery Bentley; James & Aileen Maynard; Jimmy & Karen Crum; William T. & Diana L. Patton; James Gunnels; Williams Maynard; Bobby & Joyce Stone; Mike & Sandy Brooks; Robert Hughes; Tom & Martha Keathley; Jane S. Clark; Leonard J. Sturgill; Rhodes W. & Virgie Lynch; Adis & Emma Lou Clark; Ella Jean Compton; Toba M. Owens; Charles R. Owens; Maudie Flack; Billy & Betsy Steward; Jimmy & Joyce Smith; Gary & Renee Keathley; Gary & Dottie Duncan; Jane I. Syck; John G. Ratliff; Gary & Linda Bevins; James W. Allen; Wanda Compton; Stanley Stratton; Mary Belle Lewis; Neely Jane Lewis; S.S.S. & P., Inc.; Lois Cline; KY Department of Transportation; Paul & Linda Gearhart; Glendle M. Adkins; Lisa Lynn Howell; Velva Stratton; George Hall, Jr.; Thomas Duane & Debra Daniels; Ronnie & Doris Leedy; Castle & Alice Collins; Stacy Lawson; Stella Akers; Billy Ray Ousley; Goldie E. Hamilton;

Hassel & Juanita Collins; Alex & Beverly Carroll; Sylvia Hall; Hershell, Sam, Louise & Bob Spradlin; Jackie & Mary Adkins; and Floyd County Board of Education. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive,

Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1397. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement for this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

STOP!

You've cleaned out your attic, your basement, your garage and now you're ready to host a garage sale. Before you proceed, follow these signs for placing the type of classified ad that will help turn your event into a best-seller.

Be sure to include in your Garage or Yard Sale ad...

- 1 WHAT.** Describe the type of sale you're hosting. Is it mostly household goods? Nursery furniture? Apparel?
- 2 WHEN.** Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.
- 3 WHERE.** Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.



- 4 WHY.** Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

Let one of our "ad-visors" help you with your ad. Call 886-8506

The Floyd County Times



The Floyd County Times wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a SPECIAL SECTION in March titles...

Reader's Choice

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS OF EAST KENTUCKY UTILITIES, INC. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN

The company has a budget payment plan available for its residential customers, whereby a customer may elect to pay a fixed monthly amount for the budget year in lieu of monthly billing for actual usage. The monthly budget payment will be determined by each customer's estimated annual usage. This budget year will start in April 2002, and runs through March of 2003. Any residential customers that are interested in budget plan can call 606-886-2431, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for additional information.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Pen Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase II and III Bond Releases for Increment No 1, and Phase III Bond Releases for Increments No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on Permit No. 436-0241, which was last issued on Oct. 17, 1996. The increments cover surface areas, and underground areas, located 0.5 mile north of Martin in Floyd County, as follows:

| Inc. No. | Surface Area | Underground Area |
|----------|--------------|------------------|
| 1 | 19.36 Ac. | - |
| 2 | 7.36 " | - |
| 3 | 26.17 " | - |
| 4 | 43.71 " | 4.53 Ac. |
| 5 | 26.44 " | - |
| 6 | 22.43 " | - |
| 7 | 18.28 " | - |
| 8 | 13.61 " | - |
| 9 | 8.05 " | - |

The operation is approximately 0.5 mile south of the junction of KY 80 and the Lick Branch of Bull Creek Road, and is approximately 0.15 mile east of Jarrell Fork, and KY 80. The operation is located on the Martin, and Harold 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The original bond amounts (surety) now in effect for the increments are as follows:

| Increment No. | Bond Amount (original) | Bond Amount (current) |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 25,000.00 |
| 2 | 20,600.00 | 2,600.00 |
| 3 | 96,300.00 | 14,500.00 |
| 4 | 172,100.00 | 23,300.00 |
| 5 | 76,700.00 | 16,600.00 |
| 6 | 71,800.00 | 10,800.00 |
| 7 | 79,700.00 | 9,800.00 |
| 8 | 49,900.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 9 | 96,000.00 | 4,300.00 |

100% of these original bond amounts are to be included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by April 26, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 29, 2002, at 9:00 AM, at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 26, 2002.

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction
- Church
- Civic Club/Organization
- College
- Community Festival Event
- Dining Atmosphere
- Elderly Care Facility
- Elementary School
- Entertainment
- High School
- Hospital/Medical Facility
- Local Band
- Middle School
- Place to camp out
- Place to lose weight
- Place to meet friends
- Place to spend Saturday night
- Place to take out of town guests
- Place to work

BEST FOOD

- Barbecue
- Biscuits
- Brand of Soft Drink
- Burgers
- Catering
- Chicken
- Chili
- Chinese Food
- Decorated Cake
- Desserts
- Donuts
- Fish and Seafood
- French Fries
- Fresh Meat for Grilling
- Home Cookin'
- Hot Dogs
- Ice Cream
- Kid's Meal
- Mexican Food
- Onion Rings
- Pizza
- Roast Beef Sandwich
- Salad Bar
- Sandwiches
- Stakes/Malts
- Steaks

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant
- Attorney
- Bank Teller
- Employed at

- Barber
- Employed at
- Boss
- Employed at
- Building Contractor
- Bus Driver
- Car Salesperson
- Employed at
- Chiropractor
- City Employee
- Club President
- Coach
- Employed at
- Dental Hygiene
- Employed at
- Dentist
- Electrician
- Employed at
- EMT/Paramedic
- Firefighter
- Funeral Home Attendant
- Employed at
- Furniture Sales Person
- Employed at
- General Physician
- Hairstylist
- Employed at
- Heating/Air Service Room
- Employed at
- Insurance Agent
- Employed at
- Jeweler
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Loan Officer
- Mechanic
- Employed at
- Nurse
- Employed at
- Optometrist
- Employed at
- Painter
- Paper Carrier
- Employed at
- Pastor/Priest
- Pastor of
- Pharmacist
- Photographer
- Physical Therapist
- Employed at
- Plumber
- Employed at
- Politician
- Principal
- Employed at
- Radio Announcer
- Employed at
- Real Estate Agent
- Employed at
- School Teacher
- Teaches at
- Secretary
- Employed at
- Store Cashier
- Employed at
- Sunday School Teacher
- Teaches at
- Sutgeon
- Employed at
- Sunday School Teacher
- Teaches at
- Surgeon
- Employed at
- Waitress/Waiter
- Employed at
- Veterinarian
- Employed at

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes
- Auto-Body Repairs
- Bath Towels
- Bed Linens
- Cabinets
- Carpet
- Dairy Items
- Dress Shoes
- Film Developing
- Frozen Foods
- Health & Beauty Aids
- Home Health Care Needs
- Home Mortgage Loan
- Kids Clothing
- Men's Clothing
- Perm
- Pet Supplies
- Produce
- School Supplies
- Seafood items
- Shoe Repair
- Snack Food
- Stereo
- TV-VCR Repair
- Used Automobiles
- Vinyl
- Women's Clothing

BEST BUSINESS

- Antiques/Collectibles
- Appliances
- Artwork/Framing
- Athletic Supply
- Auto Parts
- Bait/Tackle
- Beauty Salon
- Bookkeeping/Tax
- Building Supplies
- Car Dealership
- Car Wash
- Commercial Printer
- Concrete
- Construction/Remodeling
- Convenience Store
- Crafts
- Daycare Center
- Deli
- Dry Cleaners
- Electrical Supplies
- Electronics
- Eyewear
- Exterminating
- Farm/Agriculture
- Financial Institutions
- Financing
- Floor Coverings
- Florist
- Funeral Home
- Furniture
- Garage
- Gas Station
- Gifts
- Grocery Store
- Guns/Ammo
- Hearing Aids
- Home Decorating
- Insurance Agency
- Janitorial Service
- Jewelry
- Landscaping
- Laundromat
- Manufacturing
- Mine Supply
- Mining Company
- Mobile Home
- Motel/Hotel
- Motorcycles/ATV
- Music Store
- Newspaper
- Office Supplies
- Oil Changes
- Pawn Shop
- Pharmacy
- Plumbing
- Real Estate Agency
- Rental Items
- Restaurant
- Retail Store
- Security
- Sewing/Alterations
- Tanning Salon
- Tire Store
- Tools & Supplies
- Truck Dealership
- Upholstery
- Videos

Ballot Rules:

- Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
- Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

- Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
- All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by Friday, March 15, 2002 (mailed or delivered).
- Limited to 5 copies per person available for sale at front desk up to normal press run copies. No extra forms will be printed.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs... anyone... do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. Winners to be in the Friday, March 29th edition of the Floyd County Times.

BANK MANDATED UNCLAIMED REPO SALE

YOU PAY JUST \$49.00...THEN JUST MAKE PAYMENTS!*



HUGE SELECTION!

Pay The \$49 Unclaimed Vehicle Fee then take delivery!

• Don't be concerned about your current payoff...

When we make a deal, we'll pay off your trade!

• We will give you the best possible price on your trade!

Special appraisers will be on hand!

This is a once in a lifetime offer! Don't miss out!

US 23 South, 7183 North Mayo Trail
(Look for the big balloons)

\$49 Unclaimed Vehicle Sale For 6 DAYS ONLY!

Local banks and national lending institutes with government issued deposits will be required by law to extend credit to everyone who has ability & proven credit worthiness to repay a loan, regardless of marital status or race during our sale.



\$49 Vehicle Transport Fee

All credit applications accepted. Credit problem are no problem. We have \$3,000,000.00 in credit available.

PICK A VEHICLE DRIVE HOME TODAY!

Cars priced as Low as \$3,495

| 6 DAYS ONLY! | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Wednesday, March 6th | 9:30-7:30 |
| Thursday, March 7th | 9:30-7:30 |
| Friday, March 8th | 9:30-7:30 |
| Saturday, March 9th | 9:30-7:30 |
| Sunday, March 10th | Noon-7:30 |
| Monday, March 11th | 9:30-7:30 |

ATTENTION

US 23 South, 7183 North Mayo Trail
(Look for the big balloons)

OVER 100 VEHICLES ARRIVING TUESDAY

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| Wednesday Mar. 6 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. | Thursday Mar. 7 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. | Friday Mar. 8 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. | Saturday Mar. 9 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. | Sunday Mar. 10 Noon-7:30 p.m. | Monday Mar. 11 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. |
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PAYMENTS MAY NOT BE DUE UNTIL JUNE 2002

OVER 50 TOYOTAS TO CHOOSE FROM!

You pay a \$49 Unclaimed Vehicle Fee, then just make payments!*

These vehicles have been purchased at incredible savings from Banks (repos). Auctions, Credit Unions, Lease Companies, Rental Companies, as well as other dealer's inventories!

OVER 150 VEHICLES ON HAND. OVER \$3 MILLION WORTH OF INVENTORIES WILL BE DISPOSED OF! Choose from Fords, Chryslers, Plymouths, Jeeps, Chevrolets, Toyotas, Nissans, Dodges, Hondas, Geo's, Buicks, Oldsmobile, Mercury's, and more! Payments at \$79/Mo. All you pay is \$49 Unclaimed Vehicle Fee then just make payments! Bring your trade, title and/or payment book. Be prepared to take immediate delivery! NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE! No dealers allowed until Monday, March 11. Bring in your old trade, it may be worth as much as \$1,500! Bankers will be on premises. Don't wait! Hurry for best selection!

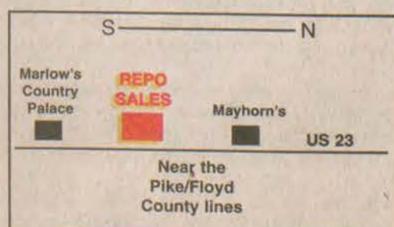
Register to win FREE CAR

To be given away, Monday, March 11, at 7:30

NICH. RD. AUTO SALES INC.

US 23, South
7183 North Mayo Trail (Look for the big balloons)

(606) 433-0613 • (606) 433-0649
(800) 945-8300



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